

Nissan Maxima | 1994-1997

Car Radio Removal



NOTE:

To original Nissan radio is mounted to a center dash assembly which contains not only the radio but air conditioner controls, and two pockets below the radio.

When replacing the radio, this entire assembly must be removed first, then the Nissan radio can be unscrewed and removed and a new replacement radio can be installed.



STEP 1:

Located directly above the air conditioner controls is a contoured plastic panel which contains the clock, hazard switch, defrost switch, and center dash air conditioner vents. This panel must be removed. This panel is snapped into the dash and is difficult to remove.

The Install Doctor recommends using a **flat head screwdriver** to unsnap this panel. Insert the tip of the flat head screwdriver between the lower right corner of the plastic contoured dash panel and the softer dash board. **SLOWLY**, pry the panel up. Continue this with all 4 corners of the contoured panel until it begins to unsnap and free from the main dash board assembly.



STEP 2:

Once the contoured plastic dash panel has loosened from the dash, grab the top of the panel (above the air vents) and pull firmly until the panel completely separates from the dash.



STEP 3:

Once the contoured dash panel has separated from the dash, pull the panel forward and turn it so you can see the connectors on the rear of the panel.

You should notice 3 connectors attached to the rear of the panel. Unplug all connectors.

Once the connectors have been unplugged, completely remove the contoured panel and set it aside.

(as seen in photo for STEP 4)



STEP 4:

Now that the upper dash panel has been completely removed, you will be able to see the screws that secure the top of the radio/air conditioner assembly.

Locate and remove two (2) **Phillips screws** (as seen in the photo above).

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STEP 5:

Move to the gear shift area. Surrounding the gear shift is a plastic panel which needs to be removed. This panel simply unsnaps from the center console. With your hands, pull one of the corners up to unsnap the lower part of this plastic panel. If you need assistance lifting up an edge, use a small flat head screwdriver and insert the tip between an edge in the plastic panel and the center dash console. If your vehicle has a standard transmission, the gear shift knob will unscrew and the leather cover should slide off.

Once the lower edges have been lifted up, pull the plastic panel towards the rear. The upper part of the plastic panel extends up, on each side of the ashtray. Pull the plastic panel until it completely separates from the center dash console. Unplug the plastic wire connector attached to the rear of the cigarette lighter.



STEP 6:

Next, the ashtray itself needs to be removed. On the left side of the ashtray is one (1) phillips screw. Remove the screw.

The right side of the ashtray is partially snapped into the body of the center console. Once the screw on the left side of the ashtray has been removed, the ashtray can be pushed to the left, freeing the right side. Once pushed to the left, pull the ashtray until it frees from the center console.



STEP 7:

After the ashtray has been removed, the screws securing the lower right part of the radio/air conditioner assembly can be seen.

Locate and remove one (1) phillips screw that was hidden behind the ashtray.

Locate and remove one (1) phillips screw on the opposite corner securing the lower left part of the radio/air conditioner assembly.



STEP 8:

All screws needed to remove the radio/air conditioner assembly have now been removed.

As seen in the photo above, pull the lower part of the radio/air conditioner assembly, then the upper part until the assembly pulls out of the dash.



STEP 9:

With the radio/air conditioner assembly pulled from the dash, turn the assembly so you can see the rear where the wiring is located.

Unplug the black cable connected to the rear of the radio. Unplug two (2) plastic connectors plugged into the rear of the radio.

Unplug three (3) connectors plugged into the rear of the air conditioner controls.

Unplug any other connectors plugged into any other accessory attached to the radio/air conditioner assembly.

The radio/air conditioner assembly can now be completely removed from the dash.

Move the assembly to a location where you will be able to remove the radio.

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Photo after radio/air conditioner assembly has been completely removed from the dash.



Photo of the radio/air conditioner assembly after being removed from the vehicle.