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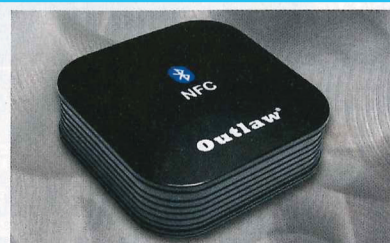
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## **OUTLAW AUDIO BTR-100 BLUETOOTH RECEIVER**

This one's tiny, too—2.5" square by 0.8" thin. It comes with power cord and wall wart and a single miniplug analog audio output. Again, there's no room for a digital out. The price



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### **Outlaw Audio**

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is \$39.99. Outlaw Audio doesn't hold you up! And it has aptX—at one-third the price of the Focal, with comparable sound quality. (The Focal did seem to offer slightly more spacious, more extended sound. Cleaner, clearer, crisper transients. More air.)

If you want to try Bluetooth, don't agonize—just buy one. If you don't use it with your main system, you can do as I do: connect it to your table radio (if it has an auxiliary input). This was fine with my Tivoli Model Two radio in the kitchen, where I listen to Radio Swiss Jazz as I cook dinner for Marina and me. If you want to use this in your main system, you can use the supplied miniplug-to-twin-RCA interconnect.

There are Bluetooth receivers even cheaper than the Outlaw, but few of them include aptX, and those that work on batteries are a flat-out pain in the ass. The Outlaw beats the cheaper ones I've heard hands down... or hands up. This one's a steal. The guys at Outlaw are straight shooters. Now I'd better stop, before I shoot myself in the foot. ■