

Vehicle Rear Observation System With Integrated Parking Sensors Model: CAMSBAR Installation/User Manual



Features:

- 2.5" LCD Color Display
- 2 Ultra Sonic Rear Obstacle Sensors
- On-screen Display Function
- Automatically Displays Image when Vehicle is in Reverse
- Monitor Mounts on Dash or Windshield
- Mounts on the vehicles license plate or directly to the bumper.
- Heavy Duty Chrome plating for long life.
- Waterproof and dust proof

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Warnings

This product is intended to assist in safe driving and to allow the driver to have a broader rear view while the vehicle is in reverse. You, as the driver, are solely responsible for the safe operation of your vehicle and the safety of your passengers according to your local traffic regulations. Do not use any features of this system to the extent it distracts you from safe driving. Your first priority while driving should always be the safe operation of your vehicle. Audiovox Electronics Corporation cannot accept any responsibility whatsoever for accidents resulting from failure to observe these precautions or safety instructions.

- 1. This product utilizes high voltage. Any unauthorized modifications or damage to the product may result in electrical shock. Handle all components with care. Inspect regularly for damage to components and cabling.
- 2. You are responsible for ensuring that the installation of this product does not void or affect the vehicle manufacturer's warranty. Audiovox Electronics Corporation or its subsidiaries are not liable in full or in part for improper installation resulting in loss or damage to your property, or for voiding all or part of the vehicle manufacturer's warranty.
- 3. Do not apply excessive force to any of the components contained within this kit. Excessive force used before, during or after installation that results in a damaged or non-functional part will void all warranties.
- 4. Please follow the procedures in this installation manual. Improper installation or modification of this product will void all warranties.

Product Description

The Vehicle Rear Observation System with Integrated Parking Sensors is designed to assist the driver by providing a clear and wide image of the area behind the vehicle whenever the vehicle is shifted into reverse. The system will also alert you to obstructions that could not normally be seen in your blind zone. Never rely solely on this product to ensure the area is clear of children and/or obstructions. Use your mirrors and look both ways. This product is not intended to replace existing safety procedures, but rather to add an additional safety tool for your vehicle.

<u>CAUTION</u>: Do not back up your vehicle while watching the monitor screen. Always look in the direction the vehicle is traveling. Use the monitor and sensors as an aid to ensure there are no children or obstructions. The image on the monitor is not designed to show distance and may be misleading. The actual distance is less than appears in the monitor. The range of the image is limited. The warning tone is not designed to indicate a set distance and may be misleading. The actual distance may be less than the last time it was used due to weather conditions or obstruction by dirt. The range of the sensor is limited. Be aware of blind spots since all models of vehicles are shaped differently.

Packing List

The model CAMSBAR package consists of the following items:

- 1. 2.5" LCD Monitor Part # 31052030
- 2. Chrome Camera / Sensor Bar 1 qty Part # 31052380
- 3. 2.5m Power / Video Supply Cable 1 qty Part # 31052160
- 4. Hardware Bag Contains: Part # 31052010
 - a) Straight Bumper Brackets 2 pieces
 - b) L Shaped Bumper Brackets 2 pieces
 - c) $4mm \times 16mn \text{ bolts} 2 \text{ qty}$
 - d) $6mm \times 30mm \text{ bolts} 2 \text{ qty}$
 - e) 6mm Nuts 2 qty
 - f) 4mm Nuts 2 qty
 - g) 6mm Flat Washers 2 qty
 - h) 4mm Lock Washers 4 qty
 - i) Tap Connectors 2 qty
 - j) Double Sided Mounting Tape 1qty
- 5. Installation/Users Manual 1 qty Part # 31052020

Installation Instructions

READ THIS MANUAL COMPLETELY BEFORE INSTALLATION

We have included all of the items needed for most standard installations. However, since all vehicles are different, we recommend that you review your vehicle completely before starting.

CAMSBAR Installation



Determine the best location on your vehicle. The CAMSBAR may be mounted below the bumper for better coverage if your vehicle does not have a clear path from the license plate or is obstructed by a rear spare tire. The CAMSBAR must be placed where the sensors can clearly detect objects behind the vehicle. The best height is between 18 Inches and 30 Inches above the ground. If mounted to high off the ground you may not receive a warning and if too low you may experience false alarms from the sensors picking up the ground. Each vehicle is different you may want to try several locations to find the best for you and your vehicle. If mounting below the bumper, use the supplied brackets.

Mounting Options



Installing the CAMSBAR on the License Plate

- 1. Remove the rear license plate to determine the best way to run the power wires to the reverse lights. It is important to use the Reverse lights and not the license plate illumination lamp or other lamps. The system is designed to come on when the vehicle is in reverse gear only. Improper installation can cause the system to operate incorrectly or to run at undesired times. NOTE: All vehicles are designed differently. We offer some general installation advice here, but check and re-check your installation before you begin. Some vehicles may have the license plate on the tailgate and the Reverse lights may be located on the vehicle pillar. In this case, you will need to study your vehicle closely to determine the best route for the power wire. In some vehicles it may be necessary to extend the power wire to reach the reverse lamps. Power wire can be purchased at an auto parts store or hardware store, if needed. Most installations can be completed by running the power cable behind the trunk or tailgate rubber gasket, tucking it under the interior trim panel, and then either connecting it at the back of the reverse lamp in the trunk or removing the reverse lamp assembly (the same procedure required to replace the light bulb).
- 2. The signal / power cable can be routed as recommended, above or through an existing wire grommet, to reach the interior of the vehicle. If an existing grommet is not available for use, you can drill a hole behind the license plate to access the vehicle. If drilling a hole, purchase and install a rubber grommet (from an auto parts store) to protect the wire from the sharp hole edges. The rubber grommet must be a minimum of 13/32" to allow the wire and fuse holder to pass through. Be sure to check behind the intended drilling location before drilling to ensure no wires or mechanisms interfere or could be damaged during drilling. Check for interference with license plate lights and the hatch release switch or mechanism. If not using an existing factory grommet, drill a hole to match the rubber grommet size that you intend to use (13/32" minimum) at the selected location near the vehicle's rear license plate. Route the camera cable connector through the grommet and insert the grommet into the hole to prevent water from entering into the vehicle. Be sure to leave enough wire to route behind the license plate.
- 3. Place the CAMSBAR over the license plate and line up the holes. Fasten the CAMSBAR to the license plate using the provided bolts from behind the plate and then fasten the license plate to the vehicle. Use either the lower or upper mounting holes on the license plate, making sure to not block any information on your plate that is required by your state laws to be visible.

4. Continue to run the power harness for the CAMSBAR to the vehicle's reverse lamp. Locate the reverse lamp in the tail light assembly. Generally, the Positive wire on the reverse lamp will be a colored wire and the Negative wire will be black.

Wiring the Power to the Vehicle's Reverse Lamp

1. Locate the reverse lamp in the tail light assembly. You may be able to access the wires for the lamp from within the trunk, behind a panel, or depending on your vehicle you may have to remove the tail lamp. Follow the procedure that is recommended by your vehicle manufacturer for replacement of a light bulb.

To verify the wiring:

- a. Engage the emergency brake on the vehicle.
- b. Turn the ignition switch but do not start the car.
- c. Have another person engage the brake pedal and shift into reverse (please make sure the emergency brake is engaged to ensure your safety).
- d. Check the wires with a 12 volt test lamp. (not included)
- e. Once you have confirmed the positive and negative connection point, place the vehicle in park, turn off the ignition and proceed.
- 2. Using the tap connector supplied, perform the following steps:
 - a. Place the un-stripped positive lead from the tail lamp in the run channel, which runs completely through the connector.
 - b. Insert the un-stripped red power wire from the power completely into the other channel in the connector.
 - c. Make the connection between the wires by crimping down the metal connector with a pair of pliers, making sure the metal is flush with the plastic insulator.
 - d. Close the top plastic hinged cover until latched.
- 3. Repeat the above steps for the black wire or attach the black wire to the ground (negative).



Monitor Wiring

- 1. Using the supplied Monitor Signal Wire, Plug one end into the Power / signal cable from the bar.
- 2. The monitor signal wire can be routed through the car to your chosen location for the monitor by either removing the trim panels at the foot of the door sill or by tucking the wire behind the trim panels at the roof of the vehicle.
- 3. Use caution to insure you do not pinch the wire or obstruct any safety devices such as side airbags. If your vehicle has side air bags we recommend you run the wire at the door sill plate location.
- 4. With the wire run to the Monitor location you have chosen, plug the signal wire into the monitor cable.

Monitor Installation

The monitor, with flexible mounting foot and double sided tape, mounts on either the vehicle windshield or dashboard.

- 1. Choose a monitor location in your vehicle that does not block your view for safe driving.
- 2. Clean the monitor base and mounting area with a cleaner that does not leave a residue.
- 3. Remove the protective film from one side of the double sided tape and from the bottom of the monitor base. Next, remove the protective film from the other side of the double sided tape and carefully position the monitor and press into place.

NOTE: Once adhered, the pad cannot be easily moved. Be sure of the position before mounting.

If needed, tighten the screw on the back of the mounting foot support arm to ensure that the monitor stays in the set position. Be careful to not use too much force and damage the unit.

Operating the System

The CAMSBAR Vehicle Rear Observation System with Integrated Parking Sensors operates when the vehicle is shifted into reverse. The color monitor will activate and show you the view from the camera in the rear of the vehicle. In addition, the back up sensor system is designed to send out an ultra sonic signal that detects obstructions behind your vehicle for an average of 6 feet. If an object is located, the system will sound the buzzer. The buzzer will beep slowly, denoting that the object is far away. As your vehicle approaches the object it will beep faster. Once you are very close to the object, the buzzer will sound continuously, warning you to stop.

NOTE: If you receive a warning realize that an item that is low to the ground may not be seen by the sensors when it gets very close to the vehicle due to the mounting location of the bar or the shape of the vehicle. Take all warnings seriously! Remember this is a driver assistance device, continue to use all common safety practices while driving, backing, and parking.

Testing the System

Because all objects are shaped differently, the warning system may not give the same warning distance for all objects. As you learn how your system operates, you will become more comfortable with the warning buzzer and monitor images. When you think you are close to the object, STOP! Do not rely on this system as a complete safety system. Always use your mirrors and look around. To test the system:

- 1. Place an object behind the vehicle, such as a trash can or cardboard box.
- 2. Place the vehicle into reverse and slowly backup towards the object.
- 3. As you get close to the object, the buzzer will sound, beeping more rapidly as you get closer to the obstacle.

If the system does not alert you or does not see the item at 1 foot behind the vehicle, you may need to mount the sensor bar lower. If mounted on the license plate, use the included brackets and mount it to the bumper or below the bumper. Re-test the system after it is re-mounted.

Specifications

Power SupplyDC12VPower Consumption<6W</td>Current Draw<400 mA</td>Operating Temperature Range0 to 50Fuse2 Amps

Maintenance

Though your system requires little care, you will still need to maintain its condition and performance by following the guidelines below.

- Keep your system away from excessive moisture, extreme heat or cold.
- Occasionally clean the surface of the CAMSBAR with a soft cloth moistened with water or glass cleaner.
- Remove snow or ice build up as this may cause the system to issue a false alarm.
- DO NOT Paint the CAMSBAR. Painting will interfere with the operation of the sensors.

Troubleshooting

Symptoms	Solutions
The CAMSBAR does not turn on after the vehicle is started and the vehicle is in reverse	 Check the wiring and connections Check the fuse in the power harness Check the power connection at the reverse lamp
Backup sensors keep sounding	Clean the Bar with a soft cloth.
The Monitor Stays on all the time or runs when the vehicle is not in reverse.	The system is not wired correctly. If the system continues to operate while not in reverse gear, re-check your wiring at the reverse lamp.
The monitor is very dark or the image changes slowly	In extreme cold or hot conditions, the LCD screen may react slowly. This is normal and will clear as the vehicle cools or warms to a normal temperature.

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