

ZENEC Z-E2065 • TEST REPORT CAR&HIFI 6/2025



The predecessor model Zenec Z-E2055 was among the most successful monitor radios on the market in the last four years. Now its successor, the Z-E2065 is hitting the road with state-of-the-art infotainment.

The Z-E2065 is tailor-made for Golf V and VI as well as type-related vehicles from the Volkswagen Group. The compatible models are mostly around ten years old. According to the KBA (German Motor Transport Authority) that corresponds to the average age of a car in Germany. After about 10 years a car is usually still fit, but its built-in multimedia system is hopelessly outdated or even defective. To have the original RNS or RCD system replaced at the authorized VW dealer is very costly. Supposed bargain hunters can access

numerous, very inexpensive no-name alternatives on the relevant online platforms, but these are of dubious quality and quickly lead to disappointment. Better to drive with a renowned brand device like the Zenec Z-E2065 that at 650 euros is significantly cheaper than the OEM VW system, while offering more modern technology.

Vehicle integration

The Zenec supports the factory-installed comfort functions existing in the vehicle, such as Climatronic display, OPS parking system, camera system, steering wheel remote control and the multifunction display MFD/MFD+ in the dashboard. The moniceiver is even compatible with existing VW active sound systems.

And when it comes to tuning, the Z-E2065 is in no way inferior to the VW factory radios. The diversity FM receiver is designed for the VW antenna system and offers stable reception. The same applies to the twin tuner for DAB+ digital radio. Switching between the two radio modes occurs automatically and without interruption.

The color of button illumination can be switched between red and white to match the dashboard illumination.



Display of air condition settings



OPS parking radar



Control of factory active systems



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Navigation with Google Maps



Display of vehicle parameters



DSP with 5-channel time alignment

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Direct access to the most important functions

Cell phone connection

Beside tuners and vehicle integration Apple CarPlay and Android Auto are the most important functions. Communication with the relevant cell phone takes place wirelessly via Wi-Fi. In this way numerous smartphone apps, including navigation, can be used legally, safely and conveniently during the journey via the capacitive touchscreen of the Z-E2065.

Naturally the Zenec can also handle hands-free calling and audio streaming over Bluetooth. In addition, two USB interfaces are provided at the rear of the device.

Audio

Via USB the Zenec also plays uncompressed audio files with 16 and 24-bit resolution. All the common audio and video file formats are supported. The integrated digital signal processor allows fine adjustment of the sound. 16



Connection via Quadlock II. For vehicles with Quadlock III Zenec offers a separate harness as accessory.

ment and active high-pass and lowpass filters get the most out of the existing sound system.

equalizer bands, 5-channel time align-

Test results

The Swiss developers of the Zenec Z-E2065 were obviously able to draw on unlimited resources. With exemplary vehicle integration, a sophisticated tuner solution, extensive audio functions and not least modern smartphone connectivity using wireless Android Auto and CarPlay make for an ideal set of features.

The moniceiver proves itself very well in the lab and in the field. The test results are impeccable. The on-screen menus are not only graphically appealing, but also clearly laid out. This makes control via the large touchscreen intuitive and smooth.

Technical data Amplifier output / W Output Voltage / V THD+N (%) 0,008 SNR (A) Tuner THD+N (%) 0,031 Signal/Noise Ratio (A) 61 Crosstalk (dB) 48 Monitor size (cm) 23 Touchscreen **Dual Zone** Dolby Digital / Pro Logic decoder param./graph. EQ-bands - / 16 HP / LP Crossover Time alignment Pre-outs 6 AV-in / AV-out Digital-out Connectors camera / navigation USB front / rear _/• iPod controll

The Zenec Z-E2065 fits here:

Bluetooth HFP/A2DP

In numerous models of VW, Seat and Skoda equipped with VW RNS 210/310/315/510 or RCD 310/315/330/350/510.

The precise compatibility list can be found at: www.zenec.com

Summary

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The Zenec Z-E2065 is a state-of-the-art device which brings up to date infotainment into older vehicles from the Volkswagen Group.



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Price about 650 Euro Distributor ACR. Bad Zurzach. Schweiz Hotline acr-info@acr.eu Internet www.zenec.eu Summary Sound quality 1,2 20 % Bass 4 % Neutrality 1,0 4 % Transparency 1,0 Soundstaging 4 % Dynamics 4 % Picture quality 20 % Sharpness 3,3 % 1.0 **Brightness** 3,3 % Contrast 3,3 % Color rendering 3,3 % Viewing angle 3.3 % 1.0 Reflection 3,3 % 1,5 Lab • USB 7,5 % Distortion 3.75 % 1.0 Signal/Noise Ratio 3,75 % 1.0 • Tuner 0,9 7,5 % Frequency response 1,88 % Crosstalk 1,88 % Distortion 1,88 % 0.5 Signal/Noise Ratio 1,88 % Practice 45 % Operation 10 % Features 20 % Reception test 10 % Workmanship

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CarPlay / Android Auto

