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Model: LXSK1315 | Brand: American International

1. INTRODUCTION

The American International LXSK1315 Dash Kit is engineered to provide a seamless and professional installation solution for aftermarket car stereo units in 1998-2003 Lexus GS300 and GS400 vehicles. This kit ensures a factory-like appearance and secure mounting for your new head unit, integrating it flawlessly into your vehicle's dashboard. It is designed with precision using high-quality materials to ensure durability and a proper fit.

2. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Before beginning installation, please verify that all components listed below are present in your package:

- Dash Kit components (various trim pieces and mounting brackets)
- Hardware (screws, clips, etc.)
- Instruction Manual (this document)



Figure 2.1: Overview of the Ai LXSK1315 Dash Kit components. This image displays the various plastic trim pieces, metal mounting brackets, and a storage pocket that comprise the kit, essential for installing an aftermarket radio in compatible Lexus models.

3. INSTALLATION GUIDE

This section provides general guidelines for installing the LXSK1315 Dash Kit. Specific vehicle disassembly procedures may vary. It is recommended to consult your vehicle's service manual or a professional installer if you are unsure about any steps.

3.1 Tools Required

- Panel Removal Tools (plastic pry tools)
- Screwdrivers (Phillips and Flathead)
- Socket Wrench Set (for factory radio bolts)
- Wire Strippers/Crimpers (if wiring harness is not plug-and-play)
- Electrical Tape or Heat Shrink Tubing

3.2 Preparation

1. **Disconnect Battery:** For safety, disconnect the negative terminal of your vehicle's battery before starting any electrical work.
2. **Remove Factory Radio/Dash Trim:** Carefully remove the factory radio and surrounding dash trim. Use plastic panel

removal tools to avoid scratching the dashboard. Locate and remove all screws or clips securing the trim and radio.

3. **Remove Factory Brackets:** Detach any factory mounting brackets from the original radio. These may or may not be reused depending on your aftermarket head unit and the dash kit design.

3.3 Assembling the Dash Kit

1. **Attach Brackets to Aftermarket Radio:** Secure the provided metal mounting brackets from the LXSK1315 kit to your new aftermarket head unit using the screws supplied with the radio or the kit. Ensure the radio is centered and flush with the front of the brackets.
2. **Install Trim Panel:** Depending on your aftermarket radio's size (single DIN or double DIN), select the appropriate trim panel from the kit. Snap or screw the trim panel onto the assembled radio and brackets. If installing a single DIN radio, the included storage pocket will typically be installed below or above the radio within the trim panel.
3. **Verify Fitment:** Temporarily place the assembled radio and dash kit into the vehicle's dash opening to check for proper fitment and alignment before making final connections.

3.4 Final Assembly

1. **Connect Wiring Harness:** Connect the aftermarket radio's wiring harness to the vehicle's factory wiring harness using an appropriate adapter (sold separately). Ensure all connections are secure and properly insulated.
2. **Slide Radio into Dash:** Carefully slide the assembled radio and dash kit into the vehicle's dash opening. Secure it using the factory mounting points or screws provided with the kit.
3. **Reinstall Dash Trim:** Reinstall any removed dash trim panels, ensuring all clips and screws are re-secured.
4. **Reconnect Battery:** Reconnect the negative terminal of your vehicle's battery.
5. **Test Functionality:** Turn on the vehicle and test the new radio's functionality, including audio, power, and any other features.

4. CARE AND MAINTENANCE

The LXSK1315 Dash Kit is made from durable materials designed for longevity. To maintain its appearance and integrity:

- Clean with a soft, damp cloth. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents that could damage the finish.
- Do not expose to extreme temperatures or direct sunlight for prolonged periods, as this may cause warping or discoloration over time.
- Ensure all mounting screws remain tight to prevent rattling or movement.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues during or after installation, consider the following common problems and solutions:

- **Poor Fitment / Gaps:**
 - Ensure all factory mounting points are correctly aligned with the kit's brackets.
 - Verify that the aftermarket radio is properly seated within the kit's trim panel and brackets.
 - Confirm that all factory wiring and components are tucked away and not obstructing the kit's seating.
- **Kit Does Not Match Dash Color/Grain:**
 - The kit is designed to blend with the factory dash. Minor variations in color or texture may occur due to vehicle age, sun exposure, or manufacturing tolerances.
- **Incorrect DIN Size:**
 - This kit is designed to accommodate both single DIN and double DIN aftermarket radios. Ensure you are using

the correct trim pieces and configuration for your specific radio. The kit includes components for both standard single DIN and double DIN installations.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Product Dimensions	17 x 10 x 4.8 inches
Item Weight	12.7 ounces
Model Number	LXSK1315
Color	BLACK
Manufacturer	Ai
Date First Available	April 28, 2005
Compatibility	1998-2003 Lexus GS300/GS400

7. SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Please handle with care and follow all safety guidelines during installation.

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information or technical support regarding your American International LXSK1315 Dash Kit, please contact American International directly through their official website or customer service channels. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.