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General Motors

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## Factory Radio



## Other Documents Available For This Vehicle:

No documents available at this time

## New Radio

and dash installation kit



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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

Parts REQUIRED for the install	Description
Dash installation kit	Multi purpose General Motors
Snap on wire harness adapter	GM 1989 and newer
Antenna Adapter	GM 1989 and newer

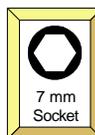
### Optional parts for this install

None

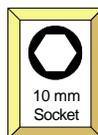
## Tools Needed To Complete This Install



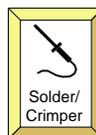
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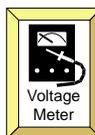
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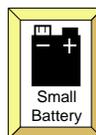
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Socket



Solder/  
Crimper



Voltage  
Meter



Small  
Battery



### TOOL TIPS:

**Small Battery:** use a battery to test speaker wires. Touching the (+) positive and (-) negative battery 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.

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.

## 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.

### Do It Yourselfers

Intermediate

### Professional Installer

Basics

## Support Information If You Need Help

Supplemental information if you need help

Document Title	Document #
Basic DC electronics for automotive applications	999001
Wire splicing: soldering vs. crimping	999004
Why use radio installation kits	999005
Mounting your radio to an installation kit	999007
Why use an optional snap on wire harness	999008
Wiring your new radio using a wire harness	999009
Testing wires when installing a new radio	999013

## ► Remove Factory Radio



### NOTE:

The contoured plastic dash panel surrounding the radio must be removed in order to remove the radio.

In the photo above, notice the screw holes on both sides of the dash panel. The screw holes on the right are hidden behind the glove box door. But to remove the left side screws, the lower dash below the steering wheel must be removed in order to gain access to these screws.



### STEP 1:

Open the glove box, locate and remove two (2) 7mm bolt screws that were hidden behind the glove box door.

Also, underneath the glove box is the 3rd 7mm bolt screw that needs to be removed. This screw is at the bottom left corner just below the glove box door.



### STEP 2:

You will have to remove the lower dash panel below the steering wheel.

Locate and remove two (2) phillips screws on the front face of the dash panel.

Locate and remove two (2) 7mm bolt screws at the bottom ledge of the dash panel.



### STEP 3:

Once the screws have been removed that secure the lower dash panel, grab the left side of the dash panel and pull firmly until the lower dash separates from the dash.

Let the lower dash fall down, out of the dash.



### STEP 4:

With the lower dash removed, the two (2) 7mm bolt screws that secure the left side of the plastic dash panel surrounding the radio can be seen. Locate and remove both screws.

After the screws on the left side have been removed, pull the plastic dash panel away from the radio.



### STEP 5:

The radio is secured differently in this vehicle than other GM vehicles. Only one (1) bracket is used to secure the radio.

The left side of the radio is secured to the dash with a large metal bracket that is secured to the dash with two (2) 7mm bolt screws. Locate and remove both screws.

However, the right side of the radio is not secured with a bracket at all. Locate and remove one (1) 10mm bolt that attaches the right side of the radio to the plastic molded dash that surrounds the radio.

Pull the radio out of the dash. Unplug the black cable from the rear of the radio. Unplug the plastic wire harness connector from the rear of the radio.

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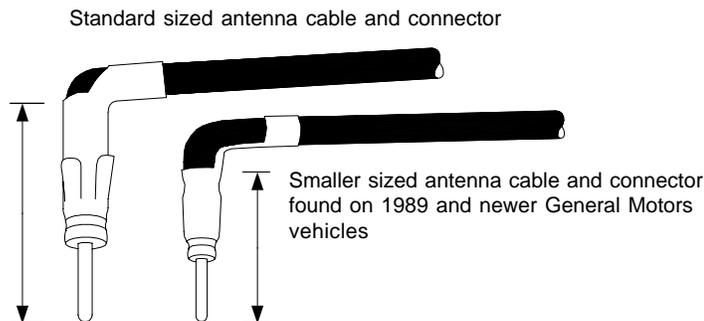
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## ► Wiring The New Radio

Move to: **Wire New Radio** Section

General Motors vehicles manufactured after 1989 have a smaller antenna connector than standard antenna cables. When you install a new radio, this smaller GM antenna cable will not fit properly into the antenna plug on the new radio. You will need an adapter called a **GM antenna adapter** to convert this smaller sized GM antenna cable over to the standard size antenna needed for the new radio.



## ► Mounting The Radio To A Kit

Move to: **Mounting New Radio** Section

**Installation Note:** GM radios are shorter in depth than the new replacement radio being installed into this vehicle. Located behind the radio is a plastic ledge that the GM radio rests on when the GM radio is installed. This ledge will prevent the new radio from being installed completely into the dash opening.

The maximum depth from the ledge behind the radio to the front of the radio opening is 5-5/8 inches. Most replacement radios are at least 6 inches in depth.

**In this situation, you can break away or cut the plastic mounting ledge behind the radio to give the new radio enough depth to properly mount this flat style GM kit.**

The Install Doctor strongly recommends removing the large metal bracket attached to the left side of the GM radio and mounting this bracket directly to the radio installation kit.

This is shown in detail in the **“Mounting New Radio”** section.

Multi purpose GM radio installation kit	Camaro specific radio installation kit
<p>Metal bracket removed from the left side of the GM radio and attached to the radio installation kit</p>	

<p>Single 'DIN' and "Shafted" style radios require the use of a radio installation kit to mount the radio.</p>	<p>1-1/2 'DIN' style radios are designed to install into GM vehicles without the use of a kit.</p>
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## ▶ Completing The Radio Installation



### STEP 1:

Remove the 10 mm nut that secures the metal bracket attached to the left side of the GM radio.  
Reattach this bracket to the left side of the GM radio installation kit.

To make sure you have the kit properly oriented, turn to the "MOUNT NEW RADIO" section at the end of these instructions.

**NOTE:** in order for the right side of the kit to secure to the dash of the vehicle, you will need to insert a bolt into the right side of the kit through the inside of the kit so that the threads of the bolt are visible on the outside of the kit. The package for the installation kit should be prepackaged with bolts so that you can attach brackets to the kit. Instead of securing a bracket, the bolt is going to stick out the side of the kit so that a nut can be screwed onto the bolt AFTER the kit is inserted into the dash.

**TIP:** to keep the bolt sticking out the side of the kit, apply a piece of tape over the head of the bolt on the inside of the kit to keep it in place while inserting the kit back into the dash.



### STEP 2:

Insert the kit/radio assembly into the dash. Secure the metal bracket attached to the left side of the kit with the two (2) 7mm bolt screws that were removed earlier.



### STEP 3:

Reattach the plastic dash panel surrounding the radio.

**The installation is now complete.**

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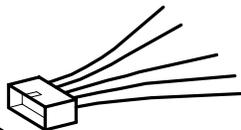
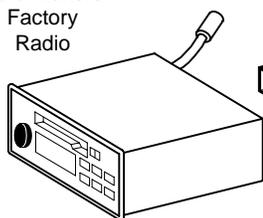
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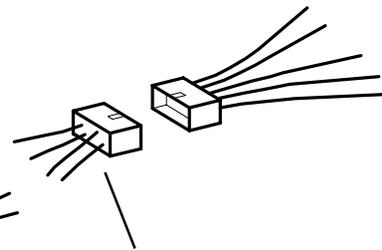
## Step By Step Wiring

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Auto Makers  
Factory  
Radio



Wire Harness Inside Vehicles  
Dash Which Plugs Into The  
Rear Of The Factory Radio



Optional (STRONGLY  
RECOMMENDED) Snap On Wire  
Harness That Splices Into The  
Wires Of The New Radio

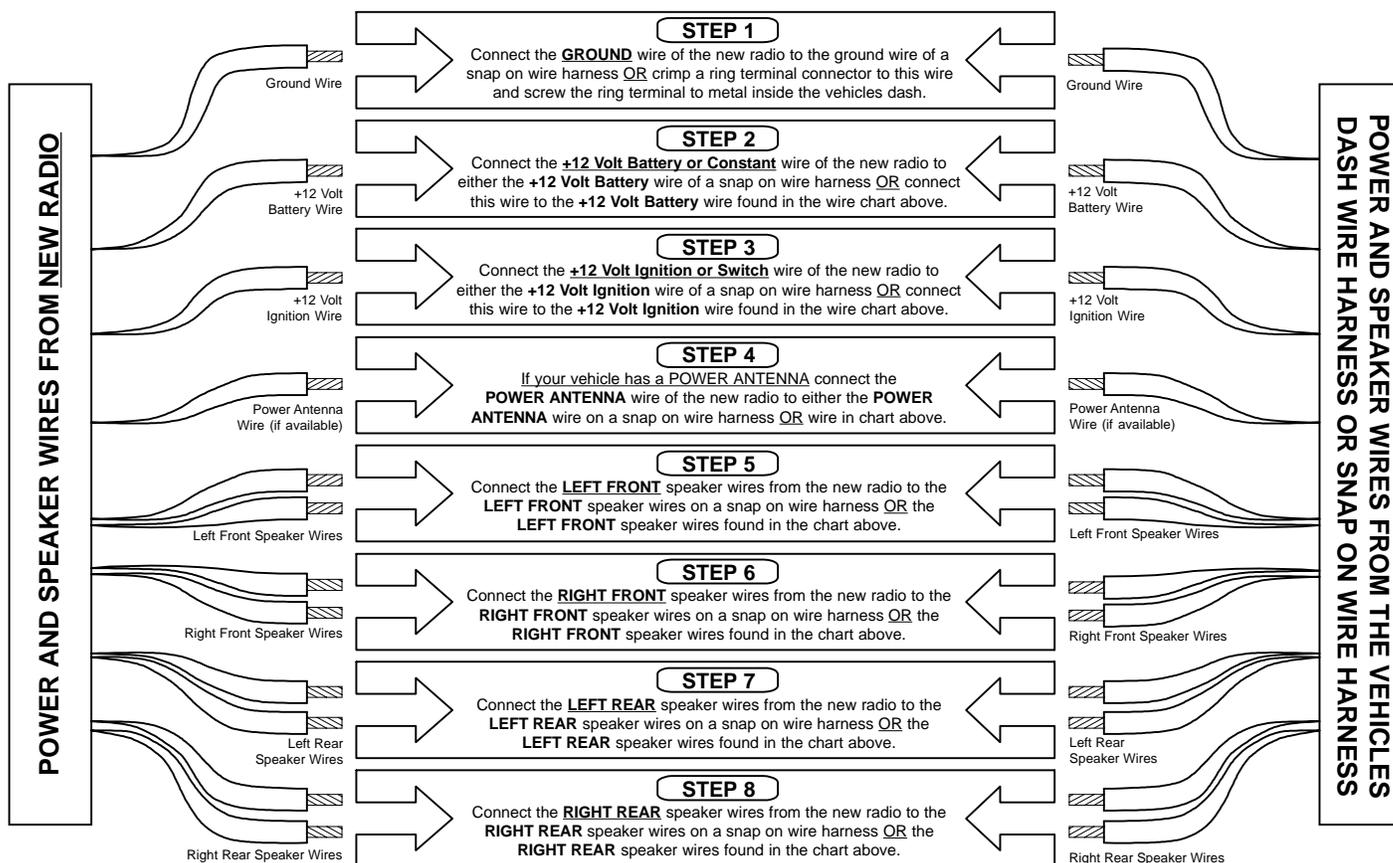
(Note: the radio shown is for display purposes and may not be similar in size or dimensions than the auto makers factory radio in your vehicle)

Supplemental information if you need help

Document Title	Document #
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
Wire splicing: soldering vs. crimping	999004

## 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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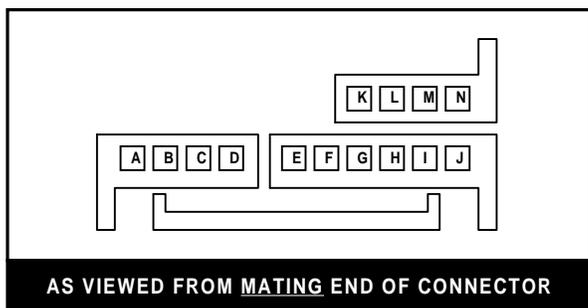
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## ▶ Radio Wire & Color Code Information

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Factory in-dash wire harness that snaps into the factory radio



Pin	What It Is	Typical GM Factory In Dash Wire Color	Typical New Radio Equivalent Wire Color
A	Left Front Spkr (-)	Light Gray	White w/ Black Stripe
B	Left Front Spkr (+)	Tan	White
C	Right Front Spkr (-)	Light Green	Gray w/ Black Stripe
D	Right Front Spkr (+)	Dark Green	Gray
E	Ground Wire	Black	Black
F	Not Used		
G	Headlight Dimmer Wire	Gray	Orange (if available)
H	Power Antenna Turn On	Pink (if available)	Blue
I	+12 Volt Ignition Wire	Yellow	Red
J	+12 Volt Battery Wire	Orange	Yellow
K	Right Rear Spkr (-)	Light Blue	Purple w/ Black Stripe
L	Right Rear Spkr (+)	Dark Blue	Purple
M	Left Rear Spkr (-)	Yellow	Green w/ Black Stripe
N	Left Rear Spkr (+)	Brown	Green

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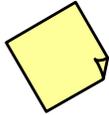
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## ▶ Mounting A Radio To A Dash Kit



### NOTE:

**Before you begin:** The radio installation kit needed for this vehicle is shown below in pictorial form. There are many manufacturers of General Motors dash installation kits available. Each manufacturer produces slightly different variations of the same kit. But for our purposes, there are (2) two different styles of kits for all General Motors vehicles. Why two styles? The reason is that General Motors uses an abnormal size radio in their vehicles. New replacement radios are thinner but deeper, whereas General Motors radios are taller but less deep. This causes a problem with installing the new replacement radio. The new radio might be too deep to fit in the dash. Thus, kit manufacturers produce kits for General Motors vehicles that extend the front face out of the dash to allow new radios to fit. One style is a one piece design where the extension depth is not adjustable. The second style allows the installer to adjust the depth by using snaps built into the kit. The Install Doctor recommends a one piece design for many reasons.

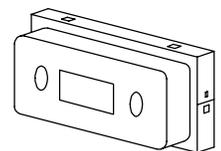
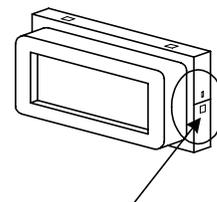
All information needed to complete the mounting of the new radio to the installation kit is included on this sheet. If you need additional help, please consult the following tech documents:

Document Title	Document #
Why use radio installation kits	999005
Mounting your radio to an installation kit	999007
Radio security	999010

**For best results, use the brackets that were attached to the sides of the General Motors radio by mounting them onto the installation kit.**

General Motors installation dash kit for 'DIN' (rectangular body style) radios

Unbolt the mounting bracket from the sides of the General Motors radio. The new installation kit should be packaged with (4) nuts and bolts. Use these nuts and bolts to secure the brackets from the General Motors radio to the installation kit. This kit is designed to mount the bracket to the kit. The manufacturers of these kits have pre-drilled holes into the kits to allow direct mounting of these brackets. Make sure to align the bracket the same as it was mounted to the General Motors radio. To orient the kit properly, we need to find which side of the kit is the top and which side is the bottom. Look at the sides of the kit. Notice two screw holes. Notice one hole is bigger than the other. The proper positioning of the kit requires that the larger hole be BELOW the center of the kit. See drawing to right.



General Motors installation dash kit for shafted style radios

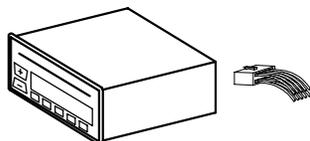
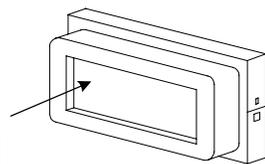
## What you need to mount your radio

### 'DIN' Radios (Rectangular Body Style)

Slide the radios installation sleeve into the mounting kit. (some sleeves may be marked with "TOP" to note the top of the sleeve)

Bend  
Tabs

New radios  
installation sleeve



New Radio

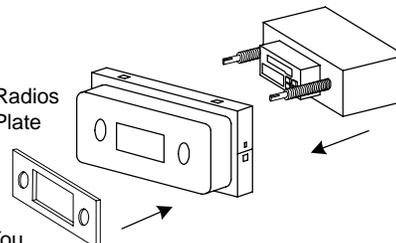
Once the radios installation sleeve is completely slid into the kit, bend out the tabs on the installation sleeve behind the rear surface of the installation kit. The radios installation sleeve is secured to the installation kit by "sandwiching" the installation kit between the front lip and the bent tabs of the radios installation sleeve.

**Radio slides into sleeve after sleeve is mounted to the installation kit**

### Shafted Radios

New Radios  
Face Plate

past  
kit. You  
remove the



Slide the radio through the backside of the installation kit. Slide the radios front face plate onto the front surface of the installation kit. Notice how much of the radios shafts are protruding the front of the will need to excess by

adjusting the depth of the new radios shaft spin nuts. Pull the radio out of the installation kit and spin on the nuts that are included with the radio. Slide the radio back into the installation kit. Adjust the nuts by spinning them forward or back to adjust the depth that the new radios shafts protrude out the front of the kit. To assure a "flush" and professional appearance, make sure that the new radios front face plate is flush with the new radios display box that is visible through the opening of the installation kit. Complete the installation by securing the front face plate with the remaining nuts provided with the new radio. The new radio is secured to the installation kit by "sandwiching" the installation kit between the new radios front face plate and the nuts spun onto the shafts of the radio behind the installation kit.



### CAUTION:

Do not overtighten the spin nuts securing the front face plate. Tighten to secure the radio without cracking the plastic.



### TIP:

If your radio manufacturer provides 6 spin nuts, use 4 to secure the radio to the installation kit and 2 to secure the front face plate.