

Microsoft adds touch screen, Web browser to Zune

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(AP) -- The next generation of Microsoft's Zune music player, due in the fall, will have a touch screen, Web browser and an HD Radio receiver.

The new device, called the Zune HD, will also carry a high-definition video output that will let people play files through a docking station on HD televisions, Microsoft said Wednesday. And the Zune's screen will use organic light-emitting diodes, a technology that helps improve battery life and image quality.

Microsoft has managed only single-digit market share for the Zune since its 2006 debut, but the company is continuing to invest in the device as an alternative to the dominant portable [music player](#), Apple Inc.'s iPod.

Microsoft says the new Zune will be the first with a receiver for HD Radio, which lets radio stations transmit extra channels alongside their regular broadcasts.

Microsoft also plans to announce a link between the [Zune](#) music service and the [Xbox video game](#) console at the Electronic Entertainment Expo next week.

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