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TOPDON CarPal OBD2 Scanner Bluetooth User Manual

Model: TOPDON CarPal

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The TOPDON CarPal is an advanced Bluetooth OBD2 diagnostic tool designed for comprehensive vehicle health checks and maintenance services. It connects to your iOS or Android device via a dedicated application, providing real-time data, fault code analysis, and repair guidance.

Image: The TOPDON CarPal OBD2 Scanner, a compact device with a yellow and black design, featuring the 'CarPal' logo.

2. SETUP GUIDE

2.1. Download the Application

Download the official TOPDON CarPal application from the Apple App Store (for iOS devices) or Google Play Store (for Android devices). Search for 'TOPDON CarPal' to locate the correct app.

2.2. Connect to Vehicle OBD-II Port

Locate your vehicle's OBD-II port, typically found under the dashboard on the driver's side. Plug the TOPDON CarPal device firmly into the OBD-II port. Ensure a secure connection to avoid poor contact. The device will light up, indicating it is powered on.

2.3. Pair via Bluetooth

1. Turn on your vehicle's ignition (engine does not need to be running initially, but may be required for certain diagnostics).
2. Open the TOPDON CarPal app on your smartphone.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions to add a new device. The app will search for the CarPal device via Bluetooth.
4. Select your CarPal device from the list and confirm pairing. The device's indicator light will turn blue once connected.

2.4. Start Vehicle Engine

For a full vehicle health check and certain diagnostic functions, you will be prompted by the app to start your vehicle's engine.

Video: A user demonstrates the easy setup and connection process of the TOPDON CarPal OBD2 Scanner to a vehicle's OBD-II port and smartphone app.

3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Full Vehicle Health Check

Once connected, select the 'Full Vehicle Health Check' option in the app. The CarPal will automatically scan all crucial vehicle systems, including engine, transmission, ABS, airbags, and more. For American cars from 2006 onwards, AutoVIN will automatically recognize your vehicle's information. For older models, manual VIN input may be required.

3.2. Reading and Clearing Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTCs)

- **Read DTCs:** After a scan, the app will display any detected fault codes. Each code comes with a description, severity indicator (severe or minor), possible symptoms, possible causes, and tailored repair instructions.
- **Clear DTCs:** If a fault has been resolved, you can use the app to clear the corresponding DTCs, which may turn off warning lights on your vehicle's dashboard.

3.3. Live Data Stream

Access real-time vehicle data, such as engine RPM, coolant temperature, vehicle speed, and more, to monitor your vehicle's performance and identify potential issues as they occur.

4. MAINTENANCE SERVICES

The TOPDON CarPal offers 6 of the most common reset services to assist with routine vehicle maintenance:

- **Oil Reset:** Resets the oil service light after an oil change.
- **TPMS Reset:** Resets the Tire Pressure Monitoring System after tire rotation or replacement.
- **BMS Reset:** Resets the Battery Management System after battery replacement.

- **EPB Reset:** Resets the Electronic Parking Brake after brake pad replacement.
- **Throttle Adaptation:** Relearns the throttle body's position for optimal engine efficiency.
- **DPF Regeneration:** Initiates the Diesel Particulate Filter regeneration process to clear accumulated soot.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

5.1. Connection Issues

If the device fails to connect, ensure it is securely plugged into the OBD-II port, your vehicle's ignition is on, and Bluetooth is enabled on your smartphone. Restarting the app or your phone may also resolve minor connection glitches.

5.2. Inaccurate Readings or App Crashes

Ensure your app and device firmware are up to date. Firmware updates can be performed via the app. If issues persist, consult the in-app 'User Manual' or 'FAQ' sections for further assistance.

5.3. DTC Repair Guide and Technical Service Bulletins

The app includes a 'DTC Repair Guide' for detailed information on specific fault codes and a 'Technical Service Bulletins' section that provides manufacturer-issued information on known vehicle issues and recommended repairs. These resources can be invaluable for diagnosing and resolving complex problems.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	TOPDON
Model	TOPDON CarPal
Power Source	Vehicle
Product Dimensions	2"L x 1"W x 3.3"H
Operating System	iOS and Android
Item Weight	2.82 ounces
Automotive Fit Type	Vehicle Specific Fit

7. WHAT'S IN THE BOX

- TOPDON CarPal Device (x1)
- Quick Start Guide (x1)

Related Documents - TOPDON CarPal

	[TOPDON CarPal Quick User Guide: Setup and Operation](#) A concise guide to setting up and using the TOPDON CarPal wireless diagnostic dongle for vehicle health checks and maintenance services.
	[TOPDON CarPal Bluetooth Vehicle Diagnostic Dongle User Manual](#) The TOPDON CarPal is a Bluetooth vehicle diagnostic dongle and app-based tool providing comprehensive vehicle health checks, engine inspection, live data streaming, battery testing, HUD display, and maintenance resets including oil, throttle, EPB, BMS, TPMS, and DPF regeneration. It also features performance testing, DTC repair guides, technical service bulletins, and a warning light library for automotive diagnostics and maintenance.
	[TOPDON CarPal Quick User Guide: Setup and Operation](#) A comprehensive guide to setting up and operating the TOPDON CarPal wireless diagnostic dongle, covering app download, registration, VCI connection, and vehicle health checks.
	[TOPDON ArtiDiag600 S: Advanced Automotive Diagnostic Scanner Product Profile](#) Explore the features and specifications of the TOPDON ArtiDiag600 S, a professional diagnostic scanner offering comprehensive system analysis, 8 maintenance functions, AutoVIN technology, and free lifetime updates for over 90 vehicle brands.
	[TOPDON ArtiDiag VV Professional Diagnostic Tool User Manual](#) Comprehensive user manual for the TOPDON ArtiDiag VV professional automotive diagnostic tool, covering setup, operation, features, troubleshooting, and warranty information.
	[TOPDON UltraDiag Moto User Manual: Motorcycle Diagnostics Guide](#) Comprehensive user manual for the TOPDON UltraDiag Moto, a professional diagnostic tool for motorcycles. Covers setup, operation, features, specifications, FAQ, and compliance information.