

r.LiNK Video-Inserter

RL2-MBN45

**for Mercedes Benz vehicles
Generation NTG4.5 with
Command Online or Audio20
with 4pin HSD LVDS connector on the monitor**

**Video-Inserter for Front and Rear-View Camera input
and a further Video Source**

Product features

- **Video-inserter for Factory-Infotainment Monitors**
- **FBAS Video-Inputs for an After-Market Device (e.g. DVD-Player, DVB-T tuner, ...)**
- **Automatic Switching to Rear-View Camera Input by Engagement of Reverse Gear**
- **Manual Switching to Front Camera by Keypad Or Command Key**
- **Parking Guide Lines for Rear-View-Camera can be activated (not for all vehicles)**
- **Video-in-motion (ONLY for connected video-sources)**
- **AV-inputs PAL/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.

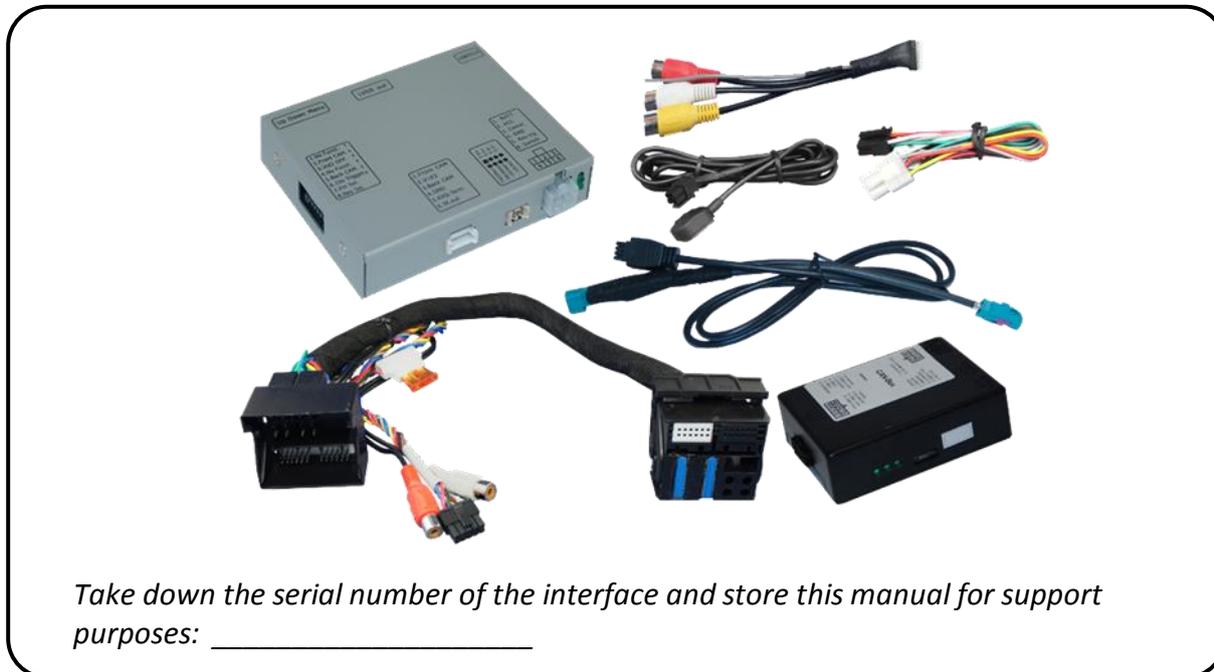
Changes/updates of the vehicle's software can cause malfunctions of the interface. If available, we offer free software-updates for our interfaces for one year after purchase. To receive a free update, the interface must be sent in at own cost. Labor cost for and other expenses involved with the software-updates 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



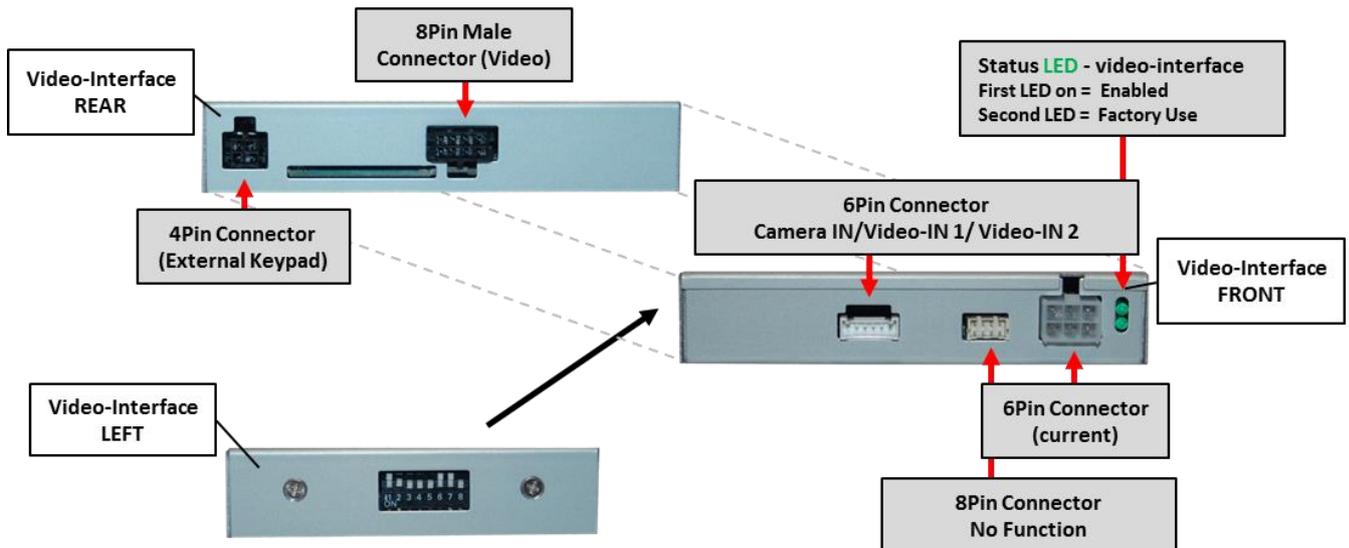
1.2. Checking the compatibility of vehicle and accessories

Requirements	
<i>Vehicle</i>	Vehicles generation NTG4.5
<i>Head-unit/monitor</i>	Comand Online NTG4.5, Audio20 NTG4.5 with 4pin HSD LVDS connector on the monitor
Limitations	
<i>Video only</i>	The interface inserts ONLY video signals into the infotainment. For audio insertion a factory audio-AUX input or FM-modulator is required. For AUX option coding we offer OBD-N45-X-01.
<i>Factory media interface</i>	If available, its AUX cable with 3.5mm jack (available at MB), can be used for audio insertion. While used for audio insertion, the Apple adapter or USB adapter cannot be used simultaneously.
<i>Factory rear-view camera</i>	Automatic switch-back from inserted video to factory rear-view camera only while reverse gear is engaged. To delay the switch-back time, additional electronics is required.

1.3. Boxes and connectors

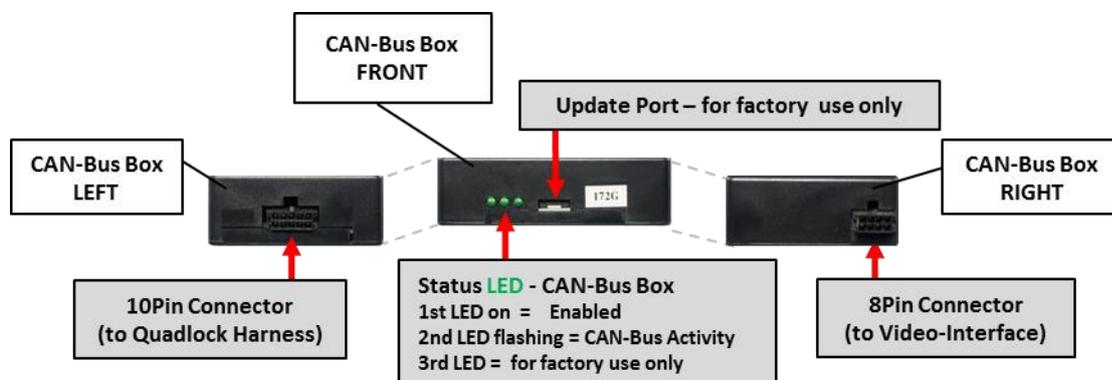
1.3.1. Video-interface

The video-interface converts the connected after-market sources video signals to an LVDS signal which is the inserted into the factory monitor on certain trigger options.



1.3.2. CAN-bus box

The CAN-bus box reads digital signals from the CAN-bus and converts them for the video-interface.



1.4. Dip-switch settings

Some settings must 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	No Function		Set OFF
2	Front Camera Input	enabled	disabled
3	Video 2	enabled	disabled
4	No Function		Set OFF
5	Rear-view cam type	After-Market	Factory or none
6	No function	-	set OFF
7	Monitor selection	Try all 4 possible combinations of dip 7 and 8 to find the best picture (quality and size)	
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See following chapters for detailed information.

1.4.1. 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 for the disabled will be skipped when switching through the video-interfaces inputs.

1.4.2. Rear-view camera setting (dip 5)

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

If set to ON, the interface switches to its rear-view camera input CAM while the reverse gear is engaged.

1.4.3. Monitor selection (dip 7-8)

Dip 7 and 8 are for monitor-specific video settings which cannot be predicted as even within the same head-unit version, the monitor specifications may vary. It is necessary to try all possible combinations (both OFF, both ON, 7 OFF and 8 ON, 7 ON and 8 OFF) - while a working video source is connected to the chosen input of the interface - to see which combination gives the best picture quality and size (some may give no picture). It is possible to first hot plug through the dip combinations, but if you do not experience any change of picture after trying all 4 options, retry and disconnected the 6pin power plug of the video-box between every change of the dip setting.

2. Installation

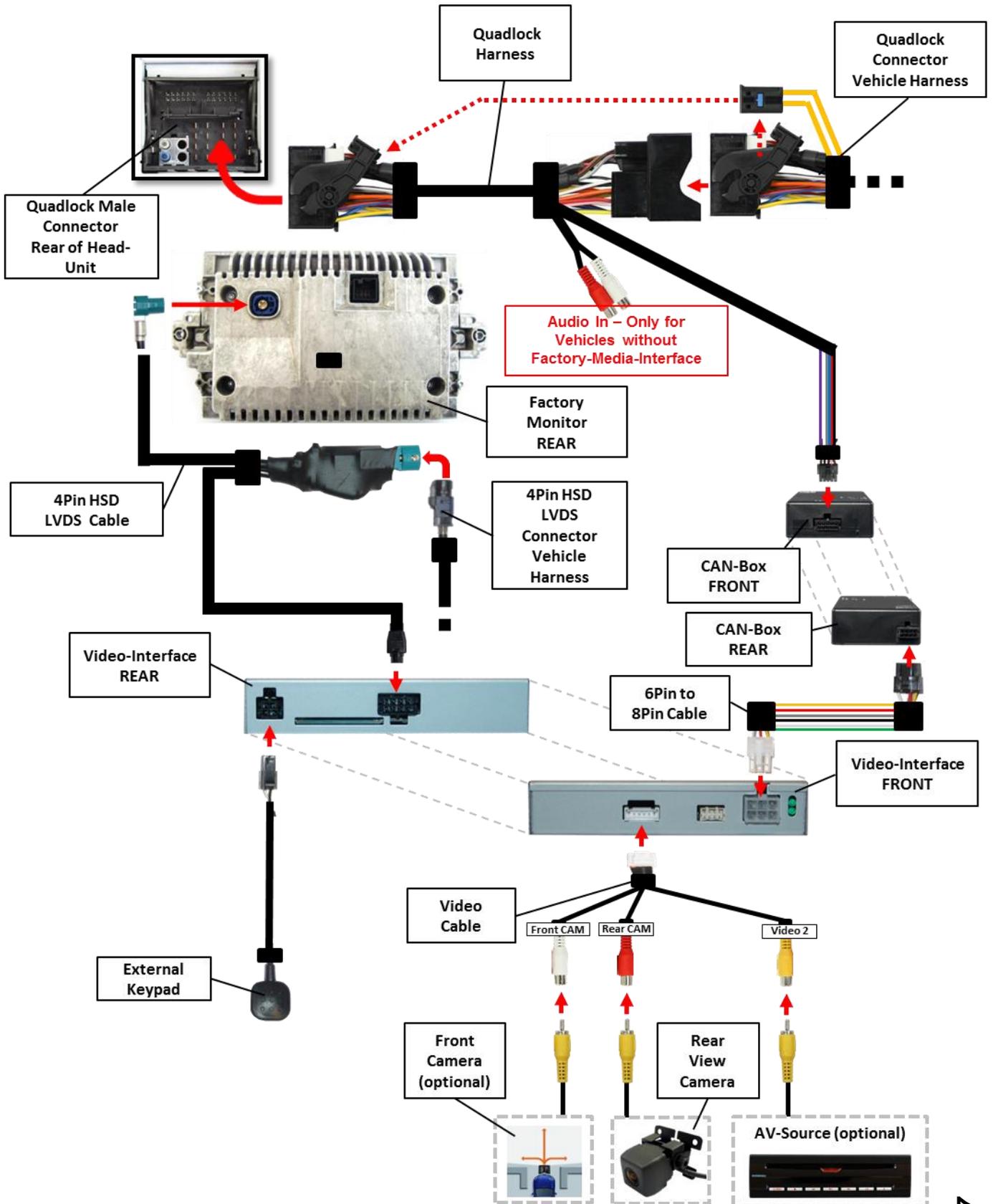
Switch off ignition and disconnect the vehicle's battery! The interface needs a permanent 12V source. If according to factory rules disconnecting the battery is to be avoided, it is usually sufficient to put the vehicle in sleep-mode. In case the sleep-mode does not show success, disconnect the battery with a resistor lead.

If power source is not taken directly from the battery, the connection has to be checked for being start-up proven and permanent.

2.1. Place of installation

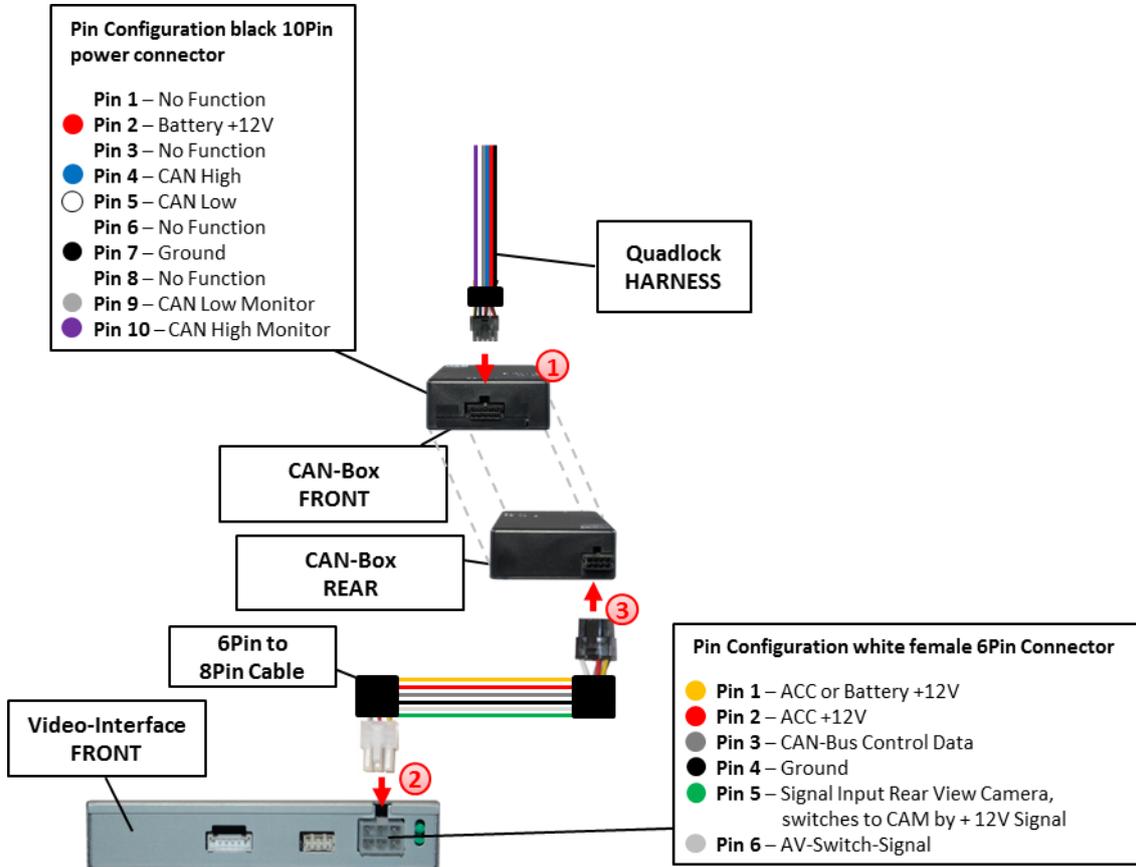
The interface is installed on the backside of the factory monitor and on the backside of the head-unit.

2.2. Connection schema



2.3 Connecting video-interface and CAN-box

The CAN-bus box reads digital signals from the CAN-bus and converts them for the video-interface. ACC +12V max. 0.5A (red of 6pin) and reverse gear +12V max. 0.5A (green of 6pin) constant signal. Video-source switching (white of 6pin) as +12V impulse. Additionally there is a data exchange, e.g. for steering wheel position for driving path lines (grey of 6pin).



- ① Connect black female 10pin Microfit connector of the Quadlock harness to the male 10pin Microfit connector of the CAN-box.

Note: Check LEDs on CAN-box after reconnecting the battery, two must be on.

- ② Connect white female 6pin Molex connector of the 6pin to 8pin cable to the male 6pin Molex connector of the video-interface.

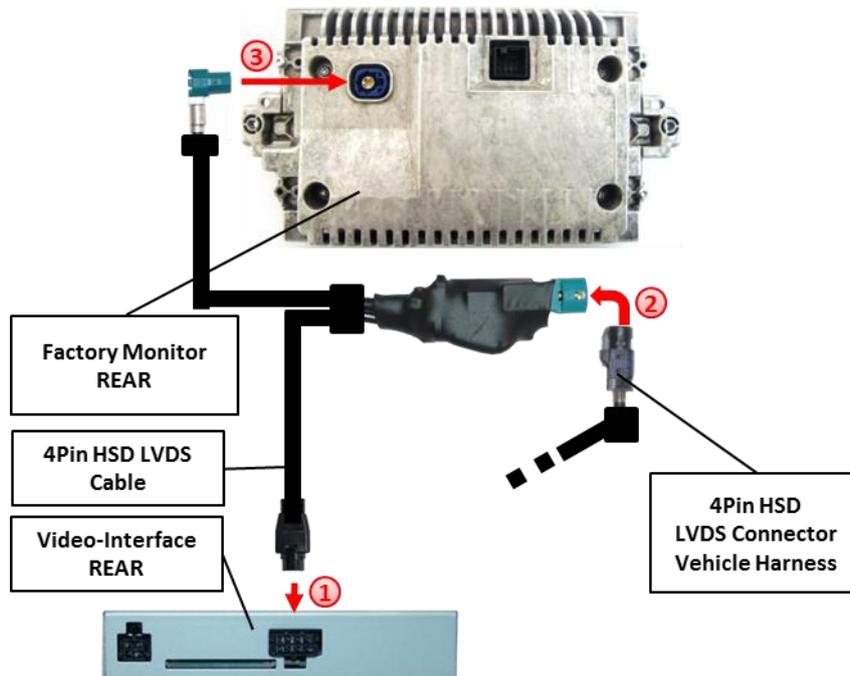
- ③ Connect black female 8pin Microfit connector of the 6pin to 8pin cable to male 8pin Microfit connector of the CAN-box.

Note: Check LEDs on video-interface after reconnecting the battery, one must be on.

Note: The CAN-box is not compatible with all vehicles. If the CAN-box does not deliver ACC to pin2 of the video-interface or blocks the vehicle CAN, it is possible to install without CAN-box. In this case see also note in chapter after-market rear-view camera if one is supposed to be connected.

2.4. Connections to the factory monitor

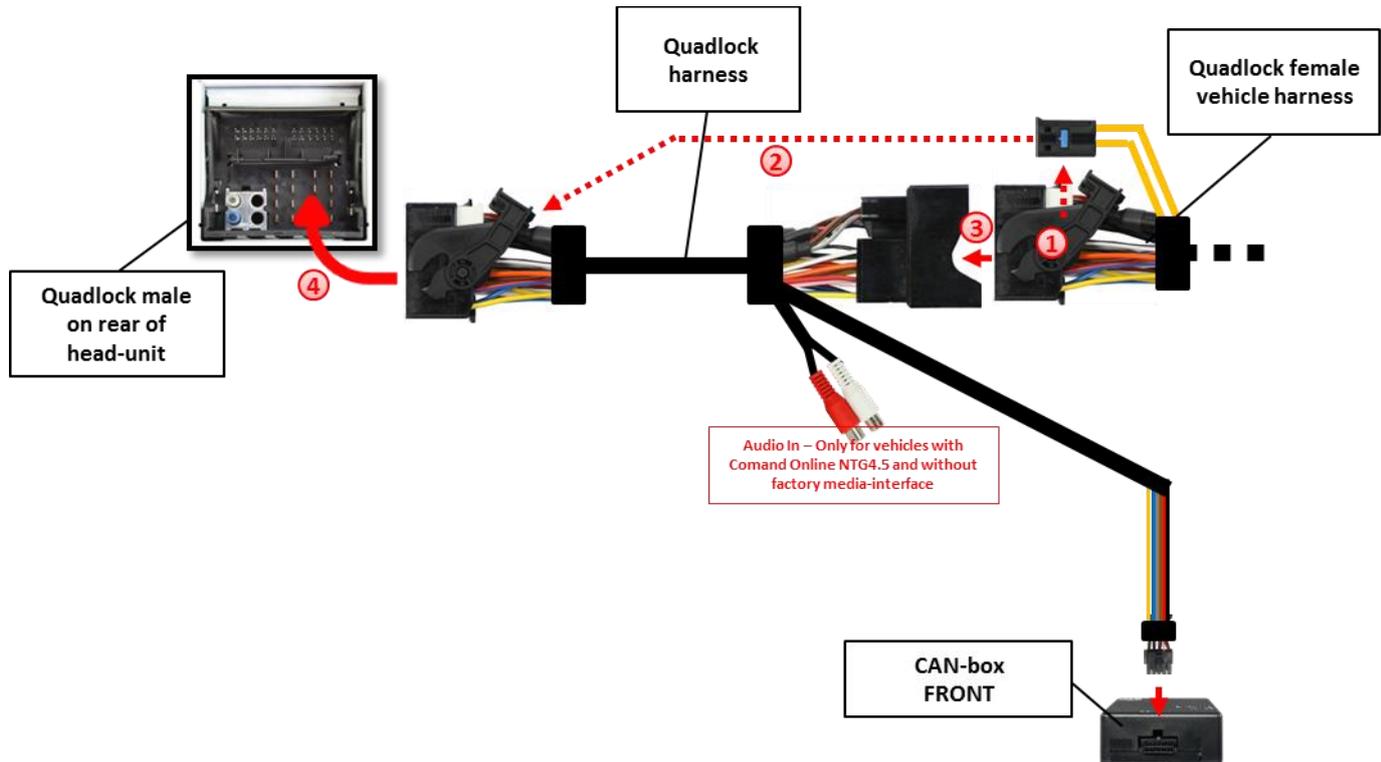
Remove factory monitor.



- ① Connect female 8pin Microfit connector of the 4pin HSD LVDS cable to male 8pin Microfit connector of the video-interface.
- ② Remove female 4pin HSD LVDS connector from the rear of the factory monitor and connect it to the male 4pin HSD LVDS connector of the 4pin HSD LVDS cable.
- ③ Connect female 4pin connector of the 4pin HSD LVDS cable to the male 4pin HSD LVDS connector of the factory monitor.

2.5. Connections to Head-Unit

Remove head-unit.



- ① Remove the female Quadlock connector of the vehicle harness from the rear of the navigation computer.
- ② Remove optical leads –if existing- from the female Quadlock connector of the vehicle harness and insert them into the female Quadlock connector of Quadlock harness at the same position.
- ③ Connect female Quadlock connector of vehicle harness to the male Quadlock connector of Quadlock harness.
- ④ Connect female Quadlock connector of Quadlock harness to the male Quadlock connector of the head-unit.

2.6. Connecting peripheral devices

It is possible to connect an after-market rear-view camera, an after-market front camera and an after-market AV-source to the video-interface.

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

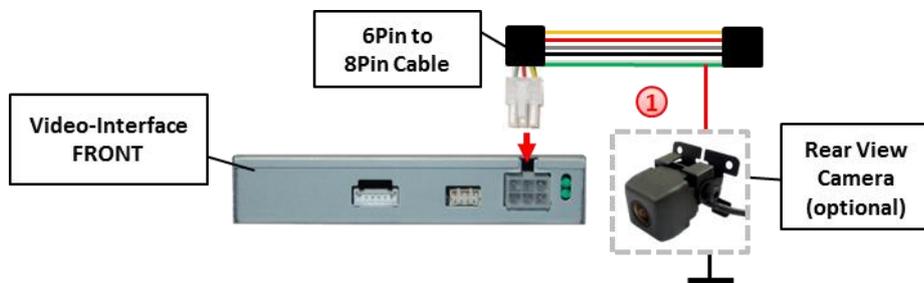
2.6.1. After-Market Rear View Camera

Some vehicles have a different reverse gear code on the CAN-bus which the included CAN-box is not compatible with. Therefore there is two different ways of installation. If the CAN-box can detect the reverse gear in the vehicle, the green wire of the 6pin to 8pin cable should carry +12V while the reverse gear is engaged.

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

2.6.1.1. Case 1: CAN-Box supports reverse gear

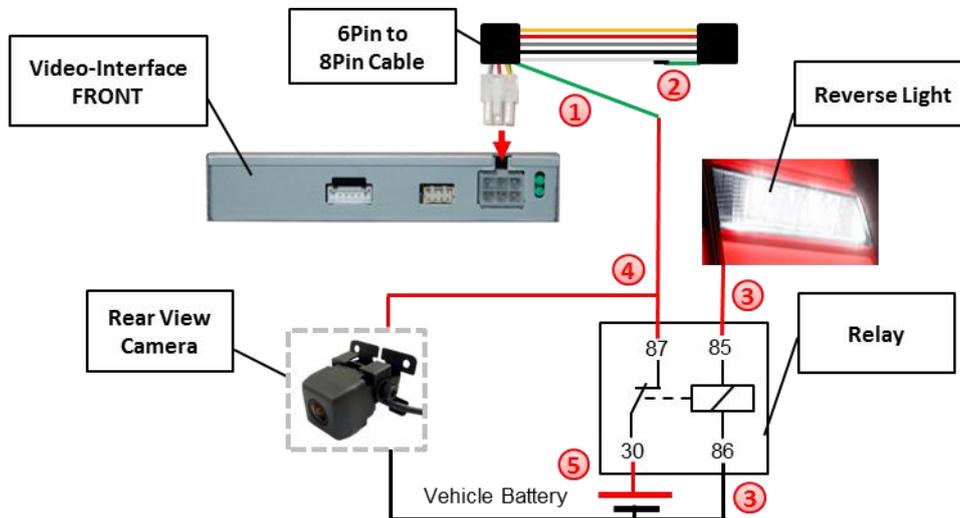
If the CAN-bus interface delivers +12V on the green wire of the 6pin to 8pin cable when reverse gear is engaged, the video-interface will automatically be switched to the rear-view camera input CAM while reverse gear is engaged.



- ① Additionally, the +12V (max. 500mA) power supply for the rear-view camera can be taken from the green wire of the 6pin to 8pin cable.

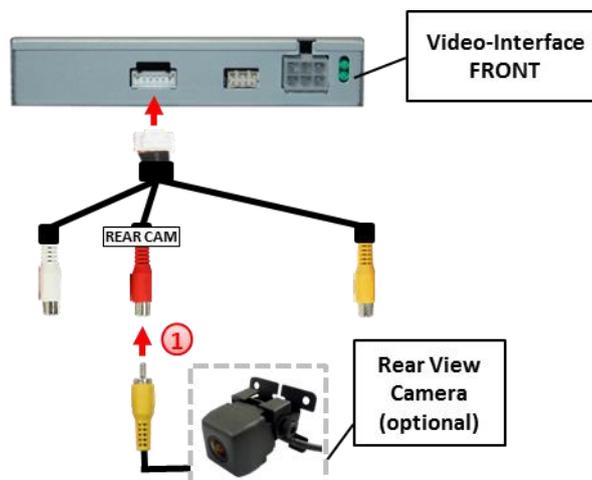
2.6.1.2 Case 2: CAN-box does not support reverse gear

If the CAN-bus interface does not deliver +12V on the green wire of the 6pin to 8pin 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 signal contains electronic interference, a normally open relay (e.g AC-RW-1230 with wiring AC-RS5) or filter (e.g. AC-PNF-RVC) is required. Below schema shows the use of a relay (normally open).



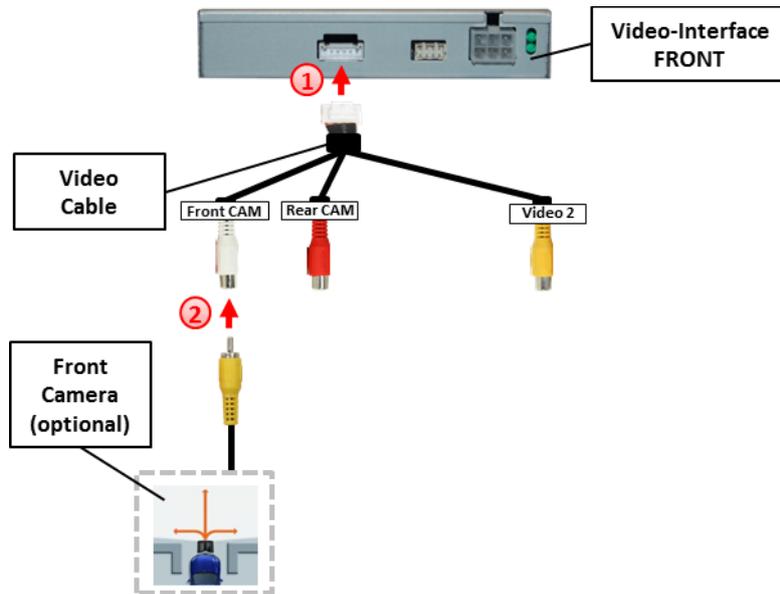
- ① Cut the green cable of the 6pin to 8pin cable close to the black 8pin connector. Isolate the short end of the green wire (CAN-box side).
- ② Connect reverse gear light signal/power to coil (85) and ground to coil (86) of relais.
- ③ Connect rear-view camera power and green wire (video-interface side) of 6pin to 8pin cable to output (87) of relay.
- ④ Connect permanent battery power to input (30) of relay.
- ⑤ Connect permanent battery power to input (30) of relay.

2.6.1.3 Video Signal Connection Rear View Camera



- ① Connect the video-RCA of the after-market rear-view camera to the female RCA port of the video-interface which is labeled as CAM

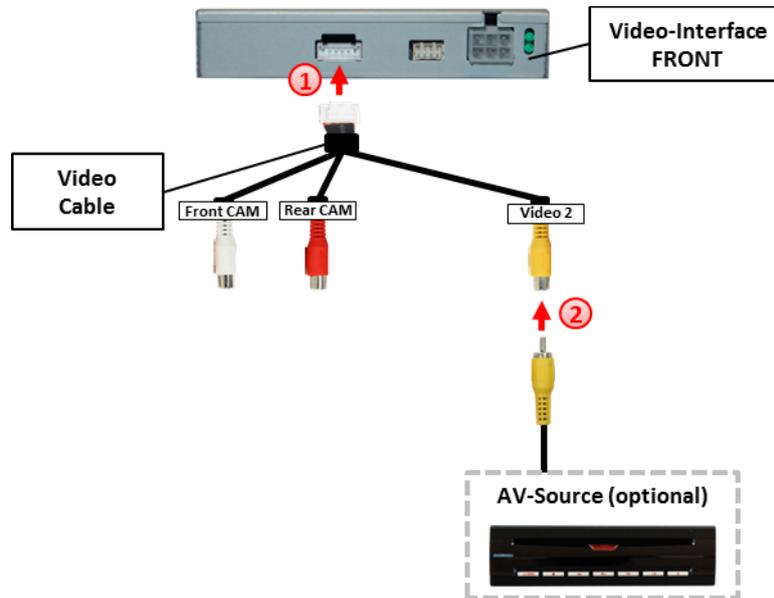
2.6.2. After Market Front Camera



- ① Connect 6Pin Male Connector of Video Cable to 6Pin Female Connector of Video Interface
- ② Connect the video-RCA of Front Camera to the white female RCA Front Cam of Video Cable.

Note: There is no automatic shift to Front Camera. Only manual shifting by keypad or Comand Bottom.

2.6.3 After Market Video Source



- ① Connect 6Pin Male Connector of Video Cable to 6Pin Female Connector of Video Interface
- ② Connect the Video-RCA of Video Source to the white female RCA port of FRONT CAM of Video Cable

2.6.4. Audio Insertion

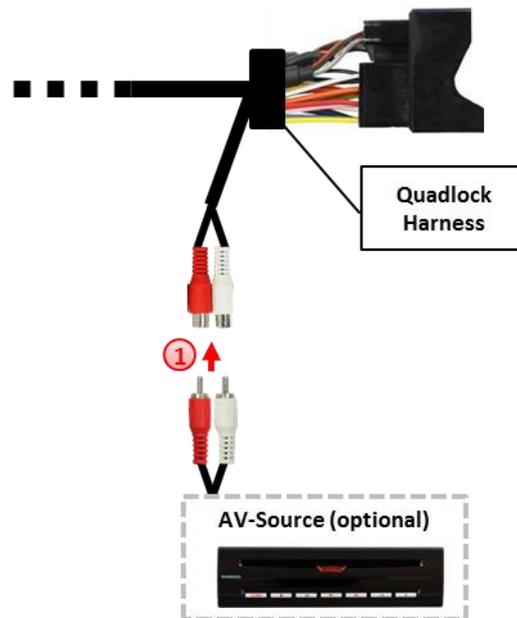
This Interface can only insert video signals into Factory Infotainment. In case of connected AV-Source, Audio insertion has to be realised by Factory AUX-Input or by means of FM-Modulator. The inserted Video Signal may be activated parallel to any Audio Mode of Factory Infotainment.

The Audio Insertion into the Factory AUX input is depending on installation of a Factory Media Interface. This will be described in the respective subchapters.

2.6.4.1 Audio insertion by factory audio AUX - NO factory media-interface in vehicle

On vehicles without factory media interface, the physical audio AUX input on the Quadlock connector can be used for audio insertion. The interface's harness has female RCA connector for this case.

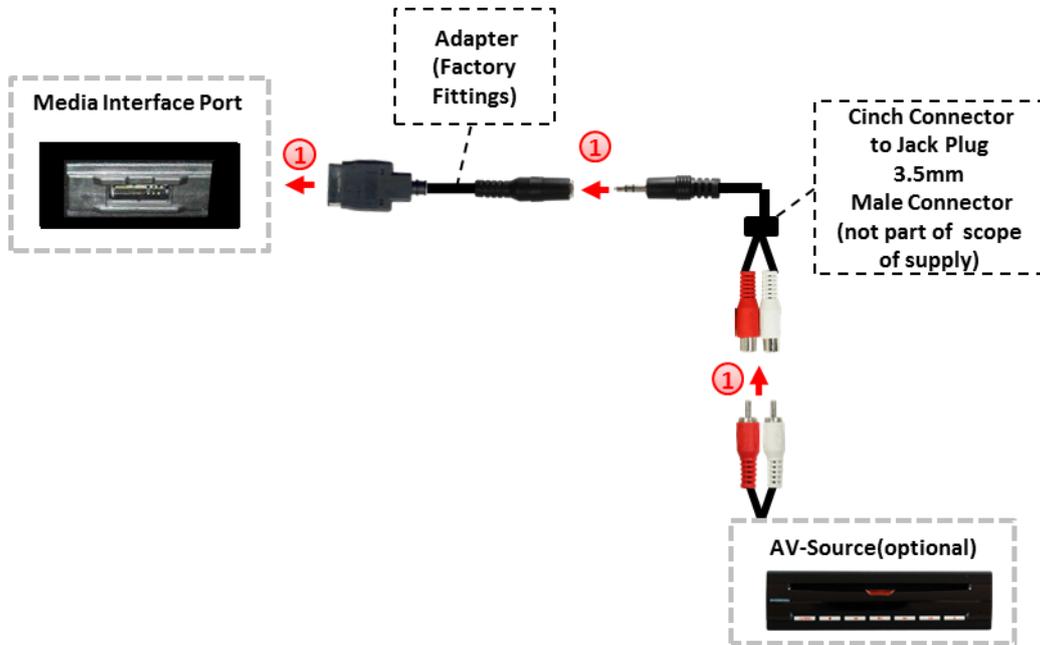
Note: If there is no option "AUX" in the audio menu of the Comand, it is necessary to code the Comand to AUX by diagnosis computer or with our product OBD-N45-X-01.



- 1 Connect Audio RCA of Quadlock Harness to Audio RCA of AV-Source

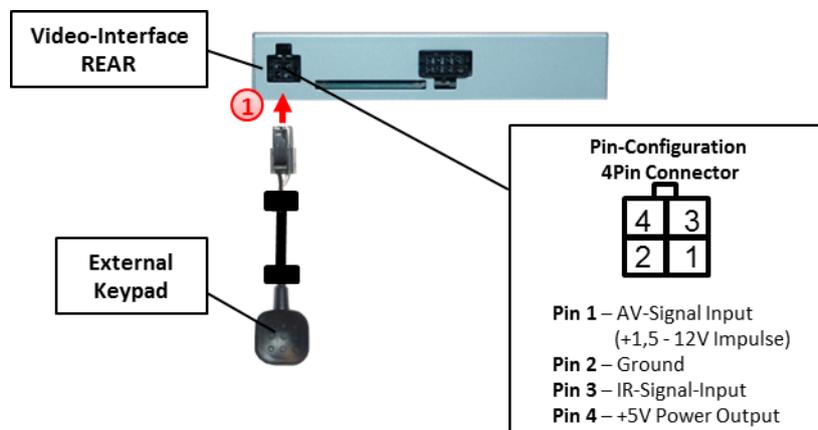
2.6.4.2. Audio insertion by factory audio AUX – vehicles with factory media-interface

On vehicles with factory media interface, the physical audio AUX input on the Quadlock connector is deactivated and **cannot** be used for audio insertion. Vehicles with factory media-interface have a 32pin Mitsumi (2 rows with 16pins each) connector in the glove box or middle console. An adapter to a 3.5mm jack bush for audio AUX is available as factory equipment and can be used for audio insertion. The user has to temporary disconnect the factory audio AUX adapter if he wants to use the factory iPod or USD adapter.



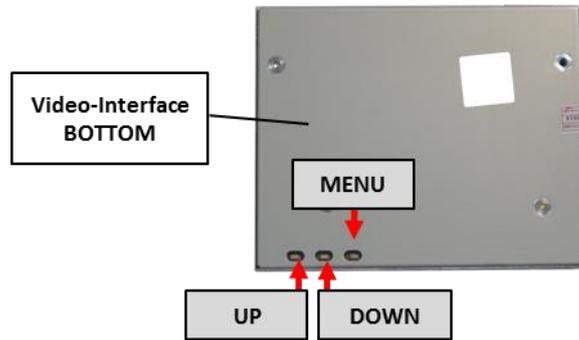
- ① Using the factory adapter, connect the the vehicle’s media interface port by 3.5mm jack to a 3.5mm male jack to male RCA cable and connect the male RCA to the female RCA port Audio-OUT of the audio cable.

2.7. Connecting video-interface and keypad



- ① Connect the female 4pin Microfit connector of the keypad to the male 4pin Microfit connector of the video-interface.

2.8. Picture settings and guide lines



The picture settings are adjusted by the 3 buttons on the video-interface. Press the MENU button to open the OSD settings menu or to switch to the next menu item. Press UP and DOWN change the selected value. The buttons are embedded in the housing to avoid accidental changes during or after installation. Picture settings must be done separately for RGB, AV1 and AV2 while the corresponding input is selected and visible on the monitor. AV2 and CAM share the same settings which must be adjusted in AV2.

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:

- Brightness
- Contrast
- Saturation
- Position H (horizontal)
- Position V (vertical)
- Guide lines (ON/OFF)



Note: If the CAN-box does not support the very vehicle, the guide-lines cannot be used. If supported and activated, the guide-line also show the steering wheel position dependant driving path.

3. Interface operation

3.6. By Comand-buttons

Some of the Comand-buttons can be used to execute interface functions.

Long press C button (3 sec.) beside knob in centre console to switch the video source. Each repetition will switch to the next enabled input. If all inputs are enabled the order is:

Factory video → RGB-in → video AV1 → video AV2 → factory video →...



Inputs which are not enabled by dip switch settings are skipped.

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

Note: The white wire of the 6pin cable can be used with a +5-12V pulse to switch the video-sources alternatively.

3.7. By keypad

Alternatively or additionally to the factory infotainment buttons the interface's external keypad can be used to switch the enabled inputs.

4. Specifications

BATT/ACC range	7V ~ 25V
Stand-by power drain	<10mA
Power consumption	4,8W
Video input formats	PAL/NTSC
RGB-video amplitude	0.7V with 75 Ohm impedance
Temperature range	-40°C to +85°C
Weight	278g
Dimensions (box only) B x H x T	113 x 22 x 92 mm

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3. Frequently asked questions

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 connected 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.
Inserted picture totally wrong size or position.	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 double or 4 times on monitor.		
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.	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 qual. bad.		
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.

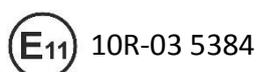
Symptom	Reason	Possible solution
Camera input picture black.	Camera power taken directly from reverse gear lamp.	Use relay or electronics to "clean" reverse gear lamp power. Alternatively, if CAN-bus box is compatible with the vehicle, camera power can be taken from green wire of 6pin to 8pin cable.
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.	For video source switching a longer press of about 2.5 seconds is required.
	SW-version of interface does not support external keypad.	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" 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.

4. 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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