

Swede broadcasts music from his stomach

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A Swedish man broadcast music from his stomach for several hours via a mini audio system, but said he was disappointed by the sound quality.

The sound was "bad, bad. It was a very bad sound. But that was not the important thing, I just wanted to show that it worked," said Fredrik Hjelmqvist, 45, owner of a hi-fi equipment shop in Stockholm.

"It was a success, we were the first in the world to do this," said Hjelmqvist, who hopes to sell his invention for around 12,800 euros (17,000 dollars).

The plastic capsule containing the device is about three centimetres long (1.2 inches) and 1.5 centimetres (0.6 inches) in diameter and contains a miniature battery-powered audio device.

The [music](#) was heard by using a [stethoscope](#) connected to an [amplifier](#).

After about three hours, however, the muted strains of Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive" and the Village People's "YMCA" faded and could no longer be heard.

"The operation shouldn't in any case last beyond this weekend, for natural reasons," Hjelmqvist added.

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