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READ BEFORE
STARTING
INSTALLATION!

RACE CHIP



XLR

User Manual



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Overview and explanation of symbols

-  **Warnings** and important information – please read!
-  **General information** on installation and use
-  **Tips** to assist installation and use

1 Scope of delivery



Brainbox

Specifically modified to suit your car.



Controller

7 separate stages to choose from.



Fasteners

Material to fix the Brainbox and the Controller in place.



User Manual

Installation and operation.

2 Installation

Step 1 of 7 – Preparation

- 1** Open the driver's door as far as possible.
- 2** Remove any mats and move the driver's seat all the way back.
- 3** Switch the ignition off, remove the key.
- 4** Ensure the footwell is properly illuminated with an inspection lamp.
- 5** Wait about **10 minutes** before starting **Step 2**, as all current consumers must have switched themselves off.

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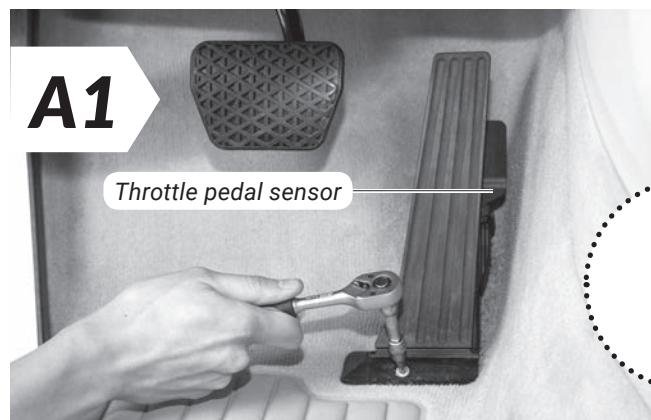
- For cars with "**Keyless Go**": after locking the car, place the key out of signal range (about 10 m from the car).
- If an **alarm system** is fitted: disable the alarm before starting installation.

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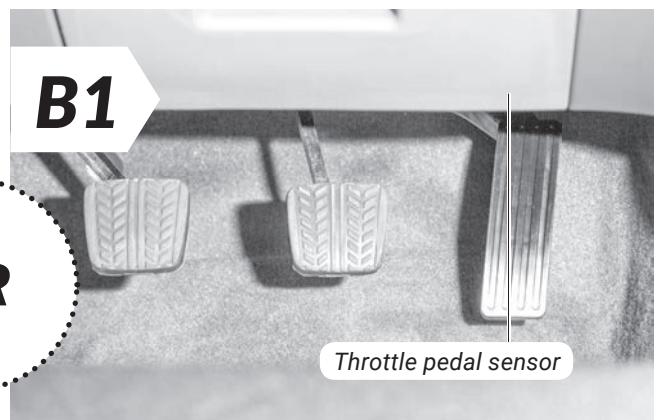
Step 2 of 7 – Disconnect throttle pedal sensor

There are two types of throttle pedal: **floor-mounted** or **hanging**. We'll explain how to disconnect the throttle pedal sensor for both types.

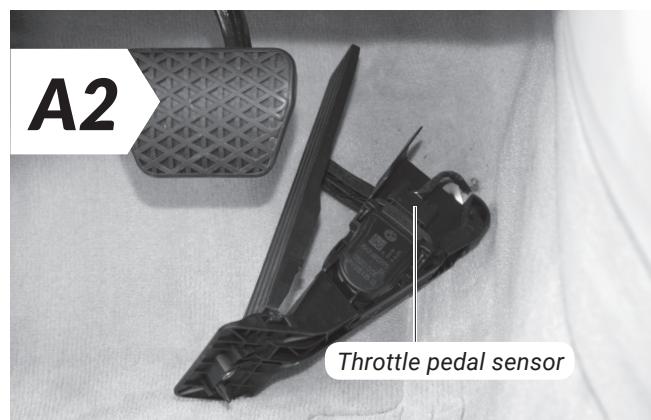
A. Floor-mounted throttle pedal



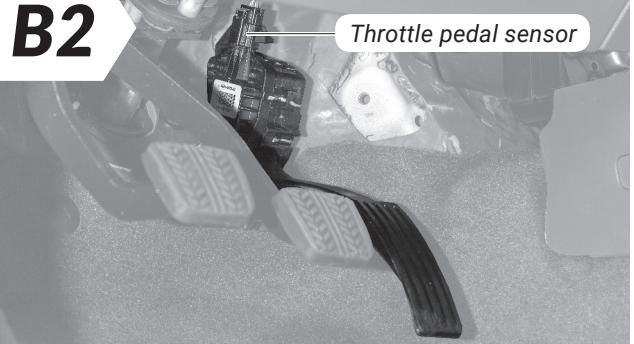
B. Hanging throttle pedal



OR



- Disassemble the throttle pedal with the appropriate tools.



- The throttle pedal sensor is on the right-hand side of the throttle pedal. Carefully pull off the connector of the throttle pedal sensor.

- The throttle pedal sensor is at the top of the throttle pedal. Carefully pull off the connector of the throttle pedal sensor.

i You might have to remove part of the trim to get to the connector.

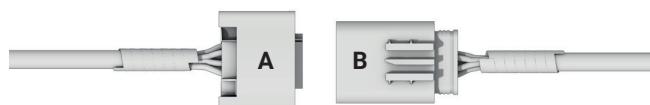
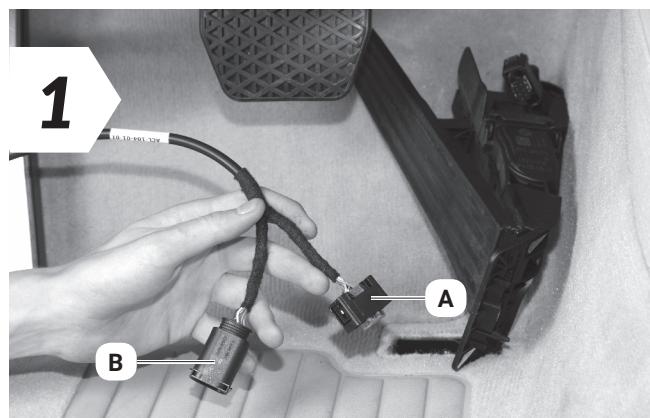


If you need assistance in detaching the throttle pedal sensor connector: see the additional instructions "**Detaching the connector correctly**".

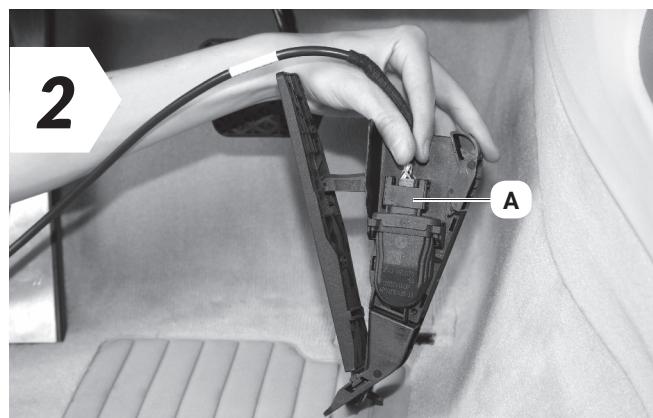
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Step 3 of 7 – Connect the Brainbox

The car used to illustrate these instructions is for demonstration purposes only. The basic procedure is exactly the same even if the details of your car look different.

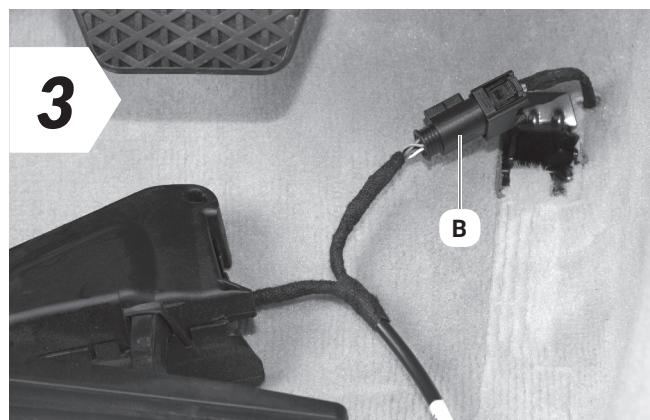


- The cable leading from the Brainbox has two connectors (marked **A** and **B**).



- Attach connector **A** from the Brainbox to the gas pedal sensor.

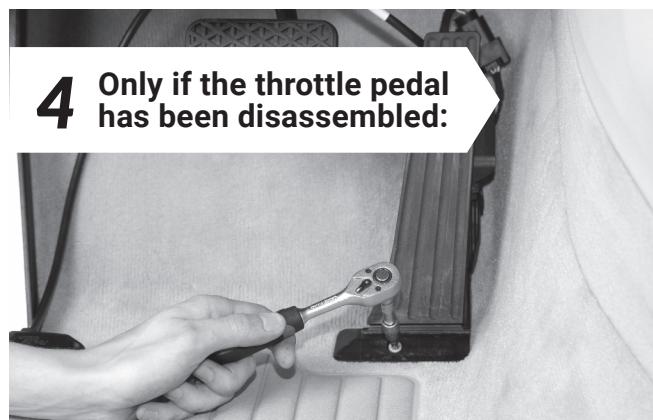
⚠ A sharp click indicates that the retaining clip has engaged fully.



- Now attach connector **B** to the connector you pulled off the gas pedal.



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- Re-assemble the throttle pedal.
- Make sure the cable is not trapped and does not interfere with the pedals.
- Ensure the throttle pedal is firmly fixed in the proper position.

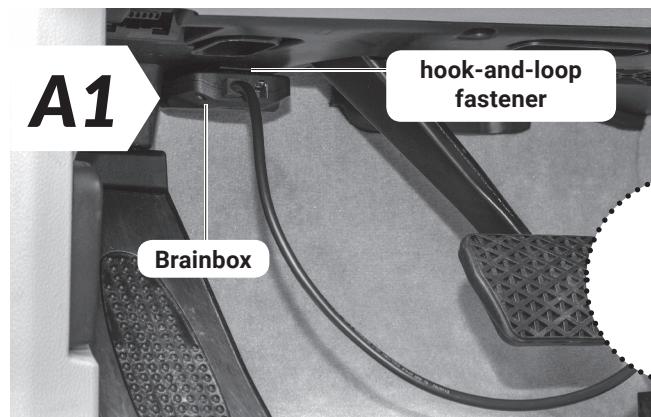
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Step 4 of 7 – Fix the Brainbox

We recommend two places for fixing the Brainbox (although there may be other possibilities): Before you fix the Brainbox, decide where you want to fix the Controller (if you want to fix it in place permanently).

A. On the left of the footwell next to the footrest.

 If you fix the Controller to the left of the steering wheel.

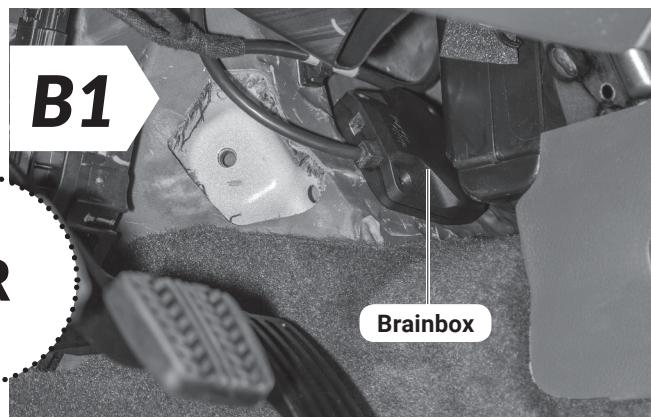


1x hook-and-loop fastener 

- Fix one part of the hook-and-eye fastener tape to the bottom of the Brainbox.
- Fix the other part of the fastener tape to the site indicated in the footwell. Make sure the site is free of dust and grease first.
- Now press the two halves of the fastener together (see picture for Brainbox position).

B. Under the trim on the centre tunnel

 If you fix the Controller to the right of the steering wheel/on the centre console.



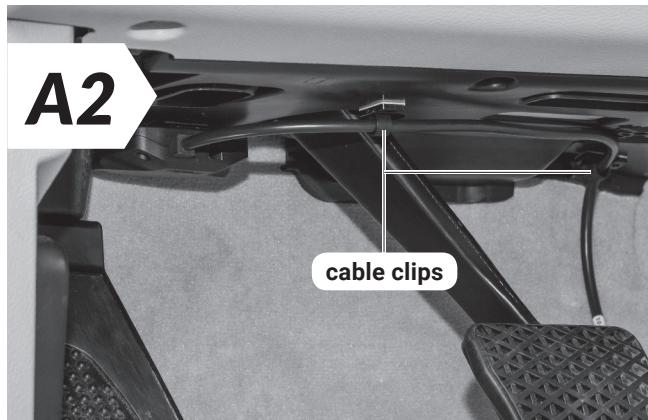
- First test carefully to see if the Brainbox will fit under the trim.
- If the Brainbox fits, slide it carefully under the trim into the position shown.



Secure the Brainbox and its wiring so that they do not interfere with the pedals and cannot slide into the footwell.

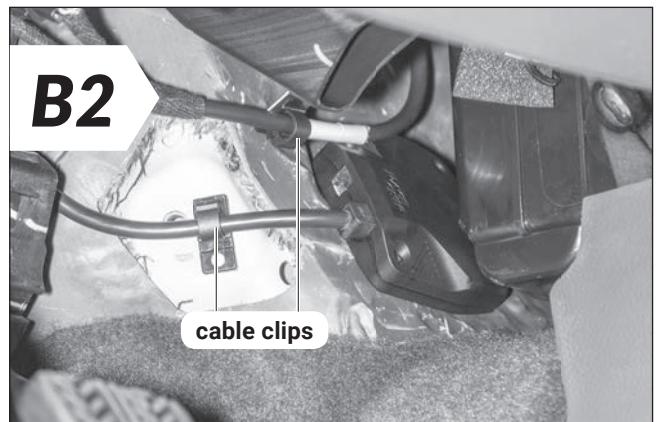
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A. On the left of the footwell next to the footrest



A2

B. Under the trim on the centre tunnel



B2

2x cable clips



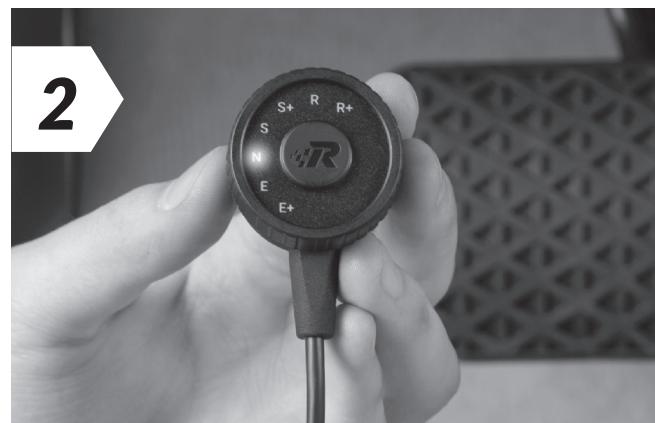
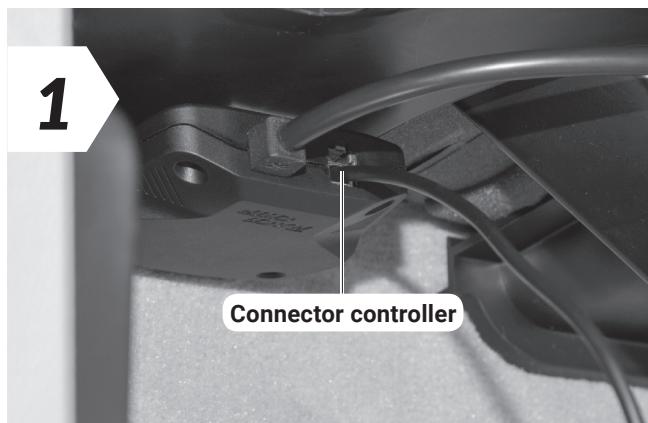
4x cable ties



- Use the cable clips and/or cable ties to secure the cable between the Brainbox and the Controller, ensuring that nothing interferes with the pedals.

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Step 5 of 7 – First function test



- Before continuing with the installation, check that the Brainbox is properly connected.
- Connect the Controller to the Brainbox. You should hear a distinct click.

- Turn the ignition of your car on. **The LEDs on the controller should light up.**
- Now you can start the engine as normal. It should function as normal at idle running and react normally to inputs from the throttle pedal.
- Turn the engine and the ignition off.

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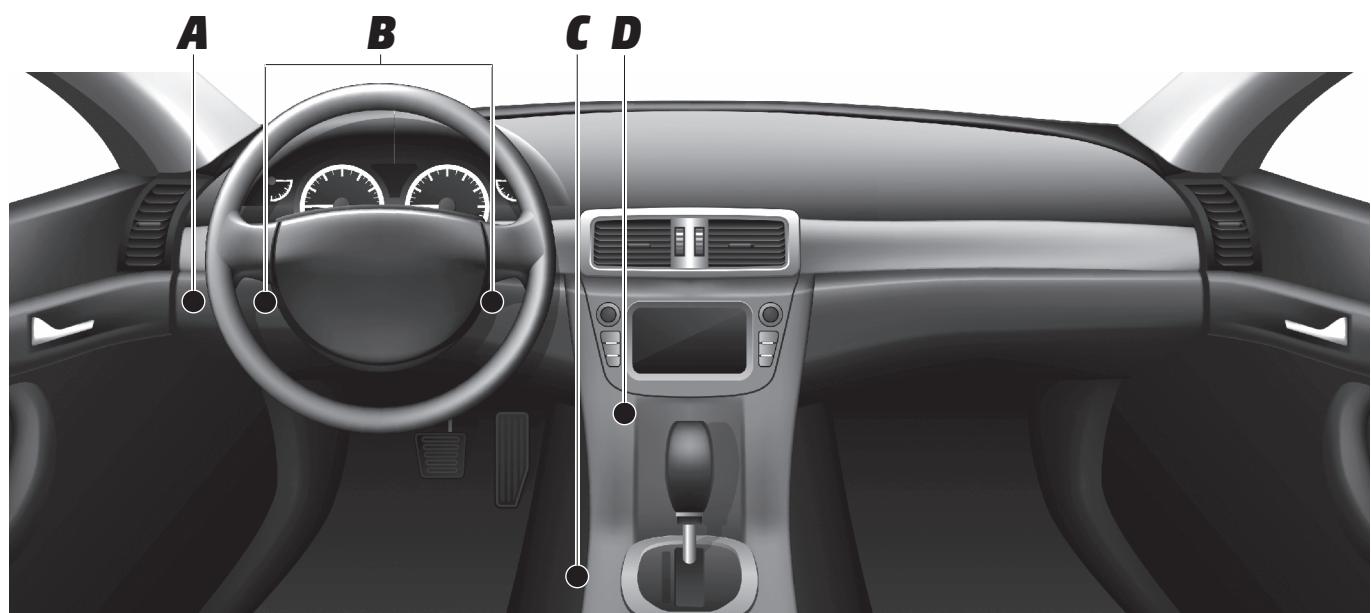
- If the car doesn't start as normal, refer to the section on **Trouble Shooting** for assistance.
- Our Customer Service is of course always ready to help. See **Contact** for details.

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Step 6 of 7 – Fix the Controller (optional)

You can skip this step if you wish, as your RaceChip XLR can be controlled fully from the RaceChip app, meaning that selecting tuning stages on the Controller is optional. Even when neither the app nor the Controller are connected, RaceChip XLR remains fully functional as the Brainbox stores the last stage selected.

The locations marked in the picture below are good places to fix the Controller. Ideally, it should be mounted on an even metal or plastic surface.



- A** Position on the dashboard to the left of the steering wheel
- B** Fixing on either side of steering column (ideally with wiring routed through steering column without fouling).
- C** Fixing on side of centre tunnel (position carefully to prevent accidental operation of the Controller).
- D** Fixing on centre console (wiring can often be routed behind centre console trim).

- !**
- **The Controller must not obstruct with the driver's view of the car's controls or interfere with their functioning.**
 - **This also applies to the cable connecting the Controller with the Brainbox.**

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Step 7 of 7 – Pair RaceChip XLR with your smartphone

According to your operating system (**Android** and **Apple**), the steps for connecting the RaceChip XLR and your smartphone may vary. Please find the most important steps below. In general, you should follow the instructions given by your smartphone for the connection.

- 1 Download the free **RaceChip** app.



- 2 Switch on the ignition of your car. **Do not** start the engine.

- 3 Activate the Bluetooth function of your smartphone.

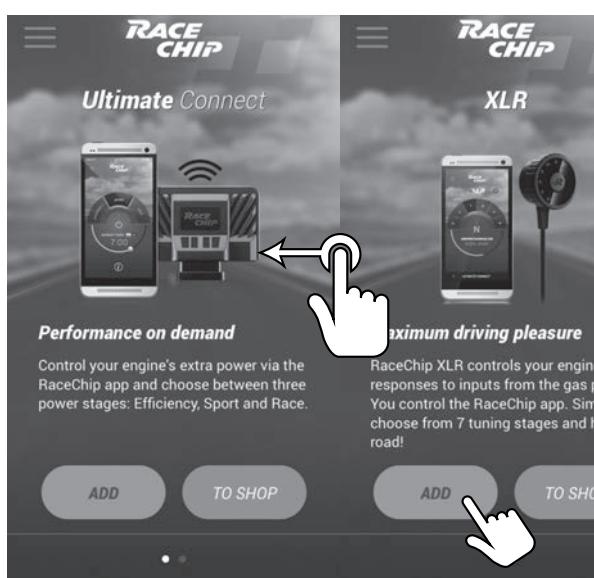


- 4 Open the RaceChip app.



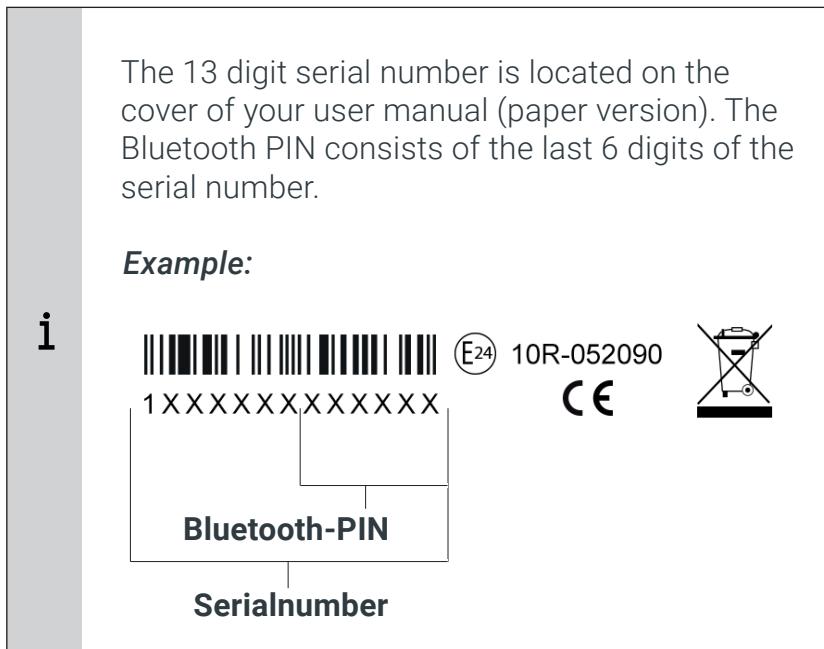
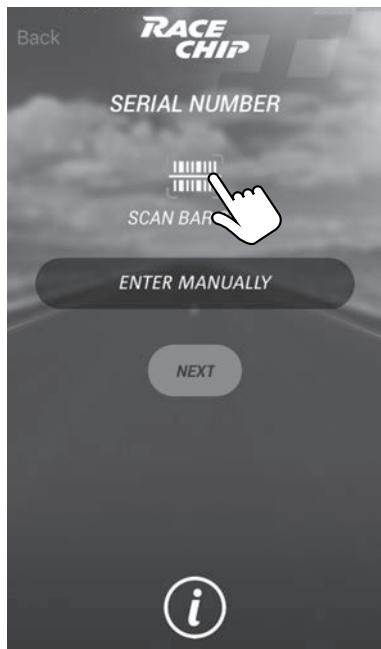
- 5 With opening the RaceChip app for the first time, the installation dialogue for chip tuning by RaceChip is shown. Swipe to the left for the RaceChip XLR installation dialogue.

Touch **ADD** and follow the instructions given by your smartphone.



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- 6 You can enter the serial number by hand (touch **MANUALLY**) or with the barcode scanner of the camera (touch **SCAN BARCODE**).



Having trouble with connecting RaceChip XLR and your phone's Bluetooth?

Follow these steps one by one until the pairing is complete:

1. Check that the car's ignition is switched on.
2. Check that the Bluetooth function on your smartphone is fully activated.
3. Deactivate and then re-activate the Bluetooth connection. Check if RaceChip XLR and your phone will pair now.
4. Re-start the RaceChip app.
5. Go to your smartphone's settings and view all discoverable Bluetooth devices. Select "**RaceChip XLR**".
6. If "**RaceChip XLR**" is not shown as a discoverable device or if it is shown but does not pair with your phone, please contact our Customer Service.

- 7 As soon as the connection is set up, the installation is completed.
For selecting a tuning stage with the RaceChip app, please see operations.

3 Operation

The Controller

Use the rotary control to choose between **4 stages offering sharper throttle response** and **2 stages with diminished response**. The currently active stage is indicated by a lit LED.



R+ – Race Plus
Throttle responsiveness like a sports car

R – Race
Perfect for enthusiastic driving

S+ – Sport Plus
Significantly improved throttle responses

S – Sport
No lethargy in throttle responses

N – Neutral
Stock throttle responsiveness

E – Eco
Relaxed throttle responses

E+ – Eco Plus
For maximum fuel efficiency

- Different driving situations and different driving styles need different throttle responses.
- Try each tuning stage for yourself before you decide on your favourite.

⚠ Please do not switch tuning stages while you are accelerating.

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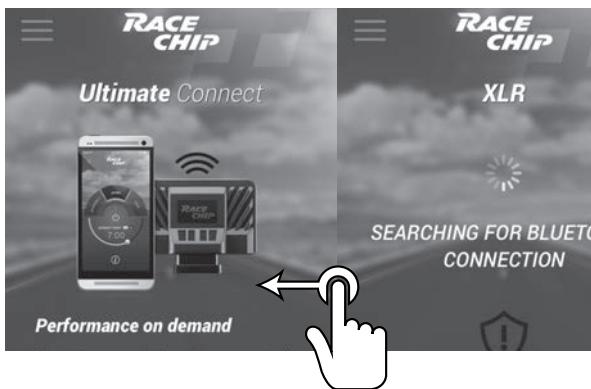
The RaceChip app – Selecting a tuning stage

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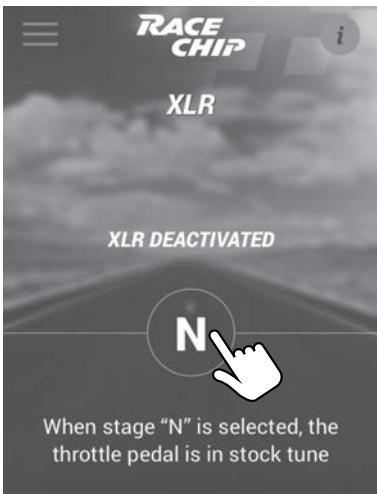


- Traffic regulations in many countries make it illegal for drivers to have a smartphone in their hand while driving, or even when the engine is running.

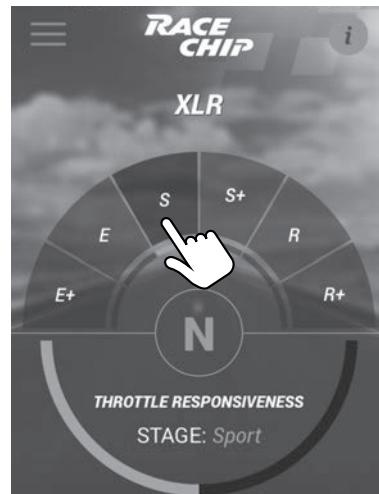
1 Open the RaceChip app. Wipe to the left for the RaceChip XLR tuning stages.



2 Touch **N** for activating the tuning stages.



3 You can now choose between 6 tuning stages.

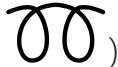


Please do not change tuning stages during acceleration.

Touch **N** for stock tune of your car's throttle.

4 Trouble Shooting

If your RaceChip XLR doesn't function as it should, here are some trouble shooting tips.

Description of problem	What to do
<p>Check engine warning light</p>  (also preheat warning light on diesel engines)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Switch off the engine and remove the key. Check that all connectors are engaged.If the problem persists after restarting the engine, contact our Customer Service.
 remains on after installation	
No/poor throttle response, or engine responds with interruptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">De-install the Brainbox of RaceChip XLR.Return your car to stock tuning by reconnecting the stock pedal sensor directly with the throttle pedal.Check the throttle response, with the car stationary at first and then on an empty road. If the throttle response is still bad or patchy, we recommend not driving the car. The problem is probably not caused by RaceChip XLR but by a malfunction in a component in the throttle pedal.
Car is jerky at constant throttle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">First check to see if the jerkiness occurs in all tuning stages or only certain ones.When you have done this, please contact our Customer Service and give us as much detail as possible. We can help you much better if you give us precise information.Please do not activate RaceChip XLR in your car until we have found a solution.
Automatic gearbox changes gear jerkily No pairing between	<ul style="list-style-type: none">First check to see if the jerkiness occurs in all tuning stages or only in certain ones.When you have done this, please contact our Customer Service and give us as much detail as possible. We can help you much better if you give us precise information.Please only use the RaceChip XLR's tuning stage N until a solution has been found.

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Description of problem	What to do
Revs too high at idle running	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please de-install the Brainbox of RaceChip XLR.• Return your car to stock tuning by reconnecting the stock pedal sensor directly with the throttle pedal.• Check the revs at idle running again. If they are still too high, we recommend not driving the car. The problem is probably not caused by RaceChip XLR but by a malfunction of a component in the throttle pedal.• Please contact our Customer Service. Based on the information you give us, we will help to find a solution and tell you whether you need to take your car to a specialist.
Car does not start	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Switch off the ignition and remove the key. Check that all the connectors are securely engaged.• Try to start the car again. Does the Controller light up? What colour is the light?• Please make a note of this information and contact our Customer Service.• If the problem occurs when you first install RaceChip XLR, please de-install the Brainbox completely. There may be a problem in the system caused by residual current in the throttle pedal when you unplugged it. To reset the system, lock the car and leave it for at least 30 minutes before trying to start it again. If the engine still does not start, the car's fault memory must be reset (any professional garage or repair shop can do this). Once this has been done, you can repeat the Brainbox installation. Make sure that the ignition is off and that you wait at least 10 minutes before disconnecting the throttle pedal.
Connectors do not fit or do not click securely into place	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check that you are trying to connect the correct pair of connectors and that they are correctly aligned.• The connectors should fit together easily – don't force them.• If the connectors are incompatible, please take a picture of the connector on the throttle pedal in your car and contact our Customer Service.

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Description of problem	What to do
The Controller does not show any tuning stages or does not light up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Make sure that all the connectors are properly secured.The Controller will only light up with the ignition switched on or the engine running.If the problem persists, please contact our Customer Service.
The N stage on the Controller flashes white (in case the Controller is not connected, a sudden pairing loss with your smartphone can be a hint regarding this error)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">RaceChip XLR detected a problem with signal transmission and went into its safe mode.This also disables the pairing between the RaceChip App and your smartphone. As long as the safe mode is enabled, no tuning modes can be selected using the RaceChip App. In case the pairing is suddenly lost, please connect the Controller to the Brainbox to check if the N stage on the Controller flashes white and hence the safe mode is enabled.This means your car is now in stock tune and can be driven. However, we recommend that you do not ignore the problem for a long period.Please contact our Customer Service.If the problem did not occur immediately after you installed RaceChip XLR, it could be caused by a malfunction in the throttle pedal or in another related assembly (i.e. RaceChip is not the cause). In this case, please take the car to a specialist workshop.
Tuning stages cannot be selected on the Controller	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Check that the Controller and the Brainbox are properly connected. One of the tuning stages should light up when the ignition is switched on or the engine is running.If you still cannot select a tuning stage, please contact our Customer Service.
No pairing between RaceChip App and RaceChip XLR possible after updates of the operating system on your smartphone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Shut down the RaceChip App (iOS: push the home button twice and close the RaceChip App; Android: Open the task manager and close the RaceChip App) and re-start it again.Please contact our Customer Service if the issue still exists.

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Trouble Shooting	What to do
No pairing between RaceChip App and RaceChip XLR possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To find out if there is just a pairing issue or a functionality and installation issue with your RaceChip XLR, respectively, please first connect the Controller (in case not already connected) with the Brainbox. Please now switch on the ignition of your car.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A tuning mode on the Controller flashes and tuning modes can be selected via the Controller. I.e. RaceChip XLR is functioning properly and there is just a pairing issue between RaceChip XLR and your smartphone.- Check that the Bluetooth function on your smartphone is fully activated.- Deactivate and then re-activate the Bluetooth connection. Check if RaceChip XLR and your phone will pair now.- Deactivate the Bluetooth connection and completely shut down the RaceChip App (iOS: push the home button twice and close the RaceChip App; Android: Open the task manager and close the RaceChip App). Activate the Bluetooth connection and open the RaceChip App again.- Go to your smartphone's settings and view all discoverable Bluetooth devices. Select "RaceChip XLR" to pair your smartphone with the RaceChip XLR. In case no connection is established, delete "RaceChip XLR" from the list of discoverable Bluetooth devices. Try pairing again.- Re-start the installation dialogue of the RaceChip App. Make sure you have entered the correct Bluetooth pin (see Step 4 of the Installation).- Please contact our Customer Service if the issue still exists.Case 2 (functionality and installation issue):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No tuning mode on the Controller flashes.- Switch off the ignition of your car and remove the key (follow Step 1 of the Installation).- Check that all connectors are engaged and that the installation (see Installation) has been completed correctly.- Please shut down the RaceChip App on your smartphone now (iOS: push the home button twice and close the RaceChip App; Android: Open the task manager and close the RaceChip App)- Switch on the ignition. Does a tuning mode flash on the controller? If it does, please re-start the RaceChip App and try to pair your smartphone with the RaceChip XLR again.

5 Contact



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