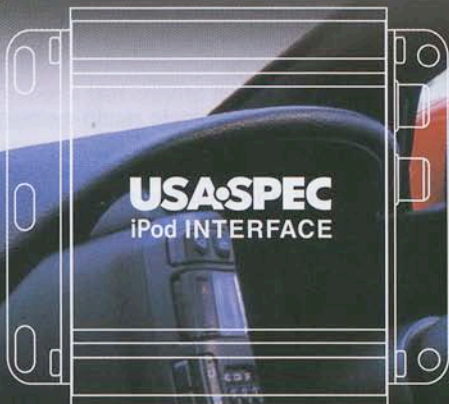


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Model **PA11-HON2y**  
iPod to **Honda/ACURA** car stereo Interface



## OWNER'S MANUAL

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Thank you for purchasing **USA:SPEC** product. This manual describes the functions and operation of PA11-HON2y iPod interface for Honda and ACURA. Please read this manual before installing the product in your vehicle.

## Section 1. ABOUT YOUR INTERFACE PA11-HON2y

This interface connects an iPod directly to your Honda or ACURA audio system. Its on-board software translates commands from your Honda CD changer controls into commands that the iPod understands. This interface enables the iPod to take the place of a Honda CD changer and provides the following benefits:

- Directs the iPod's audio output to Honda vehicle audio system for optimal sound quality playback.
- Controls the iPod via vehicle's radio and steering wheel controls.
- Charges the iPod's internal battery, and charging stops automatically at one hour after iPod is paused. iPod will go to SLEEP mode after charging.

### Compatibility

This PA11-HON2y interface is compatible with iPod (G3 and G4) iPod mini and iPod video models featuring a dock connector. The functionality and features of the iPod interface described in this owner's manual are confirmed with firmware version 1.4.1 for iPod mini, firmware version 2.3 and 3.1.1 for iPod, firmware version 1.2.1 for iPod photo, firmware version 1.1.1 for iPod nano, and firmware version 1.1.1 for iPod video.

Future firmware updates for your iPod or iPod mini or iPod photo may affect the features and functions described in this owner's manual.

Display of artist and song title information, track search by artist, song title, album or genre are NOT supported. Only the Playlist number and track number are displayed on radio.

### Package Contents

PA11-HON2y contains one each of PA11-HON2y interface adaptor, CAS-H2Y and CB-PA14 cables.

### Applications

PA11-HON2y is applicable to the following ACURA and Honda vehicles:

ACURA	Year	HONDA	Year	HONDA	Year
MDX	05- 06	Accord	03 - 06	Odyssey	05- 06
RL	06	Civic	06	Pilot	06
TL	04 - 06	CRV	05 - 06	Ridgeline	06
TSX	04 - 06	Element	03 - 06	S2000	04 - 06

## Section 2. PLAYLIST MODE, DIRECT MODE and AUX OPTION

PA11-HON2y provides two ways to control your iPod through car radio, namely **Playlist Mode** and **Direct Mode**.

**2-1 Direct Mode:** Search and select music on iPod directly just as you would in portable use. The sound of music will play back through your car stereo. Use the track up/down, fast forward and reverse buttons on your radio to control music playback. All control functions on iPod are available to use too. Please see section 4 of this manual for additional information.

**2-2 Playlist Mode:** Operate and control the iPod like it is a CD changer. This mode allows you to access up to five Playlists on the iPod. This is also referenced as External Control Mode of the iPod. The detail of Playlist creation and playback controls are in section 5 of this manual.

DIP switch #2 is for mode selection use. "ON" position is for **Playlist Mode** and "OFF" position is for **Direct Mode**.

Note: Disconnect iPod from PA11-HON2y before switching DIP switch #2 for mode alteration.

### 2-3 Additional AUX INPUT Option Selection

PA11-HON2y interface adaptor is capable of connecting two audio sources to your Honda radio including the iPod. The additional audio source connects to the RCA input jack labeled as AUX INPUT. If you choose to use AUX INPUT, the DIP switch #1 at the side of adaptor box must be set to "OFF" position (factory presets it at "ON" position).

The audio source at AUX INPUT can be accessed at CD 6 Track 1 after selecting CD changer source on the radio. CD1 to CD 4 are for accessing Playlists and CD 5 is for accessing all songs on iPod.

### Operation of AUX

If the "AUX INPUT" option is selected, radio will display "CD 6 Track 1" when **CD/AUX** button is pressed. "CD 6 Track 1" gives access to the audio source connected to AUX INPUT port.

Adjust VOLUME, BASS, TREBLE and etc. as you would normally do for the other program sources on the radio.

## Section 3. INSTALLATION

Remove radio from dash.

Step 1-Set the DIP switch #2 to "OFF" position only if the **Direct Mode** is preferred.

Step 2-If the vehicle is equipped with with navigation and/or XM receiver, unplug the navigation / XM cable connector from radio and plug it to the 14-pin FEMALE connector on **USA:SPEC** CAS-H2Y cable.

Step 3-Plug the 14-pin MALE connector on **USA:SPEC** CAS-H2Y cable to the receptor at the back of radio.

Step 4-Plug the round 8-pin DIN plug on the cable CAS-H2Y to PA11-HON2y adapter where it is labeled "RADIO". (DO NOT connect your iPod to PA11-HON2y prior the completion of this installation step!!!)

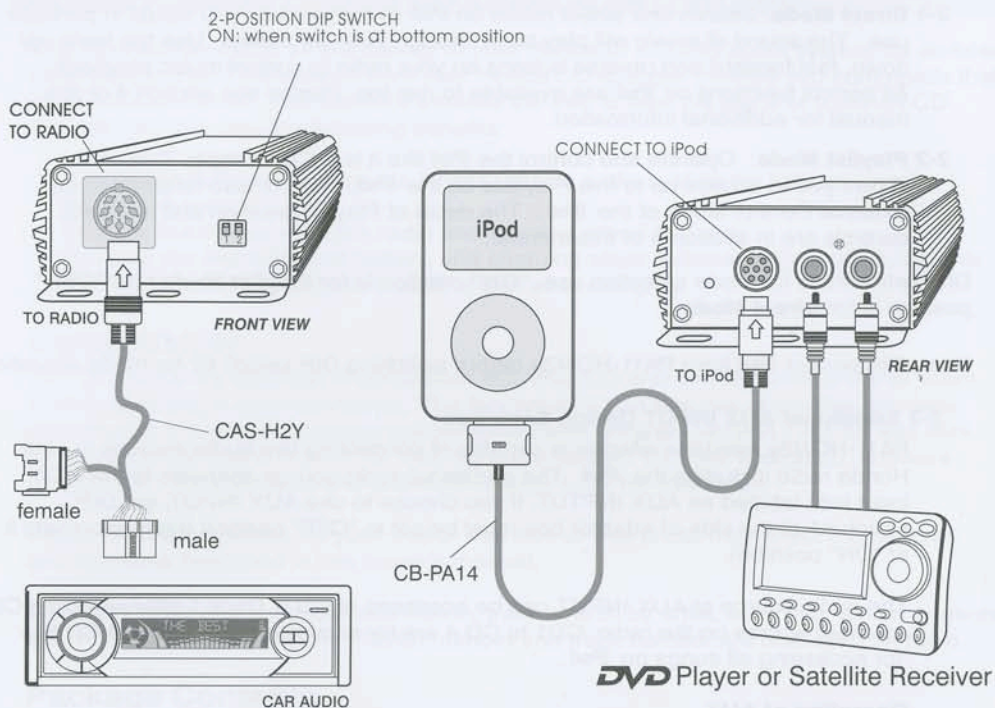
Step 5-Connect the audio output of your auxiliary devices to AUX input jack on PA11-HON2y if AUX option is selected through DIP switch #1.

Step 6-Plug CB-PA14 cable to PA11-HON2y adaptor box where it is labeled "iPod".

Step 7-Reinstall radio to dash after a successful test.

## WARNING!!

Use only the iPod connection cable which comes with PA11-HON2y interface adaptor. iPod Connection cables from other sources may look similar, but they may damage your iPod.



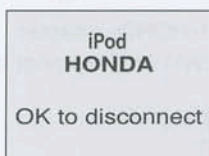
## Section 4. CONNECTING & PLAYING of iPod in DIRECT MODE

When the iPod is connected to the adaptor, iPod's screen will go blank for few seconds before the normal screen returns. Set source to CD changer on your radio, the audio of iPod music will be played back at DISC 5 and Track 1. Adjust VOLUME, BASS, TREBLE and etc. as you would normally do for the other program sources on the radio.

## Section 5. CONNECTING & PLAYING of iPod in PLAYLIST MODE

### 5-1 Connecting iPod to the interface

Turn your HONDA radio ON before connecting your iPod. After connection, the iPod will take a few moments to change to external control mode. On the screen of iPod will then show



and you are now able to select iPod mode.

### 5-2 Select iPod mode on Honda radio

Press CD/AUX button on radio repeatedly to go to CD Changer mode and "CD06 TRK-x" appears on the radio display (x is the track number of "Now Playing" song on iPod). This display confirms that iPod mode has been completely synchronized and activated. Synchronization timing varies according to the number of Playlists on your iPod.

If iPod was playing previously before radio or ACC power was OFF, and the iPod was not disconnected, playback resumes from where it was stopped.

### 5-3 Disconnecting iPod from the interface

If your iPod is disconnected during playback in iPod mode, the radio will display "EJECT".

After disconnecting, iPod screen changes from the external control mode screen back to the normal menu. Press and hold the Play/Pause button on iPod may get the normal iPod menu back faster.

### 5-4 Playback of songs on iPod

All audio tracks on your iPod will be played (All play) at DISC 6. Track order is determined by the default order on your iPod. Selecting DISC1 to DISC 5 on radio will allow playback of 5 Playlists on iPod. Every time when iPod is connected to the interface adaptor, the playback starts from "Now Playing" song at DISC 6 by default.

If iPod was playing any of its Playlist right before the connection, the same Playlist will continue to play and repeated at disc 6 but iPod will switch to "All" as soon as the fast forward (or SEEK/SKIP) button (▶▶) is pressed.

### 5-5 Selecting a Playlist

Press DISC UP (Λ) or DISC DOWN (V) button to select a Playlist. The selected Playlist will begin playing and the Playlist number and track number will be displayed. In rare cases, this may take up to few seconds for the completion of synchronization.

After playing the last song in the current Playlist, playback will start again from the first track of this Playlist.

### Playlist naming

- When iPod is connected to your radio via PA11-HON2y interface adaptor, the adaptor scans all available Playlists on iPod and looks for designated HONDA Playlists which are created for direct access with DISC buttons on HONDA radio. The designated HONDA Playlists are related to DISC number in the following manner:

DISC 1: HONDA1...  
DISC 2: HONDA2...  
DISC 3: HONDA3...  
DISC 4: HONDA4...  
DISC 5: HONDA5...  
DISC 6: ALL SONGS on iPod

The naming of designated HONDA Playlists in iTunes for PA11-HON2y interface must be exactly as shown. HONDA must be in capital letters and there can be no spaces between HONDA text and number.

However, you may add any text after the correct naming of a Playlist. (i.e. HONDA1-Jazz, HONDA3\_Favorite3 are acceptable Playlist names for PA11-HON2y iPod interface.)

- If no designated HONDA Playlists are created, PA11-HON2y adaptor automatically relates to the first five available Playlists on iPod to DISC number 1 to 5 regardless Playlist's naming.
- If less than five designated HONDA Playlists are created, PA11-HON2y adaptor automatically fills up the rest of DISC numbers beginning with the first available Playlist on iPod. Example: if only three designated HONDA1, HONDA3 and HONDA5 Playlists are created, the disc number on radio will be:

DISC 1: HONDA1...  
 DISC 2: (1<sup>st</sup> available Playlist on iPod )  
 DISC 3: HONDA3...  
 DISC 4: (2<sup>nd</sup> available Playlist on iPod )  
 DISC 5: HONDA5...

The iPod interface does not recognize a Playlists that contains no audio tracks regardless of Playlist naming. The iPod interface also does not recognize the "On-The-Go" Playlist on your iPod.

## 5-6 Playback function controls

You can control playback with several functions. These functions are generally cancelled when you press select radio buttons; disconnect the iPod, or POWER OFF the radio or ACC.

### SCAN

Press the scan button, each track in the current Playlist play for 10 seconds. If SCAN is pressed at DISC 6, it will play all songs in iPod for 10 seconds each.

### Random (Shuffle)

Press the random button (RND), songs within a Playlist will playback in random order. The display of track number will change to start from 1 as it does on the iPod.

### Repeat

Repeat of a song being played is not supported.

### Track Up/Down

Press the track up (SKIP ►►) Button to advance to the next track in the Playlist. Press the track down (SKIP ◄◄) button to go to the beginning of the track that's being played. Press the track down button twice to go to the previous track.

If the track up or track down buttons is pressed quickly in repetition, the track numbers displayed may change unevenly. You may also hear short bits of audio during repeated presses of track up and track down buttons.

**If your HONDA radio currently displays a maximum of two digits for track number. Track number 100 will be displayed as 01, Track 101 displayed as 02, track 102 as 03**

### Fast Track Search (x10)

Press the SEEK (◄◄ ►►), it will advance or retreat through the tracks in the Playlist in increment of 10 (i.e. 04, 14, 24...). When the end of the Playlist is reached, the search will stop at track 1, and then continue by increments of 10 (i.e. 19, 29, 1, 11...).

**Press and hold** the fast forward or fast reverse buttons for more than 4 seconds, the search will jump to the last track or the first track of the Playlist.

If you are in scan mode, the mode will be cancelled.

### Fast Forward/Fast Reverse Play

This function applies **only** in random mode. Since engaging or disengaging the random mode does not stop playback of the current song, you can change into or out of random mode to do the fast track search (x10) function, or the fast forward/fast backward play function.

**Press and hold** the forward or backward button will cause only the current track to skip through at speed.

During fast forward, when the end of the current track is reached, the iPod will start playing the next random track at normal speed. During fast backward, when the start of the current track is reached, the track will start playing again at normal speed. To continue fast forward or fast reverse play, release the button and press it again.

### Changing source to AM/FM, CD, Cassette

When a source other than the iPod is selected on radio, the iPod will pause.

## Section 6. CAUTION

- In general, iPod has not been designed to withstand temperature extremes in automobiles. Please consult your iPod Owner's Manual regarding acceptable operation and storage temperatures.
- Do not disassemble or alter the cable and interface box.
- Make the connections correctly.
- Do not cut away the wire sheath or use the power for other equipments.
- Do not install in locations which might hinder vehicle operation or create hazards for vehicle occupants.
- Having the wiring and installation done by professionals.
- Arrange wiring so it is not crimped or pinched.
- Do not use this product for purposes other than stated for the vehicle.

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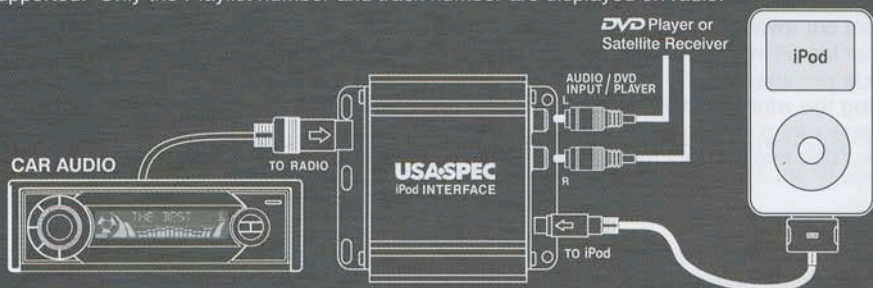
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- Maintain current Playlist when switching from portable to in-car use.
- Charge the iPod battery while playing, charging automatically ends at one hour after iPod is paused to prevent car battery drain.
- Plus-DVD player, Satellite radio or other audio device can be used in conjunction with the iPod through Aux Audio Input jack.
- Plug-n-Play : This complete package includes installation cables, mounting screws and user's manual.

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Dear Customers,

The **Playlist Mode** of USA SPEC iPod interfaces has been replaced by **Hybrid Mod**. **Hybrid Mode** combines the advantages of both **Playlist Mode** and **Direct Mode**; therefore USA SPEC iPod interface delivers a new level of convenience to use your iPod in car.

**SAFETY NOTE:** ALWAYS give full attention to driving. Do not operate iPod in such a way that will distract you while you are driving.

- In Hybrid Mode, the songs on iPod are accessed exactly in the same way as in the Playlist Mode been explained in the owner's manual. But, **iPod screen is NOT locked** to "ok to disconnect" and **iPod control keys are also fully functional**. Therefore, while playing your iPod at any DISC location of radio, you can manually change song, change artist, change album, fast forward, fast reverse, etc. through the keys on iPod.
- If the playback of a Playlist is manually "interrupted" through iPod's key pad and a song or music in a "new category" is played, the interface module memorizes the last played track number of the "new category". "New category" means folders, or Playsit, or artist, etc. which is different from the Playlist being played. When you return to the same DISC on radio later, the interface module will use the "memorized" track number (note: just the track number, not the last played song in the new category) to playback the Playlist related to this DISC.
- Hybrid Mode is selected by setting the DIP switch #2 on interface module to ON position.
- When iPod is connected to interface module, the iPod will take approximately 30 seconds to complete its external control mode configuration. During this period of time, the iPod screen's display will continue change until the configuration is completed.
- The number of Playlist being supported and all other functions, including the naming of Playsits for Hybrid Mode are the same as in Playlist Mode.
- In Hybrid Mode, you can fast forward and fast reverse the music with the fast forward and fast reverse buttons on your radio.
- For those USA SPEC iPod interface products which support TEXT display on radio, the TEXT display feature is continue supported.
- *G3 iPod is not compatible with Hybrid Mode. G3 iPods will be in Playlist mode when DIP switch #2 is at ON position.*
- The operation of **Direct Mode** remains unchanged.

**① We strongly recommend that you install the unit in an easily accessible location, so you can later reset or upgrade the unit.**

**① All CDs must be EJECTED from CD player and in-dash changer before installation.**

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