## <u>Customer Review on Pumpkin 7</u> <u>Inch 1024\*600 Android 5.1 Car</u> <u>Stereo GPS -RQ0264E</u>





This review is the for <u>Pumpkin</u> Quad Core 7 inch 2 Din <u>Android</u> <u>5.1</u> Lollipop Car Stereo Radio HD 1024\*600 Muti-touch Screen GPS Navigation Support 3G WIFI Bluetooth OBD2 Mirror Link with <u>Backup Camera</u>. Overall I am very satisfied with this <u>Pumpkin</u> head unit, considering the price point and its feature set. Originally I was looking to get an android auto/carplay compatible deck but those start at hundreds of dollar more. This <u>Pumpkin</u> car stereo works pretty well offline as long as you plan ahead and download maps/music to the unit itself

If you have any specific questions please ask in the comments and I will answer!

\*\*\*Install\*\*\*

Install went smooth, the provided manual is decent it is a non-name brand Chinese product so don't expect a manual on the same level as a Pioneer/Alpine/or comparable head unit however; the wire layout is clear and the harness provided has decent size wires to mate with the metra vehicle harness I bought as well to mate this with my van. Everything went smooth on the install, I have installed about 4 stereos in my life, however for work I troubleshoot and support complex electronic equipment

Now it is noted in the pictures for this unit but the RCA video cable that comes with the unit is only 6 meters, this is long enough for most cars I'm sure but for my Odyssey it is too short and I had to purchase a longer one, not a big deal but worth noting. Also the microphone cable is only 1.2 meters so it isn't long enough to run up to the pillar on the drivers side to put it up near my head, however I mounted it right on the steering column and sound quality for calls has been good even with the windows down callers could hear me fine with minimal background noise. Finally the GPS cable is only about 3 meters which was fine, I ended up mounting it under my dashboard, however that would not be long enough to attach it to the roof if you wanted to do an exterior mount as the supplied mount does have a magnetic base. When selecting a location for the GPS antenna the software does have a GPS monitor function within the settings menu to see the number of satellites it currently has in view and their signal strength so I knew placing it under my dash wouldn't be a problem.

This unit does accept micro SD cards, the documentation specifies a 32GB max, which is what I got and installed in the slot on the front and it recognized it no problems and is writing maps and music to it.

## \*\*\*Performance\*\*\*

I think this is perhaps the weakest area of the unit, it only has 1GB of ram so it bogs down a bit. To be fair I was setting it up last night downloading/installing apps, downloading offline map data, Spotify playlists etc etc so I was doing a lot of reading and writing and putting data on the 32GB SD card. Maps hangs a bit when I originally open it up, however I am not currently running the Wi-Fi hotspot function on my car so it is most likely polling the offline maps and perhaps that is why. I will update this review once I have had more time with the unit. Overall so far it isn't' a deal breaker but as with everything it would be nice if it ran faster/smoother, however it is defiantly functional.

It does boot fairly quickly, within ~30 seconds max of the car being turned on it is ready to go. I haven't hooked up my backup camera yet but I believe as soon as you put it in reverse it will throw the screen to the camera, I will update this review if that isn't true. So far it has connected to my Bluetooth just fine on my phone every time I have started the unit up without any issues and phone calls connect perfectly as well. I have not tried to stream music off my phone to the unit yet as I downloaded everything I wanted to the unit. I also haven't tried using the AUX input yet, but once I do I will update.

The radio app comes right up and is smooth Google Maps tends to boot up laggy, but once it is and you have a destination set it runs smooth, it is just the initial launch that is slow

## **\*\*\*Screen/buttons\*\*\***

The screen is easy enough to see and not too dim, I have no problem viewing it from the driver's seat at the angle it rests in my dash board in my 2003 Honda Odyssey. The volume knob works well (I'm glad they have a physical knob rather than soft buttons) and the home, back, and navi buttons all work well. You simply map the navi button to launch an app of your choice, in my case I have it launching google maps

I personally love that it has a volume dial, pushing it in turns off the head unit. The only downside to this dial is that it isn't to an amp it controls the android system volume so if the tablet is un-responsive the volume controls won't respond

## \*\*\*Negativity \*\*\*

My main complaint of the unit so far would be the way it handles resuming your previous task once you are done talking on the phone. For example this morning I was listening to a spotify playlist I had downloaded for offline use when my wife called me on my drive to work. Once we hung up the phone it started playing the radio instead of jumping back into the playlist. I have to play with the settings more to see if this is something that can be configured.

-By Matt

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