□Pumpkin Consumer Review□BMW E46 Android 4.4 7-inch Car Stereo

7" Pure Android 4.4 Car DVD Player For BMW E46













Key Features:

- Aftermarket Android 4.4
- Cortex A9 Dual-Core 1.6GHz
- RAM DDR3 1GB
- 8GB memory, Support both 3G and Wifi
- Support BMW E46 Series on your car DVD
- Support 1080P Video
- Support DVR, OBD2

I had never heard of this unit before and found it on a random search through Amazon, I figured for the price it was worth a shot since the Dynavin is still a good bit more expensive... I am very impressed by it!

Installation

Installation was silly easy, I got it done in a couple of hour s and that was because I wanted to hide the wires for the GPS antenna and Bluetooth microphone, if you're less picky than me you could get it done in a half hour.

Screen, buttons and knobs

The buttons and knobs are very well built, the finish is sligh tly more glossy than the stock business radio of the E46, thou gh I suspect part of that is due to aging of the stock materia ls. The screen is bright and clear and the touch screen is ver y responsive, the colors and sharpness are great.

Audio quality

I was worried that the audio quality would be worse than the s tock CD player, but it's definitely not when using equal mediu ms (CD's, iPod, radio, etc.), but when streaming Bluetooth it's not the best, most people probably wouldn't notice the difference (my friends didn't), but if you're like me and like clear audio you'll want to stick to CD's, SD cards or an iPod.

GPS navigation system

I love the navigation which displays the speed limit of the ro ad you're on as well as warning you if you're speeding, it can also display any nearby gas stations, hotels and many other t hings and lets you choose which ones you can see or not see.

App installation

The unit comes with a .apk installer app so that you can install any app from the Google Play store from an SD card, or anyw

here else you could find a .apk app. It also has the Google Pl ay Store app installed on it so if you use your phone as a mob ile hotspot for the on-board wifi or use a 3G data card in your unit you can download apps directly from the store.

The included apps are pretty good. My only gripe with the preinstalled music player is that there is no shuffle button, tha t seems like a huge oversight, otherwise it works well and the equalizer presets are pretty good, as is the custom mapping o ption that it gives you.

Conclusion

All in all I'm very happy with this unit and would highly recommend it to anyone. It's made the interior of my E46 feel much more updated and new. In fact, my girlfriend just bought a new Ford with the "My Ford Touch" option and she agrees that the nav screen in my E46 is better.

PS: <u>Autopumpkin.co.uk</u> website is launched: 2-5 days delivery; NO tariff & Free shipping to UK and EU.

How to Connect Speaker Wires to the BMW Head Unit

Car stereos and receivers, also known as head units, are built with four channels of output for powering two front and two rear car speakers. When installing an <u>Android car stereo</u> for BM W, it's necessary to connect the car's speaker wires to the head unit with some simple tools and connectors.



Things You'll Need

- Wire strippers
- Crimp tool
- Butt connectors

Instruction

- Use a wire stripper to remove 1/2 inch of insulation from the ends of each of the BMW head unit's speaker wires and from the ends of the wires leading to your car speak ers.
- 2. Match the output wires of the head unit to the speaker w ires they'll be driving. Head units follow a set pattern of color coding across all brands — the front left spea ker is powered by the white and white/black wire, front right by gray and gray/black, rear left by green and gre en/black, and rear right by violet and violet/black. Car speaker wiring varies by model and brand of car. If in look doubt. uр the speakerwire codes in a service manual, such as a Chilton's Auto Repair Manual, available at autoparts stores, bookstores and online.
- 3. Slide the bare end of a head-

unit wire into one end of a butt connector. Slide the matching car speaker wire into the other end. The butt connector is a common wire-crimping connector that resembles a small, hollow plastic-

covered tube open on each end. Place the jaws of a crimp tool in the center of the connector and squeeze the han dles of the tool to make the connection. Repeat for all the wires.

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