



AUX-FRDW

Quick Start Installation Guide for Select 1995-06 FORD with CD Changer

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Introduction:

Many Ford owners with optional CD Changers in trunk, hatch and even center dash will be pleased to know that the AUX-FRDW will allow them to connect a portable audio device without having to disconnect the Changer. **The AUX-FRDW auxiliary input requires and retains the External CD Changer**** to provide a 3.5mm (1/8") Audio jack to which the user can connect and play all kinds of audio devices including Smartphones, MP3 Players, iPod, Zune etc. while retaining use of the CD Changer. The AUX-FRDW is compatible with all 12-pin CD Changer plug in Ford, Lincoln, and Mercury external CD Changers as Seen in **Fig. 1** including vehicles with Navigation Systems.

Installation: (To CD Changer location)

This adapter connects to the **12-way connector** on the external CD Changer at Changer location (**not to Radio or RCU**) which means radio removal is not required.

1. Locate CD Changer

Note: Cable length for Changers in center armrest, under front seat, glove box etc. (Front) is 6 ft. and 10 ft. for Changers in hatch, trunk (Rear)

2. Remove any panels or carpet surrounding Changer and disconnect factory 12-way plug (See **Fig. 1**) from the CD Changer (See **Fig.2**)



Fig. 1
Ford 12-way plug



Fig. 2
Ford CD Changer

3. Connect factory 12-way plug removed from CD Changer to 12-way connector on adapter (See **Fig. 3**).



Fig. 3
12-way connector

4. Connect 12-way plug from Adapter harness to 12-way connector on CD Changer vacated in step 2 (See **Fig. 4**)

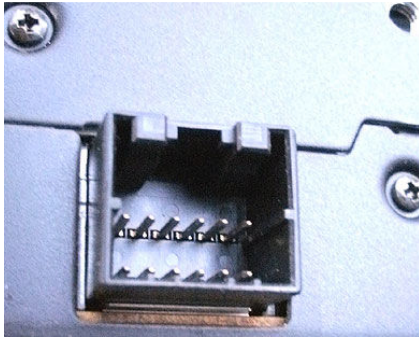


Fig. 4

12-way Changer connector

5. Carefully route audio jack (See **Fig. 4**) to a location on dash or nearby panel where it will be mounted (**within 6 or 10 ft.**) This location will vary based on vehicle and customer's preference



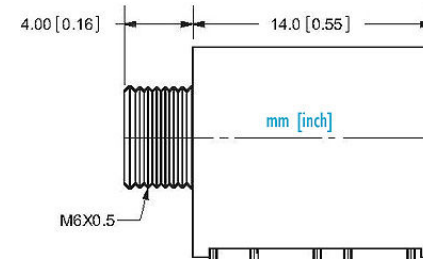
Fig. 4

Audio Jack

6. **Optional:** Drill a 1/4" hole in dash, push aux jack threaded end end through hole and secure to panel with nut (See **Fig. 5**)



Fig. 5



Warning! Should you decide to mount jack, make sure panel is no thicker than 1/8" to allow the threads to protrude and engage the nut. (If necessary use a dremel or sander to thin panel). Mounting the jack is not necessary but doing so makes for a stock appearance and easier to connect and disconnect your audio device.

Test Operation:

1. Turn Radio "ON"
2. Press "CD" button to enter CD Changer Mode
Note: At least one disc must be loaded in Changer
3. Music from Changer will begin to play
4. Connect Audio device to jack using supplied 3 ft. Audio cable (See Fig. 6) or similar. CD Changer playback is interrupted and music from Audio device is heard.



Fig. 6

3.5mm Male audio cable

5. Use radio volume control to set playback level

Warning! Playlist and Track selection is *NOT* possible from the Ford radio. You must use the audio devices built-in controls to access music files.

6. To listen to CD Changer, simply disconnect 3.5mm audio cable from jack and operate CD Changer as customary
7. If correct operation is confirmed go ahead and reinstall access panels around the CD Changer

Frequent asked questions

1. **Is the AUX-FRDW compatible with in-dash 6-CD Changer radio?**
YES; but an External (remote) CD Changer usually installed in the arm rest, hatch or trunk areas is also required.
2. **My vehicle has a CD Changer, but it does not work. Will the AUX-FRDW still function**
NO; In order for the adapter to work, radio must retain a CD Changer connection. Defective Changers do not retain that connection.
3. **My vehicles CD Changer is in the trunk but I would rather not have to run such a long cable back into the cabin. Is there another adapter that connects to the radio?**
Sorry, at present we don't offer an adapter that connects to the back of the Ford Radio (except in 2004-UP with 16-pin connectors).

** External or remote CD Changer refers to the optional Changer installed on the lower dash, center armrest, hatch, trunk etc. (external CD Changer is not the Changer built-into the head unit)

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