

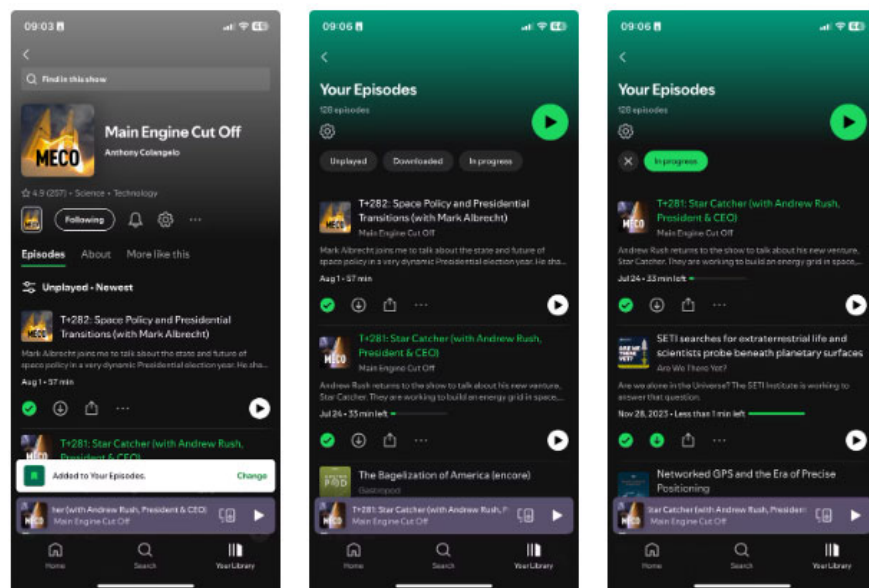
3 features users want Spotify to add to Podcasts

While Spotify is loved by many, there are certain aspects of podcast functionality that the app could improve on.

Here are the key podcast-related points Spotify should add, as well as the best solutions available.

1. Sort currently playing podcast episodes

Some episodic podcasts have hundreds of stand-alone episodes, and you may not listen to them in order. When you have to pause mid-listen, finding that episode again can be difficult. When searching on a podcast show page, Spotify has filters to see All Episodes, Downloaded or Unplayed and the option to sort by Newest or Oldest. Many people would also love to see an **In Progress** filter on the program page. However, this feature is only accessible when you save episodes.



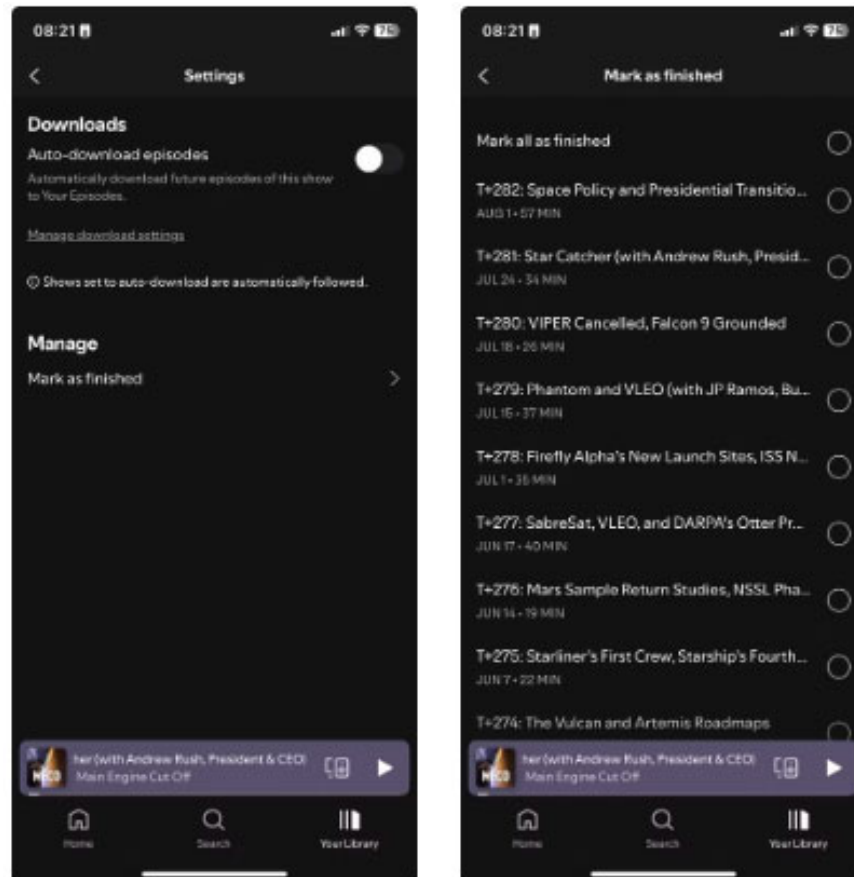
Here's how to save episodes and access the **In progress** filter :

1. Save or add an episode to **Your Episodes** by tapping the plus sign next to the description.
2. Navigate to **the Your Library > Your Episodes** tab . You will see the **In progress** filter on this page.
3. Likewise, downloading an episode will add it to Your Episodes. Just tap the down arrow near the episode's description to move it into Your Episodes.

Note : If organizing currently playing episodes is a priority for you and you're an iPhone user, you might also consider Overcast, which has an In Progress playlist on the home page.

2. Refrain from Podcast Recommendations

Spotify will push podcasts you've interacted with, even if those interactions weren't positive. If you try a new show and decide to give up after one episode, Spotify won't take that as disinterest or provide an option like Netflix's Likes and Dislikes ratings. While you can rate a public title on Spotify, this seems overkill when you're just trying to influence your own algorithm.

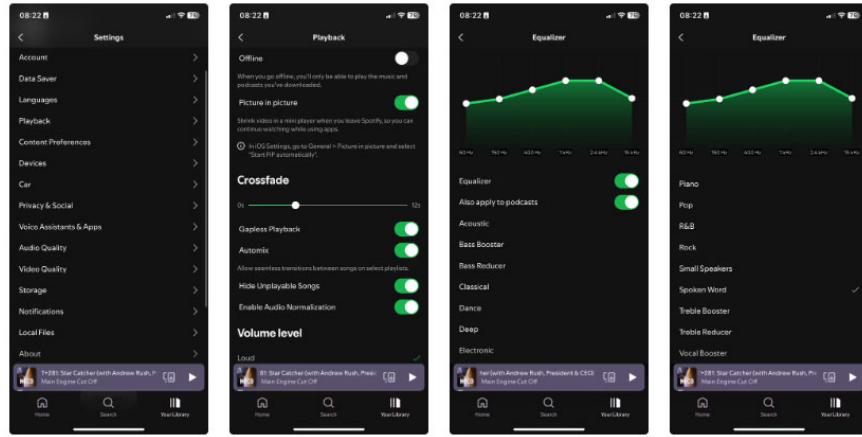


Instead of a personal rating system, here's how to stop Spotify from recommending podcasts you're not interested in:

1. Go to the program page and open the **Settings** gear .
2. In Manage, click **Mark as finished** . Select the first bubble to mark all as **finished** .
3. Now click **Done** and you are ready to go.

3. Automatic EQ settings

Spotify has impressive equalizer settings that can improve the sound depending on what you're listening to. For example, use the Spoken Word equalizer when listening to podcasts, especially in the car, where street and wind noise drowns out voices.



Many users would love to be able to automate those EQ settings, such as the option to apply a specific equalizer whenever a podcast episode plays. Until that day, you can apply EQ manually, even if it's deep in your playback settings:

1. Click the profile icon in the upper left corner of the app.
2. Select **Settings and privacy > Playback > Equalizer** .
3. Move the slider to the right to enable **Equalizer** and **Also apply to podcasts** .
4. Scroll down and tap **Spoken Word** to apply that equalizer.

These three drawbacks aside, there's still a lot to love about using Spotify to listen to podcasts. Everyone will have their own preferences, and luckily, there are plenty of free podcast apps to choose from.

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