# □Customer Review for Pumpkin□KD-C0224 Universal 6.95" Android 4.4 Double Din Car Stereo

I purchased this to replace an older Win CE unit. After a few weeks, I am very happy with the unit (KD-C0224) and have to say that it's much better than I expected.

--By Esso

Unit takes half a minute to boot up when you start your car, just like cold booting an Android phone. However, the video from the reverse camera (if you have one attached) appears immediately and is independent of the Android boot process.



#### - Radio

Standard AM FM with RDS and presets. If your original car radio came with a diversity antenna or an antenna amplifier, make sure they are accounted for in your installation, or you won't get good reception.

## DVD/CD player

I don't use this much, but did test it when I received the unit to verify it worked. Played all the movies I tried without issue.

#### - WiFi

Connects to my home WiFi without any problems when I'm parked in the garage. Can browse the web, use the Play Store to install and update apps, shop on Amazon, etc. I haven't tried the unit with a portable hotspot yet. Note this unit is NOT a phone and there is no persistent internet connection unless you use WiFi (I haven't tried the 3G USB dongle which is apparently as an option).

## - USB input

I've put my music library on a 256 GB thumb drive and connected it to one of the two USB inputs. I use the PowerAmp app for an MP3 player, and it reads the drive and recognizes all of the 20000+ tunes available. It takes a while to read the directory (it also take a while on my PC).

### Backup camera

Works fine.

## Torque (OBDII application)

I have a mini ELM327 Bluetooth type unit that I plug into the OBDII socket under my steering wheel. The included Torque app displays OBDII engine diagnostic information from the vehicle computer. Supposedly some units are finicky about recognizing the OBDII adapter, mine works fine (luck?) .

#### Bluetooth

Works great with my galaxy S3. Transferred contacts phone numbers list without issue. Initiates and answers calls without issue. It also supports music streaming from the

phone, but on a somewhat limited level because the MP3 tag info isn't displayed on the head unit. Similarly to the Win CE unit which is replacing, you can only play, pause, and skip forward or backward. To my ears the fidelity over Bluetooth in the music mode is good.

#### Micro SD Card

I've only tried it with a 32 GB card and it worked fine. There are actually two Micro SD card slots, but one is reserved for the GPS.

#### GPS

I reused the existing GPS antenna I had and it works well. Thus far I have only used the included iGo app and for basic navigation it works acceptably.

## Front camera/ DVR app

Haven't tried. I already have a separate dash cam recorder.

The unit looks sharp after installation and so far the screen has proven to have good driver visibility day or night. Direct sunlight will wash it out to an extent of course, but it's MUCH superior to the same size screen on the older Win CE unit it replaced.

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## <u>How to Prevent Mazda Car</u> Stereo Theft

Actually, you have a variety of options in reducing your risk of car stereo theft. Some cost money, while others are more

strategic and are completely free.



#### **Solutions:**

- Check your doors and windows every time you leave the car to make sure they're completely closed and locked. Unlocked doors and open windows pose as advertisements to thieves to target your <u>car stereo</u> and your other possessions in the car.
- Park your car in a secured area, such as a garage, whenever you are able to. When parking in public, park in well-lit areas that have a lot of foot traffic. Thieves target vehicles that offer the least chance of them getting caught. Cars that are in the dark, parked near an easy escape route or are isolated from the public are more likely to suffer break-ins.
- Keep the stock radio in your car if it works well and you like the sound quality. Thieves very rarely target or steal stock radios, because they don't have much resale value. They also don't fit well in different models of cars, giving them very limited usage outside of the vehicle in which they were originally installed.
- Invest in an Mazda Android 4.4 car stereo with a removable face if you choose to upgrade your car radio from the stock model. Remove the face of the stereo and take it with you anytime you leave the car. Never leave the face in the glove box or anywhere else in the car,

because people often do this and thieves will look for it.

• Consider tinted windows to help prevent thieves from seeing what type of stereo you have in your car.

Source: <u>about.com</u>

□Customer Review for Pumpkin□KD-C0713 Mazda 3 Android 4.4 Double Din 7" HD Touchscreen Car Stereo



By **Steve** 

I installed <u>this stereo</u> in my 09 Mazda 3. I say "stereo" but it really is so much more. It's more like an entertainment center for my car, because it has changed the whole feel of travel. Simply put, I love this!

#### - GPS

Great GPS included with accurate maps and still can use video outputs, so DVDs play to rear monitors for kiddos in the back seat.

#### APP

All the apps I've tried work flawlessly and switching between them is very fast.

## Quality

Not much else I can say other than if you are debating on this unit, take my word for it, you will be very pleased with the build quality and ease of install.

#### - Audio

I should also mention the audio playback is well above stock car stereo sound and everything is crisp and clear.

#### Customer Service

On a side note, I contacted the seller to ask a question about SD card playback and was pleased to get response almost immediately. It seems that customer service is top notch as well.