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Overview Of This Radio Install

Step	What Section To Go To
Remove old radio from dash	Remove & Install
Wire the new radio	Wire New Radio
Mount the new radio	Mount New Radio
Finishing the installation	Remove & Install

Parts Needed For This Radio Install

Description	
please read the installation	
procedures FIRST to see which	
wire harness you need	

Optional parts for this install

"Shafted" radios need a radio installation kit for 'DIN' dash openings

Tools Needed To Complete This Install



Hand tools needed

to remove radio











Accessory tools needed to test and wire the new radio

PLUS: Wire ties or electrical tape: to neatly bundle and organize your wires for a professional appearance.

TOOL TIPS:

Small Battery: use a battery to test speaker wires. Touching the (+) positive and (-) negative baterry leads to a pair of speaker will cause the speaker to make a "Pop" sound indicating that pair of wires goes to that speaker. Voltage Meter: Always check +12 Volt power wires for voltage before making wire connections. These wires will fluctuate between 10 and 14 Volts. Solder Iron or Crimp Tool: make wire to wire connections using either a solder iron and electrical tape, OR plastic crimp terminals found at most hardware or auto parts stores.

Installation Difficulty Ratings

Easy. No advanced skills or specialty tools needed.

Basics. Simple tools required. Installs quickly.

Intermediate. Requires knowledge of tools, or disassembly of panels.

Advanced. Requires advanced tools, or extra time.

Difficult. Involves modifying or cutting of the installation area. Advanced tools and/or skills required. Best if performed by experienced installers.

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Basics

Professional Installer

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Support Information If You Need Help

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Basic DC electronics for automotive applications	999001
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Remove Factory Radio







STEP 1:

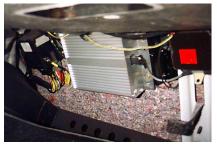
The Ford radio is snapped into the vehicles dash. With the proper tool, known as Ford radio removal keys, the Ford radio can be pulled forward out of the dash.

A clothes hanger can be used instead of actual Ford radio removal keys. Cut the clothes hanger and bend 2 pieces in the shape as shown in the photos above.

For more information on how to remove the radio, see the diagram below.

STEP 2:

Pull the radio from the dash. Unplug the antenna cable from the rear of the radio. Unplug the 2 wire harness connectors from the rear of the radio.



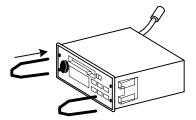


This vehicle may have the Ford Premium Sound System installed in the vehicle. When you pull the Ford radio out of the dash, there may be a square connector plugged into the rear of the Ford radio. If there is a square plug, then your vehicle has amplifiers. This particular vehicle allows easy access to amplifier, in case you want to verify the vehicle has amplifiers.

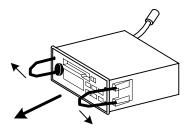
Open the trunk. Look at the back wall (the back side of the rear seats) of the trunk. Pull down the carpeted panel. If there are amps, they will be attached to the rear wall, hidden behind the carpeted panel. (as seen in the photos above)

Removing Ford Radios Using "U" Shaped Removal Keys

Insert the "U" shaped keys into the holes as shown in the diagram. Coat hangers can be cut and bent into shape for a quick, cheap replacement or alternative when Ford keys are not available.



In order for the radio to be removed, clips attached to the side of the radio must be moved inward so the radio can slide out of the dash. Insert the keys and push each key out, away from the radio. The ends of the keys will press into the clips. While pushing the keys outward, pull and the radio should slide forward out of the dash.



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➤ Wiring The New Radio

Move to: Wire New Radio Section

Your Ford may have the Ford Premium Sound System installed in it from the factory. This means the speakers in the vehicle are actually powered by a Ford amplifier instead of the amplifier inside the radio (the amp is located away from the radios dash location). The "Wire New Radio" section will detail wiring for both standard Ford radios and the wiring for Premium Sound System radios. The only way to tell the difference between a standard Ford radio and the Ford Premium Sound System is to pull the radio and look at the wire harness connectors plugged into the rear of the Ford factory radio. You will be able to see the 2 different sets of wire harnesses in the "Wire New Radio" section.

Mounting The Radio

Move to: Mounting New Radio Section

Completing The Radio Installation



STEP 1:

For 'DIN' radios:

Insert the radio 'DIN' sleeve and secure the sleeve by bending the tabs.

For 'shafted radios:

Attach the new radio to the installation kit



STEP 2:

Connect the antenna cable into the rear of the new radio. Make sure all wire connections to the new radio have been completed and plug in any connectors of the new radio into the rear of the radio now. Slide the radio into the dash.

The installation is now complete

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Step By Step Wiring

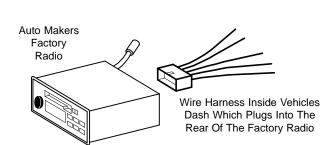
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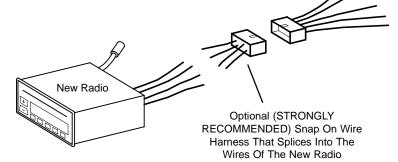
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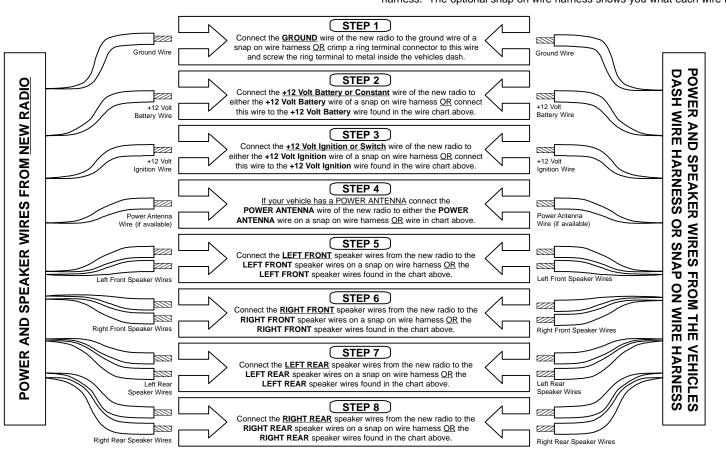
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Testing wires when installing a new radio	999013
Why use an OEM snap on wire harness	999008
Wiring your new radio using a wire harness	999009
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Wiring Instructions:

The power and speaker wires needed to connect the new radio are attached to the connector of the wire harness located inside the vehicles dash. The Install Doctor **STRONGLY** recommends using an optional snap on wire harness that is specifically designed to snap into the vehicles dash wire harness connector. This will keep you from cutting the vehicles wires. This optional snap on wire harness will have wires on the opposite side of the connector that will allow you to splice these wires to the new radios wires. The only other option is to cut off the vehicles dash wire harness connector and splice the new radios wires directly to these wires. The optional snap on wire harness takes all the guess work out of trying to figure out what each wire is in the vehicles dash wire harness. The optional snap on wire harness shows you what each wire is.



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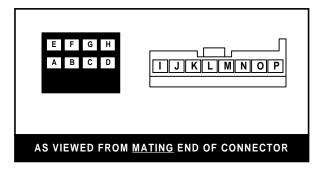
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➤ Radio Wire & Color Code Information

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If Your Vehicle Has A Ford Premium Sound System Radio

This vehicle uses has a 2 pc wire harness. The black connector is the input to the vehicles separate amplifer. The second plug contains all necessary power wires.



DO NOT CUT THE WIRES OF THE BLACK CONNECTOR

The Install Doctor STRONGLY recommends using a snap on "integration" wire harness which will safely and easily allow you to connect a new radio to the existing wires of the Ford radio system.

The "integration" wire harness will have all necessary wires correctly labeled. This allows you to follow the instructions on the previous page.

The Ford radio in your vehicle uses a separate Ford amplifier that powers the speakers instead of the Ford radio powering the speakers. This creates problems when installing a new replacement radio into the vehicle. At the radio, the wire harness inside the dash would normally have all necessary speaker and power wires to install the new radio. However, the speaker wires needed to install the new radio are plugged into the Ford Premium Sound System amplifier which is located away from the radio.

For this vehicle there are (2) options when installing a new radio you need to consider before installing your new radio.

Option 1: you can choose to "integrate" into the Ford amplifier. This is the simplest and easiest installation and for the majority of new replacement radios and is the BEST option. A **Ford Integration Wire Harness** is needed. This wire harness is very similar to a standard Ford radio snap on wire harness that is used to install radios in Ford vehicles with standard radios. But, this "integration harness" will have a small box attached to it which will allow you to splice the new radios speaker wires directly to the wires of the integration harness. Inside this box is electronics which will convert the new radios speaker wire outputs into the necessary low voltage signal to run the Ford amplifier. This means that the speakers in the vehicle are being powered by the Ford amplifier, not the amplifier inside the new radio. The information on this sheet is structured to use OPTION 1 to integrate into the original Ford amplifier. This has become the most accepted method of installing a new replacement radio in this type of Ford vehicle with the **Premium Sound System.**

Option 2: you can also choose to "bypass" the Ford amplifier in the vehicle and choose to power the speakers in the vehicle with the amplifier inside the new radio instead of the Ford amplifier. This is a 2 step process. You still have to wire the new radio at the dash, and you have to find the amplifier in the vehicle and add a jumper cable (included with the bypass wire harness) to the amplifier; unplugging the inputs and outputs of the amplifier and connecting them together with the jumper from the bypass wire harness. This method is only used for radios with more than 40 watts per channel output.

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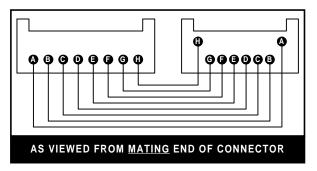
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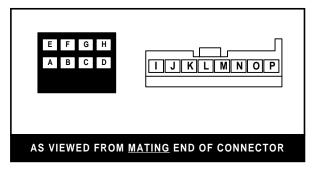
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"Bypassing" The Ford Amplifier Located In The Trunk

Wire harness adapter (jumper cable) that allows you to "bypass" the Ford amplifier under the passenger seat.



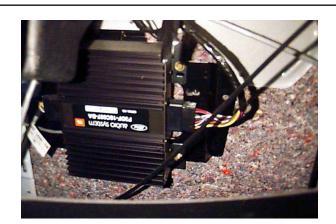
Wire harness connectors that plug into the rear of the Ford Premium Sound System radio.



Open the trunk and look for a black metal box attached to the rear seat wall. This is the Ford amplifier which powers the speakers for the "Ford Premium Sound System". If you do have an amplifier, you can choose to "bypass" the amplifier. The instructions for "bypassing" the Ford amplifier are detailed below.

The black radio wire harness connector shown in the illustration to the left which plugs into the rear of the Ford radio contains the speaker wire outputs from the radio and are routed to the amplifier in the trunk. These wires at the amplifier are connected to a black wire harness connector that plugs into the amplifier. The opposite side of the amplifier will have a similar connector which is the speaker wire output of the amplifier.

To "bypass" the Ford amplifier, simply unplug the two black connectors plugged into the amplifier. You will need to obtain a **Ford amplifier bypass wire harness adapter** which connects in between the two black connectors (called a jumper cable). When installing a new radio, the adapter should come complete with the wire harness connectors which plug into the wire harness connectors in the dash that had originally plugged into the Ford radio. One of these connectors will plug into the black connector to the left. This connector will have speaker wires attached to it which will be wired to the speaker wire outputs to the new radio. With the new radios speaker wires wired to the black connector in the dash and with the jumper cable bypassing the Ford amplifier, the new radio will now be connected directly to the speakers in the vehicle, "bypassing" the Ford amplifier.



Unplug the both black plastic wire harness connectors that plug into the black colored amplifier in the trunk. One connector on each side of the amp.

Plug the "bypass jumper harness adapter" in between the two black connectors.

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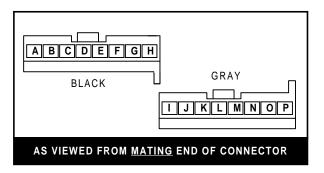
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If Your Vehicle Has A Standard Ford Radio

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Pin	What It Is	Typical Ford In Dash Wire Color	"Typical" New Radio Equivalent Wire Color
Α	Right Rear Spkr (-)	Blue	Purple w/ Black Stripe
В	Right Rear Spkr (+)	White w/ Blue Stripe	Purple
С	Right Front Spkr (-)	White	Gray w/ Black Stripe
D	Right Front Spkr (+)	Blue w/ White Stripe	Gray
E	Left Rear Spkr (-)	Red w/ Blue Stripe	Green w/ Black Stripe
F	Left Rear Spkr (+)	White w/ Blue Stripe	Green
G	Left Front Spkr (-)	Blue w/ Orange Stripe	White w/ Black Stripe
Н	Left Front Spkr (+)	Purple	White
I	Amplifier Turn On	Do Not Use For This Vehicle	e
J	Power Antenna Turn On	Do Not Use For This Vehicle	
K	Ground Wire		Black
L		Do Not Use For This Vehicle	
М	Dash Light Dimmer Wire		Orange (if available)
N	+12 Volt Ignition Wire		Red
0		Do Not Use For This Vehicle	
Р	+12 Volt Battery Wire		Yellow

Note: using an optional snap on wire harness adapter will simplify the wiring. Most snap on wire harness adapters have already converted and color coded the wires from the auto makers in dash wire harness to match typical aftermarket radio wire colors.

^{**} The wire colors listed in the chart above are typical for Ford vehicles during these years but may not be the exact colors for this vehicle. This is another reason to use a snap on wire harness adapter. **

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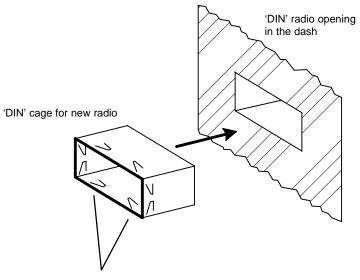


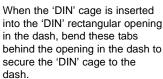
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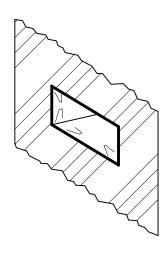
This vehicle does not require using a dash installation kit to mount a 'DIN' style radio. If you are installing a shafted radio, you will need a radio installation kit that converts the rectangular opening to mount the shafted radio.

All information needed to complete the mounting of the new radio to the vehicles dash is included on this sheet. If you need additional help, please consult the following tech documents:

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Why use radio installation kits	999005
Mounting your radio to an installation kit	999007
Radio security	999010
'DIN' vs. Shafted radio - differences with	999006







New radios 'DIN' cage slid into the 'DIN' opening of the dash with its tabs bent securing the cage to the dash.

The radio can now be slid into the 'DIN' cage which will snap to the radio securing the radio in place.