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Simple “Fix” for HD Handlebar Mounted MP 3 Player

A common complaint is that the output from the HD Handlebar mounted MP3 player is low compared to FM or CD. Our experience shows this simple procedure to be a 100% fix.

The first thing to do is remove the T-10 torx head screw at the bottom of the MP3 player and the one under the flap where the SD card goes in. The unit will now “fall away” from the handlebars, but is held in place by the wires going into the unit.

With the MP3 player running, and the radio on, locate the “A-B” Switch on the back of the MP3 player and move it back and forth to determine which setting is louder. Our findings are that the factory setting is the quieter of the 2, and that the switch adjustment MAY be covered in the MP3 manual, so your unit may already be in the louder position. Once you have the switch in the loudest position, put the MP3 player back on the handlebars. In most cases moving the switch is still not loud enough to make MP3’s the same output as FM or CD but is an important first step.

The next step is to download a “freeware” program called MP3 Gain at the link <http://mp3gain.sourceforge.net/download.php> Install this into the computer you use to transfer music from your computer onto the SD card. This program allows you to “boost” the music as its getting converted from your computer to the SD card, essentially turning the MP3 file up. Unfortunately, there is no way to turn up files already on the SD card. There are some adjustments you can play with in the program so that when you switch from CD to FM to MP3 on your bikes radio, the volume from all 3 sources will be virtually the same.

Enjoy the sound the way it should have been in the first place, and RIDE SAFE!

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