CASSETTE TO MP3

The Tascam CD-A580

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Getting Started

- Bring a flash drive large enough to store music from your cassette
  - ◊ Music files are roughly 10MB per minute—one hour cassette tape will need about 600MB of free space
- Call Elmhurst Public Library to reserve Creative Studio B for an adequate amount of time
  - ◊ The machine converts in real-time, so 1 hour of music will take 1 hour to convert

How to Transfer Songs from a Cassette to a USB Drive

1. Load the cassette into the Tascam and place the USB drive into the port on the machine
2. Press the **SOURCE** button repeatedly to select **Tape**
   - ♦ It will scroll between CD, TAPE, or LINE
3. Press the **RECORD USB** button to prepare the USB for recording
4. The red indicator above the **RECORD USB** button and the **REC** icon on the display will blink
   - ♦ Preparation for USB recording takes a few seconds. USB flash drives with larger capacities might take more time. When "Record Prepare" is shown during preparation, pressing buttons will have no effect
5. Before recording, adjust the recording level. Failure to do so could cause the recorded sound to be distorted or noisy
   - ♦ Play the source (cassette tape) to be recorded
   - ♦ Plug headphones into the jack to listen to the tape. (Headphone volume can be adjusted with the knob just to the right of the headphone jack.)
   - ♦ Use the **REC LEVEL** knob to adjust the recording level so that the loudest sound never lights the "**OVER**" indicator on the peak level meter shown on the display
6. Prepare the tape by cueing it to the place where you want to start the recording
7. Press the **RECORD USB** button again. The red indicator above the **RECORD USB** button and the **REC** icon on the display will remain solid, and the tape will automatically play and begin recording to the USB.
   - ♦ If you want each song to be a separate file, you will need to divide the files manually. This processed is described on page 30 of the user manual.
8. Press the **USB Stop** or **Cassette Stop** to finalize and end the recording. Display will say **RECORD ENDING**.

For additional information, see page 28 of the user manual: tascam.com/content/downloads/products/922/cd-a580_om_e_vb.pdf

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How to Transfer Songs from a Cassette to a USB Drive

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4. The red indicator above the **RECORD USB** button and the **REC** icon on the display will blink

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5. To record all the tracks/files on a CD, stop the disc first

   ♦ To record only some of the tracks, pause at the beginning of the part that you want to record
6. Press the **RECORD USB** button again. CD will begin playing and recording will begin.
7. The red indicator above the **RECORD USB** button and the **REC** icon on the display will remain solid
8. Press the **USB Stop** or **CD Stop** button to finalize and end the recording. Display will say **RECORD ENDING**.

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