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A skull with LEDs; not scary but silly  
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## **Brutally Kitsch MP3 Skull Belt Buckle**

*Its purposes are unknown*

There are weird gadgets, silly ones, funny ones, and pretty much all combinations between them. And then there are kitsch gadgets, which would only make you ask yourself about their utility. Such is the case with the MP3 Skull Belt Buckle, a thing that looks more suitable for kids than for a grown-up man; forget all the groovy buckles ruling the dance floor in the 70s and the 80s, this new thing will beat them all. If you're looking for a way to make a complete fool of yourself, then this accessory is the perfect tool! Can you imagine a large belt buckle made from cast metal (looks like some cheap metal, though) with a nickel coating and 4 colored LED lights shining from the forehead of the skull? Well, that's one of the uses for this gadget. For unknown reasons, the creators of the MP3 Skull Belt Buckle thought that having 4 LEDs blinking in your waist area would be cool. Well, we hate to disappoint them: this isn't cool at all and looks ridiculously silly. Now, the special slot in which you can load the LED panel can also accommodate an MP3 player, thus giving you the awesome possibility to have some wires coming out of your waist area and ending up in your ears. That's tough! The forehead of the skull has a small window through which you can see the display of the digital player; how ridiculous do you think you would look while staring downwards and pressing some buttons there? Or having another person staring at your belt and reading the scrolling title of a track? Come on, people, come on... Yet the manufacturers stress out that the MP3 Skull Belt Buckle is a display of toughness perfect "if you have to walk through dangerous a neighborhood at night or hang out at a rough bar." We'll let you be the judge of that, but we're unsure whether wearing this "mighty" buckle would add serious points to your "tough" ranking. Put aside the 1GB memory of the supplied MP4 player and the supported files and think about one last thing: the media player is said to be able to display e-books - would you have someone reading Jerome K. Jerome on the belt attached to your waist? The price isn't known yet but the terrible MP3 Skull Belt Buckle is due to start shipping anytime now. And that's sad.

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