TOPDON CarPal-US

TOPDON CarPal OBD2 Bluetooth Scanner User Manual

Model: CarPal-US

1. Introduction

The TOPDON CarPal is an advanced wireless OBD2 diagnostic tool designed for comprehensive vehicle health checks and maintenance. This device connects to your smartphone (iOS or Android) via Bluetooth, providing access to all system diagnostics, various reset services, performance tests, and repair guides. It is an ideal solution for both entry-level users and experienced car enthusiasts looking to monitor and maintain their vehicles efficiently.

2. What's in the Box

- CarPal Device x1
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3. Setup Guide

3.1. Device Connection

1. **Locate the OBD2 Port:** Find your vehicle's OBD2 port, typically located under the dashboard on the driver's side.
2. **Plug in CarPal:** Insert the CarPal device firmly into the OBD2 port. Ensure a secure connection.
3. **Turn on Ignition:** Turn your vehicle's ignition to the ON position (engine off).



Image: The TOPDON CarPal device connected to a vehicle's OBD2 port, indicating readiness for use.

3.2. App Installation and Bluetooth Connection

1. **Download the App:** Search for "TOPDON CarPal" in the Apple App Store (for iOS) or Google Play Store (for Android) and download the application.
2. **Open the App and Grant Permissions:** Open the CarPal app and allow necessary permissions for Bluetooth and network access.
3. **Register/Login:** Create a new TOPDON account or log in with an existing one.

4. **Connect via Bluetooth:** Follow the in-app prompts to connect the CarPal device via Bluetooth. Ensure your phone's Bluetooth is enabled. The blue indicator light on the CarPal device will illuminate upon successful connection.

Video: TOPDON CarPal iOS account registration and Bluetooth connection operation. This video demonstrates the step-by-step process of setting up the CarPal app on an iOS device, including account creation and establishing a Bluetooth connection with the CarPal dongle.

Video: TOPDON CarPal Android Account Registration and Bluetooth Connection Operation. This video guides Android users through the process of registering an account and connecting their CarPal device via Bluetooth.

4. Operating Instructions

4.1. Full Vehicle Health Check

The Full Vehicle Health Check feature allows you to perform a comprehensive scan of all vehicle systems with a single tap. This quickly identifies and locates problems, providing an overview of your vehicle's overall health.

1. From the main screen, tap on "Full Vehicle Health Check".
2. The app will establish communication with your vehicle and begin scanning all available systems.
3. Review the scan results, which will highlight any detected issues or fault codes across various systems like Engine, Transmission, Airbag, ABS, etc.

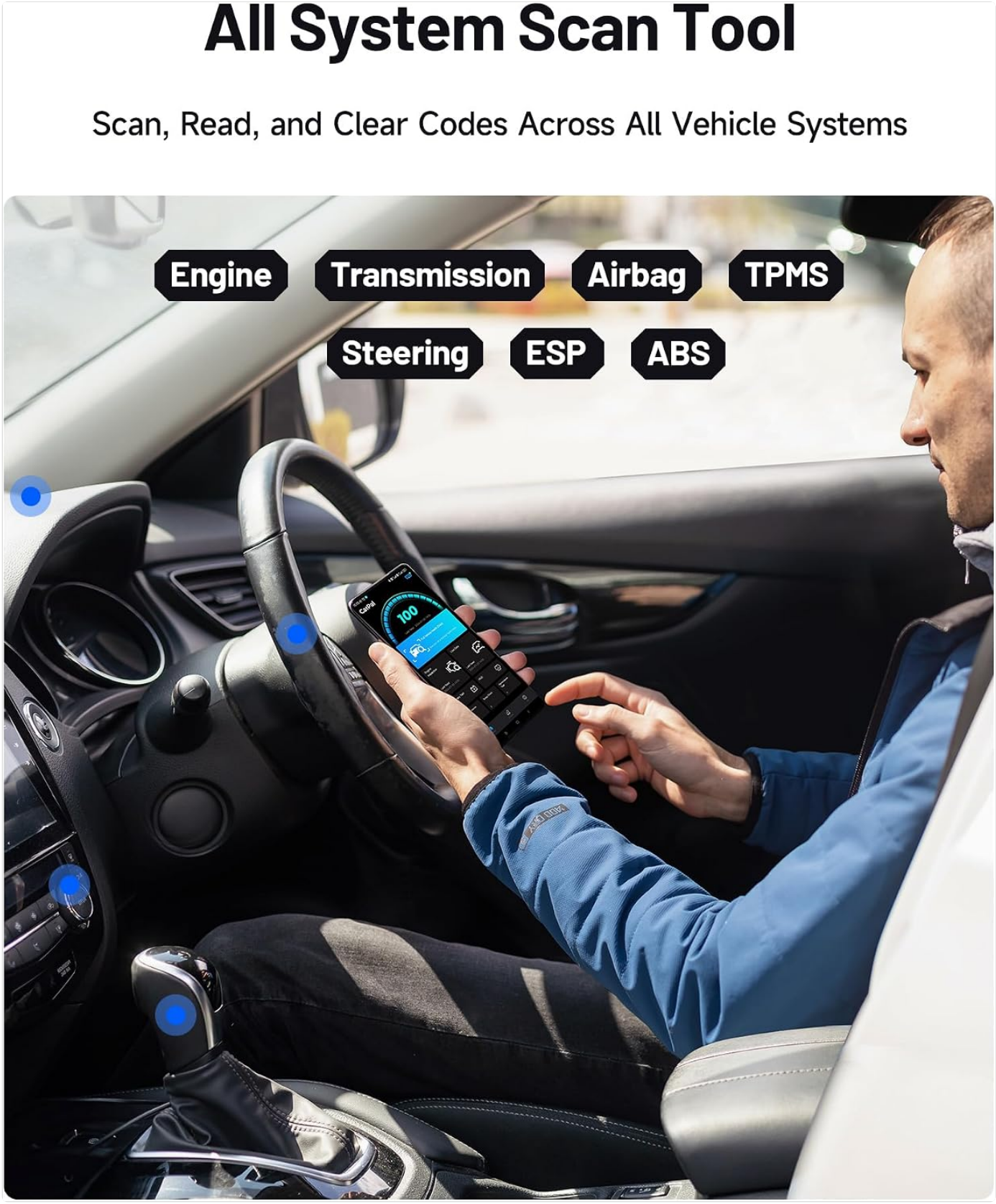


Image: A user performing an all-system scan with the TOPDON CarPal app, displaying various vehicle systems being checked.

4.2. Engine Inspection (Diagnose and Clear Fault Codes)

This function allows you to diagnose and clear engine fault codes, providing detailed information about the issues and suggested repairs.

1. Tap on "Engine Inspection" from the main menu.
2. Establish communication with the vehicle.
3. Review the detected engine fault codes, categorized by severity.

4. Tap "Maintenance Suggestions" for detailed repair information.
5. To clear codes, tap "Clear DTCs", review conditions, and confirm.

Video: TOPDON CarPal User Guide - Engine Inspection. This video demonstrates how to use the CarPal app to inspect the engine, diagnose fault codes, and clear them.

4.3. Live Data

Monitor real-time vehicle data streams to gain insights into your car's performance. You can view data in various formats, including graphs.

1. Select the "Live Data" feature from the main screen.
2. Establish communication with the vehicle.
3. Obtain your data information.
4. Select a unit you want and tap the settings icon.
5. Choose to display as a Gauge or Waveform.
6. Click on the waveform chart to zoom in and view details.
7. Click "Combine" to select your desired data streams to merge and view details.

Video: TOPDON CarPal OBD Live Data. This video illustrates how to access and interpret live data from your vehicle using the CarPal app, including viewing data in different display forms.

4.4. Maintenance Services

The CarPal supports 6 commonly used reset services to help maintain your vehicle.

- **Oil Reset:** Resets the car's oil service light after an oil change.
- **TPMS Reset:** Recalibrates the tire pressure monitoring system after inflating or replacement.
- **EPB Reset:** Resets the parking brake system after replacing brake pads.
- **BMS Reset:** Refreshes the matching system after installing a new battery.
- **Throttle Adaptation:** Adjusts throttle settings for better responsiveness.
- **DPF Regeneration:** Clears the diesel particulate filter to restore filter efficiency.

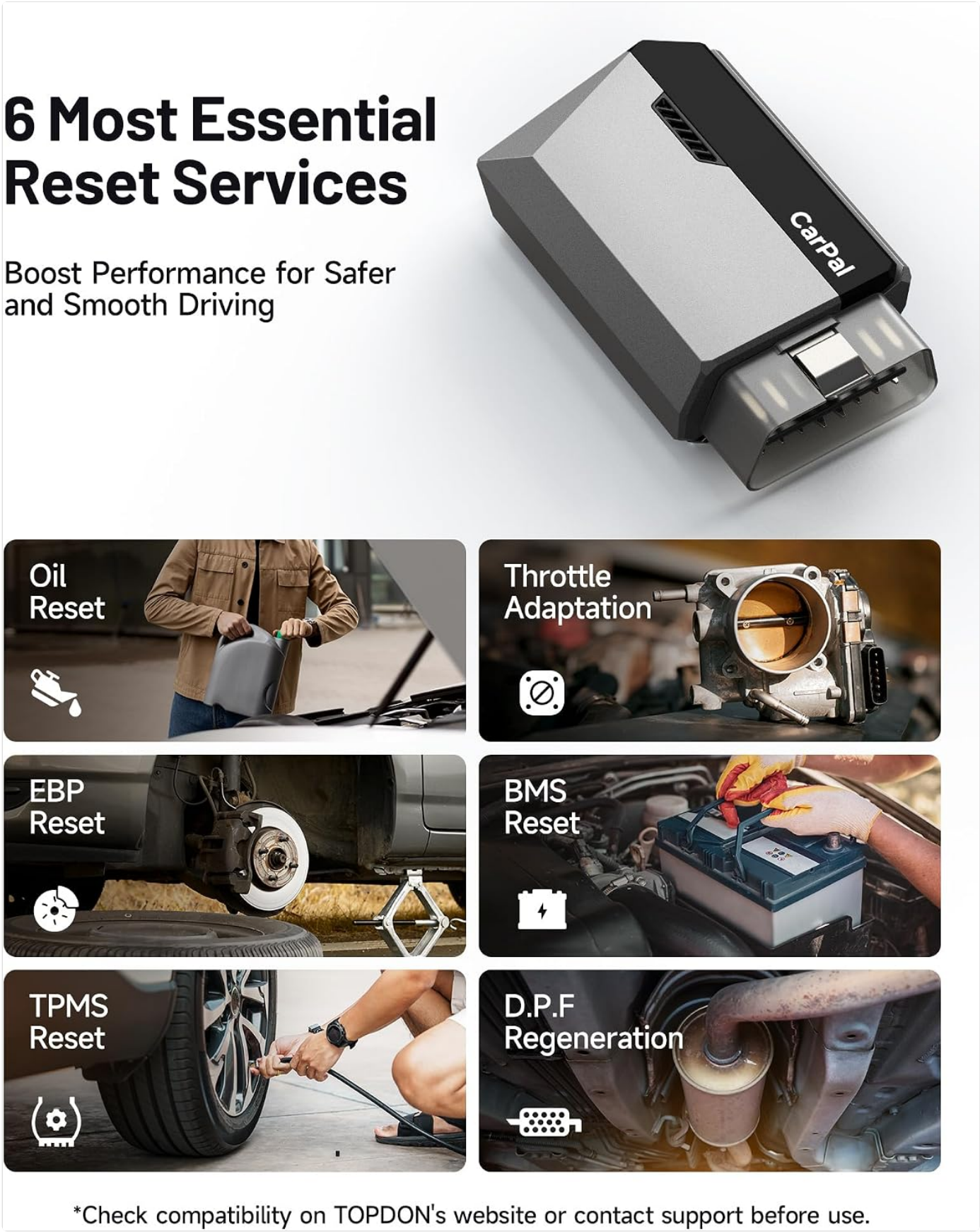


Image: Visual representation of the six essential maintenance services available through the CarPal device.

4.4.1. Battery Test

Perform a quick battery test to monitor real-time battery voltage and track its reliability.

1. Select the "Battery Test" feature.
2. Check current vehicle battery voltage and precautions.
3. Read the voltage reference.

4. Tap to start the battery test.
5. Turn off the car.
6. Start the engine.
7. View the battery test results.

Video: TOPDON Carpal Battery Tester. This video demonstrates how to perform a battery test using the CarPal app, including steps for starting and viewing results.

4.4.2. BMS Reset

Perform a Battery Management System (BMS) reset after replacing the battery to ensure proper system matching.

1. Tap on "BMS" in the "Maintenance" menu.
2. Review the Feature overview and tap "Continue".
3. Connect to the vehicle.
4. Click "Body" and then choose "Battery".
5. Click on "Register Battery Replacement" and "Register Battery Exchange".
6. Wait for reading all vehicle fault codes.
7. Select the second "Register battery exchange".
8. Select the first "Enter battery exchange: same capacity".
9. Confirm that the new battery is an original part.
10. Battery exchange registration is successful.
11. Confirm the set date and time.
12. The service process is complete.

Video: TOPDON CarPal User Guide - BMS Reset. This video provides a detailed guide on how to perform a BMS reset after replacing a vehicle's battery.

4.5. Smog Check

Pre-check your vehicle's emissions to ensure it passes annual inspections and avoid unnecessary costs.

1. Navigate to the "Smog Check" feature in the app.
2. The app will display the status of various emission-related monitors.
3. Review the results to identify any potential issues before an official inspection.



Image: A smartphone displaying the results of a Smog Check, indicating whether the vehicle is ready for inspection.

4.6. Performance Test

Measure your vehicle's performance, such as 0-60 mph acceleration time, to understand its capabilities.

1. Access the "Performance Test" section.
2. Follow the on-screen instructions to initiate the test.
3. The app will record and display performance metrics.

4.7. Repair Guide & Warning Light Library

Access an extensive library of professional repair information and decode dashboard warning lights with clear descriptions and possible causes.

- **DTC Repair Guide:** Provides detailed explanations and efficient solutions for diagnostic trouble codes.
- **Technical Service Bulletins (TSBs):** Stay informed with the latest repair solutions and techniques directly from original TSBs.
- **DLC Location:** Helps locate the Data Link Connector (OBD2 port) in various vehicles.
- **Warning Light Library:** Decodes dashboard warning lights, providing descriptions and possible causes.

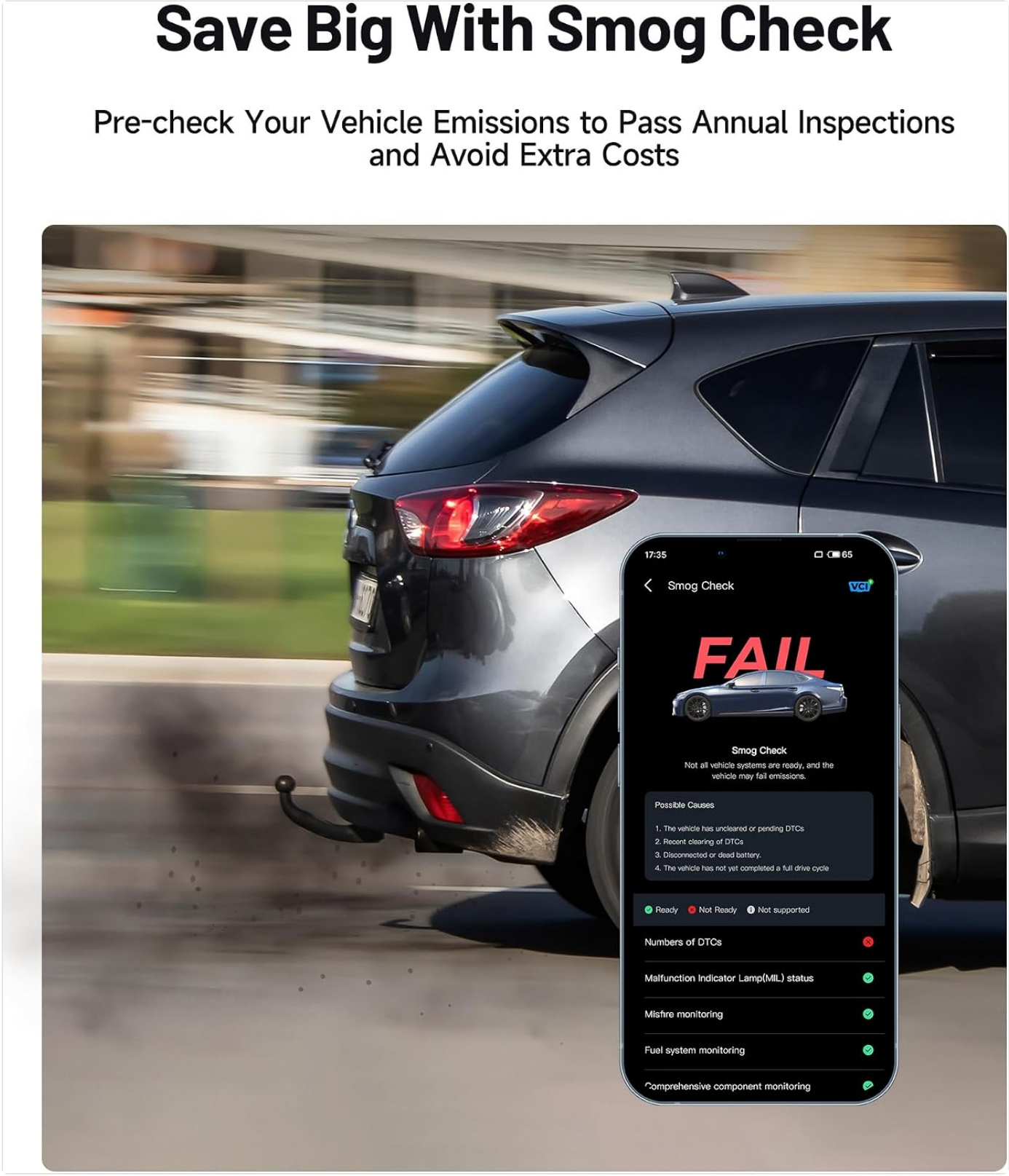


Image: The CarPal app interface showing options for repair information, including DTC Repair Guide, Technical Service Bulletins, and

5. Troubleshooting

- **Device Not Connecting:** Ensure the CarPal device is firmly plugged into the OBD2 port and the vehicle ignition is ON. Check that Bluetooth is enabled on your smartphone and the app has Bluetooth permissions. Try restarting the app or your phone.
- **App Not Responding:** Close and reopen the CarPal app. Ensure your smartphone's operating system is up to date.
- **Inaccurate Readings:** Verify that the correct vehicle make and model are selected in the app. Ensure the CarPal device firmware and app are updated to the latest versions.
- **Unable to Clear Codes:** Ensure the ignition is ON and the engine is OFF before attempting to clear codes. Some persistent codes may indicate a physical issue that requires professional attention.
- **Subscription Issues:** If you encounter problems with your subscription, contact TOPDON customer support.

6. Specifications

Feature	Specification
Brand	TOPDON
Model	CarPal-US
Power Source	Vehicle
Product Dimensions	2"L x 1"W x 3.3"H
Operating System Compatibility	iOS and Android
Item Weight	3.2 ounces
Connectivity	Bluetooth

7. Warranty and Support

The TOPDON CarPal comes with a free first year of features, with auto-renewal at $29.99/year thereafter. TOPDON offers premium after-sales service and multilingual support (English, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Japanese, Korean, Italian, Traditional Chinese, and Chinese) to ensure complete customer satisfaction. For any questions or assistance, please contact TOPDON customer service.

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Example: How do I reset this device or fix this error?

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