



## **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 the AUX-FRDW will allow them to connect a portable audio device without having to disconnect the Changer. **The AUX-FRDW auxiliary input jack requires and retains the External/remote 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 connects to the 12-pin CD Changer plug in Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Nissan and Jaguar with external/remotely mounted CD Changers including vehicles with Navigation Systems. *Remotely mounted CD Changers are not referencing those within the radio. (Radio may have a built-in Changer, but a remote CD Changer is still required for this cable to work)*

## Installation: (At CD Changer location)

This adapter connects to the **12-pin plug (See Fig. 1) at the external 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 surround near Changer and disconnect factory 12-pin plug (See Fig. 1) from CD Changer (See Fig.2)



**Fig. 1**  
Ford 12-way plug



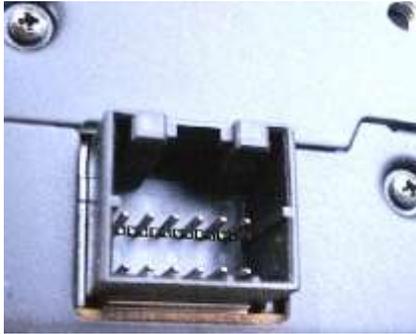
**Fig. 2**  
Ford CD Changer

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



**Fig. 3**  
12-way connector

4. Connect 12-pin plug from Adapter cable to CD Changer (See Fig. 4)



**Fig. 4**

12-pin connector on CD Changer

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



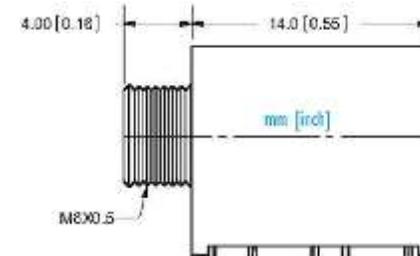
**Fig. 4**

Audio Jack

6. **Optional:** Drill a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " hole in dash, push aux jack threaded 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  $\frac{1}{8}$ " 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 Magazine**
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 (See Fig. 6) from jack (See Fig. 4)** and operate CD Changer as customary. Jack must be completely empty when listening to CD otherwise **noise will be introduced into the system.**
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 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 2004-Up 16-pin radios).
4. **There is feedback noise when I play CD's. Is the cable defective?**  
Usually this means you have left the audio cable (See Fig. 6) connected to the jack (See Fig. 4). Please **disconnect audio cable from jack** (jack must be empty) during CD playback.
5. **Do you offer a wireless solution for these vehicles with CD Changer?**  
**YES, See our [A2D-FRDW](#)**

\*\* 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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