

Bose Head Unit Repair

Many Infiniti owners have issues with the Bose head units over time. Most people love the look of the OEM unit and are reluctant to replace the unit with an aftermarket replacement.

If you're reading this, your Bose system is likely giving you some problems.

If you have not blown a speaker but you're hearing popping sounds, engine whine and/or distortion from your speakers, the likely source of your problem are one or more of the Bose amplifiers at each speaker. Our beloved Bose head unit sends a low-level signal to each speaker. Each speaker has an amplifier that amplifies the low-level signal.

Conventional car stereos have the amplifier built into the head unit, or perhaps an external amplifier. In any case, the signal that reaches each speaker in a conventional setup is already amplified. Not so with these Bose systems.

To fix these noises, the only thing you can do is to have the offending speaker's amplifier repaired or replaced.

Symptoms of problems with the head unit are: unit turns off on its own, unit's CD player is no longer working or reports a CD ERR or HHH error on any CD, display quits working, cassettes eject on their own, unit may come on with no sound, etc. Any of these symptoms mean the head unit needs to be repaired.

If your head unit or amplifiers need to be repaired, the work can be done by several internet vendors. The price to bring your head unit back to life will be around \$180-\$190 (USD). To repair the amplifiers, the cost is around \$90 for each amplifier.

I personally had my head unit repaired this way and the unit has been working perfectly since the repair.

The following two vendors are highly recommended in the Infiniti Yahoo groups and NICO.

<http://www.carstereohelp.com> – Includes stereo-removal instructions.

<http://boserepair.com> – This is the place that repaired my unit.

Both places do excellent work and have a fast turn-around. When I had my unit repaired, it was back to me within a week.