

Bass Depot

EARTHQUAKE K-10

KOMPRESSOR

MSRP: \$249.00

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The Earthquake K-10 Kompressor is a subwoofer system consisting of a 10" subwoofer and a 10" passive radiator that uses SLAPS (Symmetrically Loaded Audio Passive System) technology. The 10" drivers are mounted on opposite ends of a cylindrical enclosure that is capped off with protective chrome-finished grilles. Measuring 12" (D) x 19" (L), the unit is ideal for limited space applications such as pickups and compact cars. Power handling stands at 400 watts RMS and 800 watts max, providing plenty of flexibility for amplifier selection.

INSTALLATION

The K-10 was installed into a woofer-less factory system. Installation was quick and to the point using the supplied screws to secure the enclosure's molded feet to the floor of the Ford Explorer's hatch. The accompanied manual visually displays a couple of suggested positioning options for optimizing the sound within your vehicle. It also recommends positioning the active driver in the corner of the vehicle 3" to 5" away from a hard surface to gain an additional 3dB in output. The K-10 receives amplification via two spring-loaded terminals located on the tube's underside. This really is a foolproof subwoofer that is ready-to-go out of the box.

LISTENING

Immediate impressions of the K-10 were positive during the audition. The subwoofer displayed good impact, accuracy and balance throughout the majority of the material. It shined on R&B and hip-hop tracks, providing musicality and authoritative bass. Certainly the K-10 is no SPL machine, but it does a decent job holding its own on the street. The only real negative results occurred when listening to a jazz composition by Diana Krall. Here the tube displayed difficulty during stand-up bass passages sounding boomy and at times lacking detail, but this was easily overshadowed by its overall performance.

CONCLUSION

There is plenty of performance packed into the compact K-10. With a price tag of \$249 and an outstanding 5-year warranty, the K-10 is an irresistible option that should seriously be considered by anyone who is in the market for adding a subwoofer to a factory system or any other non-subwoofer system. The K-10 is a slam dunk in the upgrade department and will have you on your way to "boom town" in no time.



Score Chart	Points Possible	Earthquake K-10
Sound Quality	5	3
Boom and Output	5	3.5
Ease of Installation	5	5
Overall Value	5	4

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