User Guide
Keypad – Open Version

Release 1.01

1 – Introduction

AiM Keypad Open Version is the new range of compact expansions based on the CAN bus. It is available in different versions according to the number of pushbuttons whose status is transmitted through the CAN bus. Both buttons and CAN messages are fully configurable through the USB connection using AiM RaceStudio 3 Software.

Each button can be set as:

- **Momentary**: the pushbutton status is ON when the pushbutton is pushed
- **Toggle**: the pushbutton status changes from ON to OFF each time the pushbutton is pushed
- **Multistate**: the pushbutton value changes from 0 to a max value each time the pushbutton is pushed.

Furthermore, you can define a time threshold for each button that defines different behaviours when a SHORT or LONG compression event is detected.

Each pushbutton can be customised in a different colour or in solid, slow or fast blinking mode.

It is also possible to define a CAN INPUT protocol to allow the LED colour not only to acknowledge a button compression event, but also to show the status of a device.

Finally, it is possible to configure a pushbutton for increasing or decreasing the brightness level of the keypad.

	K6 Open	K8 Open	K15 Open
Buttons	6 programmable	8 programmable	15 programmable
Backlight		RGB with Dimming option	
Connection		USB through 7 pins Binder 712 female connector	
Body Material		Rubber silicon and reinforced PA6 GS30%	
Dimensions	97.4x71x4x24mm	127.4x71.4x24	157.4x104.4x24
Weight	120g	150g	250g
Waterproof		IP67	

2 – Available kits optional and spare parts

Keypad open version available kits are:

Keypad K6 Open
- Keypad K6 Open + 200 cm AiM CAN cable   **X08KPK6OC200**
- Keypad K6 Open + 400 cm AiM CAN cable   **X08KPK6OC400**

Keypad K8 Open
- Keypad K6+ 200 cm AiM CAN cable   **X08KPK8OC200**
- Keypad K6+ 400 cm AiM CAN cable   **X08KPK8OC400**

Keypad K15 Open
- Keypad K15 Open + 200 cm AiM CAN cable   **X08KPK15OC200**
- Keypad K15 Open + 400 cm AiM CAN cable   **X08KPK15OC400**

All Keypads open version come with an **Open CAN cable** used to connect it to the master device but cables can also be bought separately as spare parts. The related part numbers are:
- 200 cm open CAN cable   **V02551770**
- 400 cm open CAN cable   **V02551780**

All Keypads open version can also be connected to an **AiM open CAN cable** that can be bought separately as optional. The related part numbers are:
- 200 cm open AiM CAN cable   **V02551850**
- 400 cm open AiM CAN cable   **V02551860**

To connect Keypad open version to the PC a proper **optional USB cable** is necessary. The related part numbers are:
- 30 cm USB cable   **V02551690**
- 50 cm USB cable+12V power   **V02551960**

Buttons icons:
- 72 pieces icon kit   **X08KPK8KICONS**
- single icon   **click here to know each icon part number**

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3 – Software configuration

For configuring the Keypad, download RaceStudio3 software from AiM website at aim-sportline.com **Software/firmware download area:** AiM - Software/Firmware download (aim-sportline.com)

Once the software is installed, run it and follow these steps:

- Enter **Configuration Menu** clicking the icon highlighted below:

- press "**New**" button (**1**) on the top right toolbar
- scroll the panel that is prompted, select the desired Keypad Open (**2**)
- press "**OK**" (**3**)
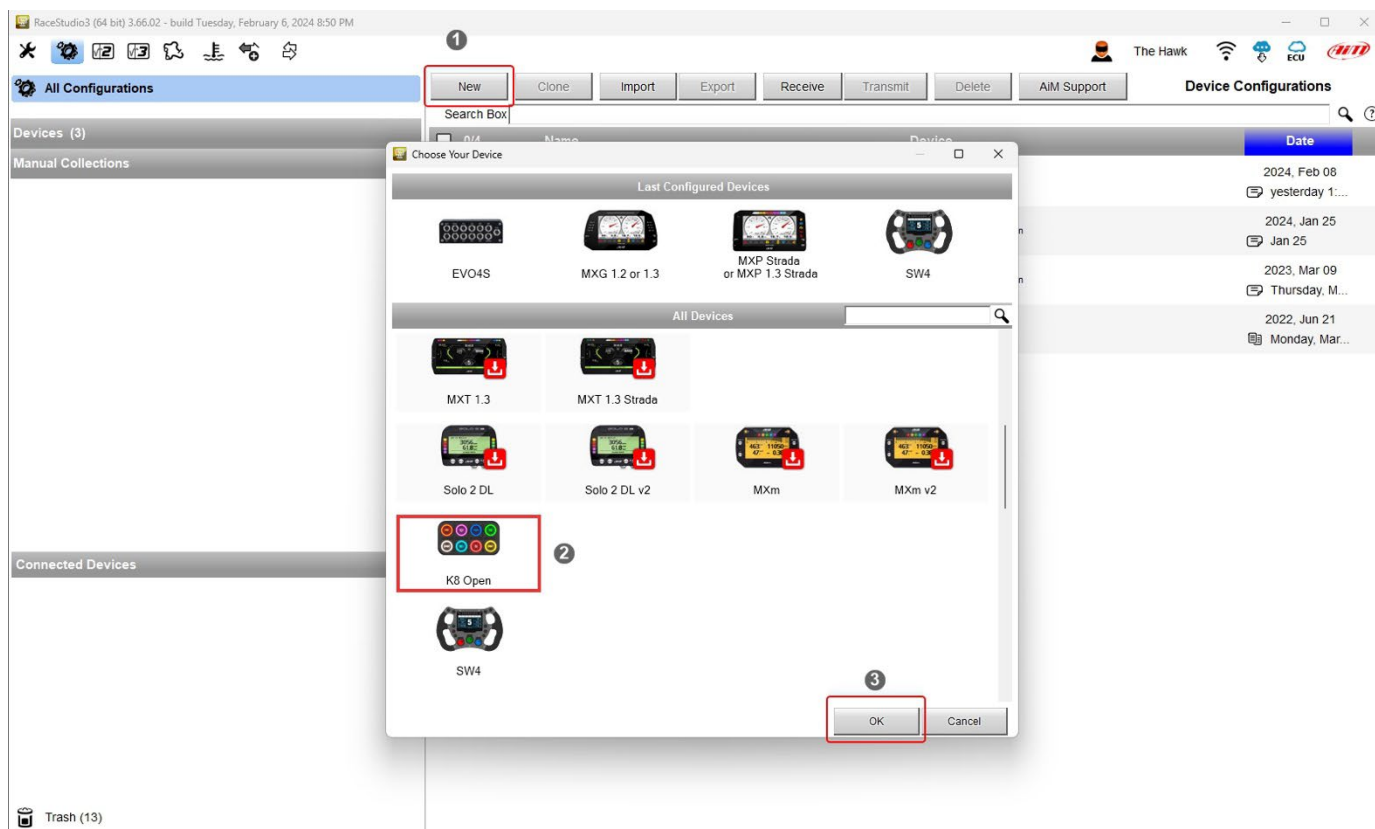
You need to configure:

- Buttons
- CAN Input protocol
- CAN Output messages

3.1 – Pushbuttons configuration

Some quick notes before we start analysing how to configure the Keypad:
- the pushbutton's status can be set as **Momentary, Toggle** or **Multi-status** as explained in paragraph 3.1.1; it is also possible to set a time threshold to manage short and long button pressures in different ways
- the pushbutton status can be transmitted through CAN at a fixed frequency and/or when it changes
- the status of each pushbutton at power OFF can be restored at the following power ON
- each pushbutton can be customized – solid or blinking – in 8 different colours as explained in paragraph 3.1.2
- open Keypads can manage a CAN INPUT protocol in order to give feedback through the LEDs colour, based on the information it receives.

3.1.1 – Pushbuttons status configuration

You may set different modes for every pushbutton:

MOMENTARY: the status is:
- ON when the pushbutton is pushed
- OFF when the pushbutton is released

Please note: both status ON and OFF can be freely associated with a numeric value
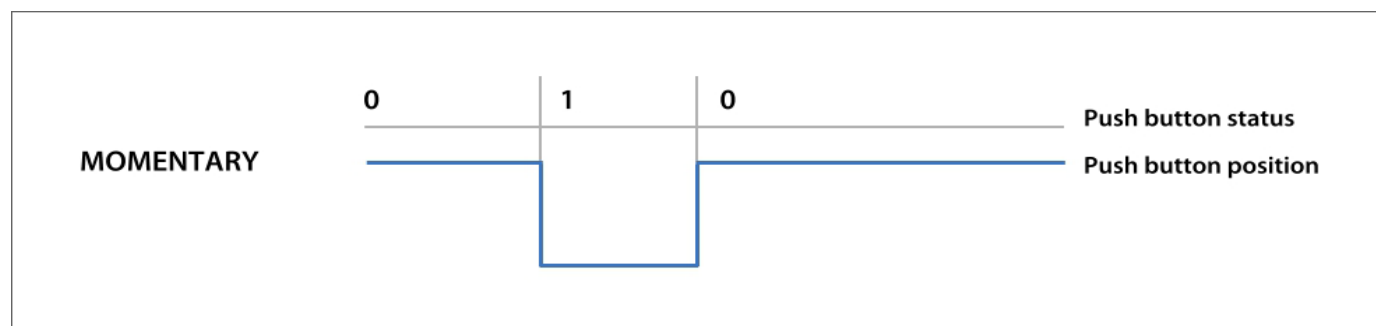
Please note: only setting the pushbutton as Momentary you can associate the following command to each pushbutton:
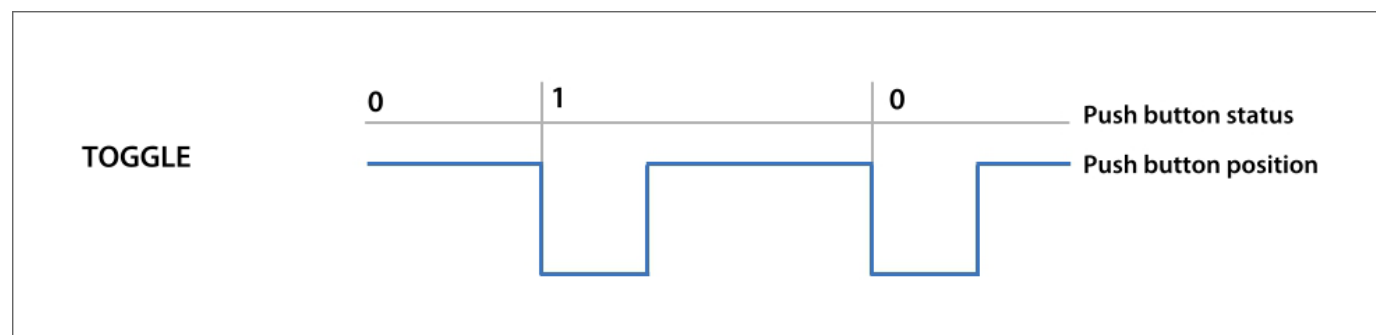"*Device Brightness*" command
- Increase
- Decrease

TOGGLE: the status is:
- ON when the button is pushed once, and it remains ON till when is pushed again
- OFF when the button is pushed the second time

Both status ON and OFF can be freely associated with a numeric value.

MULTI-STATUS: the status may assume different values that change every time the pushbutton is pushed. This setting is useful, for example, to select one among different maps or to set different suspension levels etc.
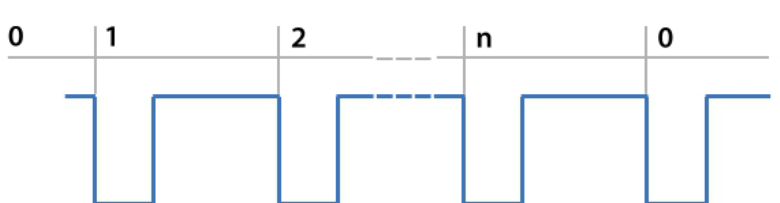
No matter the mode the pushbutton is set you can also set a time threshold: in this case, the pushbutton is set at two different values that you may define, depending on how long you push it.
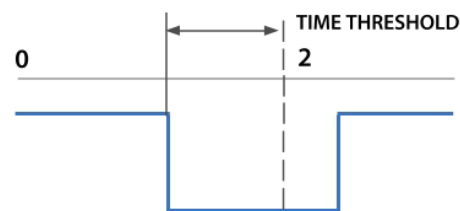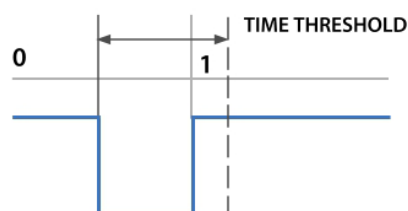
To do so, enable the "**use timing**" checkbox on the top box of the setting panels. In this case, the pushbutton is set at two different values that you may define according to how long you push it.

3.1.2 – Pushbutton colour configuration

Each pushbutton can be set with different colours to indicate the action performed by the driver and the feedback of that action: the pushbutton may be turned – for example – blinking (slow or fast) GREEN to show that the pushbutton has been pushed, and solid GREEN when the action is activated.

LED Configuration

Set Color [Green] [continuously]   when following condition is   verified   for at least   [0]   sec   ⚙ ↑ priority

Button 2 equal to ON   Add

Condition   ✕

◯ Always TRUE   ◯ Always FALSE

◉ [Button 2]   [●=■ equal to]   constant ☑ [ON]

TRUE after a time of [0] sec in which it is verified   FALSE after a time of [0] sec in which it is no longer verified

                                                            OK   Cancel

Set Color [Green] [slow blinking]   when following condition is   verified   for at least   [0]   sec   ⚙

Button 2 equal to ON   Add

3.2 – CAN communications

It is possible to configure the CAN Output messages, used for transmitting the status of the pushbuttons, as well as the CAN Input messages, used for receiving feedback from the field entering the related tabs shown here below.
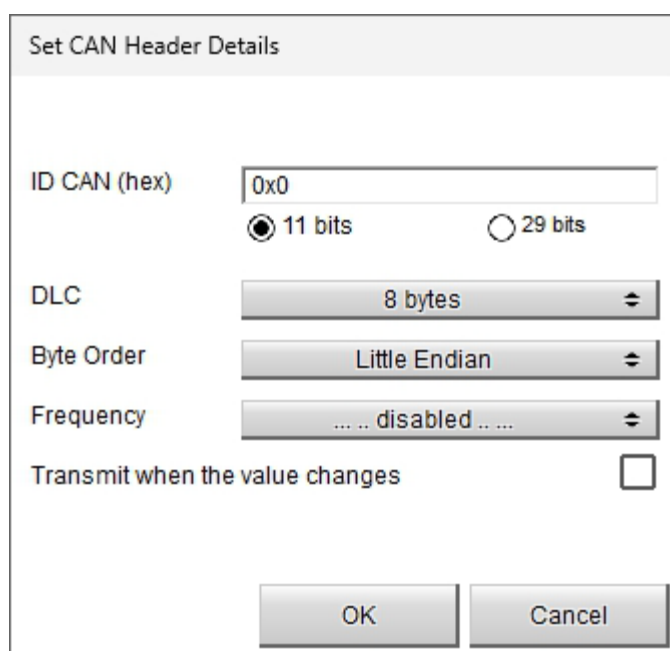

3.2.1 – CAN Input messages configuration

The CAN input protocol is a bit more complex to manage: the Keypad is supposed to be connected to a CAN network where more devices share their status and channels. This information can be read to give the driver the accurate status of the device that a pushbutton relates to in order to activate it. To read the CAN messages, you may select the proper protocol if available in the protocol list. In case the protocol needed is not included it is possible to configure a custom protocol using the **CAN Driver Builder**. Please refer to the proper documentation you find at this link for further information.
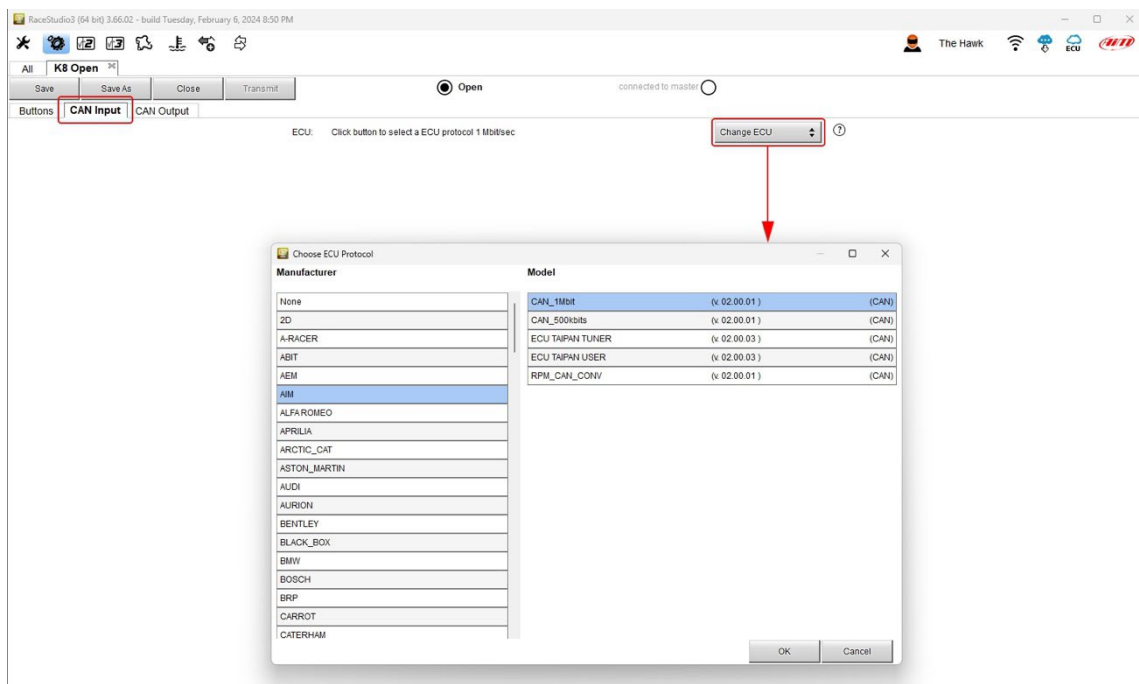
3.2.2 – CAN Output messages configuration

Open Keypad can send all relevant messages and each message can be transmitted at a fixed frequency or whenever there is a change in the fields transmitted. You can, for example, transmit a message every time a pushbutton changes status and/or every second.
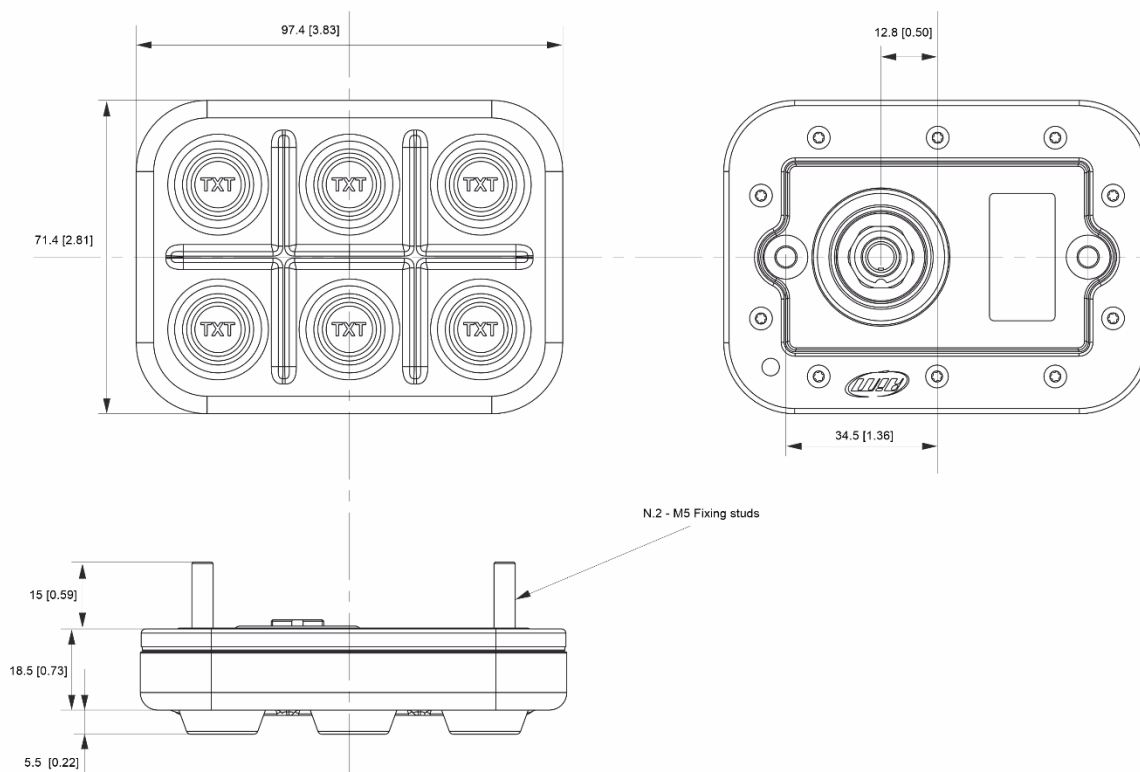

Please refer to the following document for CAN Message information:

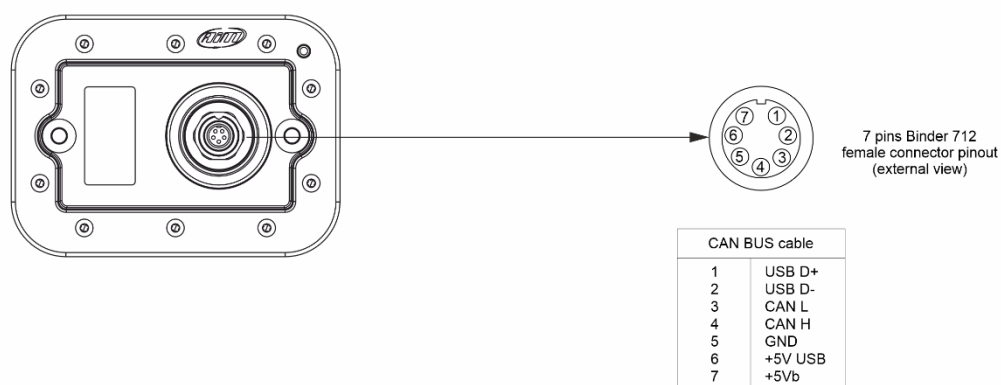FAQ_RS3_CAN-Output_100_eng.pdf (aim-sportline.com)

4 – Technical drawings

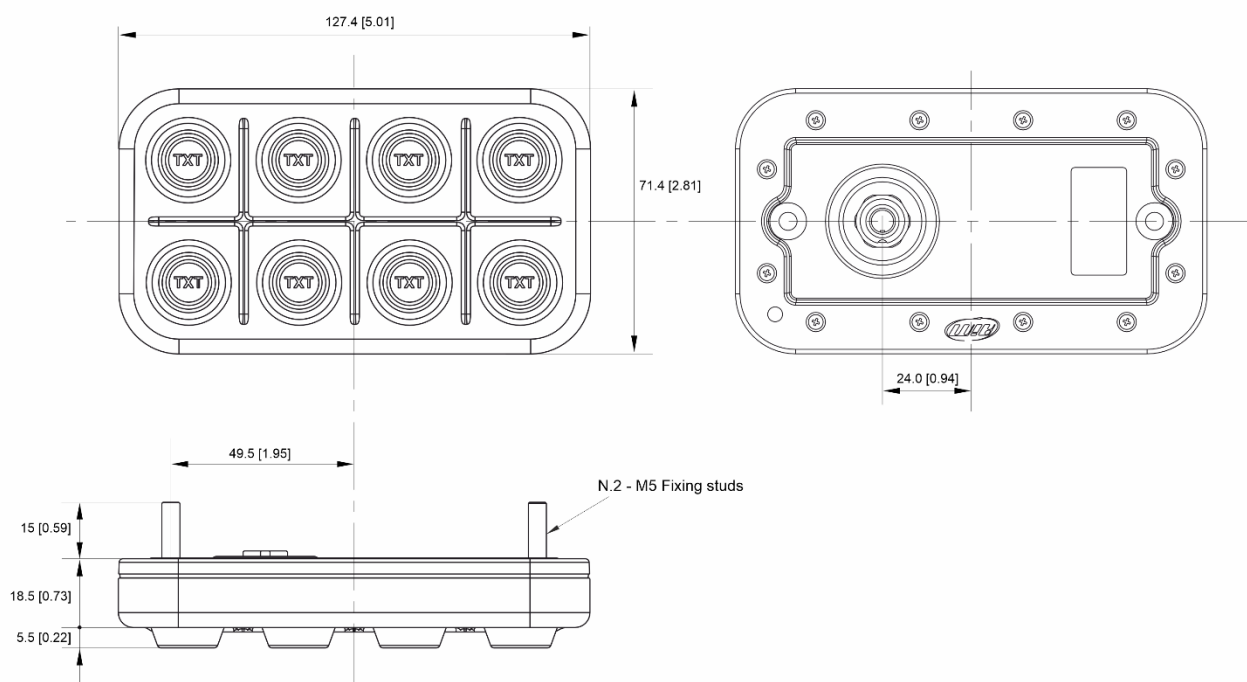The following images show keypad and cables dimensions and pinout-

Keypad open K6 dimensions in mm [inches]
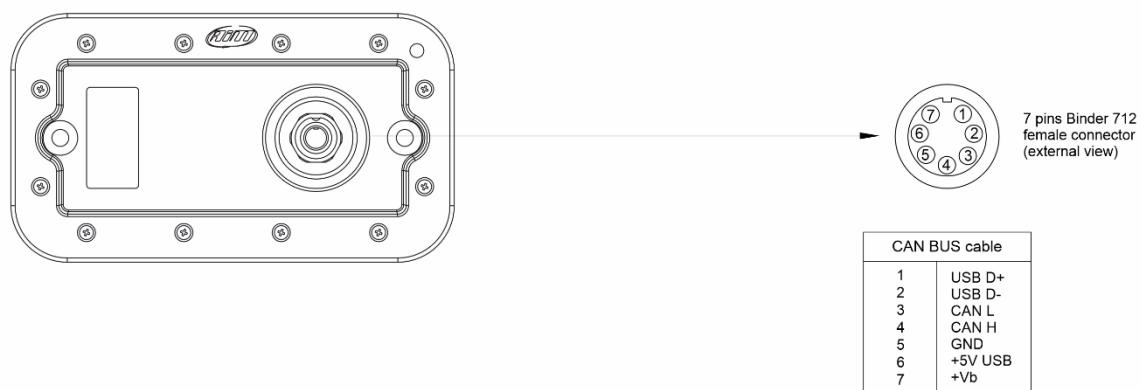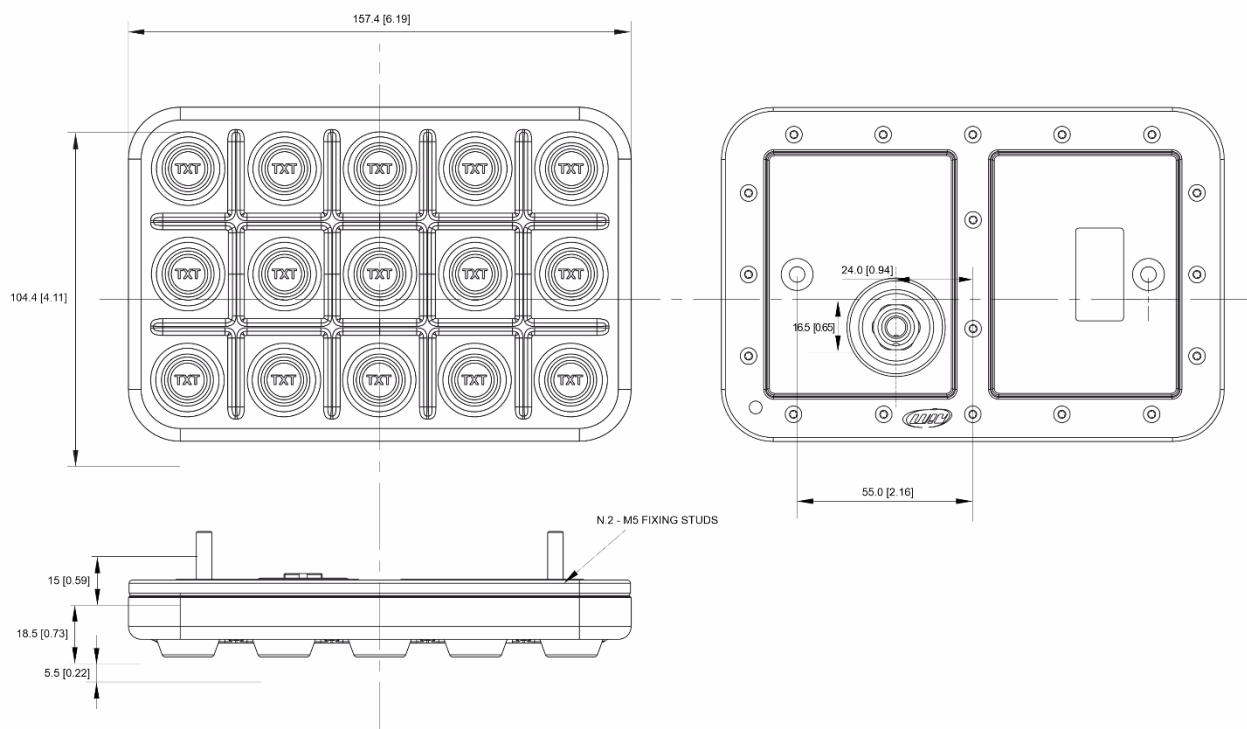

Keypad open K6 pinout

7 pins Binder 712
female connector pinout
(external view)

CAN BUS cable	
1	USB D+
2	USB D-
3	CAN L
4	CAN H
5	GND
6	+5V USB
7	+5Vb

Keypad K8 dimensions in mm [inches]:

Keypad K8 pinout:

7 pins Binder 712
female connector
(external view)

CAN BUS cable	
1	USB D+
2	USB D-
3	CAN L
4	CAN H
5	GND
6	+5V USB
7	+Vb

Keypad K15 dimensions in mm [inches]:

Keypad K15 pinout:

7 pins Binder 712
female connector
(external view)

CAN BUS cable	
1	USB D+
2	USB D-
3	CAN L
4	CAN H
5	GND
6	+5V USB
7	+Vb

CAN Open cable pinout:

BLACK
GND

RED
+9-15VDC POWER IN

WHITE
CAN H

BLUE
CAN L

USB Cable pinout:

7 pins Binder 712 male connector
external view

1 USB D+   5 GND
2 USB D-   6 n.c.
3 n.c.   7 5V USB
4 n.c.