Subject: Replacing factory radio
Posted by Porter on Fri, 09 Aug 2019 20:28:51 GMT
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To be honest, the audio system isn't bad in my Explorer, but I scrapped up the head unit pretty drastically while helping a friend move. I've tried to smooth things out and even tried to ignore it, but it's time for it go. So, since I'm taking things apart anyway, I might as well make some audio upgrades. I'm big on DIY in general, but I've never worked on a car audio system before. Just how hard is it? I like the JL Audio Stealthbox subwoofer and I know it fits, but it doesn't work with the SUV's cargo security shade accessory. Do I have other options? I'm not finding much.

Subject: Re: Replacing factory radio
Posted by Rusty on Tue, 13 Aug 2019 22:28:30 GMT
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Maybe the people over at Crutchfield could help. Thought they specialized in car audio solutions.

Subject: Re: Replacing factory radio
Posted by Porter on Mon, 26 Aug 2019 03:48:38 GMT
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I had checked them out, but my options look pretty bleak. I hoped someone here might know of another workaround. It's probably just how my car is made though. I might just have to live with the cosmetic defect.

Subject: Re: Replacing factory radio
Posted by Rusty on Mon, 26 Aug 2019 14:02:57 GMT
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Just curious, what was it that was scrapped up, the radio unit or the surrounding console too. It's hard to imagine there isn't a new head unit that wouldn't fit into your vehicle.

Subject: Re: Replacing factory radio
Posted by Madison on Tue, 03 Sep 2019 15:02:56 GMT
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If the issue is purely cosmetic can't you just skin it? I'd find a vinyl decal that will cover the imperfections or I'd go to the shop. From what I've read that car isn't easy to take apart and the audio system is pretty good as it is.

Subject: Re: Replacing factory radio
Posted by Porter on Sun, 08 Sep 2019 20:11:39 GMT
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Rusty wrote on Mon, 26 August 2019 09:02Just curious, what was it that was scrapped up, the radio unit or the surrounding console too. It's hard to imagine there isn't a new head unit that wouldn't fit into your vehicle.
Yep, the head unit is easily replaceable and I figured I could upgrade my subwoofers and tweeters while I was at it. In the end I took it to the shop. According to Crutchfield it was going to be an onerous DIY project and I was afraid I'd mess up my backup cam and nav system.

Subject: Re: Replacing factory radio
Posted by Nouri on Mon, 19 Oct 2020 11:05:19 GMT
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This is something I'll be diving into soon. The system in one of my cars just stopped working a few months ago and I haven't even had the time to diagnose.

Subject: Re: Replacing factory radio
Posted by Mica on Thu, 26 Nov 2020 23:28:49 GMT
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I am glad you got it done professionally. Things before were so much easier (before backup cameras, GPS systems and other things in vehicles). I would not dare to mess with my stereo/radio in my new vehicle.

Subject: Re: Replacing factory radio
Posted by Vaiger on Thu, 03 Dec 2020 00:00:49 GMT
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That's the one drawback to evolving technology in my opinion.....you can't fix things yourself anymore. Not just car audio either. Things have gotten too complicated.

Subject: Re: Replacing factory radio
Posted by Airforce 3 on Fri, 14 May 2021 00:02:25 GMT
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Isn't it just a matter of following the wires? LOL

Doing something like this is above my pay grade, I'm afraid.

If it happens to me, I'll just put a Bluetooth speaker in my car. Problem solved. :d