# USASPEC PA11-GM45 iPodma INTERFACE OWNER'S MANUAL 

## ABOUT THE PA11-GM45

The PA11-GM45 interface connects the iPod directly to GM audio system. Its on-board software translates commands from either your GM CD Changer controls into commands that the iPod understands. This interface enables the iPod to take place of a GM CD Changer and provides the following benefits:

1. Direct connection of the iPod to GM vehicle audio system for optimum sound quality
2. Control iPod playback with the CD Changer buttons on the GM radio AND/OR directly from the iPod buttons (direct mode)
3. Direct access and control of up to 5 favorite playlist (playlist mode)
4. Charge the iPod internal battery - includes auto-shut down features to prevent car battery-drain
5. Auxiliary audio input (connect additional audio devices and listed to them on the factory system)
6. Plug-n-play: includes installation cable, mounting screws and owner's manual.

This interface adapter is designed as an alternate replacement to the GM 6 disc CD Changer or slave unit in your GM vehicle. Therefore it is not possible to have a slave CD or 6 -disc CD Changer and the PA11GM45 iPod interface simultaneously connected to your GM radio.

## COMPATIBILITY

The PA11-GM45 interface is compatible with iPod (G3, G4, G5) iPod Mini, Nano, Photo, Video models featuring a dock connector. The functionality and features of the iPod interface described in this owner's manual are confirmed with software version:

| 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) |  |  |  |  |

Please visit www.apple.com/iPod and update the firmware on your iPod.
Future firmware updates for your iPod, iPod Mini, iPod photo or iPod video may affect the features and functions described in this owner's manual.

Important: Display of artist, song title information, track search and artist, song title, album or genre is not displayed on the GM radio. Only the Playlist number and track number are displayed on the radio. (CD Changer display mode)

## APPLICATIONS

The PA11-GM45 is applicable to the following GM vehicles/Radios with external CD changer controls.

| MAKE | MODEL | YEAR | Connecting notes and radio requirements |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cadillac | Catera $\dagger$ | 1997-01 | Prewired in right-rear trunk |
|  | Seville/Deville | 1997-01 | 1997-99 in right rear trunk or center console. <br> 2000-01 behind glove-box or console and will require the CAS- <br> GCAD7i cable |
|  | Escalade | 1999-02 | Connector at radio or slave CD/Cassette player |
| CHEVY | Astro/Cargo Van | 1997-05 | AMFNTTape radio with AUX only. Slave CD must be disconnected |
|  | Avalanche | 2002 | Connect behind radio |
|  | Blazer | 1997-01 | 9-pin at radio or slave tape unit, works with On-Star system |
|  | Camaro | 2000-02 | 1997-99 AM/FMTape radio with AUX only. Slave CD must be disconnected $\qquad$ |
|  | Impala/Monte Carlo | 1997-99 | AMFNWTape radio with AUX only. Slave CD must be disconnected |
|  | Malibu | 1997-00 | AMFNTTape radio with AUX only. Slave CD must be disconnected |
|  | S-10 Truck | 2000-01 | 9-pin at radio or slave tape unit, works with On-Star system |
|  | Silverado | 1997-02 | 9-pin at radio or slave unit, work with On-Star system |
|  | Suburban/Tahoe | 1997-02 | 1997-99 AMFFNTape radio with AUX only. Slave CD must be disconnected <br> 2000-02 9-pin at radio or slave unit. Works with On-Star system |
|  | Venture | 1997-99 |  |
| GMC | Jimmy | 2000-01 | 9-pin at radio or slave tape unit, works with On-Star system |
|  | Sonoma | 2000-01 | 9-pin at radio or slave tape unit, works with On-Star system |
|  | Safari | 1997-05 | ANFNWTape radio with AUX only. Slave CD must be disconnected |
|  | Cargo Van | 1997-05 | AMFNTTape radio with AUX only. Slave CD must be disconnected |
|  | Sierra | 1997-02 | 9-pin at radio or slave tape unit, works with On-Star system |
|  | Yukon/Denali | 1997-02 | Aux button. Works with On-Star System |
| Oldsmobile | Bravada | 1997-99 | ANFWTape radio with AUX only. |
|  | Silhouette | 1997-99 | AMFNTape radio with AUX only. |
| Pontiac | Bonneville | 1997-99 | AMFANTape radio with AUX only. Slave CD must be disconnected |
|  | Firebird | 1997-02 | AMFNTTape radio with AUX only. Slave CD must be disconnected |
|  | Grand Prix | 1997-02 | AMFNTTape radio with AUX only. Slave CD must be disconnected |
|  | Grand AM | 1997-00 | AMFANTape radio with AUX only. Slave CD must be disconnected |
|  | Montana | 1998-99 | AMFWNTape radio with AUX only. Slave CD must be disconnected |

$\dagger$ Vehicles must be pre-wired in right-rear trunk. If not, data cable (GM p/n 12484910) must be purchased from a dealer

## 1. PLAYLIST MODE, DIRECT MODE AND AUX. OPTION

The PA11-GM45 provides two ways to control your iPod through the car radio, namely Playlist Mode and Direct Mode.

1-1 DIRECT MODE: Search and select music on the iPod directly just as you would in portable use. Use the track up/down, fast forward and reverse buttons on your radio to control music playback. All control functions on the iPod will still be available. In other words, direct mode lets you have limited control from the radio and full iPod control using the iPod buttons. Please see section 2 of this manual for additional information. Music will playback through your car stereo.

1-2 PLAYLIST MODE: Operate and control the iPod as if it was a CD Changer. This mode allows you to access up to five playlist on the iPod. This is also referred to as External Control Mode. (See Playlist Naming in section 3 of this manual).

1-3 Dip switch \#2 on the PA11-GM45 interface is for mode selection. The "ON" position is for Playlist Mode and the "OFF" position is for Direct Mode. It is preset to "ON" (Playlist Mode) at the factory. When in Playlist Mode the iPod is switched to External Control Mode and neither the controls on the iPod nor the display are active-the iPod will displays "GM, OK TO DISCONNECT". Note: Disconnect the iPod from the PA11-GM before switching DIP switch \#2 from one mode to the other.

## 1-4 AUX ADDITIONAL "AUX INPUT OPTION" SELECTION

PA11-GM45 interface adapter is also capable of connecting an Auxiliary audio source to your GM radio, including the iPod. The additional audio source connects to the RCA input jack marked "AUX AUDIO INPUT". If you choose to use the "AUX AUDIO INPUT", DIP switch \#1 and \#2 at the side of the interface box must be set to the "OFF" position (it is preset to "ON" at the factory).

The audio source (XM radio, DVD player, MP3 Player, Game system etc.) connected to the "AUX AUDIO INPUT" can be accessed by selecting CD Changer mode, then CD 6 button on the GM radio. CD 1 to CD4 are for accessing Playlist and CD 5 is for accessing all songs on the iPod.

## 1-4 OPERATION OF THE AUXILIARY INPUT

If the "AUX AUDIO INPUT" option is selected, the radio will display "CD 6 Track 1" when DISC 6 button is pressed. Use "CD 6 Track 1" to access the audio source connected the "AUX AUDIO INPUT" port. Adjust VOLUME, BASS, and TREBLE etc. as you would normally do for the other program sources on the radio.

## 2. CONNECTING \& PLAYING THE iPod IN DIRECT MODE

When the iPod is connected to the PA11-GM45, the iPod's screen will go blank for a few seconds before returning to the normal screen display mode. The audio from the iPod will be played back at DISC 1 Track1. Adjust VOLUME, BASS, TREBLE etc as you normally do for the other programs sources on the radio.

WARNING!!
Use only the iPod connection cable (part no. CB-PA14) included with the PA11-GM interface. IPod connection cables from other sources may look similar, but using them may damage your iPod.

## 3. CONNECTING \& PLAYING THE iPod IN PLAYLIST MODE

### 3.1 CONNECTING THE iPod TO THE INTERFACE.

Turn on your GM radio before connecting the iPod. After connection, the iPod will take a few minutes to change to EXTERNAL CONTROL MODE. The iPod screen will then show:


You are now able to select iPod mode.

### 3.2 SELECTING iPod MODE ON GM RADIOS

Press the "AUX" or "SOURCE" button on the radio repeatedly until "CD1-x" appears on the radio display ( x is the track number for "NOW PLAYING" song on the iPod). This display confirms that iPod mode has been completely synchronized and activated. Synchronization timing varies according to the number of playlist on your iPod. If the iPod was playing previous to turning the Radio's ACC power OFF, and the iPod was not disconnected, playback resumes from where it stopped.

## 3-3. DISCONNECTING THE iPod FROM THE INTERFACE

If your iPod is disconnected during playback, the radio will automatically switch to AMFM mode. After disconnecting the iPod from the interface, wait until the iPod screen changes from External Control Mode screen back to the normal menu before attempting to reconnect to the interface. TIP: Press and hold the Play/Pause button on the iPod to get the normal menu back faster.

## 3-4. PLAYING SONGS ON THE iPod

All audio tracks on your iPod will be played (All Play) at DISC 1. Track order is determined by the default order on your iPod. If the AUX. option is not selected, selecting DISC 2 to DISC 6 on your GM radio will allow playback of 5 playlist on the iPod. Every time the iPod is connected to the interface, playback begins at the "Now Playing" song at DISC 1 by default.
If the iPod was playing any of its playlist right before connection, the same playlist will continue to play and repeated at DISC 1 but the iPod will switch to "ALL" as soon as the $\mathbf{F F}(\boldsymbol{\nabla})$ button is pressed.

## 3-5 SELECTING A PLAYLIST

Press "PROG" or " 5 " (DISC UP) to select a playlist. The selected playlist will begin playing and the playlist number and track number will be displayed. In rare cases, this may take up to a few seconds to complete synchronization. After playing the last song in the current playlist, playback will start again from the first track in the current playlist.

## 3-6 PLAYLIST NAMING

Once the $\mathrm{iPod}^{\text {TM }}$ is connected to your GM radio via the PA11-GM45, the interface will scan all available playlist on the iPod ${ }^{\text {Tm }}$ and looks for designated " $\mathrm{GM}^{\prime \prime}$ playlists which are created for direct access using the "DISC" buttons on the GM radio. The designated "GM" playlist are related to "DISC" number in the following manner:

| Preset \#'s | Playlist(s) names |
| :---: | :--- |
| DISC1 | ""ll Songs on the iPod" |
| DISC2 | "GM2" |
| DISC3 | "GM3" |
| DISC4 | "GM4" |
| DISC5 | "GM5" |
| DISC6 | "GM6" |

Naming a playlist in iTunes ${ }^{T \mathrm{TM}}$ for the PA11-GM45 iPod interface must be exactly as shown. "GM" must be in Capital letters and there can be no spaces between "GM" text and the "DISC" number. However, you may add any text after the correct name and number has been assigned. The following is an example of correct playlist naming with additional text:

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DISC2
"GM2 Love"
DISC3 "GM3_Discount"
DISC4 "GM4_Car"
DISC5 "GM5_Stereo"
DISC6 "GM6_Customer Service"
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Note: If no designated "GM" playlist were created, the PA11-GM45 interface automatically relate the first five playlist on the iPod to DISC number 2 to 6 regardless of playlist naming.

If less than five designated "GM" playlist were created, the PA11-GM45 interface automatically fills up the rest of the DISC numbers beginning with the first available playlist on the iPod.
Example: If only three designated "GM2", "GM4" and "GM6" playlists were created, the DISC numbers on the radio would be:

| DISC1 | "GM2" |
| :--- | :--- |
| DISC2 | (1t available playlist on the iPod) |
| DISC3 | "GM4" |
| DISC4 | (2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ available playlist on the iPod) |
| DISC5 | "GM6" |

Note: The PA11-GM45 does not recognize a playlist that contains no audio tracks regardless of playlist naming. The PA11-GM45 does not recognize the "On-The-Go" playlist on your iPod.

## 4. PLAYBACK FUNCTION CONTROLS

You can control playback with several functions. These functions are generally cancelled when you press select radio buttons; disconnect the iPod, or POWER OFF the radio or ACC.

SCAN
Press the "SCAN" button, each track in the current playlist will play for 10 seconds. If "SCAN" is pressed at DISC 6, all songs on the iPod will be scanned.

## RANDOM (Shuffle)

Press the "RDM" button on the radio; songs within a playlist will playback in random order. The track number display will change to start from 1 as it does on the iPod. The radio will continue to play this way until "RDM" is deactivated.

## REPEAT

Repeating a song is NOT supported.

## TRACK UP/DOWN

Press the "NEXT" button to advance to the next track in the playlist. Press the PREV button to move to the beginning of the track being played. Press the track down button twice to return to the previous track. If the Track $\rightarrow$ and /or Track $\boldsymbol{4}$ buttons are pressed quickly in repetition, the track numbers display may change unevenly. You may also hear short bits of audio during repeated presses of the track up/down buttons.

Note: GM radios currently display a maximum of two digits for track number, Track number 100 will be displayed as 01 , track 101 displayed as 02 , track 102 as $03 \ldots$

## FAST TRACK SEARCH (x10)

Press the "FWD" (fast forward) or "REV" (fast reverse button) to advance or retreat through the track in the playlist in increments of 10 (i.e. $04,14,24 \ldots$ ). When the end of the playlist is reached, the search will stop at track 1, and then continue by increments of 10 (i.e. 19, 29, 1, 11...).
Press and hold the fast forward or fast reverse button for more than 4 seconds; the search will jump to the last track or the first track of the playlist. If you are in scan mode, the mode will be cancelled.

## FAST FORWARD/FAST REVERSE PLAY

This function applies only in RANDOM mode. Since engaging or disengaging the random mode does not stop playback of the current song, you must go in or out of Random mode to do the fast track search (x10) function, or the fast forward/fast backward play function. Press and hold the fast forward or fast reverse button causes the current track to skip through at high speed. During fast forward, when the end of the current track is reached, the iPod will start playing the next random track at normal speed. During fast backward, when the start of the current track is reached, the track will start playing again at normal speed. To continue fast forward or fast reverse play, release the button and press it again.

## CHANGING SOURCE TO AM/FM/CD/CASSETTE

When a source other than the iPod (i.e. Radio, Cassette etc) is selected on the radio, the iPod will pause.

## 5. INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Remove radio from dash
2. Disconnect existing CD Changer from the radio if there is one.
3. Unplug the 9-pin connectors from the radio and connect them to the white connector of the CAS-GSOS cable
4. Connect the black 9-pin connector of the CAS-GCOS cable to the back of the radio and connect the other end of the CAS-F12 cable
5. If using the CAS-GCAD7i adapter cable: Connect the prewired 10 -pin connector to the 10-pin end and connect the round DIN connector to the PA11-GM45 "Radio" connector) and proceed to step 7.
6. Connect the round DIN connector on the CAS-F12 cable to the PA11-GM45 "Radio" connector. ( Only connect your iPod to the PA11-GM45 after this installation step is completed)
7. If AUX. is required, set DIP Switch \#1 to the "OFF" position and connect the audio output of you auxiliary device to the interface "AUX input jack
8. Set DIP switch \#2 to "OFF" only if Direct Mode is preferred
9. Connect the CB-PA14 cable to the PA11-GM45 "iPod" connector
10. Reinstall radio to the dash

More installation details are available here:
www.discountcarstereo.com/gm_ipod_installation.htm

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