

ND reversing cameras

Words & photos: Bob De Bont

Bob de Bont wrote this “simple article” for all the ND owners who have had the reversing camera fitted.

It is based on an article posted on the US forum, *MX-5 miata.net*, by one of our members, “Philbie”.

This can be found at
<https://forum.miata.net/vb/showthread.php?t=632290>

We also asked Bob for ideas for reversing cameras for earlier model MX-5s that don't have the digital screen built into the dash.

His answer: “Depends what you want and how much you want to pay.”

For those interested, here are some links Bob provided to check out:

» **Purely for distance, a reverse sensor might work, something like this:**

<https://www.autobarn.com.au/gator-wireless-rear-parking-sensor-kit>

» **Or you can get a camera with a screen in a replacement inside mirror, something like this:**

<https://www.autobarn.com.au/gator-43-reversing-system-camera>

A number of auto accessory fitters specialise in fitting these

» **Sensor**

<https://touchupguys.com.au/safety-parking-sensors/>

<http://www.thecarkitcompany.com.au/products/parking-sensors.html>

» **Camera**

http://www.thecarkitcompany.com.au/reversing-cameras#types_of_reversing_cameras

Club member **Alan Bennett** has also been doing some research, and suggests this link for an online review and comparison of different offerings:

» <http://www.toptenreviews.com/home/auto/best-backup-camera/>

At a recent Club run I had a quick look at the reversing cameras on a number of NDs, and it appears to be two ways for the dealers to fit the camera: the simple way ... and the correct way.

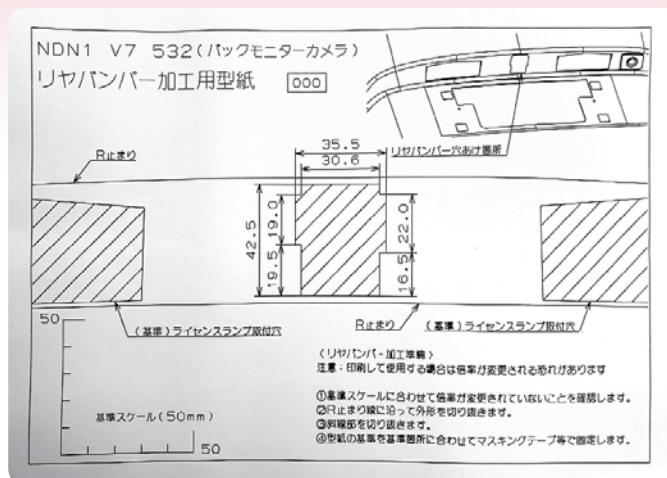
The correct way has the camera mounting hoops on the inside of the bumper, hiding the hinged section and a fair amount of the camera (photo 1).



If the camera stands out (photo 2) then the dealer has taken the simple option.



It appears the camera is provided with a template and vague instructions.



If it were my MX-5, I would take it back to the dealer (along with these photos) and request that it be installed correctly. ●