

CD Changer Installation



The CD Changer I chose to install in my car is a USA SPEC SCD-N66. This changer can be found in www.crutchfield.com. However, I got mine new and much cheaper on Ebay. I only paid \$139.00 (USD) + shipping.

This particular changer is compatible with Nissan/Infiniti cars from years 1995-1998. If the double-DIN size radio in your Nissan/Infiniti has a "CD/CHG" button, it will control this changer.

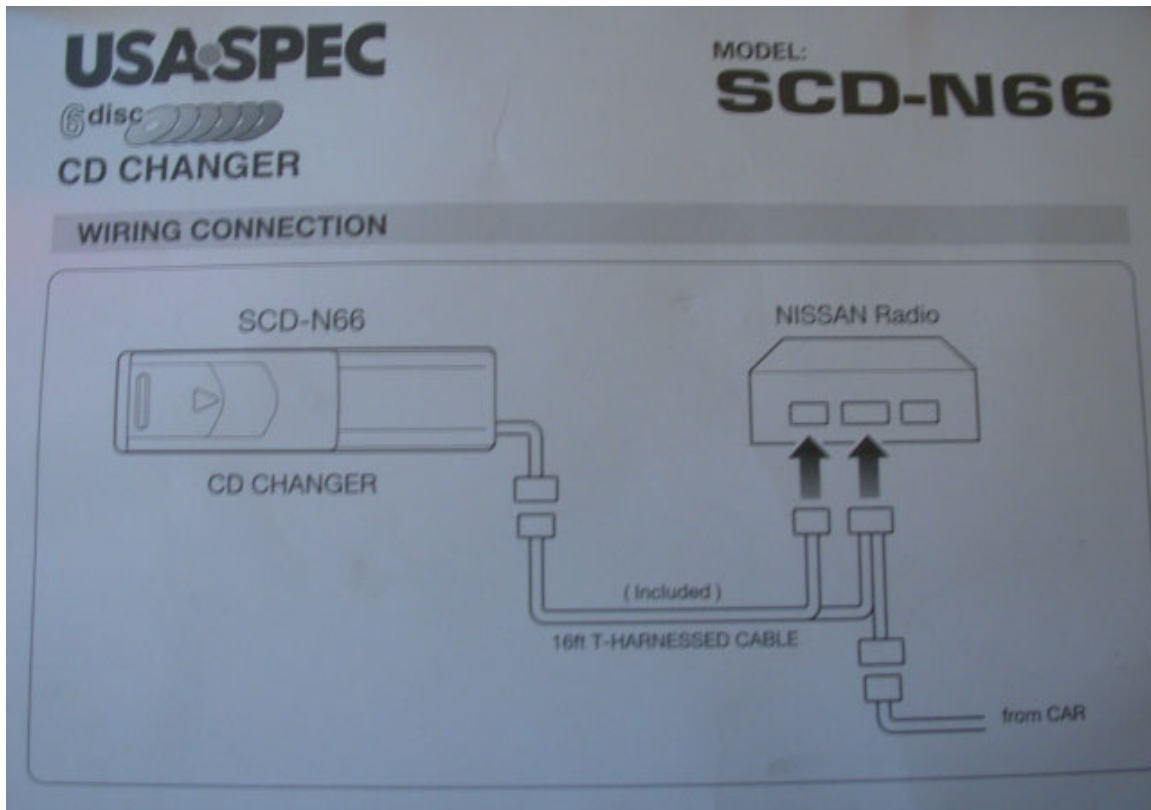
The changer comes with detailed installation instructions and wiring. The changer will connect to your Bose head unit by a 16-foot-long Y-cable wire harness. The tricky part is that you have to run this harness from the trunk to the Bose head unit.

First, you will need to get to the back of the head unit. To do this, remove the plastic trim around your shift knob. This piece is simply held by clips so just pull on it. With this trim out of the way, you will see two screws holding the bottom of the wood trim. Remove these screws.

To remove the wood trim, pull the bottom of the trim (near the area where you just removed the two screws) towards you. The top of the wood trim is held in place by two STRONG retaining clips. The clips are located along the top of the wood trim, about 1 ½ inches from the left and right edges. The easiest thing is to use a hook tool to pull the wood trim off. Just be gentle. Take your time. You don't want to crack the wood.

Once the wood trim clips let go, the wood trim is free with the exception of a wire harness going to the ashtray/cigarette lighter. Swing the wood trim from left to right to expose the wire harness connection. Disconnect the harness and set the wood trim aside.

Now, you will notice that the Bose head unit and AC controls are sharing a single bracket. This is ok. You will see four screws holding the Bose unit and AC controls in place. Remove these four screws and both units should slide right out. You will disconnect the biggest harness from the back of the head unit. The car harness that connected to the head unit will now connect to the Y-cable/harness that came with the changer. There are two connections from the Y-harness that will connect to the back of your head unit. See attached image for details on the connection of the supplied CD Changer wiring harness to the head unit.



Next, it's time to run the rest of the wire harness from the head unit to the trunk.

First, remove the back seat. With the back seat out of the way, remove the carpet trim pieces (chrome kick panels) by the front and rear passenger doors. You will notice that the carpet simply clips onto the metal here. Slide the carpet clips up and the carpet should come off the edge. You will notice a white piece of plastic. That white piece of plastic is covering the main wire harness going to the trunk of your car. Run your wiring along the white plastic piece. You may be tempted to run the CD changer wiring under the white plastic pieces (along-side the existing black wire harness) but you don't really need to. It's a lot of work to do that. I ran my CD changer wire next to the white plastic covers, neither on TOP nor under them.

With the back seat removed, you will notice that there is a large grey rubber grommet that lets the car's wiring harness through the rear firewall and into the trunk area. Use a knife to cut a slit into the side of the grommet. This is how you will get your wiring into the trunk area. Remove the trunk lining so you can get to the wiring you just poked through the rubber grommet. As you pull the trunk lining, you will get access to the gas tank and next to it, the rubber grommet with your wire.

With the wire into the trunk, find a place to mount the CD changer and simply plug the wire harness to the CD changer.