

WHERE DO I PUT A RADIO? PART THREE, SPEAKERS

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YOU HAVE DECIDED ON YOUR RADIO BUT WHAT ABOUT SPEAKERS?



Factory rear speaker surround and grill fitted to BG. Original 8inch speaker fitted.

There are countless numbers of speakers out there that you can fit to your DS but most of them will not fit into the factory designed spaces.

If you do not want to 'cut' click on read more below for possible solutions.

Originally Ds were (factory / dealer) fitted with two speakers. The 7 x 3 oval in the top of the dash and 8 inch speaker in the rear parcel shelf.

Pallas and other models were fitted with a fader control alongside the front speaker,. This controlled the fade between the front and rear speaker.

However these speakers are now 30 plus years old and are usually beyond creating anything like an acceptable 'melodic sound'.

The front speaker is now being remanufactured in Europe and can be purchased from any parts supplier for around 35 euros.



Fenster schließen

Original rear speakers are very much in the 'hens teeth' category so do not waste your time trying to find one. They do come up for sale on ebay every now and then but will be well past their use by date.

If you are fitting a modern radio or amplifying an original radio you will need modern speakers.

There is NO modern high performance version of the front oval speaker (well I cannot find one anywhere after searching for years). The closest I got were speakers from TV sets.

I have seen two modern 3 inch speakers fitted inside the front speaker aperture but not sure of the sound quality. I would imagine that top class speakers should work well.

Where do owners fit speakers?

Front: overhead console



mounted on the front ends of the sills, on the outside panel of the footwell on each side,



in the front doors? (damaged forever) and under the dash.

Rear speaker/s: speakers in pods mounted on each side of the parcel shelf, mounted in holes



cut into the rear parcel shelf

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Check with your local warrant of fitness provider as cutting these holes may lead to problems getting a warrant and the parcel shelf is damaged forever!

What are your options for fitting good quality speakers that will go with your new quality radio?

This comes back to how original you want to be, two things to remember any metal cut and removed is damage done forever and as a friend likes to say "they don't make them anymore"

I try to be as original as possible so anything non-original I try to hide.

The first challenge is to find a new performance 200mm (8inch) to fit into the factory speaker mount on the rear parcel shelf. After many blind alleys I found exactly what I wanted, manufactured by VDO. A 3 way 200watt speaker that fits the factory enclosure perfectly, even down to the bolt holes. They have to be purchased in pairs (thats why I had to get another DS). This was over four years ago so I cannot guarantee they are still available. They are listed on this New Zealand site:

<http://www.precisioncarsound.co.nz/vdospkrs.htm>

8"JBL speakers are available on this New Zealand site:

<http://www.onlinecaraudio.co.nz/?p=productsMore&iProduct=1537&sName=jbl-gto837>

I have googled 8inch/20cm speakers and found these:

<http://www.onlinecaraudio.co.nz/index.php?p=productsMore&iProduct=1537&sName=jbl-gto837>. These may do the job.

<http://jblcaraudio.co.uk/gto837-3-way-20cm-speakers>

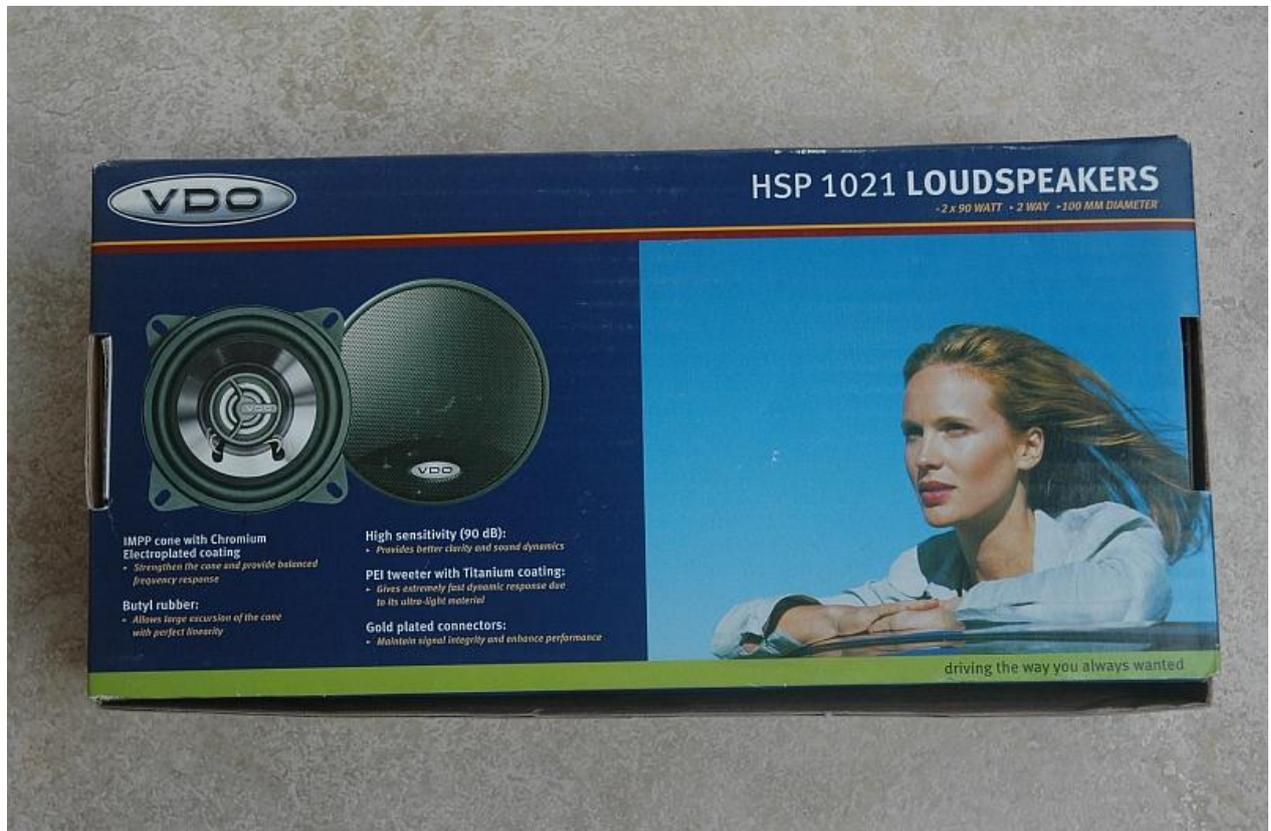
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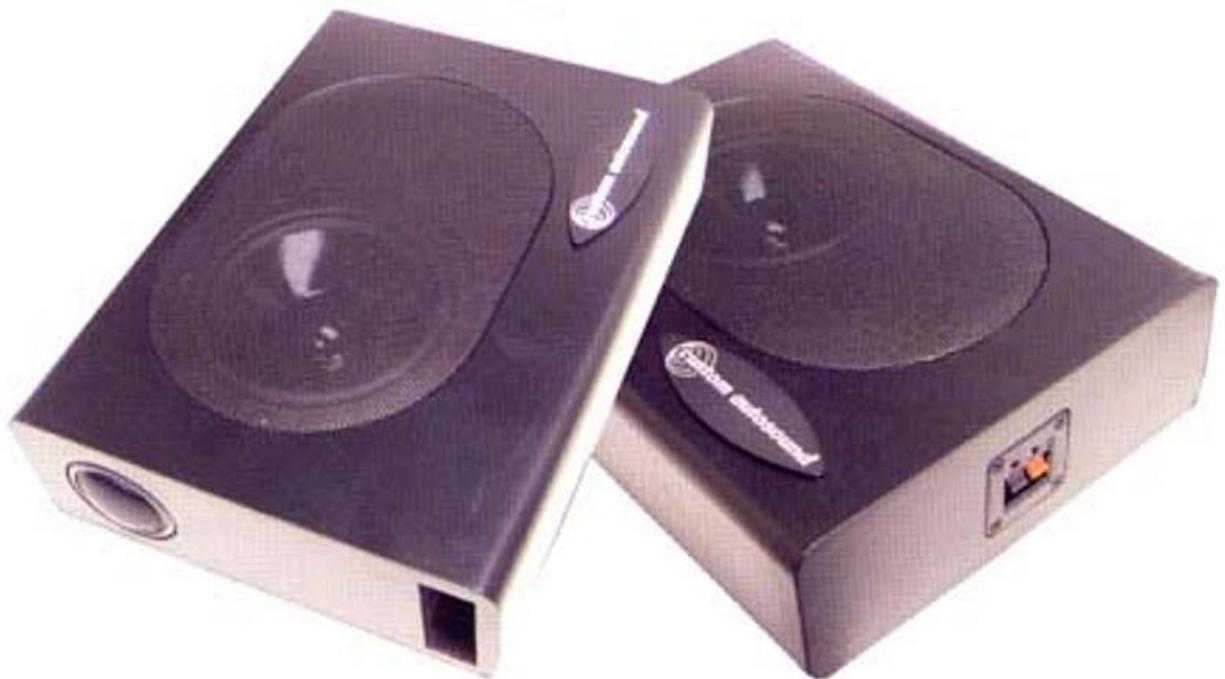
I purchased a pair of VDO 100mm (5 inch) speakers to fit under the dash. Small wooden enclosures were built and then fitted under the dash at each side. Being a Pallas and a bvbw (same set up as a bvh) there are factory carpet covered covers that hide these perfectly



The performance I get from this set up along with the Secret Audio radio is amazing, almost good enough to join the Boy Racer brigade!

What 'other ' speakers can you use?

Secret Audio make a range of high performance speakers that are come fitted in an enclosure. These are designed to be hidden, under the dash, under seats and under the rear parcel shelf. They may just be a solution for the Safari owner as well.



Check out the features of these speakers on:
<http://www.customautosound.com>

That's it, make your choices but PLEASE do not cut!!!!