

# KICKING the TIRES

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**PRODUCT: IPOD BATTERY REPLACEMENT KIT**

**COMPANY: RESQ SYSTEMS, LLC**  
<[WWW.IPODRESQ.COM](http://WWW.IPODRESQ.COM)>

**REQUIREMENTS: IPOD; 1G, 2G OR 3G**

**PRICE: (US) \$44.99 (PRICE FLUCTUATES)**

**TEST RIG: IPOD 1G**

**REVIEW DATE: 27 MAY 2004**

I have a used 10GB first generation iPod. I was holding out for the 3rd generation, hoping that it would have a card reader so I could dump my pictures into it while on vacation. When the 3G came out without this capability, I purchased a used 10GB 1G (a couple of weeks later, Belkin came out with their adaptor, natch).

"Your trusty iPod not holding the charge like it used to? What good is 10,000 songs when your battery only lasts an hour?

We can help. And now, you can help yourself!

Our new iPodResQ iQ Battery Kit includes everything you need to replace the battery in your iPod. You'll get a new iQ battery, "The Tool" that allows you to carefully open up your little white gem, and instructions to walk you through the process."

I've been cracking open Macs for years, so why not my iPod?

## THE GOOD

So far, so good. The kit consists of the prying tool and your new battery (make sure you order the kit for your generation of iPod). For instructions, you download a .pdf file written for your specific model.

The process couldn't be simpler. 1) Separate the plastic surface from the metal casing (how you accomplish this will vary for each model). 2) Use the provided tool to pry the battery from the hard drive (They're held together by two small rubber strips lightly coated with adhesive). 3) "Pinch red & black wires with your fingers and pull straight up on the battery connector." And 4) "Plug in new battery, tuck in wires, and snap case back into place. You're done! "

As soon as you overcome the fear factor of damaging your iPod, you're home free.

## THE BAD

If you are a bit fearful of working on electronic equipment or have pudgy fingers you may want to have iPodResQ do it for you for only \$29.00 more.

## THE UGLY

Nada.

## THE CLOSE

I'm looking forward to purchasing an iPod 4G when they're released. But why not have a second one? My first generation iPod doesn't have much resale value, so fixing it was a no brainer. Maybe I'll dedicate it to Motown or Beatle songs. A 'genrePod,' if you will.

So, soon I'll have TWO iPods. And I'm able to say that because I spent less than \$50.00. Can't be bad.

**RATING: 9** out of **10**

**PULL QUOTE:** iClock has really expanded its capabilities since the first version.

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