



# VSI-2534 User Manual

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## Foreword

This document describes AutoEnginuity (DG) VSI-2534, and SAE J2534 Pass-Thru device with its primary purpose to program automotive ECUs (Electronic Control Units). It provides module programming for development, end-of-line testing and re-programming.

The VSI-2534 is also useful for vehicle diagnostics, development, general design, hardware-in-the-loop simulation and anywhere communications with a vehicle network are required.

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## 1 Introduction

**How it works:** A PC is connected to a vehicle through the VSI-2534 “Pass-Thru device” to the OBD-II J1962 connector and on to the ECUs. The VSI-2534 provides the translation interface between the PC and the vehicle or module.

The user application on the PC sends and receives data to the vehicle using J2534 function calls to this device.

**Provides support for:** the most current version of the J2534 API (Version 04.04).

**Supports the following protocols:**

CAN (ISO 11898, J2284),  
Single-Wire CAN,  
ISO15765,  
ISO 9141, KWP2000,  
J1850 PWM (Ford SCP),  
J1850 VPWM (both GM Class 2 and Chrysler),  
SCI and  
GM-UART

**Features:**

- USB 2.0 connection to a PC for fast downloads. (Operates at full network speed with fast and efficient data transfers.)
- Connects to a vehicle with an OBDII cable or a custom cable.
- Runs the SAE J1699 Vehicle Validation software.
- On or off-board J2534 module programming.
- Programming voltages – 5 to 20 V in 100 mV steps.
- Useful for diagnostics or module development.



## 1.1 VSI-2534 hardware specifications

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| <b>Dimensional</b> | <b>Height:</b> 4.375 in                                |
|                    | <b>Width:</b> 6.625 in.                                |
|                    | <b>Depth:</b> 1.312 in.                                |
| <b>Weight</b>      | <b>VSI-2534 tool:</b> 13.3 oz.                         |
|                    | <b>OBD II cable:</b> 10.9 oz.                          |
| <b>Electrical</b>  | <b>Nominal Voltage:</b> 12 VDC                         |
|                    | <b>Maximum Voltage:</b> 27 VDC                         |
|                    | <b>Current consumption:</b> Less than 200 mA at 12 VDC |
|                    | <b>Temperature range:</b> - 40 C to + 85 C             |

## 1.2 Power connector

The VSI-2534 can be powered via the power jack (12 VDC adapter provided) or via the supplied OBD II cable attached to the vehicle.

**WARNING:** The VSI-2534 **SHOULD NOT** be powered via the power jack **AND** the supplied OBD II cable **SIMULTANEOUSLY**. Connecting to multiple power sources may cause damage to the hardware.

### 1.2.1 Powering up the hardware

Once a power source has been connected, the POWER LED should light. See Section 1.3.1 for details.

### 1.2.2 Vehicle network connection

The vehicle network connection can be made by using the supplied OBD II cable or by a custom cable to the hardware's DB-25 (female) connector. See Appendix A.

### 1.3 Hardware overview

The following figures show the external features of the VSI-2534:



Figure 1: VSI-2534 Indicators

#### 1.3.1 Status Indicators

The VSI-2534 has three status LEDs that indicate activity of the following functions:

- **PC Connection** – Indicates that the VSI-2534 has established a connection to the PC, and if the link is “active.”
- **Vehicle Connection** – Indicates that the vehicle network connection is established / active.
- **Power** – Indicates that the VSI-2534 is connected to a power supply (either via the jack plug or through a vehicle connection), and whether or not the unit is operating properly.

See details in the following table:

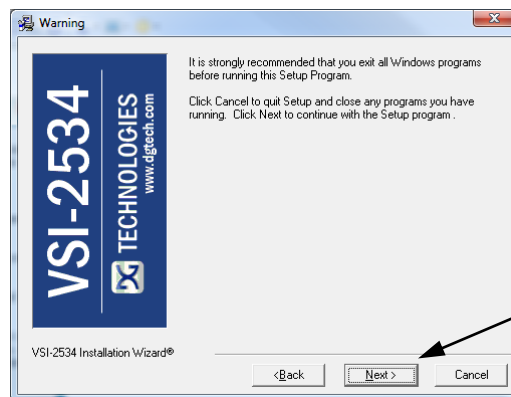


| LED Name                  | LED State                       | Description   |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>PC Connection</b>      | Off                             | PC has not initialized communication with VSI-2534 via the USB data link.   |
|                           | On<br>(Solid Red)               | PC has initialized communication with VSI-2534 via the USB data link. No bus activity.                              |
|                           | On<br>(Alternating Red / Green) | Activity on the PC-VSI-2534 connection via USB data link.   |
| <b>Vehicle Connection</b> | Off                             | No vehicle network protocol channel has been initialized for use.   |
|                           | On<br>(Red)                     | One or more vehicle network protocol channels have been initialized for use. No bus activity.                       |
|                           | On<br>(Alternating Red / Green) | There is activity on one or more vehicle network protocol channels.   |
| <b>Power</b>              | Off                             | No power supplied to the VSI-2534 unit.   |
|                           | On<br>(Solid Green)             | Unit is powered either via the vehicle connector or the external power jack. Unit is operating properly.            |
|                           | On<br>(Solid Red)               | Unit is powered either via the vehicle connector or the external power jack. Unit is <b>not</b> operating properly. |
| Table 1: LED Descriptions |                                 |   |

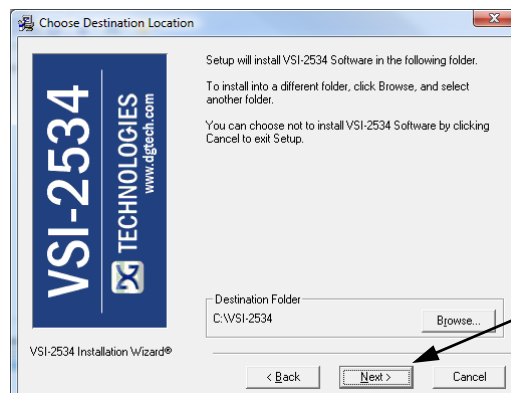
## 2 Software Setup



1. Locate the "Setup\_VSI2534.EXE" file on the CD and double-click on it to start the software setup, and then click "Next".

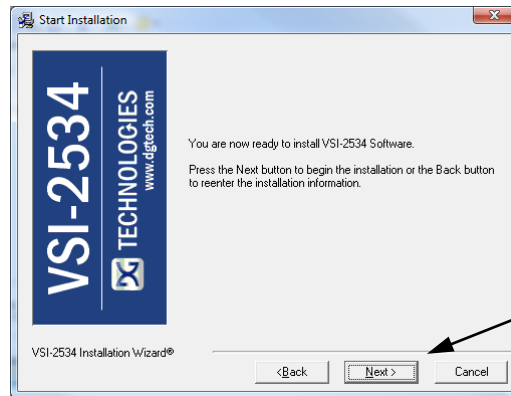


2. Exit all open Windows programs and click "Next" to continue.

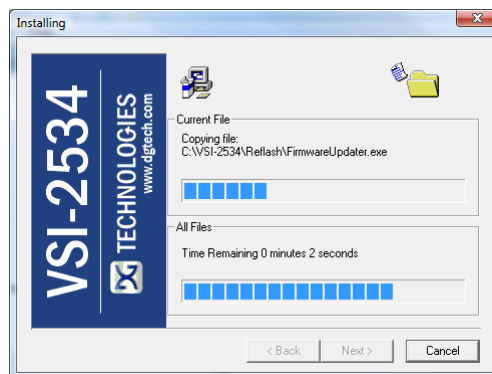


3. Choose Destination Location for the installation. The default location is C:\Program Files\VSI-2534. Click "Next" to continue.

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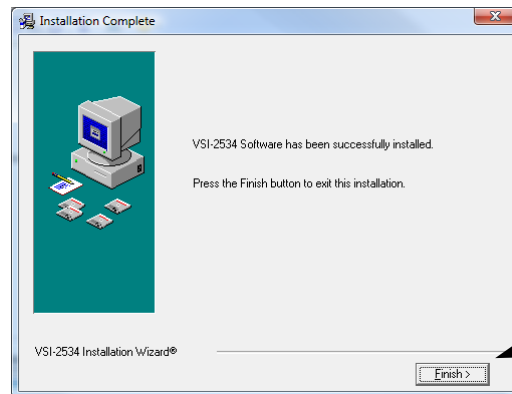
4. Click "Next" to continue.



5. Installing...



6. Ensure that you do not have the VSI-2534 hardware connected to the PC's USB port. Click "OK" to continue.



7. Installation is complete. Click “Finish”.

## 3 Hardware Configuration

### 3.1 First Time Hardware Connection to the PC



**Step 1:** Connect the VSI-2534 to a power source (Power adapter or powered from the OBD II cable). Note: do not power unit from multiple sources. Power LED must be a solid Green. When the “Found New Hardware Wizard” screen appears, **select: “Yes now – and every time I connect a new device”** – then click on “Next”.

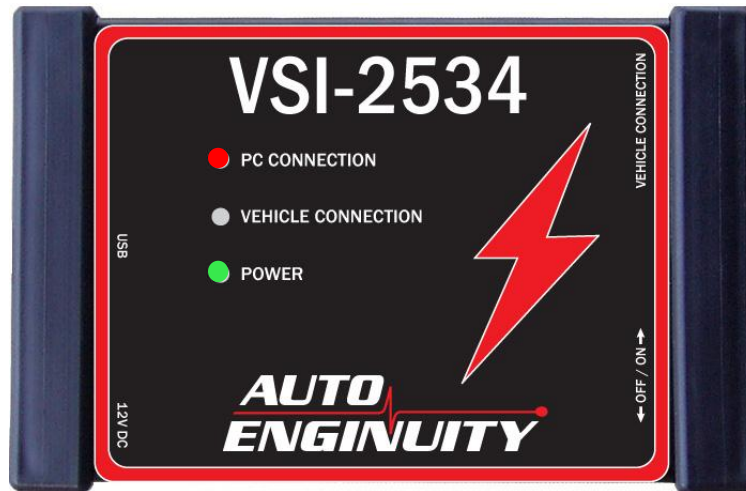


**Step2:** Click “Next”.



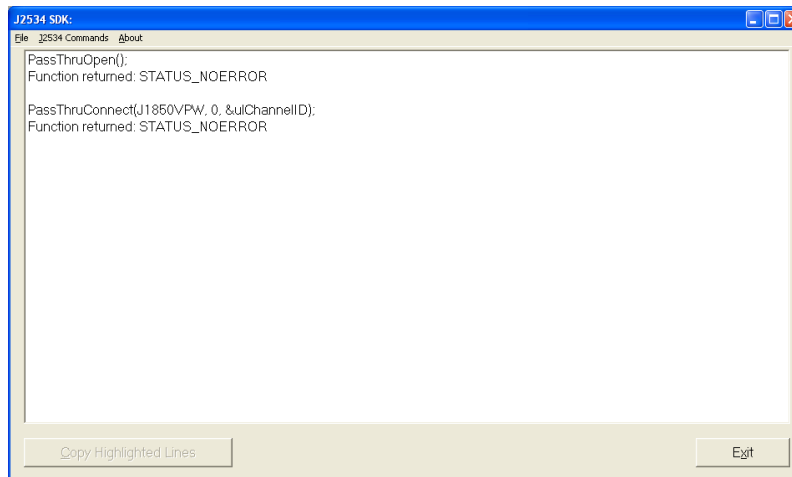
**Step3:** Click “Finish”.

### 3.2 Typical Hardware Connection to the PC



**Step 1:** Connect the VSI-2534 to a power source (12V Power adapter **or** powered from the OBD II cable). Note: Do not power unit from multiple sources. Power LED must be a solid GREEN.

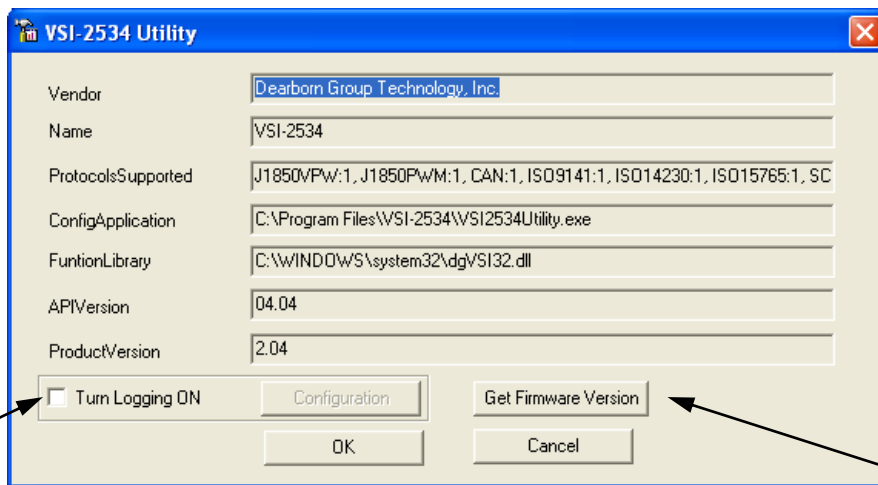
**Step 2:** Connect the VSI-2534's USB cable to the PC that the software was installed on and note that the Power LED is a solid Green and the PC Connection LED is a solid RED.



**Step 3:** Using an application such as the DG 2534 SDK (Software Development Kit) a user can open a link to the hardware and connect with a protocol to a Vehicle or an Electronic Control Module (ECU). Note: after this connection, the Vehicle Connection LED is a solid RED.

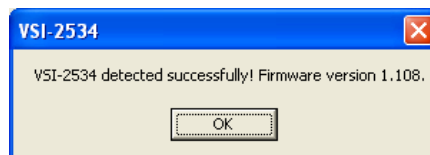
### 3.3 Hardware Configuration Information

By running the “VSI-2534 Config Utility.exe”, located in Start > Programs > VSI-2534, a user can find out Hardware version, protocol support, and other information.

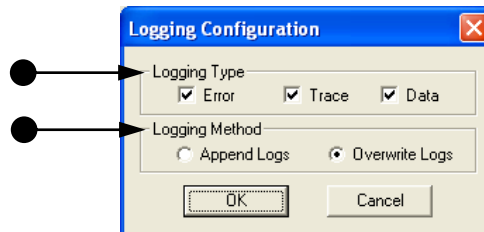


**Protocols Supported:** J1850VPW, J1850PWM, CAN, ISO9141, ISO14230, ISO15765, SCI\_A\_ENGINE:1, SCI\_A\_TRANS:1, SCI\_B\_ENGINE:1, SCI\_B\_TRANS:1, SWCAN\_ISO15765\_PS, SWCAN\_PS, GM\_UART\_PS

**J2534 API Version:** 04.04

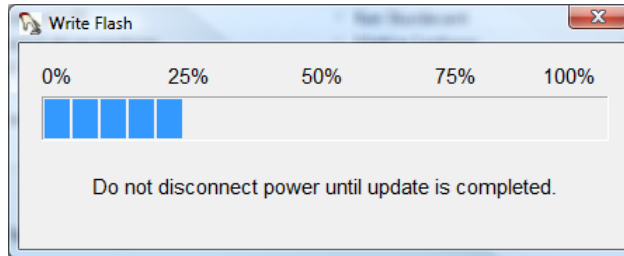


The “Get Firmware Version” button provides the Firmware version of the VSI-2534 hardware.  
Note: Do not have any other application running that uses the J2534 library.

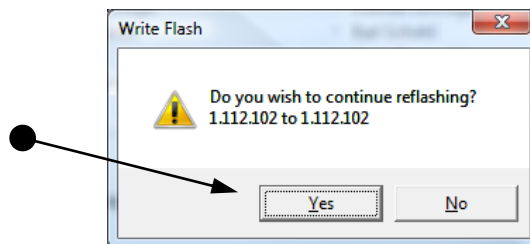


The “Turn Logging ON” checkbox enables the Configuration button. The Configuration button enables the user to set “Logging Type” and “Logging Method” to create VSI-2534 DLL log. Note: Do not have any other application running that uses the J2534 library.

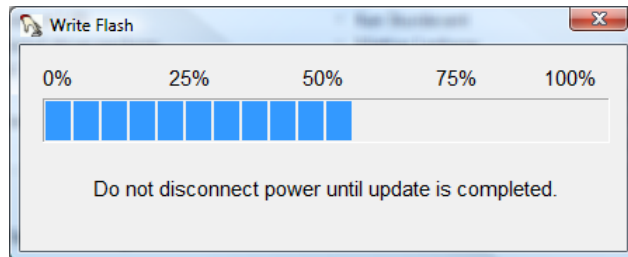
### 3.4 Hardware/Firmware Update of the VSI-2534



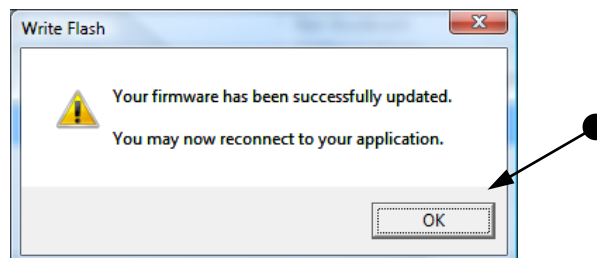
**Step 1:** Click on “Start” > “Programs” > “VSI-2534” > “FirmwareUpdater”.



**Step 2:** Click on “Yes”.



**Step 3:** Updating the Firmware...



**Step 4:** Firmware has been updated. Click “OK”



## Appendix A – Pin Assignment for the OBD II Cable

### VSI-2534 OBD II Cable Pin Assignment

| J1962 Connector | VSI-2534 Purpose/Function   | VSI-2534 DB 25 |
|-----------------|---|----------------|
| 1               | Single Wire CAN   | 1              |
| 2               | SAE J1850 (+)   | 2              |
| 3               | (not connected)   |                |
| 4               | Chassis Ground  | 4              |
| 5               | Signal Ground   | 5              |
| 6               | ISO 15765-4 / CAN High<br>SCI_A_ENGINE (Rx)<br>Programming Voltage                        | 6 & 24 *       |
| 7               | ISO 9141 / ISO 14230 K-line<br>SCI_A_ENGINE (Tx)<br>SCI_A_TRANS (Tx)<br>SCI_B_ENGINE (Tx) | 7              |
| 8               | (not connected)   |                |
| 9               | GMUART<br>SCI_B_TRANS (Rx)<br>Programming Voltage   | 9 & 20 *       |
| 10              | SAE J1850 (-)   | 10             |
| 11              | Programming Voltage   | 11             |
| 12              | SCI_B_ENGINE (Rx)<br>Programming Voltage  | 12             |
| 13              | Programming Voltage   | 13             |
| 14              | ISO 15765-4 / CAN Low<br>Programming Voltage<br>SCI_A_TRANS (Rx)                          | 14 & 25 *      |
| 15              | ISO 9141 / ISO 14230 L-line<br>Short to Ground<br>SCI_B_TRANS (Tx)                        | 15             |
| 16              | Unswitched Battery Voltage  | 16             |

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|--|----------|-----------------------|
|  | Not Used | 3, 8, 17 -19, 21 - 23 |
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\* **NOTE:** These pairs of pins are either connected together in the VSI-2534 tool or connected in the OBD II cable.

Pins 6 and 24 are connected together within the VSI-2534 tool.

Pins 9 and 20 are connected together within the OBD II cable.

Pins 14 and 25 are connected together within the VSI-2534 tool.