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Connects2 CTSRN001 Car Accessory User Manual

Model: CTSRN001 | Brand: Connects2

Introduction

The Connects2 CTSRN001 is a specialized car accessory designed to integrate aftermarket audio systems with the existing steering wheel controls of compatible Renault vehicles. This interface solution allows users to retain the convenience of their factory steering wheel controls when upgrading their car's head unit.
This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your CTSRN001 Car Accessory, ensuring optimal performance and longevity.

Safety Information

Please read all safety instructions carefully before installation and use. Failure to follow these instructions may result in damage to the product, vehicle, or personal injury.

- Installation should only be performed by a qualified professional or experienced individual with knowledge of automotive electrical systems.
- Disconnect the vehicle's battery before beginning any installation work to prevent electrical shorts and damage.
- Ensure all connections are secure and properly insulated to prevent short circuits.
- Do not modify the product or its wiring. Unauthorized modifications can void the warranty and pose safety risks.
- Keep the product away from moisture, extreme temperatures, and direct sunlight.

Package Contents

Verify that all components are present before proceeding with installation:

- 1 x Connects2 CTSRN001 Steering Wheel Control Interface
- 1 x Wiring Harness (specific to Renault compatibility)
- 1 x Instruction Manual (this document)



Image: The Connects2 CTSRN001 interface module with its associated wiring harness and various connectors. The module is black with the 'Connects2' logo, and the harness features multiple colored wires and standard automotive connectors.

Setup and Installation

This section outlines the general steps for installing the CTSRN001 interface. Specific vehicle disassembly and reassembly procedures are beyond the scope of this manual and should be referenced from your vehicle's service manual or a professional installer.

Compatibility:

The CTSRN001 is compatible with the following Renault vehicle models:

- Renault 19 (1988 - 1997)
- Renault Clio (1990 - 1997)
- Renault Laguna (1993 - 1997)

Pre-Installation Steps:

1. **Gather Tools:** Ensure you have the necessary tools for vehicle panel removal and electrical connections (e.g., trim removal tools, screwdrivers, wire strippers, crimpers, electrical tape).
2. **Disconnect Battery:** Always disconnect the negative terminal of the vehicle's battery before starting any electrical work.
3. **Remove Head Unit:** Carefully remove the existing factory head unit from the dashboard. Refer to your vehicle's specific service manual for proper removal procedures.

Wiring and Connection:

1. **Identify Vehicle Connectors:** Locate the factory wiring harness connectors that were previously connected to your original head unit.
2. **Connect Interface to Vehicle:** Plug the vehicle-specific connector from the CTSRN001 wiring harness into the corresponding factory wiring harness in your vehicle.
3. **Connect Interface to Aftermarket Head Unit:** Connect the other end of the CTSRN001 wiring harness to your aftermarket head unit. This typically involves connecting the ISO connectors or specific wire-to-wire connections as per your head unit's instructions. Ensure the steering wheel control wires from the CTSRN001 are connected to the correct steering wheel control input on your aftermarket head unit (e.g., Key1, Key2, SWC, Remote In).
4. **Power and Ground:** Ensure the interface receives proper power (12V constant and ignition switched) and ground connections. These are usually integrated into the main harness.
5. **Secure Wiring:** Once all connections are made, secure the interface module and excess wiring to prevent rattles or interference.

Post-Installation:

1. **Reconnect Battery:** Reconnect the negative terminal of the vehicle's battery.
2. **Test Functionality:** Turn on the aftermarket head unit and test all steering wheel control functions (volume up/down, track skip, mode, etc.).
3. **Reassemble Dashboard:** If all functions are working correctly, carefully reassemble the dashboard and secure the head unit.

Operating Instructions

The Connects2 CTSRN001 interface is designed to seamlessly translate the signals from your vehicle's factory steering wheel controls into commands understood by your aftermarket head unit. Once installed and configured, the operation is intuitive and mirrors the original functionality.

Steering Wheel Control Functions:

Typical functions that will be retained include:

- **Volume Up/Down:** Adjust the audio output level.
- **Track/Station Next/Previous:** Navigate through audio tracks or radio presets.
- **Mode/Source:** Switch between different audio sources (e.g., Radio, CD, USB, Bluetooth).
- **Mute:** Silence the audio output.

Note: The exact functions available will depend on your specific vehicle's original steering wheel controls and the capabilities of your aftermarket head unit. Some head units may require a one-time programming step to learn the steering wheel control signals. Refer to your aftermarket head unit's manual for details on SWC programming.

Maintenance

The Connects2 CTSRN001 is a low-maintenance device. Once properly installed, it requires minimal attention.

- **Keep Dry:** Ensure the module remains dry and free from moisture.
- **Avoid Physical Damage:** Protect the module and wiring from physical impact or excessive pulling.
- **No User Serviceable Parts:** Do not attempt to open or repair the module. There are no user-serviceable parts inside.
- **Cleaning:** If necessary, gently wipe the exterior of the module with a dry, soft cloth. Do not use liquid cleaners or solvents.

Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your CTSRN001 interface, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution

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Steering wheel controls do not work.	◦ Incorrect wiring connections. ◦ Aftermarket head unit not configured for SWC. ◦ Interface module not receiving power. ◦ Incompatible head unit or vehicle.	◦ Double-check all wiring connections as per installation instructions. ◦ Refer to your aftermarket head unit's manual for steering wheel control programming. ◦ Verify power and ground connections to the interface. ◦ Confirm vehicle and head unit compatibility with the CTSRN001.
Some steering wheel buttons work, but others don't.	◦ Head unit programming incomplete or incorrect. ◦ Specific button not supported by head unit.	◦ Re-program the steering wheel controls on your aftermarket head unit. ◦ Consult your head unit's manual to see which SWC functions it supports.
Intermittent control functionality.	◦ Loose wiring connection. ◦ Electrical interference.	◦ Inspect all connections for looseness and secure them. ◦ Ensure wiring is routed away from high-voltage cables or sources of electrical noise.

If the problem persists after attempting these solutions, please contact Connects2 customer support or a qualified automotive electronics technician.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Number	CTSRN001
Brand	Connects2
Product Type	Steering Wheel Control Interface
Compatibility	Renault 19 (1988-1997), Clio (1990-1997), Laguna (1993-1997)
Connector Type	Component (Vehicle-specific and ISO/Universal)
Item Weight	4.2 ounces (approx. 119 grams)
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	11.81 x 9.84 x 1.97 inches (approx. 30 x 25 x 5 cm)
Finish Type	Matte

Warranty and Support

Connects2 provides a **2-year warranty** on any new Connects2 component, including the CTSRN001 Car Accessory. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use.
For warranty claims, technical support, or further assistance, please contact your authorized Connects2 dealer or visit the official Connects2 website for contact information.
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