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BTR17 arrived and I'm connecting it from PC via BT (amazing BT5.4 dongle BT-W6 from Creative) with Aptx Adaptive i.e. Aptx Adaptive Low Latency for movies and games and Aptx Lossless (or Aptx Adaptive HQ if your receiver does not support Aptx Lossless, but Fiio BTR17 supports it) for music.

Large headphones (HD540 which I've raved about a lot here, cheap and yet the best-sounding Sennheisers I've ever heard). DTS Headphone X enabled on Windows audio output for better clarity and a tad bigger soundstage, or disabled for more natural presentation. Output audio device (USB bluetooth transmitter Creative BT-W6) set to 24bit 48Khz. Sound enhancements disabled in Creative app. The only enabled enhancement should be DTS Headphone X in Windows, or if you like lots of bass, then also add Crystallizer 57 and Bass 65 in Creative app's Sound engine.

The sound is absolutely phenomenal (with ALL Creative enhancements disabled). In the Creative app there is a simple Aptx Lossless / Aptx Adaptive Low Latency switch. With Aptx Adaptive Low Latency when watching movies

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One more thing: Change filter to Fast, Fast A or Fast R. Fast R sounds best for slow or medium fast music (best audio presentation, raw and not over processed, with reduced ringing effect on each sound), Fast A for very fast music (it focuses on best presentation of transients, which has priority over natural presentation of sounds with faster music). Also use low gain mode for most relaxed listening experience and high gain (or low gain plus desktop mode) for more energetic genres. I am very sensitive to sounds. I preferred Low gain plus Desktop mode over High gain mode, although they have comparable volume level. High gain mode alone seems more powerful to me on my 300Ohm headphones than Low gain plus desktop mode. Low gain mode sounds more calm and neutral. If I switch High gain mode ON and also enable Desktop mode, the sound presentation is very energetic and strings sound very metallic. Too much for the genres I like to listen to. But for fast music it is a beasty, sharp, clawy combination.

Also note, that some filters are said to have lower latency than others.

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Also, the BTR17 is a bit buggy at the moment, people including myself have some issues with crackling and some codecs disappearing until a reboot or factory reset.

Fiio pushed an updated that made it a bit better but these problems are not gone completely.

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Crackling happens with btr17 and creative usb Bt-w6 transmitter on le audio lc3 only with gmap option enabled for me. On fiio the screen shows "Aptx-It" which is kinda weird for LE audio. The latency on this mode is nonexistent. Maybe even tad better than on already excellent LC3. But I do not use LE audio because it is hassle to switch classic bluetooth to le audio bluetooth in the creative app.

It is much easier to switch Aptx losless to aptx adaptive low latency, which seems to have similar latency to LC3 LE audio codec. Sound quality wise, LC3 sounds as good as Aptx low latency in my opinion, maybe even better, but not nearly as good as Aptx losless.



One more clarification. Aptx Lossless does not sound the same as cable connection. It is noticeable improvement over all previous BT codecs. The sound of Aptx Lossless is somehow more wider. With cable connection it is a little bit narrower but more cable like - the soundstage is less noticeably separated to pieces with cable connection, little more cohesive, more narrow and a tad crisper. Both sound great in their own way.

Shamushark • 5mo ago

Thanks for the input

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BTR17 supports AptX Low Latency? It's not even on the official spec page

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latency mode as part of LE.. Both LC3 and Gmap have very short latency, Gmap seems even better in that regard, much better, to be fair.

Dts headphone x needs to be switched off for low latency use. LE audio works only if you allow sound enhancement in windows sound settings for Fiio, otherwise it does not switch to LE from classic bt.

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Would you say it's better than the qudelix 5k? I bought one and have been trying out arya's, hd6602s, and 109 meze on em and 5k does a pretty good job. Only curious because I can still return the 5k.

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And one more thing: some Windows 11 laptops with newer Intel SOC chipsets support LE audio. So BTR17 can be connected without dongle with very low latency of 25ms via LC3 codec. I tried it. It works flawlessly. It is possible to use this native LC3 connection most of the time and then switch to Aptx Lossless via Creative USB dongle.

The issue is connection range. Creative dongle has better bt antenna than my laptop's internal bt antena, so it has maybe triple the range with Aptx lossless then laptop's internal anténa with latency free LC3 codec.

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