K+DCAN USB Interface



Application Note Compatibility Mode

(For older, K-Line equipped Vehicles)

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Our K+DCAN USB Interface came in the beginning unlike products from other vendors with full backward compatibility to older K-Line equipped vehicles, many of those vehicles use besides the primary K-Line on pin7 also the secondary K-Line on pin8 for additional modules (ECUs). Unfortunately on the latest F Series DCAN equipped vehicles that pin got re-used as Ethernet activation which interfered with that full backward compatibility by causing connection problems.

Because most customers prefer the ability to work on latest DCAN equipped vehicles over the full backward compatibility to older K-Line equipped vehicles - pin8 was physically removed from the Interface to enable that. The consequence from that step is that when used in backward compatibility mode on older K-Line equipped vehicles that the Interface now only covers modules (ECUs) connected to the primary K-Line on pin7. Modules (ECUs) connected to the secondary K-Line on pin8 will no longer be directly accessible.



Close-up Picture of an Interface with pin8 removed (Second Generation)

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The Solution for full backward compatibility to older K-Line equipped vehicles to cover both the primary and secondary K-Lines again without compromising the connection to newest DCAN equipped vehicles such as the F Series comes in form of an small OBD2 male to OBD2 female Adapter that gets plugged in between the Interface and the older K-Line equipped vehicle.

This Adapter is available for purchase as an add-on and (if not stated otherwise in the offer) is normally NOT included with the Interface.



Picture of the Adapter that gets plugged in between the Interface and older K-Line equipped vehicles

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