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Fortdows 10.4 Inch Car Radio User Manual

Model: 4G RAM 64G ROM Car Radio for Ford Focus 2012-2018

1. Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your new Fortdows 10.4 Inch Car Radio. Please read this manual thoroughly before installation and use to ensure proper functionality and to maximize your user experience.



Image 1.1: Fortdows 10.4 Inch Car Radio and included components.

1.1 Package Contents

Verify that all items listed below are present in your package:

- 10.4 Inch Car Radio Main Unit
- Power Cable
- Original USB Adapter
- GPS Antenna
- RCA Cable Set
- CanBus Decoder
- USB Cable (x2)
- Reversing Line Cable
- Backup Camera
- External Microphone

- Crowbar Tool
- Radio Antenna



Image 1.2: Visual representation of package contents.

2. Compatibility and Installation

2.1 Vehicle Compatibility

This car radio is specifically designed for Ford Focus models manufactured between 2012 and 2018. It features a plug-and-play design for simplified integration with your vehicle's existing systems.



Image 2.1: Compatibility diagram for Ford Focus dashboards (2012-2018).

2.2 Pre-Installation Checklist

- Ensure your vehicle is turned off and the battery is disconnected before starting installation.

- Gather all necessary tools (e.g., screwdriver set, trim removal tools, wire cutters/strippers).
- Review your vehicle's specific wiring diagram if available.

2.3 Physical Installation Steps

1. Carefully remove the original car radio and dashboard trim using appropriate trim removal tools to avoid damage.
2. Connect the provided power cable, RCA cables, and USB cables to the new head unit.
3. Install the GPS antenna in a location with a clear view of the sky, typically on the dashboard or under the windshield.
4. Connect the CanBus decoder to integrate with your vehicle's steering wheel controls and other factory features.
5. Route the backup camera cable from the rear of the vehicle to the head unit, connecting it to the 'Reversing Line' input.
6. Connect the external microphone for improved call quality.
7. Carefully mount the new Fortdows car radio into the dashboard opening.
8. Reconnect the vehicle battery and test the unit's functionality before reassembling the dashboard trim.



Image 2.2: Comparison of original dashboard and installed Fortdows car radio.

3. Operating Instructions

3.1 Power On/Off and Basic Interface

To power on the unit, start your vehicle. The unit will typically boot automatically. The 10.4-inch HD IPS touchscreen provides a responsive interface for navigating through applications and settings.



Image 3.1: Main user interface of the car radio.

3.2 Wireless CarPlay & Android Auto

The unit supports wireless CarPlay and Android Auto via Bluetooth connection. This allows for hands-free access to navigation, music, calls, messages, and voice assistants like Siri or Google Assistant.

1. Ensure Bluetooth is enabled on your smartphone and the car radio.
2. Pair your smartphone with the car radio via Bluetooth.
3. Select the CarPlay or Android Auto icon on the radio's display to initiate the connection.



Image 3.2: Wireless CarPlay and Android Auto functionality.

3.3 GPS Navigation

The unit comes preloaded with Google Maps and supports real-time online navigation. Connect to a Wi-Fi network for map updates and live traffic information.



Image 3.3: GPS Navigation interface.

3.4 Bluetooth 5.4 Connectivity

Bluetooth 5.4 ensures quick smartphone pairing for hands-free calls, music streaming, and voice control, enhancing driving safety and connectivity.



Image 3.4: Bluetooth 5.4 pairing interface.

3.5 FM/RDS Radio

The integrated QN8035 tuner provides stable FM signals and real-time RDS (Radio Data System) station information.



Image 3.5: FM/RDS Radio interface.

3.6 Audio Settings (DSP & EQ)

Customize your audio experience with the built-in Digital Sound Processor (DSP) and a 32-band equalizer. The premium amplifier chip delivers a 4x45W output for rich sound.



Image 3.6: DSP and Equalizer settings interface.

3.7 Steering Wheel Controls (SWC)

The 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.



Image 3.7: Steering Wheel Control integration.

3.8 Backup Camera

The included 1080P waterproof AHD reversing camera with night vision and a 170° wide-angle lens automatically displays the rear view when the vehicle is in reverse gear.

Image 3.8: Backup Camera display.

4. Maintenance

4.1 Cleaning the Unit

- Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the screen and exterior surfaces.
- For stubborn smudges, lightly dampen the cloth with water or a screen-safe cleaner. Avoid harsh chemicals.
- Do not spray cleaning solutions directly onto the unit.

4.2 Software Updates

Periodically check for software updates through the unit's settings menu or the manufacturer's website. Updates can improve performance, add new features, and resolve bugs.

5. Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter. If a problem persists, please contact customer support.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Unit does not power on	Incorrect wiring; Blown fuse; Vehicle battery disconnected.	Check power connections; Inspect vehicle fuses; Ensure battery is connected.
No sound output	Volume too low; Mute activated; Speaker wiring issue.	Increase volume; Check mute status; Verify speaker connections.
Wireless CarPlay/Android Auto not connecting	Bluetooth not paired; Wi-Fi interference; Software glitch.	Ensure Bluetooth is paired; Restart phone and unit; Check for software updates.
GPS signal weak or inaccurate	GPS antenna obstructed or improperly installed.	Relocate GPS antenna to a clearer position; Check antenna connection.
Poor microphone quality during calls	External microphone not connected or positioned incorrectly.	Ensure external microphone is securely connected and positioned optimally.
Touchscreen unresponsive	Temporary software issue; Screen calibration needed.	Restart the unit; Perform a factory reset if necessary (data will be lost).

6. Specifications

Detailed technical specifications for the Fortdows 10.4 Inch Car Radio.

Feature	Specification
Model	4G RAM 64G ROM Car Radio for Ford Focus 2012-2018
Operating System	Android 12/13
RAM	4GB
Internal Storage (ROM)	64GB
Display Size	10.4 Inches

Feature	Specification
Display Type	HD IPS Capacitive Touchscreen
Resolution	1024x768 pixels
Bluetooth Version	5.4
Wi-Fi	Dual-band (2.4G/5G)
Audio Output Power	4x45W
Equalizer	32-band EQ with DSP
Navigation	Built-in GPS, supports online/offline maps
Backup Camera	1080P AHD, 170° wide-angle, night vision
Connectivity	USB, Bluetooth
Item Weight	4.88 pounds
Package Dimensions	15.27 x 13.5 x 5.04 inches

7. Warranty and Support

7.1 Warranty Information

For specific warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or contact the seller directly. Warranty coverage typically includes defects in materials and workmanship under normal use.

7.2 Customer Support

If you require technical assistance, have questions about installation, or need to report an issue, please contact Fortdows customer support through the retailer where the product was purchased or visit the official Fortdows website for contact information.

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