

Double DIN Pod Upgrade Kit Installation Guide

For Subaru Forester SG (2003-2008), USDM Spec



Tools Required

- Phillips head screwdriver (electric screwdriver will make things go faster)
- Trim removal tool (optional but recommended), flat head screwdriver will also work fine

Parts Required

Included in the Kit:

- Nav pod
- Left and right brackets
- Front cover
- 4 screws

Not Included:

- Head unit



Estimated Time: 15-20 minutes

Difficulty: Easy

Removal of the Existing Top Storage Compartment

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Remove the Storage Compartment

Use a flat-head screwdriver or trim removal tool to pop off the top storage compartment by moving around the edges at the front. It is only held in by clips and no screws.



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Disconnect clock wiring harness

Locate the one cable plugged into the storage compartment and unplug it. Once unplugged, tuck the wiring harness out of the way as low as possible.



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Remove the Storage Compartment

Everything should now be disconnected and you can fully remove the storage compartment from the dash. But don't put it to the side just yet!



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Remove the screws from the Storage Compartment

Turn the existing storage compartment upside down and remove the two screws from the front of the storage compartment. Ensure you put these screws aside as you will need them later to install the front cover of the nav pod.



Installing the Nav Pod

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Attach the Left and Right Brackets

Attach the left and right radio mount brackets to your head unit by aligning the holes in the brackets with the holes in the sides of your head unit. Use the 4 screws provided to securely fasten the brackets to the head unit, use 2 screws per side.



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Run wiring

Run all necessary wiring up and into the space where the new nav pod kit will be installed. This includes your radio antenna and wiring harness and possibly your reverse camera or any other cables you may have.

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Connect wiring

Plug all necessary wiring into the rear of your head unit now before installing it into the nav pod.

8

Align the head unit

Place in the head unit with the brackets in the empty gap where the previous storage compartment was. Ensure you align the holes on the left and right brackets with the holes in the car.



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Secure and install your head unit

Screw in the head unit with 4 screws loosely to allow for minor adjustments later on.

Caution: Ensure screws are handled carefully during installation to prevent them from falling into the dashboard assembly.



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Install the front cover

Place in the front cover and screw in the two screws on either side using the two screws you put aside in step 4. You might notice a gap forming underneath the head unit to the front cover. Simply flex and adjust the positions and angles of the mounts and screws until you are happy with the fitment.



In the end it should look something like this:



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Tighten all screws

Once you are happy with the positioning of the head unit and front cover, go ahead and tighten all screws securely.

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Install the navpod

Simply place on and press down on the nav pod. A little force may be required. Just push down until it all fits snugly in place.



Troubleshooting

Wiring harness interferes with installation

Make sure the clock wiring harness is tucked as low as possible after disconnecting. You may need to push it further down with your fingers to create enough clearance for the head unit.

Brackets don't align with car mounting points

Double-check you have the correct model kit for your Forester year (SG 2003-2008 USDM). Ensure the brackets are attached to the correct sides of the head unit. Try loosening the bracket screws slightly to allow for minor adjustments.

Gap between head unit and front cover

This is normal initially. Before tightening, flex and adjust the position of the brackets and head unit. You may need to loosen all screws, reposition, and gradually tighten them evenly to eliminate the gap.

Screws keep falling into the dashboard

Work carefully and consider using magnetic-tip screwdrivers. Hold screws with your fingers as you start threading them. If a screw does fall, you may be able to retrieve it from below.

Nav pod won't press down fully

Ensure the front cover is properly installed and all mounting tabs are aligned. Check that no wiring is obstructing the installation. Apply firm, even pressure across the entire nav pod surface until you hear/feel it click into place.

Head unit feels loose after installation

Check all 6 screws are properly tightened (4 for the head unit brackets and 2 for the front cover). Ensure brackets are firmly attached to the head unit. The nav pod pressing down on top also helps secure everything in place.

Need Help?

If you encounter any issues during installation, please contact us at info@fozprints.com.au