# PIE HON98/PD-POD iPod INTERFACE OWNER'S MANUAL

## INTRODUCTION

This product allows you to interface your iPod directly to the OEM (factory) radio in select Honda Group Vehicles. Using this interface, the iPod will take the place of the Honda CD Changer, noted you will see the difference in operations. The radio will be able to directly access your playlist (s), just like changing disc. If any playlist contain more than 100 tracks, the tracks will be divided into sub-folder of 100 tracks each. These folders are referred to as "BANKS".

The CD Changer function of the radio will be utilized to operate the iPod, allowing you to benefit from:

1. Charging of the iPod

2. Control of the iPod using the OEM (factory) radio buttons for track up/down, FF/REW, Scan, Repeat, etc. [Note: the HON98/PC-POD interface disables the iPod buttons, control is possible only from the Honda radio]

3. Direct audio connection for optimal sound quality

If a Honda external CD Changer is present, you must disconnect it before installing this interface.

## COMPATIBILITY

Use with one of the following iPods: iPod (G3/G4), Nano, Mini, Photo, Video models equipped with a dock connector. [Not compatible with iPod Shuffle and 1st and 2nd Generation (10G/15G) iPods.]

Note: The operation and functions of this interface described herein have only been confirmed with the following firmware versions (see apple.com/iPod for firmware updates*)

| iPod | iPod Nano | iPod Photo | iPod Video | iPod Mini |
|------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Firmware v2.3 | firmware 1.0 | Firmware 1.2 | firmware 1.0 | firmware v1.4 |
| **firmware v3.1 (G4)** | | | | |

*control functions may not remain the same after updating the iPod with firmware not specified in this manual

## PLAYBACK FUNCTIONS

**Track Up and Down**
The radio has "<SEEK>" buttons which will allow you to track up (SEEK ▶) and track down (◀ SEEK) through each track on the current playlist.

**Fast Forward and Fast Rewind**

The "<SEEK>" buttons, when pressed and held, will fast forward and fast rewind through the track currently playing.

## VEHICLE COMPATIBILITY

The HON98/PC-POD is compatible with the following vehicles if they are equipped with a 14 pin connector at the radio. It is important to verify that the radio in your car has the connectors otherwise this part will fit even if the vehicle M/Y is listed.

| **Honda** |
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| 1998-02 Accord |
| 1999-04 Civic |
| 1999-04 CRV |
| 1999-04 Odyssey |
| 1999-04 Prelude |
| 2000-03 S2000 |
| 2003-Up Element † |

**Notes:**
Not compatible with Honda Passport
† Some 2003-up Element may have include this HON98-style connector—**please verify connection on your radio prior to purchasing this part.**

## PLAYLIST NAMING

Once your iPod™ or iPod™ mini is connected to the interface, the radio will see all the playlist(s) as CD's. The HONDA radio will allow a maximum of 6 CDs/playlist (i.e. presets 1 - 6). **Therefore, you will need to name or rename your playlist(s) using the letters "CD" and the number corresponding to that preset. The entire library will automatically be stored in any unnamed/empty playlist (if any playlist is left unnamed/empty).**

The following is an example of correct playlist(s) naming:

| Preset #'s | Playlist(s) names |
| --- | --- |
| Preset 1 | CD1 |
| Preset 2 | CD2 |
| Preset 3 | CD3 |
| Preset 4 | CD4 |
| Preset 5 | CD5 |
| Preset 6 | CD6 |

The name of the playlist must be exactly as shown, CD must be in capital letters**, no spaces between letters and the corresponding number for that preset** must be present.
The following is an incorrect way of naming a playlist:

| | |
|---|---|
| Preset 1 | C_D1 |
| Preset 2 | CD |
| Preset 3 | C_D1hip-hop |

However, you may add any text after the correct name has been assigned.
The following is an example of correct playlist naming with additional text:

| | |
|---|---|
| Preset 1 | CD1 Salsa |
| Preset 2 | CD2 Rock |
| Preset 3 | CD3 Loves |
| Preset 4 | CD4 Jazz |
| Preset 5 | CD5 Classical |
| Preset 6 | CD6 R&B |

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### Fast Forward and Fast Rewind
The "<SEEK/SKIP>" buttons, when pressed and held, will fast forward and fast rewind through the track currently playing.

### Repeat
The REPEAT buttons engages repeat function ON and repeats song currently playing.
Repeat is also used on a step for Bank Viewing. (See Bank View Mode)

### Random
Pressing the "RANDOM" button of the radio will engage the iPod™ into random play mode. While in this mode, the radio will randomly play songs from the entire playlist. The track number will change to 1 and begin a new count in random play mode, just like it does on the iPod™ and iPod™ mini. The radio will continue to play this way until "RANDOM" is deactivated.

## READING THE RADIO'S DISPLAY

Your radio's track number display is only 2 characters long. If a playlist has more than 99 tracks, track numbers roll over (i.e. from track 99 to track 01). However, you may still keep track of what track number the iPod™ is playing using PIE's special feature called "Bank View" mode.

### Bank View Mode
Bank view mode allows you to use the track# display to show which Bank of songs you want to play (i.e. tracks 1-99, 100-199, 200-299 etc) depending on how many tracks are on each playlist.
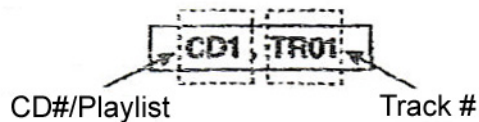
**To Engage Bank View Mode**

Pressing the "REPEAT" button twice (repeat on, repeat off), then turn RANDOM ON. The radio's track number display will show you which "BANK" you are currently playing. Use the "SEEK" button to change Bank #, to select a desired Bank, simply turn RANDOM OFF.

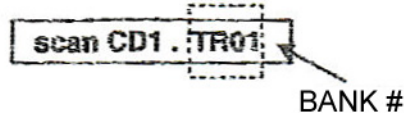BANK numbers are designated as follows:

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"T-01" = BANK 1     songs 1 - 99
"T-02" = BANK 2     songs 100 - 198
"T-03" = BANK 3     songs 199 - 297
"T-04" = BANK 4     songs 298 - 396
 Etc.         Etc.          Etc.
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## NOTE: When the HON98/PC-POD iPod Interface is connected the iPod buttons are disabled. You will NOT be able to control your iPod using the iPod buttons.



Radio's display while in normal mode:

CD1  TR01

CD#/Playlist          Track #

Radio's display while in "BANK VIEW" mode:

scan CD1 . TR01

BANK #

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Disconnect the negative battery terminal
2. Remove OEM radio and locate the 14-pin CD-Changer port
   Note: Factory data cable/CD changer must be disconnected, if present.
3. Connect the 14-pin connector of the interface harness to the 14-pin CD Changer port on the radio.
4. Connect BLAK wire of the interface harness to chassis ground (only if ticking or engine noise is present)
5. Connect the 10-pin Molex connector of the interface harness to the mating connector on the interface box
6. Connect the 13-pin DIN of the 4-foot dock-connector cable to the female 13-pin DIN of the interface box.
7. Route the dock-connector cable to the iPod location (i.e. center console, glove box etc) DO NOT CONNECT iPod YET.
8. Reconnect negative battery terminal

## CONNECTING THE iPod TO THE INTERFACE

Note: Radio and iPod must be ON.
1. Connect the routed 4 foot dock –connector cable to the iPod . The battery charging symbol will show next on the battery indicator.
2. Wait a few seconds while the iPod interface searches for all playlist(s), searching time may vary depending on the number or playlist(s)
3. After connecting the iPod or iPod mini to the interface, the iPod will show an "OK TO DISCONNECT" message. This message means the iPod or iPod mini is in external control mode and proper synchronization is done.
4. If a few minutes have passed and the message does not appear, please disconnect the iPod or iPod mini and reconnect.

## PERFORMING FUNCTION TEST

After the iPod or iPod mini has been successfully synchronized:
1. Turn the radio ON and press the "CD" button to engage CD-Changer/iPod mode. If the iPod is not connected to the interface, the radio will display "CD---------" which means CD-Changer magazine is ejected.
2. Once in CD-Changer/iPod Mode, the radio will display the first track or playlist/disc1 and starts to play.
3. Once the radio is in the right mode, simply track up and down buttons to change between songs.
4. Use the different preset buttons to change playlist (s)

Note: Everytime the iPod is connected to the interface; the play cycle starts on playlist 1 track 1. The "ON THE GO" feature of the iPod is not supported.