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Model: GMK422

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The American International GMK422 is a double-DIN dash installation kit designed for select GM vehicles manufactured between 1992 and 2012. This kit facilitates the installation of an aftermarket double-DIN head unit, ensuring a factory-like fit and finish. It is manufactured to precise quality standards using high-quality raw materials and advanced technologies.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information, visit www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

Always disconnect the vehicle's battery before performing any electrical work. Ensure all connections are secure and properly insulated to prevent electrical shorts or damage. If you are unsure about any installation step, consult a professional installer.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Please verify that all components are present before beginning installation:

- 1 x GMK422 Double-DIN Dash Installation Kit
- 1 x Instruction Manual



Image shows the main components of the American International GMK422 Double-DIN Dash Installation Kit, typically including the main dash bezel and mounting brackets.

VEHICLE COMPATIBILITY

This installation kit is designed for specific General Motors (GM) vehicles from 1992 to 2012. It provides a vehicle-specific fit without requiring modifications to the factory dash.

Known compatible vehicle brands include:

- Buick
- Cadillac (e.g., 2004 Cadillac Escalade)
- Chevrolet (e.g., 2003 Chevy Tahoe)
- GMC (e.g., 2007 GMC Sierra Classic)
- Pontiac (e.g., 2004 Pontiac Vibe)

Note: While designed for a wide range of GM vehicles, some specific models or aftermarket head units may require minor trimming of the kit's brackets for optimal fit. Always test fit components before final installation.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

This section provides general guidelines for installing the GMK422 dash kit. Professional installation is recommended.

Required Tools

- Panel Removal Tools
- Screwdrivers (Phillips, Flathead)
- Wire Strippers/Crimpers
- Multimeter (optional, for testing electrical connections)
- Cutting tool (e.g., Dremel, multi-tool) if trimming is required

Installation Steps

1. **Disconnect Battery:** Before starting any electrical work, disconnect the vehicle's negative battery terminal to prevent electrical shorts.
2. **Remove Factory Radio:** Carefully remove the factory radio and dash bezel using appropriate panel removal tools. Refer to your vehicle's service manual for specific instructions.

3. **Prepare Aftermarket Head Unit:** Attach the mounting brackets from the GMK422 kit to your new double-DIN aftermarket head unit. Ensure a secure fit.
4. **Test Fit:** Temporarily place the head unit with the attached brackets into the dash opening. Check for proper alignment and clearance. If necessary, minor trimming of the kit's tabs may be required to accommodate certain head units or vehicle variations.
5. **Connect Wiring:** Connect the aftermarket head unit's wiring harness to the vehicle's wiring harness using appropriate adapters (sold separately). Ensure all connections are secure and insulated.
6. **Secure Head Unit:** Once wiring is complete and tested, slide the head unit into the dash opening and secure it using the provided screws or clips from the GMK422 kit.
7. **Reinstall Dash Bezel:** Reinstall the vehicle's dash bezel, ensuring all clips and screws are properly secured.
8. **Reconnect Battery:** Reconnect the vehicle's negative battery terminal.
9. **Test Functionality:** Turn on the vehicle and test the new head unit's functionality, including audio, radio, and any other features.

Caution: Improper installation can lead to damage to the vehicle's electrical system or the aftermarket head unit. If you are unsure about any step, consult a professional installer.

OPERATION

The American International GMK422 is a passive installation component. Its primary function is to provide a secure and aesthetically pleasing mount for your aftermarket double-DIN head unit. The operation of your audio system will depend on the specific features and controls of the head unit you install. Refer to the instruction manual provided with your aftermarket head unit for operational details.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

The GMK422 dash kit requires minimal maintenance.

- **Cleaning:** Clean the surface of the dash kit with a soft, damp cloth. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents, as these may damage the finish.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the kit for any signs of wear or damage, especially if you experience vibrations or loose components in your dash.

This product is designed for durability and long-term performance within your vehicle's interior environment.

TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON ISSUES

Head Unit Does Not Fit Properly

- **Check Compatibility:** Ensure your aftermarket head unit is a standard double-DIN size.
- **Trimming Required:** Some installations, particularly with certain head unit models or vehicle variations (e.g., Pontiac Vibe), may require minor trimming of the kit's internal tabs or edges. Use a suitable cutting tool (like a Dremel or multi-tool) for precise modifications.
- **Bracket Alignment:** Verify that the mounting brackets are correctly attached to the head unit and aligned with the dash opening.

Dash Bezel Does Not Sit Flush

- **Check for Obstructions:** Ensure no wires or components are obstructing the dash bezel from seating correctly.
- **Kit Alignment:** Verify the GMK422 kit is properly seated and secured within the dash.
- **Vehicle-Specific Issues:** In rare cases, minor adjustments to the vehicle's dash structure might be needed, though the kit is designed to avoid this.

If issues persist, consult a professional car audio installer.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Model Number	GMK422
Brand	American International
Material	Plastic
Finish Type	Polished
Color	Black
Mounting Type	In-Vehicle Mount
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	10 x 5 x 4 inches
Item Weight	0.48 ounces (approx. 13.61 g)
UPC	012339004222

WARRANTY INFORMATION

American International products are manufactured to high standards. Specific warranty details for the GMK422 kit are typically provided with the product packaging or can be obtained by contacting American International customer support. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For technical assistance, installation questions, or warranty inquiries, please contact American International customer support.

Visit the official American International website for contact information and additional resources.

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