

VBOX Manager

User Guide







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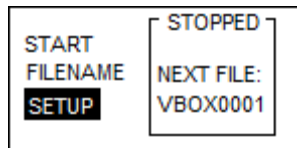
Introduction

The Racelogic VBOX Manager is a versatile control unit that has been designed to provide in depth control of the VB3i SL, and VB3i ADAS functions. The VBOX Manager can also be used to compliment VB3i, VBOXIII, and VB20SX/SL GPS data logging systems by providing an easy to use graphical interface for control of logging functions. Housed in a compact enclosure, the VBOX Manager is equipped with a clear graphical LCD display and rotary, push-button controller.

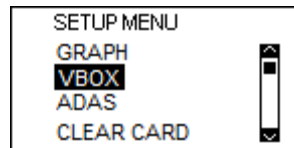
Features

- Provide Control of VB3i SL functions
- Provide Control of ADAS functions, (VB3i SL, VBOXIII and VBOX3i only)
- Control logging start/stop
- Delete unwanted files from the compact flash card
- Create VBOX data files with descriptive filenames in a logical directory structure
- Provide full control of VBOX settings, log rate, log mode, DGPS mode etc.
- Velocity graph mode
- Correctly Format CF cards using VBOXIII/VBOX3i

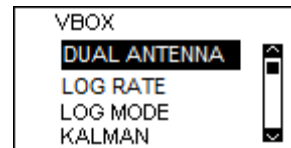
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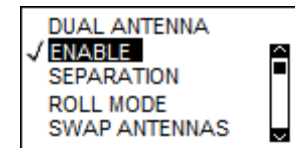
Enter Setup screen



Enter VBOX Configuration



Enter Dual Antenna



Input Test parameters

For more detailed information on the Dual Antenna setup please refer to the VB3i SL Manual

Caution!

Please note that the operating voltage of the VBOX Manager must be between 6V and 28VDC. It is important therefore to ensure that the VBOX supply voltage is no higher than 28VDC when using the VBOX Manager.



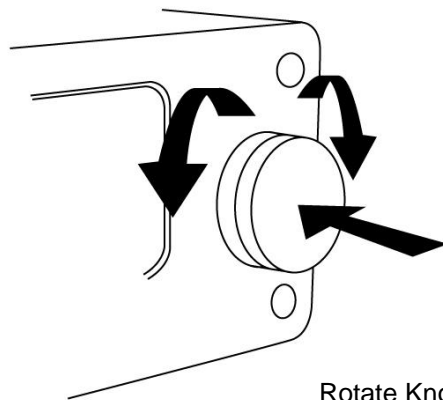
Standard Inventory

Description	Qty	Racelogic Part #
VBOX Manager	1	RLVBFMAN
Connection cable to VBOX	1	RLVBCAB05-C

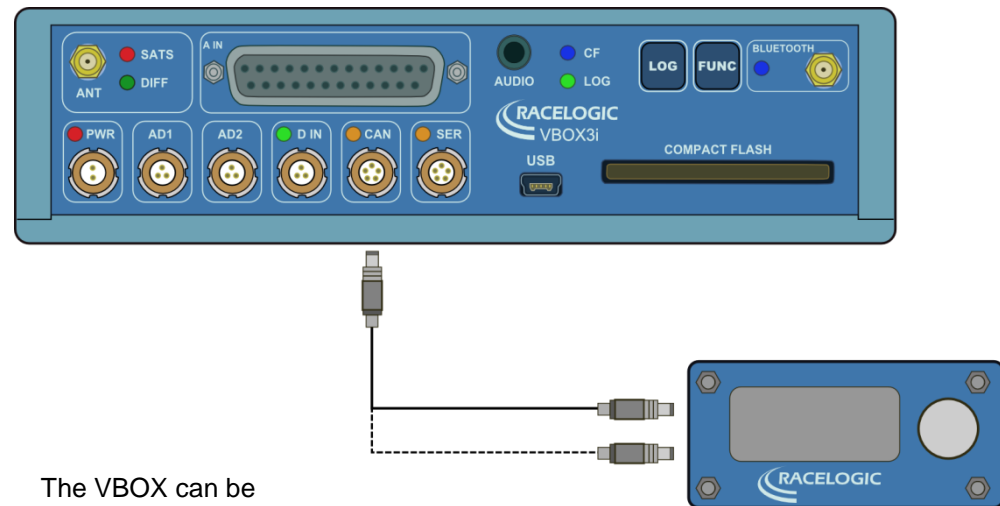
Operation

The VBOX Manager uses a CAN Bus link to communicate with the VBOX. The connection should be made via the supplied RLVBCAB05C cable. This is normally connected between either of the two LEMO sockets on the VBOX Manager and the CAN connector on the VBOX. The VBOX connector marked CAN is the default bus for Racelogic module communication. However, if the VBOX Manager display constantly shows “NO CAN” then check the VBOX CAN setup in case the VBOX has been configured to use the “RS232” connector for Racelogic module communication.

The VBOX Manager uses a rotary push-button knob to control VBOX functions and to navigate menu options. By rotating the knob when a menu is displayed, the user can select various menu items. To select a menu item, the user can press the knob in the centre.

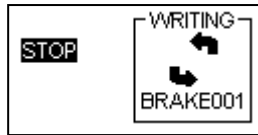


Rotate Knob to select menu item and press to activate



The VBOX can be connected to either of the two LEMO connectors on the VBOX Manager.

Once connected to the VBOX, the VBOX Manager will display the current VBOX status for example:-



The example above shows that the VBOX is currently logging data to the compact flash card. While the VBOX is logging, the arrows will rotate. The highlighted text, **STOP**, shows the action that will be performed when the knob is pressed. Therefore if the control knob is pressed in the example above, the VBOX will stop logging and show the following screen:-

KEEP

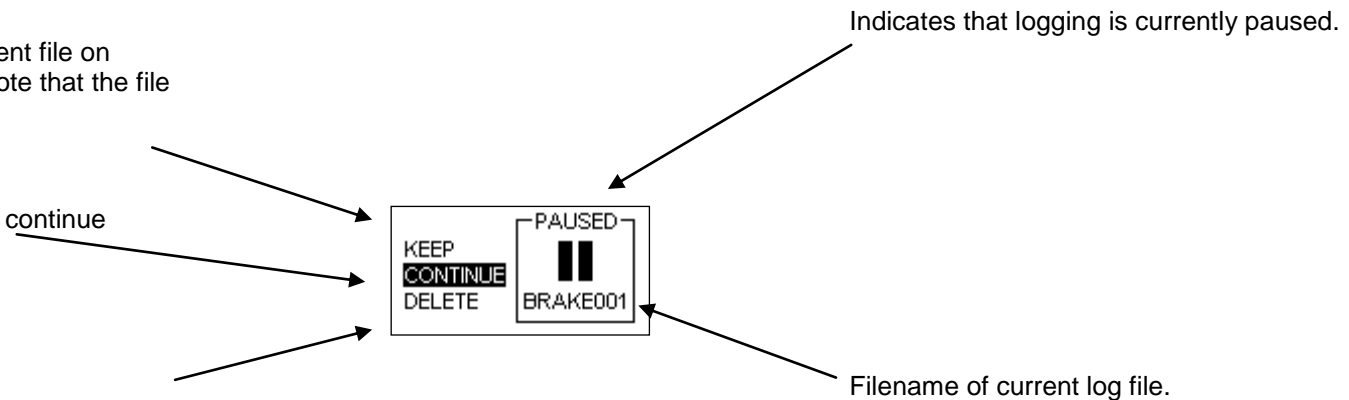
Selecting this option will close current file on memory card and open new file. Note that the file number will be incremented.

CONTINUE

This option will cause the VBOX to continue logging to the current file.

DELETE

This option will delete the currently open file and open a new file.



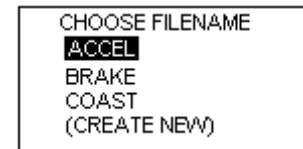
Menu Options

	<p>START</p>	<p>Start logging. The NEXT FILE parameter shows the filename that will be created when logging begins.</p>
	<p>FILENAME</p>	<p>This option allows the user to create a new directory and filename for the VBOX data files. For example, if a filename BRAKE is entered, the VBOX will create a directory called BRAKE on the compact flash card and any subsequent data files will be named BRAKE001.VBO, BRAKE002.VBO, etc..</p>
	<p>SETUP</p>	<p>This option moves to the SETUP menu for configuration of the VBOX Manager.</p>
	<p>STOP</p>	<p>If the button is pressed in this display, the VBOX will stop logging and the display will show the KEEP, CONTINUE & DELETE menu options.</p>
	<p>ARMED</p>	<p>If the START option is selected when the VB3i SL has log mode set to 'log when moving', the screen will show ARMED. This indicates that the recording media has been detected, and the unit is waiting for starting conditions to be met before logging commences. The upcoming filename will be displayed under the cross-hair image. If no recording media is detected, there will be a 'No Card!' message.</p>
	<p>KEEP</p>	<p>KEEP File. This option will close the current data file and open a new file with the filename number incremented by one.</p>
	<p>CONTINUE</p>	<p>This option will start logging again to the currently open file.</p>
	<p>DELETE</p>	<p>Delete the currently open file and open a new file for logging. When DELETE is selected the display will ask the user to confirm before deleting the file to prevent accidental erasure.</p>

File Naming

Click on the "FILENAME" menu option to enter a screen which allows the creation and selection of logical directories and file names. For example, the following directories could be made on the card: ACCEL, BRAKE, COAST

In the VBOX Manager, it is then possible to select any of these directories as the locations of data files logged by the VBOX. For example, selecting the 'ACCEL' directory will create the files 'ACCEL001.VBO', then 'ACCEL002.VBO', then 'ACCEL003.VBO', and so on, each within the ACCEL directory.



NOTE: The following words cannot be used as file names due to a clash with processor commands CON, PRN, LPT1, COM1.

SETUP Menu Options

	GRAPH	The GRAPH option in the setup menu is used to display the graph mode options
	VBOX	VBOX settings like Log mode, Log rate, DGPS mode etc.
	ADAS	ADAS setup and configure functions.
	CLEAR CARD	Clear card options, Delete All and Format
	FLIP SCREEN	Selecting The FLIP SCREEN option will rotate the VBOX Manager screen by 180° to allow left-hand operation.
	EXIT	EXIT. Return to operating mode.

Graph Mode

In addition to the text mode, the VBOX Manager can also operate in a graphical display mode where a velocity trace is shown to allow the user to verify the correct speed profile. Graph mode is selected by clicking on the ENABLE option in the GRAPH SETUP screen. When selected, a tick will be shown next to the ENABLE option. Graph setup options are shown below.

	ENABLE	Enable / Disable Graphical mode.
	SPEED UNITS	Select Mile per hour MPH or Kilometres per hour KMH .
	SPEED RANGE	Select the speed range for the graph display. Options for the speed range are 0-10, 0-50, 0-100 & 0-200.
	TIMESCALE	The timescale setting defines the time base for the graph display. Settings available are 6seconds, 12seconds, 24seconds and 120 seconds. For example, if the 6 second option is selected, the total velocity graph from left to right will represent 6 seconds of data.
	BACK	Return to main setup menu



VBOX Menu options

	DUAL ANTENNA	Enable/disable the Dual antenna mode (When connected to a VB3i SL)
	LOG RATE	Adjust VBOX logging rate. Options available are 100Hz, 50Hz, 20Hz, 5Hz, and 1Hz dependant on VBOX type
	LOG MODE	Select VBOX log mode. Options available are LOG WHEN MOVING and LOG ALL TIME.
	KALMAN	Display VBOX III/3i KALMAN filter menu. This allows the user to enable VBOX III/3i filtering on speed or position and enable the IMU integration to be switched on/off on a VBOX3i
	DYNAMICS	Display VBOX DYNAMIC mode selection menu. Allows selection of Low, Medium and High dynamics.
	DGPS	Select one of the available DGPS modes in which you want the VBOX to operate.
	DGPS RS232 RATE	Set the DGPS RS232 Rate.
	COLDSTART	Select to perform a GPS cold start.
	ELEVATION MASK	Set elevation mask for GPS engine to ignore satellites below selected mask angle.
	BACK	Return to Setup menu.

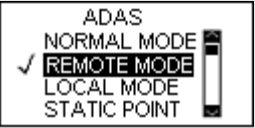
DUAL ANTENNA Menu options

See the VB3i SL application manual for full instruction on the use of the available functions.

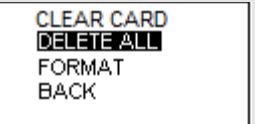
	ENABLE	Set the VB3i SL to be in dual antenna mode (when there is a tick) or single antenna mode (no tick).
	SEPARATION	Sets the separation distance between the two antennas.
	ROLL MODE	Sets roll mode on/off. When ticked a 90° heading offset is configured, for use when antennas are positioned in a roll configuration (across the width of the car).
	SWAP ANTENNAS	When enabled (ticked) allows the primary antenna A, to be mounted ahead of secondary antenna B (pitch configuration only).
	ALIGN ANTENNAS	Within this sub menu the antennas can be auto aligned to provide a zero slip reference. Automatic calculation must be carried out while moving in a straight line, at a constant steady speed. Alignment offset can also be cleared.
	LEVEL ANTENNAS	Within this sub menu the antennas can be auto levelled to provide a zero reference for pitch or roll measurements.
	BACK	Return to VBOX Menu.

ADAS Menu options

See the ADAS application manual for full instruction on using this VBOXIII/3i facility.

	NORMAL MODE	Returns the VBOX to a non ADAS mode ready for all normal VBOXIII/3i functionality.
	REMOTE MODE	Sets the VBOXIII/3i into the REMOTE Vehicle separation mode ready for this VBOX to be placed in the remote/tracked car as part of the telemetry linked VBOX pair required for Vehicle separation measurements.
	LOCAL MODE	Sets the VBOXIII/3i into the LOCAL Vehicle separation mode ready for this VBOX to be placed in the local/tracking car as part of the telemetry linked VBOX pair required for Vehicle separation measurements.
	STATIC POINT	Static Point mode allows vehicle separation data to be calculated from a nominated point, also set from within this menu.
	LANE DEP	Lane Departure causes the VBOXIII/3i to allow Lane departure channels to be calculated with respect to a straight line defined within this menu.
	BACK	Return to Setup Menu.

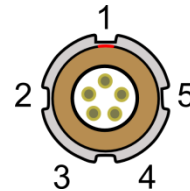
CLEAR CARD Menu options

	DELETE ALL	The DELETE ALL option is used to delete all of the files on the compact flash card.
	FORMAT	The FORMAT option will instruct the VBOX to FORMAT the current compact flash card. It is important to note that ALL previous data on the card will be lost.
	BACK	Return to Setup Menu.

Specifications

Parameter	Conditions
Data link	VBOX CAN Bus
Size	100mm x 50mm x 25mm / 3.9" x 1.9" x .98"
Weight	100g / 3.5oz
LCD Display	128 x 64 pixel Green LED backlight
Operating temperature	-20 to 50 °C
User input	Rotary push-button knob
Input Voltage Range	6 to 28VDC
Max Current	Approx 120mA @ 12V

Connections



5 pin LEMO socket

Top LEMO

Pin	I/O	Function	
1	O	TxD, Serial Data Transmit	Firmware upgrade
2	I	RxD, Serial Data Receive	Firmware upgrade
3	I/O	CAN High	Linked to Bottom LEMO CAN High
4	I/O	CAN Low	Linked to Bottom LEMO CAN Low
5	O	+V Power	
Chassis		Ground	Chassis

Bottom LEMO

Pin	I/O	Function	Note
1	O	-	
2	I	-	
3	I/O	CAN High	Linked to Top LEMO CAN High
4	I/O	CAN Low	Linked to Top LEMO CAN Low
5	O	+V Power	
Chassis		Ground	Chassis

Firmware updates

From time to time, Racelogic may release new versions of firmware to improve the operation of the VBOX Manager. It is advisable to check the Racelogic web site for updates periodically to be sure that you have the latest firmware version.

To upgrade the VBOX Manager, download the latest upgrade file from the Racelogic web site. The file will have a '.RUF' file extension. The VBOX Manager should be powered by connecting a CAB05C cable between the VBOX CAN connector and the bottom LEMO connector on the VBOX Manager. Using the CAB01 serial cable, connect the top LEMO connector on the VBOX Manager to the serial port of the PC. Double click the upgrade file and follow the on-screen instructions. If you have any questions about the upgrade procedure, please do not hesitate to contact Racelogic.

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6	30/04/08	Update of Address	AM
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