



# BT2-C5

## AUDIO STREAMING MODULE INSTALL GUIDE FOR 1997-04 CORVETTE

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## PRODUCT SAFETY & DISCLAIMER

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE INSTALLING, FAILURE TO DO SO MAY CAUSE PERSONAL INJURY OR DAMAGE TO PRODUCT AND/OR PROPERTY

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## REQUIREMENT

1997-04 CORVETTE AM/FM/CD AND AM/FM/TAPE RADIOS WITH AUX BUTTON

## Introduction

The BT2-C5 module adds music streaming capabilities to C5 Theftlock CD or Tape radios (Bose and non-Bose). User has the option to install this module behind radio cavity OR (if pre-wired), to the 10-pin CD plug in trunk/hatch. Irrespective of install location, the BT2-C5 replaces factory 12-disc changer (if present).- If vehicle has a CD changer and you wish to retain it; Purchase our [BTA-C5](#) instead.

**Alert:** The BT2-C5 supports music streaming via Bluetooth, but **does NOT** support hand-free calls (HPF). Purchase our [BT3-C5](#) for hands-free and music streaming. For more, see frequently asked question at the end of this guide.

## Installation 1: For radio/behind dash installs only



Selecting "install at radio" option means the module is to be connected to the 20-pin plug/connector behind the dash/radio. **If vehicle has a 12-disc CD changer in trunk/hatch, it must be disconnected from the 10-pin plug in trunk or hatch.**

Before getting started, we highly recommend disconnecting the negative battery terminal for 20-30 minutes. If vehicle has a 12-disc changer, please disconnect it from the 10-pin plug in trunk/hatch

1. Remove radio from dash to gain access to the factory plug  
*Click links below for help removing radio:*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GcrlufoIctc>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTbWYNJTSDs>
3. With radio removed, release the 20-pin black/gray plug by pressing down on black release tab (See Fig. 1)



Fig. 1

4. Connect 20-pin black/gray plug (from step 2), to mating 20-pin socket (white) on installation harness (See Fig. 2).

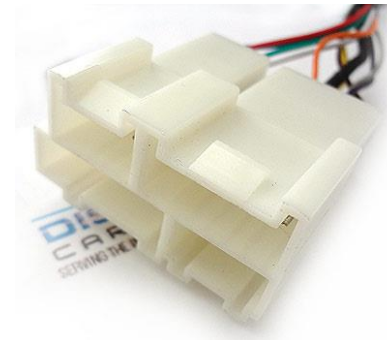


Fig. 2

5. Connect installation harness 20-pin black/gray plug (See Fig. 3) to radio 20-pin socket vacated in step 3

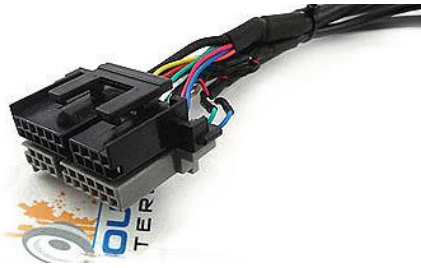


Fig. 3



Fig. 4

6. Connect installation harness 16-pin plug (See Fig. 4) to module 16-pin connector (See Fig. 5)
- Alert:** Ensure the 16-pin plug is fully seated and locked in place
7. Tuck and secure any extra wires away from moving parts and skip to **Pairing** on page 6

## Installation 2: For trunk/hatch installs only



Selecting this option means the module is to be connected/installed to the 10-pin "CD" [plug](#) in trunk/hatch and also **requires routing the accessory wire (red) from trunk/hatch to fuse panel in passenger foot well.**

**Before getting started, we highly recommend disconnect negative battery terminal for 20-30 minutes and during installation.**

1. Locate factory 10-pin CD plug in trunk or hatch area (See Fig. 4)
- Alert:** if vehicle has a 12-disc CD changer (See Fig. 5); it must be disconnected. To retain CD changer, purchase our [BTA-C5](#) instead.



Fig. 5

2. Connect factory 10-pin CD plug (See Fig. 6) to installation harness mating 10-pin socket (white) (See Fig. 6)

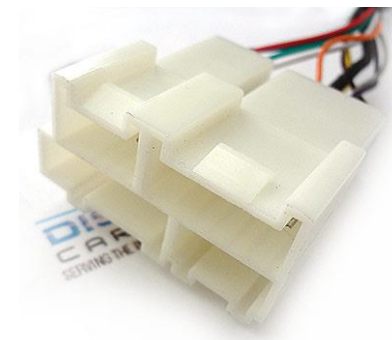


Fig. 6

3. Route installation harness accessory wire (See Fig. 9) into cabin and connect to a 12V accessory (switched) supply.

**Alert:** The factory 10-pin CD plug does not have a 12V switched wire.  
(Do not connect red wire to battery supply)



Fig. 7

## Where to get 12V Switched power in C5 Corvette

We have 3 suggestions as to where to connect the installation harness red accessory (switched) wire:

1. 1997-03 vehicles include a 3-pin plug under passenger toe board/near BCM (may be covered in black duct tape) -- See Fig. 8

Yellow wire is ACC (Switched). If vehicle does not have 3-pin plug (e.g. 2004); go to suggestions #2 & #3 below.

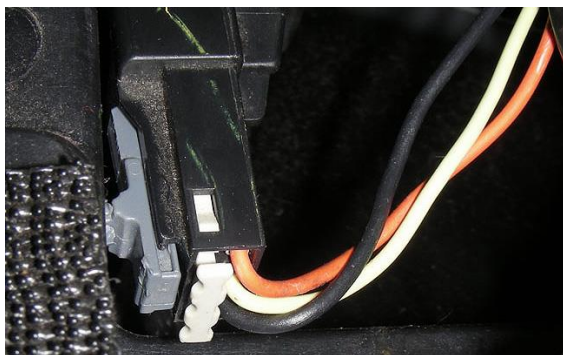


Fig. 8

**Alert:** 2004 C5 does not have a 3-pin power plug.

## 2. Convertibles:

It is also possible to get 12V "switched" power from factory antenna wiring behind passenger trunk area. Simply pull carpet away and locate 3-pin wire plug (orange, pink, black) (See Fig. 9). The **pink wire** is switched and will power module when radio is turned on/off. Tap/splice installation harness red wire (See Fig. 7) to pink on 3-pin plug.



Fig. 9

3. Fuse #11, 22, 23 from interior fuse box under passenger toe board (See Fig. 12).

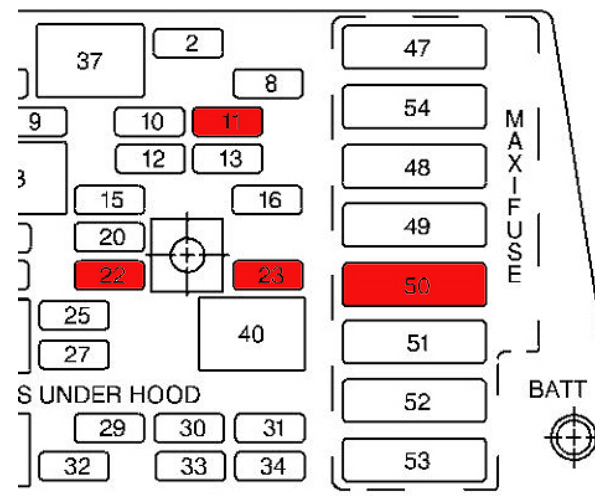


Fig. 10

interior fuse layout (yours may differ slightly)

The [mini-tap](#) circuit seen in Fig. 10 is included for this purpose.

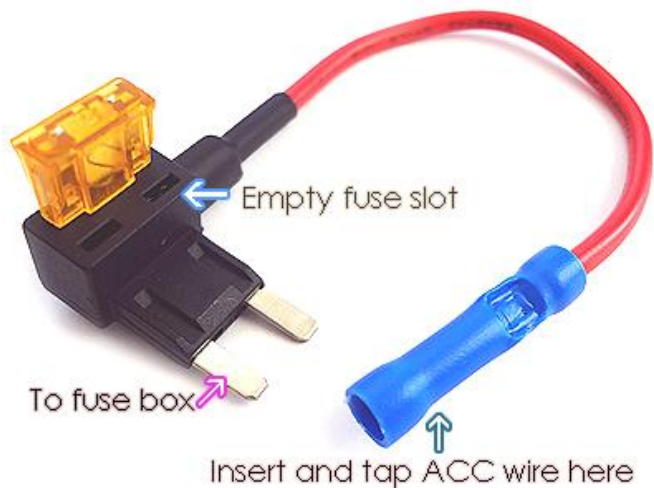


Fig. 11

## Add-a-fuse tap wiring instructions

**Alert:** Fuse tap not required (included) for trunk/hatch installs

1. Strip 1/4- 3/8" insulation from accessory wire (See Fig. 7)
2. Insert stripped wire into blue butt connector (See Fig. 11)
3. Hold wire in place and crimp (crimping tool, pliers etc.) After crimping, **verify crimp integrity by pulling on wire.**
4. Go to fuse box (See Fig. 11) and remove factory fuse #11 or #22  
If either fuse slot is empty (has no fuse); skip to **step 6.**
5. Insert factory fuse to empty slot on add-a fuse tap (See Fig. 11)
6. Insert add-a-fuse blades into fuse box slot #11 or #22 vacated in step 4

**Alert:** If vehicle fuse slot #11, #22 etc. was empty, the empty fuse slot on add-a-fuse circuit remains empty (See Fig. 11).

7. Reconnect battery negative terminal.

## Pairing

Pairing process varies among devices but the basic steps are the same. This process is done upon initial install and will not have to be repeated.

1. Turn ignition and radio "ON"
2. From your Bluetooth enabled device, turn the Bluetooth ON and search for Bluetooth devices.
3. When a list of available Bluetooth devices appears on your Bluetooth device, select "DisCarSt" (See Fig. 12)
4. Confirmation "tone" is heard on car speakers.
5. The unit will automatically enter the BT Audio source and you can now start streaming audio from your Bluetooth enabled device.

Note: If the mobile phone doesn't support SSP (Simple Secure Pairing) Profile, please enter the pass code of "0000"

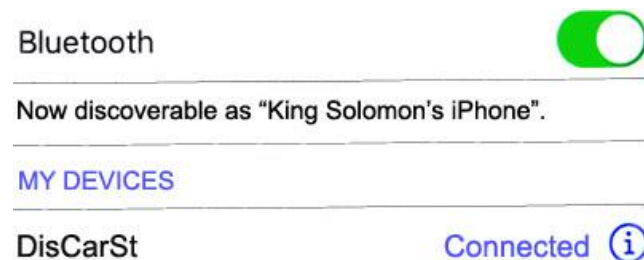


Fig. 12

Notes:

1. Supports multiple phone pairings but connects to one phone at a time. If for some reason phone fails to pair, ensure no other has paired and unpair it.
2. If needed, Bluetooth name (ID) shown above can be changed on most Android and iPhones. To change, open Bluetooth settings, properties, rename.

**Warning:** Caller ID, song name etc. are **not shown on radio screen.**

## Bluetooth operation

1. Turn ignition to "ACC", turn the radio ON
2. Press "TAPE/AUX" OR "CD/AUX" button on radio (See Fig. 16) to enter Bluetooth mode. (See Fig. 17)



Fig. 13



Fig. 14

3. Open streaming application (e.g., Spotify, Deezer, Apple music etc.)
4. The application should now be heard on car speakers or adjust volume.
5. To track up; press the radio **SEEK >** or **NEXT** button
6. To track back; press the radio **< SEEK** or **PREV** button (See Fig. 15)

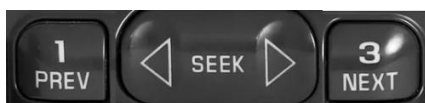


Fig. 15

7. If correct operation is confirmed, re-install radio/panels.

## Feature comparison

Bluetooth Hands-free calls + audio streaming (A2DP)—See table 1. Audio streaming (no Hands-free) and AUX- See Table2

For complete comparison chart, [click here](#)

Table 1

Modules	<a href="#">BTH-CD</a>	<a href="#">BT3-C5</a>	<a href="#">BTH-C5</a>	<a href="#">BTA-C5</a>
Retains changer playback	YES	NO	YES	YES
Requires working CD changer	YES	NO	YES	YES
Audio input jack (Aux in)	*	NO	NO	NO
USB charging port	Built-in	Built-in	Built-in	Built-in
<b>Hands-free calling (HPF)</b>	YES	YES	YES	NO
<b>Music Streaming (A2DP)</b>	YES	YES	YES	YES
Installs/connect to radio	YES	YES	YES	YES
Installs/connect in trunk/hatch	NO	NO	NO	YES
Wireless remote control	included	NO	included	Included
Controls from radio buttons	NO	YES	NO	NO

Table 2

Modules	<a href="#">BTA-C5</a>	<a href="#">BLU-C5</a>	<a href="#">BT2-C5</a>	<a href="#">DCS-GM4</a>
Retains changer playback	YES	NO	NO	NO
Requires working CD changer	YES	NO	NO	NO
Audio input jack (Aux in)	NO	NO	NO	YES
USB charging port	Built-in	Built-in	NO	YES
<b>Hands-free calling (HPF)</b>	NO	NO	NO	NO
<b>Music Streaming (A2DP)</b>	YES	YES	YES	NO
Connection (To Radio)	YES	YES	YES	YES
Connection (trunk)	YES	YES	YES	YES
Wireless remote control	YES	NO	NO	NO
Controls from radio buttons	NO	YES	YES	YES†

\*Optional (Select from product order page)

\*\* Google Voice recognition possible with optional remote control

† for devices that support TRSS (only for modules installed at radio)



## Frequently asked questions & troubleshooting

1. Does the BT2-C5 require a 12-disc CD changer to work?  
**NO;** If vehicle has a 12-disc changer **it must be disconnected** or purchase our [BTA-C5](#) to retain it.
2. What is the difference between the BT2-C5 and BLU-C5?  
The BT2-C5 does not include a USB charging port and the BLU-C5 does.  
[Click here for comparison chart](#)
3. Can I install the BT2-C5 without removing radio?  
**YES;** but only if vehicle has a 10-pin "CD" plug (See **Fig. 6**) in trunk/hatch. To install BLU-C5 without removing radio, **select trunk/hatch install options from drop down.** See question 6.
4. Does installing the BT2-C5 disable the CD player built-into radio?  
**NO.** The BT2-C5 adds music streaming to existing system and does not interfere with operation of the CD player built-into radio. Separate 12-disc CD changer (if present) must be disconnected or purchase our [BTA-C5](#)
5. Is it possible to install the BT2-C5 at the radio instead of trunk/hatch?  
**YES;** select "Installs at radio" from options in drop-down and follow installation 1 on page 2.
6. I am installing the BT2-C5 in the trunk. Why do I need to route an accessory wire if the CD plug already has a power supply wire? Can I just connect the red wire to the 12V wire on the 10-pin CD plug?  
**Short answer is NO.** There is no accessory (switched) wire on the 10-pin "CD" plug and because of that; all installs in trunk/hatch requires running included accessory wire (red) to fuse panel under passenger toe board or tapping antenna wire in trunk (convertibles). This module will not work as described if accessory wire (red) is connected to 12V battery supply (always on) which also risk battery drainage.
7. Is it easier to remove radio to install module or run accessory wire to passenger toe board?  
It is probable easier (faster) to run accessory wire to toe board. Removing radio is more time consuming. Please weigh these options when deciding on install location. **Please also check that your vehicle has a 10-pin CD plug prior to ordering.**

8. How do I remove radio from dashboard?  
Please click video links below for help removing radio:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GcrlufoIctc>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTbWYNJTSDs>
9. With ignition "OFF", radio remain powered will I be able to stream?  
The BT2-C5 when installed at the radio remain powered for up to 10 minutes after ignition switch is turned OFF or opening driver's door. The same applies if module is connected to the antenna (pink wire) in at the rear. Unfortunately, trunk/hatch installs powered by fuse box, will turn on/off with ignition key.
10. This module does not support hands-free calls, so what happens when the phone rings?  
When phone rings, streaming mutes; call number announced on car speakers (must be enabled on phone). Answer call using handset as customary. When call ends streaming resumes.
11. I've connected module at the radio, but when in "Bluetooth" mode I hear both streaming and CD changer. What could be wrong?  
For the BT2-C5 to work as described, the 12-disc changer in trunk/hatch **must be disconnected.** Please go to trunk/hatch and disconnect 10-pin plug from CD changer.
12. How do I know if vehicle has BOSE?  
Check the speaker grills for logo. See **Fig. 16**



System logo found on speaker grills  
**Fig. 16**

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