

Audiolink Fitting Instructions

All Versions:

First BEFORE removing the head unit and plugging this device in, you must first disconnect the vehicles battery. Not only is this for your safety when removing the stereo, but also in some circumstances, failure to disconnect the battery can cause the audio link to malfunction.

Then you can plug the Audiolink cable into the head unit. Both the USB and iPod versions mimic a CD Auto changer and the lead plugs into the auto changer socket on the back of the head unit. Personal preference varies on routing of leads etc, but the various MX-5 forums generally have how-to's posted on how to route leads using various methods.

Before fitting, it is useful to note that the different models of head unit display the information supplied by the Audiolink unit in different ways. Some will only display basic information like CD number and track number on the CD as single digits, others will display more information. But due to the many different variations of head unit, we can't say exactly how the information will be displayed on your head unit. Even different versions of the same head unit may behave differently.

What we can say is the Audiolink unit should play the music on your iPod or USB device using the head unit controls as detailed in these instructions.

MP3 Version: NBC-0903 & SI5130

As the Audiolink mimics a CD Auto changer, one of the first things you need to do is organise your MP3 files to enable the Audiolink to do this.

You can have a maximum of 6 directories, each containing 99 MP3 files. The directories have to be named CD01, CD02 etc, up to a maximum of CD06 (mimicking the naming on a standard auto changer). Note that if your MP3 filenames contain non-alphanumeric characters they may not be recognised. It's also worth noting that some head units support 10 directories named up to CD10, but it's impossible to list which head units support what number of directories. All we can say is try it and if you have problems, reduce the number of directories.

To access the files, press the CD or MODE button on your head unit or steering wheel. The Head Unit LCD should display EX1:1, CD1:00 or simply 1:1 once the Audiolink unit is selected and the USB device is plugged in.

If you have forgotten to plug the USB device in, or there are any problems reading the USB device, the head unit will display either EX8:88, CD06:88 or 6:8.

Depending on the head unit, it may just display the numbers and omit the EX or CD prefixes.

If you haven't arranged the files in the proper directories, it won't recognise the USB device and may display NO DISC.

If you have a cable plugged into the analogue stereo input, then the device will not play files on the USB device.

If your head unit successfully displays and plays the MP3 files on the USB device, you should also be able to use the steering wheel controls (where fitted).

Pressing DISC+/- will change the directories.

Pressing SEEK will change tracks

The other controls should work as with a CD changer.

iPod Version: NBC-0902 & SI5125

To access the Audiolink unit and iPod, press the CD or MODE button on your head unit or steering wheel. The Head Unit LCD should display EX1:66.

If the iPod isn't connected, the display will show EX8:88.

Depending on the head unit, it may just display the numbers and omit the EX or CD prefixes

While the head unit displays EX1 you can use your iPod as normal: tracks, playlists and albums can be selected using the iPod's own screen. Tracks can be changed using the head unit or steering wheel controls. Note that in this mode, the head unit display won't display the position within a song accurately.

If while the iPod is connected you press the DISC+/- buttons, the Audiolink will put the iPod into playlist mode. Each disc displayed by the head unit actually refers to a playlist on the iPod: EX2 is the first playlist, EX3 the second and so on, up to EX0.

While in playlist mode the iPod will display "OK to Disconnect" and you won't be able to use the normal iPod interface.

The numbers displayed after each disc on the head unit is the track number, so EX2:23 is the 23rd track in the first playlist for example. If you have more than 99 tracks in your playlist then the display will flash between the digits in order to show the track number. For example, it will display 2 and then 57 alternately to show it is playing the 257th track on the playlist.

In playlist mode, the timer for the each track should be accurate.

The repeat button will repeat a single track and the other controls should work as with a CD changer.

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