

# SIRIUS<sup>®</sup>

SATELLITE RADIO



## SIR-ALP1

ALPINE COMPATIBLE  
SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO TUNER

Installation Guide



## **Congratulations on your purchase of the SIR-ALP1– the Alpine Compatible SIRIUS Satellite Radio Tuner!**

Your new SIRIUS Tuner is designed to work with 2004 and up Alpine Ai-NET headunits that are designated “SAT READY.” Contact Alpine or SIRIUS for model compatibility.

### **What is SIRIUS Satellite Radio?**

**Over 120 channels of the best entertainment and completely commercial-free music for your car, home or office.**

Only SIRIUS has more than 65 original music channels, from today's hits to R&B oldies to classical masterpieces. From authentic country and real bluegrass to cool jazz, hot latin, reggae, rock and many more. Best of all, it's all completely commercial-free.

SIRIUS also has more than 55 channels of world-class sports, news and entertainment. Included as part of your subscription, you get up to 16 NFL games a week, up to 40 NBA games a week and up to 40 NHL games a week. (Games are broadcasted during their respective seasons.) Coupled with great sports news from ESPN, the SIRIUS sports offering is unrivaled. And don't forget a host of other great news and entertainment, like NPR, CNBC, Fox News, Radio Disney and E! Entertainment Radio.

With SIRIUS, the emphasis is on the music and entertainment you want. The music is hosted by SIRIUS Jockeys, who are true experts. They back-up the music with compelling information about the song being played, and they understand that sometimes it's best to just let the music speak for itself.

**Rely on SIRIUS rocket science for superior coverage.**

Only SIRIUS has **three** powerful satellites that fly directly over the U.S. ensuring coast-to-coast coverage with high elevation angles. This gives the satellites a “clear line of sight” to your car or home, with much less concern for buildings, trees or other objects that might block conventional satellite signals.

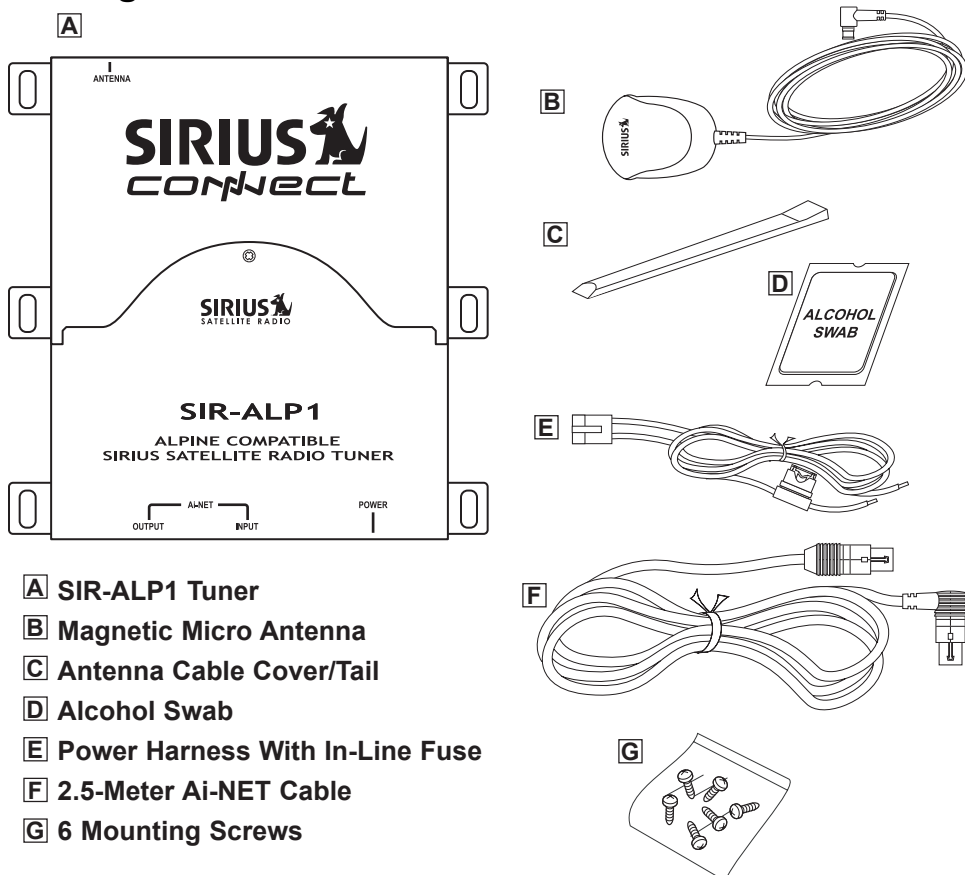
Once you experience more than 120 channels of digital entertainment, you'll never want to leave your car. For more information, visit [www.sirius.com](http://www.sirius.com).



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## Package Contents





## WARNING

**This symbol means important instructions. Failure to heed them can result in serious injury or death. DO NOT OPERATE ANY FUNCTION THAT TAKES YOUR ATTENTION AWAY FROM SAFELY DRIVING YOUR VEHICLE.**

Any function that requires your prolonged attention should only be performed after coming to a complete stop. Always stop the vehicle in a safe location before performing these functions.

Failure to do so may result in an accident.

**DO NOT OPEN, DISASSEMBLE OR ALTER THE UNIT IN ANY WAY.** Doing so may result in fire, electric shock or product damage.

**DO NOT INSERT ANY OBJECTS INTO THE UNIT.** Doing so may result in fire, electric shock or product damage.

**USE THE CORRECT AMPERE RATING WHEN REPLACING FUSE.** Failure to do so may result in fire, electric shock or product damage.

**MAKE THE CORRECT CONNECTIONS.** Failure to make proper connections may result in fire or product damage.

**DO NOT SPLICE INTO A ELECTRICAL CABLES.** Never cut away cable insulation to supply power to other equipment. Doing so will exceed the current carrying capacity of the wire and result in fire or electric shock.

**DO NOT INSTALL IN LOCATIONS THAT MIGHT HINDER VEHICLE OPERATION.** Doing so may obstruct vision or hamper movement which can result in a serious accident.

**DO NOT INSTALL THE UNIT TO HIGH LEVELS OF HUMIDITY, MOISTURE OR DUST.** Doing so can result in electric shock or product failure.

**FCC Warning:** This equipment may generate or use radio frequency energy. Changes or modifications to this equipment may cause harmful interference unless the modifications are expressly approved in this User Guide. The user could lose the authority to operate this equipment if an unauthorized change or modification is made.

**Note:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These rules are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference. This equipment may cause harmful interference to radio communications if it is not installed and used in accordance with these instructions. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one of more of the following measures:

- Relocate the receiving antenna.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced technician for help.



## CAUTION

**This symbol means important instructions. Failure to heed them can result in injury or material property damage.**

HALT USE IMMEDIATELY IF A PROBLEM APPEARS. Failure to do so may cause personal injury or damage to the product. Return the unit to your authorized retailer or nearest service center for repairing.

INSTALL THE WIRING SO THAT IT IS NOT CRIMPED OR PINCHED BY SCREWS OR SHARP METAL EDGES. Route the cables away from moving parts or sharp pointed edges. This will prevent crimping and damage to the wiring. If the wiring must pass through a metal hole, be sure to use a rubber grommet to prevent the wire's insulation from being cut by the metal edge of the hole.

USE THE SPECIFIED ACCESSORY PARTS AND INSTALL THE PRODUCT SECURELY. Be sure to use only the specified accessory parts. Use of non-specified parts may damage this unit internally or may not securely install the unit in place. This may cause parts to become loose, resulting in hazards or product failure.

USE CAUTION IF YOU NEED TO DISCONNECT THE BATTERY TERMINAL. Please consult the vehicle's owner's manual or a service technician prior to removing the battery positive or ground connection, as it may cause damage to the vehicle's electrical system or require reprogramming of the vehicle's computer-controlled devices.

## Installation

It is recommended that prior to starting the installation, you thoroughly read this manual and follow the guidelines listed below:

Consider the mounting location carefully. You should make sure that you avoid the following:

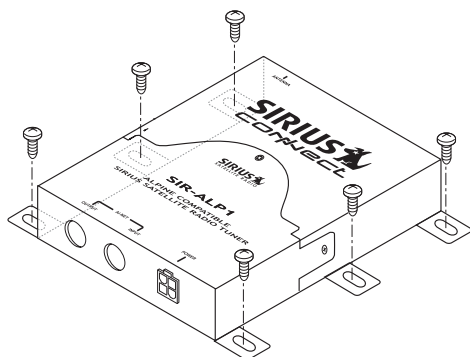
- Any location where the tuner is exposed to moisture.
- Any location where the unit is exposed to extreme heat.
- Any location that would interfere with moving parts on the vehicle or hamper driving.

### Mounting the SIR-ALP1 Tuner

Be sure that you find a location that is flat and has clearance above the unit to prevent any damage as well as allow for ventilation.

Do not install the tuner under the carpet or in a small enclosed area without proper ventilation. Doing so can result in damage to the tuner or the vehicle.

Use the supplied screws to securely fasten the unit.



### ⚠ Caution:

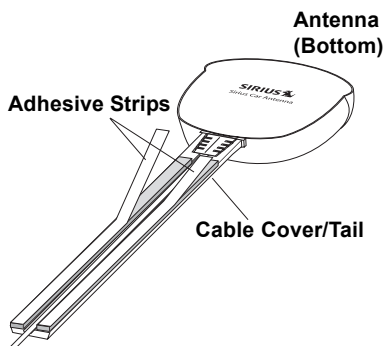
If you are attaching the unit directly to the vehicle's chassis, be sure that you check to make sure the area behind the unit is free from moving parts, fuel or break lines, wire harnesses or any other items which may get damaged by drilling a mounting hole or using the supplied screws.

### Installing the Antenna

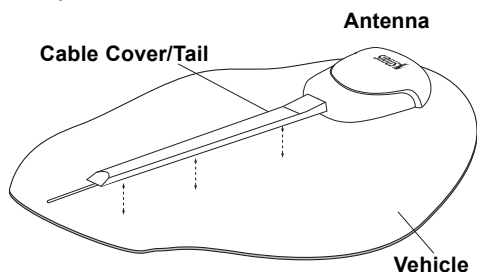
The antenna includes a 6-1/2" cable cover/tail which covers the exposed antenna cable and keeps it attached securely to vehicle roof. The tail also helps position the antenna the proper distance from the window, sunroof or rear hatch.

To attach the cover/tail:

- 1) Once you have determined the proper mounting location (see next section), clean the area with the supplied alcohol swab
- 3) Connect the cover/tail to the antenna cable, making sure that the strain-relief on the antenna seats into the cover/tail groove. Route the cable through the wire channel in the cover/tail.



- 4) Remove the protective tape from the adhesive, carefully position the antenna with cover/tail and apply pressure to secure to the vehicle.



### Optimum Antenna Mounting Locations

The optimum location to mount the included antenna is on the roof of the vehicle. It is important to avoid any obstruction that will block satellite signal – like a roof rack. For convertible vehicles, install the antenna on the trunk lid.

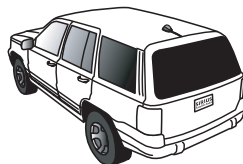
- Place the antenna on a metal surface of your vehicle at least 12" x 12", and at least 6" from a window. (Use the antenna cover/tail as a guide for the proper distance).
- The antenna's powerful magnet will secure it to the metal surface. The adhesive that is attached to the antenna cover/tail will secure the cable to the vehicle. Before routing the antenna cable, confirm that the antenna is mounted in a good location.
- Route the cable from the antenna to the vehicle's interior by tucking it underneath the rubber molding around the rear window (if possible).
- Route the cable from the lowest point of the rear window into the trunk. Take advantage of any existing cable channels or wiring conduits.

- For SUVs, minivans and five-door vehicles, bring the cable into the vehicle under the rubber molding for the tailgate, and continue under the interior trim.
- From the trunk, carefully route the cable to the location of the SIR-ALP1 and plug the SMB connector onto the unit.

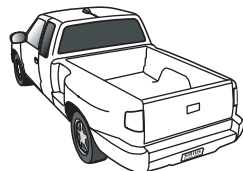
### Sedan/Coupe



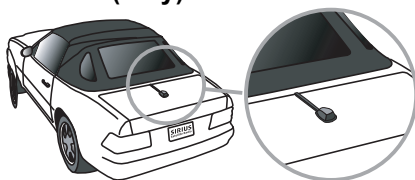
### SUV/Mini-Van



### Truck



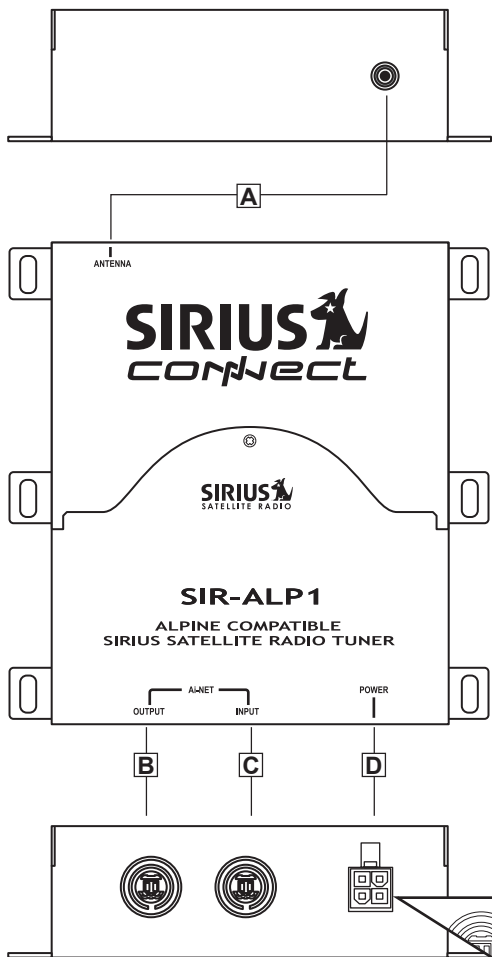
### Convertible (only)



### Caution:

- Do not pull the wire across sharp edges that could damage it.
- Keep the wire away from areas where it could become tangled in the driver's and passenger's feet.
- Keep the antenna wire away from extreme heat – like exhaust systems.
- Avoid placing the cable near any moving parts.

## Wiring and Cable Connections



### Antenna Input

Connect the right-angle SMB connector from the antenna. Push firmly to attach.

### Ai-NET Output Connector

Use the supplied Ai-NET cable to connect to the Alpine Headunit or Audio Processor – See “System Connection Examples” for more specific details.

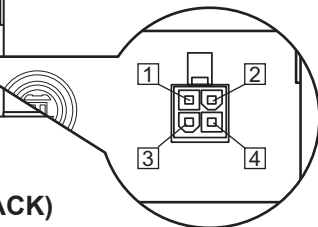
### Ai-NET Input Connector

Connect to optional Alpine audio equipment like CD Changers - See “System Connection Examples” for more specific details.

### Power Harness Connector

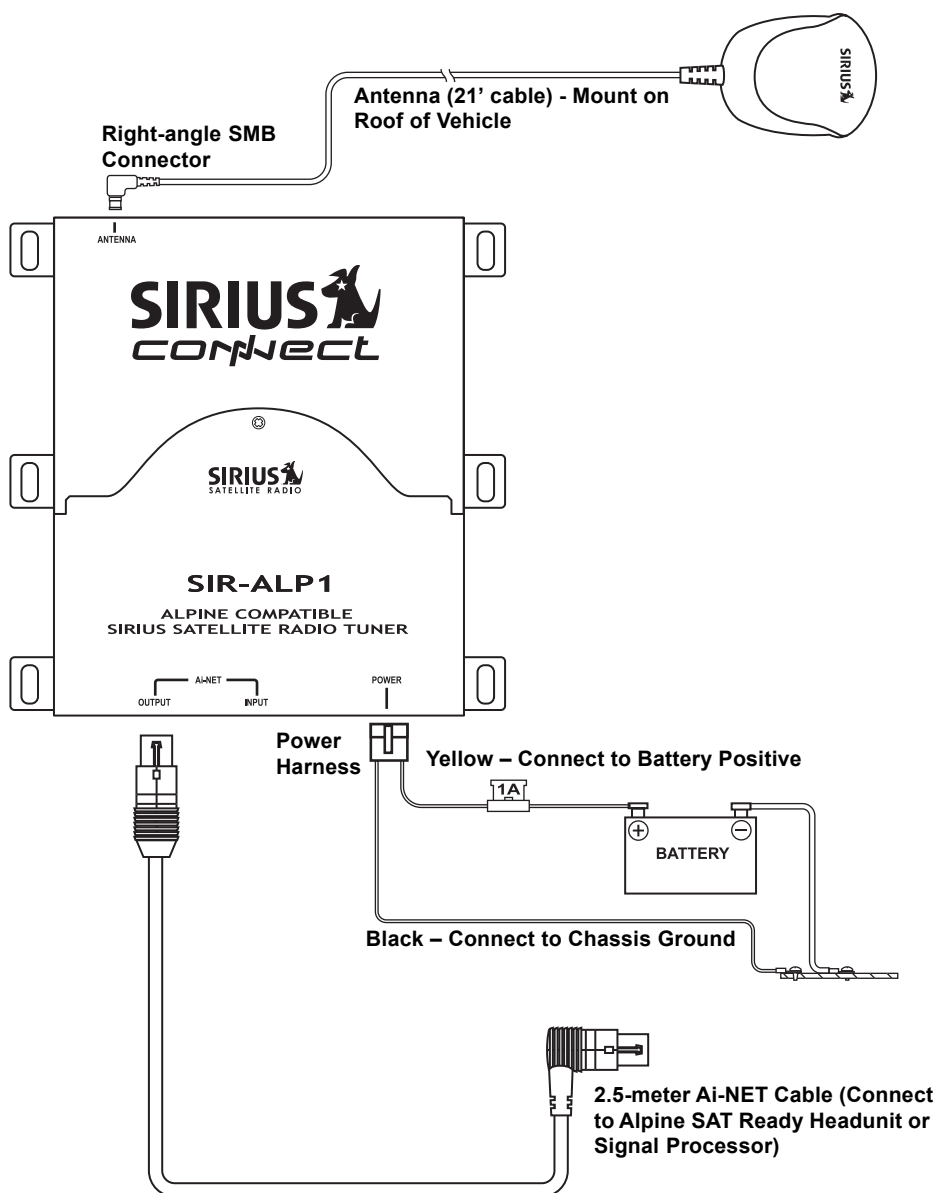
After the wiring connections are complete, plug the wiring harness into the connector. Make sure to insert firmly to lock the connector in place.

- A** Antenna Input (SMB)
- B** Ai-NET Output Connector (BLACK)
- C** Ai-NET Input Connector (GRAY)
- D** Power Connector



- 1** Open
- 2** Battery (+)
- 3** Chassis Ground (-)
- 4** Open





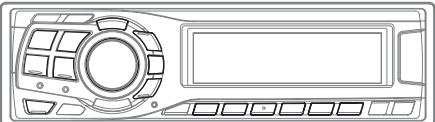
**Note:** It is important to follow the Input/Output configuration of the Ai-NET system. The directionality is in reference to the Audio Path.

**Gray Ai-NET connectors are Audio Input**

**Black Ai-NET Connectors are Audio Output.** (Exception is the connector on an Alpine Headunit – it can be either Input or Output depending on the position of the Ai-NET switch on the bottom of the unit.

# System Connection Examples

## System 1: Alpine Headunit and SIR-ALP1



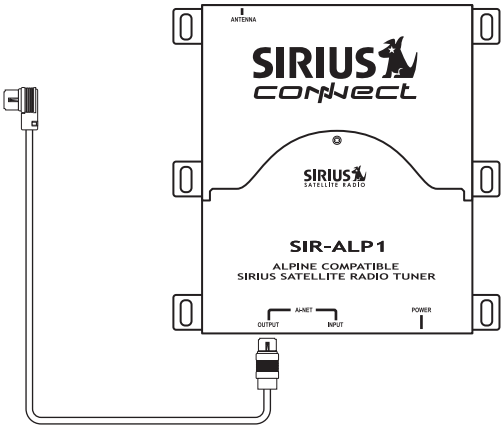
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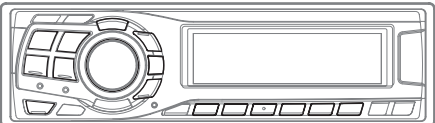
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**BOTTOM COVER**

Ai-NET Switch Set to NORM- Default Setting.



## System 2: Alpine Headunit, CD Changer and SIR-ALP1



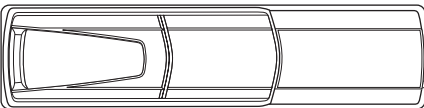
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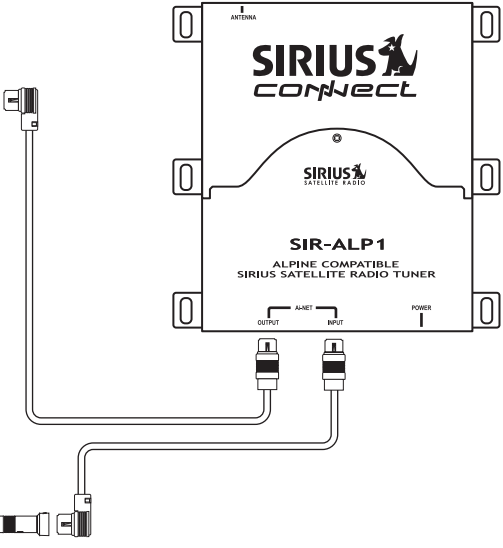
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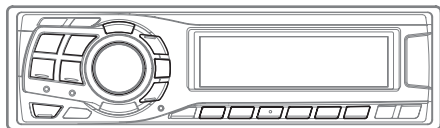
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Optional Alpine CD Changer (CHA-S634) or Alpine iPod interface (KCA-420i)

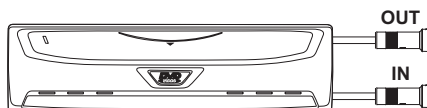
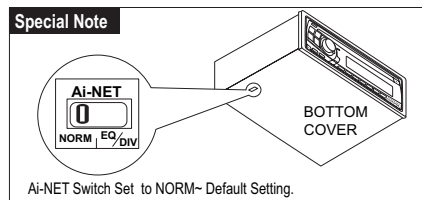


### System 3: Alpine Headunit, DVD Player and SIR-ALP1

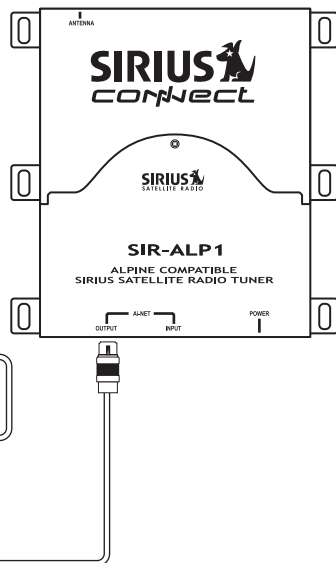


Optional Alpine SAT Ready Headunit (Ai-NET CD Player or Mobile Multimedia Station)

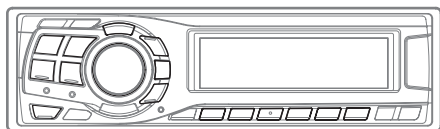
#### Special Note



Optional Alpine DVD Player (DVA-5210, DVA-5205, DVA-5200)

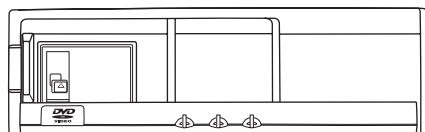
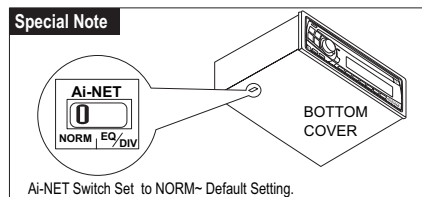


### System 4: Alpine Headunit, DVD Changer and SIR-ALP1

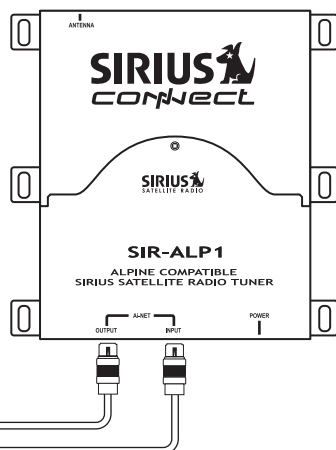


Optional Alpine SAT Ready Headunit (Ai-NET CD Player or Mobile Multimedia Station)

#### Special Note

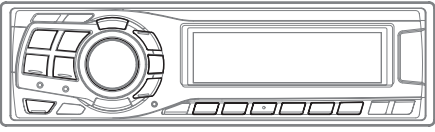


Optional Alpine DVD Changer (DHA-S680)



# System Connection Examples (Continued)

## System 5: Alpine Headunit, CD-Changer, Audio Processor and SIR-ALP1



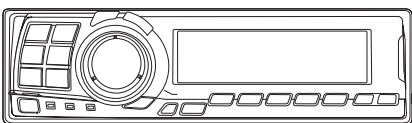
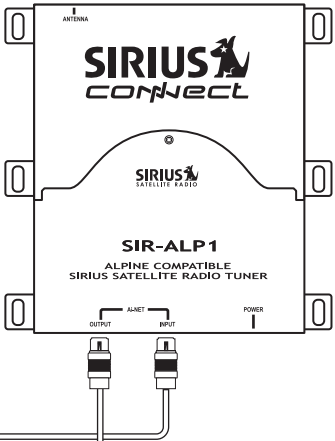
Optional Alpine SAT Ready Headunit (Ai-NET CD Player or Mobile Multimedia Station)

Special Note

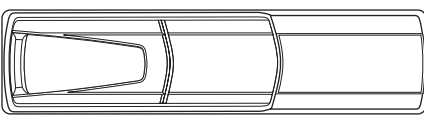
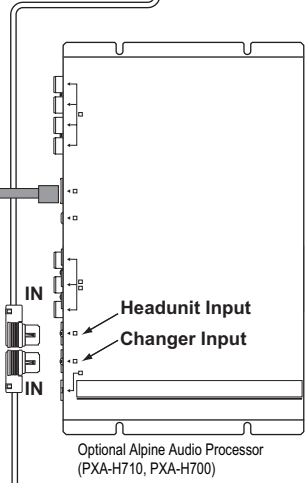
**Ai-NET**  
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NORM EQ / DIV

**BOTTOM COVER**

Ai-NET Switch Set to EQ/DIV Setting

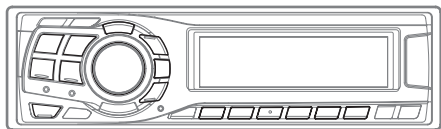


Optional Alpine Audio Processor Controller (RUX-C701)



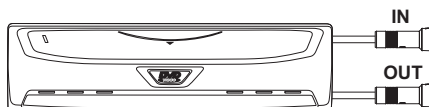
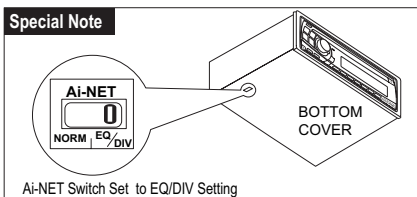
Optional Alpine CD Changer (CHA-S634) or Alpine iPod interface (KCA-420i)

## System 6: Alpine Headunit, DVD Player, DVD-Changer, CD-Changer, Audio Processor and SIR-ALP1

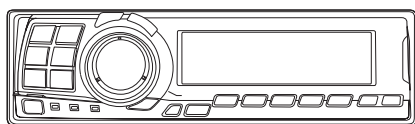


Optional Alpine SAT Ready Headunit (Ai-NET CD Player or Mobile Multimedia Station)

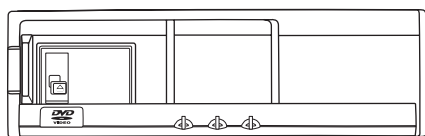
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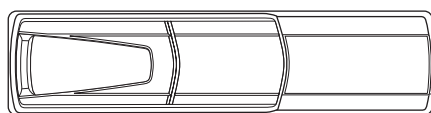
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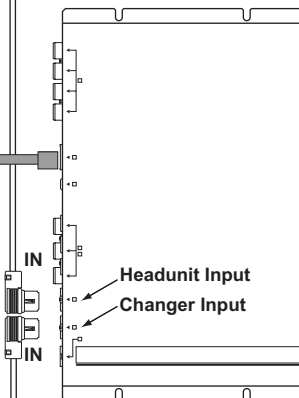
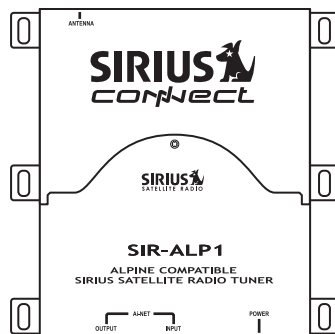
Optional Alpine Audio Processor Controller (RUX-C701)



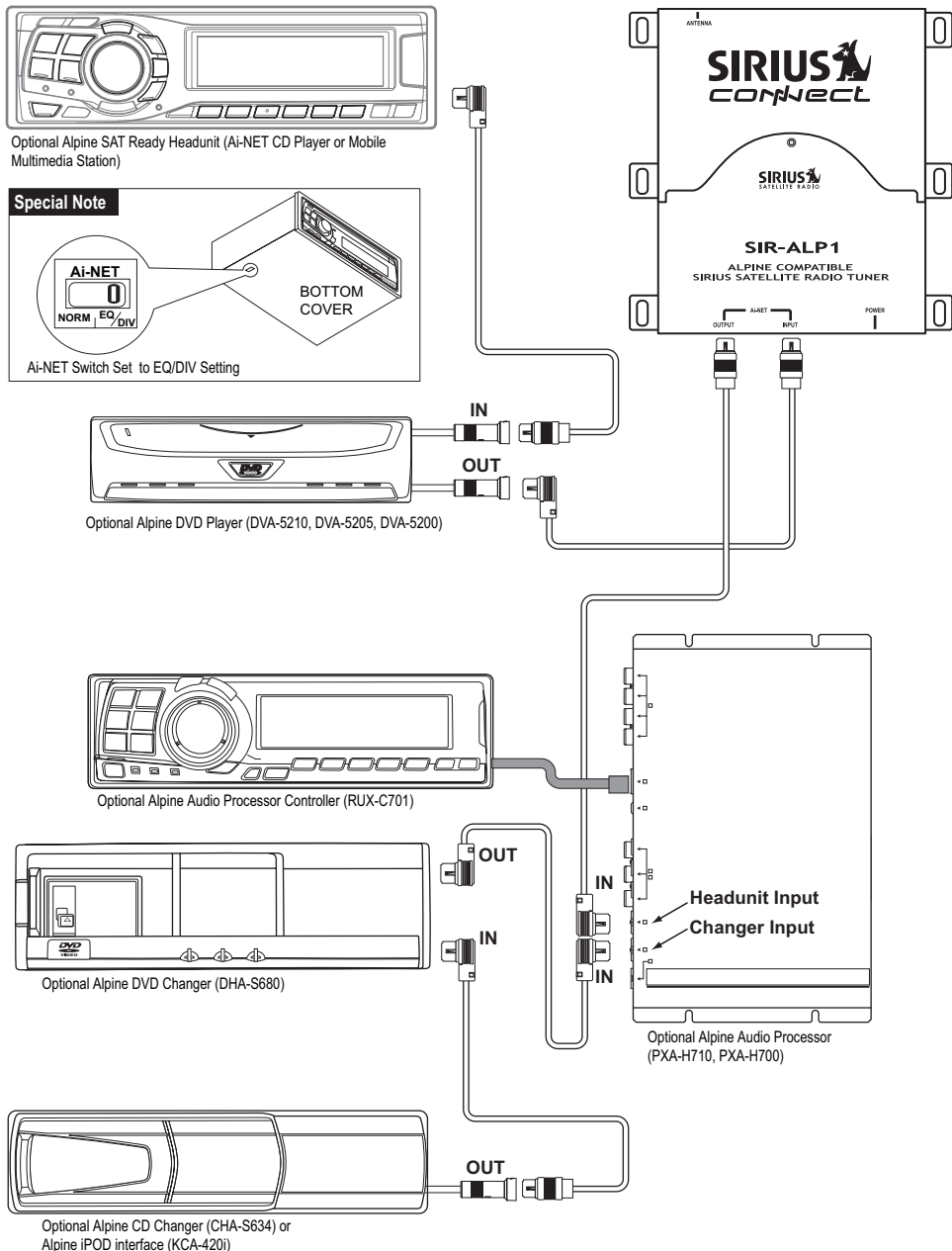
Optional Alpine DVD Changer (DHA-S680)



Optional Alpine CD Changer (CHA-S634) or  
Alpine IPOD interface (KCA-420i)



Optional Alpine Audio Processor  
(PXA-H710, PXA-H700)



## Activating Your SIRIUS Subscription

You must activate SIR-ALP1 before you can start to receive the SIRIUS Satellite Radio broadcast.

1. Make sure that the SIR-ALP1 is properly connected and that its antenna is oriented to receive the SIRIUS satellite signal.
2. Turn on the Alpine headunit.
3. Press and release the POWER/SOURCE button on the head unit to select SIRIUS as the source. (Each press of the POWER/SOURCE button will change to a different audio source.)
4. The display may read "LOADING" until the SIR-ALP1 channel update is completed.

**NOTE: Don't push any buttons or perform any operations until updating has been completed.**

Once updated and the SIRIUS channels are received, the display will change to Channel 184 the SIRIUS Satellite Radio's Preview Channel. At this time you should also be able to hear the audio from the Preview Channel.

5. Use the UP/DN buttons to select to Channel "255" on the display – this will bring up the SIRIUS-ID.
6. The unit will display "SIRIUS" in the Category Name Field, "RADIO ID" in the Channel Field and the SIRIUS-ID in the Artist and Song Fields of the display – Example "ESN 123456789123." Write down the Sirius-ID (SID) in the location provided on the next page for future reference.

**Note:** You may have to press the TITLE button on the Alpine headunit to show the SIRIUS-ID. Be sure that

the Alpine headunit is set to Auto SCROLL the text –if not, you may only see 8-characters of the code. (See your Alpine Headunit Owners Manual for more information.)

**Note:** The SIRIUS-ID can also be found on the sticker that is on the bottom of the SIR-ALP1 as well as on the original packaging.

7. Contact SIRIUS on the Internet: <https://activate.siriusradio.com>  
Follow the instructions to activate your subscription. You can also call SIRIUS toll-free at 1-888-539-SIRIUS (1-888-539-7474) to activate your service.  
**Note:** You will not be able to tune to any other channels until you activate your SIRIUS subscription.
8. When the subscription is activated or updated, the word "UPDATING" will appear on the display. Note some Alpine headunits will have different messages- please consult your headunit owners manual for more information.
9. Once the "UPDATING" text message disappears, you may now tune to any actively subscribed channel.

## Basic Operation

The SIR-ALP1 SIRIUS Satellite Radio Tuner is compatible with any Alpine headunit that is "SAT Ready" – which includes some 2003 models and most 2004 models. Consult Alpine or Sirius Customer Support Departments for more information about compatibility.

Please consult your Alpine owner's manual for proper operation instructions for using satellite radio products.

## Headunit Messages

These messages vary by headunit model- consult your Alpine owners manual for more information.

**LOADING** - Indicates that the SIR-ALP1 is acquiring audio and/or program information.

**UPDATING** or **CALL 1-888-CALL SIRIUS TO ACTIVATE** - This message appears when the SIR-ALP1 is receiving a subscription update or during a channel or category update.

**NO SIGNAL** or **NO SIGNL** or **ACQUIRING** - Will display when there is weak or no antenna signal present.

**ANTENNA** or **ANTENNA ERROR** - Will display if the antenna is damaged or disconnected.

## Specifications

### Operational Frequencies

Satellite ..... 2322.293/2330.207 MHz

Terrestrial ..... 2326.250MHz

Power Requirements ..... 11-16 Volts DC

Fuse Type ..... 1-AMP (ATC)

Chassis Size (without Mounting Tabs) ..... 4-1/8" x 5" x 1-3/8 (W XHxD)

..... 105mm x 126mm x 35mm (WxHxD)

Chassis Size (with Mounting Tabs) ..... 4-7/8" x 5" x 1-3/8 (W XHxD)

..... 127mm x 126mm x 35mm (WxHxD)

Antenna Type ..... Mini-Magnetic

Antenna Cable Length ..... 21' (single micro-cable)

Connector Type ..... SMB (Right-angle)

Audio Interface ..... 2 Ai-NET Connectors (Input/Output)

Audio Output ..... 850mV (Fixed)

Included Cable ..... 2.5 Meter Ai-NET (Male/Male)

Please write down your SIRIUS-ID in the space provided below:

SIRIUS ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIRIUS Customer Service: 1-888-539-7474**



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