

Metra 95-5817

Metra 95-5817 Double DIN Installation Dash Kit User Manual

Brand: **Metra** | Model: **95-5817**

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1. OVERVIEW

The Metra 95-5817 Double DIN Installation Dash Kit is designed to facilitate the installation of an aftermarket double-DIN or two single-DIN radios into select 1995-UP Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, and Mazda vehicles. This kit ensures a seamless and professional integration of your new car stereo with the vehicle's dashboard.

Key Features:

- Specifically designed for double-DIN or two single-DIN radio installations.
- Constructed from high-grade ABS plastic for durability.
- Contoured and textured to complement the factory dash appearance.
- Engineered with precision tolerances for a gapless fit.
- Includes all necessary hardware for aftermarket radio installation.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety during installation. Improper installation can lead to vehicle damage or personal injury. It is recommended that installation be performed by a qualified professional if you are not confident in your abilities.

- Disconnect the vehicle's battery before beginning any electrical work to prevent short circuits.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, such as safety glasses and gloves.
- Ensure all wiring connections are secure and properly insulated to prevent electrical hazards.
- Be aware of the California Proposition 65 warning: This product may contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.
- Do not force components into place. If a part does not fit, re-check the instructions and vehicle compatibility.

3. SETUP & INSTALLATION

This section provides general guidance for installing the Metra 95-5817 Dash Kit. Specific vehicle disassembly instructions are beyond the scope of this manual and should be referenced from your vehicle's service manual or an automotive repair guide.

3.1. Pre-Installation Steps

1. **Verify Compatibility:** Confirm that your vehicle (Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Mazda) and model year (1995-UP) are compatible with the 95-5817 kit.
2. **Gather Tools:** Collect all necessary tools, which may include screwdrivers, panel removal tools, wire strippers, crimpers, and a Dremel tool for potential dash modifications.
3. **Inspect Kit Components:** Ensure all parts of the installation kit are present and undamaged. The kit typically includes side mounting brackets and a trim piece.

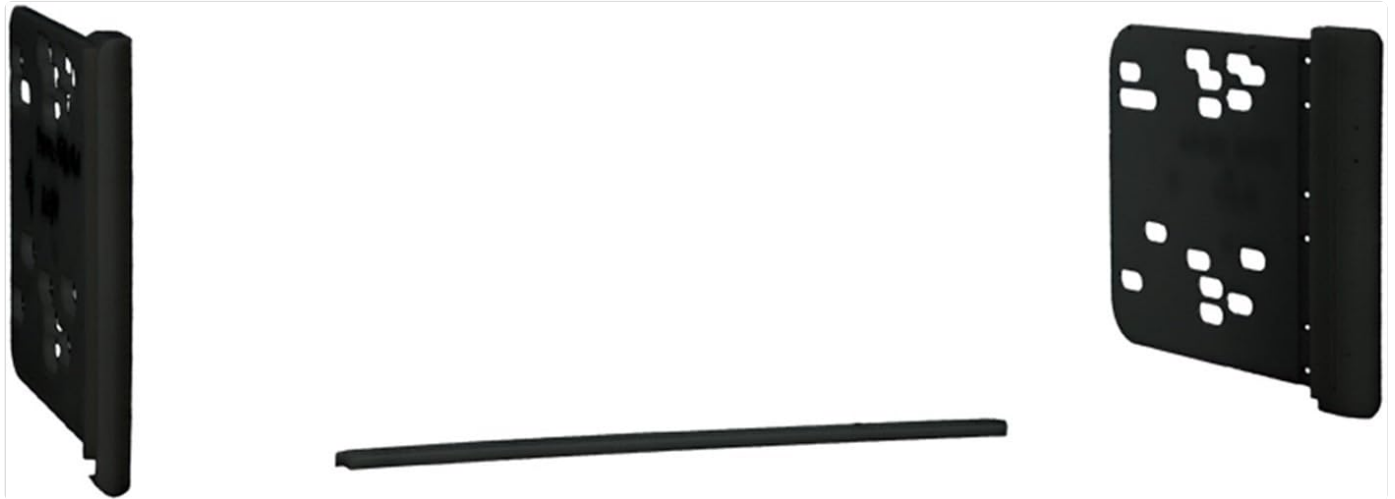


Figure 3.1: Components of the Metra 95-5817 Double DIN Installation Dash Kit. This image displays the two side mounting brackets and the bottom trim piece, which are essential for securing the aftermarket radio.

3.2. Dash Disassembly

Carefully remove the factory radio and surrounding dash trim. Refer to your vehicle's specific service manual for detailed instructions on dash panel removal to avoid damage to clips or components.

3.3. Dash Modification (If Required)

Many vehicles, particularly older models, may require modification of the factory radio opening to accommodate a double-DIN aftermarket radio. This often involves trimming plastic ridges or edges within the sub-dash opening. Use a Dremel tool or similar cutting tool for precise modifications. **Do not trim the side mounting points** where the kit will snap into place.

3.4. Kit Assembly & Radio Mounting

1. Attach the Metra side mounting brackets to your new aftermarket radio using the screws provided with the radio. Ensure they are securely fastened.
2. Connect all necessary wiring harnesses (power, ground, speaker, antenna, etc.) to the aftermarket radio.
3. **Crucial Step:** Before fully sliding the radio into the dash and allowing the kit to snap into place, perform a functional test of the radio. Verify all connections (audio, power, antenna, steering wheel controls if applicable) are working correctly. Once the kit snaps in, it is designed for a very tight fit and can be difficult to remove without potentially damaging the kit or dash.
4. Carefully slide the assembled radio and kit into the dash opening until the kit snaps securely into place. The precision design ensures a gapless fit.
5. Install the provided trim piece (if applicable) to fill any remaining gaps around the radio.



Figure 3.2: Metra 95-5817 Double DIN Installation Dash Kit in its original packaging. The packaging often includes basic installation instructions and highlights key features of the kit.

3.5. Reassembly

Once the radio is securely installed and tested, reassemble the dash trim panels in reverse order of disassembly. Ensure all clips and screws are properly secured.

4. OPERATING THE DASH KIT

The Metra 95-5817 Dash Kit is a passive component designed to securely mount your aftermarket car stereo. It does not have any operational functions itself. Its purpose is to provide a stable and aesthetically pleasing housing for your radio within the vehicle's dashboard. All operational aspects will pertain to the aftermarket radio installed within the kit.

5. MAINTENANCE

The Metra 95-5817 Dash Kit requires minimal maintenance due to its durable ABS plastic construction.

- **Cleaning:** To clean the dash kit, use a soft, damp cloth with a mild automotive interior cleaner. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents that could damage the plastic finish.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the kit for any signs of damage or loosening, especially if you experience excessive vibrations in your vehicle.
- **Durability:** The high-grade ABS plastic is designed for long-term durability and resistance to temperature fluctuations common in automotive environments.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues encountered during or after the installation of the dash kit.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Kit does not fit or snaps in too tightly.	Insufficient modification of the vehicle's sub-dash opening.	Carefully re-evaluate the factory radio opening. Many vehicles require trimming of plastic ridges or edges. Use a Dremel tool for precise removal. Ensure you are not trimming the kit's mounting points.
Radio is recessed too far into the dash.	This is a design characteristic for some vehicle applications.	While the kit is designed for a flush fit, some vehicle models may result in the radio being slightly recessed. This is generally normal for the 95-5817 kit in certain applications.
Difficulty removing the radio after installation.	The kit is designed for a secure, tight fit.	This is expected. The kit is intended to be a permanent installation. If removal is necessary, it may require careful disassembly of surrounding dash components and potentially destructive removal of the kit itself. Always test the radio thoroughly before final snap-in.
Gaps around the installed radio.	Improper installation of the trim piece or incorrect alignment.	Ensure the trim piece is correctly oriented and fully pressed into place. Verify the radio and kit are centered and fully seated in the dash opening.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Brand	Metra
Model Number	95-5817
Material	High-grade ABS Plastic
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	16 x 12 x 2.8 inches

Attribute	Detail
Item Weight	0.15 Pounds (approx. 2.4 ounces)
Connector Type	ISO
Manufacturer	METRA Ltd
Country of Origin	USA
UPC	086429182886

8. WARRANTY INFORMATION

The Metra 95-5817 Double DIN Installation Dash Kit comes with a **1-Year Warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. It does not cover damage resulting from improper installation, accident, abuse, misuse, natural disaster, or unauthorized modification. For warranty claims or detailed warranty terms, please contact Metra customer support using the information provided in the Support section.

9. SUPPORT

For technical assistance, product inquiries, or warranty support, please contact Metra customer service:

- **Website:** www.metraonline.com
- **Technical Support Hotline:** 1-800-221-TECH (1-800-221-8324)

Additional resources, including installation manuals and user guides, may be available on the Metra website. You can also refer to the official PDF documents provided with your purchase:

- [Installation Manual \(PDF\)](#)
- [User Manual \(PDF\)](#)

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