

Xzent X-F285: Infotainer for Ford Transit

Camper- Navigation



Fits in Ford Transit

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► The Ford Transit is one of the most popular vehicle platforms for motorhomes. Xzent has now brought out a new infotainer specifically for this vehicle with the option to upgrade it to a camper sat nav system.

The Xzent X-F285 with its 1-DIN format body fits in the original installation slot of new Transits built since 2019. In front of the chassis is the large display panel with its generous 22.9 cm size real glass touchscreen. At the bottom are six illuminated buttons for fast access to the most important functions, and a rotary volume control. The X-F285 comes with a GPS antenna and so is already prepared for navigation. Therefore you may want to buy the necessary software straight away.

Navigation

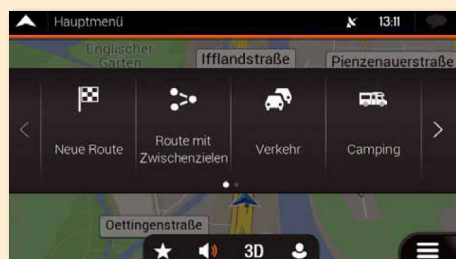
Two navigation packages are available: XMAP27MH1 for 200 euros and X-MAP27MH3 for 250 euros. These

differ solely in the duration of the map update subscriptions that are included in the purchase price: the MH1 includes updates for one year, the MH3 for three years. On a 16 GB microSD card, inserted at the side of the front panel of the Xzent device, they offer detailed maps of 47 countries in Western and Eastern Europe. The software is specially designed for the needs of motorhome drivers with preconfigured vehicle profiles for the input of height, width, length, and weight, trailer etc. It offers route guidance with all the comfort features like lane assist, tunnel mode, Auto Zoom for junctions and roundabouts, intelligent calculation of alternative routes and more.

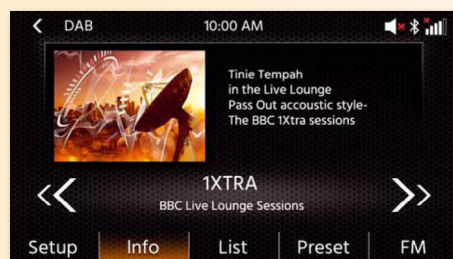
Even traffic information, transmitted using TPEG over DAB+, is taken care of during route planning. This real time information on the traffic situation is an enormous plus. Extremely helpful for motorhomers is the included database with around 20,000 camping points of interest stored, for example camping and motorhome stopover sites. A lot of additional information may be accessed, such as contact numbers, on-site supply and waste disposal, number of parking spaces available and so on — important information for quickly finding the right overnight stop.

Multimedia

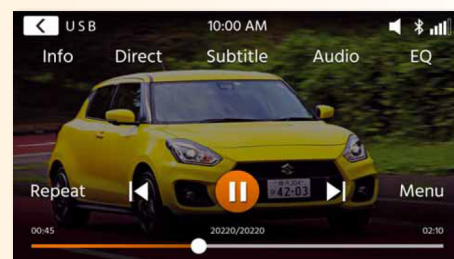
In addition to the navigation the Xzent



Approx 20,000 camping points of interest



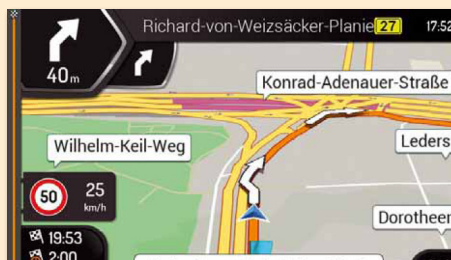
DAB with image and text information



Video playback via USB



Europe-wide stopover atlas



Detailed junction view



Highway signage

can also handle the full range of infotainment features. Beside the analog FM tuner, it also offers DAB+ digital radio with every comfort function, such as DAB-DAB Service-Following, MOT Slideshow, and DLS Text. Especially in a motorhome, which generally doesn't stay long in one place, but frequently changes broadcast area, the automatic background scan is another big plus point. The Xzent permanently scans through the DAB+ radio station landscape, updating the list of stations. This enables you to select an available station just at the touch of a finger. Naturally the X-F285 can also handle hands-free calling and audio streaming over Bluetooth. For connecting smartphones and sticks by cable it provides two USB ports and even an HDMI input. Two cameras can be connected, changeover being automatic on engaging reverse gear. In addition, you can also access the camera image manually by simply pressing the CAM button. This is very practical, for example, if you want to briefly check during the journey that the load on the trailer is still properly secured.

Apple Car Play

Smartphone support from the Xzent is also considerable, iPhone users being offered Apple Car Play. Connecting the phone to the infotainer via USB gives you use of many functions of the iPhone directly from the large screen of



Rear-view camera with adjustable guidelines

the X-F285 — also via Siri voice control. And Android phone owners will be happy about the preinstalled AndroidLink app. This app enables mirroring of the screen content of Android smartphones on the infotainer display, and direct control of the mirrored apps from its touchscreen.

Summary

The Xzent X-F285 integrates superbly into the Ford Transit. Not only is integration with the dashboard perfect, both technically and visually, but electrical communication with the vehicle is also excellent thanks to the CAN interface. At the same time the optional navigation has also been perfectly tailored to the requirements of motorhomers like the infotainer itself. A great navigation and infotainment solution for motorhomes on the Ford Transit platform.

Technical data

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| Amplifier output / W | 15 |
| Output Voltage / V | 2,5 |
| Output impedance / ohms | 750 |
| USB | |
| THD+N (%) | 0,081 |
| SNR (A) | 84 |
| Tuner | |
| THD+N (%) | 0,123 |
| Signal/Noise Ratio (A) | 52 |
| Crosstalk (dB) | 45 |
| Monitor size (cm) | 22,9 |
| Touchscreen | • |
| EQ/soundprocessor | • |
| Crossover | LP |
| Pre-outs | 6 |
| AV-in | • |
| Video-out | • |
| Connectors camera | 2 |
| MP3/WMA/AAC | • / • / • |
| USB / iPod | 2 / • |
| Bluetooth HFP/A2DP | c / • |
| Maps | europa |
| TMC/TMC Pro/TPEG | - / - / • |
| IR-remote | • |
| Other | Android Link / CarPlay |

The Xzent X-F285 fits here:

Compatible with Ford Transit station wagon, chassis, box van and platform truck from build year 2019 onwards with 1-DIN DAB/FM factory radio and original Ford rod antenna (MY2019.75).

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Xzent X-F285, X-MAP27 MH1

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| Price | about 730 + 200 Euro |
| Distributor | ACR, CH-Bad Zurzach |
| Hotline | acr-info@acr.eu |
| Internet | www.xzent.com |

Summary

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|--------------------|--------|-----|-------|
| ▶ Sound quality | 15 % | 1,2 | ■■■■■ |
| Bass | 3 % | 1,5 | ■■■■■ |
| Neutrality | 3 % | 1,0 | ■■■■■ |
| Transparency | 3 % | 1,0 | ■■■■■ |
| Soundstaging | 3 % | 1,5 | ■■■■■ |
| Dynamics | 3 % | 1,0 | ■■■■■ |
| ▶ Picture quality | 15 % | 1,2 | ■■■■■ |
| Sharpness | 2,5 % | 1,0 | ■■■■■ |
| Brightness | 2,5 % | 1,5 | ■■■■■ |
| Contrast | 2,5 % | 1,0 | ■■■■■ |
| Color rendering | 2,5 % | 1,0 | ■■■■■ |
| Viewing angle | 2,5 % | 1,0 | ■■■■■ |
| Reflection | 2,5 % | 1,5 | ■■■■■ |
| ▶ Navigation | 15 % | 1,0 | ■■■■■ |
| Guidance | 5 % | 1,0 | ■■■■■ |
| Route calculation | 5 % | 1,5 | ■■■■■ |
| Features | 5 % | 0,5 | ■■■■■ |
| ▶ Lab | 15 % | 1,6 | ■■■■■ |
| • USB | 7,5 % | 1,8 | ■■■■■ |
| Distortion | 3,75 % | 1,5 | ■■■■■ |
| Signal/Noise Ratio | 3,75 % | 2,0 | ■■■■■ |
| • Tuner | 7,5 % | 1,4 | ■■■■■ |
| Frequency response | 1,88 % | 1,5 | ■■■■■ |
| Crosstalk | 1,88 % | 1,0 | ■■■■■ |
| Distortion | 1,88 % | 1,5 | ■■■■■ |
| Signal/Noise Ratio | 1,88 % | 1,5 | ■■■■■ |
| ▶ Practice | 40 % | 0,9 | ■■■■■ |
| Operation | 10 % | 1,0 | ■■■■■ |
| Reception test | 5 % | 1,0 | ■■■■■ |
| Workmanship | 5 % | 1,0 | ■■■■■ |
| Features | 20 % | 0,8 | ■■■■■ |

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Price/performance: very good

„Top recommendation for Ford Transit motorhomes“