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Model: 8CORE 4GB RAM + 64GB ROM

Compatible with Toyota RAV4 2013-2018

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the installation, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Fortdows 10.2-inch IPS Android Car Radio. Designed specifically for Toyota RAV4 models from 2013 to 2018, this advanced car stereo system enhances your driving experience with features like wireless CarPlay, Android Auto, GPS navigation, and a high-resolution touchscreen. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the product to ensure proper functionality and safety.



Figure 1.1: Fortdows 10.2-inch IPS Android Car Radio unit.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Fortdows Android Car Radio is a comprehensive infotainment system featuring a 10.2-inch IPS display and an 8-core processor with 4GB RAM and 64GB ROM, ensuring smooth and responsive performance. Key features include:

- **Wireless CarPlay & Android Auto:** Seamless smartphone integration for navigation, music, and calls.
- **10.2-inch IPS Touch Screen:** High-resolution 1280x800 display with vibrant colors and wide viewing angles.
- **Powerful 8-Core Processor:** Ensures fast app responses and smooth operation.
- **Built-in DSP Sound Effect Chip:** Customizable sound settings for an optimized audio experience.
- **Mirror Link Technology:** Mirror your smartphone's screen directly onto the car stereo.
- **Backup Camera Integration:** Provides a clear view for safer parking and reversing.
- **Bluetooth 5.0:** Supports hands-free calls, phone book download, and music playback.
- **5G WiFi Connectivity:** Improves network performance for online maps and app downloads.
- **Online OTA System Upgrade:** Convenient over-the-air firmware updates.
- **Steering Wheel Control (SWC) Support:** Retains original car button functionality.

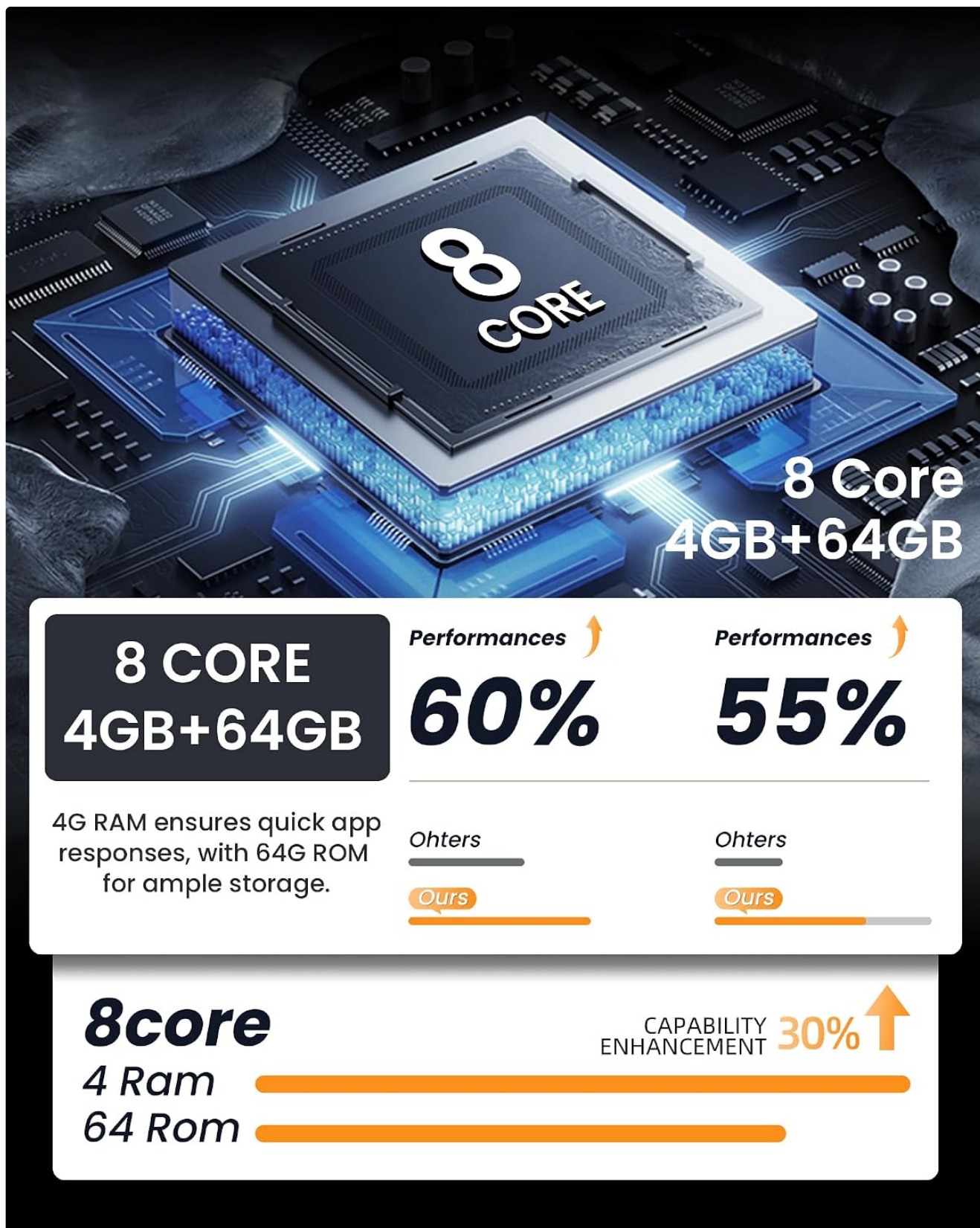


Figure 2.1: The powerful 8-core processor with 4GB RAM and 64GB ROM for enhanced performance.

1280*800P IPS Touchscreen

Provides clear image and text display with more accurate color representation.

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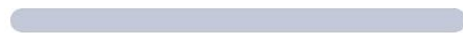


Clarity:

Ours 1280*800P



Others 1280*720P



Saturation:

Ours 85%



Others 35%



1280*800P



30%



60%



90%

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Figure 2.2: Comparison highlighting the superior clarity and saturation of the 1280x800 IPS touchscreen.

3. SETUP & INSTALLATION

The Fortdows Android Car Radio is designed for direct fitment in Toyota RAV4 models from 2013 to 2018. It comes with all necessary cables and connectors for a plug-and-play installation into the factory harness. For vehicles equipped with a JBL sound system, an optional JBL adapter harness is available and may be required.

3.1. Pre-Installation Checklist

- Ensure your vehicle is a Toyota RAV4 manufactured between 2013 and 2018.
- Gather necessary tools (trim removal tool, screwdrivers).
- Disconnect the vehicle's battery before starting installation.

3.2. Installation Steps (General Guide)

1. Carefully remove the original car radio and trim panel. A trim removal tool is recommended to prevent damage.
2. Transfer any necessary plastic clips and air vents from your old unit to the new Fortdows unit.
3. Connect the provided wiring harnesses to the corresponding ports on the new unit and the vehicle's factory harness. Ensure all connections are secure.
4. If installing a backup camera, connect its video cable to the designated input on the head unit.
5. Connect the GPS antenna and 5G WiFi antenna. These can often be tucked behind the dash for optimal signal.
6. Carefully mount the new Fortdows unit into the dashboard opening.
7. Reconnect the vehicle's battery.
8. Power on the unit and perform initial setup and testing of all functions.

Note: While designed for ease of installation, professional installation is recommended if you are unfamiliar with car audio systems. Online video tutorials specific to Toyota RAV4 radio replacement can also provide visual guidance.

for Toyota RAV4 2013–2018



Figure 3.1: Visual comparison of the dashboard before and after installing the Fortdows car radio.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Wireless CarPlay & Android Auto

This unit supports wireless CarPlay and Android Auto, allowing you to integrate your smartphone for navigation, music, phone calls, and messaging. Connect via Bluetooth and the original USB cable for initial setup. Once

connected, you can use voice control (Siri or Google Assistant) to access your phone's functions, minimizing distractions while driving.



Figure 4.1: Display showing the Apple CarPlay and Android Auto interfaces.

4.2. GPS Navigation

The system supports both online and offline navigation applications. After connecting to WiFi, you can download and use your preferred GPS navigation apps (e.g., Google Maps, Waze) to guide you to your destination. The large IPS screen provides clear and detailed map views.



Figure 4.2: Example of GPS navigation interface with precise positioning.

4.3. Bluetooth 5.0

Built-in Bluetooth 5.0 allows for hands-free calling, phone book synchronization, and wireless music streaming. Pair your smartphone with the unit to make and receive calls safely while driving, and enjoy your favorite audio content wirelessly.



Figure 4.3: Bluetooth 5.0 interface showing phone and music functions.

4.4. 5G WiFi Function

The integrated 5G WiFi module improves network performance and user experience, reducing latency for online activities such as browsing, streaming, and downloading applications from the app store.



Figure 4.4: Illustration of 5G WiFi functionality and network speed enhancement.

4.5. Mirror Link

Mirror Link technology allows you to display your smartphone's screen directly onto the car stereo. This feature is useful for accessing navigation, videos, or other apps from your phone on the larger display.



Figure 4.5: Mirror Link allows screen mirroring from your smartphone.

4.6. DSP Sound Quality

The built-in DSP (Digital Signal Processor) sound effect processing chip offers 6 sound settings (Smart Bass, Balance, Emperor, 42-EQ, Loudness, Filter). You can customize the sound output to your preferences, optimizing the audio experience for different seating positions and music genres.



Figure 4.6: Visual representation of the DSP sound settings and audio customization options.

4.7. OTA System Upgrade

The unit supports Online OTA (Over-The-Air) system upgrades to ensure you always have the latest firmware and

features. Follow these steps to update:

1. Tap the “Check for Updates” button in the system settings.
2. The system will compare your current firmware version with the version on the server.
3. If a newer version is found, the “Download Update” button will become active. Tap it to start downloading.
4. The device will automatically unzip the update and reboot to begin the upgrade process.
5. After the upgrade is complete, the head unit will reboot automatically again.

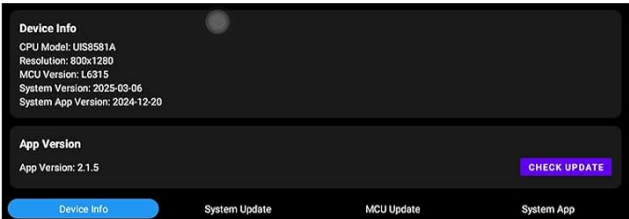
Forced Upgrade Feature: If you encounter system crashes or freezes, a forced upgrade feature is available. Tap “Check for Updates” and, if you receive a “No update needed” message, tap the “Download Update” button ten times consecutively. A password input prompt will appear; entering the correct password will allow the update to proceed. This mechanism prevents misuse of the download function.

OTA Upgrade Method

- Tap “Check for Updates”
- If a new version is found, tap the “Download Update” button
- The device will automatically unzip and reboot to start the upgrade process
- After the upgrade, the head unit will reboot again automatically

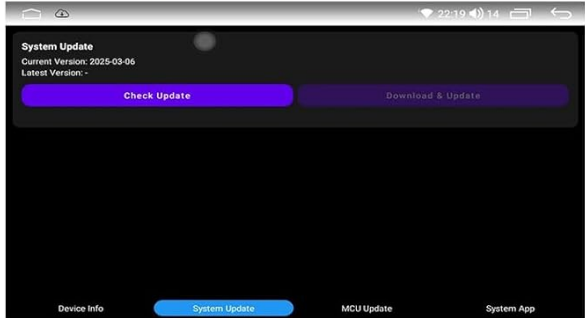
I Feature Demonstration

1 Device Information Interface



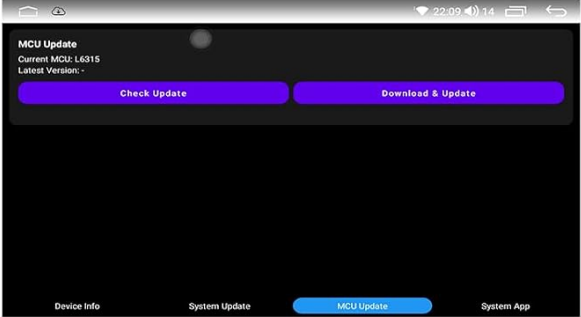
As shown above, The “Device Information” screen displays the current CPU model, screen resolution, and all firm-ware version details. The bottom of the screen also shows the version number of the OTA app. When new features are added or interface optimizations are made, users can tap the “Check for Updates” button to get and sync the latest version of the OTA app. The system will automatically connect to the GitHub repository, retrieve the latest version info under the Releases tab, and proceed with the download and installation.

2 System Update Screen



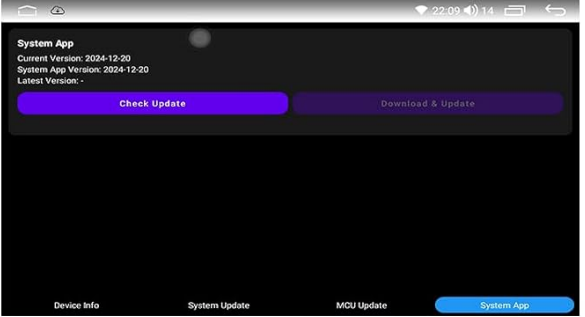
This interface allows updating to the latest system version.

3 MCU Update



This section updates the MCU chip firmware version.

4 System App

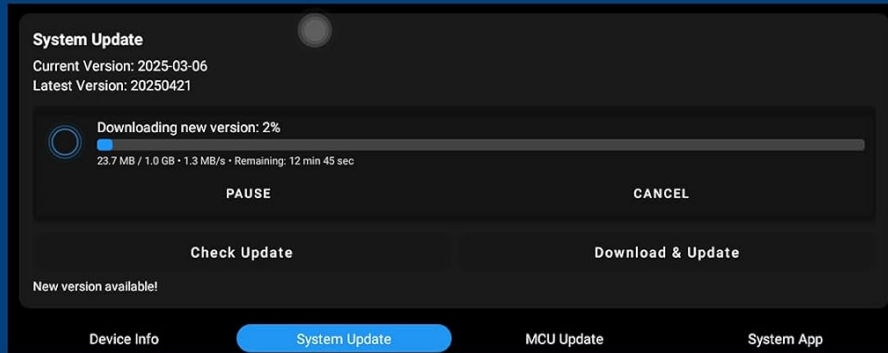


Here, users can update system-level applications such as system settings, Bluetooth, EQ, and others.

Figure 4.7: Screenshots demonstrating the Device Information and System Update interfaces for OTA upgrades.

II Feature Demonstration

1 Download Instructions



As shown above, After tapping the “Check for Updates” button, the system compares the current firmware version with the version on the server.

- If the server version is the same or older than the current version, the system will notify that the device is already up to date and no upgrade is needed.
- If a newer version is available on the server, the “Download Update” button will become active. Users can tap it to start downloading.

During the download process, real-time progress will be displayed, including the download progress bar, downloaded/total file size, current download speed, and estimated remaining time based on network speed.

2 Forced Upgrade Feature

To address issues like system crashes, freezes, or lags, a forced upgrade feature has been added. Since normal version checks prevent downloading updates when the current and server versions match, this feature allows manual reinstallation of the firmware even if the versions are the same. Note: The forced upgrade is hidden.

After tapping “Check for Updates” and receiving the message “No update needed,” tap the “Download Update” button ten times consecutively.

A password input prompt will appear — entering the correct password will allow the update to proceed.

This password mechanism prevents misuse of the download function.

Figure 4.8: Detailed instructions for downloading updates and using the forced upgrade feature.

4.8. Backup Camera

The unit integrates with a backup camera (included), providing a clear 1080P view of the area behind your vehicle when reversing. This significantly enhances safety and ease of parking.



Figure 4.9: Illustration of the 1080P rear view camera functionality.

4.9. Steering Wheel Controls (SWC)

The Fortdows unit supports your vehicle's original steering wheel controls, allowing you to manage audio, calls, and other functions without taking your hands off the wheel. This ensures a safer and more convenient driving experience.



Figure 4.10: Depiction of the car radio supporting original steering wheel controls.

4.10. FM/AM RDS Radio

Enjoy a wide range of radio stations with the built-in FM/AM RDS radio. The Radio Data System (RDS) provides additional information such as station name and song title, enriching your listening experience.



Figure 4.11: The FM AM RDS radio interface with frequency display.

4.11. Split Screen Function

The split-screen feature allows you to run two applications simultaneously on the display, such as navigation and music playback, enhancing multitasking capabilities.

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Figure 4.12: Demonstration of the split-screen function, showing navigation and music simultaneously.

5. MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Fortdows car radio, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the screen and exterior. For stubborn smudges, slightly dampen the cloth with water or a screen-safe cleaner. Avoid abrasive materials or harsh chemicals.
- **Temperature:** Avoid exposing the unit to extreme temperatures (very hot or very cold) for extended periods, as this can affect electronic components and the display.
- **Connections:** Periodically check all cable connections to ensure they are secure and free from corrosion.
- **Software Updates:** Regularly check for and install OTA system updates to benefit from performance improvements and new features.
- **Avoid Liquids:** Keep liquids away from the unit to prevent damage to internal circuitry.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your Fortdows car radio. If the problem persists, please contact customer support.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Unit does not power on	Loose power connection; Blown fuse; Vehicle battery issue	Check power cables and fuse; Ensure vehicle battery is charged.
No sound output	Volume too low; Mute activated; Speaker wiring issue; DSP settings	Increase volume; Check mute status; Verify speaker connections; Adjust DSP settings.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Wireless CarPlay/Android Auto not connecting	Bluetooth/WiFi off; Incorrect pairing; Phone software issue	Ensure Bluetooth/WiFi is on; Re-pair device; Restart phone and head unit.
Backup camera shows "No Signal"	Loose camera connection; Incorrect video protocol	Check camera cable connection; Long-press the screen and change the camera protocol setting until it works.
GPS signal weak or inaccurate	GPS antenna placement; Environmental interference	Ensure GPS antenna has clear view of sky; Relocate antenna if necessary.
FM radio distortion or poor reception	Antenna connection; Weak signal area	Check radio antenna connection; Try scanning for stations in a different location.
System freezes or lags	Too many apps running; Software glitch	Close background apps; Perform a system restart; Consider an OTA update (including forced upgrade if needed).

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7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Display Size	10.2 Inches
Display Resolution	1280x800 IPS
Processor	8-Core
RAM	4GB
Internal Storage	64GB
Operating System	Android (Version not specified, but supports OTA updates)
Connectivity	Bluetooth 5.0, USB, 5G Wi-Fi
Special Features	Wireless CarPlay, Android Auto, Mirror Link, DSP Sound, GPS Navigation, OTA System Upgrade, Steering Wheel Control Support
Included Components	Backup Camera

Feature	Specification
Audio Output Mode	Stereo
Mounting Type	Dashboard Mount
Item Weight	4.29 pounds
Package Dimensions	19 x 8 x 5 inches

8. WARRANTY & SUPPORT

Fortdows is committed to providing high-quality products and excellent customer service.

8.1. Warranty Information

- **1-Year Warranty:** Your Fortdows car radio is covered by a 1-year manufacturer's warranty from the date of purchase.
- **7-Day Return Policy:** Products can be returned within 7 days of receipt.
- **Return on Defects:** Defective products are eligible for return or replacement.

8.2. Customer Support

For any questions, technical assistance, or warranty claims, please contact Fortdows customer support:

Email: fortdows.cam@gmail.com

Website: www.fancygod.com

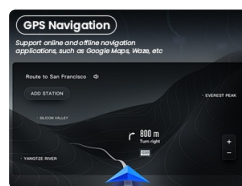


Figure 8.1: Customer support contact details.

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How do I update the Fortdows 10.2-inch Android Car Radio, and what is the factory password for the system?

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