

Review for Pumpkin JY-C0662T Android 4.4 Car Stereo for Toyota



Key Features

- Android 4.4 Kitkat OS
- Steering Wheel Control function
- 2 inch LCD HD Capacitive touch screen
- Support OBD2
- Support both 3G and Wifi
- Support Bluetooth
- Support 7 Color Button Indicator
- Support 1080p Video
- Support DVR, Reversing camera

I'll give a review of [Pumpkin JY-C0662T](#). The unit has a 6.2" capacitive touch screen and is flanked by buttons on the two side. The buttons are pretty well laid out and are easily accessible.

Radio: This tuner sounds just as good if not better than my st

ock Toyota radio. There are your basic auto-scan (Scan) and preset buttons for the radio stations. There is a band button (on-screen) that chooses between AM, FM and RDS.

CD/DVD: There's a slide in slot atop the radio for CD/DVD discs. Works as expected when you insert a CD it launches the CD player and plays the music. Basic seek and skip functionality is available and it also supports DVD video playback.

Navigation: The unit comes with GPS, and it functions much as you would expect. You plug in an address and it navigates a route there. You can also use Google Maps / Nav, which works but does require a data connection as the maps and routing are not done on the device, but rather online.

Wifi/ 3G data: There is a Wifi/ 3G cable that supports wifi (built-in) or 3G dongle (extra) to support data capabilities. If you have a phone that supports tethering, you can use it as your wifi data source.

Pandora & Google Apps: Because this is a true [Android car head unit](#), it supports Pandora, Spotify and Google Music, and many other popular Google apps from the play store.

Bluetooth Phone & Audio: You can pair the stereo with your bluetooth phone or audio device, once paired you can do the following: Dial out and receive calls hands-free via the Mic. Your phone contacts can be downloaded into the unit.

How to Install the Android Car Stereo by Yourself



Getting [Android car stereo](#) installed professionally will cost you a lot of money, and you've likely already spent quite a bit on purchasing the equipment. That's why installing it yourself might be a good way to go. It's entirely possible to do it all yourself, as long as you have the proper tools, wiring diagrams, and instructions. Depending on what you've purchased, it may also entail a significant time investment.

One very important point to remember: Always disconnect the negative connection on the car's battery before you do any type of work to avoid shocking yourself or damaging your new equipment.

Installing coaxial speakers is fairly simple. These involve removing the front or rear factory speakers and simply swapping in the new ones while making sure the wiring is correct. Component speakers are a bigger job. Since you're going to be putting multiple new parts in your car, like tweeters and woofers,

this could involve some cutting or drilling into the doors or A-pillars. In some cases, you'll need to be able to take apart your car door to accomplish this. The job may also involve some soldering. In addition, adding subwoofers to your car almost certainly means cutting holes in the trunk or rear compartment .

If you're adding a new stereo receiver, that means you'll need to remove the old one – usually by removing the bolts or even using special tools – then properly connecting the wires to the new [head unit](#). Again, there may be wire cutting and soldering involved here, too. Your dashboard might also need to be modified to accommodate the new stereo if it's a different size.

As a general rule, amps should be installed at least 3 feet (0.9 meters) from the receiver to prevent interference. The most popular method involves installing them under the seat or in the trunk. You'll need to wire the amplifier into the car's electrical system to power it, which can be complicated.

So what could go wrong if you install things incorrectly? A lot of things, actually. The speakers could be out of phase and sound distorted, you could cut the mounting point incorrectly and leave a gaping hole in your car door or you could wire it wrong and short out your electrical system. You run the risk of permanently damaging your car and your new stereo equipment if you do this wrong. In other words, unless you have the right tools, the right instructions, and the right experience, it may be worth the extra cost to have a professional install it.

The Best Way to Play Music in Your Car



The current crop of car stereos is as notable for what's missing as what's included. Pumpkin's \$370 "affordable" model, the [KD-C0224](#), is typical in having neither CD player nor digital radio, but instead a large touch screen to control your Android cellphone.

The 6.95 inch display in fact is bigger than most phones, and works as a sort of giant remote control, streaming music wirelessly via Bluetooth and letting you adjust the sound on an inbuilt graphic equalizer.

It's compatible with most Android phones, iPods, memory sticks and the like. The fact that it also sports an analogue radio is almost as an afterthought.

But the KD-C0224 really only scratches the surface. Further up the range,

new and emerging models will offer connectivity with Google's vision of the road ahead, respectively Android Auto. This platform combines communication, traffic information and music into a single unit.

The idea is that you install an app on your phone (only recent models will be supported) and connect it to a compatible [car stereo](#) using a standard USB charging cable. The phone then pushes information to the large LCD HD display on the dashboard.

Android Auto will connect to online radio services like TuneIn, and to music libraries such as Spotify, from where you can stream almost any song you can think of – whether stored on one of your other devices or in cloud. Depending which model you choose, you can also call up a conventional, inbuilt sat nav or Google Maps.
