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# VISCOM VS-9950 DVD HEADUNIT

Intro

DISPLAY SCREENS ARE GETTING BIGGER AND BETTER, AND VISCOM HAVE RELEASED A NEW HEAD UNIT WITH WHAT LOOKS LIKE THE LARGEST DISPLAY YOU CAN CRAM INTO A FIXED SINGLE DIN SLOT.

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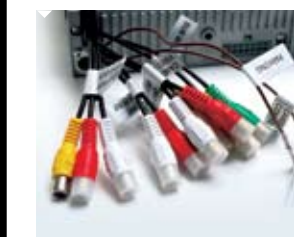
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### Step 1

The unit is crammed with the usual ins and outs and more.



### Step 2

Loading a disc is quick and easy, with the face motorised. Loading times are also considerably quick.



### Step 3

Our test disc was a DVD-R filled with all kinds of media and the headunit had little trouble recognising any of them.



### Step 4

Navigating through the files is easy through the straightforward WYSIWYG interface.



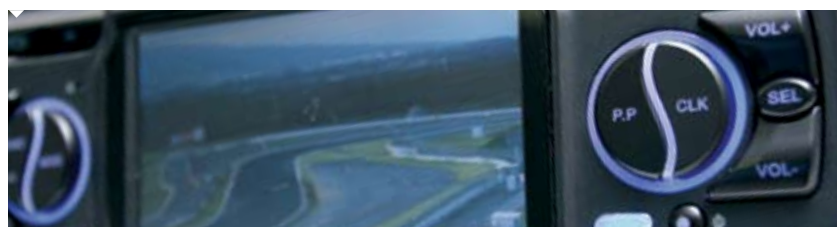
### Step 5

The remote is well designed for road use with clear and distinguishable buttons.



### Step 6

The AM/FM tuner interface is a little confusing, but it's alright once set.



### Assessment

At first glance the Viscom headunit didn't really stand out from the hundreds of other headunits, until we put it through its paces. Boasting perhaps the largest screen of any single-DIN headunit (not including flip-out screens), the display is quite impressive, with particularly good performances in bright conditions. The images are bright, colourful and sharp; exactly what is needed from a DVD unit. Our only gripe was the plastic tactile feel of the buttons.

Although the interface may be a bit plain to some, it is relatively straightforward once you become accustomed to it, and it's also surprisingly fast, without the 'thinking lag'. Having the ability to play Divx files and DVD-Rs filled with a variety of different files formats is a huge plus. The ability to have more than four gigabytes worth of compressed music on a single disc means disc swapping is a rare occurrence. Its PSP style front face has a design which would suit late-model interiors well, and the performance of the unit was a revelation. This headunit is more than competent in its place in the market.

### Up Close

**WHAT:** Viscom VS-9950 DVD unit  
**FOR:** Any  
**FROM:** Tenvox Australia  
**PRICE:** \$459

### Quick Contacts

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### Score

PRICE:

**72%**

EFFECTIVENESS:

**87%**

QUALITY:

**68%**

### Overall

**80%**

**FOR:** Good screen performance, plays most formats  
**AGAINST:** Face feels a little flimsy, UI is a little plain