

Video-inserter RL4-R40-E

Compatible with
Chevrolet vehicles

with MyLink infotainment and 7inch monitor
with separated radio unit

Opel vehicles

with R4.0 IntelliLink infotainment and 7inch monitor
with separated radio unit



examples

**Video-inserter for front- and rear-view camera
and two additional video sources**

Product features

- Video-inserter for factory-infotainment systems
- 1 CVBS Input for rear-view camera
- 1 CVBS Input for front camera
- 2 CVBS video-inputs for after-market devices (e.g. USB-Player, DVB-T2 tuner)
- Automatic switching to rear-view camera input on engagement of the reverse gear
- Automatic front camera switching after reverse gear for 10 seconds
- Activatable parking guide lines for rear-view camera (not available for all vehicles)
- Video-in-motion (ONLY for connected video-sources)
- Video-inputs NTSC compatible

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Legal Information

By law, watching moving pictures while driving is prohibited, the driver must not be distracted. We do not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury resulting, directly or indirectly, from installation or operation of this product. This product should only be used while standing or to display fixed menus or rear-view-camera video when the vehicle is moving, for example the MP3 menu for DVD upgrades.

Changes/updates of the vehicle's software can cause malfunctions of the interface. We offer free software-updates for our interfaces for one year after purchase. To receive a free update, the interface must be sent in at own cost. Labour cost for and other expenses involved with the software-updates will not be refunded.

1. Prior to installation

Read the manual prior to installation.

Technical knowledge is necessary for installation. The place of installation must be free of moisture and away from heat sources.

1.1. Delivery contents



Take down the serial number of the interface and store this manual for support purposes:

1.2. Checking the compatibility of vehicle and accessories

Requirements

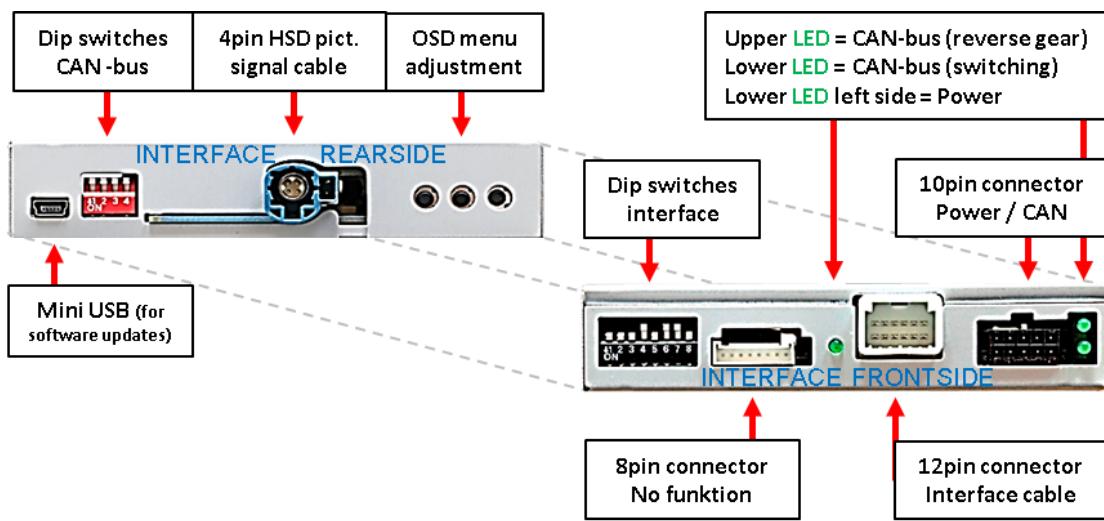
Brand	Compatible vehicles	Infotainment
Chevrolet	Camaro model years since 2016	MyLink - 7" monitor with separate radio-bo
Opel	Astra K (Sports Tourer + 5-Türer) model year since 2016 til 2019, Insignia B model year 2017 - 06/2018 Karl up to 03/2018	R4.0 IntelliLink - 7" monitor with separate radio-box

Limitations

Video only	The interface inserts ONLY video signals into the infotainment. For inserting Audio signals either the possibly existing factory audio-AUX-input or a FM-modulator can be used. In case that 2 AV sources shall be connected, a desired audio switching will require additional electronic.
Factory rear-view camera	Automatically switching-back from inserted video to factory rear-view camera is only possible while the reverse gear is engaged. To delay the switch-back an additional electronic part is required.
After market front camera	The front camera will automatically be switched for 10 seconds after disengaging the reverse gear. A manually front camera switching is possible by external keypad.
Guidelines	Displayed guidelines are not available in all vehicles.
Video input signal	NTSC video sources compatible only.

1.3. Connectors Video Interface

The video-interface converts the video signals of connected after-market sources in a factory monitor compatible picture signal which is inserted in the factory monitor, by using separate trigger options.



1.4. Dip-switch settings

1.4.1. 8 dip - black

Some settings have to be selected by the dip-switches on the video interface.

Dip position down is ON and position up is OFF.



Dip	Function	ON (down)	OFF (up)
1	Front camera	enabled*	disabled
	Power supply output (red wire)	+12V (max. 3A) when reverse gear is engaged incl. 10 seconds delay and +12V by manual switching to front camera by keypad	No function
2	CVBS AV1-input	enabled	disabled
3	CVBS AV2-input	enabled	disabled
4	No function		set to OFF
5	Rear-view cam type	after-market	factory or none
6	Guidelines	enabled	disabled
7	Vertikale Bildspiegelung	enabled	disabled
	No function		set to OFF

After each Dip-switch-change a power-reset of the Video interface has to be performed!

*The front camera will automatically be switched for 10 seconds after disengaging the reverse gear.

See the following chapters for detailed information.

1.4.1.1. Activating the front camera input (dip 1)

If set to ON, the interface switches for 10 seconds from the rear-view camera to the front camera input after having disengaged the reverse gear. In addition, a manual switch-over to the front camera input is possible via keypad (short press) from any image mode.

Description of the power supply output: see chapter “Power supply output”.

1.4.1.2. Enabling the interface’s video inputs (dip 2-3)

Only the enabled video inputs can be accessed when switching through the interface’s video sources. It is recommended to enable only the required inputs, disabled inputs will be skipped when switching through the video-interfaces inputs.

1.4.1.3. Rear-view camera setting (dip 5)

If set to OFF, the interface switches to factory picture while the reverse gear is engaged to display factory rear-view camera.

If set to ON, the interface switches to its rear-view camera input „**Camera-IN**“ while the reverse gear is engaged.

1.4.1.4. Guidelines (Dip 6)

If set to ON, the interface is activated to show the guide lines for the rear-view camera while the vehicle is in reverse mode (not available for all vehicles).



Note: Some vehicles have a different code on the CAN-bus which the video-interface is not compatible with. If the interface does not completely communicate with the vehicle CAN bus, the reverse gear guide-lines can't be shown during the vehicle's operation, even if they in some vehicles once appear after having switched the system to powerless!

1.4.1.5. Vertical picture mirroring (dip7)

Dip 7 adjusts a vertical mirroring of the inserted videos on the monitor. If the monitor representation of inserted videos should be shown 180° twisted, the setting for dip7 has to be ON.

Note: Dips 4 and 8 are out of function and have to be set to **OFF**.

After each Dip-switch-change a power-reset of the Video Interface has to be performed!

1.4.2. 4 dip - red

By using the Dip-switches, the factory Head-unit or vehicle can be chosen which the interface will be connected to.

Dip position down is ON and position up is OFF.



Set all dip switches to off

Vehicle/Navigation	Dip 1	Dip 2	Dip 3	Dip 4
All vehicles	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF

2. Installation

To install the interface, first switch off the ignition and disconnect the vehicle's battery. Please read the owner's manual of the car, regarding the battery's disconnection! If required, enable the car's Sleep-mode (hibernation mode). In case the sleep-mode does not succeed, the disconnection of the battery can be done with a resistor lead.

As with any installation of retrofit equipment, a stand-by test is necessary after the installation of the video interface, to ensure that the unit also switches off after reaching the vehicle's sleep mode.

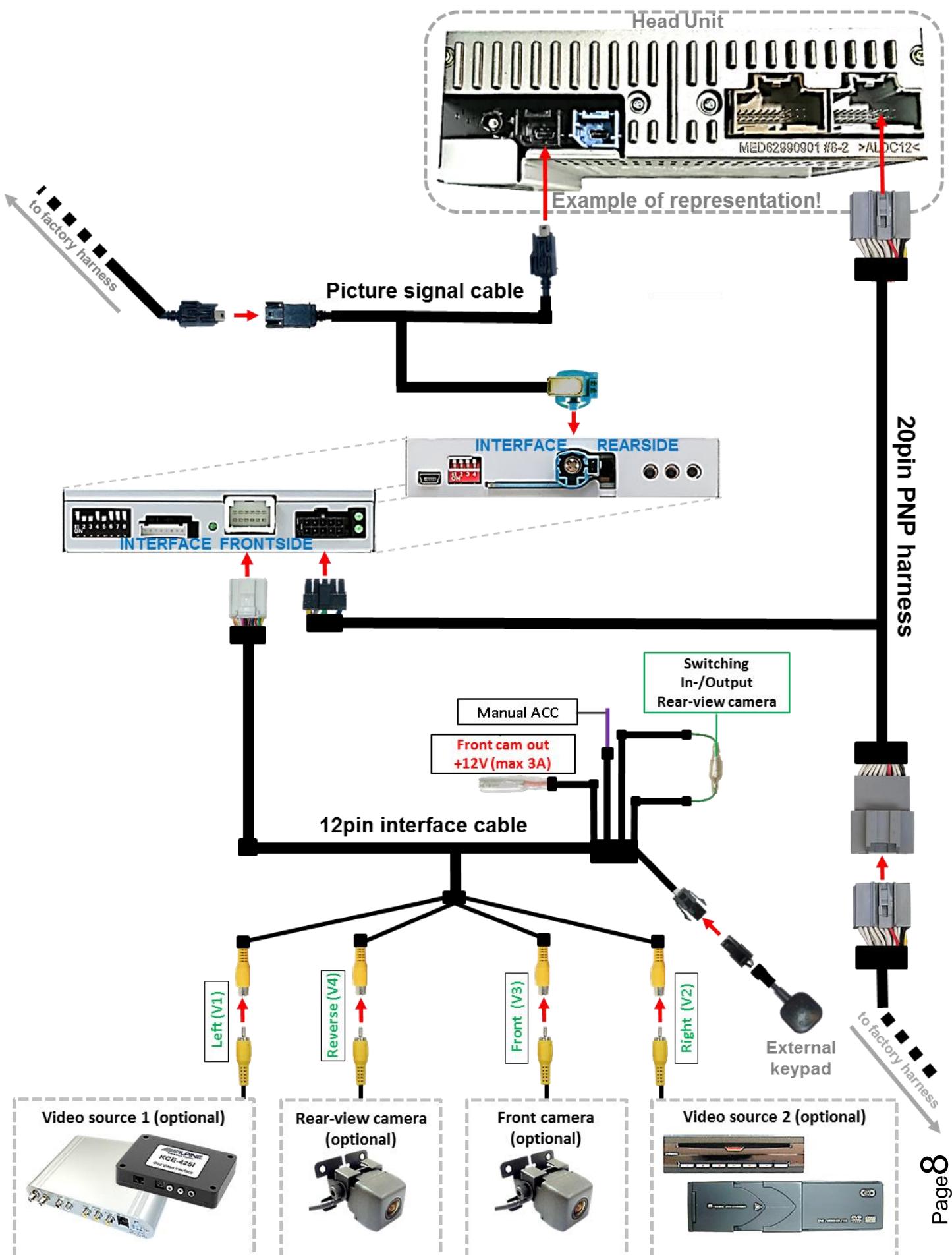
Before the final installation, we recommend a test-run of the interface. Due to changes in the production of the vehicle manufacturer, there's always the possibility of incompatibility.

2.1. Place of connection

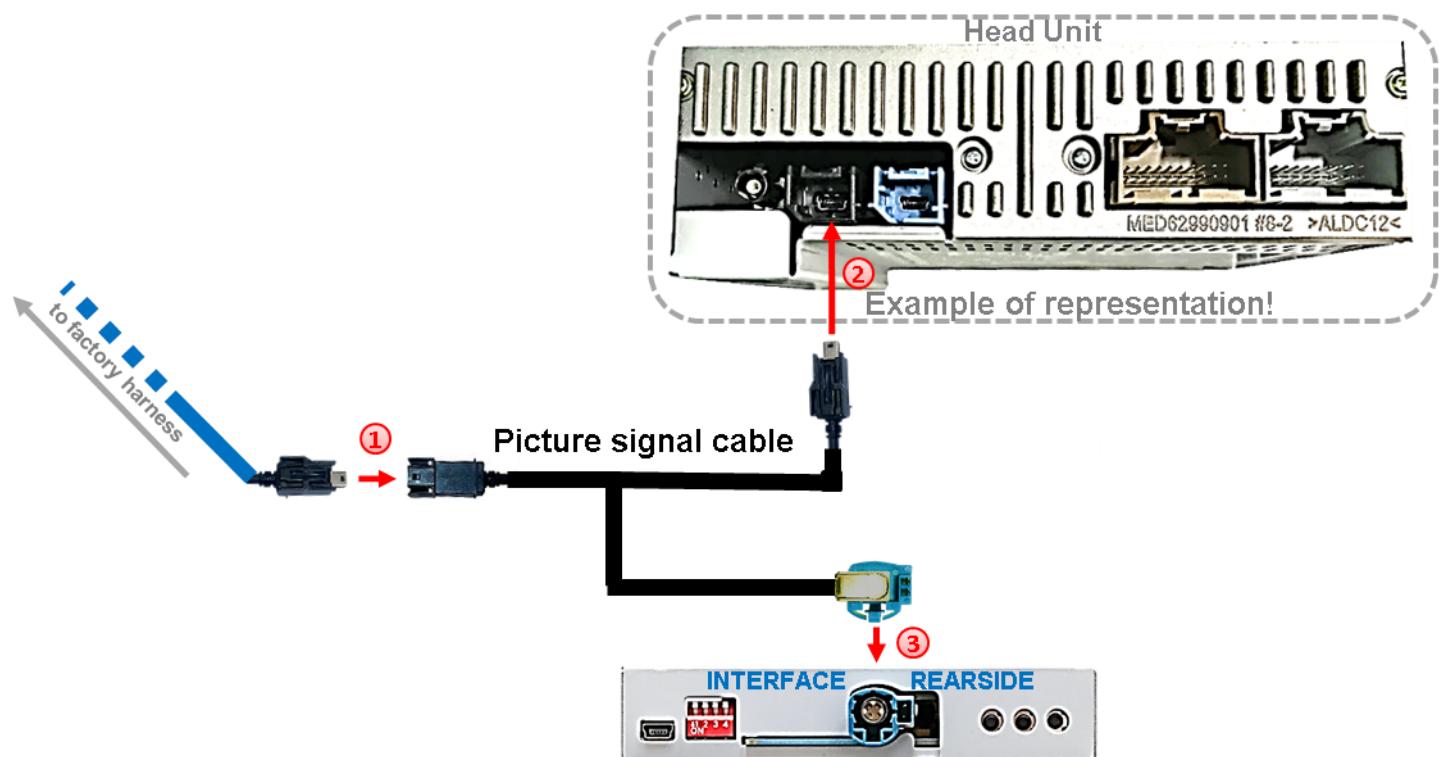
The video interface has to be connected at the vehicle's head unit.

In the Astra K, the head unit is installed on the passenger side under the A-pillar.

2.2. Connection Scheme



2.3. Connection – picture signal cable

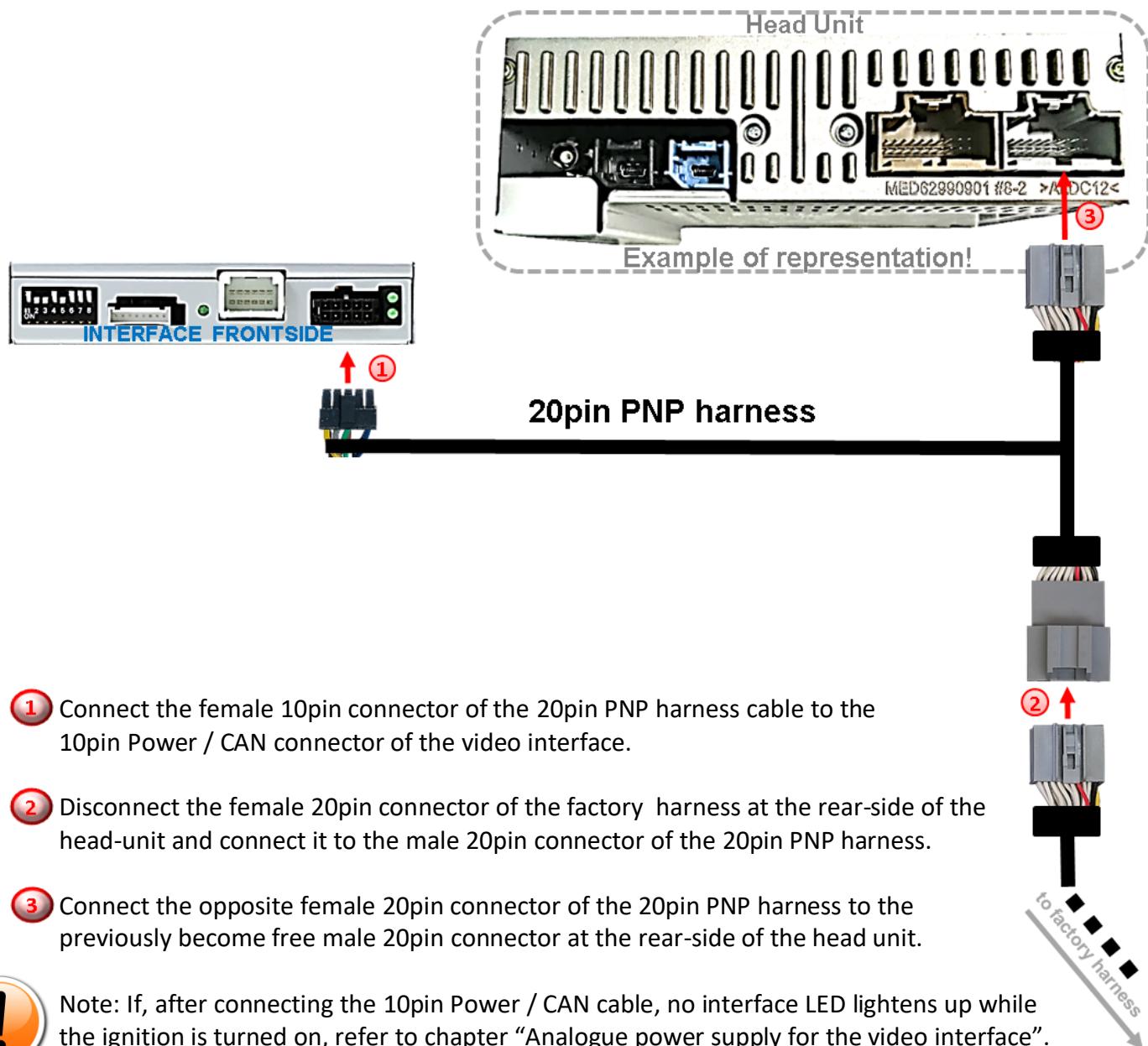


- ① Disconnect the factory picture signal cable's female USB connector with the blue coloured cable from the rear-side of the head unit and connect it to the black coloured male USB connector of the enclosed picture signal cable.
- ② Connect the opposite black coloured female connector of the enclosed picture signal cable to the previously become free male HSD+2 connector of the video interface.
- ③ Connect the female waterblue coloured HSD+2 connector of the picture signal cable to the waterblue coloured male HSD+2 connector of the video interface.

Note!

Exceptionally, the USB connection between the vehicle harness and the enclosed picture signal cable may not fit in all vehicles. In this case, the USB connectors have to be modified to arrange a proper connection.

2.4. Connection – 20pin PNP harness



- ① Connect the female 10pin connector of the 20pin PNP harness cable to the 10pin Power / CAN connector of the video interface.
- ② Disconnect the female 20pin connector of the factory harness at the rear-side of the head-unit and connect it to the male 20pin connector of the 20pin PNP harness.
- ③ Connect the opposite female 20pin connector of the 20pin PNP harness to the previously become free male 20pin connector at the rear-side of the head unit.



Note: If, after connecting the 10pin Power / CAN cable, no interface LED lightens up while the ignition is turned on, refer to chapter "Analogue power supply for the video interface".

Please carry out the following checks:

Check 1

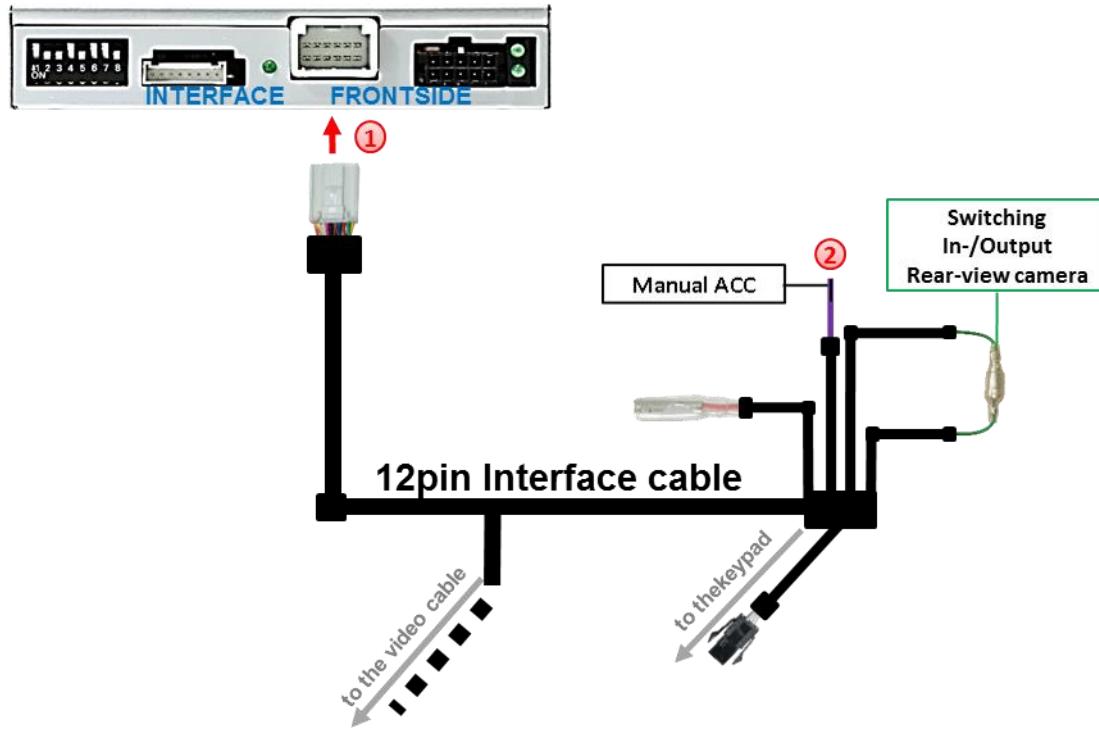
Exceptionally, the CAN communication may not succeed in all vehicles! If, after connecting the PNP harness, no interface LED lightens up while the ignition is turned on, additionally the analog power supply needs to be done! (see following chapter)

Check 2

Exceptionally, the power supply to the video interfaces may not be interrupted after switching to the vehicle's sleep mode. If the interface LEDs continue to shine even in the vehicle's sleep mode, please contact the support!

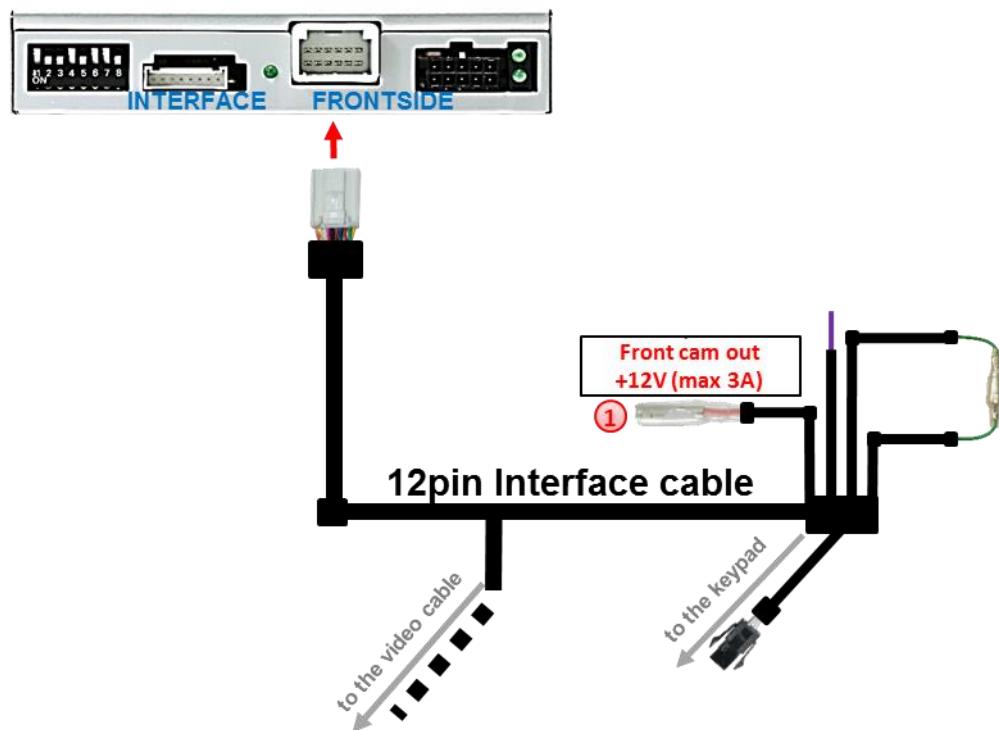
2.5. Analog power supply

If the communication between the CAN box and the vehicle's CAN bus does not succeed (not all vehicles are compatible), an analogue connection is required.



- ① Connect the female 12pin connector of the 12pin interface cable to the male 12pin connector of the video interface.
- ② Connect the 12pin interface cable's purple coloured wire **Manual ACC** to +12V **Ignition power** or to +12V **S-contact terminal 86s +12V** (e.g. glove compartment illumination).

2.6. Power supply output



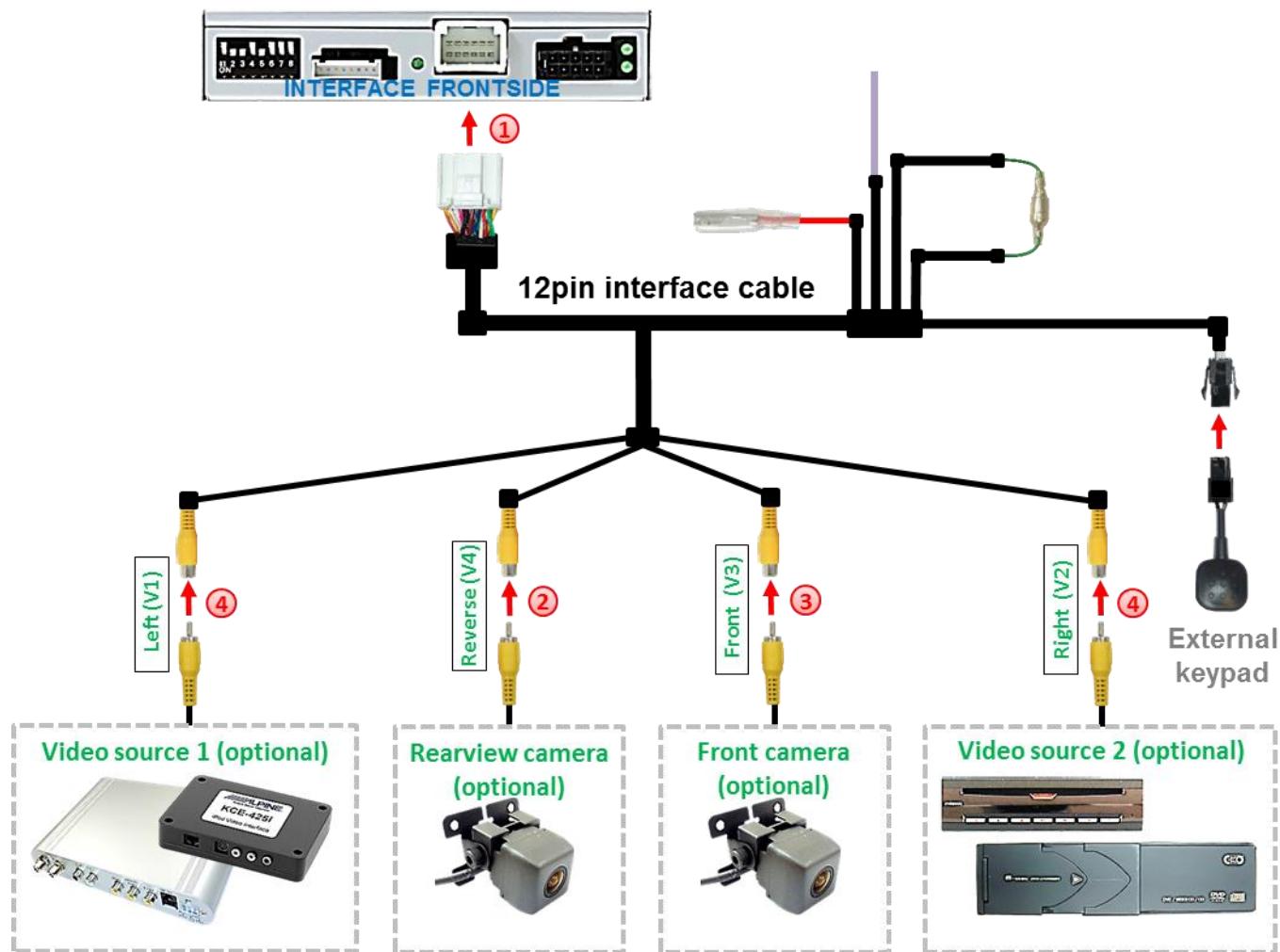
- ① The red power supply output **Front cam out +12V (max 3A)** can be used to power a front cam with dip switch 1 (of the black 8 dips) to ON.

Dip	Function
Dip 1 ON	+12V (max. 3A) when reverse gear is engaged incl. 10 seconds delay after reverse gear is disengaged and +12V by manual switching to front camera by keypad (short press)
Dip 1 OFF	No function

2.7. Connecting Video sources

It is possible to connect an after-market rear-view camera, an after-market front camera and two more video sources to the video-interface.

Before the final installation, we recommend a test-run to detect a incompatibility of vehicle and interface. Due to changes in the production of the vehicle manufacturer there's always a possibility of incompatibility.

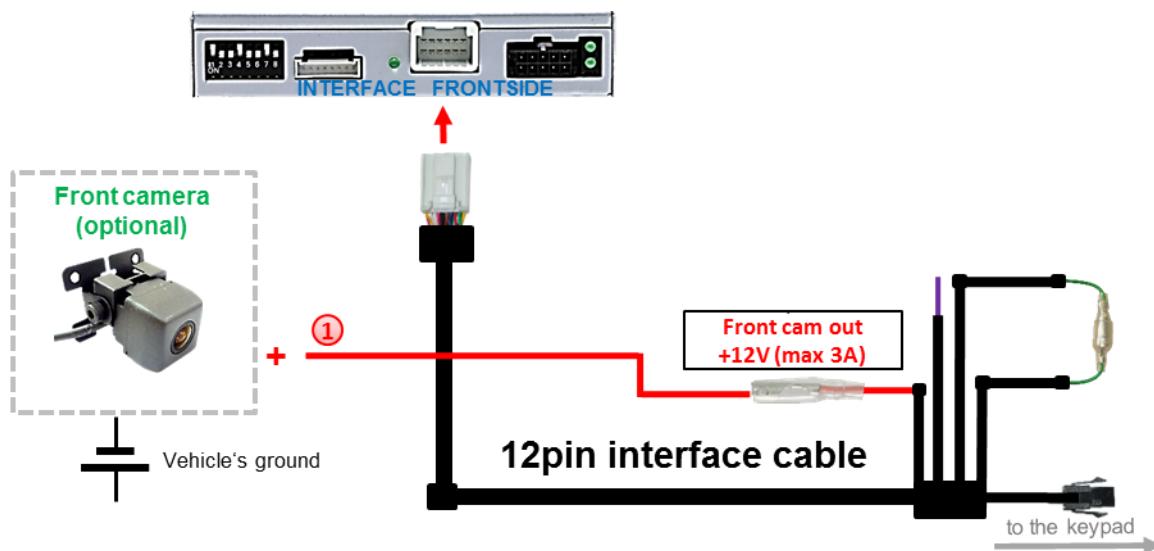


- ① Connect the 12pin interface cable's female 12pin connector to the male 12pin connector of the video-interface.
- ② Connect the video RCA of the Rear-view camera to the 12pin interface cable's female RCA connector „Reverse V4“.
- ③ Connect the front camera's video RCA connector to the 12pin interface cable's female RCA connector „Front V3“.
- ④ Connect the video RCA of the AV source 1 and 2 to the 12pin interface cable's female RCA connector “Left (V1)” and “Right (V2)“.

2.7.1. Audio-insertion

This interface is only able to insert video signals into the factory infotainment. If an AV-source is connected, the audio insertion has to be done by the factory audio AUX input or an FM-modulator. The inserted video-signal can be activated simultaneously to each audio-mode of the factory infotainment. If 2 AV sources shall be connected to the infotainment, additional electronic is necessary to switch the audio signals.

2.7.2. After-market front camera



- ① The red power supply output **Front cam out 12V (max 3A)** can be used to power a front camera. If Dip 1 is set to ON (black 8 dips), the power supply output gives +12V (max 3A) when reverse gear is engaged incl. 10 seconds delay after reverse gear is disengaged.

Note: In addition, a manual switch-over to the front camera input is possible via keypad (short press) from any image mode. The power supply output gives +12V then, as well (if Dip 1 is set to ON and the front camera input is selected).

Attention: A long press of the external keypad push button will switch the interface to the next source.

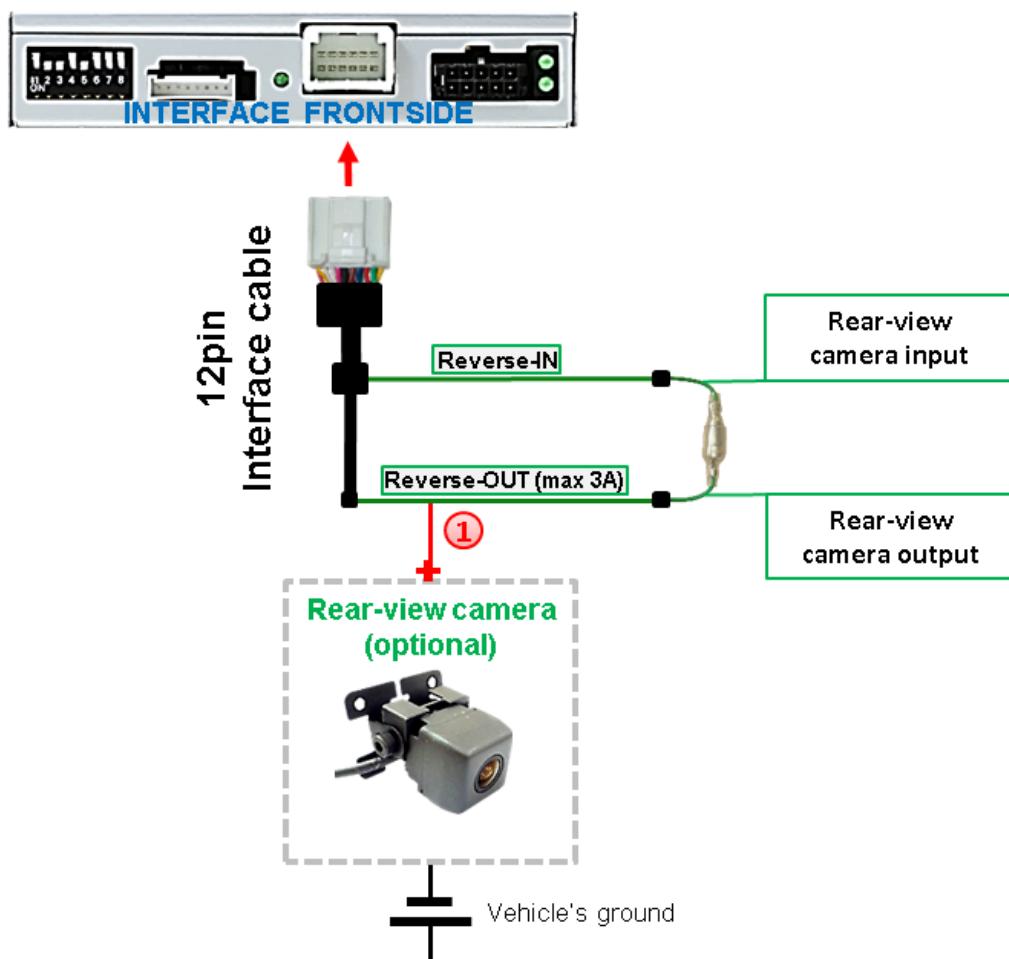
2.7.3. After-market rear-view camera:

Some vehicles have a different reverse gear code on the CAN-bus which doesn't communicate with the interface's CAN. In this case there are two different ways of installation. If the interface's CAN is able to detect an enabled vehicle's reverse gear, the green wire of the 6pin to 12pin cable should carry +12V while the reverse gear is engaged.

Note: Do not forget to set dip5 of video-interface to ON before testing.

2.7.3.1. Case 1: Interface receives the reverse gear signal

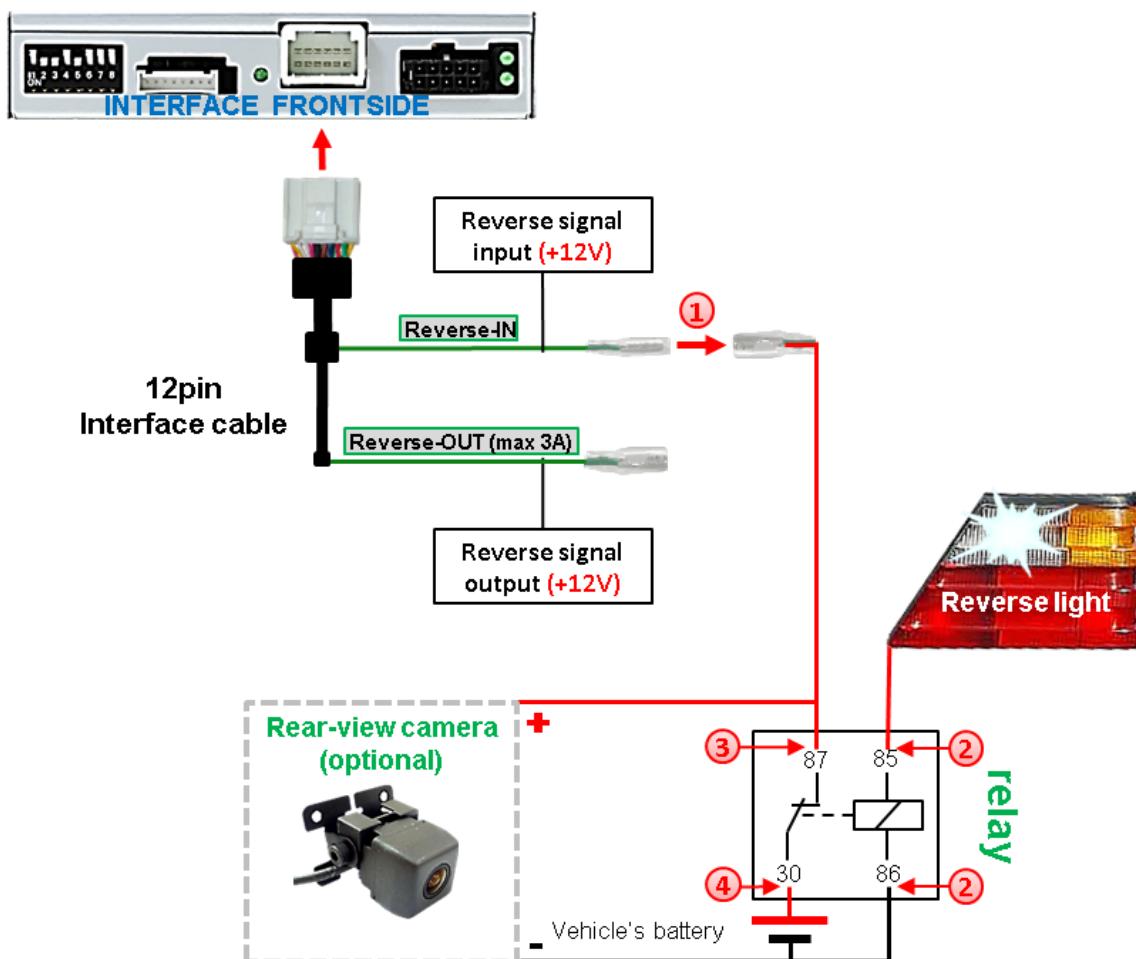
If the interface receives +12V on the green wire of the 12pin interface cable while reverse gear is engaged, the video interface will automatically switch to the rear-view camera input "CAMERA-IN" while the reverse gear is engaged.



- ① The 12 V power supply for the rear-view camera (max 3A) has to be taken from the 12pin interface cabl's green wire "Reverse-OUT" to avoid an unnecessary, permanent power supply to the camera electronic.
Both green cables "Reverse IN" and "Reverse OUT" have to remain connected.

2.7.3.2. Case 2: Interface does not receive the reverse gear signal

If the video interface does not receive +12V on the green wire of the 12pin interface cable when reverse gear is engaged (not all vehicles are compatible), an external switching signal from the reverse gear light is required. As the reverse gear light's power supply isn't voltage-stable all the time, an ordinary open relay (e.g AC-RW-1230 with wiring AC-RS5) or filter (e.g. AC-PNF-RVC) is required. The diagram below shows the connection type of the relay.

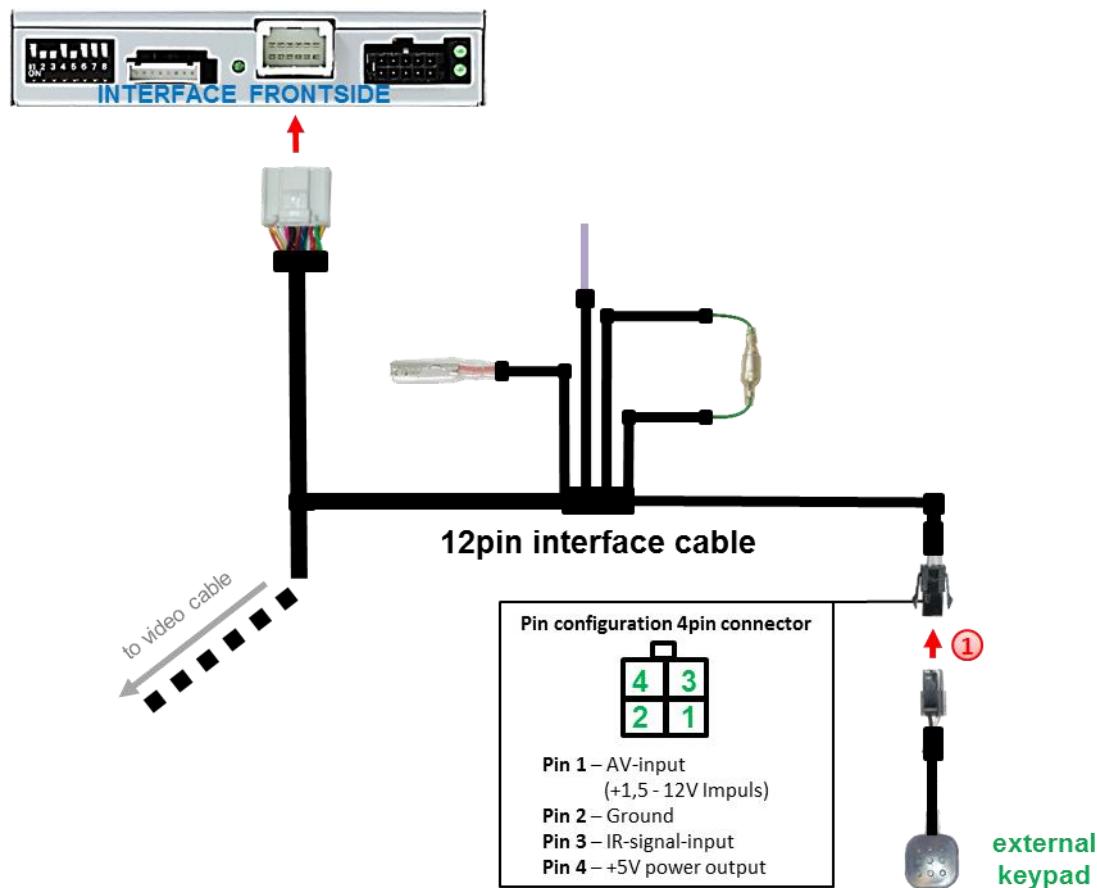


- ① Disconnect the green cable's pre-connected male- and female connectors of the 12pin cable and connect the green input cable "Reverse-IN" to the output connector (87) of the relay.

Note: Not least to avoid short circuits, the best solution should be, to crimp a male 4mm connector to the relay's output cable and connect it to the green cable's female 4mm connector. The output-cable "Reverse-OUT" remains disconnected as it's out of function.

- ② Connect the Reverse light's power-cable to coil (85) and the vehicle's ground to coil (86) of the relay.
- ③ Connect the output connector (87) of the relay to the rear-view camera's power-cable, like you did it to the green "Reverse-IN" cable before.
- ④ Connect permanent power / 12V to the relay's input connector (30).

2.8. Connection - external keypad

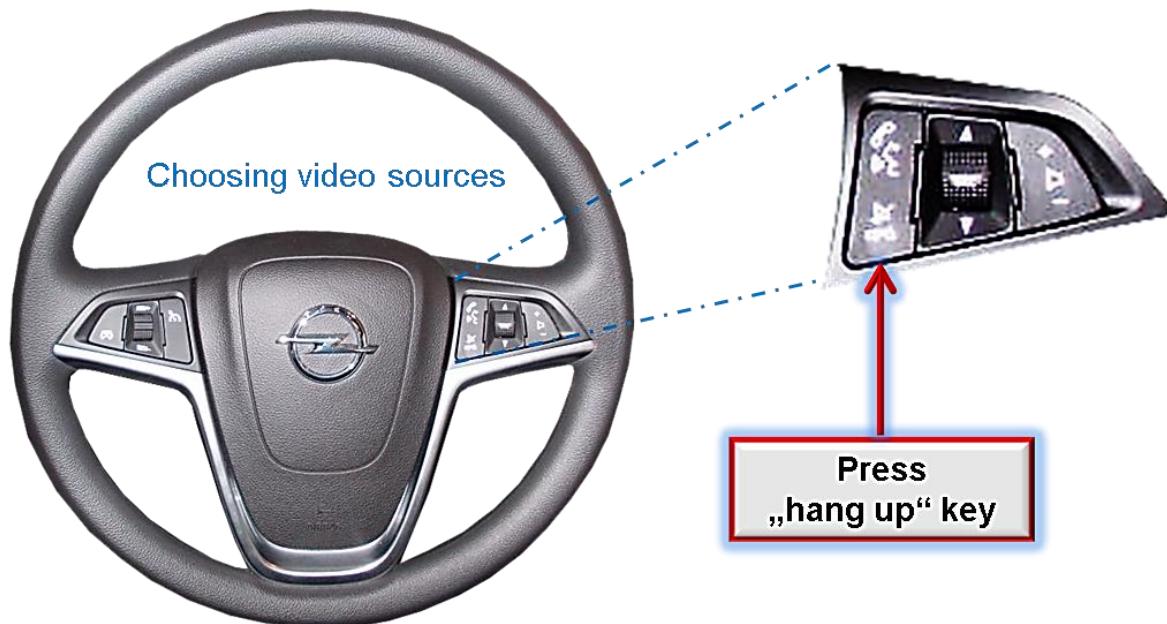


- ① Connect the keypad's female 4pin connector to the 12pin interface cable's male 4pin connector.

Note: Even if the switching through several video sources by the keypad mightn't be required, the keypad's invisible connection and availability is strongly recommended.

3. Interface operation

3.1. By factory infotainment button



To switch the interface's activated video sources, the factory infotainment buttons can be used.

Press the according infotainment button to switch the input from the factory video to the inserted video sources. If all inputs are activated by dip switch settings, the order is the following:

Factory video → Video IN 1 → Video IN 2 → factory video

Each press will switch to the next enabled input. Inputs which are not enabled will be skipped.

Switchover by vehicle buttons isn't possible in all vehicles. In some vehicles the external keypad has to be used.

3.2. By keypad

The interface's external keypad can be used to switch the enabled inputs.

➤ Long press of keypad (2-3 seconds)

By long pressing the external keypad (2-3 seconds), the video interfaces switches the input from the factory video to the inserted video sources.

Each press (approx. 2 sec) will switch to the next enabled input. If all inputs are enabled the order is:

Factory video → video IN1 → video IN2 → factory video →...

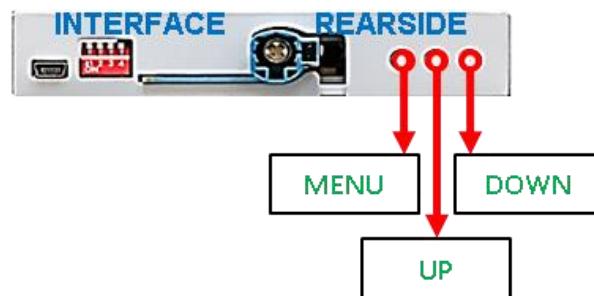
Disabled inputs will be skipped.

Note: The interface switches after releasing the switch (after long pressure).

➤ Short press of keypad (only if DIP 1 is set to ON)

By short pressing the external keypad, the video interfaces switches from the factory video to the front camera input and back to factory video.

4. Picture settings and guidelines

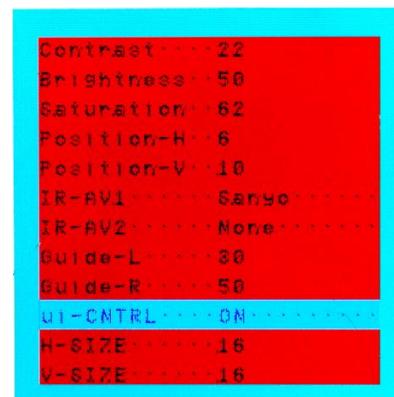


The picture settings are adjustable by the 3 push-buttons of the daughter PCB's menu keypad. Press the 1. button to open the OSD settings menu or to switch to the next menu item. By pressing the other both push buttons the selected value will be changed. To avoid accidental changes during or after the installation, we recommend to disconnect the keypad from the pushbutton cable after the adjustments are done. Adjustments have to be done, while the selected input is visible on the monitor.

Note: The OSD menu is only shown when a working video source is connected to the selected video-input of the interface.

The following settings are available:

- Contrast
- Brightness
- Saturation
- Position H (horizontal picture position)
- Position V (vertical picture position)
- IR-AV1/2 (no function)
- Guide L (no function)
- UI-CNTRL (guide lines ON/OFF)
- Size H (horizontal picture position)
- Size V (vertical picture position)



Note:

To adjust the reverse picture settings, engage the reverse gear.

To adjust the guide lines, move the steering wheel to see the changes.

If there is no communication between interface and the vehicle's CAN-bus (several vehicles aren't compatible), the reverse gear guide-lines can't be shown during the vehicle's operation, even if they once appear after having switched the system to powerless!

5. Specifications

BATT/ACC range	7V - 25V
Stand-by power drain	15mA
Power	160mA @12V
Video input	0.7V - 1V
Video input formats	NTSC
Temperature range	-40°C to +85°C
Dimensions daughter PCB	117 x 25 x 105mm (W x H x D)

6. FAQ – Trouble shooting Interface functions

For any troubles which may occur, check the following table for a solution before requesting support from your vendor.

Symptom	Reason	Possible solution
No picture/black picture (factory picture).	Not all connectors have been reconnected to factory head-unit or monitor after installation.	Connect missing connectors.
	No power on CAN-bus box (all LED CAN-bus box are off).	Check power supply of CAN-bus box. Check CAN-bus connection of CAN-bus box.
	CAN-bus box connected to CAN-bus in wrong place.	Refer to the manual where to connect to the CAN-bus. If not mentioned, try another place to connect to the CAN-bus.
	No power on video-interface (all LED video-interface are off).	Check whether CAN-bus box delivers +12V ACC on red wire output of 8pin to 6pin cable. If not cut wire and supply ACC +12V directly to video-interface.
No picture/black picture/white picture (inserted picture) but factory picture is OK.	No picture from video source.	Check on other monitor whether video source is OK.
	No video-source connected to the selected interface input.	Check settings dips 1 to 3 of video interface which inputs are activated and switch to corresponding input(s).
	LVDS cables plugged in wrong place.	Double-check whether order of LVDS cables is exactly connected according to manual. Plugging into head-unit does not work when the manual says to plug into monitor and vice versa.
	Wrong monitor settings of video-interface.	Try different combinations of dips 7 and 8 of video-interface. Unplug 6pin power after each change.
Inserted picture distorted, flickering or running vertically.	Video sources output set to AUTO or MULTI which causes a conflict with the interfaces auto detection.	Set video source output fixed to PAL or NTSC. It is best to set all video sources to the same standard.
	If error occurs only after source switching: Connected sources are not set to the same TV standard.	Set all video sources to the same standard.
	Some interfaces can only handle NTSC input.	Check manual whether there is a limitation to NTSC mentioned. If yes, set source fixed to NTSC output.
Inserted picture b/w.		
Inserted picture qual. bad.	Picture settings have not been adjusted.	Use the 3 buttons and the interface's OSD to adjust the picture settings for the corresponding video input.
Inserted picture size slightly wrong.		
Inserted picture position wrong.		
Camera input picture flickers.	Camera is being tested under fluorescent light which shines directly into the camera.	Test camera under natural light outside the garage.
Camera input picture is bluish.	Protection sticker not removed from camera lens.	Remove protection sticker from lens.

Symptom	Reason	Possible solution
Camera input picture black.	Camera power taken directly from reverse gear lamp.	Use relay or electronics to "clean" reverse gear lamp power. Alternatively, if CAN-bus box is compatible with the vehicle, camera power can be taken from green wire of 6pin to 8pin cable.
Camera input picture has distortion.		
Camera input picture settings cannot be adjusted.	Camera input picture settings can only be adjusted in AV2 mode.	Set dip 3 of video-interface to ON (if not input AV2 is not already activated) and connect the camera to AV2. Switch to AV2 and adjust settings. Reconnect camera to camera input and deactivate AV2 if not used for other source.
Graphics of a car in camera input picture.	Function PDC is ON in the interface OSD.	In compatible vehicles, the graphics will display the factory PDC distance. If not working or not wanted, set interface OSD menu item UI-CNTRL to ALLOFF.
Chinese signs in camera input picture	Function RET or ALL is ON (function for Asian market) in the interface OSD.	Set interface OSD menu item UI-CNTRL to ALLOFF or PDCON.
Not possible to switch video sources by OEM button.	CAN-bus interface does not support this function for vehicle.	Use external keypad or cut white wire of 6pin to 8pin cable and apply +12V impulses for AV-switching.
Not possible to switch video sources by external keypad.	Pressed too short. SW-version of interface does not support external keypad.	For video source switching a longer press of about 2.5 seconds is required. Use OEM-button or cut white wire of 6pin to 8pin cable and apply +12V impulses for AV-switching.
Interface does not switch to camera input when reverse gear is engaged.	CAN-bus interface does not support this function for the vehicles.	Cut the green wire of the 6pin to 8pin cable and apply +12V constant from reverse gear-lamp signal. Use relay to "clean" R-gear lamp power.
Interface switches video-sources by itself.	CAN-bus interface compatibility to vehicle is limited.	Cut the grey wire of 6pin to 8pin and isolate both ends. If problem still occurs, additionally cut the white wire of 6pin to 8pin cable and isolate both ends.

7. Technical Support

Please note that direct technical support is only available for products purchased directly from NavLinkz GmbH. For products bought from other sources, contact your vendor for technical support.

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