Autoplugin RCP-F4

Version 7.1

Technical Description
User Manual

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Description

The **Autoplugin RCP-F4** is electronic module designed for remote control of fuel-fired heater (parking heater, fuel operated heater, pre-heater), factory installed in **Ford Mondeo** (2007-2014), **Galaxy** (2006-), or **S-Max** (2006-2015). The device controls the heater via CAN-bus.

Module Possibilities

- Set of inputs for additional remote control connection
- Set of outputs with programmable heater's status signals
- Embedded heater's remote control by using the car's remote control key
- Indication of heater's autonomous operation with the direction indicators flashing in the rearview mirrors.
- Additional protection of the main battery from discharging by inspecting voltage level and time of autonomous operation of the heater

Package Content

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Basic Functions

1. To start the heater with Ford key, press “Lock” button 3 times on the key. Time intervals between presses must not exceed 20 seconds. The unlocking of the vehicle or time interval excess restarts the counter of “Lock” button presses. Look at direction indicators to be sure that RCP has received a command from the key. Every button pressing is confirmed with hazard signals flashing. Also it is possible to adjust the module to confirm with direction indicators flashing in rearview mirrors that heater start combination received (6.1 setup item) and that the heater started (6.2 setup item).
2. By default RCP adjusted only to switch on the heater by using car’s remote control key. To switch off the heater by using the key, change the setup item 3.1. As both the commands use the same combination of “Lock” presses, you should know the heater’s status before you send a command. Therefore it is recommended to activate setup items 6.4 – 6.6 to see the heater’s status by the means of direction indicators’ flashing in the rearview mirrors. The possibility to stop the heater remotely may be useful in case of cancelation of a trip, including one programmed in the CIP.
3. It is possible remotely disable startups of the heater, programmed in the CIP. Use additional remote control to send stop command when the heater is idle (not possible with car’s remote control key). Starting the heater any way or turning the ignition to “on” position enables CIP programs again.
4. Additionally installed button can be connected to the module. The button is used for immediate start and stop of the heater. Button pressing changes heater’s condition to another one: switches off operated heater or switches on idle heater.
5. If additional remote control connected to the RCP, the remote control’s functions depend on connection schemes, module’s settings and the remote control’s possibilities of. See remote control’s documentation for details.

Additional Functions

By default RCP adjusted to perform only basic functions, such as start and stop the heater using the remote control key. To turn on additional functions such as battery monitoring, flashing with direction indicators in rearview mirrors, etc. enter the module into Setup mode and activate the corresponding setup item (see settings table 2).

A programming button and the brakes pedal are used to enter setup mode and to the settings change. You can use either additionally installed button, or front passenger’s window close button on the driver’s door control panel as

programming button. In some cars using power window control button as programming button is not possible. Use additional button in that case.

It is necessary to stop the engine and the heater before making adjustments. Turn the ignition on, press and hold the brakes pedal. Then 3 times press the programming button (press and hold additional button until LED goes off, about 1.5 seconds). Both direction indicators in the CIP confirm entering to the setup mode with 2 flashes. Release the brakes pedal finally.

Each setup item in the settings table is a 3-digit code. To enter a digit of a code, shortly press the button so much times, as corresponds to a digit. The LED and the direction indicators symbols in the CIP confirm each button press: the LED briefly goes off, the left direction indicator flashes one time when the first or the third digit of code entered, the right direction indicator - when the second digit of code entered. To complete a digit entering, press and release brakes pedal. The CIP confirms it with one flash of both direction indicators simultaneously. When all three digits entered, the module checks the code for validity and confirms it with the direction indicators flashing. The both direction indicators flash twice simultaneously in case of valid code and flash twice alternately in case of invalid code.

If entered digit is not correct, press and release brakes button until the module indicates an error. Enter the code once more in that case. Several codes can be entered without exit of setup mode.

Turn the ignition off to exit setup mode. New settings are saved in the nonvolatile memory of the module and stored there regardless of whether the module is connected or not. **Attention:** If you start the engine without exit Setup mode, new settings will not be saved in memory.

To reset the module to the factory settings, enter the code 8.1.1. Both direction indicators in the CIP should flash three times, confirming command execution. Then the module exits Setup mode and restarts.

To clear all the errors in the heater's memory and thus unblock the heater, enter the code 9.1.1. Both direction indicators flash five times confirming errors clearing. If unblocking of the heater is impossible, the indicators flash five times alternatively. **Pay attention**: when you apply unblocking function for the first time, RCP remembers VIN code of the car. In the future unblock function will work only for this car.

Settings Table (1)

Settings Group	**Settings Item**	**Possible Values**
1. Heater's operation time	**1.1.** Limitation of heater's total operational time in pre-heat mode	**1.1.1** *Not adjusted **1.1.2** 40 minutes **1.1.3** 50 minutes **1.1.4** 60 minutes **1.1.5** 70 minutes **1.1.6** 80 minutes **1.1.7** *90 minutes*

		1.1.8 100 minutes **1.1.9** 120 minutes
	1.2. Limitation of heater's 1-cycle operational time in pre-heat mode	**1.2.1** 10 minutes **1.2.2** 15 minutes **1.2.3** 20 minutes **1.2.4** 25 minutes **1.2.5** 30 minutes **1.2.6** 40 minutes **1.2.7** 50 minutes **1.2.8** **Not used*
2. Heater remote control by using remote control key	**2.1.** Control button's function for the heater control	**2.1.1** *Heater start only **2.1.2** Start of idle heater, stop of operated heater
	2.2. Number of control button's presses for the heater control	**2.2.1** Combination is disabled **2.2.2** Two presses **2.2.3** **Three presses* **2.2.4** Four presses **2.2.5** Five presses **2.2.6** Six presses
3. Battery Monitoring	**3.1.** Minimal battery voltage that lets the module start the heater in pre-heat mode	**3.1.1** * Not adjusted **3.1.2** 11.8V **3.1.3** 11.8V **3.1.4** 11.9V **3.1.5** *12.0V* **3.1.6** 12.1V **3.1.7** 12.2V **3.1.8** 12.3V **3.1.9** 12.4V
	3.2. Minimal battery voltage that lets the module keep operating the heater in pre-heat mode [2]	**3.2.1** * Not adjusted **3.2.2** 11.4V **3.2.3** 11.5V **3.2.4** 11.6V **3.2.5** *11.7V* **3.2.6** 11.8V **3.2.7** 11.9V **3.2.8** 12.0V
4. Timer_Out line control	**4.1.** Activate the Timer_Out line by time of the heater's autonomous operation	**4.1.1** *Don't activate **4.1.2** In 10 minutes after the heater startup **4.1.3** In 15 minutes after the heater startup **4.1.4** In 20 minutes after the heater startup **4.1.5** In 25 minutes after the heater startup **4.1.6** In 30 minutes after the heater startup **4.1.7** In 40 minutes after the heater startup **4.1.8** In 50 minutes after the heater startup

		4.1.9 In 60 minutes after the heater startup
	4.3. Activate the Timer_Out line by the second start command	**4.3.1** *Off **4.3.2** On
6. Indication with direction indicators in the rearview mirrors[4]	**6.1.** Indication of the heater's startup	**6.1.1** *Off **6.1.2** Five flashes
	6.2. Indication of command reception from a remote control	**6.2.1** *Off **6.2.2** Three flashes
	6.3. Indication of the heater's operation, when starting source is remote controller	**6.3.1** *Off **6.3.2** On
	6.4. Indication of the heater's operation, when starting source is CIP	**6.4.1** *Off **6.4.2** On
	6.7. Flashing frequency for 6.3-6.4 Setup items	**6.7.1** One flash within 3 sec **6.7.2** One flash within 5 sec **6.7.3** ** One flash within 10 sec* **6.7.4** One flash within 15 sec
7. Output signals adjustment	**7.3.** Notification signals on the output "Alert_1" [2]	**7.3.1** *"Heater started" **7.3.2** "Heater stopped" **7.3.5** "Heater started to burn" **7.3.7** "Error occurred" **7.3.8** Disable the output
	7.4. Notification signals on the output "Alert_2"	**7.4.1** "Heater started" **7.4.2** *"Heater stopped" **7.4.5** "Heater started to burn" **7.4.7** "Error occurred" **7.4.8** Disable the output
	7.5. Signal feed to the output "Status Minus"	**7.5.1** Heater operates (potential) **7.5.2** *Heater operates autonomously (from battery, engine is off) (potential) **7.5.3** Heater operates autonomously (double impulses with the frequency adjusted by 6.7, applying settings 6.3-6.5)[3] **7.5.4** Engine runs (potential) **7.5.5** Engine runs (RPM impulses) **7.5.6.** Disable the output
	7.6. Signal feed to the output "Status_Plus"	**7.6.1** Heater operates (potential) **7.6.2** Heater operates autonomously (from battery, engine is off) (potential) **7.6.3** Engine runs (potential)

		7.6.4 Ignition is on (potential) **7.6.5.** Disable the output **7.6.6** *Feedback for Defa Vehicle Unit
8. Service menu	**8.1.** Default Settings	**8.1.1** Apply factory settings

* Factory setting
Recommended settings marked in italics

[1] –RCP turns off the heater if the battery voltage becomes lower than preset
[2] – Signals appears only during the heater's autonomous operation
[3] – Signal is used for indication by all the hazard flashers. It uses 1-wire connection to the hazard alarm button (see installation manual for details). Indication by the turn signals via CAN-bus is switched off
[4] – Additional connections required (see installation manual), not available by using plug-n-play cable

Signals

The module has two connectors: 9-pin connector X1 (table 2) for input signals and power connection, 10-pin connector X2 (table 3) for output signals, special signals and CAN-bus connection. The connector's first pin is marked by the key.

X1.1 Heater_off+[1]
The input can be used to switch off the heater, operated in pre-heat mode, with the impulse of positive polarity (the input **Heater_off-** in that case has to be connected to the Ground). The heater is stopped by the leading edge of the impulse. When the heater is idle, positive impulse given to the input cancels the timer start of the heater, programmed in the CIP.

X1.2 Heater_off-[1]
The input can be used to switch off the heater, operated in pre-heat mode, by the impulse of negative polarity (the input **Heater_off+** in that case has to be connected to the Power). The heater is stopped by the leading edge of the impulse. If the heater is idle, negative impulse on this input cancels the timer start of the heater, programmed by CIP. This input is suitable for the most alarm systems and GSM-modules connections in order to control the heater remotely.

Table 2

X1 pin number	Signal Name	Polarity	Wire colour
1	Heater_off+	+	White
2	Heater_off-	-	Grey
3	Heater_on+	+	Green
4	Heater_on-	-	Blue
5	Button	-	Brown
6	Ventilation	+	Orange
7	RC_in	+	Yellow
8	*Ground*		*Black*
9	*Battery Power*		*Red*

The signals to be necessarily connected are marked in the table in Italics

Table 3

X2 pin number	Signal Name	Polarity	Wire colour	Maximum Electric Load*, mA
1	Status_Plus	+	Blue-white	500
2	Status_Minus	-	Yellow	500
3	Alert_1	-	Grey	500
4	Alert_2	-	Orange	500
5	Timer_out	-	Blue	500
6	Indication	+	Red-white	1000
7	Sensor_In	-	Green-yellow	
8	Sensor_Out	-	Green	500
9	*CAN-L*		*Brown-white*	
10	*CAN-H*		*Brown*	

*The connection of outputs 2-5 directly to the Power (without a load) prohibited. The connection of outputs 1 and 6 directly to the Ground (without a load) prohibited

The signals to be necessarily connected are marked in the table in Italics

X1.3 Heater_on+[1]

The input can be used to switch the heater on by the impulse of positive polarity (the input **Heater_on-** in that case has to be connected to the Ground). The heater is started by the leading edge of the impulse.

X1.4 Heater_on-[1]

The input can be used to switch the heater on by the impulse of negative polarity (the input **Heater_on+** in that case has to be connected to the Power). The heater is

started by the leading edge of the impulse. This input is suitable for the most alarm systems and GSM-modules connections in order to control the heater remotely.

X1.5 Button
The input for connection of outer button. The button may be used for the direct start and stop of the heater

X1.6 Ventilation
The input is not used in current version

X1.7 RC_in
The input can be used to switch the heater on/off by an impulse of positive polarity. The heater is turned on by the leading edge of an impulse and is turned off by the trailing edge of the impulse. The specialized remotes such as Smart Start, Easy Start and Telestart can be connected to this input[1]. GSM-modules with a potential signal on the control channel also may be connected to the input.

X1.8 Ground [1]

X1.9 Power +12V [1]

X2.1 Status_Plus
The assignment of this output is defined by the setting 7.6. By default special signal for Defa Smart Start (settings 7.6.3) is used to inform the remote control unit that the heater has been switched off. When the heater is switched off, the impulse of positive polarity with 0.5 second duration appears on the output. When the engine is running, the output is permanently pulled up to the Power.

X2.2 Status_Minus
The assignment of this output is defined by the setting 7.5. By default the signal "Heater operates autonomously" is given on the output.

X2.3 Alert_1
The signal is used to receive a notification to remote control (if remote is compatible to alerts receiving). The assignment of this output is defined by the setting 7.3. When programmed event is occurred, the impulse of negative polarity with 1 second duration appears on the output. By default the signal "Heater started" is given on the output.

X2.4 Alert_2
The signal is used to receive a notification to remote control (if remote is compatible to alerts receiving). The assignment of this output is defined by the setting 7.4. When programmed event is occurred, the impulse of negative polarity with 1 second duration appears on the output. By default the signal "Heater stopped" is given on the output.

X2.5 Timer_out
The output can be used to control an external device by time of the heater operation. Time of signal appearing is defined by the setting 5.1. When the heater operates programmed time, the impulse of negative polarity with 1 second duration appears on the output.

X2.6 Indication
The output can be used for connection of outer stand alone or button built-in indicator.

X2.7 Sensor_In
Not used

X2.8 Sensor_Out
Not used

X2.9 CAN-L
Low-level CAN bus line has to be connected to the violet-orange wire of MS-CAN bus[1].

X2.10 CAN-H
High-level CAN bus line has to be connected to the grey-orange wire of MS-CAN bus[1].

[1]- See installation manual for connection details

Connection

RCP gives a possibility of quick connection to the OBD-II service connector by using supplied Plug-n-Play cable. This type of connection allows control the heater by using car's radio key. In case when additional remote control is connected to the heater, permanent connection to the car's wiring is required. See installation manual for detailed connection schemes for various remotes.

RCP needs that 2 timers and direct start / stop function for the heater control are present in CIP. Therefore it may be necessary to load the special software to the CIP at first, by the means of Ford dealer's equipment.

Troubleshooting

If a run-time error occurs during the heater's operation, RCP informs about the error code with LED flashing. The number of flashes in series corresponds to the error code. See table 2 for the error's description and possible solutions.

Table 4

Error Code	Error Description	Possible Reasons of Error Appearance	Solutions
2	No answer from the heater followed the start command	Outer temperature is higher than +15 Celsius degrees	The heater operates only at temperatures below +15°C. It is the heater manufacturer's restriction
		Fuel level in the fuel tank is close to empty ("Fuel Low" warning indicator is illuminated in the CIP)	Refuel the vehicle
		The heater has been blocked after 3 unsuccessful starts	Try to start the heater in the CIP menu. If it doesn't start up, make diagnostics of the heater.
3	Battery low	The module has determined that the battery's voltage is below the specified by settings items 3.1 or 3.2	Charge vehicle's battery with special charger (or start engine to charge) or cancel 3.1/3.2 module's settings
4	Time limits exceeded	Time limit for autonomous operation of the heater is achieved (with active setting 1.1)	Run the engine or cancel 1.1 module's settings
5	Unsuccessful start	The heater was switched off spontaneously at starting	Make diagnostics of the heater if the error appears again
6	Operation cycle too short	The heater was switched off spontaneously	Make diagnostics of the heater if the error appears again
8	CAN-bus error	There is a problem with module's connection to the CAN-bus	Check for the module's connection
9	Settings error	Settings have been stored in the RCP's memory incorrectly	Reset the settings (8.1.1), readjust the module

Glossary

CAN - Control Area Network (digital network for data transfer in vehicles)
RCP - Remote Control Plug-in (electronic module for the heater remote control)
CIP - Combined Instrument Panel