

SUNGLASSES OF THE FUTURE



I received my Audio Visual AllStar Go-Getter sunglasses a few weeks ago and have hardly stopped wearing them since. Why would I? They do everything and without wires or a bunch of gadgets filling my pockets. The Go-Getters eliminate the need to carry separately sunglasses, MP3 player, USB flash drive, Bluetooth headset, and pen and paper for notes during phone calls. They work great for both work and recreation.

Let's start with the sunglasses. These are not your grandfather's aviators. Think more A-Rod or Lance Armstrong styling. They come with a polarized lens that helps protect your eyes from bright glares as well as UVA, UVB, UVC, and harmful blue light. The lenses also flip up which comes in handy when you want to run into the house or store and keep listening to your tunes or talking on the phone. Prescription, mirrored, and bifocal lenses are available as well.

The sunglasses also work as an MP3 player by storing music in a 1 GB flash drive that is built into the frame. The sound is delivered via two sound buds that rotate in any direction for a comfortable fit and sound experience. Music is easily transferred to the sunglasses by a USB cord (included) that plugs into your computer (works with both Windows and Mac OS X). The sound level is easily adjusted with two small buttons on the left side of the frame. On the right side there are three buttons that allow you to skip ahead, pause, or go back to tracks you have

already heard. The flash drive will also store other files besides MP3's -- this came in handy on business trips when I wanted to bring only a few files and not my whole laptop.

So far, so good, you think. Great glasses and music at once, but what about having to take them off to answer the phone, or can one hear the phone ring while wearing the sunglasses? No problem. The Go-Getters also can be used as a Bluetooth headset for your phone. When receiving a phone call, the music stops and you hear a short beep that gradually increases in volume until you answer your call with quick press of a button on the left side of the frame. Sound quality is excellent and I have had no problems with anyone hearing me with the hidden microphone even when riding a bicycle on a windy day at high speeds. The music resumes after you hang up the call.

The last cool feature of the AVA Go-Getters is their ability to record your phone conversations. No more scrambling for a pen and paper to write down directions or a phone number. Simply press the front button on the right side and your sunglasses start recording your call. Press it again to stop recording and you can then either play it back through the ear buds or download the track to your computer to store for future listening. Pretty cool for someone who spends a lot of time driving and doesn't like to stop to take some notes or get directions.

The only downside I found when wearing the Go-Getters is having to stop and answer all of the questions people have when you are wearing them. "Is that a phone? Are you listening to music? Can I wear those on my lawn mower? Will you let me try those out? Where can I find them?" My answer is usually the same. "Yeah they do it all and you can find them at avasunglasses.com or by calling 1-877-255-4282." From \$345. – reviewed by Darin Thronson

