# PowerTune Digital User Manual V1.6 - Sep 2021

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## Section 0 - TIPS & TRICKS

# !! DO NOT POWER THE DASH FROM A COMPUTER USB / CAR STEREO USB PORT!!

The dash requires at least 2.5A to power up safely. Powering the dash with insufficient amps may damage the SD card or the processor. Only use the supplied power supply or a hardwired source (example phone/tablet charger connected to a wall outlet)

#### Some of the most commonly requested questions or key things to understand:

1. When customising the dash screens, after double tapping to get the "layout menu" in the top right corner, the layout menu can be dragged from the corner and relocated around the screen as needed, by touching and dragging from the grey areas between the buttons or at the bottom.

Double tap to display the "layout menu", then double tap on any gauge to modify that gauge using the "gauge menu". Once you have opened the gauge menu, <u>close the</u> "layout menu" showing in the top right corner by pressing the close button at the <u>bottom</u>, so you can easily move the "gauge menu" around the screen without accidentally dragging other objects.

The onscreen keyboard can also be moved around by dragging it from the bar along the top of the keyboard.

#### First time setup is easiest done with a plugged in mouse.

- When the customisation menu (double tap) is open on ANY of the four active dash screens, the gauges become unlocked/movable on ALL FOUR screens. Keep the menu closed when not customising.
- 3. Don't forget to press save in the double-tap menu after making changes to your dash screens.
- 4. Swipe down from any dash screen to get the brightness dimmer slider
- To change the startup video and images, connect to the dash using a laptop (see WINSCP at end of this document) over WiFi. Locate bootvideo.mp4 (startup video) in the main directory, as well as Logo.png in the LOGO folder.

The easiest way to modify the startup logo is to copy Logo.png onto your computer, right click and select EDIT, make your changes and then copy back to the logo folder. The resolution of the Logo image MUST be 800 X 480 pixels

The startup video can be replaced with any mp4 file, however will only play for two seconds regardless of length.

#### Section 1 - Installation in Vehicle

Connect the Power Supply to Ground and a Switched 12V source (ignition). If you ordered GPS, remove the GPS holder (pictured right below) and insert the GPS module (it only fits one way!). Once inserted, match the numbers of the four connected wires to the numbers labelled on the case for the GPS connection (1 goes to 1, 2 goes to 2, ect)

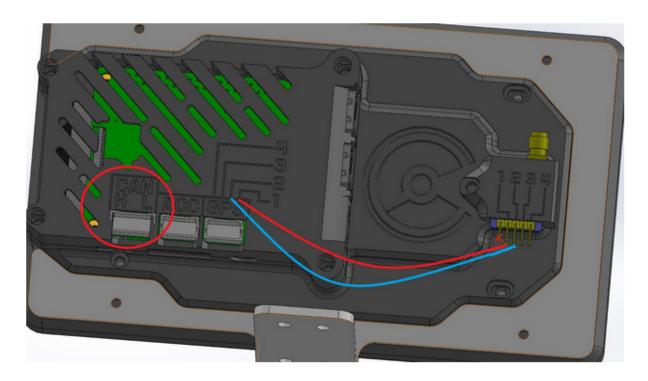


#### **GPS + CAN Cable**

For the GPS module (if ordered), simply connect the pins on the GPS module to the pins on the dash, matching the numbers in each pair. **Pin 1 to 1, 2 to 2, 3 to 3 and 4 to 4.** 

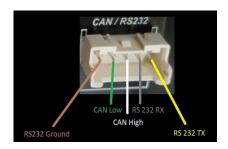
Depending on ECU, connect your ECU Cable to the ECU and your PowerTune Dash CAN HI and LO connection points. The blue wire always goes to CAN LO on the dash.

For Apexi / Nissan Consult, insert the ECU cable into one of the USB ports on the side of the Dash, for CAN ECU's insert the CAN cable into the CANBUS port of the Dash



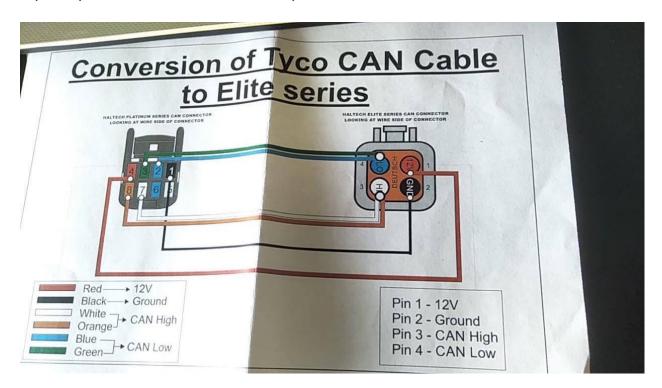
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For LINK/VIPEC ECU, the MIDDLE pin on the ECU plug is can HI. The pin off to one side is can LO.

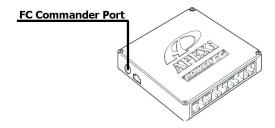


#### HALTECH PLATINUM AND ELITE

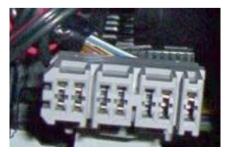
Top row pins are CAN LO, bottom row pins are can HI



For Apexi the communication port is the circle port on the Side of the ECU



Nissan Consult Port is located in the footwell area near the drivers fuse box

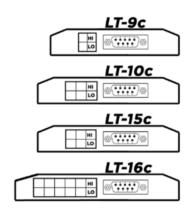


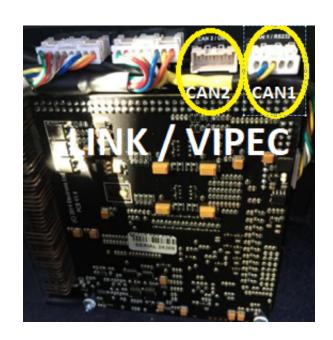
Other ECUS: Consult the User Manual of your ECU to locate the CANBUS port (some examples Below )

For Toyota86/BRZ - the can socket is the white plug "option connector" located behind the stereo

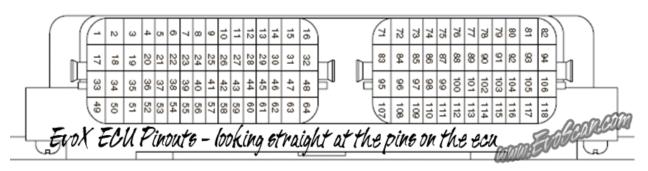
For DTAFAST: CAN H pin 16.CAN L Pin 17 (from pin insertion side)

# **Microtech ECU**

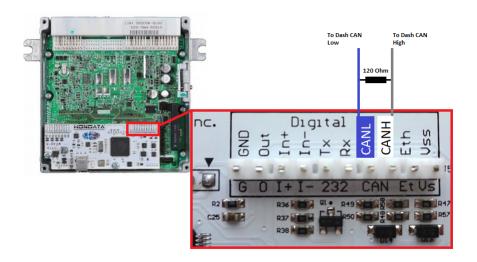




EVO X: (pin 90 HI and 91 LOW)



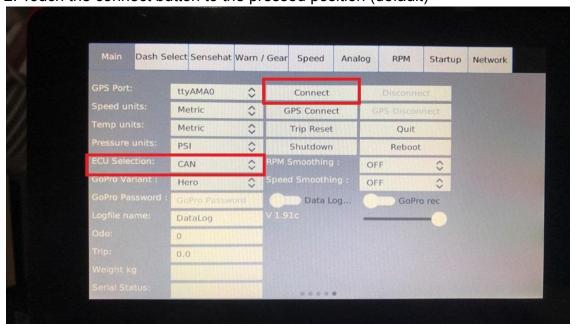
#### Hondata:





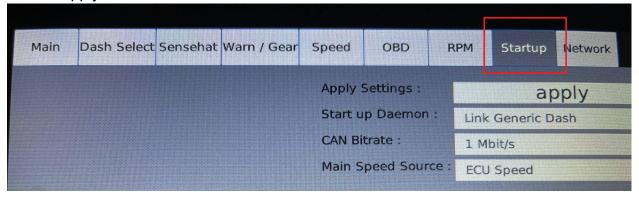
# Section 2 - PowerTune Digital dash configuration

- CANBUS
- 1. In the main Settings screen, set ECU selection to "CAN" (default)
- 2. Touch the connect button to the pressed position (default)



3. In the Startup settings page, scroll through the list and select your ECU (For Apexi, set to none)

- 4. Ensure the CAN bitrate is set correctly (see table below)
- 5. Ensure the speed source is set correctly (ECU or GPS)
- 6. Click apply and the dash will reboot



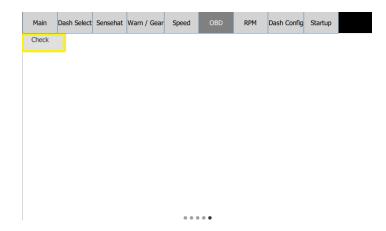
#### **SETTING THE CORRECT CAN BITRATE - VERY IMPORTANT!**

Required dash bitrate	Set with ECU Type
1mbit/s	Link / Haltech / Emtron / Motec / Adaptronic / ECU Master / Microtech / Emerald K3+K6 / Hondata KPRO
500kb	Aftermarket ECU: AEM / MaxxECU / WolfEMS / Megasquirt 2-3 / Hondata S300 Stock ECU: GM/+LS / Ford Barra / GT86+BRZ / EVO X / 350+370z / WRX / OBD2
250kb	EMS EMTECH
N/A	Nissan Consult, Apexi FC

#### For Nissan consult/OBD2:

Step 1 - In the main settings tab (pictured on the previous page), Change the ECU selection dropdown box to the relevant ECU choice (if the box is greyed out, press disconnect at the top first!)

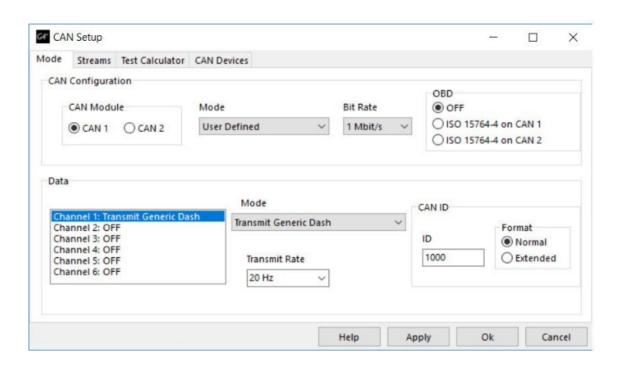
Step 2 - In the Settings menu click on the Consult/OBD settings Tab along the top



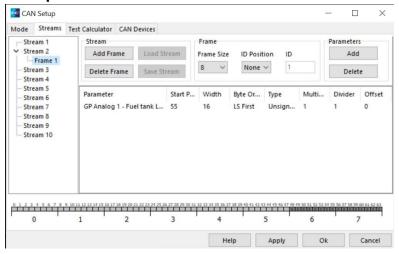
- 3. Click Check
- 4. Select the values you want to poll from the ECU (the more you choose the slower the update rate)
- 5. Click Apply (The Dash will reboot and your ECU communication is finished)

# **Section 3 - ECU Configuration**

## Link / Vi-PEC - Open the CAN setup within PC Link (link ecu software)



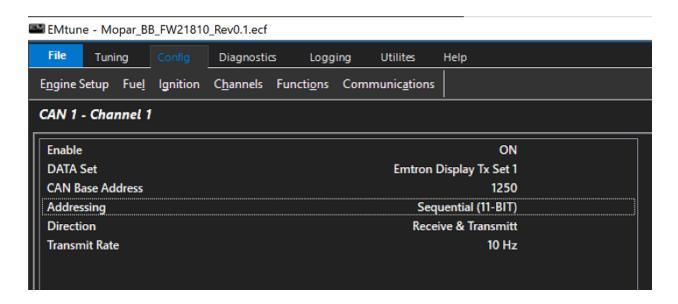
#### **Example Custom frame for fuel tank level:**



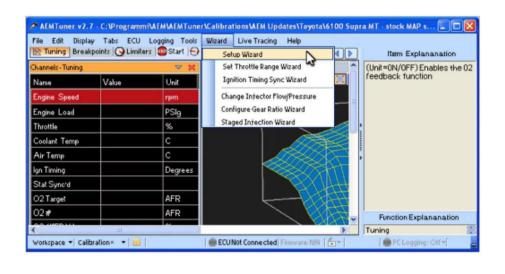
#### Haltech

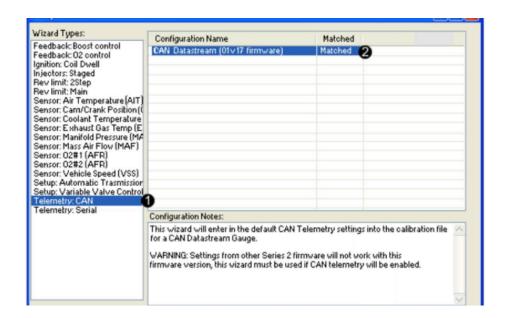
Haltech automatically outputs at 1mbit over CAN and does not require configuration in almost all cases. In some circumstances CAN output channel (AUX/MAIN) may need to be enabled at 1mbit in the Haltech windows software ECU Manager/ESP.

#### **Emtron**

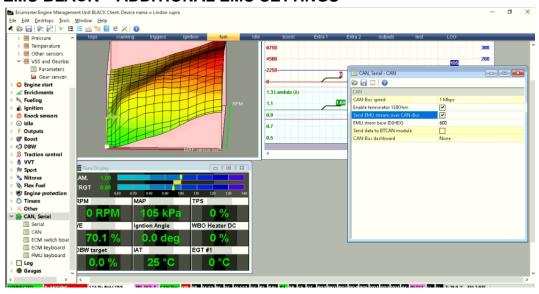


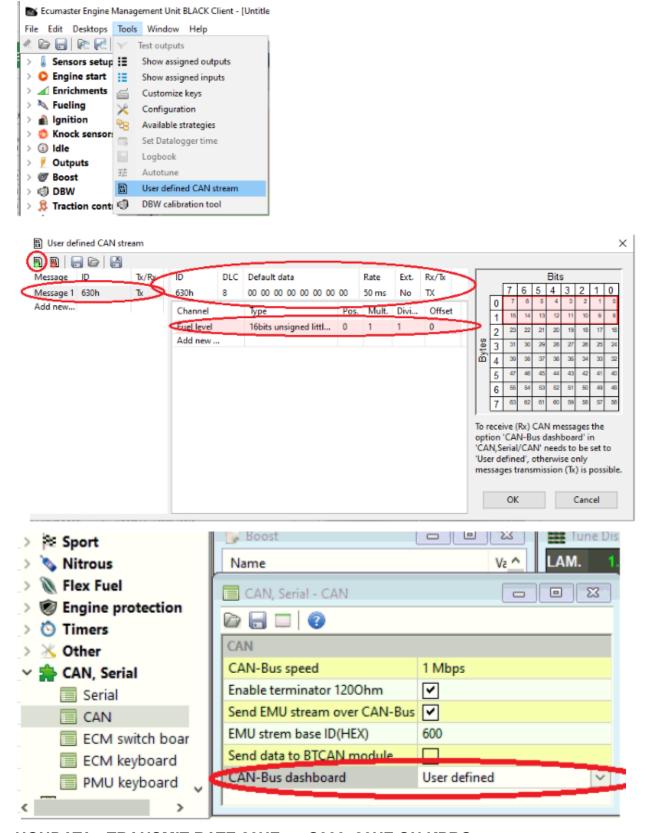
#### **AEM**



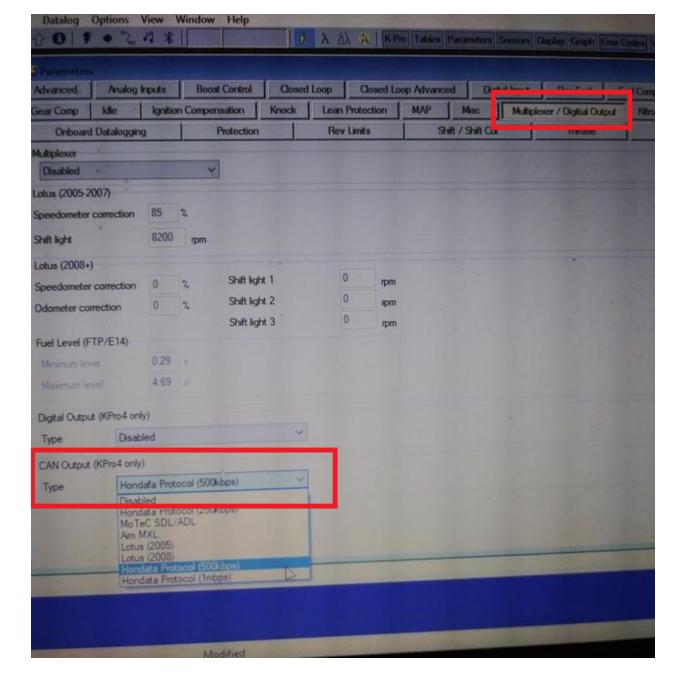


#### **EMU BLACK + ADDITIONAL EMU SETTINGS**

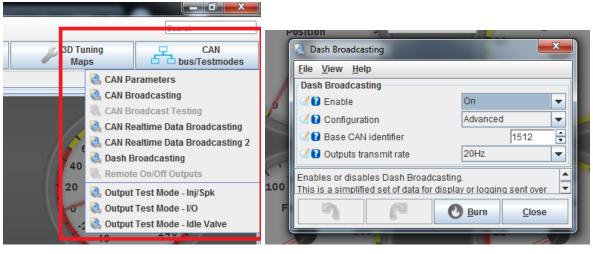




HONDATA - TRANSMIT RATE 20HZ on S300, 80HZ ON KPRO

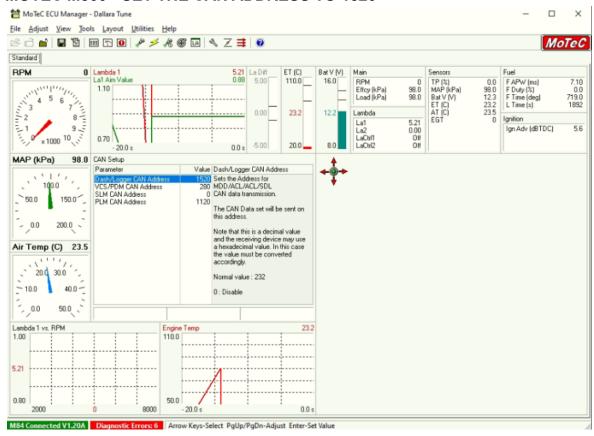


# **MEGASQUIRT** (requires ECU firmware 3.4.4)

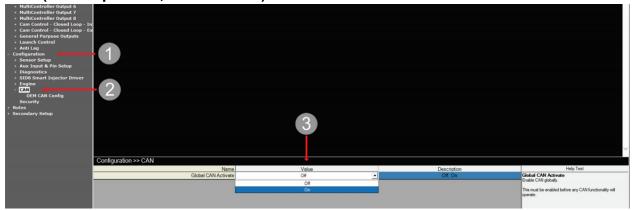




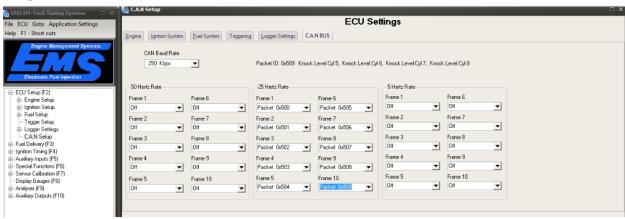
#### **MOTEC M800 - SET THE CAN ADDRESS TO 1520**



#### Wolf (Can Hi pin B25, CAN Lo B26)



#### EMS:



# **Section 4 - Dashboard Configuration**

## Unit selection

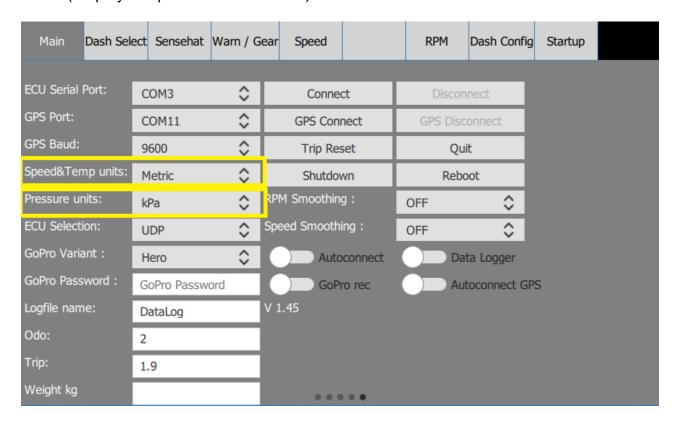
There are 2 unit selection drop down menus in the Settings Menu (to access settings, scroll across to the right)

#### Speed and Temperature

- -Imperial (Speed will be shown in MPH and Temperatures in Fahrenheit)
- -Metric (Speed will be shown in KMH and Temperatures in Celsius)

#### **Pressure Units**

- -kpa (Displays all pressure units in kpa)
- -PSI (Displays all pressure units in PSI)



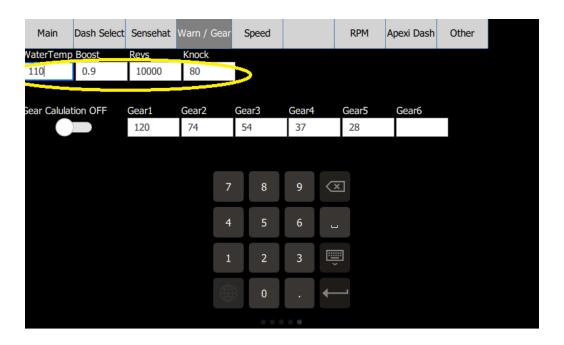
# **Master Warning settings**

In The Settings screen click the Warn/Gear Tab

Enter the Values that you want the Warning to trigger.

If you don't wish to have warnings, just set the values to a higher value than possible Easter Egg:

The Revs warning Triggers a Danger To Manifold Warning like the one in a certain movie ©



# **Warning Example**



# **Speed correction**

In some vehicles, both the original analogue cluster and PowerTune will show incorrect speed readings for a variety of reasons beyond just an old car, such as in situations where different size wheels and tyres have been put onto a vehicle. Firstly, have a friend measure your highway speed using a third party device (smartphone GPS app) and compare this with your speedo reading.

In the Speed Correction TAB enter your correction factor in percent, 100 is default and will display the value as sent by the ECU to the display.

#### Example:

Your friend tells you the smartphone says you are driving at 100 KM/H per hour but your speedo shows 90 KM/h, which is 10% too little. You then enter 110 in the speed correction and this will show 10% more speed than what is read from the ECU

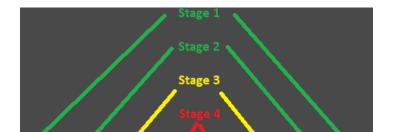


# RPM and Shiftlight Settings

Click on the RPM Settings TAB

- 1. Enter the max Value Your RPM Gauges should display (this does not affect ECU settings, nor does any other PowerTune feature)
- 2. The shift Lights on the Dashboards have 4 Stages Enter the RPM value that triggers each Stage





# **Dashboard display configuration**

You can select 4 Different active dashboard screens from the dropdown boxes in the "dash select" tab of settings.



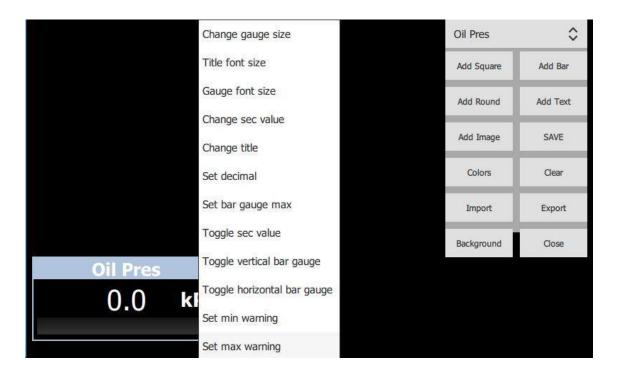
Some dashboards in PowerTune are configurable, such as UserDash. In order to begin building a dash, in the dash select screen, add UserDash1 one of the four active displays. Scroll across to this display, which will be an empty black page. Start building your dash by double tapping the black page. When the main menu is open, all the gauges across all four dashe screens become unlocked and can be moved around. Keep the menu closed when not needed!



From the dropdown box in the top right corner, select the desired sensor and then start by clicking 'add square' to add a square style gauge. Once the gauge has been added, you can double-tap on the gauge to modify the look, style, warnings and limits as well as the labels.

Double-tap on the gauge, this will allow you to move the gauge by dragging it across the screen and will also bring up the settings menu for the gauge, allowing you to change a variety of values. For example, if we wanted the gauge to flash red if the Oil Pressure drops below a certain level, we would select "set min warning" and enter the lowest acceptable number before the gauge starts flashing red to warn you. To remove the gauge, scroll down in the options list and select

"remove gauge"

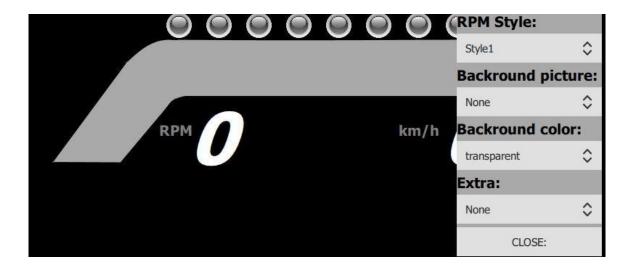


From the same menu where you added the square gauge, note the other buttons available. The "save" button will save your changes for the next reboot. The "background" button will allow you to add your RPM/speed bar style, background pictures and colours. To add background images, put the files (PNG FILES ONLY) in the folder /home/pi/Logo

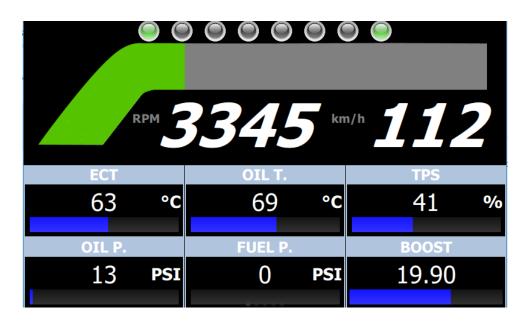
If you want the background image to perfectly cover the entire display, the resolution for the image must be 800x480 pixels



Set the RPM style in the top right corner to your preferred taste. Power-FC users have the option to add sensor states using the "extra" menu.



## Example dash:



## **Setting up the Gear Calculation Feature:**

If your ECU does not send the current gear you can switch on the gear calculation feature. (Leave the switch off if your ECU sends this information)

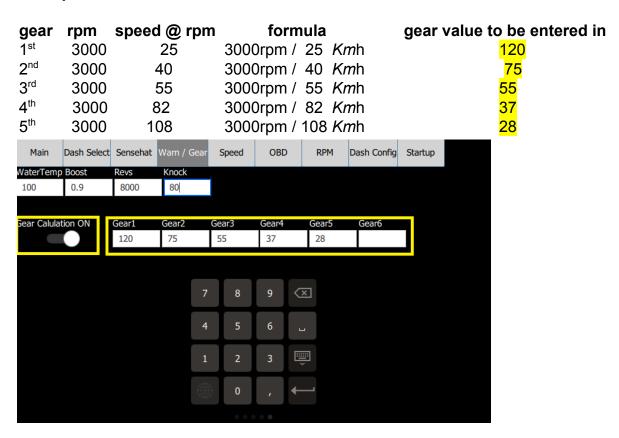
In the Settings screen click on the "Warn/Gear" Tab

To make the Gear calculator work you need to set up the values per gear .

RPM divided by Speed gives a fixed number for each gear

Drive your car and record the speed at a specific rpm for each gear (you can choose different rpms per gear, just record the speed you are driving, the current rpm and note which gear you are in) . You can round the result to the next full number

#### Example:



Useful non PowerTune related fact:

Now that you know the value for each gear you can now also calculate each gears top speed, or speed in a specific gear at a specific RPM

Lets say your car is a Mazda RX7 and your redline is 8100 RPM Just take the rpm and divide it by the calculated gear value

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1<sup>st</sup> Gear = 8100rpm / 120 = 67 Kmh

2<sup>nd</sup> Gear = 8100rpm / 75 = 108 Kmh

3<sup>rd</sup> Gear = 8100rpm / 55 = 147 Kmh

4<sup>th</sup> Gear = 8100rpm / 37 = 219 Kmh

5<sup>th</sup> Gear = 8100rpm / 28 = 289 Kmh
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# **GPS/Lap timer setup**

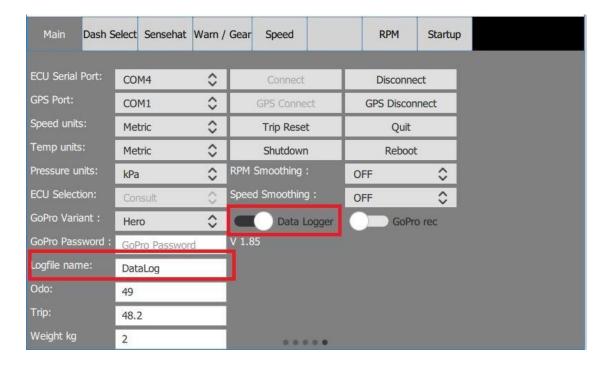
The GPS and Laptimer dashes can be enabled from the dash select tab in the settings menu. PowerTune automatically calculates lap times based on the start/finish line of the particular track you are using via the GPS module coordinates. It does not require any manual input from the user, other than resetting the fastest lap time when required and selecting the current track from the dropdown boxes along the top right corner of the laptimer dash. Our testing has shown lap times are accurate to within 1/10th of a second. The GPS dash screen will only display map data if the display is connected to a WiFi network - typically this dash screen is not required to be active.

# **Datalogging**

To start datalogging, enable the datalog switch in the settings menu. PowerTune will export the data to a CSV spreadsheet stored on the SD card of the unit. **Each time you toggle the datalog switch, the current datalog will be overwritten.** If you want to datalog multiple runs, ensure you change the logfile name each time, example run1, run2 ect

The datalog files can be found in the directory /opt/PowerTune when connecting to your display from a computer (more details below, refer to WINSCP). (opt is a root folder, is it not within the home folder)

Note: Datalogs will be deleted when PowerTune is updated.

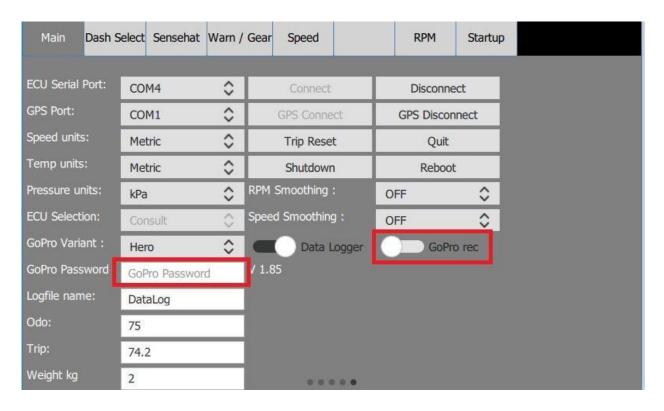


# **GOPRO** setup

PowerTune can integrate with GoPro cameras so you can trigger the GoPro recording from your PowerTune dash; and with datalogging enabled it will also log the moment the recording is started so you can overlay your ECU data onto video footage, just like a real racing car driver! First, quit

PowerTune from the settings menu, and connect the display to your GoPro's WiFi network (see WiFi setup in this manual for detailed steps). Once you have connected the WiFi, restart the display back into PowerTune by typing sudo reboot now (and then press enter)

Re-enter the GoPro password into the password box and when you are ready toggle the "GoPro rec" button. This will tell your GoPro to start recording, and if datalogging is enabled, this exact moment in time will be captured in the datalogs.



# WIFI Setup + software update

Scroll across to the main settings menu and select "network". Select your country in the top right corner and select "scan" - Locate your wifi network and select it. Tap into the passphrase box and enter your WiFi password. Once the password has been typed, press the button to close the keyboard (bottom right corner of keyboard) then press apply, the dash will reboot to connect. Return to the network tab of settings and press the update button to start the software update, which will take several minutes.

# **Accessing PowerTune from Laptop via WIFI**

Install 'WINSCP' for Windows from: <a href="https://winscp.net/eng/download.php">https://winscp.net/eng/download.php</a>

Connect your display to your WiFi network (or via LAN cable) and obtain the IP address for the display. You can obtain the IP address by scrolling across to the network tab in settings and located the WLAN address, eg 192.168.0.10

In WINSCP, Enter your IP address into the host name field, username as 'pi' and password as 'raspberry' without the 'and select Login. Leave the port as whatever is selected by default. If you purchased the dash after 01/10/22 and the above login does not work, use login name "root" with no password

