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**HELP INSTALLING THE RNS MFD2**

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#1

provider

Go Kart Champion

Drives: GTI 09  
Join Date: Oct 2008  
Location: Toronto  
Posts: 42

HELP INSTALLING THE RNS MFD2

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Attached Images



QUOTE

11-29-2008, 09:21 PM

#2

JetTurbo

geezer



Drives: '06 GTI (US)  
Join Date: Feb 2007  
Location: Cincinnati, OH USA  
Posts: 2,541

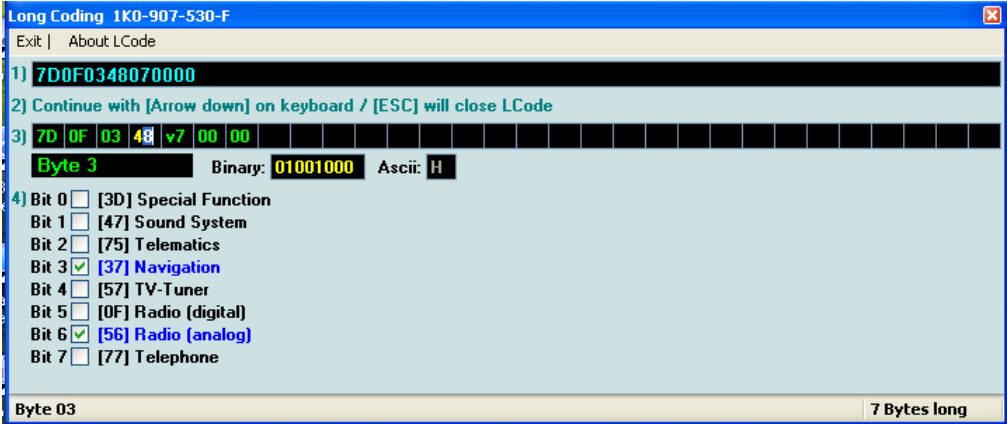
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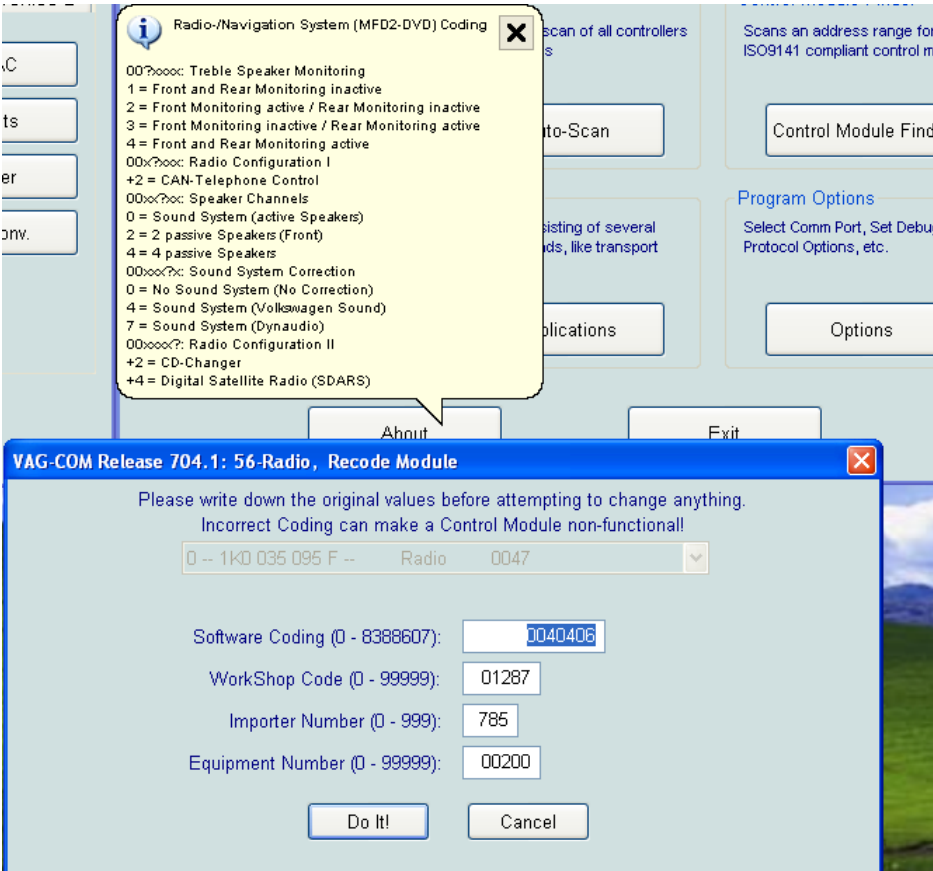
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It should work without any VAG changes according to others who have made the upgrade.  
Having said that, there are some places in the controllers where it would make sense to make VAG-COM updates.  
CAN-Gateway byte 3, bit 3



The radio section of the NAV may also benefit from updates to sound system type, speaker type, sat radio presence, CD Changer (iPod adaptor) presence and bluetooth module presence.



2006 US Mk5 GTI



Drives: '06 GTI (US)  
Join Date: Feb 2007  
Location: Cincinnati, OH  
USA  
Posts: 2,541

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2006 US Mk5 GTI





11-30-2008, 11:30 AM

#4

**provider**Go Kart  
ChampionDrives: GTI 09  
Join Date: Oct  
2008  
Location: Toronto  
Posts: 42

Quote:

Originally Posted by **JetTurbo**

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Thanks.

QUOTE

11-30-2008, 12:22 PM

#5

**JetTurbo**

geezer

Drives: '06 GTi  
(US)  
Join Date: Feb  
2007  
Location:  
Cincinnati, OH USA  
Posts: 2,541
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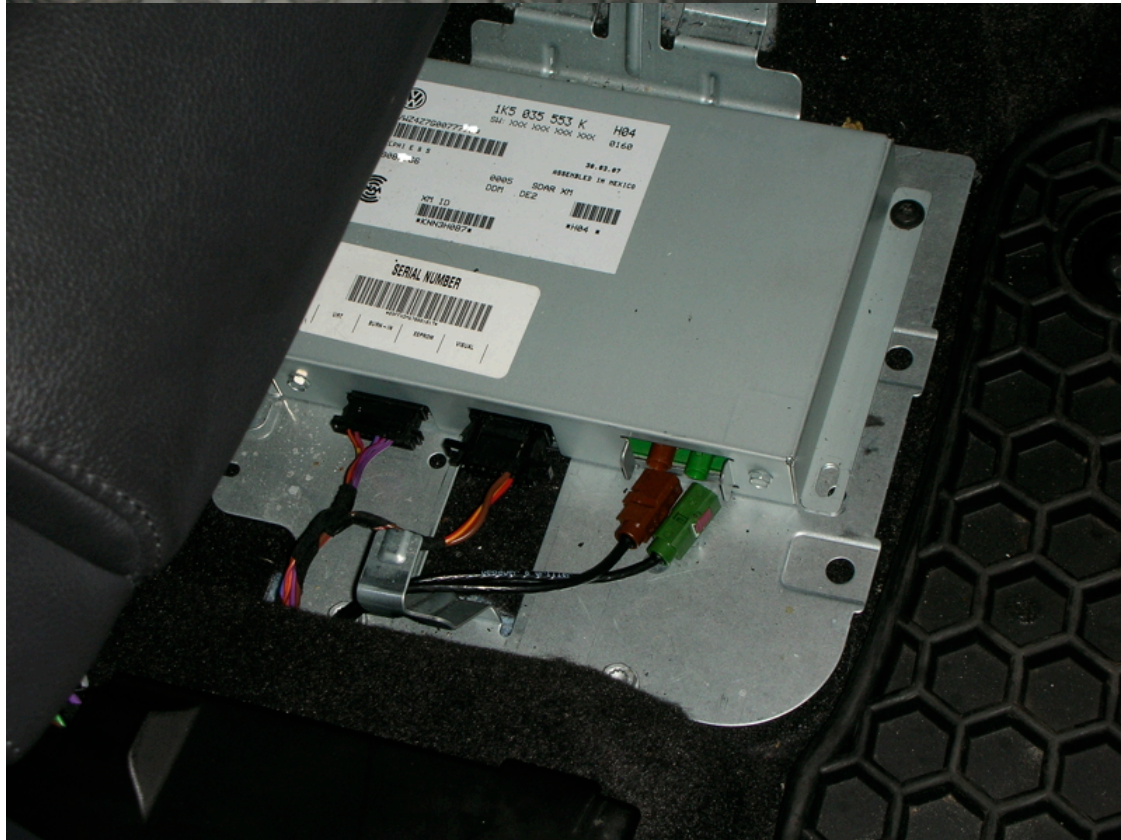
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- Telephone

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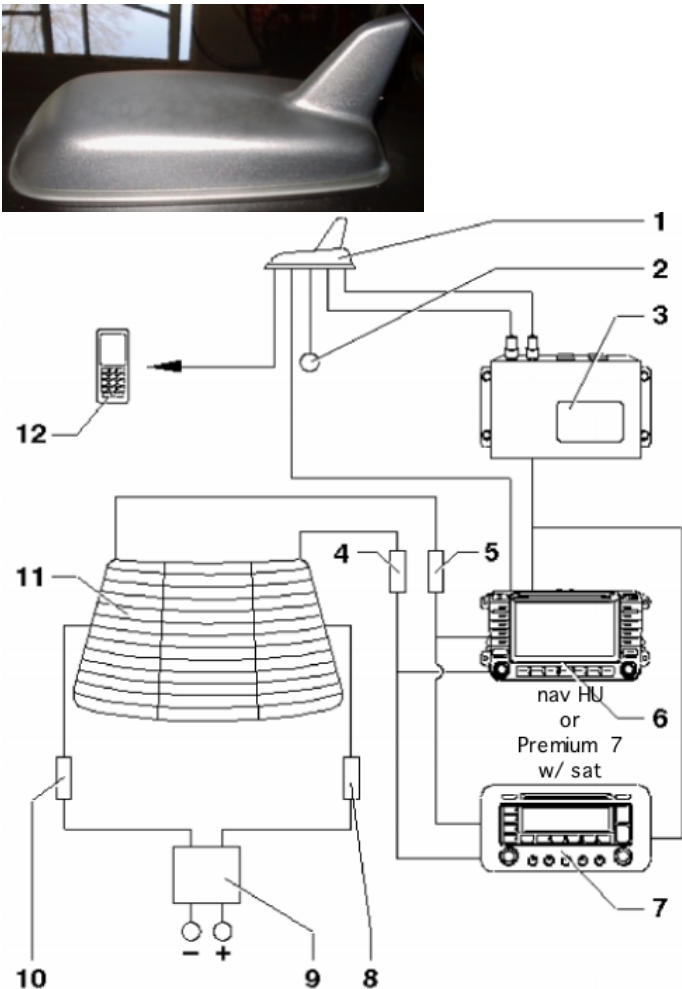
(Aux and iPod dock are separate inputs on the **MFD2** DVD, unlike the Premium 7 which is either / or).

The satellite tuner for an **MFD2** DVD is an accessory module bolted under the passenger seat in US spec Mk V Rabbit / GTI. (The newer RNS-510 has built in Sirius eliminating the external tuner box).

My 2006 XM tuner is the older two antenna style, newer cars may have only one.



FYI here is a diagram of the systems antennas that shows the external satellite tuner box. Analog antennas are coated on the inside of the rear glass - one AM/FM and one FM only antenna to support diversity. Digital antennas are on the roof - satellite radio and nav GPS antenna.



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11-30-2008, 12:58 PM

#6

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ChampionDrives: GTI 09  
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Location: Toronto  
Posts: 42

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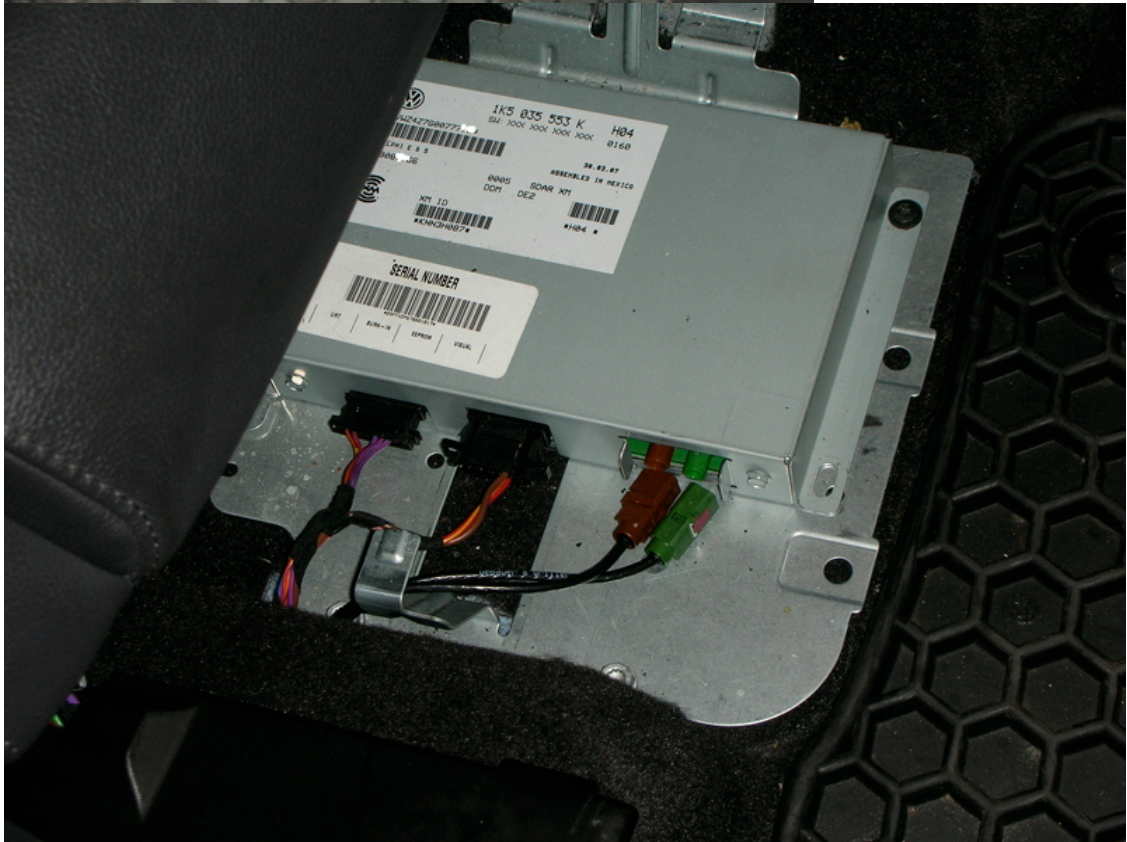
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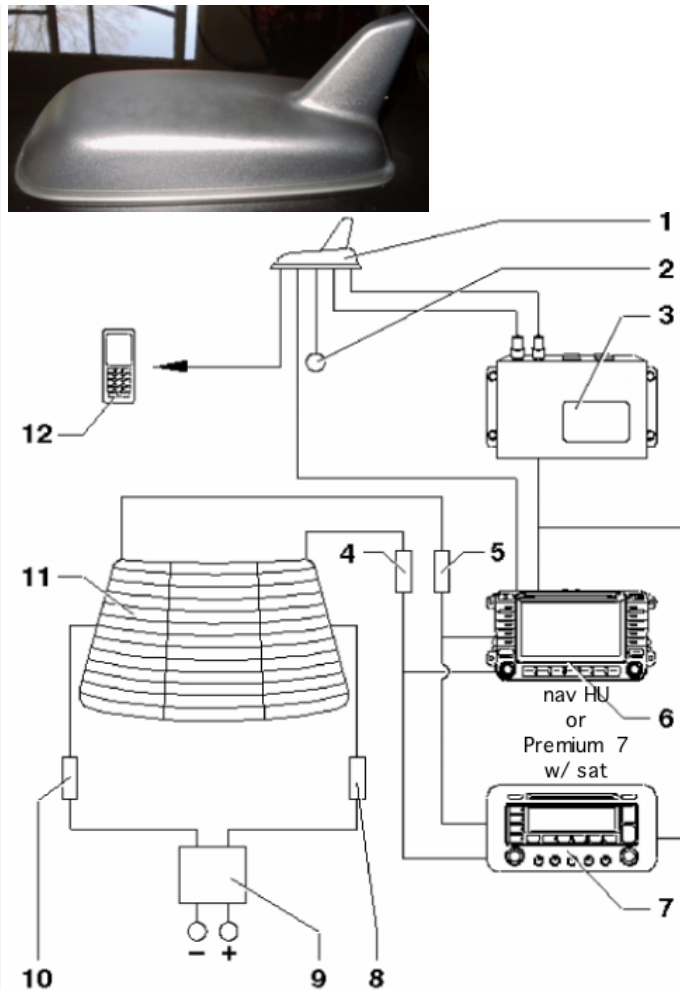
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11-30-2008, 06:01 PM


#7

**JetTurbo**  
geezer  




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Join Date: Feb 2007  
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11-30-2008, 06:06 PM


#8

**provider**  
Go Kart Champion  




Drives: GTI 09  
Join Date: Oct 2008  
Location: Toronto  
Posts: 42






Quote:

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11-30-2008, 06:16 PM

#9

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12-01-2008, 12:04 AM

#10

**provider**

Go Kart Champion



Drives: GTI 09  
Join Date: Oct 2008  
Location: Toronto  
Posts: 42

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12-01-2008, 09:56 AM

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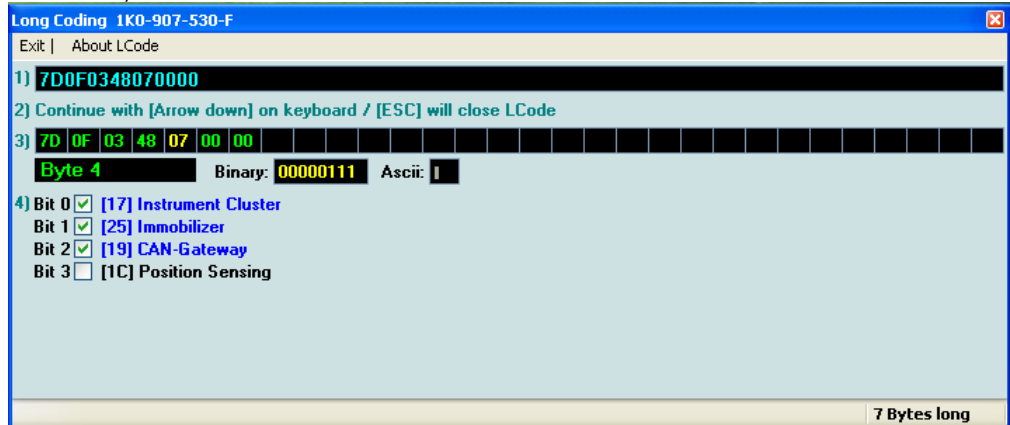
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Seating Surfaces

Navigation System And 6-Disc CD Changer  
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18" Alloy Wheels With Summer Performance Tires

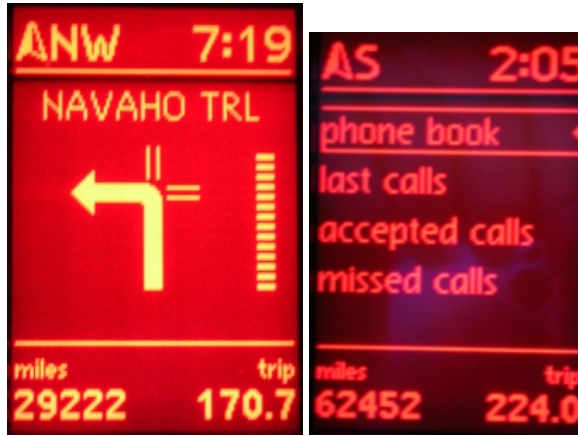
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12-05-2008, 08:14 PM

#12

### provider

Go Kart Champion

Drives: GTI 09  
 Join Date: Oct 2008  
 Location: Toronto  
 Posts: 42

Quote:

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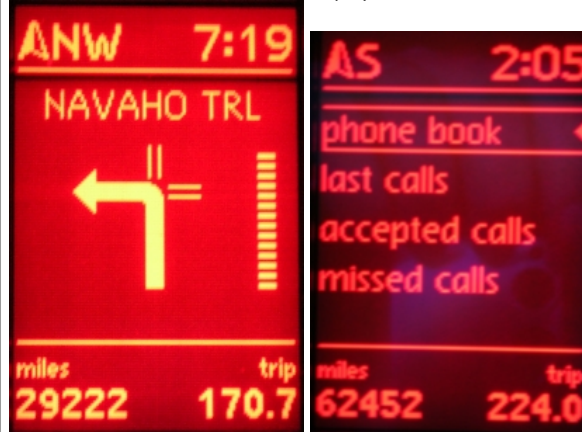
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12-06-2008, 02:13 AM

#13

### JetTurbo

geezer



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 Join Date: Feb 2007  
 Location: Cincinnati, OH USA  
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not a video player

Quote:

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No, the **MFD2** DVD can not play back video DVDs. The **MFD2** DVD internal drive can only read the map DVD, no other DVD. Alternately it can play red book audio CDs.

There is an external RGBS input to the display. It exists to support a back-up camera. The input is selected by applying a voltage to the input select pin, typically from the reverse light circuit, but any 12 VDC will do. The external input will disable if the car exceeds 10 mph (although adaptors are sold to fool the video in motion disable). You would still need to find a separate DVD video player. And you would have to convert the DVD player output to RGBS (there are various adapters to convert composite video to RGBS). Not ideal, but better than nothing.

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12-06-2008, 01:08 PM

#14

provider

Go Kart Champion



Drives: GTI 09  
Join Date: Oct 2008  
Location: Toronto  
Posts: 42



MAke sense thanks a lot



12-07-2008, 11:02 AM

#15

carchrism5

Formula 3000 Champion



Drives: 2008 VW R32, 2011 BMW 1M  
Join Date: Jan 2008  
Location: CT  
Posts: 4,535

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2008 Tornado Red R32 419/5000 - "R Kelly"- Totaled in a flood 9/14/08  
2008 Tornado Red R32 2185/5000 "Kool-Aid"- Oh yeahhhh

Quote:

"Why are you the only person in the car wearing a seatbelt? You look like a big baby."



12-07-2008, 06:31 PM

#16

provider

Go Kart Champion



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Join Date: Oct 2008  
Location: Toronto  
Posts: 42



Quote:

Originally Posted by **carchrism5** *damn those were some intense responses, its guys like Jetturbo that make this forum great*

OHH YEAAA



01-01-2009, 05:33 PM

#17

provider

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Posts: 42



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01-04-2009, 12:36 PM

#18

JetTurbo



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No need to PM me, I saw this post and originally chose not to respond. Quite honestly, it makes no sense to me. Satellite radio is not integrated into the **MFD2** DVD, it is an external module. Satellite radio antennas connect to the module under the seat, not the **MFD2** DVD.

But all of that is already pictured and diagramed above in this thread.

The interconnection between the sat radio module and the **MFD2** DVD is via the multi-pin harnesses that connects power and speakers and inputs and everything else. If your car was not originally supplied with sat radio, you will need to add the harness too.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **provider via PM**

...  
And an other question please, do you know where can i find a US DVD disc for the GPS? i ve been looking on ebay and everywhere and nothing...  
Thanks,  
Yas.

Not sure why you are not seeing them on eBay, I run a filter for VW dvd nav discs and they pop up regularly. BTW Passat used the same **MFD2** DVD. Currently active eBay VW nav disc auctions ...

eBay saved search string is: [\(vw,volkswagen\) dvd \(4b,5b,6b\)](#)

[VW Passat navigation dvd 5b](#)

[Volkswagen Navigation DVD Version 5B L@@k](#)

[Volkswagen Navigation DVD Version 4B L@@K](#)

Heck, I'll sell you a 3b disc for \$35 if all you need is a disc to get it up and running. 😊

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QUOTE

01-04-2009, 08:12 PM

#19

**provider**

Go Kart Champion



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Posts: 42



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01-10-2009, 02:19 AM

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I am just wondering if i get the last version, is it going to make a difference?!  
Does it have the turn by turn directions with the street name and stuff?!  
Does it recalculate the route faster if you miss a turn or something?  
Thanks in advance:)



01-10-2009, 12:47 PM

#21

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Thanks in advance:)*

I would say you have some other problem than disc version.

v3b and v5b are virtually identical in performance and operation, the features do not change and performance does not change. I own both and used 3b for a year before switching to 5b nine months ago. Both versions quickly identify and recalculate routes when turns are missed. Both versions provide turn by turn directions with street names and distances. After entering a destination and reaching the guidance map page, press the Route List soft button on the right, second one down - tag looks like a list, right below the auto scale on/off button. If the button tags are not displayed, press once to display tags and press again to execute. If guidance is not active, the Route List tag will be dimmed.







v5b disc databases are more up to date, with more restaurants, hotels, etc. Granted, if you are driving on recently dedicated roads that are not in the database it can act a little strange, but in general, *you will not identify any difference between the two disc versions*. If you disregard the destination look up database, it would be very hard to identify any difference between the two versions in normal use.

You have bigger problems, most likely antenna related.



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To be Honest with you, I still have did not change the settings via the vagcom, and i didnt remove the The Position Sensing (compass ) the module that you told me is above the headliner just in front of the hatch. So maybe this is my problem!! and if i take care of these two things maybe it will work normally. Thanks a lot again!



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