STA-1000
Speed/Tach Interface Module for OBD-II vehicle interface

This unit has an input to read engine information from vehicles using the GM 1996-up OBD-II protocol, Ford 1996-up OBD-II protocol, some Chrysler 2000-up OBD-II protocol, or CAN OBD-II protocol. CAN OBD-II is used on all vehicles 2008 and newer and some vehicles from 2004 – 2008. It provides speedometer, tachometer, and engine indicator outputs. Do not mount this in the module in the engine compartment; it should be mounted in interior of the vehicle.

Operation
The RPM and speed can be provided by this unit instead of trying to find a compatible connection somewhere in the vehicle wiring harness. These outputs can be calibrated to match the gauge being connected. The malfunction indicator lamp (MIL) or service engine soon indicator will be activated from the data bus when there is an engine code set. This will not turn on the indicator for a lamp test function when the key is on, but the engine is not running.

Since a cruise control will typically not work well with the speed data from the diagnostic bus, a connection is provided to connect a VSS signal directly from the transmission and then provide a calibrated 4000 ppm output. The output is self calibrated by reading the incoming transmission VSS signal and comparing it with the speed data from the diagnostic bus.
Setup Menu

- `Id` 6, 1, 62, F, 1, F2  set the J1850 device ID.

- `CYL` 4, 6, 8  set the engine cylinder count for the tachometer

- `CAL` 3.0 – 20.0  set the speedometer calibration

- `ADJ` fine adjustment of the speedometer calibration

- `Cod` display the revision code

- `Rst` no, YES  reset all settings to factory default values.

Tachometer Setup

- Hold the switch beside the STA-1000 terminal strip while turning the key on. The display will show “888” while this is held.
- Release the switch. The display will show “- Id”.
- Press and release the switch until “CAL” is shown.
- Press and hold the switch until “- _” is shown.
- Release the switch. The current engine cylinder setting will be shown: 4, 6, or 8. The tachometer output will also be generating a 2000 rpm signal to verify the reading on your gauge.
- Press and release the switch to change the setting.
- Press and hold the switch until “- _” is shown to save the setting.
- Release the switch.
- Turn the key off to exit.

Speedometer Setup

There are two methods of setting or calibrating the speedometer. The first is “CAL” and this allows you to select a signal from 3,000 – 20,000 pulse per mile calibration in steps of 1,000. The second is “ADJ” and this allows the signal to be finely adjusted up or down.

“CAL” Setup

- Hold the switch beside the STA-1000 terminal strip while turning the key on. The display will show “888” while this is held.
- Release the switch. The display will show “- Id”.
- Press and release the switch until “CAL” is shown.
- Press and hold the switch until “- _” is shown.
- Release the switch. The current speedometer calibration setting will be shown. The speedometer output will also be generating 60 mph (96 km/h) signal to verify the reading on your gauge.
- Press and release the switch to change the setting from 3.0 – 20.0 (3,000 – 20,000 ppm).
- Press and hold the switch until “- _” is shown to save the setting.
- Release the switch.
- Turn the key off to exit.

“ADJ” Setup

- Hold the switch beside the STA-1000 terminal strip while turning the key on. The display will show “888” while this is held.
- Release the switch. The display will show “- Id”.
- Press and release the switch until “ADJ” is shown.
- Press and hold the switch until “- _” is shown.
- Release the switch. “ADJ” will be shown and the speedometer output will also be generating 60 mph (96 km/h) signal to verify the reading on your gauge.
- Press and hold the switch to change the speedometer signal. It will alternate between increasing the signal and decreasing the signal each time you press the switch.
- After four seconds of not pressing the switch, it will save and exit the adjust setting.
- The display show “Cod”.
- Turn the key off to exit.
**ID Setup**

When using the pre-CAN bus GM J1850 or Ford J1850 protocols the unit must have a unique ID to identify itself on the bus. By default this is set to use a gauge display panel bus ID and should not normally need to be changed. If there is some other module already using this ID, then another can be selected. Some Chrysler vehicles may require F1 or F2 ID’s to be selected for proper operation. 61 and 62 are gauge ID’s and F1 and F2 are scan tool ID’s.

**To set or change the diagnostic bus ID numbers:**

- Hold the switch beside the STA-1000 terminal strip while turning the key on. The display will show “888” while this is held.
- Release the switch. The display will show “-Id”.
- Press the switch. The BIM display will show the currently selected bus ID.
- Release the switch.
- Press and release the switch to change the setting from 61, 62, F1, or F2.
- Press and hold the switch until “-” is shown to save the setting.
- Release the switch.
- Turn the key off to exit.

**Troubleshooting 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 and there is no signal on the VSS input. Flashing indicates it is receiving a signal on the VSS input. A dot in the upper center indicates that there is an engine code set (MIL active).

If the display is sequencing through “-J-”, “-F-”, and “-C-” then it is scanning to try and communicate with the vehicle bus but cannot get an answer.

To see the signal and channel status on the BIM display, press and hold the switch. If “BUS” is shown, the module cannot communicate with the vehicle. The display will cycle through several screens. The first will show the bus type (“J” for GM or Chrysler J1850, “F” for Ford J1850, “C” for CAN) and the number of control modules answering. The next screens will indicate speed and RPM. “- 5” for 1,500 rpm and “96” for 96 km/h speed.

**Emissions note:**

If your vehicle requires emissions testing in your area, the check engine feature of this unit cannot be used to operate the Check Engine or Service Engine indicator.

**Troubleshooting guide.**

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<td>Outputs do not work and the display will not light up at all.</td>
<td>PWR terminal does not have power. GND terminal does not have a good ground. Module is damaged.</td>
<td>Connect to a location that has power with the key on. Connect to a clean chassis ground location. Return for service. (see instructions)</td>
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<td>Outputs do not work and the display is scanning “J”, “F”, “C”</td>
<td>OBD-II Interface cable is not connected. The vehicle bus is not compatible.</td>
<td>Connect the supplied OBD-II cable between the STA-1000 unit and the vehicle diagnostic plug. Vehicles using the ISO 9141-2 or J1939 protocol are not compatible with the STA-1000. This includes some Chrysler and many import vehicles.</td>
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<td>Gauge does not read. STA-1000 has a steady or flashing dot lit.</td>
<td>Broken or loose wire connection. Wire connected to the wrong output. Output calibration is incorrect.</td>
<td>Inspect and reconnect wires. Switch between the #1 and #2 output types and retest. See “Tachometer Setup” or “Speedometer Setup” in the manual.</td>
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<td>Gauge operates, but does not read correctly.</td>
<td>Loose connection on sensor wires. Output calibration is incorrect.</td>
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<td>VSS signal is not connected from the transmission.</td>
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<td>Cruise control will not engage. Display has a flashing dot.</td>
<td>The vehicle must be driven once to allow the output to be calibrated. Cruise control speed input is incorrect.</td>
<td>Drive the vehicle at 30 – 45 mph, stop and shut it down, retest the cruise control. Set the cruise control for a 4000 (4k) ppm signal.</td>
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