□Customer Review for Pumpkin□KD-C0224 Universal 6.95" Android 4.4 Double Din Car Stereo

I purchased this to replace an older Win CE unit. After a few weeks, I am very happy with the unit (KD-C0224) and have to say that it's much better than I expected.

--By Esso

Unit takes half a minute to boot up when you start your car, just like cold booting an Android phone. However, the video from the reverse camera (if you have one attached) appears immediately and is independent of the Android boot process.



Radio

Standard AM FM with RDS and presets. If your original car radio came with a diversity antenna or an antenna amplifier, make sure they are accounted for in your installation, or you won't get good reception.

DVD/CD player

I don't use this much, but did test it when I received the unit to verify it worked. Played all the movies I tried without issue.

- WiFi

Connects to my home WiFi without any problems when I'm parked in the garage. Can browse the web, use the Play Store to install and update apps, shop on Amazon, etc. I haven't tried the unit with a portable hotspot yet. Note this unit is NOT a phone and there is no persistent internet connection unless you use WiFi (I haven't tried the 3G USB dongle which is apparently as an option).

- USB input

I've put my music library on a 256 GB thumb drive and connected it to one of the two USB inputs. I use the PowerAmp app for an MP3 player, and it reads the drive and recognizes all of the 20000+ tunes available. It takes a while to read the directory (it also take a while on my PC).

Backup camera

Works fine.

Torque (OBDII application)

I have a mini ELM327 Bluetooth type unit that I plug into the OBDII socket under my steering wheel. The included Torque app displays OBDII engine diagnostic information from the vehicle computer. Supposedly some units are finicky about recognizing the OBDII adapter, mine works fine (luck?) .

Bluetooth

Works great with my galaxy S3. Transferred contacts phone numbers list without issue. Initiates and answers calls without issue. It also supports music streaming from the

phone, but on a somewhat limited level because the MP3 tag info isn't displayed on the head unit. Similarly to the Win CE unit which is replacing, you can only play, pause, and skip forward or backward. To my ears the fidelity over Bluetooth in the music mode is good.

Micro SD Card

I've only tried it with a 32 GB card and it worked fine. There are actually two Micro SD card slots, but one is reserved for the GPS.

GPS

I reused the existing GPS antenna I had and it works well. Thus far I have only used the included iGo app and for basic navigation it works acceptably.

Front camera/ DVR app

Haven't tried. I already have a separate dash cam recorder.

The unit looks sharp after installation and so far the screen has proven to have good driver visibility day or night. Direct sunlight will wash it out to an extent of course, but it's MUCH superior to the same size screen on the older Win CE unit it replaced.

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