GM3A-RSTX

Radio Replacement Interface with
Steering Wheel Control and Telematics Retention
For select General Motors Vehicles
With 29 Bit Data Systems

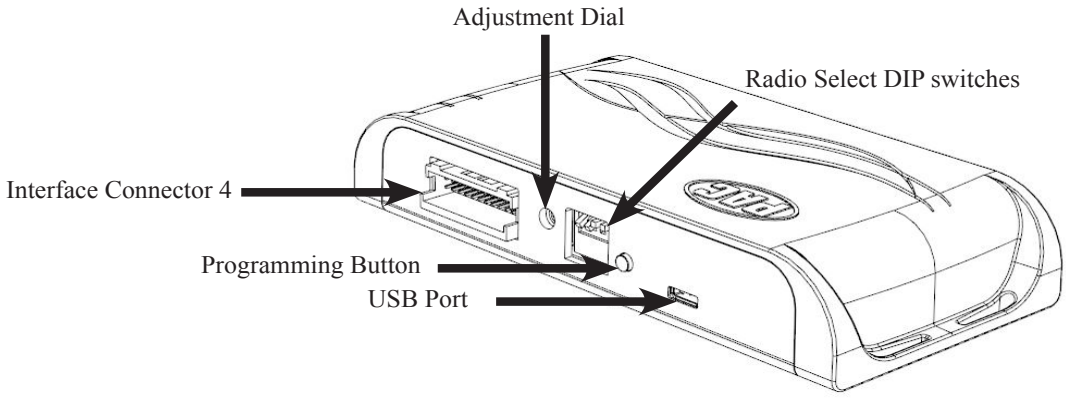
Introduction and Features

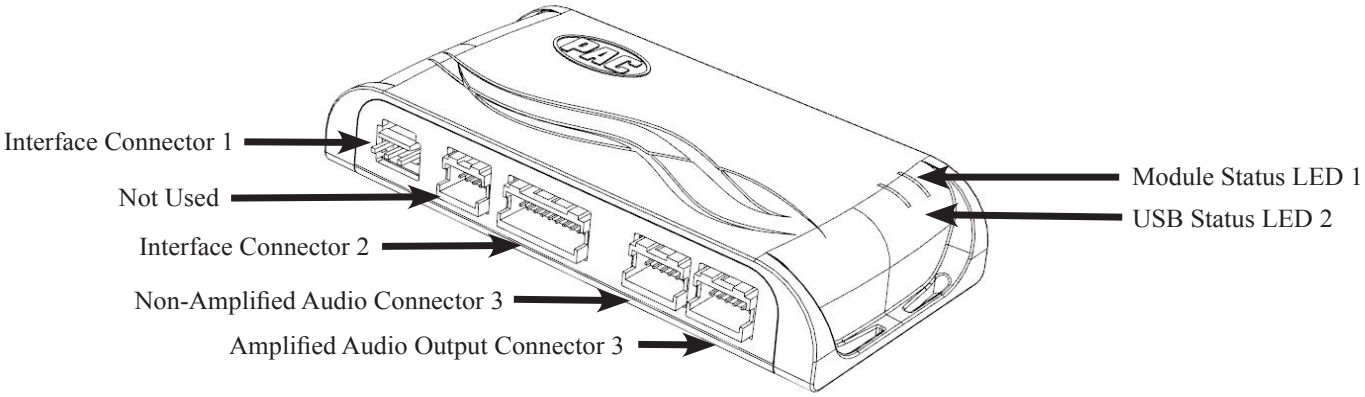
The GM3A-RSTX interface allows the replacement of a factory radio in select General Motors vehicles with 29 Bit Data-Bus. Using this interface will retain factory features such as Warning Chimes, Bose Amplifier, Steering Wheel Controls (SWC), Rear Seat Entertainment (RSE), and Rear Seat Controls (RSC) when the original radio is removed. The GM3A-RSTX provides data bus driven outputs such as retained accessory power (RAP), vehicle speed signal (VSS), illumination, reverse trigger and parking brake.

Important Notes

1. The radio select dip switches on the side of the interface must be set to the proper radio selection before plugging the interface into the vehicle.
2. The interface comes pre programed for all vehicles factory default SWC functions. These can be reprogrammed if you wish to change functionality, please refer to Optional SWC Programing section on page 3.
3. RSC buttons that are identical to the SWC will mimic the SWC one for one.
4. If the vehicle chimes when the radio is removed, the CMX is not necessary. In order to get the best possible sound out of the CMX, please mount it in a place free and clear of any obstructions, preferably as close as possible to the bottom of the dash pointing down toward the floor of the vehicle.
5. The external speaker, part number (RP-SPX, Sold Separately) must be used when installing a 4 channel amplifier to retain the OnStar prompts. It can be purchased through any PAC authorized dealers if required for your installation.

Module Layout





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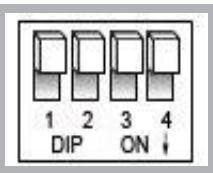
Installation Steps



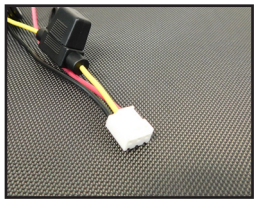
Set DIP switches that correspond with your radio to the ON position.
Set all other DIP switches to the OFF position.

DIPSWITCH ON = DOWN

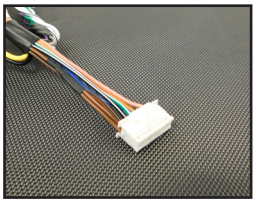
Alpine	JVC	Kenwood / Lightning Audio	Stinger	Clarion / Nakamichi	All Other Brands	Pioneer	Sony	Fusion
1	2	1 & 2	3	3	1, 2, & 3	1, 2, & 3	4	1 & 4

If your brand is not listed above, please use "ALL OTHER BRANDS."

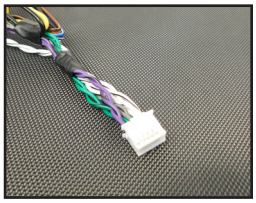
1. Set the Radio Select DIP switches according to the radio you are installing.
2. Wire your aftermarket radio to the GM3A-RSTX's harness according to the wiring connections chart below.
3. The Brown mute loop in Interface **Connector 4** (if not cut) will turn the GM3A's accessory output off when any OnStar function is active. If the aftermarket radio has a mute input, cut this loop and connect the Brown wire in pin 23 to it. This pin is located in the top row next to the solid blue wire. (The top of the connector has the locking tab on it).
4. Plug Interface **Connectors 1 and 2** into the appropriate ports on the GM3A-RSTX interface (using the diagram on Page 1 or the label on the bottom of the interface to identify the connector ports).
5. The **Connector 3** connection will be dependent upon whether or not the vehicle has a factory amplified system. Plug this connector into one of the two ports on the GM3A-RSTX (using the diagram on Page 1 or the label on the bottom of the interface to identify the port appropriate for the installation).
6. If the aftermarket radio is equipped with an auxiliary input and you wish to retain the factory RSE audio, plug the RCA connectors from the Vehicle **Connector 2** into the radios auxiliary input.
7. Remove the factory radio and plug in the GM3A-RSTX's Vehicle **Connector 1** and Vehicle **Connector 2** into the factory vehicle harness.
8. If you wish to reassign functions to the SWC, follow the Optional Steering Wheel Control Programming on Page 3.
9. Plug the 2-Pin connector into the **CMX Chime Module** (If the vehicle chimes when the radio is removed, the CMX is not necessary). **PLEASE NOTE:** In order to get the best possible sound out of the CMX, please mount it in a place free and clear of any obstructions, preferably as close as possible to the bottom of the dash pointing down toward the floor of the vehicle.



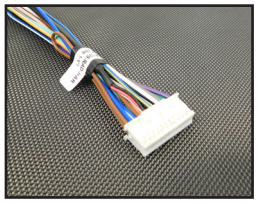
Interface Connector 1 (3-pin)



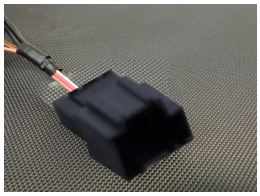
Interface Connector 2 (20-pin)



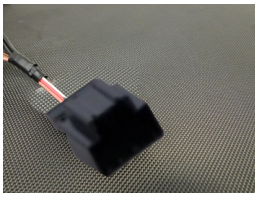
Interface Connector 3 (12-pin)



Interface Connector 4 (24-pin)



Vehicle Connector 1 (14-pin)



Vehicle Connector 2 (16-pin)

CMX Chime Module

Wiring Connections

Yellow	12v+
Red	Accessory Output (10 amp)
Black	Ground
Brown Loop	Mute Output
Blue	Not Used
Blue / White	Remote On Input
Orange	Not Used
Orange / White	Illumination Output
Purple / White	Reverse Output (+)
Light Green	Parking Brake Output (-)
Pink	Vehicle Speed Signal (VSS) Output
Blue / Yellow	SWC Output
3.5 mm Jack	SWC Output
Purple	Rear R + input
Purple / Black	Rear R - input
Green	Rear L + input
Green / Black	Rear L - input
Gray	Front R + input
Gray / Black	Front R - input
White	Front L + input
White / Black	Front L - input
Yellow RCA	Monitor 2 Video In

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Programming Button Functions

You can press and hold the programming button on the side of the interface to access different programming modes. Once the LED is lit to the mode you desire (see below for modes), immediately release the programming button to access that mode.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **This process must be done with the interface in the vehicle and the key in the ignition position.**

  A. **LED 1 is green: SWC re-assignment**. This allows you to re-assign the SWC functions to the buttons of your choice. Please see the Optional Steering Wheel Control Programming instructions below for more details.

  B. **LED 1 & 2 is flashing red: Master reset.** This does a master reset of the interface and restores the following settings to factory defaults:
     - SWC Mapping

Default Steering Wheel Control Programming

Default SWC Button Assignments

	Alpine	JVC	Kenwood	Clarion	Pioneer	Sony	Stinger
Volume +	Volume +	Volume +	Volume +	Volume +	Volume +	Volume +	Volume +
Volume -	Volume -	Volume -	Volume -	Volume -	Volume -	Volume -	Volume -
Source	Source	Source	Source	Source	Source	Source	Source
Track +	Track +	Track +	Track +	Search +	Track +	Track +	Search +
Track -	Track -	Track -	Track -	Search -	Track -	Track -	Search -
Voice	Voice	Voice	Voice	Voice	Voice	Voice	Voice
Play/Pause	Preset +	Preset/Disc -	Disc/FM+	Band	Preset +	Preset +	Band

Optional Steering Wheel Control Programming

Factory Mode

- The SWC Mute / Voice buttons are programmed to control OnStar. They cannot be programmed for short press / long press dual command functionality and are blocked from doing so.

Aftermarket Mode

- OnStar control through the SWC Voice button is disabled. This will free up the Voice button to work with the aftermarket radio.

Use the function chart on the next page as a guide to program the functions in the proper order for your new radio

1. Turn the key to the ignition position.
2. Press and release the programming button on the side of the interface the number of times that corresponds with either factory or aftermarket mode. One press will set factory mode and two presses will set aftermarket mode. The LED will blink each time the button is pressed.
3. Once you have chosen either factory or aftermarket mode, after 2.5 seconds the LED will come on solid. **At this point you have two options:**
   - A. **To restore the SWC to factory default settings:** Simply wait 7 seconds and the LED will blink 3 times indicating the interface has timed out. The default settings are now restored and no further action is required.
   - B. **To program custom SWC assignments:** Proceed to step 4
4. With the LED on, press the first button to be learned on the steering wheel, the LED will turn off. **At this point you have two options:**
   - A. **For short press functionality:** Release the button within 1.5 seconds. The LED will turn back on.
   - B. **For long press functionality:** Hold the button until the LED starts blinking. Release the button and the LED will go back to solid.
5. If you need to program more buttons, repeat step 4 for each additional audio function on the steering wheel.
6. If you come across a function in the chart that your steering wheel does not have, or you do not want to program, press and release the program button on the side of the interface to skip that function.
7. Once programming is completed, wait seven seconds. The LED will flash three times indicating end of programming.
8. Test the interface for proper functionality. Whenever a SWC is pressed the LED on the interface should blink. If any function does not work, repeat the programming steps.

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Optional Steering Wheel Control Programming (cont.)

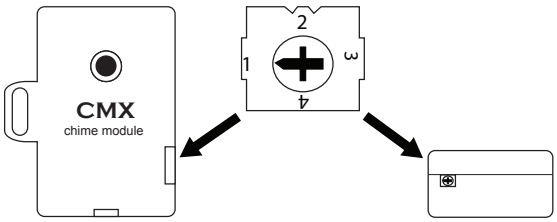
Optional Programming Order

	Alpine	JVC	Kenwood	Clarion	Other *	Pioneer	Sony	Stinger
1	Volume +	Volume +	Volume +	Volume +	Volume +	Volume +	Volume +	Volume +
2	Volume -	Volume -	Volume -	Volume -	Volume -	Volume -	Volume -	Volume -
3	Mute	Mute	Mute	Mute	Mute	Mute	Mute	Mute
4	Preset +	Source	Source	Source	Preset +	Preset +	Preset +	Source
5	Preset -	Track +	Play	Search +	Preset -	Preset -	Preset -	Search +
6	Source	Track -	Track +	Search -	Source	Source	Source / End Call	Search -
7	Track +	Band / Disc +	Track -	Band	Track +	Track +	Track +	Band
8	Track -	Preset / Disc -	Disc / FM +	Send / End	Track -	Track -	Track -	Send / End
9	Power	Select	Disc / AM -	Send	Band	Band	Band	Send
10	Enter / Play	Attenuation	Answer	End	Answer **	Phone Menu	Power / End Call	End
11	Band / Program	Phone Receive	Voice	Voice	End **	Answer Call	Voice / Answer / End Call	Voice
12	Receive	Phone Reject	On Hook		PTT **	End Call	Voice (Android Auto & Car Play) Answer / End Call***	
13	End	Voice	Off Hook			Voice		
14	Voice	Power	Mute					
15			Preset +					

*** Dual / Axxera, Jensen, Rockford Fosgate ** Jensen ONLY *** XAV-AX100 / 200 Only**

Testing and Verification

1. Turn the ignition on. LED 1 will illuminate red and the +12v accessory wire will turn on.
2. Turn on the radio and check chimes, volume, balance, and fader.
3. Verify that all SWC buttons are functioning properly for both the aftermarket radio and OnStar. To adjust OnStar volume, press the OnStar button on the mirror then use the volume buttons on the SWC, or the adjustment dial on the side of the module to adjust the level.
4. Pressing the OnStar button on the rearview mirror will turn off the rear speakers and allow the OnStar audio to be heard in the two front speakers. The OnStar active LED 2 will also turn on. When OnStar disconnects, the radio will un-mute or turn back on and the OnStar LED will turn off. Pressing the Voice / OnStar button on the steering wheel will also activate OnStar if you have the SWC set to factory mode (Default setting).
5. Turn off vehicle and remove key. RAP will be active and keep the radio on for 10 minutes or until any door is opened.
6. The LED 1 and radio will turn off when RAP turns off or until any door is opened.
7. Use the 4-position selector switch located on the side of the CMX chime module to select the best chime output volume for your specific installation. Setting 1 being loudest and 4 being softest.



Rear Seat Entertainment (RSE); If equipped

1. **Vehicles equipped with an overhead screen only:** In this application the **GMRVD** must be used in order to feed A/V into the factory screen from an aftermarket head unit (head unit must support A/V out). With the **GMRVD**, A/V will be passed from the aftermarket head unit to the rear screen and audio can be heard through the headphones. The **GMRVD** will also pass the Auxiliary inputs on the rear of the center console to the aftermarket head unit. Aftermarket radio must have an auxiliary input in order to retain RSE audio with additional harness sold separately.
2. **Vehicles equipped with dual overhead screens:** In addition to the GMRVD, you will also need a single male dual female RCA splitter in order to feed the aftermarket radio's video out to both the Monitor 1 input on the GMRVD and the Monitor 2 input located on the main GM3A harness.
3. **Vehicles equipped with an overhead screen AND headrest monitors:** In this application the headrest monitors will function independently from the overhead monitor. Neither video or audio can be passed to or from the headrest monitors. The overhead monitor will function exactly as described in #1.

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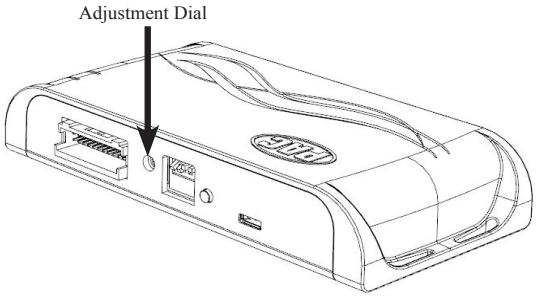
Adjustment Dial Functionality



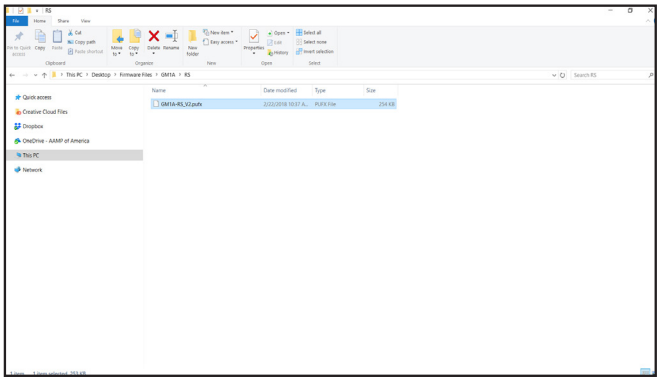
1. If your vehicle is equipped with Y91 / UQA premium amplifier, the dial can be used to adjust the gain of the factory amplifier.
2. When OnStar is active, use the dial to raise or lower the OnStar volume to the desired level.

RadioPRO PC App

Firmware Updates

The RadioPRO PC app will allow you to update the interface with new firmware as it becomes available. Please visit https://pac-audio.com/firmware-updates/ for available updates.

Connect the interface to your PC and select ”Firmware”, then “Update Firmware”. Now select “Select File”. Finally, browse to the place where you saved the file and select it. This will begin the updating process. Once finished, disconnect the interface from the PC and test operation.



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