

How to Make Pumpkin Universal GPS DVD 's Steering Wheel Control Work if Your Car Has No SWC from Factory



Almost all of [Pumpkin universal Andorid](#) car GPS DVD supports the Steering Wheel Control if your car came with this control from factory, but it only supports resistance ladder type since [Pumpkin](#) universal head units only offer standard ISO power cable which has no Can-Bus decoder. And the program is easy.

However not all the cars has steering wheel control(SWC) from

factory, the drivers still wanna make the SWC work with Pumpkin Car DVD. Then what they can do?

Here is one of [Pumpkin](#)'s customers who succeeded in making the SWC work in his non-SWC car.

Steering wheel audio controls. This was a big part of my decision to get this [Pumpkin](#) head unit. It states it will work with steering wheel controls, but doesn't list how. It uses two wires that run to the wheel controls.

The car gps stereo will only work with resistance ladder type controls. Meaning Vol up switch is 150ohm, Vol down is 300ohm, etc. All on the same wire. You have to ground the switches, not run the resistance between the two wires. I added a new wheel with audio controls to my car that didn't come with controls from the factory. I had the hardest time getting them to work. The program part is very nice, but it seemed like it couldn't get a good reading off the switches. I tried different resistances, different number of switches on each wire. Everything I could think of, but nothing made them work for any more than 5 minutes. Sometimes after I programmed them, I went back to CD player to use them and they didn't work. I thought it was just a crappy part of the system, like the radio.

I bought a PAC SWI-X, a system that converts resistance signals to IR signals. Its is meant for steering wheel controls. I thought this would work, as the remote always worked fine with the unit. But this unit did not work well either.

I noticed that it would not pick up the signals from the wheel either. (it has an LED that lights up when a signal is received) Same problem, it would work for 30 seconds after programming, then very erratically. Thinking the odds of the PAC unit not working were quite low, I hooked up a multimeter to the wheel controls. The controls are grounded through the steering shaft, just like the factory horn ground. To my surprise, the resistance was all over the place. And not by a little, by several hundred ohms. Whenever the wheel was touched, the resistance flew up and down. No wonder the unit didn't work well, it had no idea what was being pushed! I had an extra wire in my clock-spring, so I grounded the controls to the dash through that wire. Everything works amazing now!!! I have complete control over the unit all the time!! I am so happy I found this out.

Long story short, test your ground on the wheel to make sure it is a stable ground if you are having trouble with the controls not working. I figured since the horn and cruise control grounded through the steering shaft, that it would be a sufficient ground. I was so wrong. I wanted to post this up, as I did not see any other guides online to show to to hook up the controls.

Great unit at a great price. Can't go wrong!!

Hope his experience will help you guys out!

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[Customer Review on Pumpkin 6.2 Inch Wince 6.0 Car DVD GPS Navigation 2 Din-W0244](#)



Great head unit, this is the second [Pumpkin Double Din](#) I have bought recently and I have not been disappointed. This one I installed in my mothers's car today, ([Toyota](#) Corolla). Fitted perfectly, just waiting on fascia to be delivered on Friday.

Everything work excellently.

The only niggle and it is only a niggle is the [reversing camera](#) is a bit chunky, otherwise OK.

– by Jim Stowe

After having used this [Pumpkin](#) head unit for almost half a year here are my thoughts:

-Easy to install, very straightforward. The supplied ISO harness clipped straight into the wiring inside the dash on my Panda and literally within five minutes I was listening to music and the radio – make sure you get yourself a radio aerial adapter though if you need one, they're under a pound. The unit doesn't come with a cage so you'll either have to buy one or use your existing one. I used the existing one that was already in my car.

-Great sound. I get much better sound off this than the original.

-Visible in daylight! (convertibles may have troubles tho)

-Touchscreen very responsive.

-GPS is very good at locating you I always have full signal. It takes me on funny routes in Edinburgh... But you can change the software.

-The [rear camera](#) is very clear and everything is visible even in low light.

-Bluetooth works like a charm and I can play stuff from my phone and listen to Spotify without any issues. Also the phone functions work well and it is good to be able to dial a number directly from the unit.
, but microphone is very bad.

Only downside is GPS not showing speed limits onscreen which I sometimes have trouble seeing on the road. Also needs exact address. E.g.: cannot write Arthur's seat.
Great little kit, I recommend it highly. Has its flaws but for the money I can't blame it.

– by Kristian

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Customer Review on Pumpkin Wince 6.0 Car DVD Player GPS 1 Din



Bought the WinCE 6.0 Car DVD GPS Player with [reversing camera](#), really good product, stereo was easy to connect and set up, camera works great and cable was long enough for my T4 van. Radio has good reception and everything does what it says

on the tin. very happy with the stereo overall, at this price you cant go wrong.

-by J Brittain

So I bought this [Pumpkin](#) head unit for my 1980s classic sports car. Looks great has a clean look to it and reminiscent of "Becker Mexico" (in my imagination) so looks better than the original 1980s stereo.

[Reversing camera](#) was easy to fit but a little confusing to connect But nothing got damaged during my efforts (but I am relatively competent)

Sat nav is pretty good and so is reversing camera – the two main reasons for wanting to install this for me

You can set up your own wall papers – you need to store them on the Nav card not the card in the spare SD slot

Couldn't get the boot up screen to work at all – never seems to need it... (don't know what that's all about, there is no boot up time)

Quality and finish pretty good.

You can set the screen angle to 1 of 3 positions – you need to cycle through them with a button. It then remembers. Trouble is when first powered up it defaults to vertical not tilt forward so if you have an installation that leans the screen back so that it hits some part of the dashboard you have to slide the unit in after you've set up the screen angle forward and every time it then looses power you have to repeat. not normally a problem but something to be aware of – doesn't seem to mash things when it happens the screen just closes after it hits the dash

– by Charles F

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