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The Midland ER310 Emergency Radio is a well-built, sturdy emergency radio that impressed us with its ability to automatically receive emergency-band alerts without tuning into a NOAA broadcast station. Its LCD screen is large and bright and the unit provides 26 minutes of radio time after just a minute of hand cranking to charge its battery. It's also rechargeable via its solar panel or by using its six AAA batteries.

The FosPower FOSPWB-2376 Emergency Solar Hand-Crank Portable Radio is a weather band radio, which means it doesn't automatically receive NOAA alerts, unlike some of the other radios we tested. But it did impress us with its 32 minutes of listening time after charging it via just one minute of hand cranking.

The Kaito KA340 Weather Alert Radio features a confusing layout of controls that we found difficult to navigate during testing. Its physical controls also felt flimsy and loose but its lack of visual indicators made it even harder to figure out. It does offer a variety of power options, including a rechargeable lithium-ion battery, four AA batteries, a hand crank and a solar panel.

The Midland ER10VP Emergency Radio is by far the lightest radio we tested, weighing in at just 8.8 ounces. It produces automatic NOAA alerts and offers a flashlight with three brightness settings. The only drawback we saw in this radio was that it runs on three AA batteries and is not rechargeable.

During testing, we found the Midland ER210 Emergency Radio to be easily rechargeable via its hand crank and solar panel. It took a minute of hand cranking to amass 32 minutes of listening time. We also liked its controls which were easy to figure out, and its backlit LED screen is a nice touch since it makes it easy to read in the dark.

We loved this Midland Emergency Weather Alert Radio for its customization as it lets us pick up NOAA weather bands and alerts while also being compatible with S.A.M.E. (Specific Area Message Encoding) programming. This lets you input your current location and only receive alerts for that area. Our favorite feature though is this radio's extra-large "Weather" button, which provides a current weather report with a simple press.

The RunningSnail MD-090P Emergency Radio impressed us during testing with its 4,000 mAh battery, which was larger than the other batteries in the other radios we tested. However, it's a weather band radio so it doesn't receive automatic weather alerts, which is what kept it out of our winner's circle.

The Sangean MMR-88 AM/FM Weather+Alert Emergency Radio performed well in our testing, featuring controls that were easy to figure out and use and offering 32 minutes of listening time after only a minute of hand cranking to charge its battery. That said, its 850 mAh battery was the smallest of all the radios we tested, so if frequent recharging is a deal breaker for you, we suggest you go instead with our top pick, the Midland



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