

WHERE DO I PUT A RADIO? PART ONE

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WHERE DO I PUT A RADIO IN A DS WITH THE LATE MODEL DASH ?



The 3 dial dash has a radio pocket in the center of the dash but unlike the previous two dash styles, this does not accommodate a standard sized radio. Design fault or design intention?

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In an attempt to answer this fully we first need to look at what was offered as original factory (and dealer)supplied radios and where these were fitted.

The factory parts manual No648, 1971 onwards provides the following information;

"Continental Edison up to 7/72 and Blaupunkt from 7/72 to end"

Here were the two factory solutions.

Solution 1: (probably at the time the dash was designed) get a manufacturer to make a radio that fits this aperture perfectly. In steps Continental Edison, who had made radios to fit the dash aperture in earlier models.

Over approximately 5 years they built three versions of the radio, V1 had two push buttons PO and GO (medium wave and long wave), V2 added MF (FM) and a third button. Finally V3 had the three frequencies but a redesigned front panel . None of these offered stereo. These radios are shown in most versions of the glovebox handbooks.

Unlike contemporary radios from other European manufacturers these radios were not fitted with a Din outlet plug so unfortunately you cannot plug your ipod directly into any of these versions.

Continental Edison Version 1



Continental Edison Version 2



If you want to purchase one go to this link:

<http://www.oldtimerautoradio.nl/?menu=article&categoryID=169026&articleID=1964718>

Continental Edison Version 3



The speaker set up for these was generally an oval speaker fitted above the radio at the top of the dash and a 8 inch(20cm) speaker in the rear parcel shelf. Often there was a fader control mounted in the front speaker enclosure. Usually in Pallas models.

A number of other manufacturers also made radios that would fit into this aperture, Phillips made a nice looking option but it did not offer FM. An Italian company also made a radio to fit, had FM and looked a bit like the last version CE.

Phillips AM Radio





Italian radio that offered both AM and FM



There are also very small AM only Japanese radios that will fit, not 'made to measure,' but will fit. **From Sanyo**

Solution 2. (factory, dealer)

A standard radio was fitted into a 'console' that was screwed to the firewall and covered the central map pocket. These radios are listed in the parts manuals and were one of a range of Blaupunkt's that offered a range of features, AM and LW, AM, LW and FM and even stereo models!

Named in the No 648 parts books are the following Blaupunkt radios:

7/72 to 6/74:Hildenheim, Mannheim and Hambourg

7/74 to end: Autoband (offered tape playback) and Duisburg

These radios do appear on ebay every now and again, can be expensive but are good radios. Attached to a modern compact amplifier these will produce quality sound, through new speakers.

All of these radios had the DIN plug outlet so you would be able to plug your ipod directly into these radios using an adapter cable..

I suppose any make/model could be fitted in these consoles and I have seen photos of period Becker radios fitted.

There is quite a range of these consoles, some had speakers included and small pockets for the little things and others were very neat and covered in the same carpet as was fitted to the car(Factory option?)



NEAT AND TIDY OPTION

THESE WERE EITHER LIKE THIS OR CARPET COVERED ON THE SIDES



FACTORY OPTION? Notice no map pocket.



As well as the speaker possibly fitted as part of the console the radios also had the same speaker set up as mentioned above.

Some websites where refurbished classic car radios are available for purchase plus many tempting bits:

<http://www.oldautoradio.com>

<http://www.oldtimerautoradio.nl/?menu=category&categoryID=30150>

<http://www.europradio.nl>

<http://www.koenigs-klassik.de/indexe.html>

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