

# Instruction Manual

*G-Series Rear View Replacement Mirror Monitor  
with Compass and Temperature*

RVS-718-CT





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**NOTE!**

***Please read all of the installation instructions carefully before installing the product. Improper installation will void manufacturer's warranty.***

***Congratulations*** on purchasing a Rear View Backup Camera System!

With this manual you will be able to properly install and operate the unit.

The Backup Camera System is intended to be installed as a supplement aid to your standard rear view mirror that already exists in your vehicle. The Backup Camera System should not be used as a substitute for the standard rear view mirror or for any other mirror that exists in your vehicle.

In some jurisdictions, it is unlawful for a person to drive a motor vehicle equipped with a TV viewer or screen located forward of the back of the driver's seat or in any location that is visible, directly or indirectly, to the driver while operating the vehicle.

Please read the entire manual and follow the instructions and warnings carefully. Failure to do so can cause serious damage and or injury, including loss of life. Be sure to obey all applicable local traffic and motor vehicle regulations as it pertains to this product. Improper installation will void manufacturer's warranty.

## **USAGE:**

- The Rear View Camera System is designed to help the driver safely detect people and/or objects helping to avoid damage or injury. However, you the driver, must use it properly. Use of this system is not a substitute for safe, proper or legal driving.
- Never back up while looking at the monitor alone. You should always check behind and around the vehicle when backing up, in the same way as you would if the vehicle did not have the Rear View Camera System. If you back up while looking only at the monitor, you may cause damage or injury. Always back up slowly.
- The Rear View Camera System is not intended for use during extensive back-up maneuvers or backing into cross traffic or pedestrian walkways.
- Please, always remember, the area displayed by the Rear View Camera System is limited. It does not display the entire panorama that is behind you.

## **INSTALLATION:**

- Electric shock or product malfunction may occur if this product is installed incorrectly.
- Use this product within the voltage range specified. Failure to do so can cause electronic shock or product malfunction.
- Take special care when cleaning the monitor.
- Make sure to firmly affix the product before use.
- If smoke or a burning smell is detected, disconnect the system immediately.
- Where the power cable may touch a metal case, cover the cable with a friction tape. A short circuit or disconnected wire may cause a fire.
- While installing the Rear View System be careful with the wire positioning in order to avoid wire damage.
- The Rear View System should only be used when the vehicle is in reverse.
- Do not watch movies or operate the monitor while driving; as it may cause an accident.
- Do not install the monitor where it may obstruct drivers view or obstruct an air bag device.
- Dropping the unit may cause possible mechanical failure.

*If you have questions about this product, contact:*

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Before drilling please check that no cable or wiring is on the other side of the wall. Please clamp all wires securely to reduce the possibility of them being damaged while vehicle is in use. Keep all cables away from hot or moving parts and electrical noisy components.

***We recommend doing a benchmark test before installation to insure that all components are working properly.***

Step 1: Choose the monitor and camera locations.

Step 2: Install all cables in vehicle, when necessary a 0.8 (20mm) hole should be drilled for passing camera cable through vehicles walls. Install split grommets where applicable.

Step 3: Once all cables and wiring have been properly routed, perform a system function test by temporarily connecting the system. If the system seems to not be operating properly see troubleshooting (page 21).

### *Replacement Monitor*

The mirror monitor replaces the existing car mirror. Carefully remove the mirror off the “pin”. Slide the replacement mirror on to the pin and secure it with the screw provided (already in the screw hole). Different cars have different brackets, depending on your vehicle make and manufacturer. There are many methods to remove the original rear-view mirror, however, please don't force the mirror off the bracket. The manufacturer will not be responsible for damage caused to your car by wrong installation of the mirror. Figure 1.1

### *Clip-On Monitor*

1. The Mirror Monitor attaches to the existing rear view mirror in vehicle with the pressurized clips on the back of the monitor.
2. Attach monitor to existing mirror, and adjust mounting angle to allow optimum driver viewing comfort.

### *Camera & Cable*

Be sure to position the cable properly. The aviation camera cable uses aircraft grade connectors which means the camera cable can be exposed to all weather elements. Do not run the cable over sharp edges, do not kink the cable and keep away from HOT and rotating parts. Fasten all cables and secure all excess cable. Connect camera to the camera extension cable which runs inside the vehicle. Figure 1.2



## *Wiring*

After connecting the camera to the “camera cable” the camera should be plugged into AV2 input. Connect the RED 12V power wire to a an ignition power source and the BLACK 12V ground wire to a chassis ground. The GREEN wire is the REVERSE trigger wire. Connect this wire to the vehicle’s backup light circuit to activate the rear-view image whenever the vehicle shifts into reverse. To connect a second camera, connect it to AV1 and it can be turned on by pressing the power button on the monitor. Figure 2.1, Figure 2.2

## *Precautions for use of Mirror Monitor*

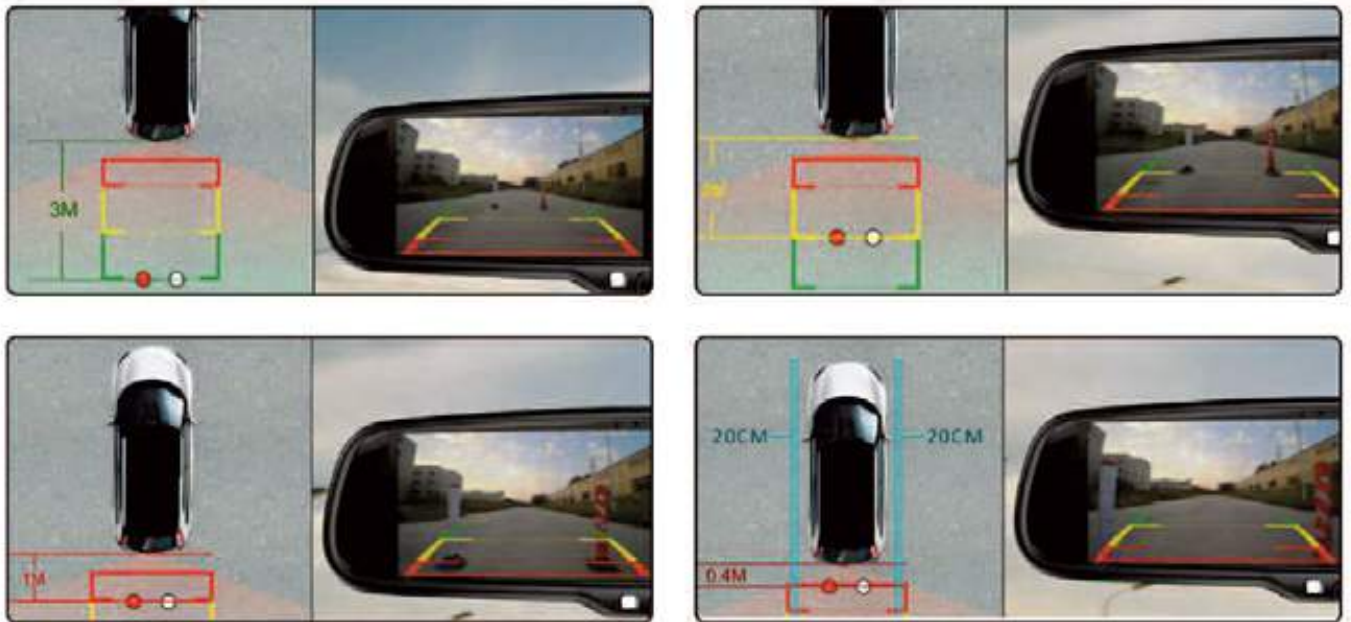
- I.** The Mirror Monitor is made of glass. Do not subject it to a mechanical shock by dropping it from a high place, etc.
- II.** Do not apply excessive force to the monitor surface or the adjoining areas since this may cause the color tone to vary.
- III.** Clean with a soft dry cloth and/or Windex only.
- IV.** Do not attempt to disassemble the mirror monitor.

## *Safety*

- Before drilling, be sure no cable or wire is on the other side.
- Feed as much cable as possible into vehicle & clamp securely. This reduces the possibility of cable being hooked or snagged.

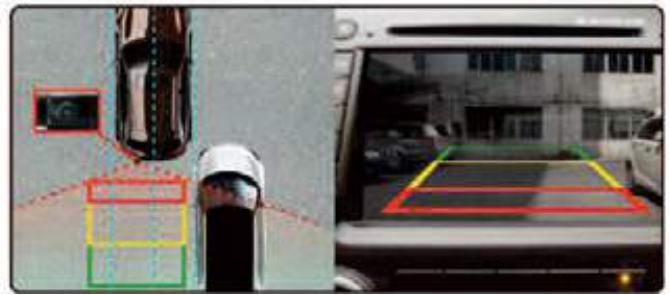
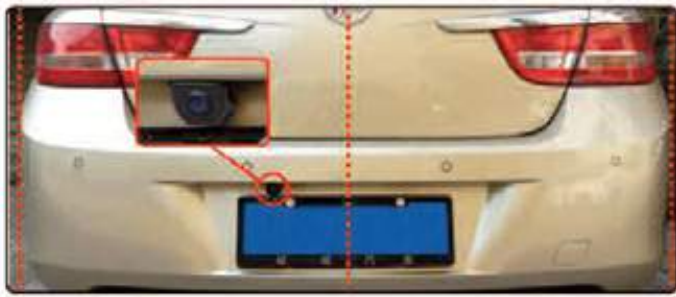
## Grid Lines

Generally, to help drivers estimate the distance from obstacles, there are three lines for reference- red, yellow, and green. Those three lines are displayed on the monitor when car is reversing. The green line is 3M from the back of the car and the yellow line is 6.5 ft. The distant red line is 1M from the backside of car while the closed red line is 0.4M. Both reference lines on the left and right should leave 0.2M space from the car.



## Accuracy

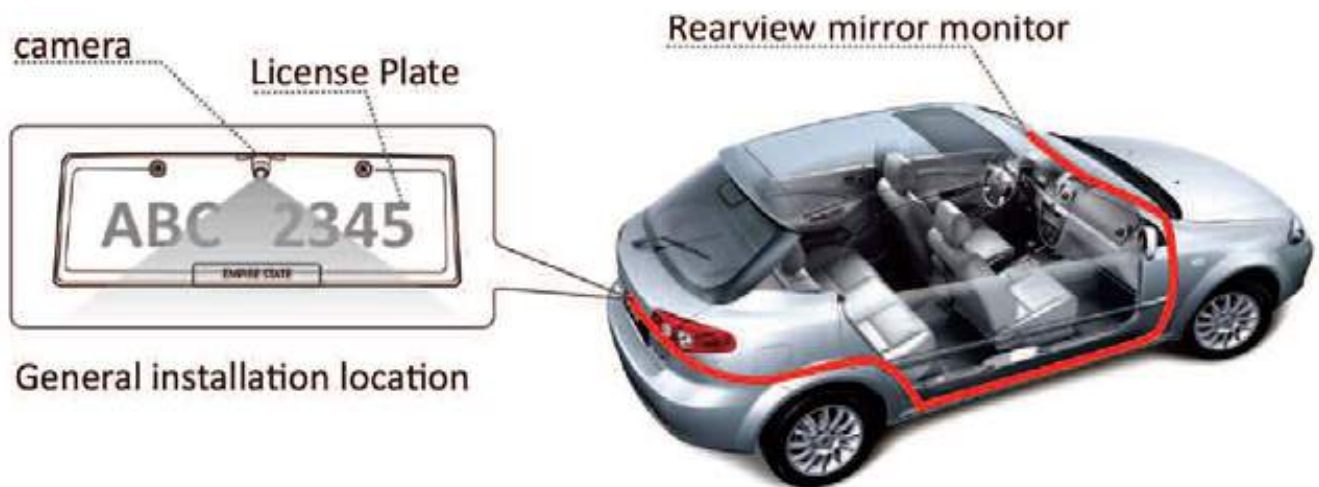
The accuracy of the grid-lines can vary based on how you angle your camera. Therefore to compensate for inaccuracies, you can adjust the grid-lines to your camera angle.



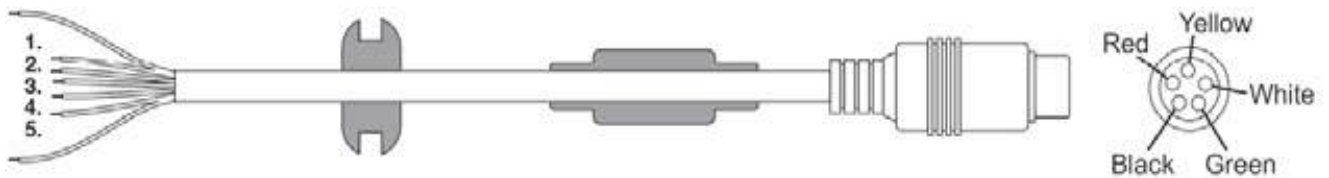
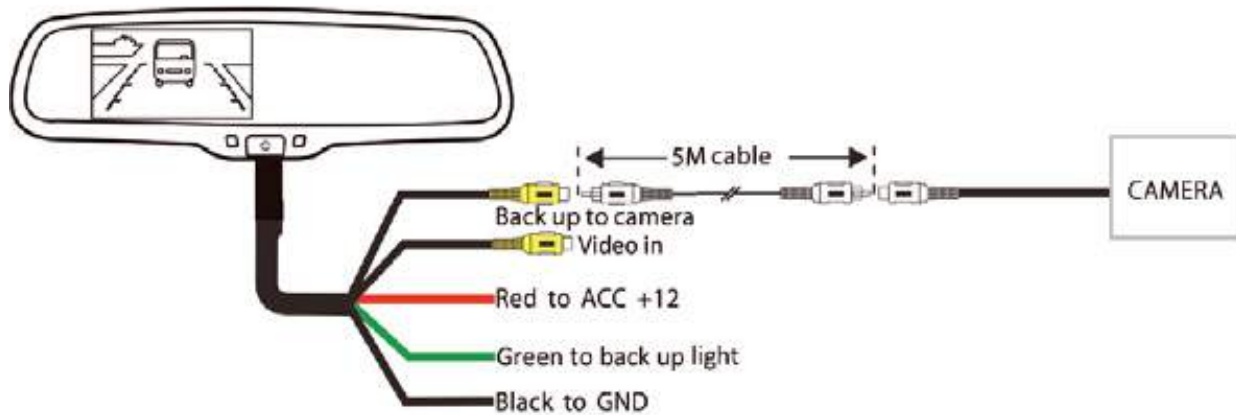
**FIGURE 1.1**



**FIGURE 1.2**

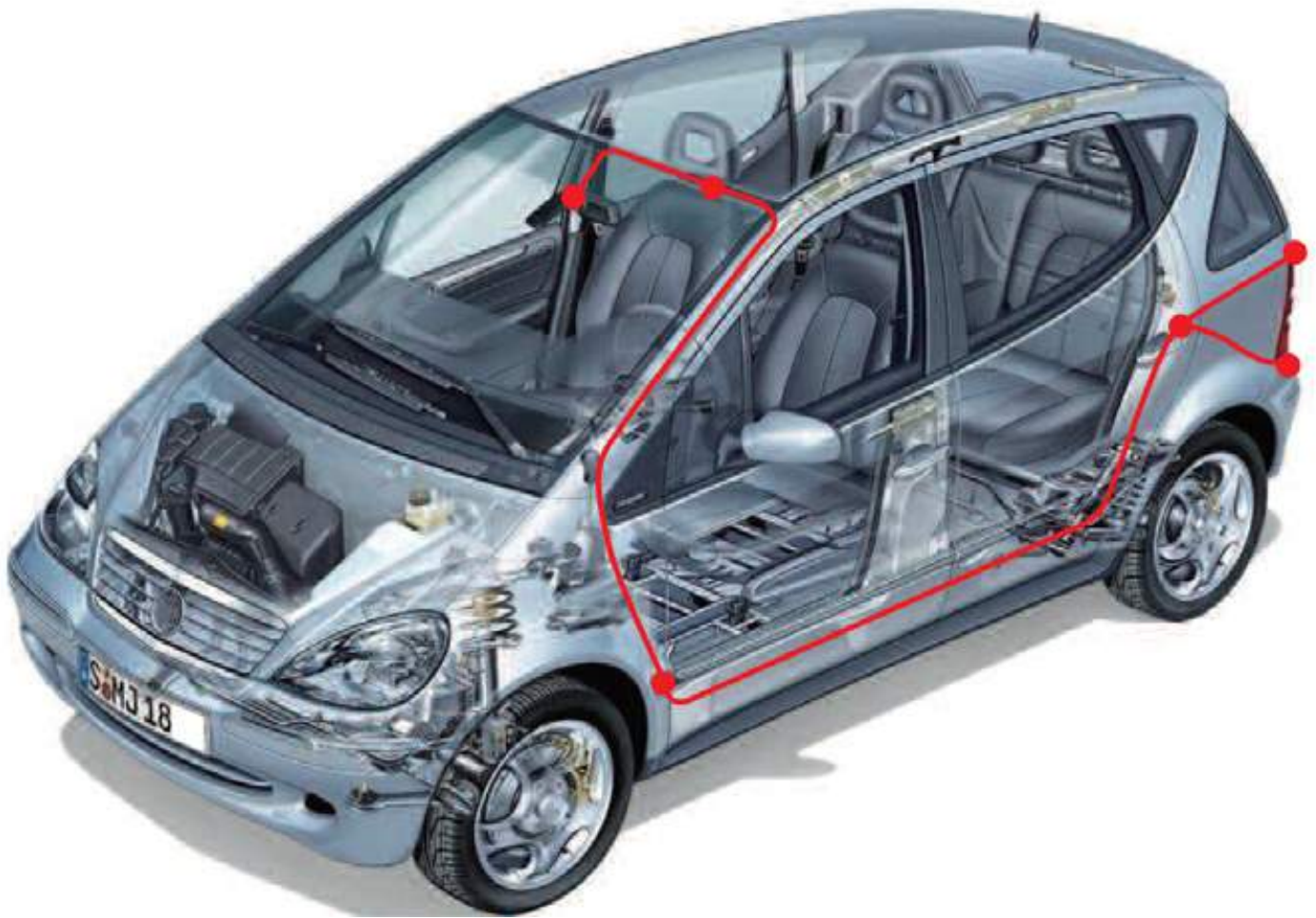


**FIGURE 2.1**



1. RED- Power (+)
2. YELLOW- Video
3. GREEN- Mirror / Normal Imaging
4. WHITE- Audio
5. BLACK- Ground (-)

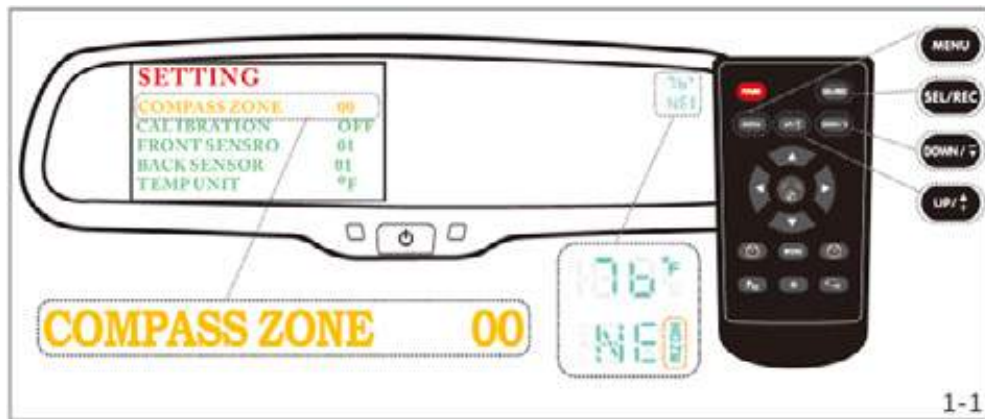
**FIGURE 2.2**



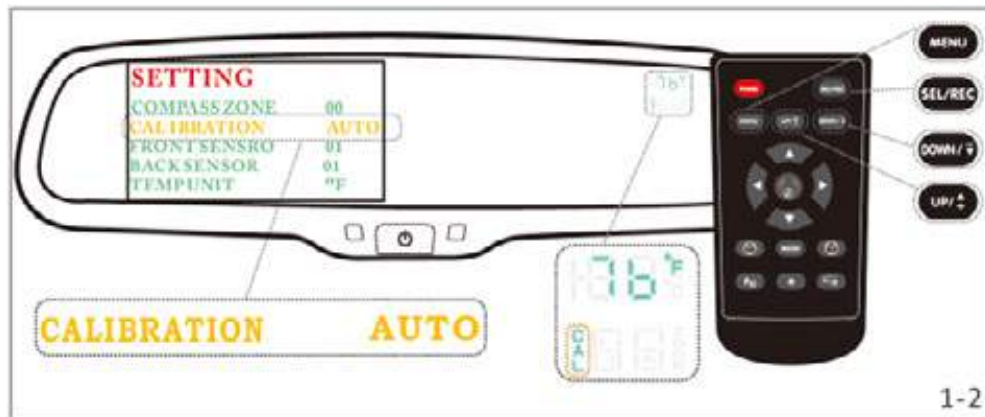
## Digital Compass Calibration

The compass can be calibrated by driving your vehicle in several complete circles. See figures below. If the vehicle's compass headings become inaccurate, the compass can also be manually calibrated:

1. Press the "MENU" three times to enter into "SETTING" menu, and press "SEL/REC" button to choose the "ANGLE". you can press "UP""DOWN" to adjust the angle. Please visit: <http://magnetic-declination.com/> to find out the compass angle of your area. 5-1.



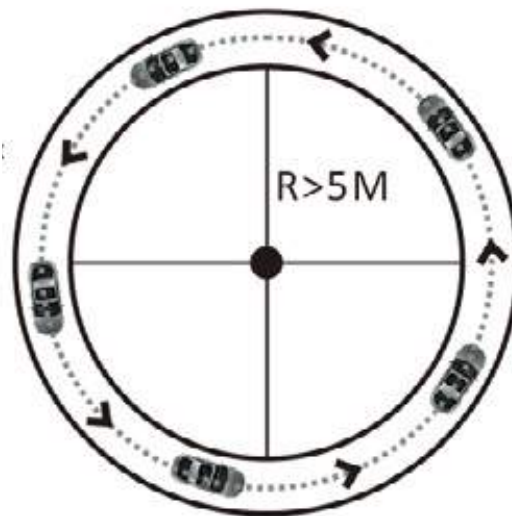
2. Press "SEL/REC" to select the "CALIBRATION", the default mode is "OFF", press "DOWN" select the "AUTO" 1-2



3. Drive your vehicle in at least 2 circles counterclockwise, allowing 90 seconds to complete one circle.

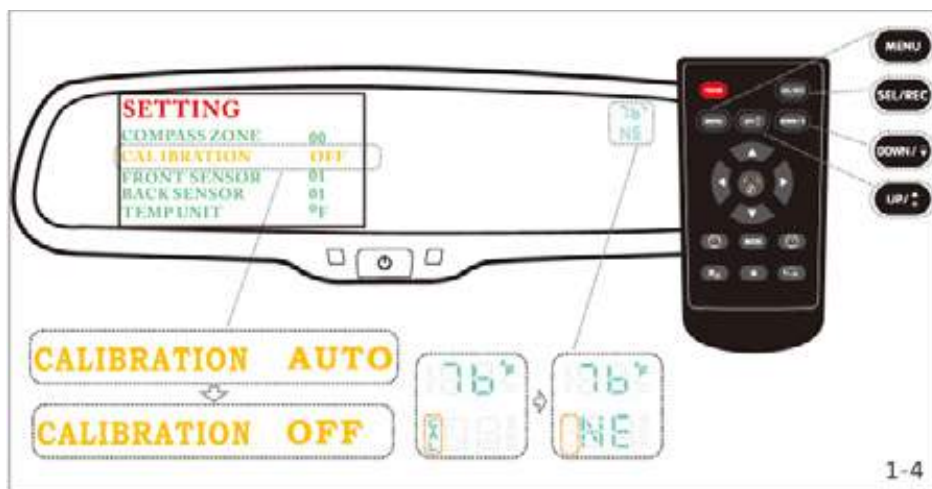
4. Keep your circle radius close to 5 meters and your speed less than 10km/h for the most accurate calibration. 1-3.

- 2 circles
- speed < 10 km/h
- counterclockwise



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5. Press "SEL/REC" to select the "CALIBRATION", press "UP" "DOWN", select the "OFF" 1-4



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### **Caution**

1. Make sure the rear view mirror is clearly visible to the driver before calibration.
2. Do not calibrate the compass near a large truck.
3. Make sure that you drive in several complete circles, the steering wheel needs to reach a certain angle for calibration to function properly. The diameter of the driving circle should be close to 5 meters.
4. Do not drive too fast when calibrating, your pace should be equal to one third normal adult walking speed. Complete 2-3 circles to finish the calibration.
5. After a new car audio system is installed, the compass needs to be recalibrated. This is because the car's magnetic field has changed.

## Q&A

Q: Why does the compass need to be calibrated?

A: The magnetism of a car is stronger than the magnetism of the Earth. The compass will only function properly if it is calibrated to the magnetic conditions of Earth.

Q: Why is compass not accurate in some areas?

A: In some areas, such as iron mines, high-intensity magnetic fields change the Earth's magnetism.

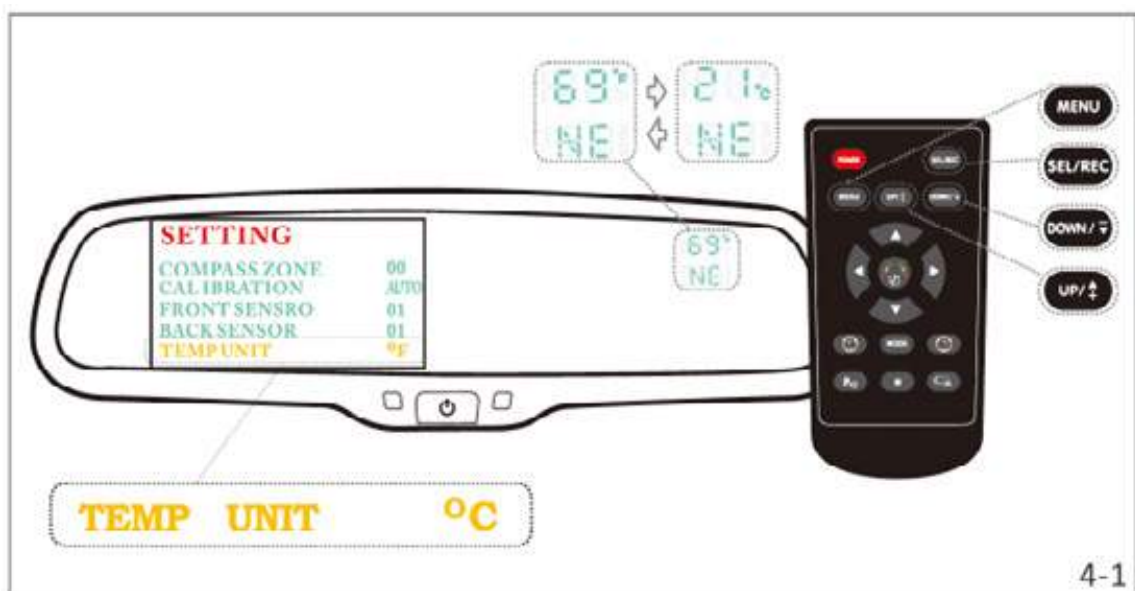
Q: Why are old cars more difficult to calibrate than new cars?

A: The older a car is, the more magnetized it will be. More magnetized cars are more difficult to calibrate and may still have problems after calibration.

## Temperature Setting (Option)

How switch the temperature unit.

Press the "MENU" enter into "SETTING" menu, and press "SEL/REC" button to choose the "TEMP UNIT". press "UP" "DOWN" you can switch °F to °C 4-1.



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## ***Temperature Sensor Installation***

Locate the temperature sensor between the front of the radiator and the front bumper. Slide the metal clip over the edge of the sheet metal or plastic shield until it is secure. Do not install the temperature sensor near the engine.

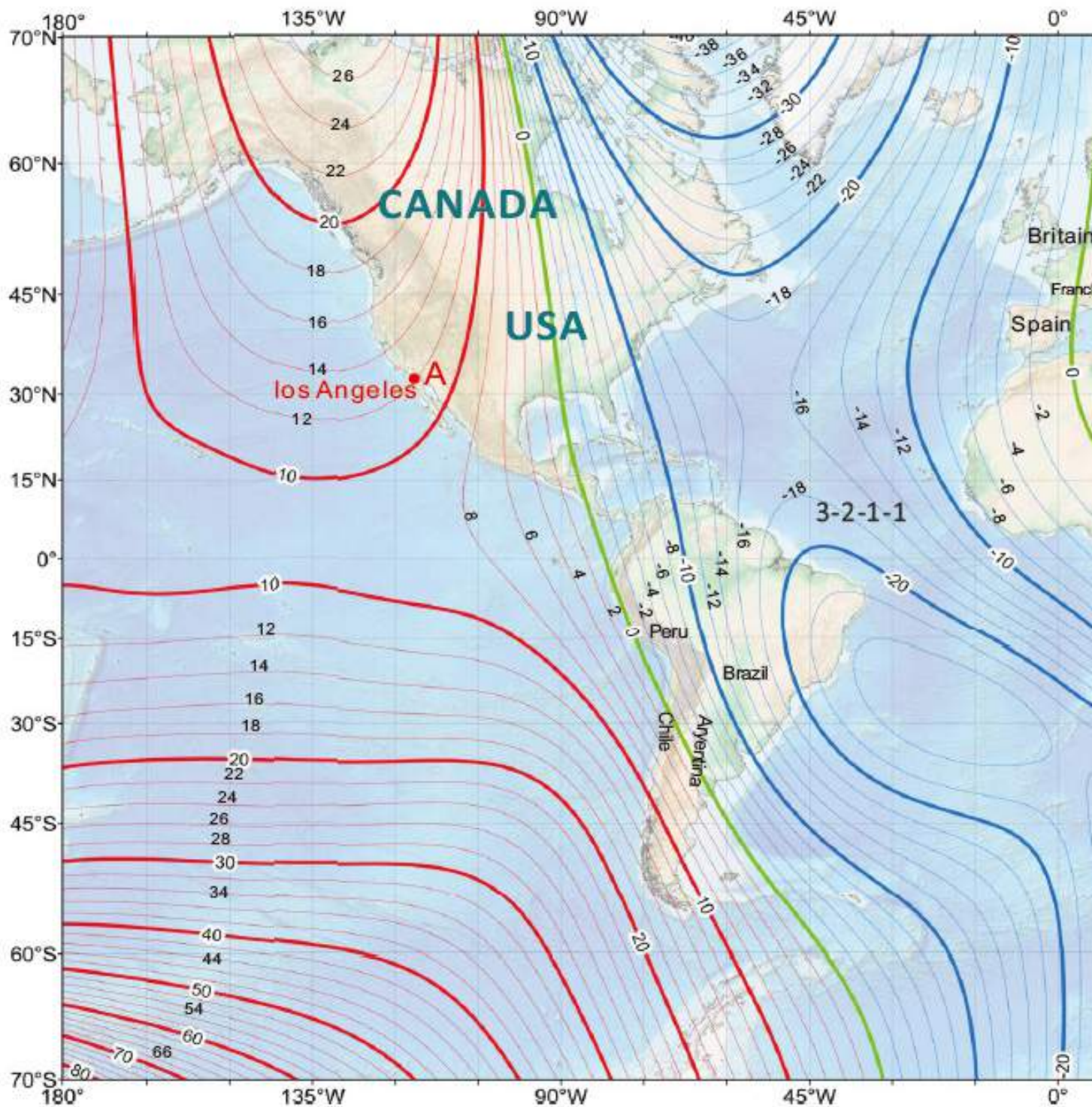


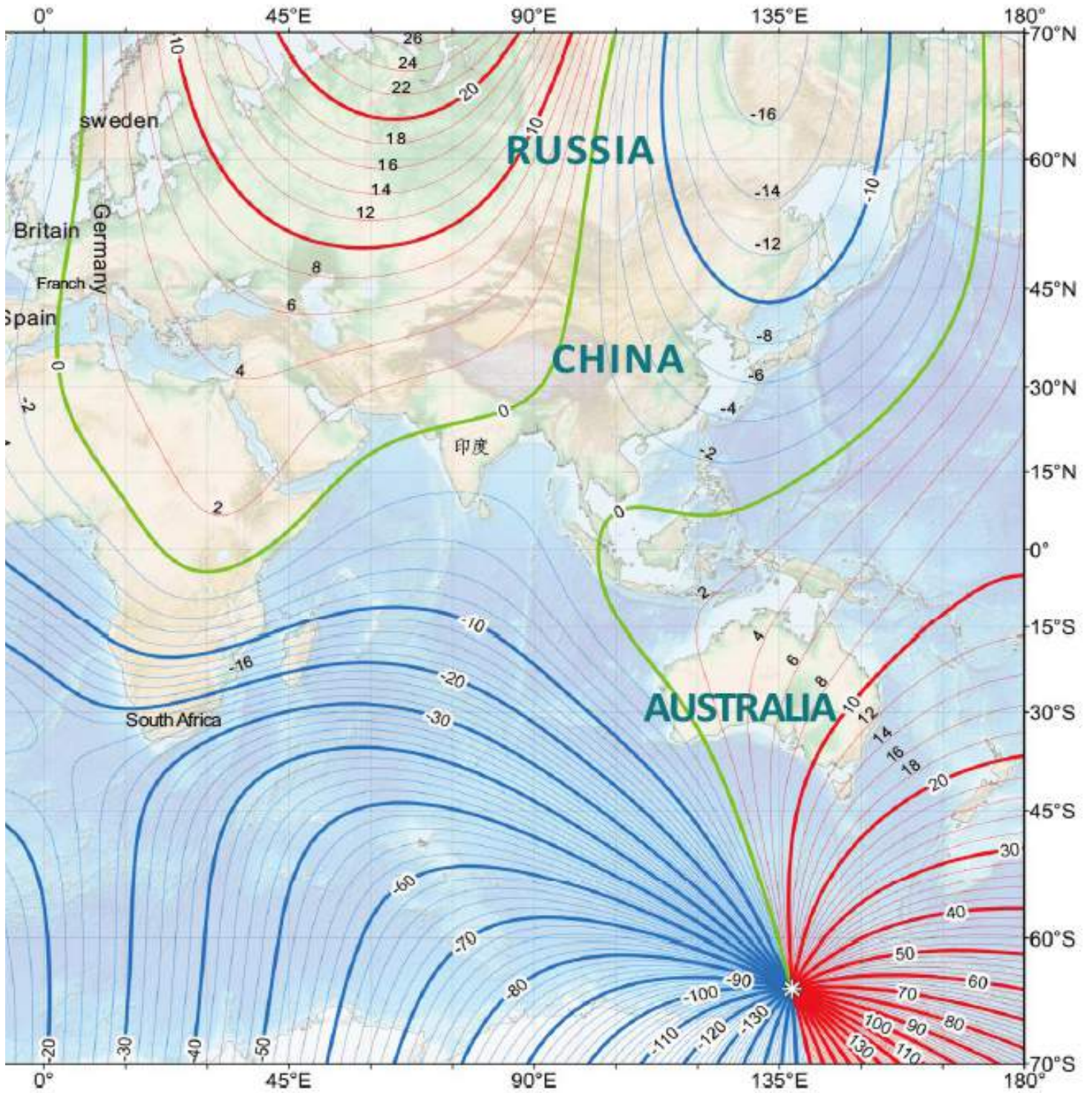
## ***The Distribution Of Magnetic Fluxline***

We do not recommend using the compass in an area with high magnetic lines of flux. For example, in the north of Canada.

New York: -13	Beijing: -7
Ottawa:-15	New Delhi:1
Los angeles: 4	DuBai:2
Sao Paulo:-20	Paris:0
Moscow: 10	Berlin: 4
Capetown: 16	Canberra: 12

**MAGNETIC FLUXLINE DISTRIBUTION**





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## About Our Monitor



### SPECIFICATIONS:

Screen Size:	4.3"
Display Screen:	TFT-LCD
Display Resolution:	400(H)x234(V)
Aspect Ratio:	16:9
Color Depth:	16.7M dithering
Pixel Pitch (mm)	0.219x0.219
Power Consumption:	8W
Working Voltage:	DC12V
Video Input:	VIDEO-IN to GPS/DVD (Default) Camera to backup camera
Signal System:	PAL/Auto/NTSC

## *No Image On Screen*

- Do a hard reset, unplug all cables and power cables, leave out for 1 minute and then re-connect them
- Check to ensure that the connection to the camera is tight
- Verify camera cable is plugged into port labeled Backup Camera
- Verify that the green positive trigger on power harness is put to power 12v+
- Verify camera is on correct camera input
- Verify cable is connected to monitor
- Verify camera is connected to cable
- Connect known working camera and cable to monitor
- Verify Green trigger is receiving power

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