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Model: JL-FD-LRV2

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The DS18 JL-FD-LRV2 Front Door Panel Kit is designed to enhance the audio system in your Jeep JL, JLU, or JT. This kit provides a custom-fit mounting solution for one 6.5-inch speaker and one tweeter in each front door. The panels are constructed from high-density, UV-protected ABS material, ensuring durability and resistance to environmental elements.

Important Note: This kit is specifically for Jeep models equipped with power windows and will not fit manual window base models. Speakers and tweeters are sold separately and are not included with this panel kit.



Image 1.1: Side view of the DS18 JL-FD-LRV2 Front Door Panel. This image shows the contoured shape of the panel, designed to integrate seamlessly into the Jeep's door structure, with openings for a 6.5-inch speaker and a tweeter.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

- Always disconnect the vehicle's battery before beginning any electrical installation to prevent short circuits and electrical hazards.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including safety glasses and gloves, during installation.
- Ensure all wiring is properly insulated and secured to prevent damage from vibration or contact with sharp edges.
- If you are unsure about any part of the installation process, consult a qualified automotive audio professional.
- Do not obstruct airbags or other safety features during installation.

3. SETUP AND INSTALLATION GUIDE

This section outlines the general steps for installing the DS18 JL-FD-LRV2 Front Door Panel Kit. Specific vehicle disassembly instructions may vary and should be referenced from your Jeep's service manual or an appropriate online

resource.

3.1 Pre-Installation Checklist

- Verify that your Jeep JL, JLU, or JT has power windows.
- Ensure you have the correct 6.5-inch speakers and tweeters (sold separately) that fit the panel openings.
- Gather necessary tools: screwdriver set, trim removal tools, wire cutters/strippers, electrical tape, and a multimeter.
- Confirm all included mounting hardware is present.

3.2 Installation Steps

1. **Disconnect Battery:** Before starting, disconnect the negative terminal of your vehicle's battery.
2. **Remove Factory Door Panels:** Carefully remove the existing factory door panels. Use trim removal tools to avoid damaging clips or the door trim. Disconnect any electrical connectors for power windows, door locks, and speakers.
3. **Prepare New Panels:** Install your chosen 6.5-inch speakers and tweeters into the DS18 JL-FD-LRV2 panels using the provided mounting hardware. Ensure a secure fit.



Image 3.1: A pair of DS18 JL-FD-LRV2 panels shown with aftermarket 6.5-inch speakers and tweeters already installed. This illustrates how the audio components fit into the panel's designated openings.

4. **Wire Speakers and Tweeters:** Connect the wiring from your speakers and tweeters to the vehicle's audio system. Ensure correct polarity (+/-) for optimal sound quality. Use appropriate connectors and insulate all connections.
5. **Mount New Door Panels:** Align the DS18 JL-FD-LRV2 panels with the door frame. Reconnect all electrical connectors (power windows, door locks). Secure the new panels using the included mounting hardware and any factory mounting points.



Image 3.2: The DS18 JL-FD-LRV2 panel, with speakers and tweeters, installed in a Jeep door. This image demonstrates the final appearance and fitment of the panel within the vehicle's interior.

6. **Test System:** Reconnect the vehicle's battery. Turn on the ignition and test the audio system to ensure all speakers and tweeters are functioning correctly. Also, verify that power windows and door locks operate as expected.
7. **Final Inspection:** Check that the panels are securely fastened and there are no loose wires or rattling components.

4. USAGE CONSIDERATIONS

The DS18 JL-FD-LRV2 panels are passive components designed to house your chosen speakers and tweeters. Their performance is directly dependent on the quality and specifications of the audio components you install. Ensure that the speakers and tweeters selected are compatible with your vehicle's amplifier and head unit to achieve the desired sound output.

- **Speaker Selection:** Choose 6.5-inch speakers and tweeters that match the power handling capabilities of your amplifier.
- **Environmental Protection:** While the panels are UV protected and made from durable ABS material, avoid exposing them to extreme temperatures or harsh chemicals that could degrade the material.

5. MAINTENANCE

Maintaining your DS18 JL-FD-LRV2 door panels is straightforward:

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the panels with a soft, damp cloth to remove dust and dirt. For stubborn grime, use a mild automotive interior cleaner. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Inspection:** Periodically check the mounting screws and clips to ensure they remain tight and secure. Inspect the panels for any signs of damage or wear, especially if the vehicle is frequently exposed to harsh conditions.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

As the door panels are passive components, most issues will relate to the installed speakers or the installation process itself.

- **No Sound from Speaker/Tweeter:**

- Check all wiring connections to the speaker/tweeter and the vehicle's audio system for looseness or disconnections.
- Verify correct polarity (+/-) of the speaker wires.
- Test the speaker/tweeter with a known working audio source or another channel to rule out a faulty component.

- **Distorted Sound:**

- Ensure the speaker is securely mounted within the panel and not vibrating against the enclosure.
- Check for any loose wiring that might be causing interference.
- Verify that the amplifier gain and head unit volume levels are set appropriately to avoid clipping.

- **Panel Rattle:**

- Tighten all mounting screws for the panel and the speakers.
- Inspect for any loose clips or components behind the panel.

7. SPECIFICATIONS



Image 7.1: The DS18 JL-FD-LRV2 panels displaying key dimensions for reference during installation and speaker selection.

Feature	Specification
Model Number	JL-FD-LRV2
Compatibility	Jeep JL, JLU, JT (Power Windows Only)
Speaker Size Supported	1 x 6.5 Inches

Feature	Specification
Tweeter Size Supported	1 x 1 Inch (Standard Tweeter)
Material	High Density ABS Plastic
Color	Black
UV Protection	Yes
Included Components	Pair of Front Door Panels, Mounting Hardware
Mounting Type	Door Mount
Waterproof	No (Not explicitly waterproof, but made from durable material)

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information regarding your DS18 JL-FD-LRV2 Front Door Panel Kit, please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase or visit the official DS18 website. Warranty terms typically cover manufacturing defects. If you require technical assistance or have questions about installation, please contact DS18 customer support through their official website or the retailer from whom you purchased the product. Have your model number (JL-FD-LRV2) and proof of purchase ready when contacting support.