

10 Steps to Pick the Right Aftermarket Car Stereo

In this passage, we'll go over some of the basic steps involved in choosing a new car stereo for your vehicle.

Step 1

Determine your price range. You can get a decent car stereo for under \$100.00 in most cases.

Step 2

See if you have a USB port. If you own an iPod or iPhone, some car stereos have a USB port that will, in most cases, read files off of your device, play your device, and charge your device, all via the USB-to-30-Pin cable that came with your iPod or iPhone.

If you don't own an iPod or iPhone, the USB port on some car stereos accept USB thumb drives so it can read and play files off of the drive.

If you're looking to not spend a lot, most all car stereos include a 3.5-millimeter auxiliary audio input jack that allows you to plug a 3.5-millimeter auxiliary audio input cable into both your iPod or iPhone or other device and into the jack on the stereo itself. This method will NOT control or charge your iPod or iPhone, however, and will NOT read files off of the device.

Step 3

Consider extras. If you are a frequent traveler, some car stereos offer the ability to add on a SIRIUS or XM Satellite Radio tuner that installs somewhere in your car's interior. Or, in some cases, the car stereo will be satellite radio ready, and

will only require an antenna to be run and connected to the back of the unit. You will need to, however, pay via a monthly or yearly subscription, for this service.

Step 4

Decide whether or not you want HD. If you are tired of listening to the standard AM and FM radio stations on your current car stereo, consider purchasing a car stereo that has a built-in HD Radio tuner. HD Radio is free to listen to, and has better sound quality than standard AM and FM radio stations do. Instead of only a single AM or FM radio station on one frequency, there are three to five additional AM or FM radio stations on that same frequency.

Step 5

Decide if you want to have bluetooth capability. If you are always in your car, some car stereos allow you to add-on Bluetooth, or buy a car stereo with Bluetooth standard. The caller's voice comes through all of your vehicle's speakers, and most car stereos include a built-in Bluetooth microphone. You connect your phone wireless to the car stereo in order to use it. Some car stereos even allow you to stream music wirelessly from your Bluetooth-enabled device.

Step 6

Go "Mechless". If you do not find yourself listening to CDs in your car a lot, then you may want to consider buying a "mechless", or digital media car stereo. These car stereos do NOT feature a CD player, and only a radio, with integration for iPods, iPhones, and other devices. These are generally cheaper to purchase.

Step 7

Consider your factory car stereo's options. Do you have a CD c

hanger in your trunk? Does your car have factory satellite radio? Do you have controls on the steering wheel for the radio? Do you have an upgraded factory premium sound system and/or an amplifier? Does your factory car stereo already have Bluetooth and iPod and iPhone and USB inputs? Does your vehicle use its factory car stereo to play the warning chimes through your vehicle's factory speakers? These are only some of the considerations required when replacing your vehicle's factory car stereo.

Step 8

Consider the method of installation into your decision process. Can you install the car stereo yourself? Or will you be paying someone or getting someone to install the car stereo for you? Most consumer electronics retailers or car audio shops will install your new car stereo for a fee. If you ARE installing the car stereo yourself, is it difficult to disassemble your vehicle's dashboard to get to the factory car stereo?

Step 9

Consider the expandability options. Do you want to add any features onto your new car stereo later?

Step 10

Finally, find the right-fitting car stereo for your vehicle. DIN units are the most common type of car stereo, and only take up a small, rectangular space in your vehicle's dashboard. DIN-and-a-Half, or Double DIN units are used in many American and Import vehicles. They take up a larger, more square-like space in your vehicle's dashboard. A factory car stereo may require DIN tools to be removed, available at most consumer electronics retailers and car audio shops for less than \$5.00, or you can make your own set of DIN tools out of old metal coat hangers.

Review for Pumpkin KD-C0223 Android 4.4 KitKat 6.2 inch Double Din Car DVD Player

Built-in GPS Navigation

You'll never have to worry about losing your way, when's the next turn, turning around with a great direction, this head unit is not only capable of telling you which turn to take even, but also providing detailed mapping of your route via the seven inch touch screen.

Highly sensitive GPS Chipset.
Free 4GB Map card
Voice guidance TTS.
Support 2D/3D Map view. Yes
This product has **Dual-Core 1.0GHz CPU** it can run 2D/3D map very fast. **Free 4GB Map card**



Dual Zone Function
Support radio/ disc/ USB/ iPod/ MP3/ SD playback while navigating.



Portable Hotspot

After you connect a 3G dongle, you can use this unit as a Wi-Fi hotspot. Other people can use your hotspot to surf the internet.



Support Car DVR Function

This unit has a USB port for a camera input. The camera is not included. It just can record the video. It can not record the audio.



6.2" LCD HD Capacitive Touchscreen

6.2 inch digital touch screen (800*480 HD resolution screen).
The high resolution color TFT LCD (800*480) display brings images to life, showing off your treasured subjects, favorite movies and music with the same "you-see-it" rich detail and vibrant colors as high-quality prints.



✓ Digital Screen Resolution 800x480
✗ Analog Screen Resolution 480x234

USB, SD and HDD Multi-media

Play music and movie files from your USB flash card or Micro SD card. Just plug it in and enjoy super convenient control.

USB/SD Max support 32GB

- Video Format support: MP3, WMA, WAV, AAC, FLAC, AAC, OGG, AC3, and etc.
- Audio Format Support: MP3, WMA, AAC, MPE3, WMA, VORB, WMA, AAC, FLAC, OGG, MP3, and etc.



GPS Map/Gar/Star USB Slot Micro SD Card Slot

DVD Player

This DVD player is compatible with most DVD, VCD, CD discs in the market.

DVD/VIDEO DVD/VIDEO DVD/VIDEO DVD/VIDEO DVD/VIDEO



Fit the Radio



Pure Android Car Radio

With Android, the user can create a lay-out that benefits them as well as personalizing the ultra user friendly settings that only Android can offer. In addition, Google Play is pre-installed therefore you have the chance to choose and download from over 700,000 applications that are in store!

Only android system, real android 4.4 OS (API level 19)!



At a Glance...

- Android 4.4 KitKat OS
- 8GB DDR3 1GB
- Flash Memory 8GB
- CPU Cortex A9 Dual-Core 1.5GHz
- GPU Mali 450MP support 1080P-video
- Support DVD
- GPS navigation compatible with top navigation software
- Support USB and HDD multi-media
- 6.2inch capacitive screen
- 2DIN in-dash car DVD player
- Support subwoofer audio output
- Support both 3G/4G/LTE connection
- Support steering wheel control function
- Support iPod/iPhone/iPad audio input
- Support reversing camera

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SD card:

Other than that, I put a 64 GB SD card in it with a ton of music and pictures on it and it read it as easy as if it were a 1 GB card. If you place the MP3's in folders (band/album) then you have the folder name come up on the head unit and you can quickly browse through and find any particular song you want. You can even get it to list all the songs on the card and have it play the whole thing, although I could never listen to everything there while in my car. I believe (not certain yet) that there's a randomize or shuffle function, but I haven't had the time to try that yet. They state it will only access a 32 GB card, but I'm getting the full 64GB's I have in it. Maybe it has something to do with the type of card you're using? I bought one specifically for cameras and its read/write speeds (very fast) and it accesses the whole thing !

Bluetooth:

Bluetooth on this is seamless and works like a charm. Set it for the phone and as soon as the unit turns on again... bingo – it automatically connects if you've set it up for automatic connection.

Mic:

The internal mic is clear enough that other people can hear me and I have it set to auto answer incoming calls so I do not have to take my eyes off the road to get the phone to answer. Safety is the main concern. I value that over screening my calls while driving. The contacts list imported easily and calls made out are fine. I now need to incorporate voice commands to it and then try to find a text to speech app for texting... if that can even be done on this unit.

I easily would recommend this to friends and family without hesitation.

UPDATE:

This head unit is a tank. They sent me the KitKat update. I followed the instructions and it went through without a hitch. My buddy just bought a high dollar Pioneer and it can't do 1/4 of the stuff this one does. Do yourself a favor... if you're looking for a good android head unit, then you're in the right place. The people behind it, while a little poor with the english language – not so bad that I can't understand them – are quick to respond, very helpful and will answer any question you can throw at them. I would not hesitate to buy another head unit from them again.

**Pumpkin Plug and Play Pure
Android 4.4 Kitkat Double Din
Car Radio 7 Inch HD GPS**

Navigation system Head Unit
Support
OBD2/Bluetooth/3G/WiFi/Air
Play/1080P For Seat Ibiza
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