# **AXDSPX-FD3** INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



#### INTERFACE COMPONENTS

- AXDSPX-FD3 interface
- AXDSPX-FD3 interface harness
- AXDSPX-FD3 vehicle T-harness
   Bass knob

#### APPLICATIONS

Visit AxxessInterfaces.com for current application list

For **Dash Disassembly Instructions**, refer to metraonline.com. Enter the year, make, and model of the vehicle in the **Vehicle Fit Guide** for Radio Install kits.



# DSP Interface with Pre-Wired Harness

Fits Select Ford Models 2018–2023

### **INTERFACE FEATURES**

- Designed for non-amplified systems
- Selectable 31-band Graphic EQ or 5-band parametric EQ on each channel with high pass, low pass, and bandpass filters
- 6 inputs and 10 individually assignable outputs
- Selectable slope (12, 24, 36, or 48db per octave)
- Selectable Graphic or Parametric EQ
- Independent equalization on each of the 10 outputs
- Each channel can be delayed independently up to 10 ms
- Clipping detection and limiting circuits
- Bass knob included
- Retains OE voice prompts (SYNC®) if vehicle is equipped
- Settings adjusted wirelessly in the free AX-DSP-XL app available for smartphones and tablets
- Easy behind the radio installation
- Can be used with factory and aftermarket radios
- Read, write, and store configurations for future recall
- Password protect feature available in the app
- Micro "B" USB updatable

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#### **TOOLS & INSTALLATION ACCESSORIES REQUIRED**

- Crimping tool and connectors, or solder gun, solder, and heat shrink • Tape • Wire cutter
- Zip ties Multimeter

#### Download AX-DSP-XL App





ATTENTION: With the key out of the ignition, disconnect the negative battery terminal before installing this product. Ensure that all installation connections, especially the air bag indicator lights, are plugged in before reconnecting the battery or cycling the ignition

NOTE: Refer also to the instructions included with the aftermarket accessory before installing this device.

## INSTALLATION OPTIONS

## Adding a subwoofer to a factory system:

The diagram on **Page 3** shows the connections that need to be made to add a subwoofer to the factory system.

**Note:** RCA jacks sold separately.

## Adding a full-range of amps and subwoofer to a factory system:

The diagram on **Page 4** shows the connections that need to be made to add: Subwoofer (RCA jacks sold separately)

Amplifier (SPDT relay E-123 required) or

Additional Amp (RCA jacks sold separately).

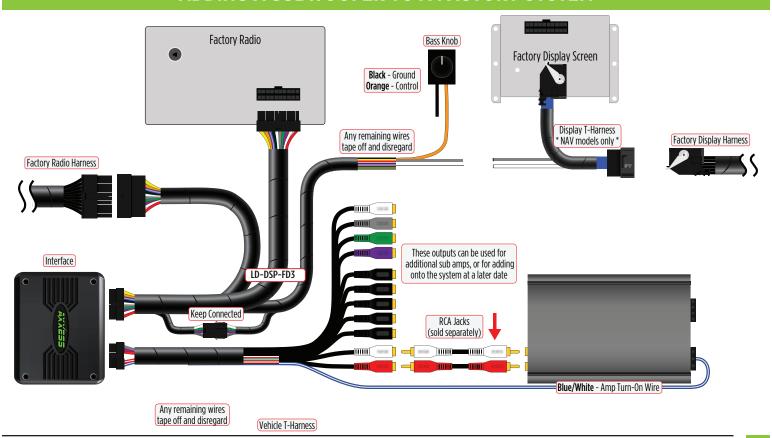
**Note:** The interface provides a 12-volt 1-amp output to turn on aftermarket amp(s). If installing multiple amps, an SPDT automotive relay will be required if the amp turn-on current of all amps combined exceeds 1-amp. Use Metra part number <u>E-123</u> (sold separately) for best results.

## **FEATURES** CONT.

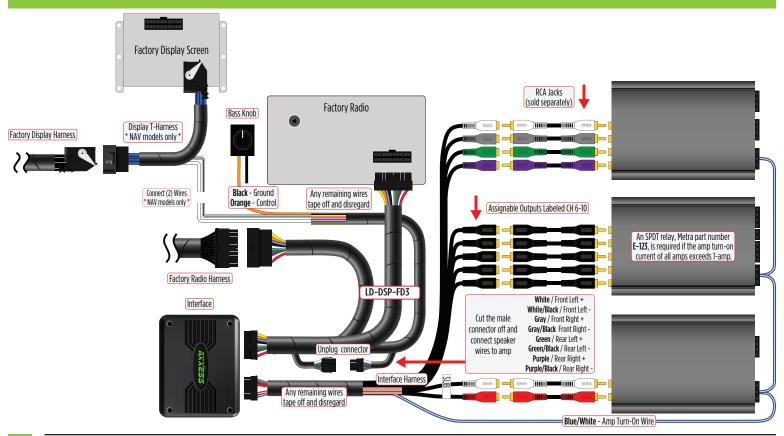
## INSTALLATION

- 1. Disassemble the dash, unplug all connectors, and then remove the factory radio.†
- Install the AXDSPX-FD3 vehicle T-harness to the vehicle and make all necessary connections, but leave the amp turn-on wire disconnected.
- 3. Plug the AXDSPX-FD3 vehicle T-harness to the AXDSPX-FD3 interface.
- 4. Plug the AXDSPX-FD3 interface harness to the AXDSPX-FD3 interface.
- 5. Download and install the **AX-DSP-XL app** for your smart device
- **6.** Open the app then select the **Bluetooth Connection** tab. Follow the instructions to pair the mobile device to the interface. Refer to page 6 for more information.
- Scroll to the Configuration tab then select the vehicle type. Press the Lock Down ‡ button to save the configuration. Refer to page 7 for more information.
- **8.** Connect the amp turn-on wire.
- **9.** Adjust the settings in the app as desired. Press the **Lock Down** ‡ button to save any new configurations.
- For dash disassembly instructions, refer to metraonline.com. Enter the year, make, and model of the vehicle in the Vehicle Fit Guide and find instructions under Metra Radio Install kits.
- ‡ Anytime the interface is locked down the key must be cycled off then back on.

# **ADDING A SUBWOOFER TO A FACTORY SYSTEM**



## **ADDING A FULL-RANGE AMP & SUB TO A FACTORY SYSTEM**



# QUICK SETUP STEPS THROUGH AXDSP-XL APP

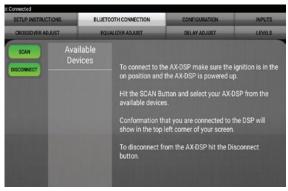
Android™ 9 or higher



iOS® 12.1 or higher



- L. Download and install the AX-DSP-XL app for your smart device.
- Turn Vehicle Ignition on, Make sure the Remote Turn on lead is disconnected.
- Open the app: Select Bluetooth Connections page.
  - Select **Scan**, all available AXDSP devices within range will be displayed. Select your AXDSP and hit connect. (Figure A)
- **4.** Select the Configuration page.
  - Select **Vehicle Type** Icon
  - Select the Vehicle Make:\_\_\_\_\_ (Example: **FORD**)
  - Select the Vehicle's model: \_\_\_\_\_ (Example: **F150**)
  - Select With OE Amp
  - Hit Apply (Figure B)
- **5.** Make sure radio volume is all the way down.
- **6.** Connect the amp turn-on wire from the **AXDSPX-FD3 T-harness** to the aftermarket amplifiers.



(Figure A)

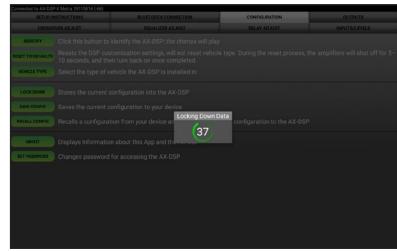


(Figure B)

# **QUICK SETUP STEPS THROUGH AXDSP-XL APP (CONT.)**

- From the Configuration page click the Identify button to confirm that the AXDSPX-FD3 is connected properly. If so, a chime will be heard from the front left speaker.
- **8.** Press the **Lock Down** button to save the configuration. (Do not turn ignition off until this process is completed) (Figure C)
- **9.** Select the **Bluetooth Configurations** page and disconnect the DSPX.
- 10. Turn ignition off, close all door then lock vehicle using the key fob. The vehicle will need to sit uninterrupted for 10 minutes while the vehicle goes to sleep. (Make sure Key fob is 15 feet away from the vehicle)
- Unlock Vehicle, turn ignition on and test radio's functions.
- 12. Adjust the DSP settings in the app as desired. Refer to the instructions under the Setup Instructions tab, or online at Axxessinterfaces.com for an explanation of each tab in the app.

# **Locking Down Data**



(Figure C)

Last and the most important:
You MUST lock down your
configuration and cycle the key!!!

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Input Impedance 1M Ohm Input Channels 6

Input Options High Level or Low Level Input Type Differential balanced

Input Voltage 0 - 28-volts (peak-to-peak)

(high level range)

Input Voltage 0 - 4.9-volts (peak-to-peak)

(low level range)

Ouput Channels 10

Output Voltage Up to 5-volts RMS

Output Impedance 50 Ohms

Equalizer Type 31 Band Graphic EQ, +/- 10dB

THD <0.03%

Frequency Response 20Hz - 20kHz

Crossover 3-Way LPF, BPF, HPF THP per channel

Crossover Type Linkwitz-Riley 24db slope

Sampling 48kHz

S/N Ratio 105dB @ 5-volts RMS

Operating Voltage 10-16 volts DC

Standby Current Draw 7mA

Operation Current Draw 150mA
Adjustments/Controls Application via Bluetooth

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Remote Output 12 volts DC (signal sense) or ignition on



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