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## **AUX-GM3**

### **QUICK START INSTALLATION GUIDE FOR GM CLASS II RADIOS WITH XM TUNER MODULE, EXTERNAL CD 6-DISC CHANGER OR RSE**

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## PRODUCT SAFETY & DISCLAIMER

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE INSTALLING, FAILURE TO DO SO MAY CAUSE PERSONAL INJURY OR DAMAGE TO PRODUCT AND/OR PROPERTY

- This installation guide is provided as a GENERAL installation guide, some vehicles vary and may require additional steps. We do not accept responsibility for third party labor charges or modifications. Exercise due-diligence when installing this product.
- We do not accept any responsibility for vehicle damage or personal injury resulting from the installation of this product.
- Careless installation and operation can result in equipment damage.

## Requirements:

XM module(U2K), external CD changer or RSE (DVD)

## Introduction

Thousands of GM cars, trucks and SUV's have either an XM module (U2K), remote/external CD changer or RSE (DVD) but lack aux input jacks for portable audio players. Many available AUX adapters requires disconnecting XM, the **remote CD changer\***, **rear DVD** or all three. If your vehicle has at least one of the aforementioned factory options, our AUX-GM3 auxiliary input jack **requires and retains** them to provide a 3.5mm input jack which can be used to connect and play all kinds of audio devices including Smartphones, MP3 players, iPods etc. Keep in mind for the AUX-GM3 to work; **vehicle MUST have an XM module (U2K) or remote/external CD changer\* or RSE (DVD) player. Vehicle must have at least (1) of these (3) factory options for the AUX-GM3 to work as described.**

**Warning:** The 6-disc changer built-into the AM/FM radio is internal and not considered separate or remote. Any and all CD changer references made herein are to the remote/external changer mounted in armrest, glove box, trunk, under seat etc. XM (U2K) is also not built-into the AM/FM radio, but a rectangular shaped metal box found in remote areas (behind glovebox, trunk, hatch, side panel etc.

See Frequently Asked question at the end of this guide for additional details.

## Installation- Connects to the AM/FM radio

Radio removal required. Vehicle specific radio [removal](#) instructions are not part of this guide, **but are available upon [request](#).**

1. Locate and disconnect 12-pin plug from radio by pressing lock tab (See Fig. 1)

**Alert:** If AM/FM radio 12-pin port is empty; vehicle does not have required factory option for the AUX-GM3 to work. No need to proceed with install.



Fig. 1

2. Connect vehicle 12-pin plug (from step 1) to 12-pin connector on harness (See Fig. 2)



Fig. 2

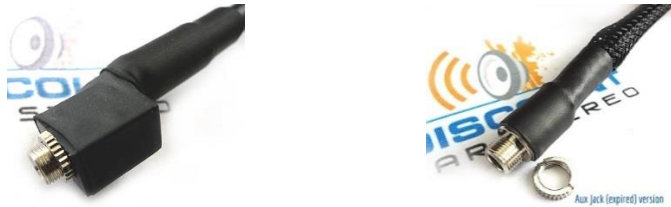
harness 12-pin connector

3. Connect harness 12-pin plug (See Fig. 3) into radio 12-pin connector vacated in step 1



**Fig. 3**  
12-pin plug

- Carefully route audio jack (See Fig. 4) to a location on dash or nearby where it will be mounted (within 4 ft.)

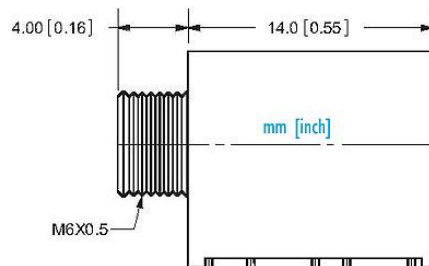


**Fig. 4**

- Optional:** Drill a 15/64" or 1/4" hole in dash or panel, push audio jack shaft through and secure with nut (See Fig. 5)



**Fig. 5**



**Warning:** Jack may be left freestanding, but to be mounted, ensure panel is **less than 4mm thick** otherwise shaft may not protrude enough to engage with nut. If necessary, use dremel, sander etc. to thin panel or choose alternate mounting location.

## Operation

- Turn radio "ON"
- Press "BAND" or "CD/AUX" button (depends on vehicle option)  
If subscribed, most recent XM channel or if equipped with remote CD changer, select track will play
- Connect audio device to 3.5mm jack using included 3 ft. audio cable (See Fig. 6) or similar
- Press play on audio device. XM or CD Changer playback is interrupted.



**Fig. 6**

3.5mm Male-Male audio cable

- Use radio volume button to set playback level.

**Warning:** Playlist and Track selection is \*NOT\* possible from the Radio. You must use the audio devices built-in controls to access audio files.

- To listen to XM, Remote (external) CD changer or DVD Player, simply disconnect 3.5mm audio cable **from jack** and operate XM/ CD changer/DVD as customary. (**Jack must be empty**)
- If correct operation is confirmed go ahead and reinstall the GM radio

## Frequent ask questions & troubleshooting

1. **What is the difference between your AUX-GM3 and AUX-GM3X?**  
The difference is **where they install/connect in vehicle**. The AUX-GM3 connects to the AM/FM CD or Tape (behind the dash).  
The **AUX-GM3X** connects to the XM module i remote area of vehicle. IF vehicle has XM module either of the two cables apply.  
The AUX-GM3 also works in with DVD or remote CD changer.



2. **Does the AUX-GM3 work in vehicles with 6-CD changer built into AM/FM radio?**  
**YES; BUT vehicle MUST also have an external (remote) device (e.g., remote CD changer, XM module or rear DVD otherwise the AUX-GM3 will not work.**
3. **My GM radio has the option for a remote changer (CD/AUX button), but vehicle does not have a remote CD changer. Do I need to have a remote CD changer even though radio has a CD/AUX button on faceplate?**  
**YES; Vehicle must have a working external CD changer or XM module or RSE for the AUX-GM3 to work as described.**
4. **My GM radio is XM ready (Band button); will the AUX-GM3 work?**  
**NO; XM ready means XM module has not been installed. For the AUX-GM3 to work, vehicle must have XM option (U2K) installed.**  
Press "BAND" button on radio to cycle
5. **What is an XM module? Is it built-into the AM/FM radio?**  
**NO; XM module is not built-into the AM/FM radio, but a metal box in remote area of the vehicle and required for the AUX-GM3 to work.**

6. **Will I be able to use Speakerphone option on my smartphone?**  
**Yes! When in a call enter speakerphone mode on smartphone at which point you will hear the caller's voice on car speakers.**
7. **My XM subscription has expired, will the AUX-GM3 still work?**  
**YES; The AUX-GM3 will work because vehicle has required XM module.**
8. **My XM subscription has expired but plan to review at a later date. What playback option should I select?**  
Select "Subscribed" from option so to allow XM playback upon renewal.  
Note: If expired version is selected, XM will not play upon renewal.
9. **I'm not the original owner and don't know if vehicle has XM module. How can I find out without ripping the car apart?**  
Turn radio "ON", press the "BAND" button repeatedly as the radio cycle through AM/FM/XM1/XM2. If only AM/FM is displayed, your vehicle does not have an XM module.
10. **I have all three options (remote changer, XM and DVD); do I need to disconnect anything for the AUX-GM3 to work**  
**NO; the AUX-GM3 requires at least one and all options remain connected and functional, however, if XM is the only option in your vehicle with an expired subscription, but you plan to subscribe at a later date, purchase "Subscribed" otherwise XM will not play upon renewal.**
11. **With the AUX-GM3 installed, my XM or DVD playback is low or distorted. What do you suggest?**  
Check that nothing is connected to the AUX-GM3 jack (jack must be empty).

\*\* Any reference to remote CD changer is to those installed in lower dash, center armrest, hatch, trunk etc. GM AM/FM radios with built-in 6-CD is internal not external.



Example of required remote CD changer

Fig. 7

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- This product has no affiliation with GM
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- Whenever possible professional installation is recommended.

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