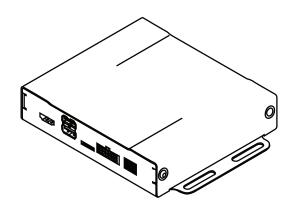
# VLine



# INSTALLATION MANUAL

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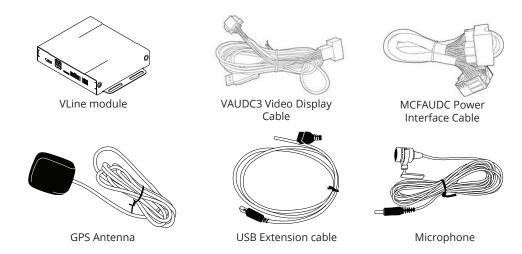


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#### **GROM-VLINE SYSTEM**

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#### **CHAPTER 1 — INSTALLATION**

#### 1.1 Before Installation

Before starting work with any wiring, please wait 90 seconds after turning the Ignition to the OFF position and disconnecting the negative (-) terminal of the battery. This is to ensure that no SRS airbags faults are triggered during the installation when disassembling the vehicle's panels and wiring connections for the VLINE module installation.

Please review the entire manual to familiarize yourself of the VLINE module and the installation requirements before installing the unit and using it.

#### 1.2 Tools

Have tools ready for disassembling the dashboard panels to remove the stereo.

Some basic tools will be required for stereo removal and installation, Plastic prying tools, Phillips head screwdriver, 10mm socket and ratchet. Additional tools may be required depending on vehicle and installation preference.

#### 1.3 Vehicle Installation

Each model vehicle disasembles differently. The removal of the stereo and

wiring installation requires special technical skills and experience. If you do not feel comfortable doing the installation please consult with your local car audio shop or installation professional for instructions or assistance if necessary.

Carefully remove the factory Stereo and Display out of the dash cavity with proper tools.

It may be necessary to disconnect items surrounding the stereo and display to remove them and gain access to the back of the stereo to make your connections.

#### 1.4 Safety Guidelines & Appropriate Use

By using VLine you agree:

- to operate VLine only when there are safe driving conditions;
- · to follow any applicable state and traffic laws;
- · to keep an eye on the road at all time while driving;
- do not attempt to play video (such as YouTube) on a display while the vehicle is in motion;
- do not use VLine without running the engine for the extended period of time as it can drain the battery.

Do not use Vline in a manner that would distract the driver or that may otherwise cause injury or death to vehicle occupants or bystanders.

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#### Connect supplied video cable VAUDC3 to the factory stereo

Disassemble the dashboard to reach the back of the stereo. Locate the BLACK display port on the rear of the car stereo.

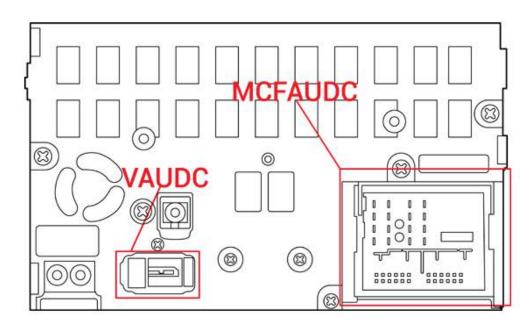
If the port is empty, plug-in supplied video cable (VAUDC3) into the port and leave the female portion of the cable with nothing attached.

If there is a cable plugged in, disconnect that cable (typically black). Then plug in supplied Y cable VAUDC3 and reconnect the disconnected cable into a female plug of the VAUDC cable.

**Warning:** Do not pinch or hard bend the VAUDC3 video cable, as it will affect the video signal. Make sure there are no "hard" bends near the VAUDC3 cable connector to the VLine, and allow enough space around it.

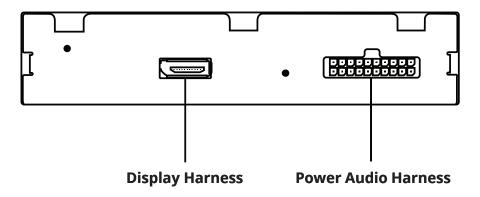
### Connect the power interface cable (MCFAUDC) to the factory stereo

Locate the big black quadlock connector at the back of the stereo, as shown in the illustration below. Unplug what is connected and plug in supplied power interface cable (MCFAUDC) at the back of the stereo. Connect what was unplugged into the female portion of the harness. See the illustration below.



#### **Connecting to VLine**

Route the unused end of VAUDC3 and MCFAUDC cables to the VLine module and connect them to the correctly labeled ports.

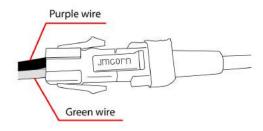


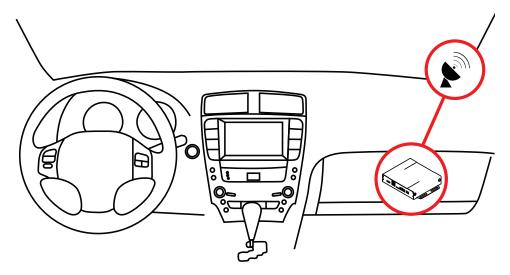
#### Routing the GPS antenna

The GPS Antenna module is magnetic and supplied with double-sided tape.

You can mount it to the top of the dashboard or outside of the vehicle, whichever you prefer. Route the GPS antenna cable to the desired location. We recommend mounting the GPS antenna inside the car on the passenger side, at the top of the dashboard, as shown on the next page. Ensure there are no obstacles or metal objects blocking GPS signal. Plug the GPS antenna into the Camera AV port of the VLine unit.

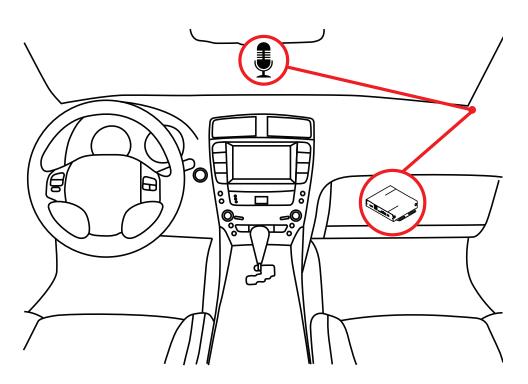
If you need to use the VAUX RCA cable, carefully disconnect the GPS antenna from the small molex extension, and plug the VAUX cable instead, per the instructions. Please do not break the GPS antenna when unplugging it from the molex extension.





#### Routing the microphone

Route the microphone to a location where it will be able to pick up the voice clearly. We recommend to mount the microphone near to the rear view mirror but not directly on the windshield glass. Avoid sticking it to the hard surface as it will pick up more noise. Plug the microphone into the MIC port of the VLine module



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## **Adjusting the microphone gain for CarPlay® or AAuto®** It is essential to calibrate the microphone gain for the ultimate microphone performance for phone calls (CarPlay) and voice control.

- 1. Go to the VLine home screen, and tap on three horizontal lines in the upper left corner of the screen. You will get into Settings Menu.
- 2. While in Settings, scroll down to the bottom of the screen.
- 3. Hit AUTO on the screen to automatically adjust the microphone gain.
- 4. Follow the instructions on the screen and adjust the microphone gain. We recommend setting the microphone gain to 45.

#### **Testing VLine Operation**

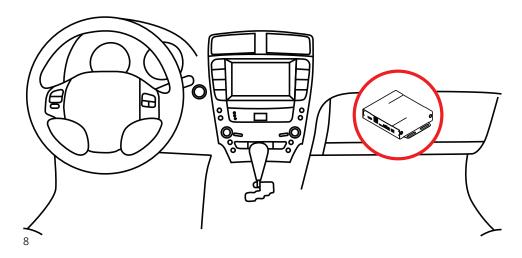
Test VLine operation before mounting the dashboard back.

**WARNING:** Ensure to reconnect all unplugged connectors to the vehicle before cycling the ignition. Cycle the ignition and press the MEDIA button to enter VLine mode.

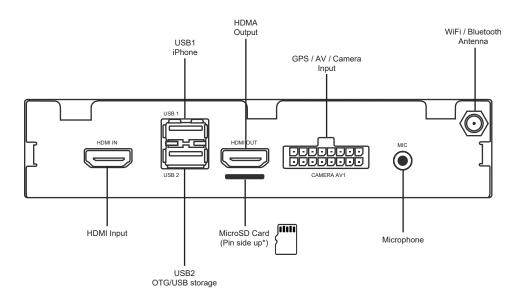
Ensure the VLine appears on the screen and all factory functions, such as climate controls, reverse camera, and AM/FM stereo, are working. You can mount the dashboard back.

#### **Mounting the VLine Module**

Mount the VLine main module in an easily accessible location, such as the glove compartment, for easy access to the USB ports and to upgrade the firmware on the VLine module. **Do not leave the unit inside the dashboard,** as it can damage the unit and its Bluetooth antenna and affect the Bluetooth / Wifi reception.



#### **Understanding VLine ports**



#### USB1

iPhone connection
Any other USB device (Keyboard / Mouse)

#### USB<sub>2</sub>

USB flash drive Any USB device (Android, Keyboard / Mouse)

#### **MicroSD**

Insert microSD card (\*pin side up) to increase storage space for Vline (up to 128GB supported). The microSD should be formatted FAT32. File system format exFAT and NTFS are not supported.



#### **HDMIIN**

HDMI input connection to connect external video sources. (add plugin to VLine UI Launcher to use feature)

#### **HDMI OUT**

HDMI Output connection to connect external displays. The HDMI Output will match the VLine's video feed and resolution, be sure your external display can handle those properly.

#### MIC

Microphone input, connect 3.5mm mono microphone.

#### CHAPTER 2 — GETTING STARTED

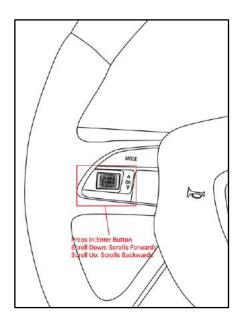
#### 2.1 Functions

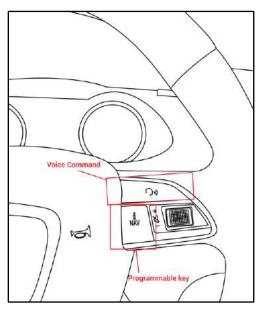
The GROM VLINE emulates the factory MEDIA mode of the stereo.

The factory MEDIA function will be disabled as the VLine takes over it. Factory FM and Bluetooth will keep working. You can integrate external backup and front-facing camera using the VAUX cable and the VLine VL2 system (not applicable to the VLite VT2).

#### 2.1.1 Selecting VLINE mode:

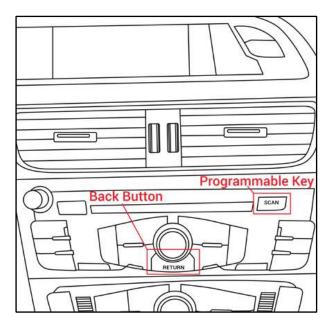
Press the MEDIA button and access the **VLINE mode** of the stereo.





#### 2.1.2 Steering wheel control operations:

- 1. Use **the scroll wheel** on the left side of the steering wheel as an enter button to press on specific apps and arrows within VLine UI, CarPlay, or Android Auto. You will also use this wheel button to scroll up and down within the VLine UI, CarPlay, or Android Auto.
- 2. Press the **voice command button** on the right side of the steering wheel to activate voice assistants, such as Siri in CarPlay or Google Assistant in Android Auto. Use this button for voice assistant within the VLine UI.
- 3. Use the **NAV** button on the right side of the steering wheel as a programmable key.

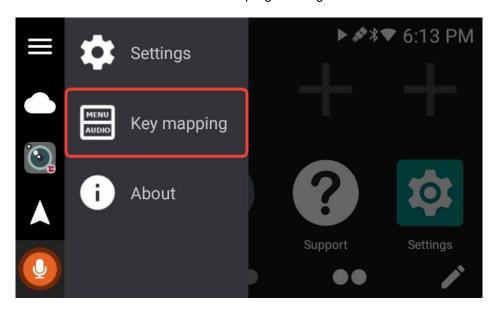


### 2.1.3 Stereo buttons operations:

- 1. Use the track forward and backward buttons to change the tracks.
- 2. Use the **RETURN** button to get back to the previous screen.
- 3. Use the **SCAN** button as the programmable key.

#### 2.1.4 Programmable keys:

To program the keys, go to the main VLine UI screen, tap on three horizontal lines in the upper left corner, and select Key mapping from the drop-down menu. You can program the SCAN button on the stereo and the NAV button on the steering wheel. Follow the on-screen instructions for the programming.



**2.2 Use Factory UI to adjust Audio and Display Settings for VLINE Mode** Use the Factory UI icon to get to the factory UI and adjust sound settings. While in the VLine VL2 main screen, press the empty PLUS sign and go to Shortcuts --> Factory UI. Press the Factory UI to get the shortcut icon to the main VLine screen. Tap the Factory UI icon, and the stereo will switch from the VLine interface into the factory MEDIA interface. While in the factory MEDIA interface, you can adjust audio settings.

While on the factory screen, you can adjust VLine mode **display settings** in your stereo, such as brightness and contrast.

Press FM and MEDIA on the stereo to switch back to VLine VL2 interface mode.

#### 2.3 Android Auto

Android Auto is available wireless or via USB.

**2.3.1 For USB connection:** attach Android phone to one of the USB ports on VLine VL2. Download Android Auto app on your phone, grant all permissions and allow all notifications. Use Android Auto plugin on VLine to enter Android Auto. If you experience any problems connecting, try using different, shorter, higher quality USB cable.

See video: http://bit.ly/vline-android-auto

- **2.3.2 For wireless connection:** on the VLine UI go to Settings --> Connected Devices --> Click on Bluetooth and on Pair New Device
- 1. Then go to the Bluetooth settings on your Android phone. Tap "Pair New Device" and wait for VLine2 to appear. Hit pair and check "Allow the access to your contacts and phone history".
- 2. On the VLine screen you will see exactly the same pop-up. Check allow the "access to your contacts and phone history" as well, and hit pair on both VLine and your phone.
- 3. Go back to VLine UI main screen and hit Android Auto icon. At the buttom of the Android Auto settings you will see your phone listed. Tap on it to connect.

See video: https://bit.ly/wireless\_aa

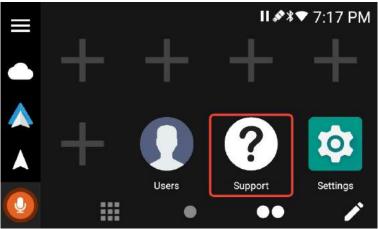
#### 2.3.3 Android Auto phone calls

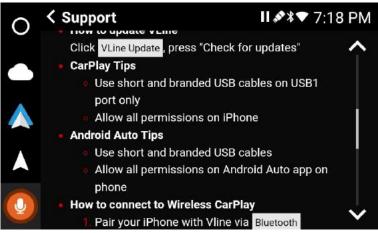
VLine does not support the phone calls on Android Auto. Use factory phone system to connect to the phone calls. Pair and connect your phone's Bluetooth to VLine for Audio/Media, and to factory Bluetooth for the phone calls. You can accept, reject or initiate phone calls on Android Auto screen.

#### 5. FIRMWARE UPDATES

Check for firmware update and apply the latest firmware, if available.

Go to the Support app on the VLine UI main screen, and follow the guidelines to connect to Wi-Fi and check for Firmware and Software updates. Apply available updates.





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Use **SUPPORT App** within VLine UI for help with connecting to Wi-Fi, CarPlay and Android Auto, and updating the firmware on your module.

#### **User Manual**

Please refer to the User Manual and CarPlay/Android Auto guide that are included with your system.

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