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## Streaming Music Into Your Car

### Omnifi DMP1 Digital Media Player

omnifimedia.com; dlink.com

**TRUESDELL:** "We're really entering a new world when a mobile electronics component comes with a quick-start guide."

**BURTON:** "Which component would that be, Rich?"

**TRUESDELL:** "The Omnifi DMP1 Digital Media Player."

**BURTON:** "The DMP1 takes MP3 and WMA files, and it can get music without wires."

**TRUESDELL:** "I really love the idea of wirelessly streaming my MP3 and WMA files into my car while I'm dreaming in bed."

**BURTON:** "That requires an optional wireless transmitter, right?"

**TRUESDELL:** "Yes; Adam Sohmer sent me the D-Link DWL 121 wireless transmitter."

**BURTON:** "Omnifi works without a wireless network, right?"

**TRUESDELL:** "Yes; you just eject the hard drive from the player and connect it to your PC through a USB port. With the included software, you can transfer music files via USB or Wi-Fi."

**BURTON:** "Which parts of the DMP1 install in the vehicle?"

**TRUESDELL:** "The player for the hard drive, a surface-mount

controller about the size of a detachable faceplate, and, to use Wi-Fi, a D-Link DWL 121."

**BURTON:** "How do the signals from the hard-drive player get into your existing mobile entertainment system?"

**TRUESDELL:** "The hard-drive player connects to a small box, which connects to the surface-mount controller. The box has a pair of RCA outputs that can connect to aux-in jacks."

**BURTON:** "What if your head lacks aux-in jacks?"

**TRUESDELL:** "Then you consider two options."

**BURTON:** "Is the first option FM modulation?"

**TRUESDELL:** "Yes, and the second option requires some installer creativity and a third-party adapter to go in through the CD-changer inputs, if the head unit is so equipped."

**BURTON:** "And how did the Omnifi system sound?"

**TRUESDELL:** "That depends on the rest of the system. I interfaced Omnifi into my home theater system and into my car system, which has the required aux-in capability."

**BURTON:** "On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being excellent, how would you rate this revolutionary product?"

**TRUESDELL:** "A solid 9, Bill. It's not for everyone, but, at \$599, it represents yet another mass storage solution for vehicles."

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