# v.LiNK Video-inserter
# CI-VL3-NAC

examples

## Compatible with
## Citroen vehicles with NAC infotainment
## Peugeot vehicles with NAC infotainment

### Video-inserter with 2 video inputs,
### rear-view camera input and CAN control

**Product features**

- Video-inserter for factory infotainment systems
- 2 CVBS video-inputs for after-market devices (e.g. DVD-Player, DVB-T tuner)
- 1 Rear-view camera CVBS video-input
- Automatic switching to rear-view camera input on engagement of reverse gear
- Activatable parking guide lines for the rear-view camera (vehicle specific restrictions possible)
- Video-in-motion in drive mode (ONLY for connected video-sources)
- AV-inputs PAL and 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. Apart from using this product in an unmoved vehicle, it should only be used 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. Up to one year after purchase we offer free software-updates for our interfaces. To receive a free update, the interface has to be sent in at own cost. Wages for de-and reinstallation and other expenditures 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

**Compatibility**

| Brand | Compatible vehicles | Infotainment systems |
|---|---|---|
| Citroen | C3 since 2017<br>C4 Picasso since 2017<br>C6 since 2016<br>Jumpy since 2016<br>Space Tourer since 2016 | NAC low or high<br>infotainment systems |
| Peugeot | 208 since 2017<br>2008 since 2017<br>3008 since 2016<br>4008 since 2017<br>5008 since 2017<br>Boxer since 2016 | NAC low or high<br>infotainment systems |

**Limitations**

*Video only*

The interface inserts ONLY video signals into the infotainment.
For audio inserting, use the possibly existing factory audio-AUX-input or a FM-modulator. If 2 AV-sources shall be connected to the infotainment, for audio switching an additional electronic part is required.

*Factory rear-view camera*

Automatic 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.

### 1.3. Warning notes:

**Damage** to the head-unit is possible, if this VL3-NAC interface is installed to older Citroen / Peugeot SMEG or SMEG+ head-units (by Magneti Marelli)! Use this VL3-NAC interface only on Citroen/Peugeot NAC head-units (by Continental from about 2016-) Designs and features –see the following pictures:



**NAC-Systeme**



Furthermore, even when installed to the correct NAC systems, there is also **damage** to the head-unit possible **if the 4pin HSD connectors of this harness are wrong-plugged.**

Prior to installation must be determined whether the head-unit of the vehicle is a

**low version** head-unit

(**single** black male 4pin

HSD on backside)



OR

**high version** head-unit

(**double** black male 4pin

HSD on the backside)



Please carefully follow the manual for high or low version connection of the head unit!

## 1.4.    Connection Video-Interface

The video-interface converts the connected after-market sources video signals into a digital RGB signal which is inserted in the factory monitor using separate trigger options. Furthermore, it reads vehicle's digital signals out of the vehicle's CAN-bus system and converts them for the video interface.
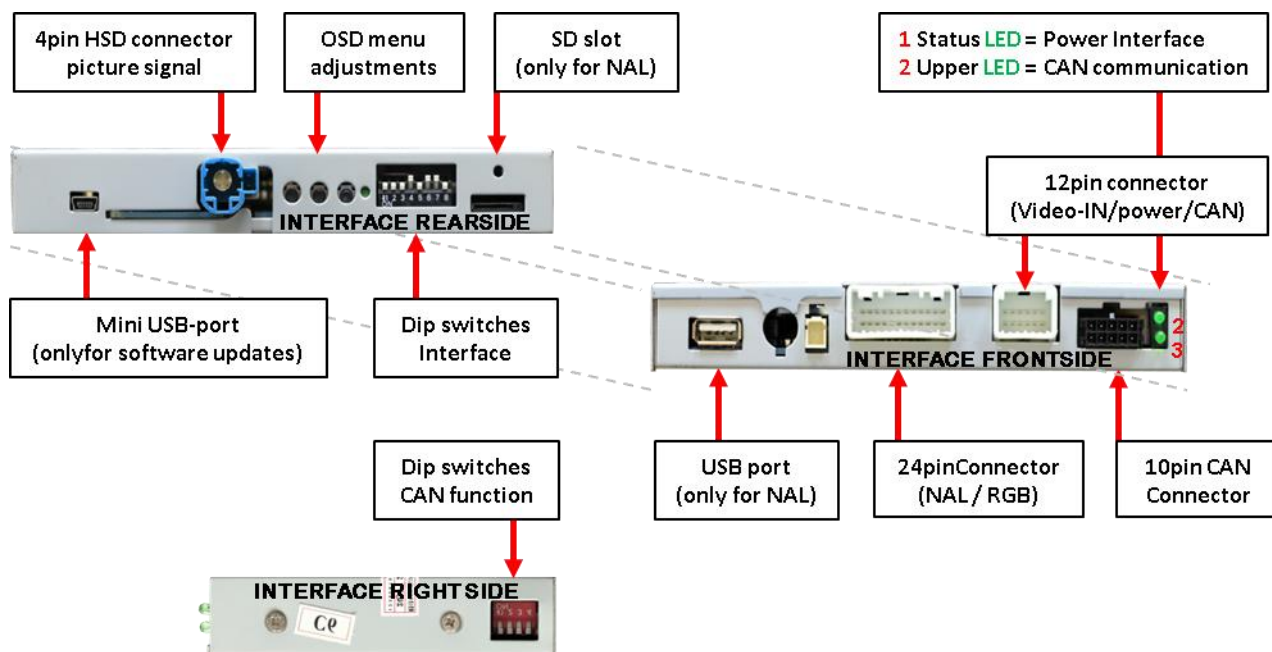


## 1.5.    Settings of the 8 Dip switches (black)

Some settings have to be selected by the 8 dip-switches at the video-interface. Dip position down is ON and position up is OFF.

| Dip | Function | ON (down) | OFF (up) |
|-----|----------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | RGB input | enabled | disabled |
| 2 | CVBS AV1-input | enabled | disabled |
| 3 | CVBS AV2-input | enabled | disabled |
| 4 | RGB-input resolution | 800x480 | 1080p H+V sync |
| 5 | Rear-view cam type | after-market | factory or none |
| 6 | No function | | set to OFF |
| 7 | No function | | set to OFF |
| 8 | Picture customizing Head unit | Try the 2 possible settings of dip 8 to find the best picture (quality and size) | |

See the following chapters for detailed information.

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

### 1.5.1. Enabling the interface's video inputs (dip 1-3)

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

### 1.5.2. RGB-video input signal selection for after-market navigation (Dip 4)

If an after-market RGB navigation or other RGB video source is connected, the source's RGB output signal must match the interface's RGB video input setting.

### 1.5.3. 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 a factory rear-view camera or a factory optical park system picture.
If set to **ON**, the interface switches to its rear-view camera input "Camera-IN" while the reverse gear is engaged.

**Note:** Dip 6 and7 are out of function and have to be set to **OFF**.

### 1.5.4. Choosing the corresponding head unit version (dip8)

If set to **ON**, the video interface will communicate with the NAC low-version head unit.
If set to **OFF**, the high version of the head unit will be adjusted.

**Note:** Dip 6 and7 are out of function and have to be set to **OFF**.

### 1.6. Settings of the 4 Dip switches (CAN function - red)

Dip position down is **ON** and position up is **OFF**.

| Navigation / Sy5tem | Dip 1 | Dip 2 | Dip 3 | Dip 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAC infotainments | OFF | OFF | OFF | OFF |

Set all 4 dips to OFF.

**After each Dip-switch-change a power-reset of the Can-box has to be performed!**

## 2. Installation

**Switch off the ignition and disconnect the vehicle's battery! The interface needs a permanent 12V source. If -according to factory rules- a disconnection of the battery has to be avoided, it should be sufficient to use the vehicle's sleep-mode. In case, the sleep-mode doesn't succeed, the battery has to be disconnected with a resistor lead.**

**The Interface needs a permanent power supply! If power isn't directly taken from the battery, the connection's power has to be checked for being start-up proven and permanent.**

**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 installation – video-interface

The video-interface is performed to be installed at the head unit's rear side.

## 2.2. Connection schema

head
unit
REARSIDE

Example of representation!

INTERFACE REARSIDE

To interface

PSA Quadlock harness

4-Pin HSD harness

High version HU
to head-unit

Low version HU
cut shrink pipe

PSA Quadlock
Factory harness

INTERFACE FRONTSIDE

Manual
ACC

Switching
In/Output Rear-
view camera

Low version HU
to vehicle harness

ACC-out
(max 3A)

12pin
interface cable

Video
cable

External
keypad

Double
4pin HSD
vehicle harness

Video IN 1

Camera IN

Video IN 2

AV-source 1 (optional)

Rear-view camera
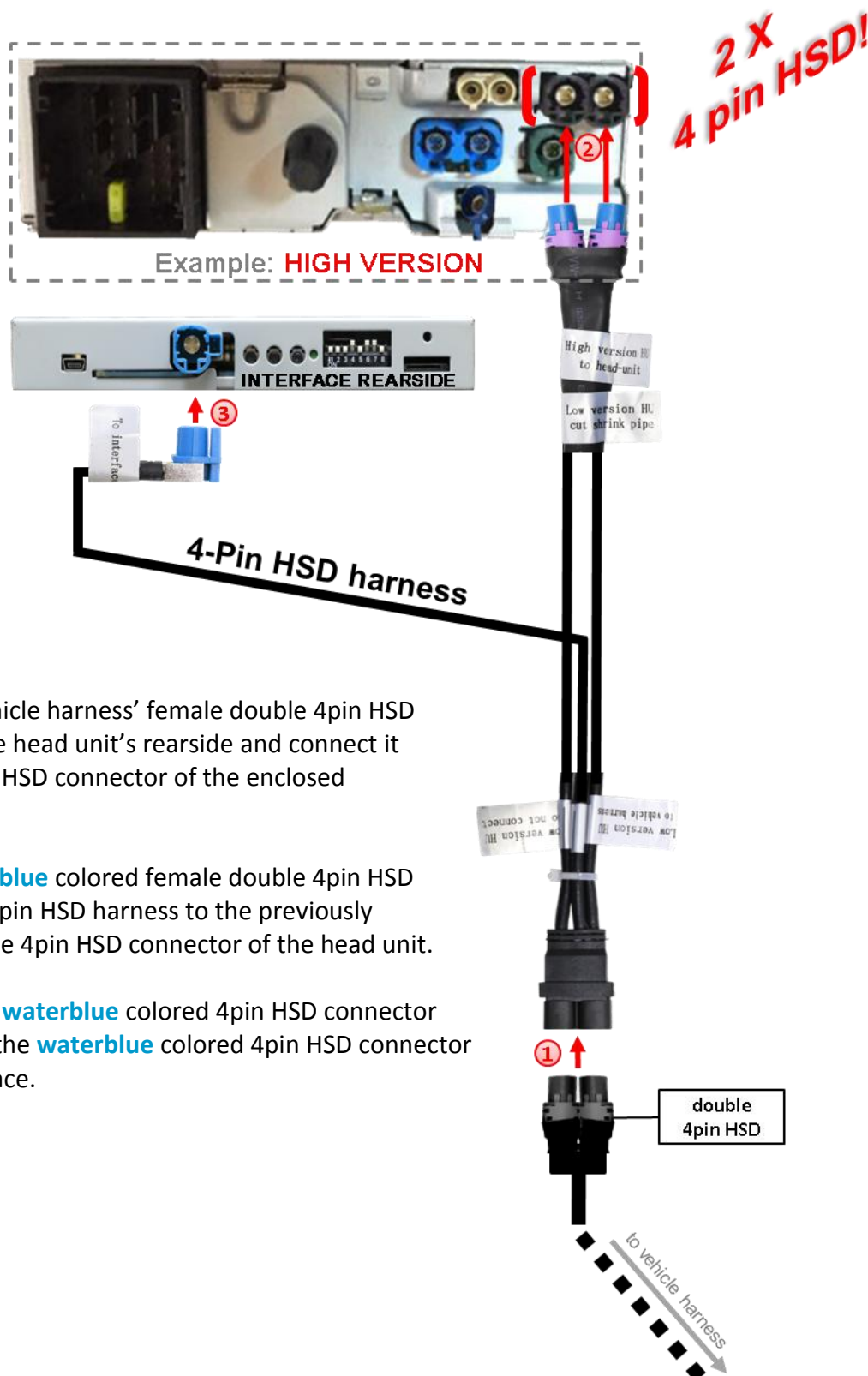(optional)

AV-source 2 (optional)

### 2.3.    Connections to the head-unit

#### Remove the vehicle's head unit

### 2.3.1.  Connection LVDS – video interface

#### 2.3.1.1.      High version head unit



Example: **HIGH VERSION**

**2 X 4 pin HSD!**

High version HU to head-unit

Low version HU cut shrink pipe

INTERFACE REARSIDE

**4-Pin HSD harness**

To interface

Low version HU do not connect

Low version HU to vehicle harness

**double 4pin HSD**
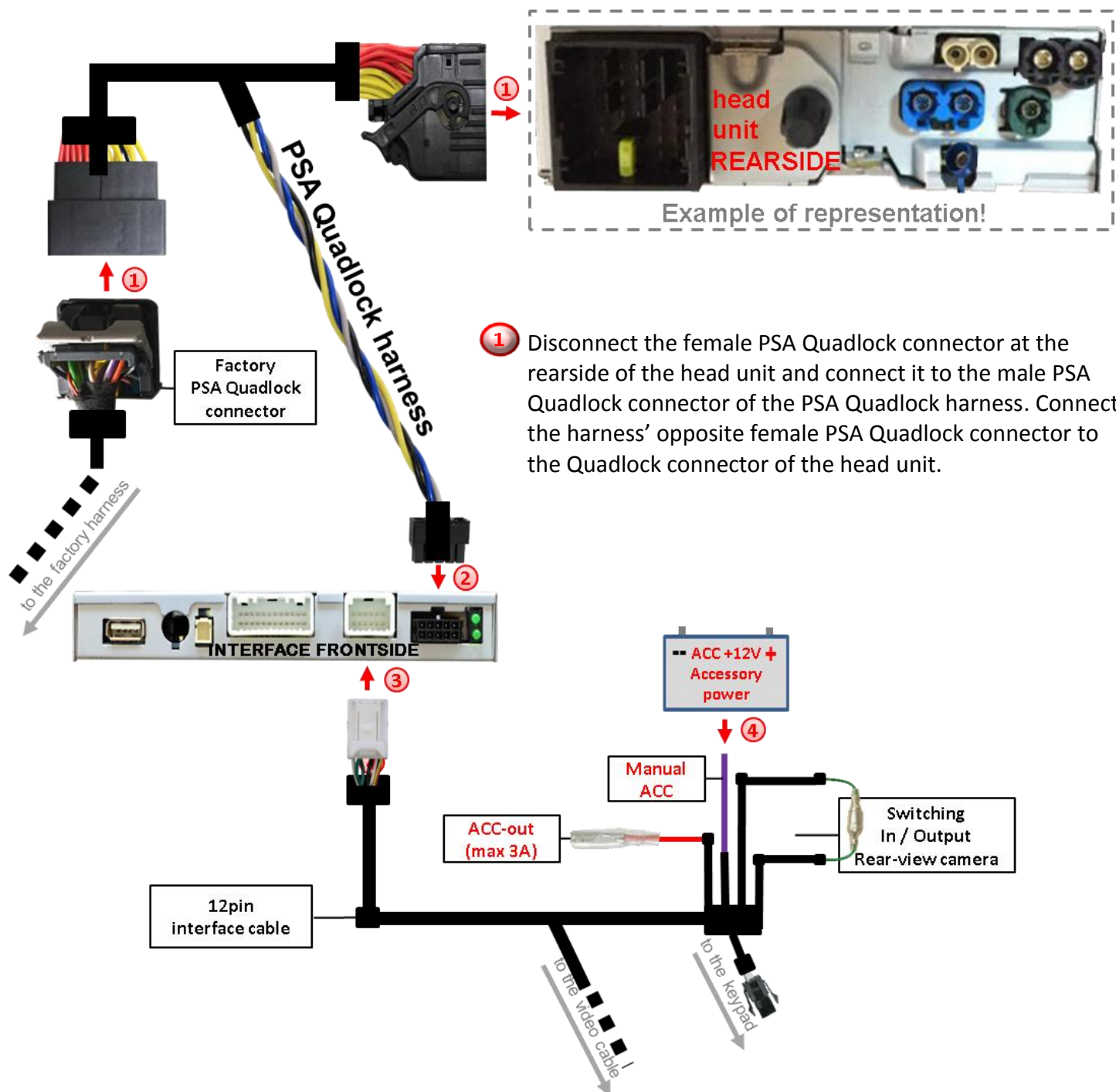
to vehicle harness

① Disconnect the vehicle harness' female double 4pin HSD connector from the head unit's rearside and connect it to the double 4pin HSD connector of the enclosed 4pin HSD harness.

② Connect the **waterblue** colored female double 4pin HSD Connector of the 4pin HSD harness to the previously become free double 4pin HSD connector of the head unit.

③ Connect the single **waterblue** colored 4pin HSD connector of that harness to the **waterblue** colored 4pin HSD connector of the video interface.

**2.3.1.2. Low version head unit (1 X 4pin HSD)**



*1 X 4 pin HSD!*

Representation: LOW VERSION

INTERFACE REARSIDE

4-Pin HSD harness

*Do not connect!*

*Do not connect!*

Single 4pin HSD
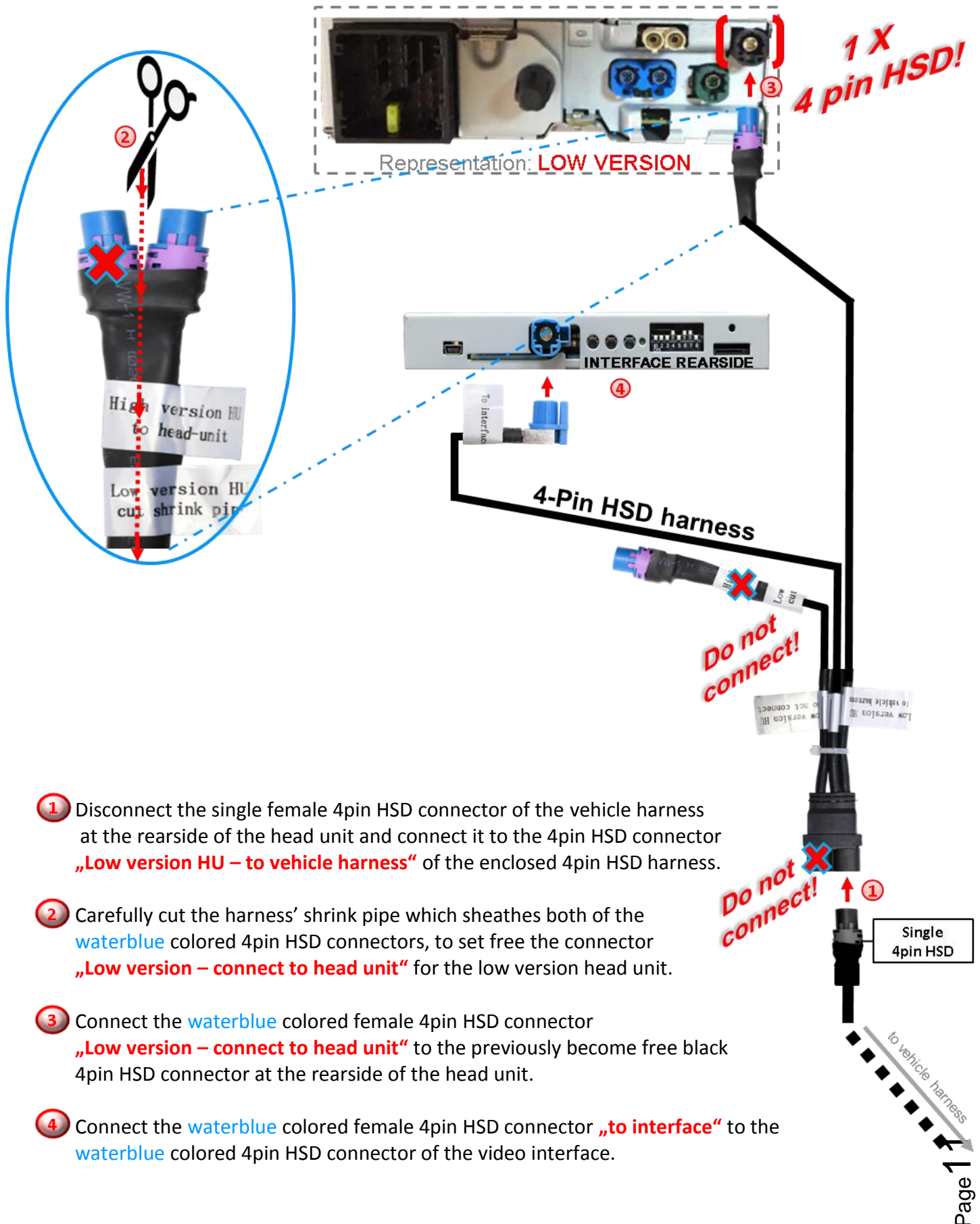
to vehicle harness

① Disconnect the single female 4pin HSD connector of the vehicle harness at the rearside of the head unit and connect it to the 4pin HSD connector **„Low version HU – to vehicle harness"** of the enclosed 4pin HSD harness.

② Carefully cut the harness' shrink pipe which sheathes both of the waterblue colored 4pin HSD connectors, to set free the connector **„Low version – connect to head unit"** for the low version head unit.

③ Connect the waterblue colored female 4pin HSD connector **„Low version – connect to head unit"** to the previously become free black 4pin HSD connector at the rearside of the head unit.

④ Connect the waterblue colored female 4pin HSD connector **„to interface"** to the waterblue colored 4pin HSD connector of the video interface.

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### 2.3.2. Connection to the head unit – Power / CAN



head unit REARSIDE

Example of representation!

Factory PSA Quadlock connector

PSA Quadlock harness

to the factory harness

INTERFACE FRONTSIDE

① Disconnect the female PSA Quadlock connector at the rearside of the head unit and connect it to the male PSA Quadlock connector of the PSA Quadlock harness. Connect the harness' opposite female PSA Quadlock connector to the Quadlock connector of the head unit.

ACC +12V Accessory power

Manual ACC

ACC-out (max 3A)

Switching In / Output Rear-view camera

12pin interface cable

to the video cable

to the keypad
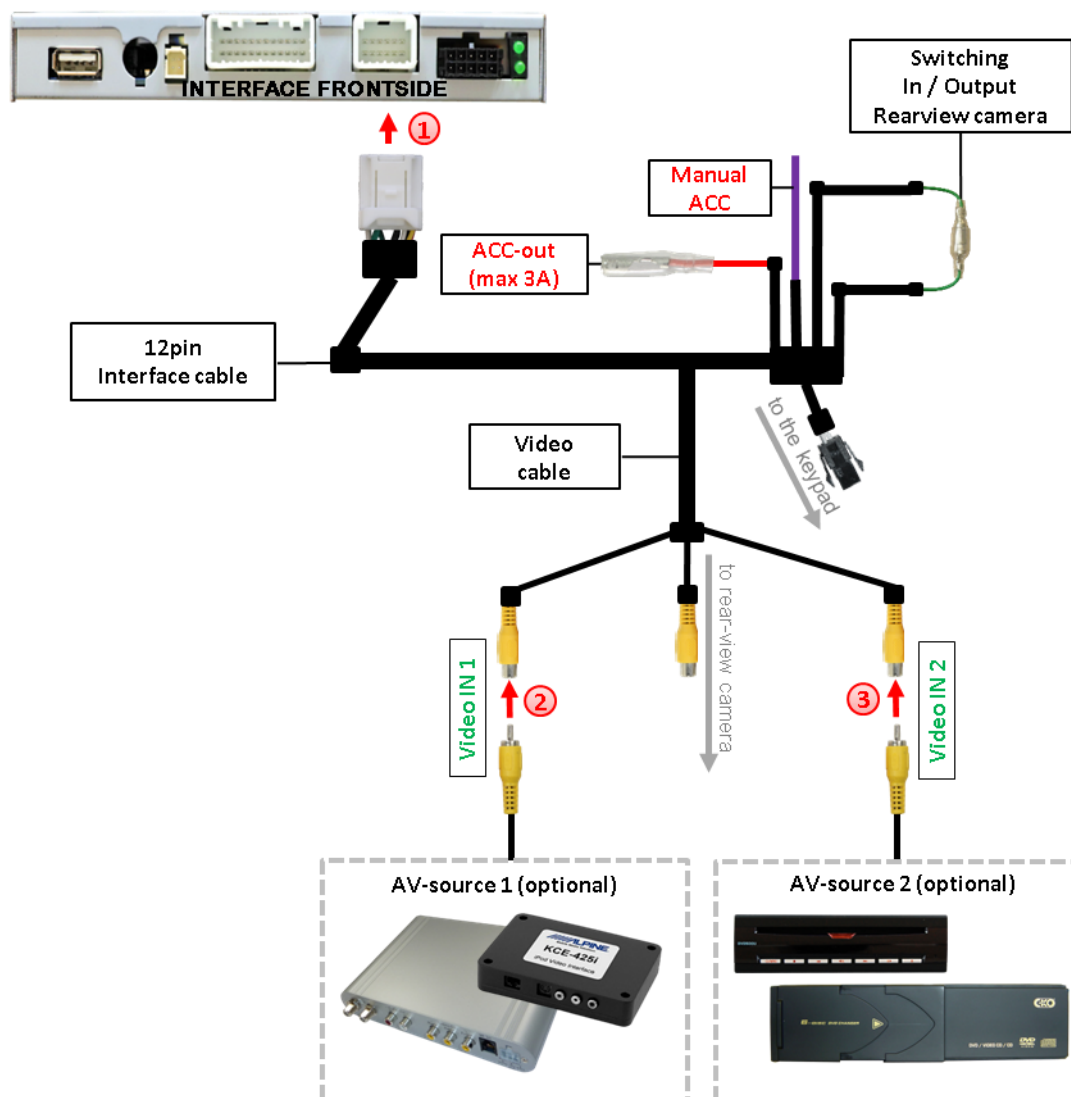
② Connect the PSA Quadlock harness' female 10pin connector to the 10pin connector of the video interface.

③ Connect the interface cable's female 12pin connector to the 12pin connector of the video interface.

④ Connect the single purple colored cable „Manual ACC" of the video interface cable to stabile +12V accessory power.

## 2.4.    Connecting the video sources

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

### 2.4.1.  Video-sources to Video IN1 and Video IN2



① Connect the interface cable's female 12pin connector to the video interface's 12pin connector.

② Connect the video RCA of the video-source 1 to the female RCA connector "Video IN1" of the video cable.

③ Connect the video RCA of the video-source 2 to the female RCA connector "Video-IN2" of the video cable.

### 2.4.2. Audio insertion

This interface can only insert video signals into the factory infotainment. If an AV source is connected, the audio insertion has to be performed by a factory 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, for audio switching an additional electronic part is required.

### 2.4.3. After-market rear-view camera

Some vehicles have a different reverse gear code on the CAN-bus which the video-interface is not compatible with. Therefore, there are two different ways of installation. If the video interface receives a signal of the reverse gear, the green wire **"Reverse-OUT"** of the 20pin cable should carry +12V while the reverse gear is engaged.

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

#### 2.4.3.1.        Case 1: Video interface receives the reverse gear signal

If the CAN-bus interface receives +12V on the green wire of the 20pin cable when reverse gear is engaged, it will automatically be switched to the rear-view camera input "Camera IN" while reverse gear is engaged.
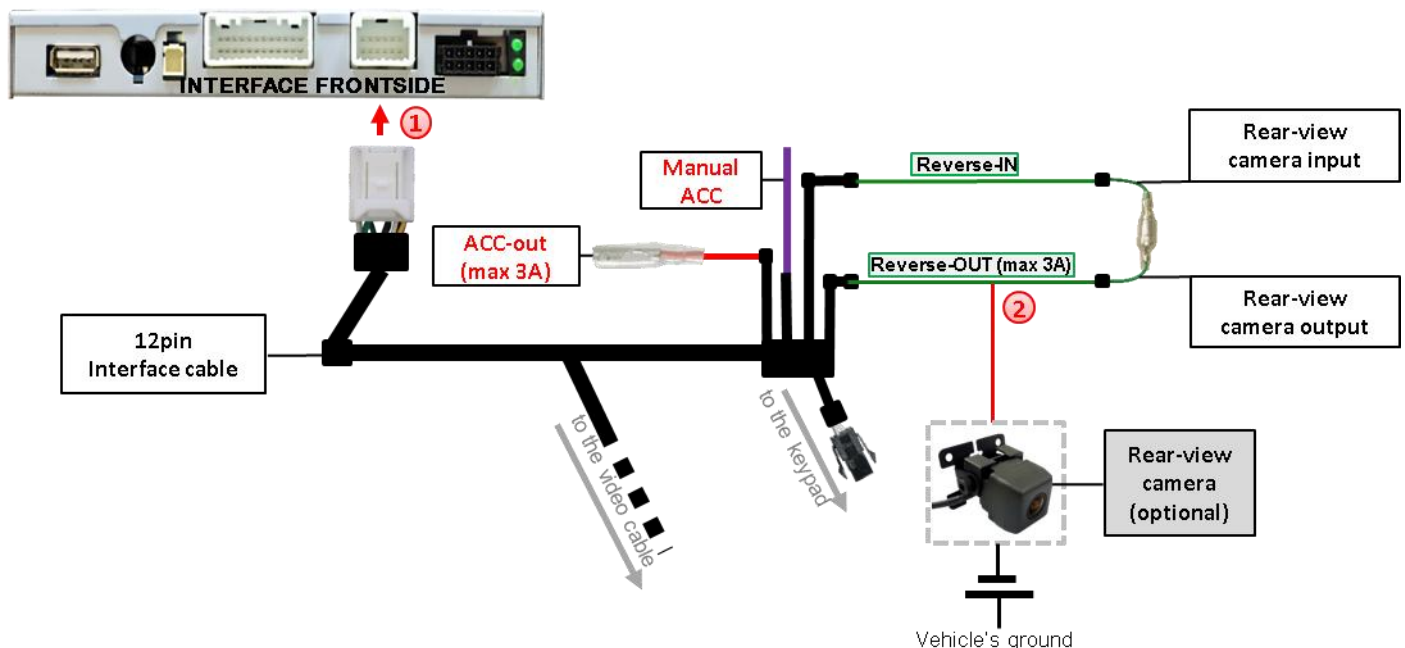


① Connect the interface cable's female 12pin connector to the interface's 12pin connector.

② The 12 V power supply for the rear-view camera (max 3A) has to be taken from the green wire of the 20pin cable to avoid an unnecessary, permanent power supply to the camera electronic. For the operation, both green cables "Reverse IN" and "Reverse OUT" have to remain connected.

### 2.4.3.2. Case 2: Video interface does not receive the reverse gear signal

If the video interface does <u>not</u> receive +12V on the green wire of the 20pin 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.
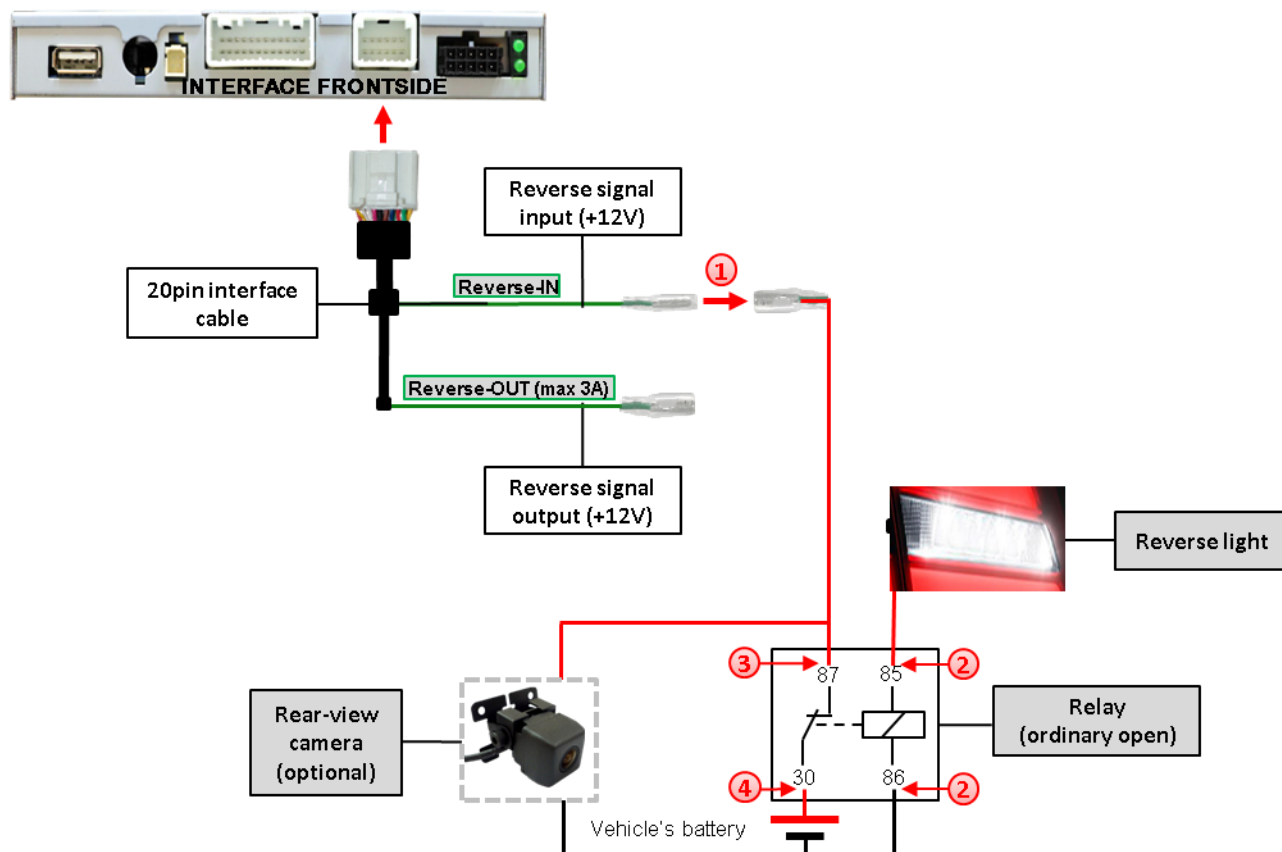


① Disconnect the green cable's pre-connected male- and female connectors of the 20pin cable and connect the green input cable **"Reverse-IN"** to the output connector (87) of the relay.

**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).

### 2.4.3.3. Video signal connection for the rear-view camera
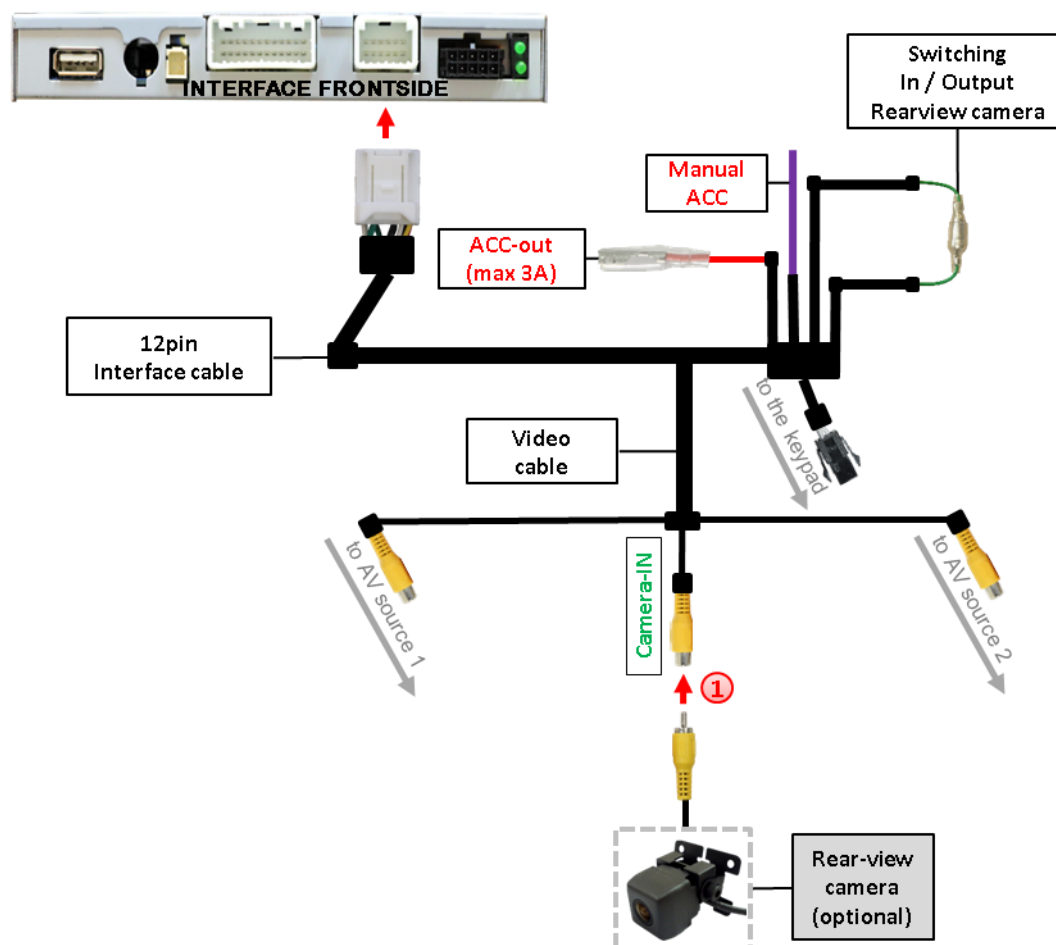


① Connect the video-RCA of the after-market rear-view camera to the female RCA port "Camera-IN" of the video-cable.

## 2.5. Connecting video-interface and external keypad
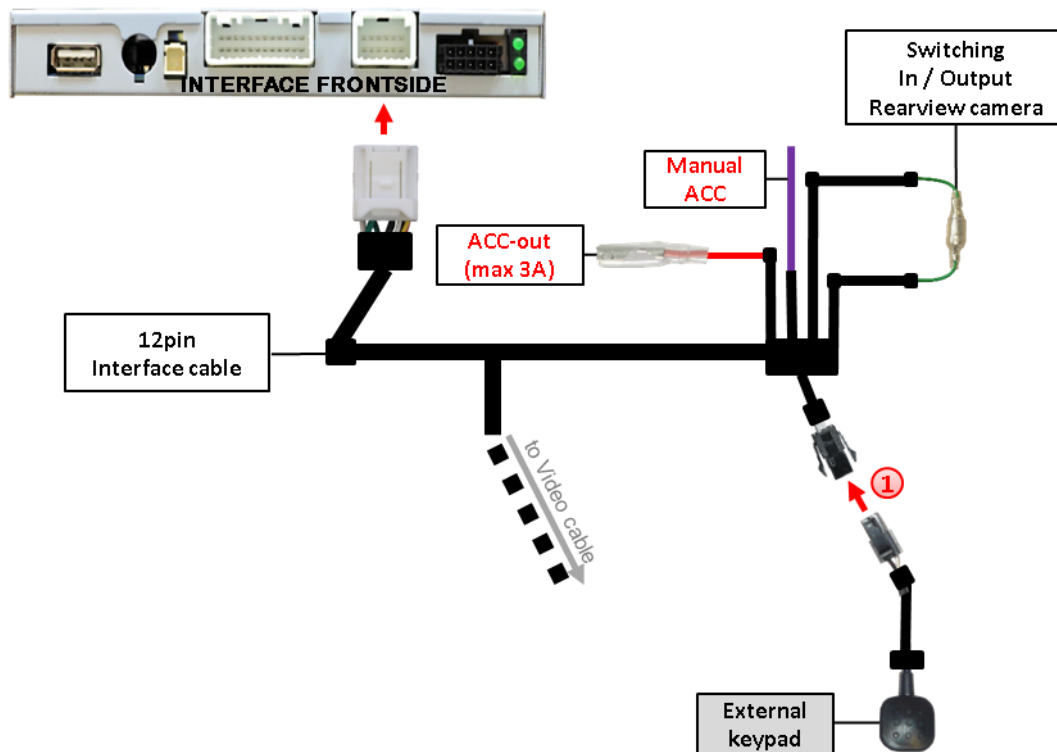


① Connect the keypad's female 4pin connector to the video-interface's male 4pin connector.

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

## 2.6.    Picture settings and guide lines
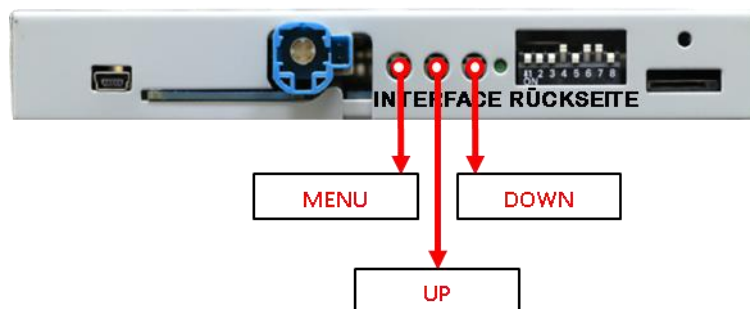


The picture settings can be adjusted by the 3 buttons of the video-interface. Press the **MENU** button to open the OSD settings menu. To switch to the next menu item, pressing **UP** and **DOWN** will change the selected value. The buttons are embedded in the housing to avoid accidental changes during or after installation. The picture settings have to be done separately for AV1 and AV2 while the corresponding input is selected and 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)
Position V (vertical)
IR-AV1 (out of function)
IR-AV2 (out of function)
Guide-lines left
Guide-lines right
U1-CNTRL      -        Guide lines for
                       rear-view camera (ON/OFF)
H-SIZE (horizontal)     picture adjustment
V-SIZE (vertical)       for rear-view camera

The menu's point „U1 CNTRL" does support the guide lines options like shown beside:
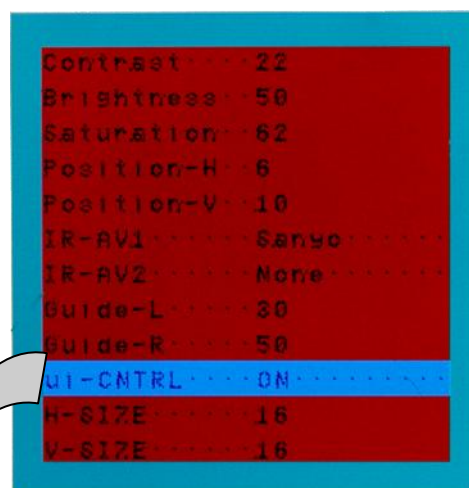


**Options:**

**All ON**: Guide lines and PDC will be displayed.
**PDC ON**: Only PDC displayed.
**Guide ON**: Only Guide lines displayed.
**ALL Off**: Guide lines and PDC will not be displayed.

**Note:**  If the vehicle's CAN communication does not support the video interface, the guide-lines cannot be used, even if they're once shown with the first operation!

## 3. Interface operation

### 3.1. By Navi button
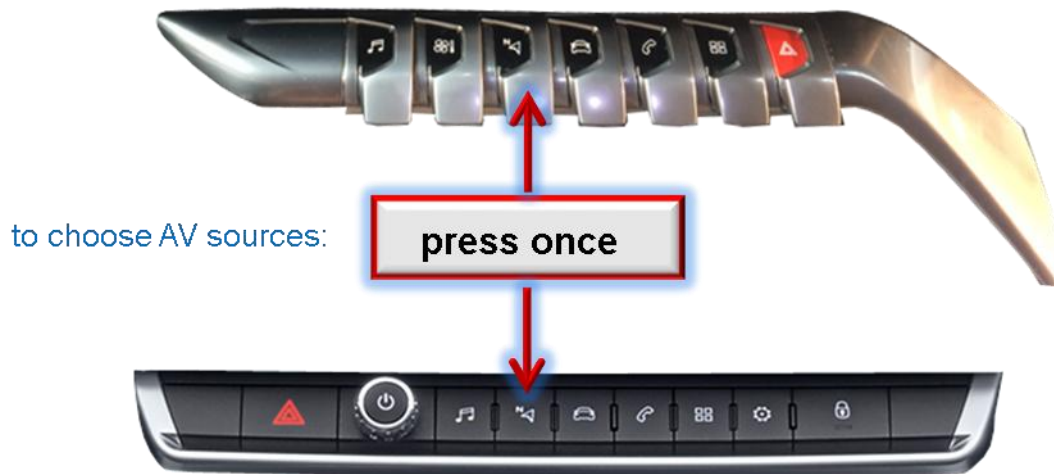


A press of the infotainment's **"Navi"-**button switches the input from factory mode to the inserted video sources. If, by dip switch setting, all inputs are enabled, the order is the following:

*Factory video→ RGB → video IN1 → video IN2 → factory video →…*

By dip switch deactivated inputs 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

Alternatively or additionally to the infotainment's "Navi" button, the interface's enabled inputs can also be switched by the external keypad.

## 4. Specifications

| | |
|---|---|
| BATT/ACC range | 7V - 25V |
| Stand-by power drain | 2,8mA |
| Power | 325mA @12V |
| Video input | 0.7V – 1V |
| Video input formats | PAL/NTSC |
| RGB-video amplitude | 0.7V with 75 Ohm impedance |
| Temperature range | -40°C to +85°C |
| Dimensions Video-Box | 158 x 23 x 108 mm (W x H x D) |

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## 5. 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 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. |
| Inserted picture b/w. | 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 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. | 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" 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. |

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