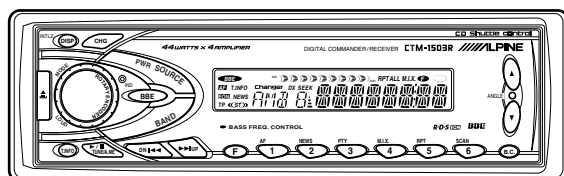




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Digital Commander/Receiver

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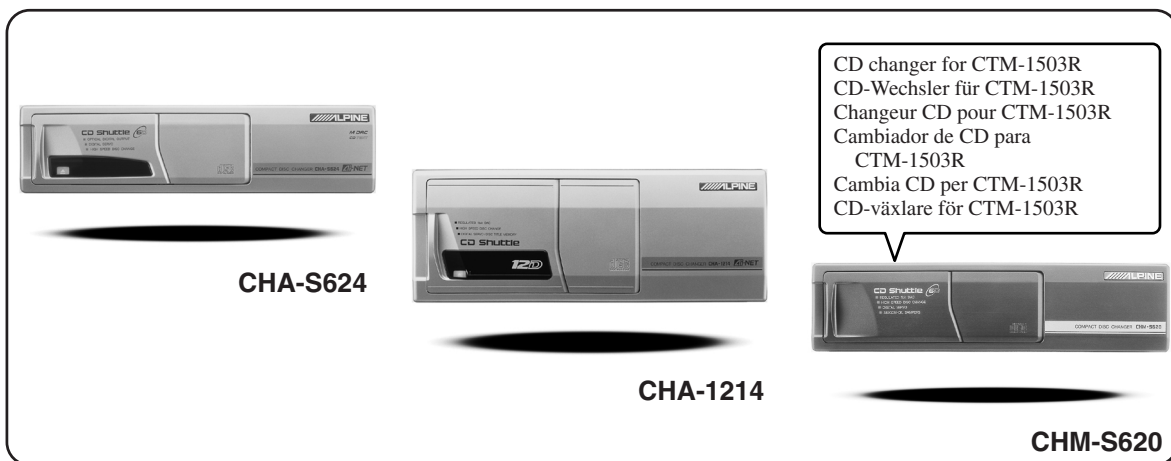
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- Stellen Sie Ihr Fahrzeug stets gut sichtbar ab.
- Verschließen Sie Türen, Fenster, Schiebedach und Kofferraum immer, auch bei nur kurzer Abwesenheit.
- Lassen Sie keine Wertsachen sichtbar im Auto liegen.
- Wird Ihr Fahrzeug aufgebrochen, wenden Sie sich sofort an die nächste Polizeidienststelle.
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- Informieren Sie sich über technische Sicherungsmöglichkeiten bei einer Kriminalpolizeilichen Beratungsstelle.

Gerät 1

Modell-Nr.:

Hersteller:

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WARNING

WARNING

This symbol means important instructions. Failure to heed them can result in serious injury or death.

DO NOT OPERATE ANY FUNCTION THAT TAKES YOUR ATTENTION AWAY FROM SAFELY DRIVING YOUR VEHICLE.

Any function that requires your prolonged attention should only be performed after coming to a complete stop. Always stop the vehicle in a safe location before performing these functions. Failure to do so may result in an accident.

KEEP THE VOLUME AT A LEVEL WHERE YOU CAN STILL HEAR OUTSIDE NOISE WHILE DRIVING.

Failure to do so may result in an accident.

DO NOT DISASSEMBLE OR ALTER.

Doing so may result in an accident, fire or electric shock.

USE THIS PRODUCT FOR MOBILE 12V APPLICATIONS.

Use for other than its designed application may result in fire, electric shock or other injury.

USE THE CORRECT AMPERE RATING WHEN REPLACING FUSES.

Failure to do so may result in fire or electric shock.

DO NOT BLOCK VENTS OR RADIATOR PANELS.

Doing so may cause heat to build up inside and may result in fire.

CAUTION

This symbol means important instructions. Failure to heed them can result in injury or material properly damage.

HALT USE IMMEDIATELY IF A PROBLEM APPEARS.

Failure to do so may cause personal injury or damage to the product. Return it to your authorized Alpine dealer or the nearest Alpine Service Centre for repairing.

PRECAUTIONS

Temperature

Be sure the temperature inside the vehicle is between +60°C (+140°F) and -10°C (+14°F) before turning your unit on.

Damaged Disc

Do not attempt to play cracked, warped, or damaged discs. Playing a bad disc could severely damage the playback mechanism.

Maintenance

If you have problems, do not attempt to repair the unit yourself. Return it to your Alpine dealer or the nearest Alpine Service Station for servicing.

Installation Location

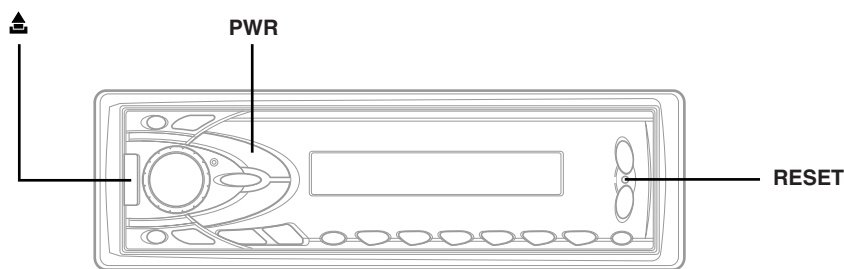
Make sure the CTM-1503R will not be installed in a location subjected to:

- Direct sun and heat
- High humidity and water
- Excessive dust
- Excessive vibrations


Handling the Detachable Front Panel

- Do not expose to rain or water.
- Do not drop or apply shock.

Basic Operation



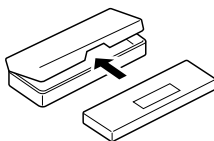
Detaching the Front Panel

- 1 Press the **PWR** (Power) button for more than 3 seconds to turn off the power.
- 2 Press the  (Release) button at left side until the front panel pops out.
- 3 Grasp the left side of the front panel and pull it out.



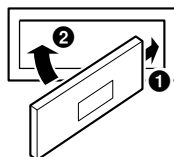
NOTES

- The front panel may become hot in normal usage (especially the connector terminals), this is not malfunction.
- To protect the front panel, place it in the supplied carrying case.



Attaching the Front Panel

- 1 First, insert the right side of the front panel into the main unit. Align the groove on the front panel with the projections on the main unit.
- 2 Push the left side of the front panel until it locks firmly into the main unit.



NOTE

Before attaching the front panel, make sure that there is no dirt or dust on the connector terminals and no foreign object between the front panel and the main unit.

• Controllable with Remote Control

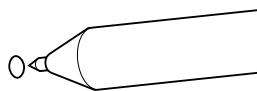
This unit can be controlled with an optional Alpine remote control. For details, consult your Alpine dealer.

• Connectable to Remote Control Interface Box

You can operate this unit from the vehicle's control unit when an Alpine Remote Control Interface Box (optional) is connected. For details, contact your Alpine dealer.

Initial System Start-Up


Make sure that the Power is turned off. When the power is on, press and hold the **PWR** button for at least 3 seconds to turn off the power. Immediately after installing or applying power to the unit, it should be initialized. Press the **RESET** switch with a ballpoint pen or any other pointed object.



Turning Power On and Off

- 1 Press the **PWR** (Power) button to turn on the unit.

NOTE

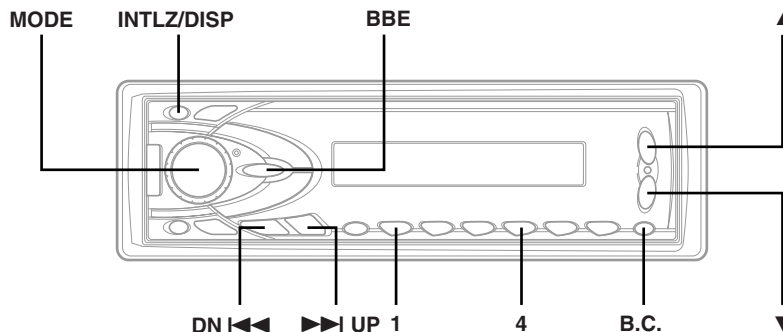
The unit can be turned on by pressing any other button except the  (Release) button.

The volume level gradually increases to the previous level you were listening to before the unit was turned off. Press the **PWR** button for more than 3 seconds to turn off the unit.

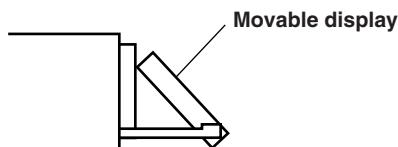
NOTE

The very first time the power is turned on, the volume will start from level 12, the BBE will be on in the tuner mode.

Basic Operation



Display Angle Adjustment



The movable display may be adjusted to 3 different angles depending upon user preference.

- 1 Press the **ANGLE ▲ or ▼** button to adjust the angle of the movable display.

NOTES

- The display will close a half minute after the ignition key is turned to the OFF position.
- The adjusted angle of the display is stored in memory. There is no need to re-adjust the angle when the power is turned back on.

CAUTION

Keep hands (or any other object) away from the display while it is opening or closing to avoid damage or injury. The back of the movable display will get very warm under normal operating conditions. This is not a malfunction. Do not touch.

Subwoofer On and Off

- 1 Press and hold the **INTLZ** button for at least 3 seconds.
- 2 Press the **Preset 4** button. With each press, subwoofer is toggled On or Off.
- 3 Press the **INTLZ** button to cancel the setting mode.

NOTES

- Initial mode is "Subwoofer OFF."
- Set to "Subwoofer OFF" unless the subwoofer is used.
- When the subwoofer is turned on, the subwoofer output level can be adjusted. For more details, refer to the Adjusting Volume/Bass/Treble/Balance/Fader.

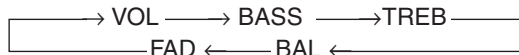
Adjusting Source Signal Levels

If the difference in volume level between the CD changer and FM radio is too great, adjust the FM signal level as follows.

- 1 Press and hold the **INTLZ** button for at least 3 seconds.
- 2 Press the **Preset 1** button to select the FM signal level HI (High) or LO (Low) to make the signal levels between the FM band and CD changer closer.
- 3 Press the **INTLZ** button to cancel the setting mode.

Adjusting Volume/Bass/Treble/Balance (Between Left and Right)/Fader (Between Front and Rear)

- 1 Press the **MODE** (Audio Control) knob repeatedly to choose the desired mode. Each press changes the modes as follows:



NOTES

- If the **MODE** (Audio Control) knob is not rotated in 5 seconds after selecting the **BASS**, **TREBLE**, **BALANCE**, or **FADER** mode, the unit automatically sets in the **VOLUME** mode.
- When the subwoofer, **BBE** mode is set to ON, the level of the subwoofer, **BBE** can be adjusted.

- 2 Rotate the **MODE** (Audio Control) knob until the desired sound is obtained in each mode.

NOTE

The settings of the Bass and Treble will be individually memorized for each source (FM, MW (LW) and CD changer) until the setting is changed. Depending on the connected devices, some functions and display indications do not work.

Turning Loudness On/Off

Loudness introduces a special low- and high-frequency emphasis at low listening levels. This compensates for the ear's decreased sensitivity to bass and treble sound.

- 1 Press and hold the **MODE** (Audio Control) knob for at least 2 seconds to activate or deactivate the loudness mode.
The display shows "LOUD ON" when the loudness mode is activated.

Selecting BBE Mode

The BBE (Barcus Berry Electronics) processor installed in this unit is designed to correct the phase distortion inherent in most loudspeaker designs. Ensuring the phase integrity of the signal driving the speakers improves the accurate reproduction of the sound.

- 1 Press the **BBE** button to turn on the BBE mode. Each press toggles between the BBE on and off modes.
 - 2 In BBE mode, press the **BBE** button for more than 2 seconds to turn ON the BBE adjusting mode.
To set the BBE adjusting mode to OFF, press the **BBE** button for more than 2 seconds.
- NOTE**
In BBE adjusting mode, wait 5 seconds without pressing any button. The BBE adjusting mode is turned OFF.
- 3 To change to a desired BBE level, rotate the **MODE** (Audio Control) knob.
The BBE level can be changed from +1 to +3.

NOTE
The initial mode is +2.

Setting Bass Frequency

The bass control centre frequency can be set at 60, 80, 100 or 200 Hz.

- 1 Press the **B.C.** (Bass Control) button to turn on the bass control settings.
- 2 Press the **DN** ◀◀ or the ▶▶ **UP** button to select the desired Bass centre frequency. Each press changes the centre frequency as follows: 60 Hz, 80 Hz, 100 Hz and 200 Hz.

NOTE

If no buttons are pressed within 5 seconds, the bass control settings will be turned off automatically.

- 3 Press the **B.C.** (Bass Control) button to turn off the bass control settings.

NOTE

Initial mode is 80Hz.

Changing Display Pattern of Audio Level

- 1 Press the **DISP** button to turn the OLI ON.
The display pattern (Level indicator) will change.

Level indicator

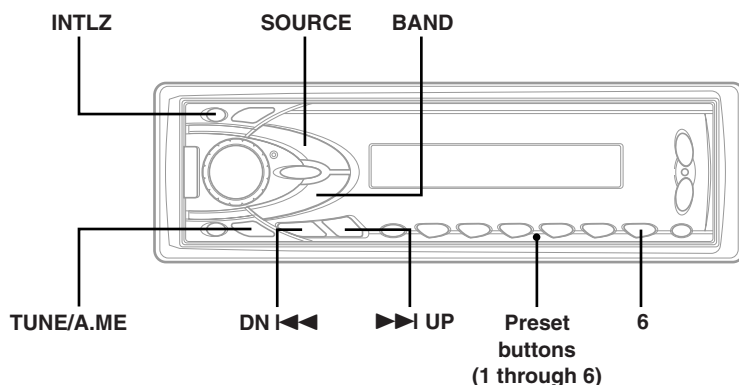


OLI ON:

The level indicator bars light up from the left side to the right side repeatedly in accordance with the musical signals.

Press the **DISP** button again to turn the OLI OFF.
The indicator displays the volume level.

Radio Operation



Manual Tuning

- 1 Press the **SOURCE** button until a radio frequency appears in the display.
- 2 Press the **BAND** button repeatedly until the desired radio band is displayed. Each press changes the band:

→ FM1 → FM2 → MW → LW →
- 3 Press the **TUNE** button repeatedly until "DX SEEK" and "SEEK" disappear from the display.
NOTE
The initial mode is DX SEEK.
- 4 Press the **DN I◀◀** or **▶▶ I UP** button to move downward or upward one step respectively until the desired station frequency is displayed.
NOTE
The ST indicator appears on the display when a Stereo FM station is tuned in.

Setting Frequency Step

When you tune in FM stations automatically, you can set the frequency step to 50kHz or 100 kHz.

- 1 Press and hold the **INTLZ** button for at least 3 seconds to enter the Setting mode.
- 2 Press the **Preset 6** button to select the desired frequency step (50 kHz or 100kHz.) Each time you press the **Preset 6** button, 50 kHz and 100 kHz appear alternately.
50 kHz: the unit tunes in FM stations every 50 kHz automatically.
100 kHz: the unit tunes in FM stations every 100 kHz automatically
- 3 Press the **INTLZ** button to exit the setting mode.

Automatic Seek Tuning

- 1 Press the **SOURCE** button until a radio frequency appears in the display.
- 2 Press the **BAND** button repeatedly until the desired radio band is displayed. Each press changes the band:

→ FM1 → FM2 → MW → LW →
- 3 Press the **TUNE** button to illuminate the DX and SEEK indicators in the display. With the DX (Distance) mode activated, both strong and weak stations will be tuned in the Auto-Seek operation. Press again to return to the local mode. The DX indicator will turn off and the SEEK indicator will remain illuminated. Now, only strong stations will be tuned.
- 4 Press the **DN I◀◀** or **▶▶ I UP** button to automatically seek for a station downward or upward respectively. The unit will stop at the next station it finds. Press the same button again to seek the next station.

Manual Storing of Station Presets

- 1** Select the radio band and tune in a desired radio station you wish to store in the preset memory.
- 2** Press and hold any one of the **Preset buttons (1 through 6)** for at least 2 seconds until the station frequency on the display blinks.
- 3** Press the **Preset** button into which you wish to store the station while the frequency display is blinking (within 5 seconds).
The display stops blinking once the station has been memorized. The display shows the band, preset No. with a triangle (△) and station frequency memorized.
- 4** Repeat the procedure to store up to 5 other stations onto the same band.
To use this procedure for other bands, simply select the band desired and repeat the procedure.
A total of 24 stations can be stored in the preset memory (6 stations for each band; FM1, FM2, MW and LW).

NOTE

If you store a station in a preset memory which already has a station, the current station will be cleared and replaced with the new station.

Automatic Memory of Station Presets

- 1** Press the **SOURCE** button to select the radio mode.
- 2** Press the **BAND** button repeatedly until the desired radio band is displayed.
- 3** Press and hold the **A. ME** button for at least 2 seconds.
The frequency on the display continues to change while the automatic memory is in progress. The tuner will automatically seek and store 6 strong stations in the selected band. They will be stored into presets 1 to 6 buttons in order of signal strength.
When the automatic memory has been completed, the tuner goes to the station stored in the preset location No. 1.

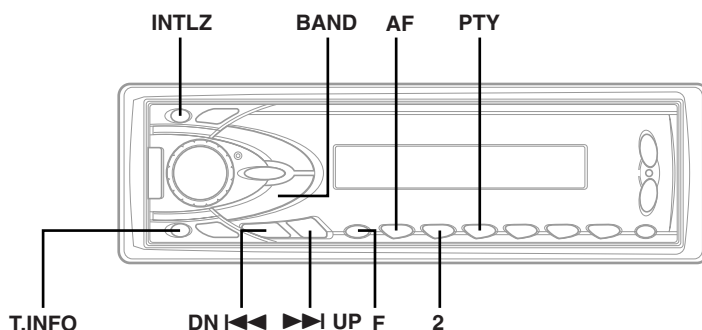
NOTE

If no stations are stored, the tuner will return to the original station you were listening to before the auto memory procedure began.

Tuning to Preset Stations

- 1** Press the **SOURCE** button to select the radio mode.
- 2** Press the **BAND** button repeatedly until the desired band is displayed.
- 3** Press the station **Preset** button that has your desired radio station in memory.
The display shows the band, preset number with a triangle and frequency of the station selected.

RDS Operation



Setting RDS Reception Mode and Receiving RDS Stations

The RDS (Radio Data System) is a radio information system using the 57 kHz subcarrier of regular FM broadcast. The RDS allows you to receive a variety of information such as traffic information, station names, and to automatically re-tune to a stronger transmitter that is broadcasting the same programme.

- 1 Press the **F** button so that the F indicator lights up.
- 2 Press the **AF** button to activate the RDS mode.
- 3 Press the **DN** ◀◀ or ▶▶ **UP** button to tune in the desired RDS station.

NOTE

When the **BAND** button is pressed and held for more than 2 seconds while a station name is displayed, the display shows the station frequency for 5 seconds.

- 4 Press the **AF** button again to deactivate the RDS mode.
- 5 Press the **F** button to activate the normal mode. The F indicator light goes out.

Tips

The RDS digital data includes the followings:

PI	Programme Identification
PS	Programme Service Name
AF	List of Alternative Frequencies
TP	Traffic Programme
TA	Traffic Announcement
PTY	Programme Type
EON	Enhanced Other Networks

Recalling Preset RDS Stations

- 1 Press the **F** button so that the F indicator lights up.
- 2 Press the **AF** button to activate the RDS mode. The display shows "AF" when the RDS mode is activated.
- 3 Press the **F** button to activate the normal mode. The F indicator light goes out.
- 4 Make sure that the F indicator light goes out, then press the preset location button in which your desired RDS station is preset. If the preset station's signal is weak, the unit automatically searches and tunes to a stronger station in the AF (Alternative Frequencies) list.
- 5 If the preset station and the stations in the AF list cannot be received: The unit searches again for a station in the PI (Programme Identification) list. If there are still no stations receivable in the area, the unit displays the frequency of the preset station and the preset indicator disappears.

NOTE

For presetting the RDS stations, refer to the Radio Operation section. The RDS stations can be preset in the FM1 and FM2 bands only.

Receiving RDS Regional (Local) Stations

- 1 Press and hold the **INTLZ** button for at least 3 seconds to activate the setting mode.
- 2 Press the **Preset 2** button to turn on or off the REG (Regional) mode.
In the REG OFF mode, the unit automatically keeps receiving the related local RDS station.
- 3 Press the **INTLZ** button to deactivate the setting mode.

Receiving Traffic Information

- 1 Press the **T.INFO** button repeatedly until the T.INFO indicator appears in the display.
- 2 Press the **DN I◀◀** or **▶▶ UP** button to select your desired traffic information station. When a traffic information station is tuned in, the TP indicator lights up.

Traffic information is heard only when it is being broadcast. If traffic information is not being broadcast, the unit is set in the standby mode. When a traffic information broadcast begins, the unit automatically receives it and the display shows "TRF-INFO" for a few seconds and returns to the PS display.

When the traffic information broadcast is over, the unit will automatically set in the standby mode.

NOTES

- If the traffic information broadcast signal falls below a certain level, the unit remains in the receiving mode for 1 minute. If the signal remains below a certain level for over 1 minute, the "T.INFO" indicator blinks.
- If you do not want to listen to the traffic information being received, lightly press the T.INFO button to skip that traffic information message. The T. INFO mode will remain in the ON position to receive the next traffic information message.

PTY (Programme Type) Tuning

- 1 Press the **F** button so that the F indicator lights up.
- 2 Press the **PTY** button to activate the PTY mode. The Programme Type of the station being currently received will be displayed for 5 seconds.
 - If there is no receivable PTY broadcast, "NO PTY" will be displayed for 2 seconds.

NOTE

If no button is pressed within 5 seconds after pressing the PTY button, the PTY mode will be automatically cancelled.

- 3 Press the **DN I◀◀** and **▶▶ UP** buttons within 5 seconds after activating the PTY mode to choose the desired programme type while the PTY (programme type) is being displayed. Each press scrolls the programme type by one.

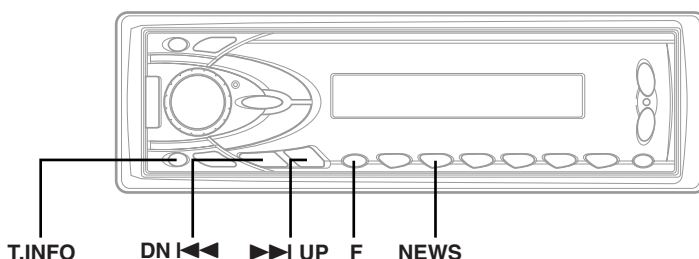
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- 4 Press the **PTY** button within 5 seconds after selecting the programme type to start searching for a station in the selected programme type. The chosen programme type indicator blinks during searching and lights when a station is found.

If no PTY station is found, "NO PTY" will be displayed for 2 seconds.

- 5 Press the **F** button to activate the normal mode. The F indicator light goes out.

RDS Operation



Receiving Traffic Information While Playing CD Changer or Radio

- 1 Press the **T.INFO** button repeatedly until the T.INFO indicator appears in the display.
- 2 Press the **DN** and **UP** buttons to select a traffic information station if necessary.
 - When a traffic information broadcast starts, the unit automatically mutes the CD changer or the regular FM broadcast.
 - When the traffic information broadcast finishes, the unit automatically returns to the original source play before the traffic information broadcast began.

When traffic information stations cannot be received:

In the tuner mode:

When the TP signal can no longer be received for over 1 minute, the "T.INFO" indicator blinks.

In the CD changer mode:

When the TP signal can no longer be received, the traffic information station of another frequency will be selected automatically.

NOTE

The receiver is equipped with the EON (Enhanced Other Networks) function in order to keep track of additional alternate frequencies to the AF list. The EON indicator appears while an RDS EON station is being received. If the station being received does not broadcast the traffic information, the receiver automatically tunes in the related station that broadcasts the traffic information when it occurs.

- 3 Press the **T.INFO** button to deactivate the Traffic Information mode.
The T.INFO indicator disappears.

Priority News

This function allows you to preset to give priority to the News programme. You will never miss the News programme as the unit automatically gives priority to the News programme whenever it begins broadcasting, and interrupts the programme you are currently listening. This feature is functional when your unit is set to a mode other than the LW and MW modes.

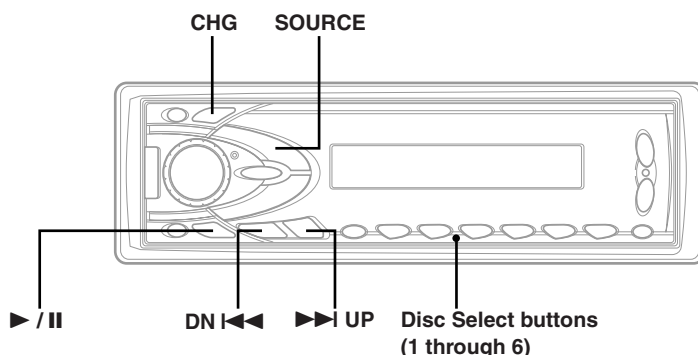
- 1 Press the **F** button so that the F indicator lights up.
- 2 Press the **NEWS** button to activate the PRIORITY NEWS mode.
"NEWS" lights up in the display.
 - To disable the PRIORITY NEWS function, press the **NEWS** button.

NOTE

In the PRIORITY NEWS function, unlike in the T.INFO function, the volume does not increase automatically.

- 3 Press the **F** button to activate the normal mode.
The F indicator light goes out.

CD Changer Operation (Optional)



Controlling CD Changer (Optional)

If an optional Alpine 6-disc CD Changer is connected to the 8-pin DIN connector (M-Bus) of the CTM-1503R, you can control the CD changer using the CTM-1503R.

NOTE

The CD controls on the CTM-1503R for the CD changer operation are functional only when the CD Changer is interconnected with the CTM-1503R.

- 1 Press the **CHG** button to activate the CHANGER mode.
The display shows the "Changer", disc number and track number.
- 2 Press the **Disc Select buttons (1 through 6)** corresponding to one of the discs loaded in the CD Changer. The selected disc number appears in the display and CD playback starts.
- 3 To pause playback, press the **▶/II** button. Pressing the **▶/II** button again will resume playback.

NOTES

- If the "F" indicator is illuminated the Disc Select buttons become nonfunctional.
- Press the **SOURCE** button to activate the CHANGER mode.
- Only compact discs containing the mark shown can be used.



- We cannot fully guarantee the playback of CD-R (CD-Recordable). You cannot playback CD-RW (CD-ReWritable) on this unit.

Music Sensor (Skip)

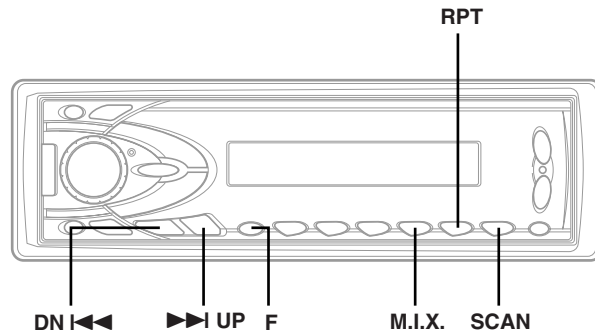
- 1 Momentarily press the **DN I◀◀** button once during CD play to return to the beginning of the current track. If you wish to access the beginning of a track further back, repeatedly press until you reach the desired track.

Press the **▶▶ I UP** button once to advance to the beginning of the next track. If you wish to access the beginning of a track further ahead, press repeatedly until the desired track is reached.

NOTE

The music sensor feature is functional in the play or pause mode.

CD Changer Operation (Optional)



Fast Forward and Backward

- 1 Press and hold the **DN I<<<** or **>>> I UP** button to quickly move backward or forward until you reach the desired section of the track.

Repeat Play

- 1 Press the **F** button so that the F indicator lights.
- 2 Press the **RPT**(Repeat) button to play back repeatedly the track being played. The RPT indicator appears and the track will be played repeatedly.

Press the **RPT** button again and select OFF to deactivate the repeat play.

NOTE

If a CD Changer is connected and the RPT ALL mode is selected, the unit repeatedly plays back all tracks on the disc selected.

→ RPT → RPT ALL → OFF →

M.I.X. (Random Play)

- 1 Press the **F** button so that the F indicator lights.
- 2 Press the **M.I.X.** button in the play or pause mode. The M.I.X. indicator will illuminate and the tracks on the disc will be played back in a random sequence. After all the tracks on the disc have been played back once, the player will begin a new random sequence play until the M.I.X. mode is cancelled.

To cancel M.I.X. play, press the **M.I.X.** button again to turn off the M.I.X.

Scanning Programmes

- 1 Press the **F** button so that the F indicator lights.
- 2 Press the **SCAN** button to activate the Scan mode. The first 10 seconds of each track will be played back in succession.

To stop scanning, press the **SCAN** button and deactivate the Scan mode.

Information

In Case of Difficulty

If you encounter a problem, please review the items in the following checklist. This guide will help you isolate the problem if the unit is at fault. Otherwise, make sure the rest of your system is properly connected or consult your authorized Alpine dealer.

Basic

No function or display.

- Vehicle's ignition is off.
 - If connected following instructions, the unit will not operate with the vehicle's ignition off.
 - Improper power lead connections.
 - Check power lead connections.
 - Blown fuse.
 - Check the fuse on the battery lead of the unit; replace with the proper value if necessary.
 - Internal micro-computer malfunctioned due to interference noise etc.
 - Press the RESET switch with a ballpoint pen or other pointed article.
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Radio

Unable to receive stations.

- No antenna or open connection in cable.
 - Make sure the antenna is properly connected; replace the antenna or cable if necessary.

Unable to tune stations in the seek mode.

- You are in a weak signal area.
 - Make sure the tuner is in the DX mode.
- If the area you are in is a primary signal area, the antenna may not be grounded and connected properly.
 - Check your antenna connections; make sure the antenna is properly grounded at its mounting location.
- The antenna may not be the proper length.
 - Make sure the antenna is fully extended; if broken, replace the antenna with a new one.

Broadcast is noisy.

- The antenna is not the proper length.
 - Extend the antenna fully; replace it if it is broken.
 - The antenna is poorly grounded.
 - Make sure the antenna is grounded properly at its mounting location.
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CD Changer

CD Changer not functioning.

- Out of operating temperature range +50°C (+120°F) for CD.
 - Allow the vehicle's interior (or trunk) temperature to cool.

CD playback sound is wavering.

- Moisture condensation in the CD Module.
 - Allow enough time for the condensation to evaporate (about 1 hour).

Unable to fast forward or backward the CD.

- The CD has been damaged.
 - Eject the CD and discard it; using a damaged CD in your unit can cause damage to the mechanism.

CD playback sound skips due to vibration.

- Improper mounting of the unit.
 - Securely re-mount the unit.
- Disc is very dirty.
 - Clean the disc.
- Disc has scratches.
 - Change the disc.

CD playback sound skips without vibration.

- Dirty or scratched disc.
 - Clean the disc; damaged disc should be replaced.

Single (8 cm) disc does not play.

- Single CD adaptor is not used.
 - Attach a single CD adaptor (recommended by Alpine) to the single disc and insert into the CD compartment.

Indication for CD Changer

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- Protective circuit is activated due to high temperature.
 - The indicator will disappear when the temperature returns to within operation range.
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ERROR - 01

- Malfunction in the CD Changer.
 - Consult your Alpine dealer. Press the magazine eject button and pull out the magazine. Check the indication. Insert the magazine again. If the magazine cannot be pulled out, consult your Alpine dealer.
 - Magazine ejection not possible.
 - Press the magazine eject button. If the magazine does not eject, consult your Alpine dealer.
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NO MAGZN

- No magazine is loaded into the CD Changer.
 - Insert a magazine.
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NO DISC

- No indicated disc.
 - Choose another disc.
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Specifications

FM TUNER SECTION

Tuning Range	87.5 – 108.0 MHz
Mono Usable Sensitivity	0.7 μ V
Alternate Channel Selectivity	80 dB
Signal-to-Noise Ratio	65 dB
Stereo Separation	35 dB

MW TUNER SECTION

Tuning Range	531 – 1,602 kHz
Sensitivity (IEC Standard)	25.1 μ V/28 dB

LW TUNER SECTION

Tuning Range	153 – 281 kHz
Sensitivity (IEC Standard)	31.6 μ V/30 dB

GENERAL

Power Requirement	14.4 V DC (11–16 V allowable)
Maximum Power Output	44 W \times 4
Output Voltage	2 V/10k ohms
Bass	\pm 14 dB at 60 Hz
Treble	\pm 14 dB at 10 kHz
Weight	1.0 kg (2 lbs. 3 oz)

CHASSIS SIZE

Width	178 mm (7")
Height	50 mm (2")
Depth	155 mm (6-1/8")

NOSEPIECE SIZE

Width	170 mm (6-3/4")
Height	46 mm (1-13/16")
Depth	19 mm (3/4")

Due to continuous product improvement, specifications and design are subject to change without notice.

Installation and Connections

Before installing or connecting the unit, please read the following and pages 2 and 3 of this manual thoroughly for proper use.

Warning

MAKE THE CORRECT CONNECTIONS.

Failure to make the proper connections may result in fire or product damage.

USE ONLY IN CARS WITH A 12 VOLT NEGATIVE GROUND.

(Check with your dealer if you are not sure.) Failure to do so may result in fire, etc.

BEFORE WIRING, DISCONNECT THE CABLE FROM THE NEGATIVE BATTERY TERMINAL.

Failure to do so may result in electric shock or injury due to electrical shorts.

DO NOT SPLICE INTO ELECTRICAL CABLES.

Never cut away cable insulation to supply power to other equipment. Doing so will exceed the current carrying capacity of the wire and result in fire or electric shock.

DO NOT DAMAGE PIPE OR WIRING WHEN DRILLING HOLES.

When drilling holes in the chassis for installation, take precautions so as not to contact, damage or obstruct pipes, fuel lines, tanks or electrical wiring. Failure to take such precautions may result in fire.

DO NOT USE BOLTS OR NUTS IN THE BRAKE OR STEERING SYSTEMS TO MAKE GROUND CONNECTIONS.

Bolts or nuts used for the brake or steering systems (or any other safety-related system), or tanks should NEVER be used for installations or ground connections. Using such parts could disable control of the vehicle and cause fire etc.

KEEP SMALL OBJECTS SUCH AS BOLTS OR SCREWS OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.

Swallowing them may result in serious injury. If swallowed, consult a physician immediately.

DO NOT INSTALL IN LOCATIONS WHICH MIGHT HINDER VEHICLE OPERATION, SUCH AS THE STEERING WHEEL OR GEARSHIFT.

Doing so may obstruct forward vision or hamper movement etc. and results in serious accident.

Caution

HAVE THE WIRING AND INSTALLATION DONE BY EXPERTS.

The wiring and installation of this unit requires special technical skill and experience. To ensure safety, always contact the dealer where you purchased this product to have the work done.

USE SPECIFIED ACCESSORY PARTS AND INSTALL THEM SECURELY.

Be sure to use only the specified accessory parts. Use of other than designated parts may damage this unit internally or may not securely install the unit in place. This may cause parts to become loose resulting in hazards or product failure.

ARRANGE THE WIRING SO IT IS NOT CRIMPED OR PINCHED BY A SHARP METAL EDGE.

Route the cables and wiring away from moving parts (like the seat rails) or sharp or pointed edges. This will prevent crimping and damage to the wiring. If wiring passes through a hole in metal, use a rubber grommet to prevent the wires insulation from being cut by the metal edge of the hole.

DO NOT INSTALL IN LOCATIONS WITH HIGH MOISTURE OR DUST.

Avoid installing the unit in locations with high incidence of moisture or dust. Moisture or dust that penetrates into this unit may result in product failure.

Precautions

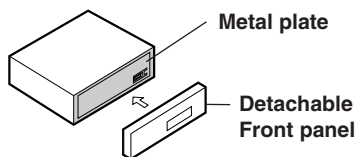
- Be sure to disconnect the cable from the (–) battery post before installing your CTM-1503R. This will reduce any chance of damage to the unit in case of a short-circuit.
- Be sure to connect the colour coded leads according to the diagram. Incorrect connections may cause the unit to malfunction or damage to the vehicle's electrical system.
- When making connections to the vehicle's electrical system, be aware of the factory installed components (e.g. on-board computer). Do not tap into these leads to provide power for this unit. When connecting the CTM-1503R to the fuse box, make sure the fuse for the intended circuit of the CTM-1503R has the appropriate amperage. Failure to do so may result in damage to the unit and/or the vehicle. When in doubt, consult your ALPINE dealer.
- The CTM-1503R uses female RCA-type jacks for connection to other units (e.g. amplifier) having RCA connectors. You may need an adaptor to connect other units. If so, please contact your authorized ALPINE dealer for assistance.
- Be sure to connect the speaker (–) leads to the speaker (–) terminal. Never connect left and right channel speaker cables to each other or to the vehicle body.

IMPORTANT

Please record the serial number of your unit in the space provided below and keep it as a permanent record. The serial number plate is located on the bottom of the unit.

SERIAL NUMBER: _____
INSTALLATION DATE: _____
INSTALLATION TECHNICIAN: _____
PLACE OF PURCHASE: _____

Installation

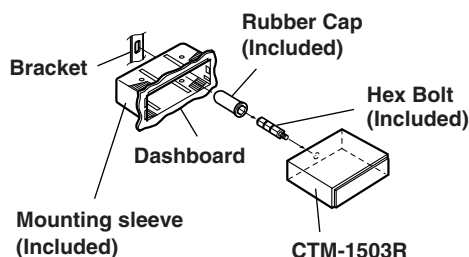


Caution

When you install this unit in your car, do not remove the Detachable Front Panel.

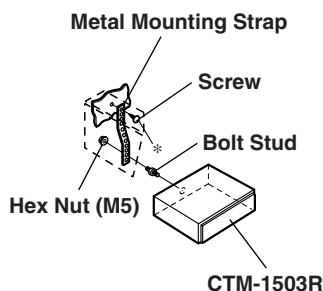
If the Detachable Front Panel is removed during installation, you might press too hard and warp the metal plate that holds it in place.

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Remove the Detachable Front Panel (refer to page 3). Slide mounting sleeve from main unit (see Removal Procedure below). Slide the mounting sleeve into the dashboard.

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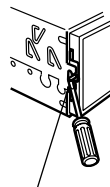


When your vehicle has the Bracket, mount the long hex bolt onto the rear panel of the CTM-1503R and put the Rubber Cap on the hex bolt. If your vehicle does not have the Mounting Support, reinforce the head unit with the metal mounting strap (not supplied). Connect all the leads of the CTM-1503R according to details described in the CONNECTIONS section.

NOTE

For the screw *, provide a proper screw to the chassis installing location.

- Slide the CTM-1503R into the dashboard. When the unit is in place, make sure the locking pins are fully seated in the down position. This can be done by pressing firmly in on the unit while pushing the locking pin down with a small screwdriver. This ensures that the unit is properly locked and will not accidentally come out from the dashboard. Install the Detachable Front Panel.



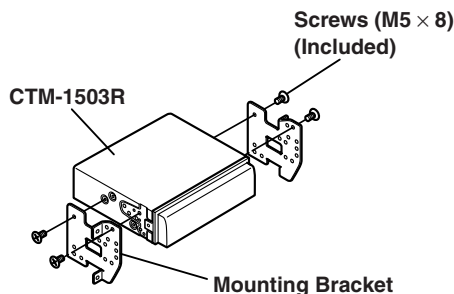
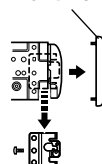
Lock pin

Removal

- Remove the detachable front panel.
- Use a small screwdriver (or similar tool) to push the locking pins to the "up" position (see Fig. 3). As each pin is unlocked, gently pull out on the unit to make sure it does not re-lock before unlocking the second pin.
- Pull the unit out, keeping it unlocked as you do so.

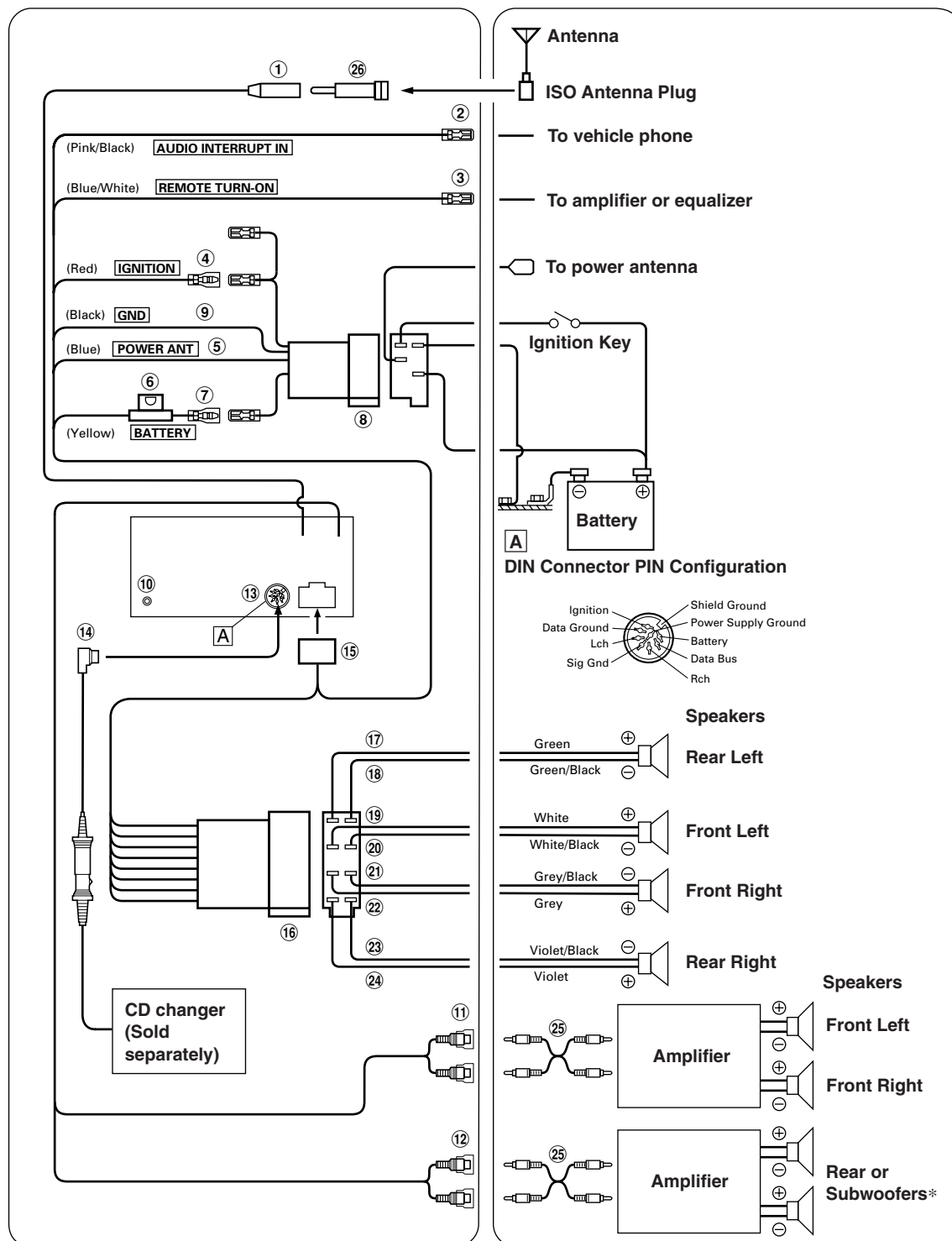
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Front frame



Installation and Connections

Connection



* When Subwoofer is set to OFF: Output is from Rear speakers.
When Subwoofer is set to ON: Output is from Subwoofer.

For details on how to set the Subwoofer to ON/OFF, see "Subwoofer On and Off" on page 4.

- ① **Antenna Receptacle**
Connect to the supplied ISO antenna convertor plug.
- ② **Audio Interrupt In Lead (Pink/Black)**
Connect this lead to the Audio Interface output of a cellular phone which provides ground shorting when a call is received.
If a device having the interrupt feature is connected, audio will be automatically muted whenever the interrupt signal is received from the device.
- ③ **Remote Turn-On Lead (Blue/White)**
Connect this lead to the remote turn-on lead of your amplifier or signal processor.
- ④ **Switched Power Lead (Ignition) (Red)**
Connect this lead to an open terminal on the vehicle's fuse box or another unused power source which provides (+) 12V only when the ignition is turned on or in the accessory position.
- ⑤ **Power Antenna Lead (Blue)**
Connect this lead to the +B terminal of your power antenna, if applicable.
NOTE
This lead should be used only for controlling the vehicle's power antenna. Do not use this lead to turn on an amplifier or a signal processor, etc.
- ⑥ **Fuse Holder (15A)**
- ⑦ **Battery Lead (Yellow)**
Connect this lead to the positive (+) post of the vehicle's battery.
- ⑧ **ISO Power Supply Connector**
- ⑨ **Ground Lead (Black)**
Connect this lead to a good chassis ground on the vehicle. Make sure the connection is made to bare metal and is securely fastened using the sheet metal screw provided.
- ⑩ **Remote Control Interface Connector**
To remote control interface box.
- ⑪ **Front Output RCA Connectors**
RED is right and WHITE is left.
- ⑫ **Rear/Subwoofer Output RCA Connectors**
RED is right and WHITE is left.
- ⑬ **DIN Connector**
Connect this to the DIN connector on the CD changer.
- ⑭ **DIN Extension Cable**
NOTE
Older Alpine CD changer came with standard, straight type DIN connectors. In installations where an L-type connector would simplify installation, the Alpine 4910₀₂ Adaptor can be used (sold separately).
- ⑮ **Power Supply Connector**
- ⑯ **ISO Connector (Speaker Output)**
- ⑰ **Left Rear (+) Speaker Output Lead (Green)**
- ⑱ **Left Rear (-) Speaker Output Lead (Green/Black)**
- ⑲ **Left Front (+) Speaker Output Lead (White)**
- ⑳ **Left Front (-) Speaker Output Lead (White/Black)**
- ㉑ **Right Front (-) Speaker Output Lead (Grey/Black)**
- ㉒ **Right Front (+) Speaker Output Lead (Grey)**
- ㉓ **Right Rear (-) Speaker Output Lead (Violet/Black)**
- ㉔ **Right Rear (+) Speaker Output Lead (Violet)**
- ㉕ **RCA Extension Cable (sold separately)**
- ㉖ **ISO Antenna Convertor Plug**

To prevent external noise from entering the audio system.

- Locate the unit and route the leads at least 10cm away from the car harness.
- Keep the battery power leads as far away from other leads as possible.
- Connect the ground lead securely to a bare metal spot (remove the coating if necessary) of the car chassis.
- If you add an optional noise suppressor, connect it as far away from the unit as possible. Your Alpine dealer carries various Alpine noise suppressors, contact them for further information.
- Your Alpine dealer knows best about noise prevention measures so consult your dealer for further information.

