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Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob!

by **DuluthVibe2009** » Mon Sep 20, 2010 10:03 am

As many 2009-2010 Vibe owners know, the volume/tune knobs on the radios have been a problem. If you are under warranty you can get it fixed (refurbed radio under warranty). However, if your like me you are out of warranty. The knobs do not simply pull off like most cars. The faceplate holds the knobs in place. So, I decided to pick up a cheap used radio from a 2009 vibe off of ebay and try and fix it myself. My original radio was in better shape than the used one hence the reason I didn't just put the used radio in the car. All in all it was far easier than I thought it would be!

First, be very careful. The job includes removing a number of small screws on the radio itself and trust me, there tiny! I won't go into detail on removing the radio from the car as it's pretty easy. Pop off the trim panel (there are no screws), unhook the hazard button and the passenger seat belt light (one wire on each. They pop of easy). Then there are four screws holding the radio in. After that there is the antenna wire and two harness sets going in the back of the radio. The antenna lead is a bit of a push in and pull kinda' thing. Do be careful with the top of the trim panel! The top hook is kind of "J" shaped and could break easy. You need to lift up on the bottom of the trim and "lift and pull".

Ok, now the fun begins:-)

On the sides of the radio there are four screws. Simply remove them. After that there are two clips on the top and two more on the bottom of the front bezel as it attaches to the rest of the radio. Be careful and pry the front face plate off.

As you pull the front face off you will see one wire attaching the face to the radio. This just pops off. Now the front face should be free of the rest of the radio. On the back side of the face plate you will see about 12 very tiny screws holding the electrical board in. These are a a pain to remove and you are dealing with the board so take you time and be careful. Once these are out the board (witch is what the knobs are attached to) will simply pop out.

At this point you can simply take off the broken knob and replace it with one from a used radio that you take apart in the same fashion. The volume and tune knobs are the same so if you buy a used radio you will have a spare knob. When putting the face plate back together you need to make sure that the four plastic "plungers" on the backside of the seek/scan buttons stay in place. These like to fall out.



DuluthVibe2009

Posts: 11
Joined: Mon Sep 20, 2010 8:38 am

At this point reverse the process and enjoy your fixed radio! I found the plastic inside the knob was broken causing the knob to just spin. No loose glue as many have speculated. If I can figure out how, I will be attaching a series of photos that I hope explain all of this. It took me about an hour to fix mine. Having now done it once, I could probably do it all again in about a half hour from beginning to end. It sounds harder than it is. If you can get a used radio for cheap (\$60 in my case) it sure beats paying a dealer to fix it or buying a brand new radio if your out of warranty. Hope this helps!

Attached files

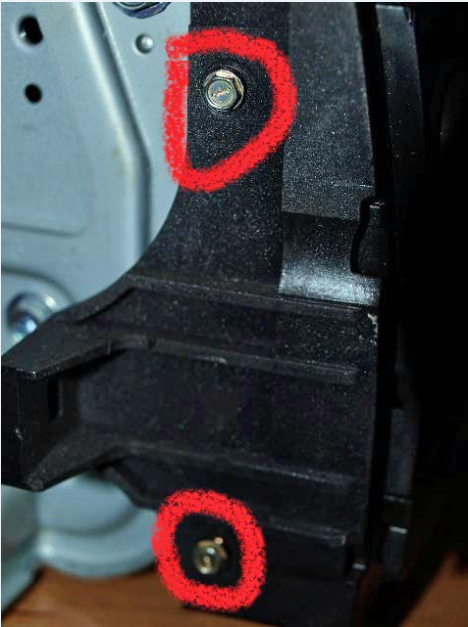


Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (DuluthVibe2009)

by DuluthVibe2009 » Mon Sep 20, 2010 10:09 am

Another photo...

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Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (DuluthVibe2009)

by DuluthVibe2009 » Mon Sep 20, 2010 10:11 am

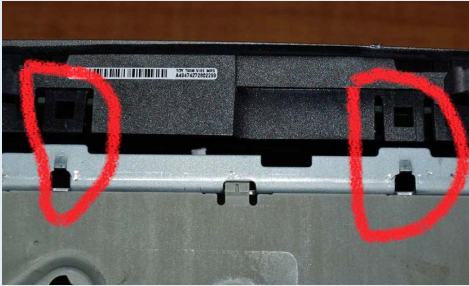
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DuluthVibe2009

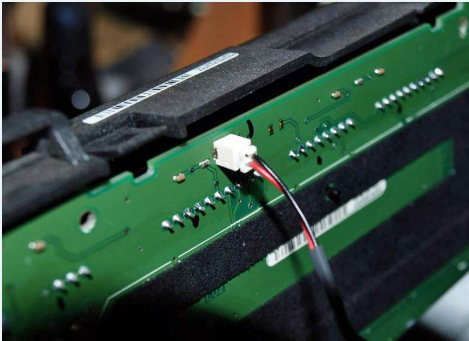
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Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (DuluthVibe2009)

by DuluthVibe2009 » Mon Sep 20, 2010 10:13 am

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Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (DuluthVibe2009)

by star_deceiver » Mon Sep 20, 2010 10:13 am

Welcome to GenVibe!!! 🙌
Hopefully the abuse my wife gives the radio won't be terminal... 😊

2016 Ram 3500 4x4 Diesel RCLB Dually w/stick
2012 Chevy Silverado 1500 Cheyenne 4x4 (Traded in - 03/30/16)
2009 Vibe. (Traded in - 12/12/12)



star_deceiver
Posts: 5798
Joined: Fri Jun 05, 2009 1:49 pm
Location: Airdrie, AB

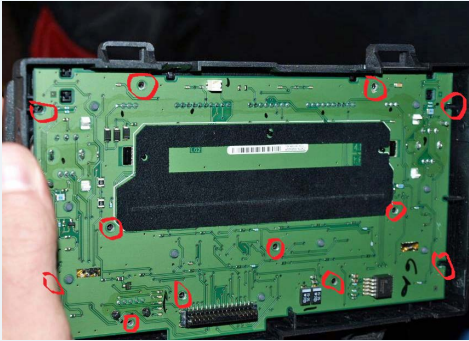
Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (DuluthVibe2009)

by DuluthVibe2009 » Mon Sep 20, 2010 10:16 am

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DuluthVibe2009
Posts: 11
Joined: Mon Sep 20, 2010 8:38 am



Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (DuluthVibe2009)

by DuluthVibe2009 » Mon Sep 20, 2010 10:17 am

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Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (DuluthVibe2009)

by DuluthVibe2009 » Mon Sep 20, 2010 10:18 am

photo 7. The "plungers" on the back side of the seek/scan buttons.
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Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (DuluthVibe2009)

by DuluthVibe2009 » Mon Sep 20, 2010 10:22 am

photo 8. The inside of the broken knob.
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Posts: 11
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Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (DuluthVibe2009)

by vibenvy » Mon Sep 20, 2010 10:31 am

Nice writeup! I have yet to experience this problem, but I know it will help out many others here that have. Just out of curiosity, do you think it would be possible to just put some adhesive on the knobs and get them to work properly? This would obviously be a much cheaper fix than buying a used radio.



vibenvy

Posts: 6756
Joined: Wed Apr 15, 2009 5:38 am
Location: Sandwich, IL

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2009 Steel Blue Metallic Vibe GT - 5-Speed Auto – [Garage](#)

by DuluthVibe2009 » Mon Sep 20, 2010 10:34 am

You probably could try glue. My only worry about that would be making a mess out of the pegs the knobs go on to then having an issue down the road. But it could be worth a try.



DuluthVibe2009

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Joined: Mon Sep 20, 2010 8:38 am

Re: (DuluthVibe2009)

by vibenvy » Mon Sep 20, 2010 10:37 am

I guess if I have this problem down the road, I will try some glue first before getting a used radio, but definitely a great writeup for sure! Thanks again!



vibenvy

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Location: Sandwich, IL

Re: (DuluthVibe2009)

by [areles](#) » Mon Sep 20, 2010 1:43 pm

Excellent write-up! 🙌 Thanks also for the pictures!



[areles](#)
Posts: [190](#)
Joined: Wed Sep 03, 2008 2:46 pm

by [Kincaid](#) » Thu Sep 23, 2010 4:03 am

How strange that the knobs break this way - the radio knob has to be about the most un-stressed part in the entire car!



1997 Civic EX sedan w/auto trans2001 Accord EX sedan w/5-spd manual2009 Vibe 2.4L w/5-spd manual, sunroof, monsoon, GT spoiler, Magnaflow muffler and rolled SS tip, lowered on H-Tech springs, window tint, debadged (save the red arrow!).



[Kincaid](#)
Posts: [1328](#)
Joined: Wed Jun 10, 2009 4:24 am

Re: (Kincaid)

by [star_deceiver](#) » Thu Sep 23, 2010 8:36 am

Quote, originally posted by Kincaid Å»

The radio knob has to be about the most un-stressed part in the entire car!

You've obviously never seen an irate wife hammering on the buttons and knobs when her horribly scratched cd starts skipping... 🙄



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Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (DuluthVibe2009)

by [wt2ga](#) » Thu Sep 23, 2010 10:13 am



TIME



Fixed mine Great write - up 😊



wt2ga
Posts: 103
Joined: Sat Jan 30, 2010 1:35 am

Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (DuluthVibe2009)

by **ParknVibe** » Wed Sep 29, 2010 11:08 am

I had my radio replaced because of the Volume knob. What do you thing about removing a good radio knob and reinforcing it with Epoxy inside the shell of the knob? Being that you had a look inside the knob and how it is fitted to the control, can this be done?

Thank you

ParknVibe
Posts: 563
Joined: Sat Jul 19, 2008 5:38 am

by **DuluthVibe2009** » Wed Sep 29, 2010 11:33 am

It could be done. However, if you look at your knob at night you will notice how the light kind of shines through. The light emits from behind the knob. Putting to much glue or anything else in there might block the light. But in terms of it just reinforcing the knob it would probably work.



DuluthVibe2009
Posts: 11
Joined: Mon Sep 20, 2010 8:38 am

Re: (DuluthVibe2009)

by **ParknVibe** » Wed Sep 29, 2010 11:52 am

Good point... I drive very little at night, I forgot and never thought about the light from within the knob. Do you know or did anyone say if the replacement knob are of stronger material or improved design? I have less then a year remaining on my 3 year warranty. If it breaks again, it will be the day after....right?
I am never going to push on/off the knob again, just turn the volume down and up only and leave the radio on.

ParknVibe
Posts: 563
Joined: Sat Jul 19, 2008 5:38 am

by **DuluthVibe2009** » Wed Sep 29, 2010 11:58 am

Haven't heard anything about an updated knob of any kind. After seeing how it breaks the only advice I would give is to not push it to hard or turn it real fast. Just go easy on it and it should be fine. I have to admit, before mine broke I probably had a habit of turning the volume up and down kind of fast. It still shouldn't have been enough to break it but it is what it is.



DuluthVibe2009
Posts: 11
Joined: Mon Sep 20, 2010 8:38 am

by [lowincash](#) » Thu Sep 30, 2010 11:34 am

I was going to have mine fixed by the dealer along with a couple other stuffs but been lagging it. They said they need my car overnight to fix the things so I need to find a dealer that gives free loaners lol



-- 2009 Vibe GT in Jet Black



[lowincash](#)

Posts: 1072
Joined: Sat May 17, 2008 3:35 am
Location: Los Angeles
Contact:

Re: (DuluthVibe2009)

by [Gadabout](#) » Sat Jul 02, 2011 9:08 am

I used 5 minute epoxy to fasten the broken knob back onto the post(very carefully). I followed the steps and got the radio out, and the broken knob out of there. Then I filled the bottom half of the knob with quick setting epoxy and held the knob straight on the post until the glue set. I had to hold the entire assembly upside down until the glue set, so the glue didn't drain down onto the radio. It sounds a little dangerous, but it worked. Just be careful with the epoxy. The hardest part was getting those 12 little screws out of that circuit board. I had no socket small enough, so I used a good pair of thin, flat blade pliers.

[Gadabout](#)

Posts: 1
Joined: Sat Jul 02, 2011 7:34 am

Re: (Gadabout)

by [jake75](#) » Sun Jul 03, 2011 2:35 am

Six months left on my 3/36 warranty - only 11,700 miles in 2,5 years. If (or when) my knob breaks I think I will opt for a different aftermarket radio. Don't drive that much, and often don't even listen to the radio so maybe I will not face this issue. In the meantime I will try to take it easy on the knobs.

2009 Vibe 1.8L Carbon Gray AT Power Pkg 1/12/09
2003 Vibe 1.8L Neptune AT Mono Power Pkg 1/27/03 [sold 2/2/09]
2007 T&C SWB 7/31/07
Aristotle - æœt is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.æœ
A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
æœA common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools."
--Douglas Adams, English writer

[jake75](#)

Posts: 4768
Joined: Sun Feb 09, 2003 1:33 pm
Location: Columbus, OH

by [papacueball](#) » Sun Jul 03, 2011 7:41 am

Mine broke sitting on a shelf. I only used it for about a month and it was perfectly fine when i took the factory radio out.

2009 Vibe GT - Carbon Gray Metallic - 5 sp. manual
Clarion-Sundown-Pioneer-Vifa-H Audio-Dayton-SDS



[papacueball](#)

Posts: 94
Joined: Sat Jun 20, 2009 9:17 am

Re: (papacueball)

by [DrummerBoy](#) » Mon Jul 11, 2011 11:05 am

Mine has broken twice. The radio was barely ever used and treated very carefully. I think the hot weather caused mine to break, since all was fine until the hottest weather started. Either way, these radio knobs are defective, regardless of what GM claims is a very isolated problem, and no record of complaints about it,



[DrummerBoy](#)

Posts: 28
Joined: Sun Aug 16, 2009 10:30 am

Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (DuluthVibe2009)

by [crazyray2](#) » Wed Sep 14, 2011 12:11 pm

GM now has a replacement knob. Just got it from where I bought car. Cost 6.95. Have not replaced yet; just found this

[crazyray2](#)

Posts: 2
Joined: Wed Sep 14, 2011 12:03 pm

site. Dealership want 106.00 for labor to replace.

by [file014](#) » Fri Sep 16, 2011 8:30 am

I was thinkin...what about trying to find a suitable replacement at radio shack or something. Then it would be easier to change if it breaks again. Wait. If there was a replacement, it probably wouldnt break...



[file014](#)

Posts: 94
Joined: Sun Jan 11, 2009 11:30 am

by [musicmanmu](#) » Tue Oct 04, 2011 5:00 am

This just happened to my 09 Vibe, and of course I'm out of warranty. Good to hear that you can purchase a replacement knob. I'm just not sure I want to risk screwing up my radio trying to make the fix when the steering wheel controls are working just fine....



[musicmanmu](#)

Posts: 186
Joined: Wed Sep 17, 2008 10:22 pm

2009 Vibe GT - Navy Blue Metallic



Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (crazyray2)

by [Ace Barker](#) » Sun Oct 09, 2011 3:02 am

Would you have a part the GM number please? Will order a few.
Thanks

Ace...



[Ace Barker](#)

Posts: 26
Joined: Thu Nov 27, 2008 10:29 pm

1939 Master 85 - What a basket case! Cool 348 with 3 2bbls though. Will be black!
1990 Cub Cadet 1541 - Yellow and Cream. It's a Garden Tractor. I guess I should paint it black.
1999 Lumina LTZ - Black
2004 Avalanche Z-71 - Black
2007 Sky Redline - Silver Graphite - Ordered black but this one came in and wife said she was tired of black.
2009 Pontiac Vibe GT - Black - Daughter resurrected the color!!!!

Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (Ace Barker)

by [vibenvy](#) » Sun Oct 09, 2011 9:12 am

Quote, originally posted by Ace Barker Å»
Would you have a part the GM number please? Will order a few.

#19204643



[vibenvy](#)

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2009 Steel Blue Metallic Vibe GT - 5-Speed Auto – [Garage](#)

Posts: [6756](#)
Joined: Wed Apr 15, 2009 5:38 am
Location: Sandwich, IL

by [journeyforce](#) » Sun Oct 09, 2011 9:40 am

I bought several. I was thinking about sanding/dremelling the lip of the knob so that it can be removed without removing the whole radio to do so. At \$6 a knob at my local dealer, I can spare one or two to try



[journeyforce](#)

Posts: [350](#)
Joined: Sat Aug 13, 2011 11:24 am

Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (DuluthVibe2009)

by [crazyray2](#) » Sat Oct 15, 2011 9:15 am

I just fixed my wife's 2009 Vibe following these instructions. I bought knob GM# 19204643 from my Pontiac dealer. Cost 6.95. Instructions are good. I would add a couple of hints. 1) the 12 screws on the back plate are six sided. I thank it takes a 3mm socket (most sets only go to 4mm) I used pliers to remove when I couldn't find the right socket in my town(small)a mini wrench set similar to the mini screwdriver set would work. When I put back the 12 screws I had computer screws and replaced the 12 screws with philliphead screws, much quicker. 2) When you are pulling the wire off the the face plate (red/black wire) be extremely careful. It did not come off easy; and when I pulled with enough force, it bent the prongs (the plug slipped on). When I straighten them, they broke off!! Doomed I thought! Soldered them back on; it worked.3) When you put the radio back in, make sure that the to wires that plug to the grey trim are on top of the radio so you can get to them easy. If you don't, you have to take the radio out again to get to the wires. Should be a 30 min job if nothing goes wrong. If not 1/2 a day like me.



[crazyray2](#)

Posts: [2](#)
Joined: Wed Sep 14, 2011 12:03 pm

Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (crazyray2)

by [frankiemenz](#) » Tue Nov 15, 2011 2:21 am

Hi Vibe owners, just did this repair today, not a bad job, those dam screws that hold on the board really stink. Once those were out and back in the rest of the job is easy. I did the 6.95 deal too, I bought 2 just in case, I have an extra, don't know how long these will be available. If this ever happens to you and ya can't find a knob then e-mail me or pm me.----Frank



[frankiemenz](#)

Posts: [100](#)
Joined: Sat Oct 30, 2010 8:37 am
Location: Casselberry, FL

Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (frankiemenz)

by [trb](#) » Fri Dec 02, 2011 5:37 am

First off, thanks for this thread! The 2010 Vibe I just bought has a broken knob, and if my dealer can't fix it under warranty, I'll do it myself.
I called to check on the part, and the former Pontiac dealer did not have one, but they told me the Chevy dealer down the street had 13 of them in stock! Must be a pretty common item to break, and obviously Chevys use the same part.



[trb](#)

Posts: [1651](#)
Joined: Thu May 08, 2008 4:06 am
Location: Houston, TX

the "Mustang Guy"
1987 5.0 LX bought new 3/31/87. 306K mile former daily driver
2016 Mustang GT - current daily
2003 Neptune Vibe GT - prior daily w/233K
2010 Red Vibe GT - former daily - RIP 6/16/14
2006 Platinum Vibe - son's car



Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (trb)



by [trask](#) » Sat Dec 03, 2011 9:06 am

I did the repair and it was not that fun. I had a tuff time getting the wire off the face plate and was careful but the prongs still broke off, so you may have a soldering job included in the repair. I found the other good working button was also getting ready to fail, so glad I got two knobs. I think I am going to upgrade and dump this unit, this knob thing really sucks.

2009 Vibe GT Sold
2012 Prius Four
2004 GMC HD2500



[trask](#)

Posts: [133](#)
Joined: Tue May 08, 2007 8:05 am

Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (crazyray2)



by [vilnis](#) » Wed Jan 04, 2012 10:49 am

Call me crazy but I think GM should pay for the replacements - including labor- do a recall:
1) Car radio buttons were pretty much mastered 50 or more years ago - they usually outlast the cars they're in. Mine also mysteriously went from working fine to spinning without effect after I left it parked for a week while on a trip.
2) If they're going to put a sh***y knob on the radio, at least make it removable like a normal car radio knob - why the hell is it necessary to require 10 or more difficult and time consuming steps to remove a lousy radio knob?



[vilnis](#)

Posts: [2](#)
Joined: Wed Jan 04, 2012 10:43 am

Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (Vilnis)



by [vilnis](#) » Wed Jan 04, 2012 11:01 am

Beware: I was about to get a new Alpine radio (~\$200 installed) when I was informed that it would be about another \$130 to get a new harness to accommodate all the extra stuff that's inextricably tied to the radio - even if you don't care about keeping access to OnStar. All to avoid what should cost \$6.95 (or free - GM - are you listening?) and about 10 minute's work.



[vilnis](#)

Posts: [2](#)
Joined: Wed Jan 04, 2012 10:43 am

Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (Vilnis)



by [trb](#) » Sat Feb 18, 2012 2:18 pm

I finally got around to fixing my radio knob, and only spent like 15 min on it! Tools I used:



[trb](#)

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I took journeyforce's idea on here and cut off the flat retaining tab on the back of the new knob with some wire cutters and used a piece of sandpaper to smooth down the edge so it is pretty flush with the rest of the knob. Then I took to removing the broken knob. First I tried my wire cutters again, but was not getting far, so I used my coping saw to cut the face of the knob across in a couple of places as you can see in the pic below.



It made a bit of a mess on the console, but that will be cleaned up later. I then used the wire cutters to cut and remove the top part of the knob in the pic above. I had to cut and pull and break it a bit, but it came free. Then I cut away at the bottom part that was left in the radio, chipping away pieces of the plastic, being careful not to damage the face of the radio.



Once I got much of the bottom of the knob removed on one side, I was able to grab it with the wire cutters again, and break the plastic on the cut down side, through the remainder of the knob. Then I was able to pull it out of the opening.



Next I had to remove the metal ring that holds the knob to the radio shaft. That took the wire cutters again on the metal ring and I was able to pull it off the shaft. It took a bit of force, but it finally came off.



Then the new knob was able to slide right in place.

Now if it breaks again, the knob will just fall off the shaft. And I can easily cut down a new knob and install it after removing the metal band from the shaft again.

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Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (trb)

by trask » Sat Feb 18, 2012 11:49 pm

After disassembling the head unit and knowing the knobs are going to fail again, I believe for me, this would have been a better way to go, all because of that stupid flange on the back of the knob. Seeing your fix though I wonder if a Dremel tool with a cutting blade would have helped.



Kenwood KDC-X995

2009 Vibe GT Sold
2012 Prius Four
2004 GMC HD2500

Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob! (trb)

by ParknVibe » Sun Feb 19, 2012 3:23 am

Dear Mr. TRB:
Did you say that you cut out and removed the old knob without removing the radio or disassemble the face?

Do you have a good picture of a new knob as viewed from the backside? (ie: looking into the hole of the knob) I like to see how it was molded to outside face. Also where were the breaking points of the plastic as was when it broke?

I like your idea of removing the knob's flange. Does the backlighting bleed through around the knob with the flange removed?

Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob!

by xenictime » Mon May 07, 2012 10:36 am

I finally got around to fixing my radio knob

Thanks trb - I like this direct approach. My power knob is spinning 95% of the time and I know it's going to need attention right away. Or whenever it totally fails. I'll try and follow up after I do it, which will certainly wait until I get down to the Chevy dealer for a replacement, Pontiac RIP. Did you have any real difficulty in the final breaking and

removal of the old knob?

Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob!

by trb » Mon May 07, 2012 1:50 pm

Sorry ParknVibe, missed your questions. I basically cut the curved lip so it is flush and the side of the knob is flat. Someone else on here suggested that idea. And yes, the backlighting does show through around the knob a bit, but it does not bother me. If I replace it again, I will use my belt sander to sand away the curved lip until it will just barely clear the radio opening. That will reduce the backlighting a bit.

And as for removing the old knob, I just had to keep cutting away at it with my cutters until I got it down far enough that I could use the needle nose pliers to break it. Main thing is to be careful and not pry against the radio face. After I finished it up I noticed that I did put a couple of nicks in the radio face, but nothing major.

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Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob!

by XSarge » Wed Jul 18, 2012 8:05 am

Thanks for the help.
Sorry, don't have time to read all the posts to see if anyone has posted the info before.
OEM 2009-2010 Pontiac Vibe Radio Control Knob Switch Button is available on line for less than \$17.00 including shipping. Plan to replace it today as I promised the dealership for the trade-in on Saturday. Time to get something a little more comfy for the 110+ miles a day I drive. Thank you everyone for all the info and help. But Buick Regal here I come!

Take care all!

Don

XSarge
Posts: 8
Joined: Tue Jun 07, 2011 4:35 pm
Location: Kenosha,WI

Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob!

by vibenvy » Sat Jul 21, 2012 3:09 pm

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Did you get it fixed? Enjoy your new Regal 😊!

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Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob!

by XSarge » Sat Jul 21, 2012 7:21 pm

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XSarge

Posts: 8
Joined: Tue Jun 07, 2011 4:35 pm
Location: Kenosha,WI

Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob!

by vibenvy » Sun Jul 22, 2012 3:47 pm

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vibenvy

Posts: 6756
Joined: Wed Apr 15, 2009 5:38 am
Location: Sandwich, IL

Glad to hear you got it fixed 😊!

If I test drive anything, it will be a Lexus CT 200h 😊!

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Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob!

by JPR939 » Sun Oct 07, 2012 9:05 am

Thanks! It works great! ...and I got 4 winter tires for free : I just bought the Vibe (2010, 23000 miles) and when I told to the salesman that I agree to repair the radio (instead to replace it by an other one), he offered me 4 winter tires that he got from the previous owner of the Vibe.

JPR939

Posts: 2
Joined: Sun Oct 07, 2012 8:47 am

Re: (DuluthVibe2009)

by finebead » Sun Oct 21, 2012 1:43 pm

Gadabout wrote:

I used 5 minute epoxy to fasten the broken knob back onto the post(very carefully). I followed the steps and got the radio out, and the broken knob out of there. Then I filled the bottom half of the knob with quick setting epoxy and held the knob straight on the post until the glue set. I had to hold the entire assembly upside down until the glue set, so the glue didn't drain down onto the radio. It sounds a little dangerous, but it worked. Just be careful with the epoxy. The hardest part was getting those 12 little screws out of that circuit board. I had no socket small enough, so I used a good pair of thin, flat blade pliers.



finebead

Posts: 14
Joined: Sat Nov 29, 2008 10:26 am
Location: Houston, TX

I used this technique and fixed mine (2009 Vibe) today. The antenna wire was hard to get off with your hands, I had to use pliers to pull it off. I thought if I get another defective weak part it will break, and I like epoxy, so I went that route. I think the repair could be stronger than an original part that has proven itself too weak. So far so good. Loctite set in less than 5 min., you have very little time to work it.

Thanks to deluth for the great pics, and to Gadabout for a good idea!!!

Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob!

by AllWheelVibe » Thu Nov 15, 2012 9:00 pm

[quote="DuluthVibe2009"]As many 2009-2010 Vibe owners know, the volume/tune knobs on the radios have been a problem. ...



AllWheelVibe

Posts: 14
Joined: Mon Jan 25, 2010 8:23 am

DuluthVibe2009 -- YOU ROCK!!! That is the most awesome and useful post!! Thank you SO much!
I followed these instructions and the fix was super easy.
Those 12 screws on the printed circuit board came off pretty easily with a hex driver I had so it was not too bad.
I did mess up in that the replacement knobs came with the metal band around the knob shaft, and when replacing them, I accidentally left the metal band on from the previous knob on. So when I put it all back together, the knobs did not slide down low enough onto the shaft. Oops. Easily fixed though.
I had purchased 2 knobs from ebay seller jetson519 and they arrived very quickly and were just about \$6 each.

Cheers,
Dave

Re: Fixed my 2009 Gt broken radio knob!

by Viber09 » Sat Jan 05, 2013 12:54 pm

These are awesome instructions and helped me fix our radio. Thanks! I wish I had found them before I bought the replacement knob from a dealer who said I could æœpop-offæ the cover section over the broken knob with a flat head screw driver. Oops, I guess not. Left a little scratch.

Viber09

Posts: 2
Joined: Sat Jan 05, 2013 12:39 pm



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We wanted blue-tooth anyway so we bought a replacement Clarion CX501 that installed perfectly with an \$80 harness. Now I have our factory radio for sale if anyone wants it? \$100? Oh, Both knobs work great now! 😊



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