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TDA-7553E/TDA-7551E

FM/AM Cassette Receiver

• OWNER'S MANUAL Please read this manual to maximize your enjoyment of the outstanding performance and feature capabilities of the equipment, then retain the manual for future reference.



English

Precaution Warning

Â	DO NOT DISASSEMBLE OR ALTER Attempts to disassemble or alter may lead to an accident, fire and/or electric shock.
Ŵ	KEEP SMALL ARTICLES OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN Store small articles (batteries, screws, etc.) in places not accessible to children. If swallowed, consult a physician immediately.
Â	USE THE CORRECT AMPERE RATING WHEN REPLACING FUSES Replace fuses only with fuses of the same ampere rating. Failure to do so may result in a fire and/or damage to the vehicle.
Â	HALT USE IMMEDIATELY IF A PROB- LEM APPEARS When problems appear, stop using the system immediately and contact the dealer from whom you purchased the equipment. Some problems which may warrant immediate attention include a lack of sound, noxious odors or smoke being emitted from the unit, or foreign objects dropped inside the unit.
Â	DO NOT OPERATE THE REMOTE CONTROL WHILE DRIVING Do not change settings while driving. If operation requiring a prolonged view of the display is required, stop the vehicle in a safe location before attempting operation.

English

Precaution Caution

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Ŵ	DO NOT BLOCK VENTS OR RADIA- TOR PANELS Do not block air vents or heat dis- charge plates. Blocking them will cause heat to build up inside and may result in fire.
Ŵ	DO NOT RAISE THE VOLUME EXCES- SIVELY Keep the volume at a level where you can still hear outside noises while driving. Driving while unable to hear outside sounds could cause an accident.
Ŵ	DO NOT USE THIS EQUIPMENT OUTSIDE THE VEHICLE Do not use this equipment for pur- poses other than those listed for a vehicle. Failure to do so may result in an electric shock or an injury.
Â	KEEP FOREIGN OBJECTS OUT OF THE CASSETTE COMPARTMENT SLOT Keep any foreign objects, including fingers, out of the cassette compart- ment slot.
	STOP THE VEHICLE BEFORE CARRY- ING OUT ANY OPERATION THAT COULD INTERFERE WITH YOUR DRIVING If loading or unloading a cassette interferes with your driving, stop the vehicle in a safe location before attempting operation.
Ŵ	DO NOT MIX NEW BATTERIES WITH OLD BATTERIES. INSERT WITH THE CORRECT BATTERY POLARITY. When inserting the batteries, be sure to observe proper polarity (+ and –) as instructed. Rupture or chemical leakage from the battery may cause fire or personal injury.

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Precautions



Temperature

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

Tape Slack

Check and make sure any slack in the tape is taken up before inserting the tape into the unit. A loose tape can get caught in the mechanism and cause damage to the unit and the tape itself. Tighten the tape by inserting a pencil or a similar instrument into the spindle hole and turn until all the slack has been taken up.

Excessively Thin Tape

C-120 type cassette tapes are not recommended for use in automobile tape players.

Precision Tape Mechanism

Prevent any foreign objects from entering the cassette opening as the precision mechanism and tape head may be damaged. Never play dirty or dusty tapes – they can damage the tape head.

Tape Head Cleaning

Periodic cleaning (approximately every 20 hours of use) of the tape head with a wet type head-cleaning cassette tape (available at audio stores) is necessary for best performance.

Fuse Replacement

When replacing the fuse(s), the replacement must be of the same amperage as shown on the fuse holder. If the fuse blows more than once, carefully check all electrical connections for shorted circuitry. Also have your vehicle's voltage regulator checked

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.





English

Precautions



Installation Location

Make sure the TDA-7553E/TDA-7551E 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.



Detaching the Front Panel

Press the PWR button to turn off the power.



Press the release button until the front panel pops out.

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.

Detachable Front Panel

Attaching the Front Panel

- 1. First, insert the right side of the front panel into the main unit. Align the 2 small holes on the front panel with the 2 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.





Initial System Start-Up



Automatic Setup (A.S.U.)

Press the PWR (POWER) button to turn on the unit.

Note: When Power is turned on for the very first time, the A.S.U. (Automatic Set-Up) function will be initiated automatically. See A.S.U. description below.





Turning Power On and Off

Press the PWR button to turn on the unit.

Note: The unit can be turned on by pressing any other button except the eject ▲ and CLK buttons.

The volume level gradually increases to the previous level you were listening to before the unit was turned off. Press the PWR button again to turn off the unit.



Non Fading Pre-Out (N.F.P.) On and Off

Press and hold the Eject button for at least **3** seconds.

With each press, N.F.P. is toggled On or Off.

- N.F.P. ON: In this position, the Front Pre-Output on the TDA-7553E or Rear Output on the TDA-7551E will not be affected by the fader. This is ideal for driving a subwoofer amplifier.
- N.F.P. OFF: Returns to normal fader mode.

Notes:

- Initial mode is "NFP OFF."
- Set the N.F.P. to OFF unless the subwoofer is used.
- If an optional Processor with subwoofer output is connected via the Ai-NET bus, this button will turn that output ON or OFF.















Adjusting Volume/Bass/Treble/



Demonstration

In the Demonstration (DEMO) mode, the unit scans each source; tuner, cassette tape and CD.

Press and hold the DEMO button for at least **3** seconds to activate the DEMO mode. "DEMO" blinks in the display.

The unit automatically performs the following scanning operation.

- The unit automatically selects the Tuner mode and begins scanning the presets. It will play 10 seconds of each preset station on bands FM1 and AM.
- 2. The unit then switches to Tape mode. It will scan the first 10 seconds of each selection on the currently loaded cassette, starting from the first.
- 3. If a CD Shuttle is connected, the unit will go into the CD mode. It will play the first 10 seconds of each track starting with track one of the first disc.
- 4. The unit continues scanning of the sources as described in 1 to 3 above.

To end the DEMO mode, press the DEMO button.

"DEMO" disappears from the display.



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DEMO







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Mono/Stereo Switching

Press the "F" button. The function indicator on the button will turn off.

"ST" indicator appears when a stereo station is tuned in.

Press the MONO button to switch from stereo to monaural FM reception. This will help in reducing the noise of weak FM Stereo broadcasts. In the monaural mode, the MO indicator appears. Press the MONO button again to return to the stereo mode.

Press the "F" button to activate the normal mode. The function indicator will illuminate.



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Radio Operation



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. Make sure that the Function indicator is illuminated. Press and hold any one of the Preset buttons (1 through 6) for at least 2 seconds. The frequency display will begin to blink.
- 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.
- 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, AM and D.A.P.).

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.







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TAPE

A-MEMORY

SOURCE

Automatic Memory of Station Presets

Press the SOURCE button until radio frequency appears in the display.

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Press the BAND button repeatedly until the desired radio band is displayed.

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Press and hold the A. MEMO 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 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.















English



Inserting/Ejecting Cassette



Insert a cassette tape into the slot with the open side facing right. When the cassette is loaded, the player automatically starts tape playback and indicates "TAPE" in the display.

Press the Eject (\triangleq) button when you want to eject the cassette tape.



Notes:

 When power is turned off or the front panel is removed, the full-logic mechanism will automatically switch to the PAUSE mode. This protects the tape from being deformed by the pinch-rollers if left for long periods.

2. Auto Metal

When a metal cassette tape is inserted, the player automatically adjusts the equalization for metal or any other high bias tape for optimum sound.

The display shows "MTL."





Normal Play



Insert cassette (if there is a cassette already in the player, press the source button) to switch from the tuner or CD Shuttle mode. The player begins playback. The display shows "TAPE" and " Δ " or " ∇ " during tape playback to show the tape side being played. When the end of the tape is reached, the unit automatically stops and reverses the tape to play the other side of the tape.

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Press the ►/II button to pause the tape playback.

Press again to resume the tape playback.

 EJECT
 Press the Eject (▲) button to stop the tape play and eject the cassette. The tape-direction indicator disappears.







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Dolby B NR (Noise Reduction) (TDA-7553E only)

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After inserting a Dolby B NR encoded tape, press the DD button.

The display shows the Dolby NR mark (\square). The tape noise is reduced in the Dolby NR mode when a Dolby B NR encoded tape is played.

Press the $\Box\Box$ button to cancel the Dolby NR mode.



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Repeat Play

Press the RPT button and the REPEAT indicator appears in the display. The current program will be played back repeatedly.

Press the RPT button to stop the repeat play. The REPEAT indicator disappears.





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Fast Forward and Rewind

Press the DN or UP button during tape play to fast rewind or forward the tape respectively. The tape side indicator (\triangle or \bigtriangledown) blinks and the >> and << symbols will move, indicating the direction of the tape.

When the end of the tape is reached in the rewind mode, the player stops automatically and begins playing from the beginning of the same side. When the end of the tape is reached in the fast forward mode, the player stops automatically and begins playing from the beginning of the opposite side.



Press the UP button during forwarding to stop fast forwarding and resume tape play. Press the DN button during rewinding to stop rewinding and resume tape play. The tape side indicator stops blinking.



Blank Skip (B.SKIP)



Press the B.SKIP button during tape play to skip over blank portions of the tape lasting 15 seconds or longer, "B.SKIP" appears on the display.

Press the B.SKIP button to cancel the blank skip mode. "B.SKIP" disappears from the display.











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Monitoring Radio During Fast Forwarding or Rewinding

Press the R.MONI button. The R.MONI indicator will appear in the display. You can listen to a radio station during the tape rewinding or fast forwarding.

Press the R.MONI button again to deactivate the Radio Monitor mode.

Note: The R.MONI button will only work in the tape mode.







Program Sensor (P.S.)

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Press the P.S. DN (♥) button once to return to the beginning of the current selection being played. If you wish to return to a selection further back, press repeatedly until the number of selections you would like to skip is shown in the display.

The display will show PS-1 with the first press and will increase by one with each successive press up to PS-9. The tape indicator will blink showing the direction of your search.



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PS -1

Press the P.S. UP (▲) button once to advance to the beginning of the next selection. If you wish to advance to a selection further ahead, press repeatedly until the number of selections you would like to skip is shown in the display. The display will show PS+1 with the first press and will increase with each successive press up to PS+9. The tape indicator will blink showing the direction of your search during searching operation.

Notes:

- The program sensor feature is functional in the tape play mode only.
- You can advance to the 9th (max.) program or return to the 8th (max.) programme.



CD Shuttle Operation



Controlling CD Shuttle (Optional)

An optional Alpine CD Shuttle may be connected to the Ai-NET connector of the TDA-7553E/TDA-7551E. All of the CD functions can be accessed through the head unit's front panel.

The TDA-7553E/TDA-7551E can control multiple Alpine Shuttles when connected through the Multi-Changer Switching device(s) (KCA-400C). See the Multi-Changer Selection section on page 42 for selecting the CD Shuttles.

Note: The CD controls on the TDA-7553E/ TDA-7551E will function only when a CD Shuttle is connected.











CD Shuttle Operation





M.I.X. (Random) Play

Press the "F" button*. The function indicator will turn off.

* In the 12-disc CD Shuttle mode, press this button twice.



- Notes: The ALL M.I.X. mode is available only when a CD Shuttle equipped with the ALL M.I.X. function is connected to the unit.
 - Setting should be performed within 5 seconds after the "F" button is pressed. The unit will return to the normal mode 5 seconds after pressing the button.


CD Shuttle Operation



Disc Scan

Press the "F" button*. The function indicator will turn off.

* In the 12-disc CD Shuttle mode, press this button twice.

Press the SCAN button to play the first 10 seconds of each track on the disc. The display shows the disc number, elapsed time, "SCAN", and track number being played during scan play.

Press the SCAN button again to cancel scan play and resume normal play.

Note: Setting should be performed within 5 seconds after the "F" button is pressed. The unit will automatically return to the normal mode 5 seconds after pressing the button.











Titling Disc (Continued)





Press the Audio Control button to store the first character. The first character will stop blinking and the display will automatically advance to the next character. When that character begins to blink, you may choose the next letter or symbol of your title.

Repeat steps 4 and 5 above to complete the title. All 8 character positions should be filled (use spaces to fill remaining positions for titles less than 8 characters).



• The CD titles stored in memory will be erased when the Ai-NET cable to the CD Shuttle is disconnected.



















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To operate the selected changer, see "CD Shuttle Operation" section, pages 33-41.





(Remote Control)

Activating Equalizer or Divider (optional) (TDA-7553E only)

If an optional Alpine Equalizer or Divider is Ai-NET connected to the unit, you can operate the Equalizer or Divider from the Remote Controller RUE-4185 (supplied with TDA-7553E).

Press the A.PROC button repeatedly to select the desired equalizer mode or the Divider mode.

Press the A.PROC button repeatedly until the head unit mode is turned on to deactivate the equalizer or divider mode.

Notes:

- The TDA-7553E can adjust each mode.
- For operations of the Equalizer or Divider, refer to the Owner's Manuals for them.





Clock Operation





Remote Control

Controls

1 Mute Button

Press the button to lower the volume by 20 dB instantly. Press the button again to cancel.

2 Power Switch Proce the switch to turn the power

Press the switch to turn the power on/off.

③ ►/II Button

Press the button to switch between the Play and Pause modes for the tape player or CD.

④ CD Changer Button Press the button to change to the CD changer operation.

(5) Band/Program Button Radio mode: BAND Button Tape mode: Program Button

6 Volume Adjustment Buttons To increase the volume level: Press the L button To decrease the volume level: Press the K button

⑦ ▲ Button

Radio mode: Pressing the button will select, in ascending order, stations programmed into the radio's presets as shown below.



Tape mode: Pressing this button places the unit in the Program Sensor Up mode. This allows for music selection towards the end of the tape. See page 32 for Program Sensor operation.

3D/CD Shuttle mode: DISC Select (UP) Button

Press the button to select a disc in ascending order.



Remote Control (TDA-7553E only)

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 3D/CD Shuttle mode: Press the button

Battery Replacement

Applicable battery: Use two "AAA" sized dry batteries or equivalent.

Opening the battery cover

Slide out the battery cover while firmly pressing outward.



Replacing the battery Put the batteries in the case observing the polarities as illustrated.

Closing the cover Push the cover as illustrated until a click is heard.

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. In Case of Difficulty

Radio Mode

Symptom	Cause and Solution
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.
	Tape Mode
Output sounds dull.	 The tape head needs cleaning. Clean the tape head. Incorrect Dolby NR in use. Check Dolby NR switch setting.

In Case of Difficulty

CD Shuttle Mode

Symptom	Cause and Solution
CD not functioning.	 Out of operating temperature range +50°C (+120°F) for CD. Allow the car'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 has been damaged. Eject the CD and discard it; using a damaged CD in your unit can cause damage to the mechanism.
Sound skips due to vibration.	 Improper mounting of the CD Shuttle. Securely re-mount the CD Shuttle. Disc is very dirty. Clean the disc. Disc has scratches. Change the disc.
Sound skips without vibration.	 Dirty or scratched disc. Clean the disc; damaged discs should be replaced.

Indication for CD Shuttle

Indication	Cause and Solution
НІ ТЕМІ	 Protective circuit is activated due to high temperature. The indicator will disappear when the temperature returns to within operation range.
ERROR-	 Malfunction in the CD Shuttle. 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. 01
	 Magazine ejection not possible. Press the magazine eject button. If the magazine does not eject, consult your Alpine dealer.
ERROR-	 A disc is left inside the CD Shuttle. Press the EJECT button to activate the eject function. When the CD Shuttle finishes the eject function, insert an empty CD magazine into the CD Shuttle to receive the disc left inside the CD Shuttle.
NO MAG	No magazine is loaded into the CD Shuttle. – Insert a magazine.
NO DIS	 No indicated disc. Choose another disc.

Specifications

FM TUNER SECTION

Tuning Range	87.5 – 108.0 MHz
Mono Usable Sensitivity	9.3 dBf (0.8 μV/75 ohms)
50 dB Quieting Sensitivity	13.5 dBf (1.3 µV/75 ohms)
Alternate Channel Selectivity	
Signal-to-Noise Ratio	65 dB
Stereo Separation	35 dB
Capture Ratio	2.0 dB

AM TUNER SECTION

Tuning Range	
Usable Sensitivity	

TAPE PLAYER SECTION

Tape Speed	
Wow & Flutter	
Tape Signal-to-Noise Ratio With Dolby B NR On (TDA-7553E only)/Off	
Frequency Response With Alpine Test Tape	

Specifications

REMOTE CONTROL (TDA-7553E only)

Battery Type	"AAA" sized dry battery
Battery Quantity	
Dimensions (W \times H \times D)	. 56 mm (2–1/4") × 14 mm (9/16") × 105 mm (4–1/8")
Weight (without battery)	

English

Specifications

GENERAL

Power Requirement	14.4 V DC (11–16 V (allowable))
Maximum Pre-Output Voltage	2 V/10k ohms
Maximum Power Output*	
Continuous Power Output**	10 W × 4
Output Voltage	500 mV/10 k ohms
Bass	±15 dB at 30 Hz
Treble	±10 dB at 10 kHz
Weight	1.4 kg (3 lbs. 1 oz)

CHASSIS SIZE

Width	178 mm (7")
Height	50 mm (2")
Depth	152 mm (6")

NOSEPIECE SIZE

Width	170 mm (6–3/4")
Height	
Depth	

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

- * Under maximum operating voltage and input signal, into 4 ohms.
- ** 0.8% THD, at 14.4 V battery voltage.
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