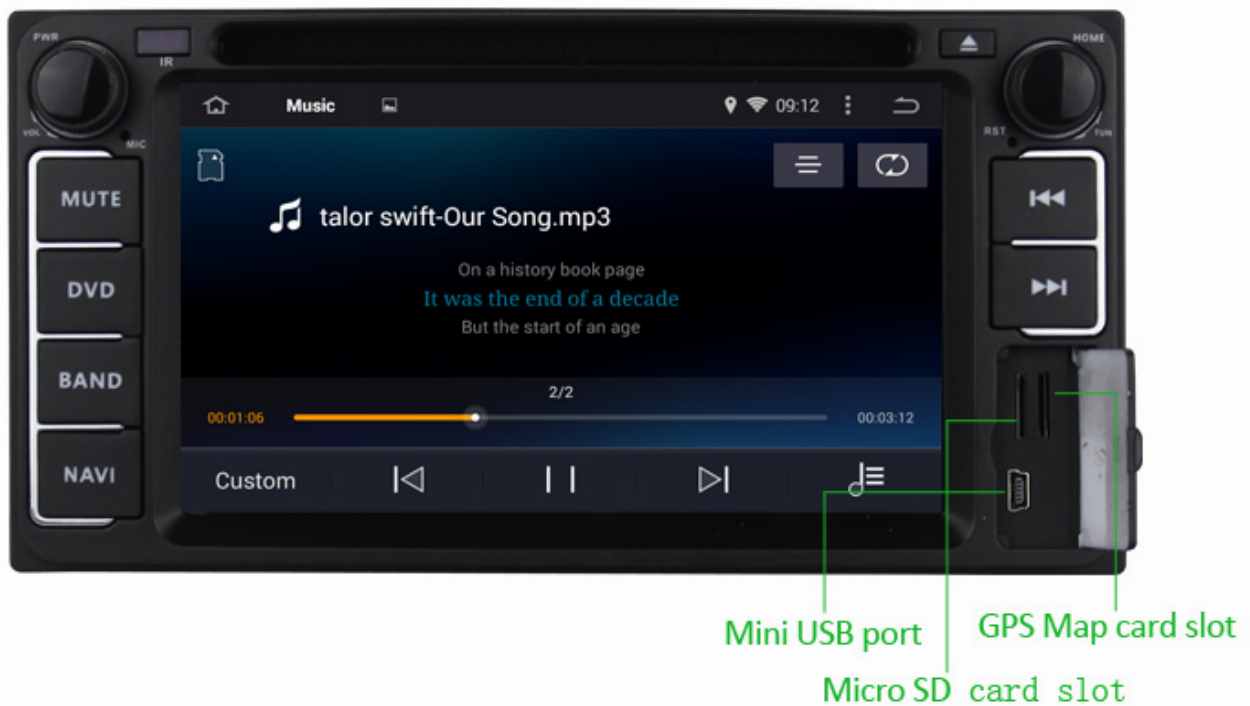


3 Advantages that a Car Radio SD Card Slot Gives You

As technology moves forward, more options are available for stereos, including a car radio SD reader. This is similar to an MP3 player, but much smaller. SD stands for Secure Digital, and these small cards are used to store information for handheld devices. They are commonly found in digital cameras, laptops and more recently, [touch screen car stereo](#). There are several reasons to consider this over other types of stereos.



1. Size

An SD card is much smaller than other types of music media, including MP3 players or CDs. An SD card can easily fit in a wallet, and is simple to keep tucked away when not in use. If you don't need to listen to tens of thousands of songs, an SD car stereo may be a great option. In most cases you can get around 1,000 songs on each SD card, depending on the size of its memory.

2. Easy to Replace

Also unlike an MP3 player, an SD card is cheaper and easier to replace. Replacing one of these if they become damaged or lost can be as little as \$20. Replacing an MP3 player can be well over \$100. You can also find replacement SD cards very easily ; most retail locations and drug stores will carry them.

3. Video Formatting

For those who have an audio/video system set up in their vehicle, some cards will allow you to upload videos to the card. This can be a benefit if you're traveling with young children. You can just pop the card into the [Nissan car stereo](#) and the video will be played on the video system.

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How Bluetooth Car Stereos Work



by Jessika Toothman

Bluetooth car stereos are commonly integrated with Bluetooth-enabled cell phones, and when the two devices are within range of each other, they can communicate in a number of interesting ways. Depending on the particular models in use, it may be possible to make and receive calls without even pulling out your phone or pushing a single button. You can even hear the calls through the vehicle's speakers. Other models may require a few button-pushes, but usually with more ease than plodding through cell phone menus. You may also be able to view other information such as the phonebook, incoming calls and call status on the stereo panel. When the phone rings, the speakers will automatically turn down the volume on any music or movies that are playing while you chat on the phone and resume when the call is over.

Some [Bluetooth car stereos](#) can store your phone's entire address book and other contact information; others have built-

in phones which copy all the information off your phone's SIM card and take over the functions for calling. Your cell phone is disconnected from the piconet, not only saving its battery power but also providing a stronger connection.

These innovations come almost as much out of necessity as convenience – at least for people who can't stand being in the car without making a quick phone call. Many places now enforce laws limiting the use of cell phones while driving, and Bluetooth car stereos are one way to bridge the middle ground.

Besides augmenting your ability to connect with the outside world through phone calls, Bluetooth car stereos can also enhance the environment inside a vehicle. Transmitters can be used to stream music from iPods, MP3 players and satellite radio straight into the stereo without creating a mess of tangled cords. Some car stereos can display video on full-color LCD displays, although this usually isn't an option when the car is moving. If you have some passengers in the back who could use a movie to settle down, lots of Bluetooth-enabled [Android car stereos](#) also come with the hookups needed to turn your vehicle into a mobile entertainment center. Connections for other devices like GPS navigators and USB flash drives are among other common fixtures.

And with each passing year, the technology grows and evolves. Comparing Bluetooth-enabled car stereos to cassette-enabled car stereos already seems like a throwback to the Middle Ages, so who knows what the future has in store.

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