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## Start-X GM7-Spark

# Start-X Remote Starter for Chevrolet Spark (2012-2022)

Model: GM7-Spark

## INTRODUCTION

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your Start-X Plug N Play Remote Starter Kit for Chevrolet Spark vehicles. This kit allows you to remotely start your vehicle using your existing OEM remote, providing convenience, especially in varying weather conditions.



Image: The retail box for the Start-X Remote Starter Kit, clearly showing the brand name "Start-X" and "Remote Starter Kit 2012-2022 Chevrolet Spark".

## COMPATIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

Before proceeding with installation, ensure your vehicle meets the following criteria:

- **Vehicle Model:** Chevrolet Spark (Model years 2012-2022).
- **Ignition Type:** Must have a key blade turn-start engine. This kit is **not** compatible with push-button start vehicles.
- **Transmission:** Compatible with automatic transmission vehicles only. Not compatible with manual transmission models.
- **Fuel Type:** Compatible with gas models only. Not compatible with diesel models.
- **OEM Remote:** Your vehicle must have a factory key remote. This kit utilizes your existing OEM remote and does not include a new one.
- **OnStar/Alarm (for 2016+ vehicles):** Vehicles from 2016 onwards must either have OnStar (an active subscription is not required) or not have an alarm system.
- **Computer for Setup:** A Windows computer is required to pair the remote starter module to your vehicle. macOS or other operating systems are not supported for this step.



Image: A visual comparison showing a hand inserting a key into an ignition cylinder (correct for this product) and a hand pressing a "Start/Stop Engine" button (incorrect for this product). The image emphasizes that only key-to-start vehicles are compatible.

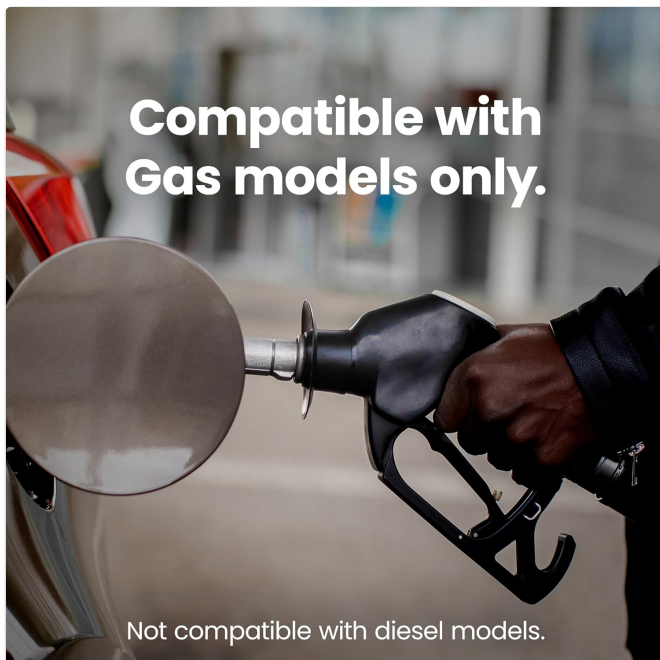


Image: A person holding a gas pump nozzle, indicating compatibility with gas models only. Text overlay states "Compatible with Gas models only. Not compatible with diesel models."

## Automatic transmission models only.

Not compatible with manual transmission models.

Image: A close-up of an automatic transmission gear shifter, with the "P" (Park) and "R" (Reverse) positions highlighted. Text overlay states "Automatic transmission models only. Not compatible with manual transmission models."

## Factory Remote Required

Kit does not include remote.

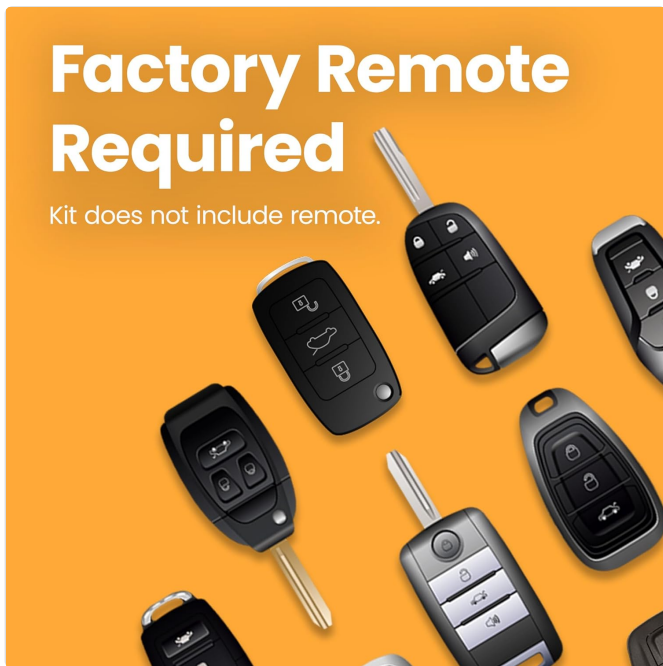


Image: An array of various factory key remotes, emphasizing that the kit requires and uses the vehicle's existing OEM remote. Text overlay states "Factory Remote Required. Kit does not include remote."

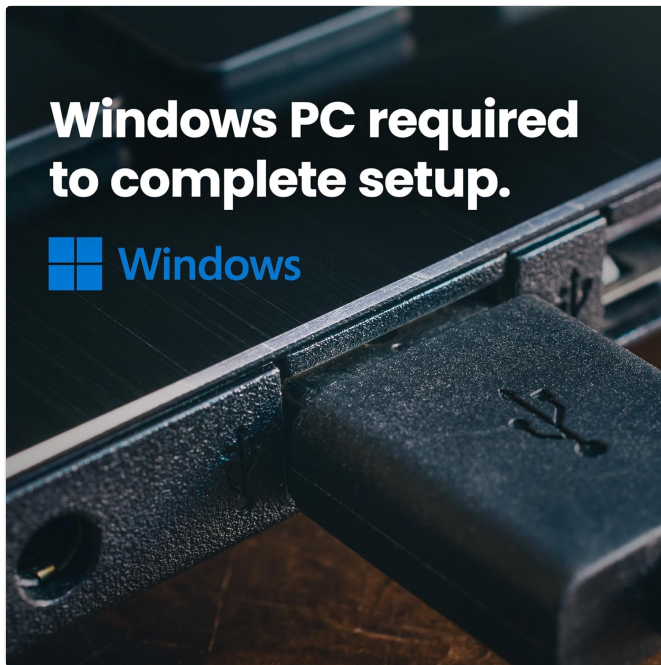


Image: A close-up of a USB cable plugged into a laptop, with the Windows logo visible. Text overlay states "Windows PC required to complete setup."

## SETUP AND INSTALLATION

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The Start-X remote starter kit is designed for a simplified plug-and-play installation, typically taking around 5 minutes. No wire splicing or cutting is involved.

### Installation Steps:

1. **Prepare Vehicle:** Ensure your vehicle is turned off and the parking brake is engaged.
2. **Locate BCM:** Identify the Body Control Module (BCM) in your Chevrolet Spark. This is typically located behind the dashboard or near the fuse box. Refer to your vehicle's service manual if unsure.
3. **Connect T-Harness:** The kit includes a T-harness. Connect the T-harness directly to the BCM. This harness is designed to integrate seamlessly with your vehicle's existing wiring without modifications.
4. **Connect Remote Start Module:** Plug the Start-X remote start module into the T-harness.
5. **Secure Module:** Secure the remote start module in a safe location behind the dashboard, ensuring it does not interfere with any moving parts or vehicle controls.

### Module Pairing (Windows PC Required):

After physical installation, the remote start module must be paired with your vehicle using a Windows computer.

1. **Download Software:** On your Windows PC, visit the official Start-X website (refer to the product packaging or included documentation for the exact URL) and download the necessary pairing software.
2. **Connect Module to PC:** Use the provided USB cable to connect the remote start module to your Windows PC.
3. **Follow On-Screen Instructions:** Launch the downloaded software and follow the on-screen prompts to complete the pairing process. This typically involves a few simple steps to synchronize the module with your vehicle's system.
4. **Disconnect and Test:** Once pairing is complete, safely disconnect the module from your PC. Proceed to the operating instructions section to test the remote starter functionality.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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Once installed and paired, operating your Start-X remote starter is simple and uses your vehicle's existing factory remote.

### To Remote Start Your Vehicle:

- Ensure your vehicle doors are closed and locked.
- Press the **Lock** button on your factory OEM remote **three (3) times consecutively**.
- After the third press, your vehicle's engine will start. The parking lights may illuminate to indicate successful remote start.

### Important Notes:

- **OEM Remote Functionality While Running:** While the engine is running via remote start, your OEM remote will **not** be able to unlock the vehicle doors. You will need to insert the physical key into the door lock cylinder to unlock the vehicle.
- **Entering the Vehicle:** Once you unlock the vehicle with the key and open the door, insert your key into the ignition and turn it to the "ON" or "RUN" position before pressing the brake pedal. This will transfer control from the remote starter to the key.
- **Remote Shut-off:** To turn off the vehicle remotely, press the Lock button on your OEM remote three (3) times again. The vehicle will also shut off automatically after a preset idle time (typically 15 minutes) or if the brake pedal is pressed before the key is inserted.

## MAINTENANCE

The Start-X remote starter module is designed to be maintenance-free. No regular servicing is required.

- Keep the module and wiring free from moisture and extreme temperatures.
- Ensure all connections remain secure. Avoid tampering with the module or its wiring.
- If you experience any issues, refer to the troubleshooting section or contact customer support.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Start-X remote starter, please review the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause / Solution
Vehicle does not remote start after 3x lock presses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure all doors, hood, and trunk are fully closed.</li><li>• Verify the vehicle is in Park (P).</li><li>• Confirm the remote start module was successfully paired with a Windows PC. Re-attempt pairing if unsure.</li><li>• Check vehicle compatibility (key blade start, gas, automatic transmission).</li><li>• For 2016+ vehicles, ensure OnStar is present or no alarm system is active.</li></ul>
OEM remote does not unlock doors while vehicle is remote started.	This is normal operation. The OEM remote's unlock function is disabled during remote start for security. Use the physical key in the door lock cylinder to unlock the vehicle.
Remote starter stops working unexpectedly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check all physical connections to the BCM and the module itself.</li><li>• Ensure no vehicle fault codes are present that might prevent starting.</li><li>• Re-attempt the pairing process with a Windows PC.</li></ul>



Problem	Possible Cause / Solution
Difficulty with Windows PC pairing process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure you have downloaded the correct software from the official Start-X website.</li><li>• Verify your USB cable is functioning correctly.</li><li>• Temporarily disable any antivirus or firewall software that might interfere with the connection.</li><li>• Try a different USB port on your computer.</li></ul>

If these steps do not resolve your issue, please contact Start-X technical support for further assistance.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Start-X
Model Number	GM7-Spark
Compatible Vehicles	Chevrolet Spark (2012-2022)
Ignition Type Compatibility	Key Blade Turn-Start Engine Only
Transmission Compatibility	Automatic Transmission Only
Fuel Type Compatibility	Gas Models Only
Remote Included	No (Uses OEM Remote)
Batteries Required	No
Product Dimensions	20.32 x 10.16 x 10.16 cm
Product Weight	572 g
UPC	850030419422

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Start-X is committed to providing high-quality products and excellent customer service.

### Technical Support:

Start-X technical support agents are located in the USA and provide support in English. For any installation, pairing, or operational questions, please contact our support team. Contact information can typically be found on the product packaging or the official Start-X website.

### Warranty Information:

Specific warranty details are provided with your product documentation. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. The manufacturer warrants this product against defects in materials and workmanship under normal use for a specified period from the date of purchase.

