

Japanese to English conversion NISSAN F & X systems

Approximate years: 2006 to 2015

Details about the Menu conversion for the English upgrade:

There are 2 types of Nissan systems we can convert the menu for:

- 'F' system
- 'X' system

We have called it these simply because your system version starts with an F or X, so it is easy to identify.

An easy way to tell straight away, is whether you have a 'Compact Flash' card port to the lower right of the cd slot. If you have it, like in the picture to the right, then you have an 'F' series.

While the picture shows the Skyline model, if you have another Nissan type with the Compact Flash slot in a similar spot, we can probably convert it! The same system WITHOUT it is the 'X' type.



Nissan Skyline 'F' system

Let's get this out of the way first. Does it cost for the menu conversion? Yes, it does. Why? Most of the development of this upgrade across the Nissan range has logged over 650 hours before we stopped counting, not including the other costs just under NZ\$6k for test units etc, and we're still tweaking things.

Our final price to make it the lowest price possible available to you, is **UNDER 0.7 %** of the total development cost.

Does the conversion include Navigation/Maps?

No, it does not, your existing Japanese maps will remain. Why? There are several reasons:

- difficulty in adapting maps, route guiding and all things nav to work correctly.
- in order to avoid a lawsuit for copyright infringement, it needs to be licensed, which is expensive
- potential maps we've looked at were very, very outdated.

What do we recommend? Use another nav device, or Google Maps on your phone; it's free, and it's constantly updated. Commercially, that's unbeatable.

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So what do you get converted to English?

The update makes the main menu system and all the usable features in English. This means functions like:

- Bluetooth audio
- Bluetooth handsfree/phone
- Fuel Economy & trip info
- Maintenance reminders
- DVD (+USB for X systems) audio/video control
- HDD music (Music Box) function with playlists etc
- Other vehicle settings (cabin lighting, speed sensitive wipers, motorised seat etc)
- Camera settings when in reverse, including 360 degree setups if fitted in your vehicle
- and more!

What functions don't work?

The CARWINGS, VICS traffic and weather, ETC (Toll card) and operator services are all Japan only functions, and cannot work outside of Japan. While some of it will be in English, along with nav and voice operations, there will still be a few things in Japanese.

Put your screwdriver away! Nothing needs removing from the dashboard!

How do we do the upgrade?

We've worked hard to make it as simple as possible to update your system.

We need 2 screen shots of your system version and ID, and the last 5 digits of your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). (Please ask us for our instructions on how to do this, we can email them to you!)

With these details alone, we can create files for a disc, matched especially just to your system. After payment, we can then send you a download link for you to burn your own disc (instructions provided!), or if you are in New Zealand, we can courier a disc to you.

Does it convert the Radio frequency?

No, it stays the same and you will still need a band expander. To change the radio frequency not only requires a different part of firmware reprogrammed, it would also require hardware/components to be changed also. This means the unit would have to be removed and sent to us to be changed, but it is not easy, and therefore the cost is significantly higher. To keep the price low, we decided it is not worth the money and hassle of removing/sending, and band expanders are very low cost.

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What about the Instrument Cluster/Speedo?

The instrument panel is a completely separate unit, and seemingly not connected. However, we've seen parts of the code that look like they are to display on the instrument panel. This may mean nothing as it may have been abandoned by the manufacturer/developer with no communication between the two parts. We have spent some time looking into this, but it appears there will be no fix for this.

At this stage, the only way we know you can change the Instrument panel is to buy another English one from a wrecked vehicle and get it programmed to your car.

What about the clock?

Yes! With our conversion it is now adjustable for any time zone in the world! The original system only allows for adjusting up to +/- 59 minutes from the GPS time. We have reverse engineered the clock part of the code, and have modified it to adjust in hours instead, so you can set the clock time correctly!

Can the upgrade be overwritten by a dealer when it gets serviced?

No, it definitely can't be, well unless you were in Japan. No dealership or service centre in New Zealand have the capability of programming the Japanese units, so we're sure it can't be returned to Japanese. Outside of New Zealand, no dealerships I know of are able to change the Japanese systems either. Even if by some random chance we're not aware of it does ever happen, you have the files or disc to re convert it back anyway!

Convert your system now, and use your audio system with ease!

Have more questions? Get in touch!
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