

How to switch between primary and backup head unit



Article Overview

Switching between a primary and backup head unit typically involves using relays, trigger wires, or CAN-bus integration to toggle video and audio signals safely.

Understanding the Setup

To switch between a primary (factory) and backup (aftermarket) head unit, you need to consider:

- Video signal compatibility: Factory cameras often output NTSC or PAL analog signals, while aftermarket units usually accept NTSC via RCA inputs. Some vehicles may require a CAN-bus adapter for proper signal translation .
- Voltage requirements: Factory cameras may operate at lower voltages (6V or less), whereas aftermarket units expect 12V trigger signals. Using voltage regulators or relays prevents damage .
- Trigger signals: The reverse gear signal activates the camera display. Correctly wiring the trigger ensures automatic switching when reversing .

Methods to Switch Between Units

1. Using Relays

A common approach is to use two adjustable time relays:...

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Installation guide attached. How it works: The connection from the CAN-Box for the back view camera to the head unit

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As soon as you put in the rear gear, the CAM is activated and the picture of the cam is shown on your unit. The +12V

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