

What is the difference between “Browse” and “Remote” modes on a Denon iPod dock

On many new Denon receivers and systems you will find a 3.5mm iPod control terminal on the back panel which allows you to connect a Denon iPod dock and control the iPod itself using the remote control of the Denon receiver or system. This is called using the iPod dock in “Browse” mode.

On all current series iPod docks this “Browse” mode will allow audio playback from just about every iPod on the market, including the iPhone 3G.

The 3.5mm control bus cable not only allows control of the dock but also supplies a metadata feed to the receiver of all the track information of from the iPod. When using the Denon ASD11R dock this metadata is then converted to OSD information by the OSD function of the receiver so that the information can be viewed on a TV. If the receiver you are connecting the ASD11R to does not have an OSD function then no OSD can be generated.

The new ASD3N and ASD3W will generate their own OSD (Graphic User Interface) which means connection of the dock’s S-Video output to any display will provide a very smart and intuitive GUI with any receiver or system.

However playback of video and slideshows from some iPod will not work when in the “Browse” mode. If you have an iPod that will not playback video in “Browse” mode and you are using a Denon AV receiver you will need to press the mode button on the AVR remote and switch the receiver into “Remote” mode, this will be displayed on the front panel of the AVR.

“Remote” mode means that you now must use the controls of the actual iPod to navigate the iPod’s menu and make your selection from the iPod’s display panel and please remember to make sure the iPod has been set up for video playback in its own menu first.

When connecting a Denon iPod dock to a non Denon receiver or system simply do not connect the 3.5 control terminal to the Denon iPod dock and the dock will default to “Remote” mode and can be operated from the iPod itself.

In the case of the new ASD3N and ASD3W they actually come with their own remote control which will only work when the dock is in “Remote” mode.

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