



This Bus Interface Module is designed to read engine information from MSD Atomic EFI TBI kits. Atomic EFI LS is <u>NOT</u> compatible.

This module is connected to the MSD EFI through the included Y-adapter harness. This can be plugged in line with the Atomic handheld display or the throttle body.

There are two interface (I/O) ports on the module. Either one can be connected to the gauge system or to another module, allowing several units to be daisy chained together. Cannot daisy chain with GPS-50-2. Do not connect the I/O port to anything other than a Dakota Digital gauge or BIM. Do not mount the module in the engine compartment; it should be mounted in the cabin of the vehicle.

The engine and transmission information that is available from the unit depends on the EFI module programming and add-ons.

Data that should be available: RPM, Engine temp, MIL light, Intake/manifold temp, Fuel pressure, A/F ratio, MAP/Boost.

A GPS-50-2 CANNOT be linked (daisy chained) to a BIM-01-2 with a BIM cable. The two units cannot talk to the display control box at the same time.

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## EFI system setup

This unit is plug-and-play. Attach the included Y-harness to your MSD EFI. No further setup is required.

VFD and VHX system will add extra readings to the message displays under the tach. HDX and RTX need a group screen configured to show additional information, such as Boost and MAP PSI.

# **Display Setup**

Setting up the display system will configure the instrument control box to read each input from either the terminals or through the BIM cable from the Bus Interface Module.

The BIM menu of the display will not find the BIM-01-2-MSD, but will find specific channels for Fuel Pressure, Air/Fuel Ratio, and MAP/Boost.

The following settings are for the basic information to be displayed with data from the BIM module.

Extra data that might be sent such as Intake Air Temp, Fuel Pressure, Air/Fuel Ratio or Boost, can be brought up in the message centers of the VFD3 and VHX system by toggling SW2 in normal operation of the vehicle. Similar data that might be present will not automatically be shown in the HDX and RTX systems. That extra information must be placed in a group screen of your choice, in the HDX and RTX setup.

#### Display data usage

The following readings can each be used in place of dedicated sending units to the instrument system control box. These are individually selectable in the display system instrument setup menus.

\*Some gauge features require a minimum software revision or higher to be supported:

/X04
SE47
SE55

### VFD3, and VFD3X setup:

\*\*Only VFD3/3X systems with a plastic case support adding BIMs\*\*

#### Entering the VFD3 setup is done by holding SW1 (I) and turning the ignition to "on", or "acc".

Once in setup, one can move between **speed**, **tach**, **volt**, **water**, etc.... by tapping SW1 (I) If you are setting multiple items, once done with one section you will automatically move onto the next item.

#### Obtaining RPM from the BIM-01-2-MSD

- Hold the SW1 switch from the instrument system control box while turning the key on.
  - The speed display should show 5EE and the message display should show SETUP.
- Release SW1. Tap SW1 until 5EE and TACH are displayed.
- Press and hold SW1 for at least 3 seconds, until 5EE changes to "-". The displays should show 5EE and T CAL.
- Press and hold SW1 for at least 3 seconds, until 5EŁ changes to "-". The speed display will show the current setting.
- Tap SW1 until *bU5* and T CAL are displayed.
- Press and hold SW1 until "-" and DONE are displayed.
- Tap SW1 until 5EE and DONE are displayed.
- Press and hold SW1 until "-" and DONE are displayed.

#### Obtaining engine temperature from the BIM-01-2-MSD

- Hold the SW1 switch from the instrument system control box while turning the key on.
  - The speed display should show 5EE and the message display should show SETUP.
- Release SW1. Tap SW1 until 5EŁ and WATER are displayed.
- Press and hold SW1 for at least 3 seconds, until 5EE changes to "-". The displays should show 5EE and SENDER.
- Press and hold SW1 for at least 3 seconds, until 5EŁ changes to "-". The speed display will show the current setting.
- Tap SW1 until 5EE and BUS F (Fahrenheit) is displayed.
- Tap SW1 once more for 5EE and BUS C (Celsius) if desired.
- Press and hold SW1 until "-" and DONE are displayed.
- Tap SW1 until 5EE and DONE are displayed.
- Press and hold SW1 until "-" and DONE are displayed.

# VHX Setup:

#### Entering the VHX setup is done by holding SW1 (I) and turning the ignition to "on", or "acc".

Once in setup, one can move between **speed**, **tach**, **volt**, **water**, etc.... by tapping SW1 (I) If you are setting multiple items, once done with one section you will automatically move onto the next item.

#### Obtaining RPM from the BIM-01-2-MSD

- Hold the SW1 (I) switch from the instrument system control box while turning the key on.
   The message display should show SETUP.
- Release SW1 (I) LCD1 should show SETUP SPEED.
- Tap SW1 (I) until SETUP TACH is displayed.
- Press and hold SW1 (I) for at least 3 seconds until TACH ENGINE is displayed.
- Press and hold SW1 (I) for at least 3 seconds until ENGINE is displayed.
- Release the switch and ENGINE 8 will be displayed.
- Tap SW1 (I) until ENGINE BUS is displayed.
- Press and hold SW1 (I) until **DONE** is displayed.
- Tap SW1 (I) until **TACH DONE** is displayed.
- Press and hold SW1 (I) until a big **DONE** is displayed.

#### Obtaining engine temperature from the BIM-01-2-MSD

- Hold the SW1 (I) switch from the instrument system control box while turning the key on.
  - The message display should show SETUP.
- Release SW1 (I) LCD1 should show SETUP SPEED.
- Tap SW1 (I) until SETUP WATER is displayed.
- Press and hold SW1 (I) for at least 3 seconds until WATER SENDER is displayed.
- Press and hold SW1 (I) for at least 3 seconds until SENDER DD F is displayed.
- Release the switch and **SENDER DD F** will be displayed.
- Tap SW1 (I) until SENDER BUS F (Fahrenheit) is displayed.
- Tap SW1 (I) once more for SENDER BUS C (Celsius) if desired.
- Press and hold SW1 until **DONE** is displayed.
- Tap SW1 (I) until WATER DONE is displayed.
- Press and hold SW1 (I) until a big **DONE** is displayed.

## HDX and RTX setup:

#### \*\*HDX/RTX systems can be configured with the Dakota Digital app for Apple and Android devices\*\*

#### HDX and RTX Operations

- HDX: With the ignition key already on, press and hold both switches to enter SETUP, release when instructed.
  - If using the external rocker switch, hold SW2 (II) while turning the ignition on.
  - Release the switch when SETUP is shown.
  - Left switch on display is SW1, and right switch on display is SW2
- RTX: With the ignition off, press hold SW2 (II) while turning the ignition key on to enter SETUP
   Release the switch when SETUP is shown.
- BOTH: When holding for an option, release the button when the screens says "RELEASE"
- **BOTH:** You may skip to whichever reading you'd like to configure below; they do not need to be done in order.
- **BOTH:** After making a selection, tap a switch and select BACK to save and return to the main menu, then select EXIT SETUP to return to normal operation.
- BOTH: SWI (left) moves up ↑ the menu list, SWII (right) moves down ↓ the menu list

#### Obtaining RPM from the BIM-01-2-HLLY-MSD

- Tap SWII (right) switch until TACH is selected. Press and hold SWII (right) switch to enter TACH menu.
- Tap SWII (right) switch until INPUT is displayed. Press and hold SWII (right) switch to enter INPUT menu.
- Tap SWII (right) switch until CYLINDER is displayed. Press and hold SWII (right) switch to select CYLINDER.
- Tap SWI (left) switch until BIM is displayed. Press and hold SWII (right) switch to select BIM.
- When INPUT is displayed again, tap until BACK is displayed, then hold the switch to exit.

#### Obtaining engine temperature from the BIM-01-2-MSD

- Tap SWII (right) switch until WATER is selected. Press and hold SWII (right) switch to enter WATER menu.
- Tap SWII (right) switch until INPUT is displayed. Press and hold SWII (right) switch to enter INPUT menu.
- Tap SWII (right) switch until BIM is displayed. Press and hold SWII (right) switch to select BIM.
- When INPUT is displayed again, tap until BACK is displayed, then hold the switch to exit.

## BIM setup:

#### BIM menu table:

Menu	Options	Default	Notes	
En9	0n	0n	Check engine light sent by EFI system	
	DFF			
ЬSE	OFF	DFF	Gauge will display MAP/vacuum reading	
	Dn		Gauge will display boost	
Ы	UPd		Update communications with other BIM modules attached	
End			Exit Setup.	

#### Enable or disable engine indicator status from the BIM-01-2-MSD

- Hold the switch on the BIM-01-2 case while turning the key on. The BIM display will show the current revision code while this is held.
- Release the switch.
- Tap the switch until the display shows "Eng" (engine). Press and hold to enter this menu.
- When you see "---" on the display release the switch.
- The display will show the current state or the engine indicator **on** (enable) or **oFF** (disable).
- Tap the switch to change the state.
- To save setting press and hold the switch until you see "---" on the display, then release the switch.
- The display will show "End". Press and hold the switch to exit setup or tap to choose another menu option.

#### Enabling Boost on the BIM-01-2-MSD

The MSD Proflow 4 systems will always send MAP/vacuum data to the BIM-01-2-MSD The BIM-01-2-MSD has an option to enable boost readings if the car has turbocharger.

- Hold the switch on the BIM-01-2-MSD case while turning the key on. The BIM display will show the current revision code while this is held.
- Release the switch.
- Tap the switch until the display shows **b5***L* (boost). Press and hold to enter this menu.
- When you see "---" on the display release the switch.
- The display will show the current boost state, oFF (disable) or On (enable).
- Tap the switch to change the state.
- To save setting press and hold the switch until you see "---" on the display, then release the switch.
- The display will show End. Press and hold the switch to exit setup or tap to choose another menu option.

## **BIM setup continued:**

#### To set or change the ID number on the BIM-01-2-MSD

The ID will not normally need to be changed. The fuel PSI and A/F ratio readings both use bus ID's so if you have other BIM units connected along with this one, there is a chance of ID conflicts. This can easily be resolved. If fuel PSI, A/F ratio, or MAP is not showing up in the BIM setup menu on your system you may need to resolve an ID conflict. The following procedure will allow the BIM-01-2 to automatically select a new, unused ID.

- Hold the switch on the BIM-01-2-MSD case while turning the key on. The BIM display will show the current revision code while this is held.
- Release the switch.
- Tap the switch until the display shows d (ID).
- Press and hold until you see "---" on the display, then release the switch.
- UPd will be shown.
- Press and hold until **dnE** is displayed.
- Release the switch, and the BIM unit will now go back to normal operation.

## Quick tips:

While the BIM is operating, the dot in the upper left corner of the display will indicate the status. On steady indicates it is powered up but not receiving any BIM bus activity. Flashing indicates it is communicating on the BIM bus. If the display shows "bu5" then it is scanning to try and communicate with the MSD system bus but cannot get an answer. To see the sensor and channel status on the BIM display, press and hold the switch. The display will cycle through several screens. The first will show the bus type ("*EF3*" MSD). The next screens will indicate which (if any) extended data is available: " *IRE*" for intake/manifold temp.

## Troubleshooting guide:

Problem	Possible cause	Solution
BIM does not light up	<ul> <li>PWR wire does not have power.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Inspect harness and repair or replace.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Power/data harness is damaged.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Module is damaged.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Return for service. (See Instructions below)</li> </ul>
BIM display is scanning "bป5"	Adapter harness is not connected	<ul> <li>Connect the appropriate harness to MSD CAN</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The MSD system is not compatible</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Verify compatibility.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The MSD is not powered on.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Verify MSD system is powered on.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>MSD system has old firmware</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Update firmware to v53 or later</li> </ul>
BIM has a steady dot lit	Interface cable is not connected	<ul> <li>Connect the supplied data cable between the BIM unit and the instrument control box.</li> </ul>
	Interface cable is loose.	<ul> <li>Make sure both ends of the cable are seated.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>On VHX systems, the BIM display for this is disabled.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Follow instructions in VHX manual to enable the BIM display screen.</li> </ul>
BIM display shows "88:8"	<ul> <li>Data cable is damaged.</li> <li>Another module on the bus is damaged or connected improperly.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Inspect and replace the data cable.</li><li>Inspect other modules on the bus.</li></ul>

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- Include a complete description of the problem, with RMA number, your full name and address (street address preferred), and a telephone number where you can be reached during the day.
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- Send no money. We will contact you for payment.

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