

How to Install a Rear View Camera in Your Car

Installing a rear -view camera in your car can help prevent mishaps when you're backing up your vehicle. This device is especially helpful if you're backing up larger vehicles such as trucks and RVs, because it allows you to view people and items behind your vehicle that cannot be easily seen. Learn how to install a rear-view camera in your car to help you see behind you and prevent potentially damaging accidents.

Steps:



1. Research and purchase the type of rear-view camera installation system that is best for your car. If you are unsure of what type would be best, you can ask for advice at a local auto repair shop.



2. Disconnect the vehicle's battery by pulling off the negative cable. Wire the camera to the battery according to the instructions provided with your kit. The battery acts as the camera's power source



3. Install your rear-view camera monitor. There are several possible locations to install the monitor. The most common locations are on the dashboard or sun visor. The monitor will allow you to view anything behind your car before you back out, so it should be placed in a location that is convenient when driving.



4. Use a drill to install the camera. Mount the camera on the bumper, license plate, or other location at the rear of the vehicle. The kit will include all the necessary mounting hardware. Attach the camera's power wire to the back-up light power wire on your car. If you purchased a wireless camera, you do not need to wire the camera. Reconnect the car battery.



5. Test the camera before attempting to drive with it. Make sure you can clearly see what is behind the car. Turn on the camera and monitor, place an immovable object behind the car, put the car in reverse but keep your foot on the brake, and verify that you can see the object in the monitor.

Tips:

- Many rear-view cameras are designed to only work when you have the car in reverse. The manufacturer may provide instructions on how to rewire it to work anytime the car is turned on.
- Before you permanently mount the monitor, try different locations to make sure it stays put and that you are happy with where it is located. Most kits come with double-sided tape, screws, and other mounting hardware.
- You can mount the camera on the car's plastic bumper if you want to avoid drilling into your car's sheet metal.

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