

Cruise Control - Citroen XM 2.5 TD

Cruise Control is fitted as standard on 2.5 TD Exclusive models. None of my 3 VSX 2.5 TD's were factory fitted but all have been successfully retro fitted just by adding the control and engagement switches. The wiring was found to be insitu complete with plugs to fit both the switches. After installation, on next turn on of the ignition the ECU recognised the presence of the cruise controls. Learning how to use cruise was the biggest problem in all of this and took a few days. Broadly the dash switch enables and disables cruise capability. The steering column lever sets cruise into action and selects speed. Cruise can be disabled by flicking the column lever or using the brake. See drivers manual for full details.

Components needed:

Engagement switch – Part No 96 132 778 ZL – cost £25.87plus vat

Control switch – Part No 6552 HK – cost £15.32 plus vat (in Sept 2004)

Fitting:

First check that the cruise control wiring and plugs are present in the car.

1. Prize out the blank switch above the climate controls on the dash and check that a yellow plug with 4 wires is present. This will take the control switch. See figs 1 and 2 below:



Figure 1



Figure 2

2. Take off the lower plastic shroud on the steering column and by the ignition switch you should see a brown plug and connector. Immediately above this should be found a grey plug with 5 wires fitted to a brown blank socket. This grey plug and blank socket will be held in place with a cable tie. The engagement switch will come with a wired brown socket to fit to the grey plug. See figs 3 and 4.



Figure 3



Figure 4

The engagement switch fits to the lower half of the steering column shroud. You will find 3 plastic pillar mouldings to take the 3 mounting screws on the inside of the shroud. See fig 5.



Figure 5

A hole will need to be drilled in the side of the shroud to let the engagement lever fit through with sufficient space for it to operate. The hole that I needed to drill can be seen in fig 5 just above the three switch mounting pillars. I used a 22mm hole saw and this is about the same size as the purpose made hole in the shroud of an exclusive model. The centre of the hole was 15mm to the side of the vertical crease between the two angles at the side of the shroud and 28mm from the base of the shroud. Figs 6 and 7 show the shroud before and after drilling the hole. Note that the shroud is shown upside down in these photos.



Figure 6



Figure 7

Reassemble the shroud and then test the new controls.