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They might not be as big and powerful as full-sized trunk subwoofers, but they can still hugely improve your car's sound, and best of all, they won't break the bank either.Theyre absolutely the way to go if you have limited car space and a limited budget. To help you to get your hands on one, weve reviewed and picked out some of the best under seat subwoofers.We've also prepared a buying guide so that you know exactly what to look out for. Lets get started!There are two different types of subwoofer speakers: passive and powered. Here are the differences between them.PoweredA powered subwoofer (also called an 'active subwoofer') has a built-in amplifier and power source. These are easier to install than passive subwoofers as you don't need any extra components, and there's less wiring involved. As such, they're the most popular option for under seat subwoofers and home theaters.PassivePassive subwoofers don't have their own amplifier or power source - just the speakers. You have to hook them up to a separate amp. I'd recommend only using a passive subwoofer if, for some reason, you need a separate amplifier for your bass.Alright, you might be wondering, why use under seat subwoofers? Under the seat subs have a few huge advantages over their trunk counterparts. Here are a few of them:Save storage spaceas under seat subs slot underneath your car seat, you dont need to waste any of your precious trunk space on them.Lightweightunder seat subwoofers are reasonably lightweight, which means you won't need to use much more gas to carry that extra weight around. It also means it's easy to remove them when necessary.Easy to installpowered under seat subwoofers typically come with their own amp and usually only need basic connections to your cars sound system and power source, so theyre simple to set up.Cheapunder seat subwoofers are usually much more affordable than boot speakers and amplifiers, so theyre a great option if youre working with a limited budget.Use less powerthese units don't require as much power as huge trunk subwoofers, so they might not need any expensive upgrades to your cars electrical system.Here are some factors to consider when selecting an under seat subwoofer:The most important thing to consider is the size of the under seat subwoofer. The last thing you want is to buy a subwoofer only to find that it wont fit under your seat. Most are designed to be as compact as possible but, depending on the size of your car, you may still need to check the dimensions of the subwoofer to make sure theres room for it. Generally speaking, the bigger the subwoofer, the better the sound.We can talk about the volume and power output of under seat subwoofers in two terms: peak power and RMS power, both of which are measured in watts. The peak power is the maximum wattage the subwoofer can handle in short bursts, whereas the RMS rating is the wattage it can handle continuously without distorting the sound. The peak power is often misleading, whereas the RMS rating is a more accurate measurement of the realistic power output as exceeding this can damage the product.The frequency response/range is another good indicator of the quality of a subwoofer and tells you the range of frequencies your subwoofer can handle without distorting. Ideally, you'll want to see a frequency response of at least 20Hz - 200Hz, as this will cover most of the audible bass frequencies in a soundtrack.The impedance of a subwoofer refers to the electrical resistance of the voice coil and is measured in Ohms. If youre pairing up an amp with a subwoofer, its an important factor to consider as different amps have different minimum impedance requirements. Its also worth noting that low impedance under seat subwoofers are more likely to accept thin wires, so if you're aiming for a clean install, this is something to think about.A subwoofers sensitivity refers to the amount of electrical energy that is required to produce sound. Greater sensitivity means less power is required to provide the same amount of sound. In other words, more sensitivity means more power efficiency. As high-sensitivity subwoofers use less power, they produce less heat and tend to be more durable.The voice coil is the component of the subwoofer that provides the force to move the cone. Voice coils come in different sizes. Larger voice coils tend to provide better damping and linearity than smaller voice coils. You can also get both single voice coils and dual voice coils.The cone itself is the component thats responsible for producing the bass sound. It does this by displacing air. Larger cones can displace more air and, therefore, produce deeper, more-powerful bass sounds. Look for a model with a large cone if this is something youre looking for.It's not just about the size of the subwoofer; it's about the enclosure too. Under seat subwoofers come in three different types of enclosures: sealed, ported, and bandpass.Sealed boxes are airtight enclosures and are best for deep, accurate bass but tend to require more power than ported boxes. Ported boxes use a vent to reinforce their low bass response and are best for heavy rock music and forceful bass, while bandpass boxes are designed to produce maximum slam.A final factor to consider is the warranty period. Under seat subwoofers sometimes come with a manufacturers warranty. This is usually around 1 year, but the very best models may cover you for even longer than that.My top pick for the overall best underseat subwoofer has to be the Rockville RW10CA. It has both the largest frequency response range and the highest RMS power output out of any subwoofer on this list. Its also CEA-2006 compliant and meets the industry standard when it comes to power ratings. Unlike many other units, which promise unrealistic watts that dont reflect the reality, the RW10CA delivers on its promises.The 2.7-inch sub enclosure is slim enough to fit under most car seats, and installation is a cinch as all the inputs and outputs are on the same side. The subwoofer also has high-level inputs which eliminate the need for a remote wire and allows you to install an aftermarket amp subwoofer combination without removing the speaker.It's also effortless to adjust the sound to your preference on this subwoofer. It has a volume level control, subsonic filter, low pass crossover filter, phase control, and bass boost. Considering the size of this thing, the bass is really impressive. It might not quite match the volume of trunk subwoofers, but it's still super loud, and the bass is clean and solid. If you do want to install it yourself, its also available in a package with a wiring kit.Excellent power outputGreat frequency response range30-day satisfaction guaranteeEasy installationBass not as powerful as some trunk subwoofersNext up, we have the BassPro SL JBL 8" underseat subwoofer. This is another top of the range subwoofer that does a great job considering the size and price. It has a 125 Watts of RMS power, but you can push that right up to 250 watts for short bursts. The LED power and protect indicators are a nice touch, and the soft-start turn-on and auto-on features are other great features that make this an excellent subwoofer.It doesn't have quite the same 'thump' as some other subwoofers have, but the base lows are really nice, and it still manages to vibrate those mirrors.I had this installed in my 2015 Jeep Wrangler and what a difference it made! It fit right under my seat and sounds great. When I turn it up, the mirrors shake and makes the whole jeep thump. This is perfect to buy if you want decent bass for a low price and a sub that can hide under your seat. Overall I'm very happy with this subIts not too difficult to install yourself, but it is a little more complicated to set up than the subwoofer above. Expect to spend around 3 hours or more to hook it up if you plan on doing a DIY install.Good RMS power outputLED indicatorsGreat additional featuresGood frequency response rangeOur third spot goes to another Rockville product, the SS8P. This is Rockvilles best value for money option, and Id definitely recommend it for anyone looking to get their hands on a tremendous under seat subwoofer for less than $100. It has just half the RMS power of the RW10CA, but what it lacks in power it makes up for in other ways. Its very compact and comes in a cast aluminum enclosure that keeps it cool and helps to prevent overheating.The SS8P has a frequency response range of 20Hz to 150Hz, which is right in the sweet spot. It also has other essential features for safety and functionality, like a soft-delayed remote turn-on, thermal protection circuit, overload protection circuit, and more.Its very durable and comes with heavy-duty mounting feet and a 1-year warranty. The level control for the volume allows you to adjust the levels to suit you quickly, and the subsonic filter gets rid of those really low frequencies that we can't hear.As its not super powerful, it wont exactly cause the ground to shake, and I wouldn't recommend it if you're looking for something that keeps your neighbors awake. However, if you're after a decent, affordable, compact underseat subwoofer, I would recommend it.Very affordableDurable/reliableNot prone to overheatingGood frequency rangePeak: 150 Watts | RMS: 75 WattsThe Kenwood KSC-SW11 is one of the smallest under seat subs on this list, so it's great for anyone with a small car and minimal space under their seats. This quality compact subwoofer has a built-in amp, so you don't need to worry about buying an external one. It also comes with remote bass control and the power and ground wire harness for ease of installation.It's advertised as a 150-watt subwoofer, but that's the peak power; the RMS power is actually only 75 watts. It's not going to rattle your windows, but the sound quality is outstanding, and the subwoofer fills out the hollow mids and highs nicely.Kenwood is a very reputable brand that's known for making high-quality products, so expect this subwoofer to be pretty durable and reliable. Its built with an aluminum die-cast frame, so its very resistant to damage and should last at least a few years if you take good care of it. Overall, Id definitely recommend the Kenwood KSC-SW11 if you have very limited space to work with, or you're not super-concerned about volume but appreciate the excellent sound quality.Easy to installComes with power and ground wire harnessNice hollow mids/highsVery compactThe Sound Storm Labs LOPRO8 is another great subwoofer and amp combo that Id definitely recommend.It has the second-highest peak power on this list, at 600 Watts. The product listing doesnt officially state the RMS power, but one reviewer puts it at 400 watts, which is pretty great. Considering the price and size of the LOPRO8, I was a little skeptical about this, but it does seem to deliver on its power promises.The built-in amplifier provides improved switching speeds and lower gate-to-drain feedback capacitance than other subwoofers. The variable low pass filter also does a great job of keeping the high notes away by filtering out notes outside of the frequency range. The variable bass boost gives you added control over the sound - you can adjust the low bass based on your preferences. Id recommend spending a few hours tuning it up to your liking by trying it out with different musical genres to see what works best.The LOPRO8 also has the best warranty period of any product on this list. As long as you purchase it through Amazon.com, youre covered by Sound Storms 3 Year Platinum Online Dealer Warranty. This provides a lot of peace of mind and is probably a good indication of the quality of the product - they probably wouldnt offer such a generous warranty period if they thought this subwoofer wasnt reliable.Great valueExcellent power outputExcellent warranty periodCan overheat if not placed in a well-ventilated spaceMoving onto the Kicker 11HS8, a hugely popular model of subwoofer for trucks.This isnt the kind of speaker that will make your heart stop. It doesnt have a lot of 'thump' and won't rattle your windows, but it does what it's supposed to do: provides great bass to compliment your music. If you crank the bass up high, you will get a little thumping, but it's more of a full bass sound with great lows.Its advertised as an 'ultra-compact' subwoofer, which means it should be perfect for smaller spaces and sounds great in a small car as well as larger trucks. It's probably not the best choice if you plan on listening to bass-heavy music or electronic, but it rounds out the sound on rock, metal, country, and pop songs really well.The price is a little higher than I'd like it to be, but you get what you pay for. It also comes with everything you need to wire it up, so you don't necessarily need to buy an additional wiring kit. It comes with a 1-year warranty, but the average lifespan is probably around 4 years. If you want it to last as long as possible, take care of it and try not to let it overheat.Great full bass soundUltra-compactComes with all the wiring required to install itMore expensive than other models8" x 5-1/4" inches (Cone)DEEP: 20Hz to 200Hz / DYNAMIC: 40Hz to 160HzPeak: 160 Watts | RMS: 50 WattsLast but not least, we have the Pioneer TS-WX130DA. Pioneer is a trusted brand in the digital entertainment and technology market. It has been making great products for decades, which is a pretty good indication of the quality you're likely to get with this subwoofer.It has the lowest RMS power output on this list at just 50 Watts, but believe me, that's still plenty in a small-to-mid-sized vehicle. You'll rarely want to crank the volume higher than that.It has a sealed enclosure, which is great for deep, tight bass. A lot of people prefer the sound of sealed subwoofers over that of ported subwoofers. If youre one of them, this might be a great choice. It also has an aluminum cone and urethane surround, with a built-in Class D amplifier. Its very small and compact and will fit under pretty much any seat. Its also very reliable and shouldnt break easily unless you mistreat it.Overall, its a solid under seat subwoofer. Id recommend it for anyone less concerned about volume and more concerned about finding something small and compact that produces a tight, accurate bass.Small and compactSealed enclosureGood frequency responsePeople sometimes use the terms' under seat subwoofer' and 'shallow mount subwoofer' interchangeably, but they're not necessarily the same thing.Shallow mount subwoofers are simply compact subwoofers designed to reproduce bass while still fitting in cars with limited space. Most people still prefer to place them either in their car trunk or in their rear speaker depth.Underseat subwoofers, on the other hand, are designed specifically to fit under your car seat. Theyre typically even more shallow, compact, and lightweight than regular shallow mount subwoofers.Trunk subwoofers are the 'standard' subwoofers most people think of when they hear the word subwoofer. They tend to be very large, so they're installed in the boot of the car as this is usually the only place with enough space to accommodate them.The fact that theyre so large allows them to generate louder sounds and extend to lower bass frequencies. In other words, they represent the best possible sound quality, but that quality comes at a sacrifice - your storage space.People who either dont have enough or arent willing to sacrifice their car storage space can opt for under seat subwoofers instead. They're designed to be small enough to fit under your car seat while still providing excellent sound. They're also usually cheaper and easier to install than trunk subwoofers, and they don't require an amp.Underseat subwoofer installations can be tricky, and the exact steps will differ depending on your vehicle and model of subwoofer. Its best to check your manufacturers instructions to find out how to install it.Installing under seat subwoofers also requires you to work with your vehicle's electrical system, which can be dangerous. If you don't have the electrical knowledge to know what you're doing, you risk damaging your vehicle (and yourself). Therefore, its probably better to pay for a professional installation service if you dont have solid electrical knowledge.If you do try to install it yourself, make sure you always disconnect the negative battery terminal before you begin for your own protection. Also, bear in mind that the subwoofer you've purchased might not come with all the wiring and fuses needed to install it, so you may need to buy a separate amp wiring kit.Heres a video that shows the basic steps:Once your subwoofer is installed, the next step is to tune it so that you get the best possible sound. Here's how to do it:Set the crossover to a frequency (the ideal crossover will be based on your subwoofers frequency range)Adjust the gain (volume) by turning it up until you hear it begin to fill in the bass, but no more than that.Play around with the phase switch (if you have one) to see which sounds better.If the sound still isnt perfect, you might want to adjust the location of the subwoofer slightly.Here are some common subwoofer problems and how to fix them:Amplifier wont turn on - make sure your ground connection is good and that there is sufficient battery power on the + terminal. If neither of these is the problem, check the fuses and replace them if required.The sound is distorted - this usually happens when the crossover frequencies arent properly set. Adjust them as necessary. If this doesnt fix it, check the Input Level Control is correctly set to match the heads signal level.High-pitched squealing noise - this is often caused by improperly grounded RCA interconnects.Engine noise - This might be caused by faulty RCA cables that are picking up radiated noise, or RCA grounds being shorted to the vehicle chassis. Check this and fix it if needed.Amps provide the power needed to run a subwoofer. However, not all subwoofers require a separate amp as many come with them built-in. All subwoofers on this list have built-in amps.Ohms are a measure of electrical resistance. 2-Ohm subwoofers have less electrical resistance than 4-Ohm subwoofers and so are less likely to overheat. They also can, in theory, create a more powerful, cleaner bass.It comes down to personal preference, but I personally think that Rockville is a great subwoofer brand for deep bass and rock music.Sound Storm Labs provides the most extended warranty period of any brand on this list. Other reputable brands include AudioEngine, Kenwood, and Pioneer.Its usually best to have your subwoofers installed professionally, rather than doing it yourself, as it requires complex electrical wiring.That concludes this guide to the best underseat subwoofers. We hope you found the right product for you and enjoy your new rockin bass!If you're still unsure which one to purchase, I'd definitely recommend the Rockville RW10CA - it's a great all-round subwoofer, and it won't cost you an arm and a leg. Enjoy! (Many of the links in this article redirect to a specific reviewed product. Your purchase of these products through affiliate links helps to generate commission for AudioLover.com, at no extra cost. Learn more) Subwoofers are an essential component in any audio system, especially for those who appreciate deep, powerful bass. If you want to take your car audio experience to the next level, installing an under seat subwoofer can be a game-changer. These compact subwoofers are designed to fit under the seats of your car, saving space while still delivering impressive low-frequency performance.Installing an under seat subwoofer may seem daunting at first, but with the right tools and a little know-how, it can be a straightforward process. In this guide, we will walk you through the step-by-step process of installing an under seat subwoofer, ensuring that you achieve optimal sound quality and a seamless integration with your existing car audio system.Before diving into the installation process, its important to gather the required tools. Having the right tools on hand will make the installation smoother and more efficient. Additionally, its crucial to choose the perfect subwoofer that suits your audio preferences and fits seamlessly in your cars interior. We will discuss both of these aspects in the steps to come.So, whether youre a DIY enthusiast looking to upgrade your car audio system or a car owner who wants to enhance their driving experience, lets get started on installing an under seat subwoofer and enjoy the rich, deep bass that will elevate your favorite music to new heights. Before beginning the installation process, its important to gather all the necessary tools to ensure a smooth and successful installation of your under seat subwoofer. Here are the essential tools youll need:Flexible wire with appropriate gauge: This wire will connect the subwoofer to the amplifier. Make sure to choose a wire with the appropriate gauge to handle the power requirements of your subwoofer.Wire cutters and strippers: These tools will help you cut and strip the wires to connect them properly.Power drill and drill bits: Youll need a power drill to create holes for mounting the subwoofer and routing the wiring.Socket set and wrench: These tools will be necessary for removing and installing your car seats, if required.Tape measure: Use a tape measure to accurately measure the available space under your car seats before selecting a subwoofer.Screwdriver set: A set of screwdrivers will come in handy for securing the subwoofer and making any necessary adjustments.Electrical tape: Use electrical tape to secure and insulate the wire connections for a reliable and safe installation.Zip ties and mounting brackets: These items are useful for tidying up the wiring and securing the subwoofer in place.Having these tools at your disposal will make the installation process much easier and more efficient. Its always a good idea to have a well-equipped toolkit on hand when working on car audio installations to ensure a professional-looking and long-lasting result. Selecting the right subwoofer is crucial for achieving the best audio experience in your car. When choosing an under seat subwoofer, there are a few key factors to consider:Size and Compatibility: Measure the available space under your car seat to ensure the subwoofer you choose will fit properly. Consider the height, width, and depth of the subwoofer to ensure it doesnt interfere with seat adjustment or legroom.Power Handling: Look for a subwoofer with adequate power handling capabilities. Match the power rating of the subwoofer with an amplifier that can deliver the necessary power without distortion.Impedance: Select a subwoofer with an impedance that matches your amplifier. This ensures proper power transfer and prevents damage to both the subwoofer and the amplifier.Frequency Response: Consider the frequency range of the subwoofer. A wider frequency response allows for a fuller and more dynamic bass sound.Enclosure Type: Subwoofers come in different enclosure types, such as sealed, ported, or bandpass. Each type offers distinct sound characteristics, so choose one that suits your personal preference and the acoustics of your car.Build Quality: Look for a subwoofer with a sturdy construction that can withstand the demands of the car environment. High-quality components ensure longevity and optimal performance.Do some research, read reviews, and listen to demos to get a sense of the subwoofers sound quality. Its also a good idea to consult with audio experts or professionals to ensure you choose a subwoofer that meets your specific needs and preferences. Remember, the perfect subwoofer will deliver deep, powerful bass that enhances your overall audio experience without overpowering the rest of the frequencies.Once youve selected the perfect subwoofer for your car, youll be ready to move on to the next step of the installation process. Locating the ideal spot under the seat to install your subwoofer is crucial for both sound performance and practicality. Here are some tips to help you find the perfect location:Consider Seat Clearance: Take note of the space available under the seat and ensure that the subwoofer will fit without obstructing the seat movement or causing discomfort to the passengers.Avoid Obstructing Ventilation: Avoid placing the subwoofer in a location that blocks important ventilation points or ducts under the seat. This ensures that the subwoofer doesnt interfere with the cooling of components or cause overheating issues.Accessible Wiring: Choose a location that allows for easy and concealed wiring. Youll need to route the power and audio cables from the subwoofer to the amplifier and head unit, so make sure theres enough space to hide the wires and keep them organized.Avoid High-Risk Areas: Its important to avoid mounting the subwoofer in areas that are prone to water intrusion or excessive heat. This helps protect the subwoofer from potential damage and ensures its longevity.Consider Acoustic Factors: Sound waves interact with the cars interior, so consider the impact of different seat materials, cushions, and internal dimensions on sound quality. Experiment with the subwoofer placement in different spots to find the location that delivers the best bass response.Remember that every car is different, so the ideal location may vary depending on the specific make and model. Its recommended to consult the user manual or seek advice from knowledgeable professionals to ensure the best placement for your under seat subwoofer.Once youve identified the ideal location, you can proceed to the next step and start preparing the wiring for your subwoofer installation. Properly preparing the wiring is essential for a successful under seat subwoofer installation. Heres what you need to do:Disconnect the Battery: To ensure your safety and prevent any electrical mishaps, disconnect the negative terminal of your car battery before working on the wiring.Plan the Route: Determine the best route for running the power cable from the car battery to the subwoofers location. Take care to avoid any moving parts or sources of heat that could damage the wiring.Measure and Cut the Power Cable: Measure the required length and cut the power cable accordingly. Leave some extra length for flexibility and ensure that the cable is long enough to reach the subwoofers location. Use wire strippers to carefully remove a small portion of insulation from the ends of the power cable. This allows for proper connection to the battery and the subwoofer. Connect the positive end of the power cable to the positive terminal of the car battery. Secure the connection tightly to prevent it from coming loose. Carefully route the power cable from the battery to the location of the subwoofer, making sure to secure it along the way using zip ties or cable clips. Keep it away from any sharp edges or areas that produce heat. Select a suitable grounding point near the subwoofer location. It should be a metal surface with no paint or rust. Strip the ground cable and securely connect it to the chosen grounding point. Run the audio cables from the head unit to the subwoofer location. Make sure to keep them separate from the power cable to avoid any interference or noise.Its important to take your time and ensure that all the connections are secure and properly insulated. Double-check your wiring before proceeding to the next steps to avoid any potential issues down the road.With the wiring prepared, youre now ready to connect the subwoofer to the amplifier and integrate it into your car audio system. Connecting the subwoofer to the amplifier is a crucial step in the installation process. Heres what you need to do: Locate the RCA inputs on your amplifier. These are typically labeled as subwoofer or indicated by a specific color, such as red or white. Take one end of the RCA cable and connect it to the RCA input on your amplifier. Ensure a secure connection by gently twisting the connectors until they are snug. Take the other end of the RCA cable and connect it to the RCA output on your head unit. Connect the positive end of the power cable to the positive terminal on the amplifier and the negative end to the negative terminal. Ensure a tight connection by tightening the screws or terminals. Locate the remote wire on the amplifier, which is usually labeled as remote or REM. Connect one end of the remote wire to the remote input on the amplifier and the other end to the remote output on your head unit. Strip the ends of the speaker wire attached to the subwoofer. Connect the positive (+) terminal on the subwoofer to the positive (+) terminal on the amplifier and the negative (-) terminal to the negative (-) terminal. Ensure all connections are secure by gently tugging on the wires. Make sure there is no exposed wire or loose connections.Once all the connections are complete, you can proceed to the next step and connect the amplifier to the head unit, allowing the subwoofer to receive the audio signals and produce deep bass sounds.Its important to consult the user manuals of your specific amplifier and head unit for detailed instructions on connecting them. Following the manufacturers guidelines will ensure that the connections are made correctly and result in optimal performance. Connecting the amplifier to the head unit is a crucial step in integrating your under seat subwoofer into your car audio system. Heres how to do it: Find the preamp outputs on your head unit. These are usually labeled as RCA or pre-out. You may have multiple sets of preamp outputs depending on your head unit model. Take the RCA cables and connect them to the preamp outputs on your head unit. Match the colors of the cables with the corresponding inputs. Most often, red is for the right channel and white or black is for the left channel. Take the other ends of the RCA cables and connect them to the corresponding RCA inputs on your amplifier. Take the remote wire that is already connected to your amplifier and connect the other end to the remote output on your head unit. This connection allows the amplifier to turn on and off with the head unit. Ensure all connections are secure by gently tugging on the wires. Make sure there is no exposed wire or loose connections that may cause signal loss or interference.Once the connections between the amplifier and the head unit are complete, you have successfully integrated your under seat subwoofer into your car audio system. Now, when you adjust the bass settings on your head unit, the amplifier will receive the audio signals and send them to the subwoofer, delivering deep, powerful bass.If you encounter any issues during the connection process, refer to the user manuals of your specific head unit and amplifier for detailed instructions. Following the manufacturers guidelines will ensure that the connections are made correctly and result in optimal performance. Securing the subwoofer in its designated location under the seat is an important step to ensure it remains stable and properly aligned. Heres how to secure the subwoofer: Depending on the subwoofer and your cars configuration, you may have different mounting options. Some subwoofers come with brackets or mounting screws that allow for easy installation. Others may require custom mounting solutions or adhesive strips. Carefully read the manufacturers instructions that came with your specific subwoofer. They will provide guidance on the recommended mounting methods and any specific considerations. Ensure the mounting surface under the seat is clean to provide a solid connection. Remove any debris or obstructions before securing the subwoofer. Place the subwoofer in the intended location under the seat, aligning it with the mounting points or brackets. Use the recommended mounting screws, brackets, or adhesive strips to secure the subwoofer in place. Follow the instructions provided by the manufacturer, ensuring a tight and stable fit. Gently shake the subwoofer to check for any loose or unstable connections. If it moves excessively, adjust the mounting or tighten the screws until it is securely fastened.Properly securing the subwoofer is crucial to prevent unwanted vibrations or movement that could affect the sound quality or potentially damage the subwoofer or other components. Take your time to ensure a secure installation that will provide long-lasting performance.Once you are satisfied with the subwoofers stability, you can move on to the final step: testing the subwoofer to ensure everything is functioning as expected. After completing the installation of your under seat subwoofer, its important to test it to ensure it is working correctly and providing the desired audio experience. Heres how to test your subwoofer: Make sure your cars audio system is turned on, along with the head unit and amplifier connected to the subwoofer. Set the audio source to a level youre accustomed to, whether its playing music, a movie, or any audio content that includes bass frequencies. Use the bass settings on your head unit or amplifier to adjust the level of bass output. Start with a moderate setting and then fine-tune it to your preference. Take a moment to focus on the quality and impact of the bass produced by the subwoofer. Pay attention to the depth, clarity, and overall balance of the bass in relation to the rest of the audio. Play a variety of music genres to test the subwoofers performance across different styles and frequencies. This will help you evaluate its overall versatility and ability to reproduce bass accurately. If necessary, make further adjustments to the subwoofers settings, such as the crossover frequency or phase, to optimize its performance and integration with your cars audio system.During the testing phase, listen for any distortions, rattling sounds, or imbalances in the bass. If you notice any issues, double-check the connections, ensure the subwoofer is properly secured, and adjust the settings accordingly.Its also a good idea to consult the user manual of your under seat subwoofer and refer to any recommended guidelines for testing and adjusting the subwoofer for optimal performance.With the subwoofer successfully tested and fine-tuned to your liking, you can now enjoy heart-pounding bass and a more immersive audio experience in your car! Congratulations! You have successfully installed an under seat subwoofer in your car, enhancing your audio system with deep, powerful bass. By following the steps outlined in this guide, you have taken a significant step towards improving your car audio experience.Throughout the installation process, you have learned how to gather the required tools, choose the perfect subwoofer, find the ideal location under the seat, prepare the wiring, connect the subwoofer to the amplifier, connect the amplifier to the head unit, secure the subwoofer, and test its performance.Remember, the key to a successful installation is taking your time, following the manufacturers instructions, and ensuring all connections are secure and properly insulated. This will ensure optimal sound quality and the longevity of your under seat subwoofer.With the subwoofer in place, you can now enjoy a more immersive and dynamic audio experience while driving. Feel the depth of the bass and let the music come alive as you cruise down the road.If you encounter any difficulties during the installation or have any concerns about the performance of your subwoofer, its always a good idea to consult professionals or reach out to the manufacturer for further assistance.Now, sit back, relax, and enjoy your favorite tunes with the added power and richness brought by your new under seat subwoofer. Happy listening! To install an underseat subwoofer, disconnect the car battery, run the power wire through the firewall, and secure the subwoofer to the floorboard. Connect the RCA cables to the head unit and reattach all wiring. Always consult your cars manual for specific instructions and safety tips. Ready to feel the bass in your car without sacrificing space? Installing an underseat subwoofer is your ticket to deep, rich sound that transforms your driving experience. Imagine cruising with powerful low-end beats vibrating through your seatwithout the need for bulky equipment. This guide will walk you through each step of the installation process, making it easy to upgrade your cars audio system. Whether youre a fan of smooth jazz or heavy bass, finding the right subwoofer is key. For those who prefer clear, crisp tones, the 8 Focal IBUS20 is a top choice, delivering exceptional sound quality without overpowering the music. Scroll down to get started on installing your new subwoofer and unlock a whole new level of audio enjoyment in your car. A subwoofer upgrade is a great way to enhance your cars sound system. With the right subwoofer, you can improve your cars audio systems sound quality and add some much-needed bass output to your factory stereo. It is essential to disconnect the battery before working on the electrical system of your car. The first step is to disconnect the negative terminal of the battery using a basic tool like a socket wrench. Then, although not always needed, you can disconnect the positive terminal. This will prevent electrical shocks or accidental power shorts while working on the system. The next step is to install the main power wire. This wire is responsible for providing power to the subwoofer and the amplifier. To install it, you need to run it from the battery to the subwoofer through the firewall to the main cabin. You will also need to install an inline fuse, which for safety reasons, needs to be placed as close to the battery as possible. The best way to run the power wire through the firewall is to use an existing grommet unless you need to drill a hole in the firewall. This will allow you to pass the wire through the hole and bring it out under the drivers side of the steering wheel. After the wire is out of the firewall, you can run it up and away from the pedals or under the center console, securing it as you go. Once you have the power wire run, youll be ready to start wiring up your subwoofer. To connect the subwoofer, connect the RCA signal cables to the back of the head unit, usually labeled as aux out or RCA out. After you have your subwoofer wired up, you can install it on either your or passenger side. Make sure that its position is stable and secure and that youve got the size of the subwoofer, the location of the seat, and the orientation of the subwoofer all correct. I am sure you have seen many underseat subwoofers available in the market. How to decide which one is better for your vehicle? When selecting an underseat subwoofer, there are several factors to consider. I am sure you want a good subwoofer that produces deep bass without distortion and fits nicely under your cars seat. You also want the subwoofer designed for the type of music you listen to and has a good power handling capacity. The best underseat subwoofers are active ones, meaning they have built-in amplifiers. They may not be as powerful as large subs in trunks, but if you do not have room in the car, there is no better option to add the lowest notes to your music. Below I listed my three top pics when it comes to size, power, and also price. TheKicker 46HS10 is a compact, powered subwoofer with a low-profile design that packs a punch thanks to its 10 speaker and built-in 180-watt amplifier. It is the most powerful one of all I recommend but also the most expensive one. With its all-aluminum chassis and stylish metal grille, the HS10 is tough and looks great. In addition, the HS10 is designed to fit almost anywhere and can be installed under most seats to bring the bass right up close to the listener. One of the great things I like about the HS10 is its adjustability. The subwoofer features a low-pass crossover, a subsonic filter, a phase switch, and a variable +6 dB bass boost that you can adjust with the included remote control. The HS10 also offers two auto turn-on options and a wiring kit for easy installation. For those looking to use the HS10 in their car, the subwoofer can accept input signals from 0.25 to 40 volts, making it compatible with almost any vehicle without needing line output converters or RCA outputs. The speaker also features high- and low-level inputs, giving you plenty of options for hooking up your subwoofer. The HS10 is an excellent option for a compact, powerful subwoofer that can make a deep bass. With the frequency response starting at 25-120 Hz, you can feel the front seats shaking. Overall, the Kicker 46HS10 is an excellent compact subwoofer that delivers impressive bass response and has a wide range of adjustability to suit your preference. It also blends seamlessly into the interior of any car and is undetectable from the exterior. All-aluminum chassis and stylish metal grilleCompatible with almost any vehicleThe remote wire may be too short for larger cars or when the sub is installed under the rear seat. TheRockville SS8P is a game-changer if you are looking for more bass in your car without taking up a ton of space and do not want to spend too much money on the sub. This all-in-one subwoofer is only 2.8 inches thick, making it perfect to fit under your seat. One of the standout features of the SS8P is its sleek design. The enclosure is made of cast aluminum, which keeps it cool to the touch, and the heavy-duty mounting feet make it secure and stable. This subwoofer packs a strong punch with 400 watts of peak power and 100 watts RMS, but it is not as strong as the above Kicker. My favorite part is the range of sound controls. Those include a level control for volume, subsonic filter, low pass crossover filter, phase control, input sensitivity, and bass boost, which allows you to customize your listening experience to your liking. The SS8P includes high-level aftermarket and factory systems inputs, so you can install it even if you dont have preamp outputs. The smart turn-on circuit automatically detects when an audio signal is present and turns on the amplifier. Likewise, when you turn off your music signal, the amplifier automatically turns off. Wiring is straightforward, with all the inputs and outputs on one side, and the package even includes a remote bass knob and mounting hardware. I heard a few people saying it sounds weak when placed under the seat, and I agree. Well, it is a small shallow sub, so do not expect it will shake your car, and if youre looking to blast your music to the max, this subwoofer might not be the best fit for your needs. All things considered, the Rockville SS8P is an incredible budget option. Its easy to install, packs a serious punch, and has many features to make your listening experience as enjoyable as possible. And lets be honest, isnt that what its all about? Not suitable for high power systemIt may sound muffled when placed in a tight spot under the seat. TheKenwood KSC-SW11 is a compact and powerful subwoofer that can fit under a car seat in more vehicles than both earlier options. In simple terms, it is the smallest one, with a cone size close to the typical 69 speaker, but do not be mistaken by the dimensions. Despite its small size, it delivers impressive bass. The KSC-SW11 features a small, rigid aluminum enclosure that eliminates rattles and is durable.Measuring 11W x 2-3/4H x 7-1/2D, it is small enough to fit in many tight spaces.The enclosure houses an 8-1/4 x 5-1/8 subwoofer designed to produce a low-frequency response equal to that of a larger subwoofer.The built-in amplifier feeds the speaker 75 watts of RMS power (150 watts maximum)Wired remote for control over volume level, variable low-pass crossover (50-125 Hz), and selectable phase control (0, 180)Power and ground wire harness and preamp-(RCA) and speaker-level inputsfrequency response: 35-125 Hz Regarding personal experience, The Kenwood KSC-SW11 is a wonderful piece of equipment, its not a ground-pounding sub, but it nicely fills the cab with bass. The remote is super helpful for a song to song tuning. The frequency range does not go as low as in the above Kicker. It stays within a strong 69 speakers range, but it still can make mirrors shake. When it comes to the installation, the only installation issue I had was with the power cord. The harness has a built-in fuse box which was impossible to fit through the grommet, so I had to cut the fuse and install a new one on the engine compartment close to the battery. Overall, Kenwoods KSC-SW11 powered subwoofer is a great option for those looking to add extra bass to their car audio system without taking up a lot of space. It is compact, powerful, and easy to use, and the built-in amplifier and wired remote make it convenient to adjust the bass to your liking. Compact size, suitable for tight spacesBuilt-in amplifier and wired remote for easy controlA rigid aluminum enclosure eliminates rattles.It comes with a wiring harness and mounting brackets.Not suitable for those looking for ground-pounding bassThe built-in fuse of the power cable can be difficult to fit through some car grommets. Installing an underseat subwoofer can significantly enhance your cars audio system, and many options are available. Its important to choose a subwoofer that matches your vehicles size, your preferences, and your budget. The installation is straightforward, and with patience, the right tools, and good instructions, you can do it all by yourself in less than an hour. Powered subwoofers come with a built-in amplifier, while passive subwoofers require an external amplifier. Powered subwoofers are more convenient to install and use, while passive subwoofers give you more flexibility in terms of amplifier choice and power output. You only need standard tools such as drills, screwdrivers, wiring kits, and some measuring tape. If youre comfortable working with electrical wiring and basic tools, you should be able to install an underseat subwoofer on your own. However, if youre not comfortable working with electricity, its best to consult a professional. Problems with power may be caused by caused with the power cable or the fuse. Make sure that the power cable is properly connected and that there are no loose connections. Check the fuse holder and make sure the amp fuse is good. Another possible cause is that the remote turn-on wire is not connected correctly. If this is the case, connect the remote turn-on wire to the head unit or the factory amplifier. To improve the sound quality, try adjusting the gain and crossover settings on your amplifier or adjusting the volume level on your head unit. If youre using a passive subwoofer, you can also try different amplifier settings to fine-tune the sound quality.

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