
Shifting by-wire in the Ford Fusion

Features

- Computer control of shifting
- Measure gear positions
- Driver override by shifting manually
- CAN and USB interfaces
- No modifications to vehicle
- Signal passthrough on power off

Applications

- Driverless car research
- Advanced Driver Assist (ADAS) research

Description

The Dataspeed Inc. Shift-By-Wire interface enables computer control of gear shifting in a safe and effective manner. This plug-in ready kit requires no modification to the factory harnessing and can be installed in minutes. Industry standard CAN and USB networks enable control and monitoring of the shifting system.



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1 Connector Pin Description

1.1 CAN/DB9 Connector

The CAN/DB9 connectors are used for power and CAN communication. The two connectors have the same pin descriptions. Connecting either of the CAN/DB9 connectors will provide power and CAN to both the throttle and brake. Power from both connectors are merged with a diode OR circuit, so power on each connector does not need to be the same voltage. Optionally short both CD pins together.

Table 1: CAN/DB9 connector pin description.

Pin	Symbol	Description
1	CD	Connector Detect
2	CANL	CAN Low
3	GND	Ground
4	IGNITION	Ignition (12V)
5	NC	No Connect
6	CD	Connector Detect
7	CANH	CAN High
8	GND	Ground
9	POWER	Power (12V)

1.2 USB Connector

The USB connector is used for introspection and firmware upgrade.

2 Electrical Characteristics

Table 2: Electrical Characteristics.

Characteristic	Min	Typ	Max	Units	Conditions
VIGNITION ON	9	12	16	V	
VIGNITION OFF	-0.3	0	2	V	
VPOWER	9	12	16	V	
IPOWER		125	300	mA	VPOWER=12V, VIGNITION>9V
IPOWER			0.2	mA	VPOWER=12V, VIGNITION<2V
Temperature	-40		+85	°C	

3 CAN Messages

Table 3: CAN bus configuration.

Parameter	Value	Units
Terminated	No	
BitRate	500	k
t_q	200	ns
SyncSeg	1	t_q
PropSeg	3	t_q
PhaseSeg1	3	t_q
PhaseSeg2	3	t_q
SyncJumpWidth	2	t_q

3.1 Shifting

3.1.1 Command

Message ID: 0x066
Receive Rate: On Event

Table 4: Gear Command CAN Message Description.

Byte	Bits	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
0	7:0	CLEAR	—	—	—	—	GCMD		

bit 0-2 **GCMD:** Gear Command

0 = None

1 = Park

2 = Reverse

3 = Neutral

4 = Drive

5 = Low

bit 3-6 **Unimplemented:** Set to '0'

bit 7 **CLEAR:** Clear driver override flag

1 = request clear of driver override

0 = normal operation

Note: Gear commands will be rejected if OVERRIDE=1 for any of brake/throttle/steering. See the REJECT field on the next page for more information.

3.1.2 Report

Message ID: 0x067
Transmit Rate: 50ms

Table 5: Gear Report CAN Message Description.

Byte	Bits	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
0	7:0	FLTBUS	CMD			DRIVER	STATE		
1	15:8	READY	—	—	—	—	REJECT		

bit 0-2 **STATE:** Gear State

0 = None
1 = Park
2 = Reverse
3 = Neutral
4 = Drive
5 = Low

bit 3 **DRIVER:** Driver Override

0 = Last shift requested by-wire
1 = Last shift requested by driver

bit 4-6 **CMD:** Gear Command

0 = None
1 = Park
2 = Reverse
3 = Neutral
4 = Drive
5 = Low

bit 7 **FLTBUS:** CAN bus fault

0 = No Fault
1 = Fault

bit 8-10 **REJECT:** Gear rejected enumeration

0 = Not rejected
1 = Shift in progress
2 = Override (on brake/throttle/steering)
3 = Rotary shifter can't shift to Low
4 = Rotary shifter can't shift out of Park
5 = Rejected by vehicle (try pressing the brakes)
6 = Unsupported
7 = Fault

bit 10-14 **Unimplemented:** Set to '0'

bit 15 **READY:** Gear shift ready

0 = Not ready for shift command
1 = Ready for shift command

3.2 Version

Message ID: 0x07F
Transmit Rate: 1000ms

Table 6: Version CAN Message Description.

Byte	Bits	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
0	7:0	MODULE							
1	15:8	PLATFORM							
2	23:16	MAJOR<7:0>							
3	31:24	MAJOR<15:8>							
4	39:32	MINOR<7:0>							
5	47:40	MINOR<15:8>							
6	55:48	BUILD<7:0>							
7	63:56	BUILD<15:8>							

bit 0-7 **MODULE:** Module enumeration
 0x04 = Shifter module
 Other = Ignore, not this module
bit 8-15 **PLATFORM:** Vehicle platform enumeration
 0x00 = FORD_CD4
 Other = Ignore, not this vehicle platform
bit 16-31 **MAJOR:** Firmware version major increment
bit 32-47 **MINOR:** Firmware version minor increment
bit 48-63 **BUILD:** Firmware version build increment

4 Function

- **Modifying the Shifting Signal:** The by-wire interface modifies the shifting signal when power is applied and the required CAN messages are received. The vehicle shifting system will function regardless of the CAN messaging and applied power to the by-wire interface.
- **Power-off State:** Without power applied, the hardware passes signals through unaltered.
- **Disabled State:** In the disabled state, signals are not modified. This corresponds to GCMD = 0.
- **Power-up State:** The by-wire interface powers up in the disabled state. GCMD = 0.
- **Driver Override:** If the driver requests a shift, this is reported in the CAN shifting report message with DRIVER = 1. This is automatically cleared on the next by-wire shift request, but can also be cleared by setting CLEAR to 1 in the CAN shifting command message.

5 Supported Vehicles

The Shift By-Wire interface has been tested on the Ford Fusion for model years 2017-2019.

APPENDIX A: REVISION HISTORY

Revision A-01 (June 2018)

Modifications:

1. Initial release of this document.

Revision A-02 (October 2018)

Modifications:

1. Added READY bit to gear report message.
2. Updated supported vehicle model year range to 2019.