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IPOD Retrofit in A, B, C, CLK, ML, GL, R Class & MY2009 E/CLS

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This document contain details of how to install the Mercedes IPOD interface in a Mercedes A (W169), B, facelift C (W203), new C (W204), facelift CLK (W209), ML (W164), GL and R class vehicle that has COMAND APS, MCS-II, Audio 50 APS, Audio 20 CD or cars with the new MY2009 audio systems already installed.

Installing the IPOD interface on other models is different and more complex because wires have to be run to the fusebox and the rear of the vehicle.

Fitting IPOD interface on a car without COMAND APS, Audio-50-APs or Audio 20-CD, MCS-II is almost identical to the process described below, but a different IPOD kit is required as the wiring connectors are different.

Installing the Mercedes IPOD interface in a car with COMAND APS should take about one hour, but if the car does not have the phone system installed it will require coding by the Mercedes dealer or independent workshop with Star Diagnosis to enable the steering wheel controls to operate the IPOD.

All the pictures in this document are from European Right Hand Drive vehicles. Installation of the IPOD kit into LHD vehicles are no different (apart from glovebox is on the other side, of course).

Model Year 2009. In mid 2008 the Mercedes audio systems were facelifted, COMAND-APS became Hard Disk based, and the units changed considerably - on these cars you can fit the

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basic iPod kit which is controlled in the same way as pre MY2009 cars, or the Media Interface which is controlled from the COMAND itself. Media Interface retrofit is described in other documents on this website.

The pictures are of the pre MY2009 parts, the MY2009 parts look almost identical (the wiring loom is slightly different). This means that the W211/W219/R171 E/CLS/SLK installs are much simpler as all the work is at the front of the car.

Tools needed (with MB part numbers where appropriate).

1. Torx TX25 driver
2. Plastic Wedge (W110 589 0359 00)
3. Small flat screwdriver
4. Pulling hooks (A, B,C, CLK only) (W140 589 0233 00)

Parts needed.

Amount	Part Number	Description and Notes
0/1	B6 782 4254	IPOD Interface for A/B/old C/CLK/ML/GL/R NOT MY2009
0/1	A204 870 28 90	IPOD Interface for new C class (W204)
0/1	B6 782 4502	IPOD Interface for MY2009 A/B/CLK/CLS/E/ML/GL/R/CLC - inc. lineamp
0/1	A204 870 39 94	IPOD lineamp for W204 without Harmon Kardon
0 or 1	B6 782 4501	IPOD cradle for glovebox
4	-	Sticky pads to hold cradle in place

Parts Notes

Please support this site by buying your genuine Mercedes iPod kit & cradle from the [Comand Online Webshop](#) - pricing is lower than our UK & Irish Mercedes Benz dealers.

If you want someone to install this then see my *Mercedes retrofit specialist* document on [Mercupgrades.com](#)

If you are purchasing the iPod kit from a Mercedes dealer just ask for the latest version for your particular car.

The iPod line amp increase the iPod volume and is required on the W204 new C Class without Harmon Karden sound system. We have found it works very well on all the iPod kits and suggest that you seriously consider installing it.

Installation:

There are a number of steps, which are explained further below.

1. Remove Glovebox (not on C/CLC/CLK)
2. Remove Kick panel below glovebox (C/CLC/CLK)
3. Remove Audio Head Unit
4. Make / Open hole in glovebox
5. Install wiring loom from glovebox to interface
6. Install wiring loom from interface to head unit



7. Connect & Install interface & optional line amplifier
8. Test & Reassemble
9. Have dealer code vehicle if car does not have phone system already

1) Remove Glovebox

We need to get access to get the IPOD wire into the glovebox.

W169 A, W245 B Class:

If you have no CD changer you may be able to push the cables through the hold in bottom corner on the side near the centre. If you do have a CD changer then you will have to remove the CD changer in order to file the plastic bracket so the IPOD cable can pass behind it and out into the centre of the glovebox. You can probably do this without removing the glovebox by just pulling the CDC bracket forward - but if it is too tough you may have to undo the glovebox.

Remove the cover above the passenger footwell below the glovebox, there are two TORX screws on the front edge, once removed the cover drops slightly and slides towards you. If you have the interior lights package you will have to unclip the light, or the power to the light as you remove the cover.

If you have the CD changer installed, pull the bracket with the CD changer forward from the middle of the glovebox. You will have to reach round and release the power and fibre connectors. The picture below shows those connectors on the back of the CD changer bracket. The power connector pulls out, the fibre one has a catch which you can see on the yellow dust cover plug on the left.



Remove the two TORX screws that hold the bottom of the glovebox that are now visible - you can see the top of part of one of them in the picture below (left most red highlighted area).

Open the glovebox and remove the small panel with the airbag sticker on it that is normally hidden by the door. You will probably have to pull off the door frame seal around the area of the panel.

Remove the TORX screw for the side of the glovebox (2nd from left in picture below)

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