Axxess 10-Channel Digital Signal Processor

- 31 Band graphic EQ
- 6 Inputs, 10 individually assignable outputs
- Independent equalization on each of the 10 outputs
- Independent high pass, low pass, and bandpass filters
- Each channel can be delayed independently up to 10ms
- Chime control for GM/Chrysler vehicles
- Clipping detection and limiting circuits
- Bass knob included

- Retains OE voice prompts (SYNC® and OnStar®)
- Retains factory chimes including parking sensor and cross path detection alerts
- Settings adjusted via Bluetooth® in a smart device application (tablet or mobile phone), compatible with both Android and Apple devices
- Read, write, and store configurations for future recall
- Password protect feature available in the mobile app
- Micro-B USB updatable

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INTERFACE COMPONENTS
- AXDSP-X interface
- AXDSP-X harness (16-pin & 20-pin)

TOOLS & INSTALLATION ACCESSORIES REQUIRED
- Crimping tool and connectors, or solder gun, solder, and heat shrink
- Tape
- Wire cutter
- Zip ties
- Multimeter

Google Play Store
iOS 12.1 or higher

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Aftermarket radio system:
The AXDSP-X can be used with an aftermarket radio to improve the overall listening experience for car audio enthusiasts. Installers will connect the RCA inputs from the AXDSP-X to the outputs from the aftermarket radio; **Front, Rear, Sub** (sub is optional). (refer to page 4)

Adding a subwoofer to an existing radio:
This feature offers the Installer the ability to add an aftermarket subwoofer to an existing radio. (refer to page 5)

Full range system to an existing radio:
This option allows the Installer to wire the AXDSP-X directly to the speaker outputs from an existing radio for a full range audio signal (high-level). (refer to page 6)
1. Complete all necessary connections to the radio and vehicle, but leave the amp turn-on wire disconnected.

2. Plug the 20-pin AXDSP-X harness into the AXDSP-X.

3. Plug the 16-pin AXDSP-X harness into the AXDSP-X.

4. Download and install the AXDSP-X app from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store.

5. Using the app, select the vehicle.

6. Connect the amp turn-on wire from the AXDSP-X.

7. Adjust the DSP settings in the app as desired. Refer to the instructions starting on (page 7) for an explanation of each tab in the app. (refer to page 7)
Aftermarket Radio System

- Do not use amp turn-on from aftermarket radio!
- Bass Knob (included)
- RCA Jacks (sold separately)

AxDSP-X (included)
- Assignable Outputs Labeled CH 6-10

Aftermarket Radio System

Blue/White - Amp Turn-On Wire
Orange - Control Wire
Black - Chassis Ground
Yellow - Battery Power
Red - Accessory Power

Any remaining wires tape off and disregard

An SPDT relay, Metra part number E-123, must be used if more than one amplifier will be installed.
ADDING A SUBWOOFER TO AN EXISTING RADIO

Factory Radio

Bass Knob (included)

RCA Jacks (sold separately)

Blue/White - Amp Turn-On Wire

AxDSP-X (included)

Orange - Control Wire

These outputs can be used for additional sub amps, or for adding onto the system at a later date

RCA Jacks (sold separately)

Wire information on page 17 (RCA Jacks shown cut off)
FULL RANGE SYSTEM TO AN EXISTING RADIO

- **Blue/White** - Amp Turn-On Wire
- **Bass Knob** (included)
- **Factory Radio**
- **RCA Jacks** (sold separately)
- **Assignable Inputs Labeled CH 6-10**
- **An SPDT relay, Metra part number E-123, must be used if more than one amplifier will be installed**
- **Orange** - Control Wire
- **AXDSP-X** (included)
- **Wire information on page 17 (RCA Jacks shown cut off)**
Setup Instructions

Using the vehicle specific harness, install the AX-DSP. The high level outputs from the OEM radio go to the inputs of the AX-DSP. The AX-DSP outputs are low level and should be connected to the amplifier inputs.

- Power on the system, and verify audio to the front (left and right), rear (left and right), and Subwoofer.
- Set the OEM radio bass and treble controls for flat frequency response.
- Set the left/right balance to center.
- Set the front/rear fader to center.

Detailed installation instructions are available on-line. Click the button below to view the instructions.

• General information tab for installing the AXDSP-X.
Bluetooth Connection

**Scan** - Press this button to start the Bluetooth pairing process, then select the AXDSP-X from the mobile device. The AXDSP-X must be powered during this process. Confirmation that you are connected will show in the top left corner of the app.

**Disconnect** - Disconnects the AXDSP-X from the app.

To connect to the AX-DSP make sure the ignition is in the on position and the AX-DSP is powered up.

Hit the SCAN Button and select the AX-DSP from the available devices.

Confirmation that you are connected to the DSP will show in the top left corner of the screen.

To disconnect from the AX-DSP hit the Disconnect button.
### AXDSP-X APP (CONT.)

## Configuration

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- **Identify** - Click this button to confirm that the AXDSP-X is connected properly. If so, a chime will be heard from the front left speaker.
- **Reset to Defaults** - Resets the AXDSP-X to factory settings. During the reset process the amplifiers will shut off for 5-10 seconds.
- **Vehicle Type** - Select the vehicle type from the drop down box, select either **Without OE Amplifier** or **With OE Amplifier**, then click the apply button.
- **Lock Down** - Click this button to save the selected settings.
  **Attention!** This button must be selected before closing the app or cycling the key otherwise all settings will be lost.
- **Save Configuration** - Saves the current configuration to the mobile device.
- **Recall Configuration** - Recalls a configuration from the mobile device.

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- **Identify**: Click this button to identify the AX-DSP; the chimes will play.
- **Reset to Defaults**: Resets the DSP customization settings, will not reset vehicle type. During the reset process, the amplifiers will shut off for 5-10 seconds, and then turn back on once completed.
- **Vehicle Type**: Select the type of vehicle the AX-DSP is installed in.
- **Lock Down**: Stores the current configuration into the AX-DSP.
- **Save Config**: Saves the current configuration to your device.
- **Recall Config**: Recalls a configuration from your device.
- **Apply Config**: Applies the recalled configuration to the AX-DSP.
- **About**: Displays Information about this App and the AX-DSP.
- **Set Password**: Changes password for accessing the AX-DSP.

- **Apply Configuration** - Allows a recalled configuration to the AXDSP-X. The AXDSP-X will need to be locked down to save the recalled configuration. This process will shut the amplifier off between 5-10 seconds while the configuration is uploaded to the AXDSP-X.

- **About** - Displays information about the app, vehicle, AXDSP-X, and mobile device.

- **Set Password** - Assign a 4-digit password to lock the AXDSP-X. If no password is desired, use “0000”. This will clear out any currently set password. It is not necessary to lock down the AXDSP-X when setting a password.

**Note**: A 4-digit only password must be chosen otherwise the interface will show “password not valid for this device”.

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Outputs

Amp Turn On

• Signal Sense - Will turn the amplifier on when an audio signal is detected, and keep on for 10 seconds past the last signal. This ensures the amplifier doesn’t shut off between tracks.
• Always On - Will keep the amplifiers on as long as they is cycled on.
• Turn on Delay - Can be used to delay amp turn-on to avoid turn-on pops.

Output Channels

• Location - Location of speaker.
• Group - Used to join channels together. Example, left front woofer/midrange and left front tweeter will be considered simply left front to the AXDSP-X. The letter M denotes the speaker assigned as the master speaker.
• Invert - Will invert the phase of the speaker.
• Mute - Will mute desired channel(s) for tuning individual channels.
• If installing a subwoofer, the front and rear outputs will default to a 100Hz high pass filter to keep the low frequency signals out of the full range speakers. If a subwoofer is not being installed, change the front and rear crossover points down to 20Hz for a full range signal, or to the lowest frequency the speakers will play to.

• Selecting High Pass and Low Pass will provide one crossover frequency adjustment. Selecting Band Pass will provide two crossover frequency adjustments, one for low pass, and one for high pass.
Equalizer Adjust

- All channels can be adjusted independently within this tab with 31 bands of available equalization. It is best to tune this by using an RTA (Real Time Analyzer).
- The Gain slider on the far left is for the channel selected.
Partial document content:

Delay Adjust

- Allows a delay of each channel, up to 10 milliseconds. First measure the distance (in inches) from each speaker to the listening position, then enter those values. If a delay is desired, add to the desired channel(s), up to 99 inches.

Distance from each speaker to 'Head' position (in inches)

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Measure the distance from each speaker to the desired 'Head' position and enter those values in the corresponding boxes. Maximum distance is 99".
Levels

**Clipping Level** - Use this feature to protect sensitive speakers like tweeters from being driven past their capabilities. If the output signal of the AXDSP-X clips the audio will be reduced by 20dB. Turning down the stereo will allow the audio to come back at a normal level. The sensitivity of this feature can be adjusted to the listening preference of the user.

**Chime Volume** - Allows the chime volume to be adjusted up or down.

*Note:* In newer Ford vehicles chimes will be heard through the gauge cluster if the OEM amplifier is removed.

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**Trigger Level: 5**

- **Hard Clipping**
  - The AX-DSP can detect clipping of the analog audio signals (on both the inputs and the outputs of the AX-DSP) and "turn down" the signal level for a period of time to prevent damage to the speakers.

- **Soft Clipping**

- **Demo**
  - Off
  - On

**Volume: 7**

- **High**
  - The Chime Volume control is provided to prevent warning tones from being overly loud
  - High sets the chimes to their maximum level, Low sets them to their minimum level.

- **Medium**
- **Low**

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Locking Down Data

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Select the type of vehicle the AX-DSP is installed in.

Stores the current configuration to the AX-DSP.

Recalls a configuration from your device.

Applies the recalled configuration to the AX-DSP.

Displays Information about this App and the AX-DSP.

Last and the most important.
You must lock down your configuration!!!
### Input Connector

- **Input 6** - Subwoofer Right Input
- **Input 5** - Subwoofer Left Input
- **Purple RCA Jack** - Rear Right Input *
- **Green RCA Jack** - Rear Left Input *
- **Gray RCA Jack** - Front Right Input *
- **White RCA Jack** - Front Left Input *
- **Black/Yellow** - Future Use

* Cut off RCA jack for speaker level input

- **Black** - Chassis Ground
- **Pink** - CAN-HI
- **Blue/Pink** - CAN-LO
- **Brown** - Future Use
- **Orange** - Control Wire for Bass Knob
- **Red** - Accessory Power
- **Yellow** - Battery Power

### Output Connector

- **Blue/White** - Amp Turn-On
- **Red/White** - Future Use
- **Channel 6-10** - User Assignable Outputs
- **Sub RCA Jacks** - Use Assignable Outputs
- **Purple RCA Jack** - User Assignable Output
- **Green RCA Jack** - User Assignable Output
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