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UPGRADE YOUR CARAVAN RADIO With iPod Interface and Remote Control

Just imagine you are sitting relaxing in your caravan listening to the radio or cd , you need to change the volume or track and you then have to get up and go to the radio to make the change. A remote control would make life so much easier, would you like to listen to your iPod through your radio and control this also at the same time? Good news this can be done. It is easy enough to add remote and an iPod interface This very simple project does saves you effort of leaving your seat. Whilst this project is based on a Blaupunkt unit now being fitted to most Swift caravans there are similar components available for other makes. Refer to your radio handbook

You will need to purchase a Blaupunkt RC10H remote control and iPod interface . The Blaupunkt RC10H remote control is an infra-red, battery powered supplied with a sensing 'eye' and one meter connecting cable that plugs radio. This allows you to use the remote control anywhere in your van .

- Control - Volume up/down, Mute, Source select, Menu
- Tuner - Seek tuning, Travelstore, Scan, Preset stations
- CD - Track up/down, Fast cue, Review
- Cassette - Fast forward, Rewind, S-CPS, Scan
- CD Changer - Disc up/down, Track up/down, Fast cue, Review

iPod interface gives you the opportunity to connect the Apple iPod, iPod Mini and iPod Photo , you will need to create playlists on your iPod The Blaupunkt iPod interface allows you to control all the main functions of your iPod through the head unit, and the remote, including power on/off,

Before you undertake any work disconnect the caravan battery and turn off the mains. Firstly you will need to remove the radio from its housing, by use of the keys provided, simply remove the fascia slide the keys into the slots and pull straight out.

Fit the sensing eye in a convenient location so that you can route the cable to the back of the radio



The plugs for both components clip together and will fit into the spare socket on the back of the radio. Route the iPod plug to somewhere suitable.

Being careful not to trap the cables push the radio back into its housing.

Fit the batteries into the remote, reconnect the battery and check that it all works ok. You are now ready to sit back and relax.



This must be one of the simplest jobs to undertake on your caravan, and should take about 30 minutes, and no tools are required.



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