

Updating Reatta infotainment system

Occasionally I find something that appeals to me & tend to install in volume. When I bought the 'vert, CDs were it and though I replaced it (no easy job), it only worked occasionally and when the day was warm. Sometimes had to insert several times before it would take. Only have a half dozen or so cassettes so do not even know if that works.

Meanwhile I had gotten used to the hands free phone, Bluetooth, and aux input of my tow car. Being accustomed to the diagnostic ability of my Reattas, I had added that already.

To avoid the "too many buttons" syndrome I selected a CZ-702 for the Reatta which has a black face and the dial colors could be set to match the greenish of the Reatta (code 4)..

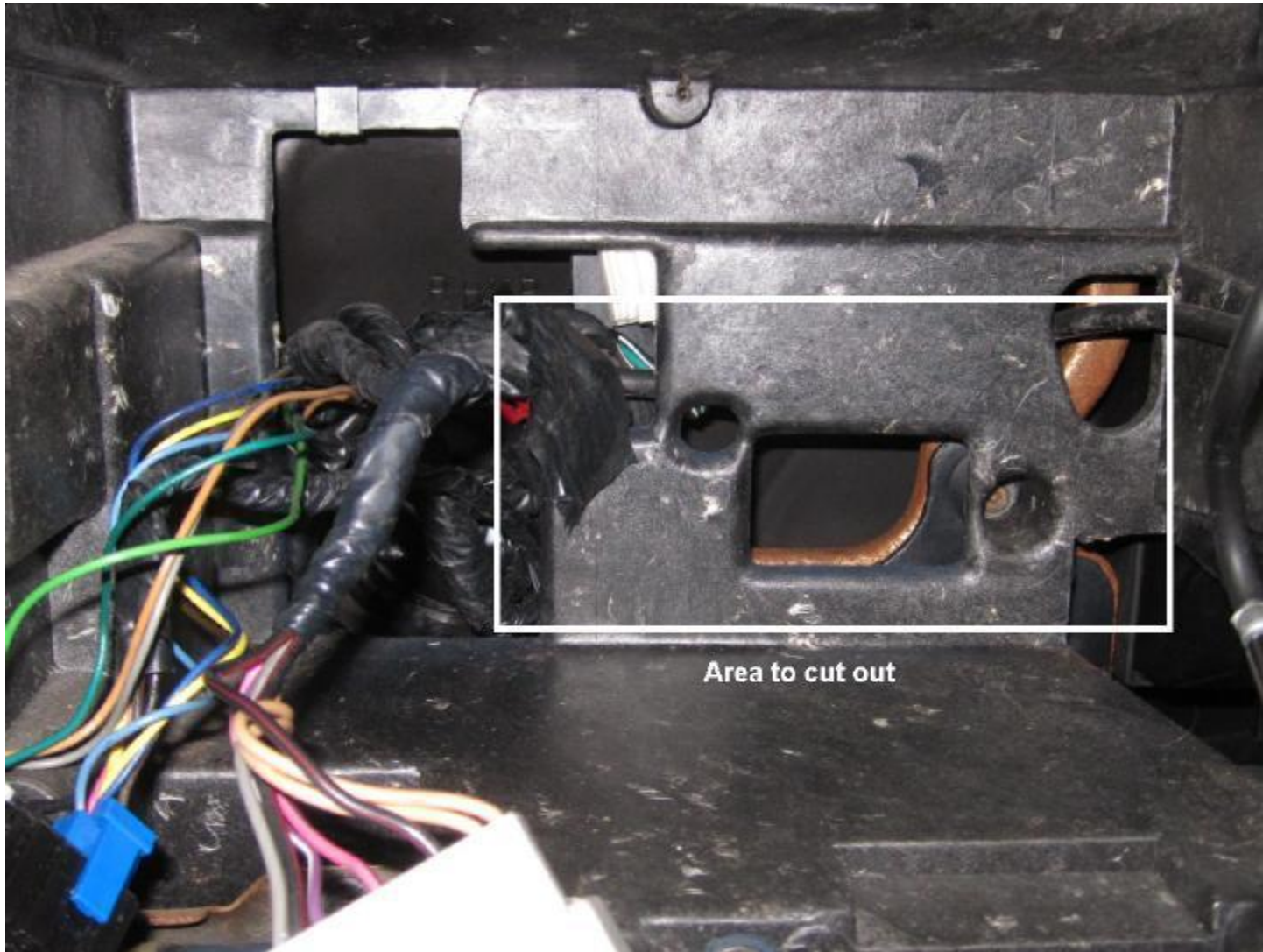
Everything works just fine but there is an issue: the unit is too long to fit the '90 Reatta dash properly.



Clarion on left, Delco on right.

Clarion faceplate is removed.

Now I figure that by cutting out the plastic area in the rear of the radio/HVAC compartment it will have enough clearance to seat fully.



Cut out the section I indicated and everything fits nicely. What you cannot see in the picture is that the head unit illumination is a perfect color match to the dash (why I bought the 702).



All I really wanted was an amp, BT, HFP, and an aux jack since I carry 12GB (about 5,000 titles) of music on my phone. The Clarion is that plus multiband tuner and CD and the whole rig (GM amp and antenna adapters, Clarion, Metra, etc) was less than most charge to rebuild my CD player. Now the question is whether it will last my lifetime. Do have a lot of volume, 26 of 40 is plenty for the hearing impaired.

I bought everything from Amazon:

Metra 70-1858 Radio Wiring Harness For GM 88-05 Harness

Metra 99-4000 Dash Kit For GM 82-04/Isuzu 98-01 with Pocket

Metra 40-GM10 GM Antenna Adapter

Clarion CZ702 Vehicle CD Digital Music Player Receiver

Total U\$172 (varies daily). If do not care about colors can use the Clarion CZ-302 for about U\$50 less. All have many extra connections for things like amps, Sirius, and HD radio. The 702 came with a wireless remote.

Note, there are a lot of receivers out there but these are high power (45wX4) and have Bluetooth CD/USB/MP3/WMA. BT and a built in microphone for HFP. Being the harder to find. I just wanted a head unit, nothing more, no motorized display panels (have tablets that can move), and that is what I have.