

How is the Milwaukee Packout Radio powered—rechargeable battery or AC?

## Introduction

The **Milwaukee Packout Radio** is a premium jobsite sound system designed for durability and performance. Built to integrate seamlessly with Milwaukee's **PACKOUT** modular storage system, this rugged radio provides high-quality audio, Bluetooth connectivity, and multiple power options. Whether you're on a construction site, workshop, or outdoor adventure, this **high-powered, weather-resistant radio** ensures you enjoy your favorite music and podcasts without interruption.

One of the most commonly asked questions is: **How is the [Milwaukee Packout Radio](#) powered?** The answer is **both** via a rechargeable battery and AC power. This dual power feature ensures flexibility, making it an excellent choice for those who need reliability in different environments.

In this article, we will explore:

- **Power Options** (Battery & AC power)
- **Key Features**
- **Pros & Cons**
- **How It Compares to Other Jobsite Radios**
- **FAQs** to help you make an informed purchase decision

## How is the Milwaukee Packout Radio Powered?

The **Milwaukee Packout Radio** is designed to offer **dual power flexibility**:

**1. Rechargeable Battery:**

- Compatible with **Milwaukee M18** battery packs
- Ideal for **cordless** operation at job sites
- Provides **long-lasting battery life** based on battery size
- No need for direct power sources, allowing for mobility

**2. AC Power:**

- Equipped with a **built-in 120V AC cord**
- Allows continuous play while plugged in
- Ideal for **indoor workshops, garages, or offices**
- Simultaneously **charges the M18 battery** when plugged into AC

This **hybrid power** capability makes the **Packout Radio** one of the **most versatile jobsite radios available**. You can use it **wirelessly** with an M18 battery when away from a power source or **plug it in** to keep the music going all day long.

## **Key Features of the Milwaukee Packout Radio**

### **Premium Sound Quality**

- Features **10 speakers** (including **4 tweeters, 4 mid-range drivers, and a subwoofer**)
- Delivers **360-degree sound coverage**
- Enhanced **bass & treble customization** for optimal clarity

### **Multiple Playback Options**

- **Bluetooth 4.2** with a **100-ft range** for wireless streaming
- **AM/FM radio tuner** with **18 preset stations**

- **AUX input** for direct connection to non-Bluetooth devices

#### **Dual Power System**

- Runs on **Milwaukee M18 battery packs**
- **AC-powered** option with a built-in cord
- **Charges the M18 battery** while plugged into AC

#### **Durable & Weather-Resistant**

- **IP57-rated** water and debris resistance
- **Reinforced construction** for durability in harsh jobsite conditions

#### **Built-in Charger & USB Ports**

- **Charges Milwaukee M18 batteries** when plugged into AC
- **USB ports** for charging phones and other devices
- **Hidden storage compartment** for devices while charging

#### **Seamless PACKOUT Integration**

- **Easily stacks onto Milwaukee PACKOUT storage system**
- **Compatible with all PACKOUT modular components**

## **Pros & Cons**

#### **Pros**

- ✓ **Power versatility** – Works with both **M18 batteries** and **AC power**
- ✓ **Powerful & clear sound** – **10 speakers** with deep bass
- ✓ **Durable & jobsite-ready** – **IP57-rated water & dust resistance**
- ✓ **PACKOUT compatibility** – Easy to stack with Milwaukee's storage system

- ✓ **Built-in M18 battery charger** – Convenient dual functionality
- ✓ **USB & AUX ports** – Versatile connectivity options

✗ **Cons**

- ✗ **Expensive** compared to other jobsite radios
- ✗ **Bulky & heavy – Not the most portable option**
- ✗ **Battery sold separately** – M18 battery must be purchased separately if not already owned

## Milwaukee Packout Radio vs. Competitors

| Feature                      | Milwaukee<br>Packout Radio          | DeWalt<br>ToughSystem<br>Radio | Bosch<br>Power Box     |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Power Options</b>         | M18 Battery + AC Power              | 20V Battery + AC Power         | 18V Battery + AC Power |
| <b>Speakers</b>              | 10 (4 Tweeters, 4 Mid-range, 1 Sub) | 4 Full-range + Subwoofer       | 4 Speakers + Subwoofer |
| <b>Bluetooth Range</b>       | 100 ft                              | 100 ft                         | 150 ft                 |
| <b>Battery Charging</b>      | Yes (M18)                           | Yes (20V)                      | Yes (18V)              |
| <b>Water/Dust Resistance</b> | IP57                                | IP54                           | IP54                   |
| <b>USB Charging</b>          | Yes                                 | Yes                            | Yes                    |

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| <b>Stackable Storage</b> | Yes (PACKOUT) | Yes (ToughSystem) | No |
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The **Milwaukee Packout Radio** stands out with its **superior audio system, enhanced durability, and PACKOUT compatibility**, making it an excellent choice for professionals needing **top-tier performance**.

## Conclusion

The **Milwaukee Packout Radio** is a **top-tier jobsite sound system** that delivers **powerful sound, durability, and versatile power options**. Whether running on an **M18 battery or AC power**, it ensures **continuous entertainment and device charging** while working in demanding environments. Its **robust design, weather resistance, and seamless PACKOUT integration** make it the **go-to choice for Milwaukee tool users**.

While it comes at a **higher price**, its **durability, sound quality, and dual power system** make it **worth the investment for professionals** who need a reliable and high-quality jobsite radio.

## FAQs: Milwaukee Packout Radio

1. Does the Milwaukee Packout Radio come with a battery?

 No, the **M18 battery is sold separately**. If you already own Milwaukee M18 tools, you can use the same batteries.

2. Can you charge the M18 battery while using the radio?

✓ Yes, when plugged into **AC power**, the radio **charges the M18 battery**.

3. How long does the Milwaukee Packout Radio last on battery power?

🔋 Battery life depends on the **M18 battery size**:

- **5.0Ah battery** = ~10-12 hours
- **8.0Ah battery** = ~15-18 hours
- **12.0Ah battery** = ~24 hours

4. Is the Packout Radio waterproof?

💧 It has an **IP57 rating**, meaning it's **water-resistant and dustproof** but **not fully waterproof**.

5. Does the radio have an equalizer?

✓ Yes, it includes **bass & treble adjustments** for a customized listening experience.

6. Can the Packout Radio be used while plugged into AC power?

✓ Yes, it can be **used while charging**, ensuring **continuous play**.

7. Does the Milwaukee Packout Radio support DAB radio?

✗ No, it does **not** support DAB radio. It features **AM/FM radio with 18 presets**.

8. Can you connect multiple Packout Radios together?

✗ No, the **Packout Radio does not support multi-unit pairing**.