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1 Introduction

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1.1 About this User Manual

Conventions

In the two following charts you will find the conventions used in the user manual regarding utilized spellings and symbols.

Style	Utilization
bold	Blocks, surface elements, window- and dialog names of the software. Accentuation of warnings and advices. [OK] Push buttons in brackets File Save Notation for menus and menu entries
Source Code	File name and source code.
Hyperlink	Hyperlinks and references.
<CTRL>+<S>	Notation for shortcuts.

Symbol	Utilization
	This symbol calls your attention to warnings.
	Here you can obtain supplemental information.
	Here you can find additional information.
	Here is an example that has been prepared for you.
	Step-by-step instructions provide assistance at these points.
	Instructions on editing files are found at these points.
	This symbol warns you not to edit the specified file.

1.1.1 Warranty

Restriction of warranty

We reserve the right to change the contents of the documentation and the software without notice. Vector Informatik GmbH assumes no liability for correct contents or damages which are resulted from the usage of the documentation. We are grateful for references to mistakes or for suggestions for improvement to be able to offer you even more efficient products in the future.

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1.2 Important Notes

**Caution!**

We provide our important notes and safety instructions in several languages, including English (EN) and German (DE). For more details, see the relevant section:

- ▶ EN: [Important Notes - Details](#)
- ▶ DE: [Wichtige Hinweise](#)

2 Device Description

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2.1 Scope of Delivery

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The delivery includes:

- ▶ VN7610 FlexRay/CAN interface

2.2 Introduction

About the VN7610

The VN7610 offers a future-proof and powerful solution for development, simulation, test, measurement or calibration of FlexRay and CAN networks via FPGA-based communication controllers for FlexRay and CAN. With this, new features can be added in the field via software and FPGA updates.



Figure 1: VN7610 FlexRay/CAN Interface

VN7610 channels:

- ▶ 1x FlexRay (channel A and B) with 1082cap transceiver (capacitively decoupled)
- ▶ 1x CAN high-speed with 1051cap transceiver (capacitively decoupled)
- ▶ Software time synchronization

FlexRay features

The FPGA-based startup monitoring is particularly helpful at the beginning of a FlexRay development. It allows you to detect FlexRay frames and symbols even before the communication controller has synchronized itself to the bus. This also facilitates the analysis of problems during network startup. Another advantage of the independent startup monitoring unit is that it can be operated at the same time as the communication controller. This allows you to do both startup monitoring and normal transmit operation without restart.

You can easily test non-coldstart nodes with only one interface. For this purpose the FlexRay interface family offers you a second communication controller.

The highlights at a glance:

- ▶ Detailed analysis of the FlexRay communication through the FPGA-based communication controller
- ▶ Simulation of comprehensive networks due to the 2 MB transmission memory (parallel configuration of more than 1000 transmit messages)
- ▶ Coldstart of the FlexRay cluster without needing to add a network node
- ▶ FlexRay channel A and B
- ▶ FlexRay Gateway (channel A)
- ▶ Analysis of the network startup via an independent monitoring unit

- ▶ Transmission and reception of data and null frames
- ▶ Detection of invalid frames
- ▶ Cycle multiplexing
- ▶ In-cycle response
- ▶ Hardware-based incrementing of a payload area
- ▶ Support of PDUs

2.3 Accessories



Reference

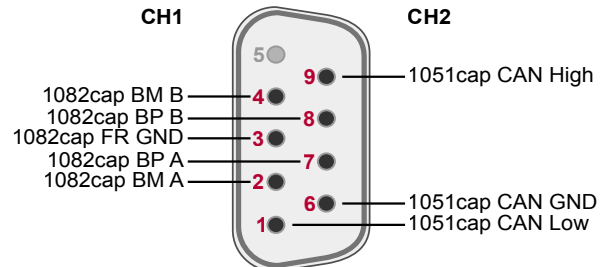
Information on available accessories can be found in the separate accessories manual on our [website](#).

2.4 Connectors

► D-SUB9 (CH1/2)

The VN7610 has a D-SUB9 connector with one FlexRay channel (CH1) and one CAN High-Speed channel (CH2).

Pin	Assignment
1	1051cap CAN Low
2	1082cap BM A
3	FR GND
4	1082cap BM B
5	Not connected
6	CAN GND
7	1082cap BP A
8	1082cap BP B
9	1051cap CAN High



Use the FR/CANcable 2Y to access both channels on separate D-SUB9 connectors (see accessories manual, part number 05099).

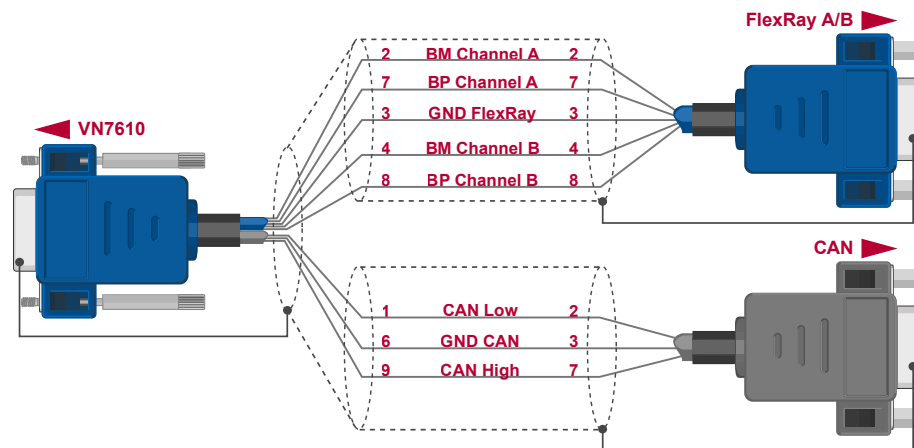


Figure 2: FR/CANcable 2Y

► USB

Connect your PC and the VN7610 via USB to install and to use the device with measurement applications (e. g. CANoe, CANalyzer).

2.5 LEDs

▶ FR

Multicolored channel LED which indicates the sync state of FlexRay.

Color	Description
Off	FlexRay Communication Controller offline.
Green	FlexRay Communication Controller synchronized.
Orange	On: FlexRay Communication Controller not synchronized. Flashing: FlexRay error frames and normal frames have been received.
Red	On: FlexRay Communication Controller in halt state. Flashing: FlexRay error frames on bus.

▶ CAN

Multicolored channel LED indicating the bus activity for FlexRay.

Color	Description
Green	Data frames have been sent or received correctly. The flashing frequency varies according to the message rate.
Orange	Error frames have been sent or received. The flashing frequency varies according to the message rate.
Red	Bus off.

▶ Status

Multicolored LED indicating the status.

Color	Description
Green	Device is ready for operation/running measurement.
Orange	Hardware initialization completed. Waiting for device driver.
Red	Error. Device not working.

2.6 Technical Data

FlexRay communication-controller	Analysis Bosch E-Ray (FPGA) Startup Bosch E-Ray (FPGA)
FlexRay channels	1x channel A and B
CAN channels	1x CAN High-Speed Bitrates <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CAN: up to 1 Mbit/s (up to 2 Mbit/s depending on wiring and transceivers)- CAN FD: up to 5 Mbit/s (up to 8 Mbit/s depending on wiring and transceivers)
Time stamps	Accuracy (within one device): 1 μ s Accuracy software sync: typ. 50 μ s
Power supply	Via USB
Power consumption	Typical 2 W
Temperature range (ambient temp. of the device)	Operation: -40 °C ... +50 °C Storage: -40 °C ... +85 °C
Relative humidity of ambient air	15 %...95 %, non-condensing
Dimensions (LxWxH)	Approx. 65 mm x 42 mm x 20 mm
Weight	Approx. 80 g
Operating system requirements	Windows 10 (x64, 64 bit) Windows 11 (x64, 64 bit)

3 Getting Started

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3.1 Driver Installation

3.1.1 General Information

The **Vector Driver Setup** allows the installation or the removal of Vector devices.

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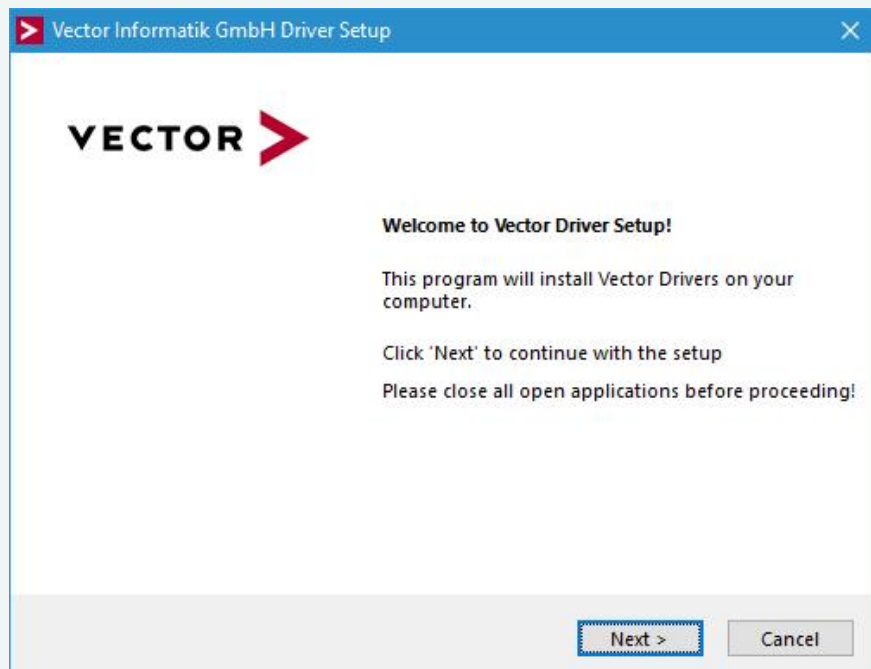
Please note that you will need **Administrator Rights** for the following steps.

3.1.2 Installation Instructions

**Step by Step Procedure**

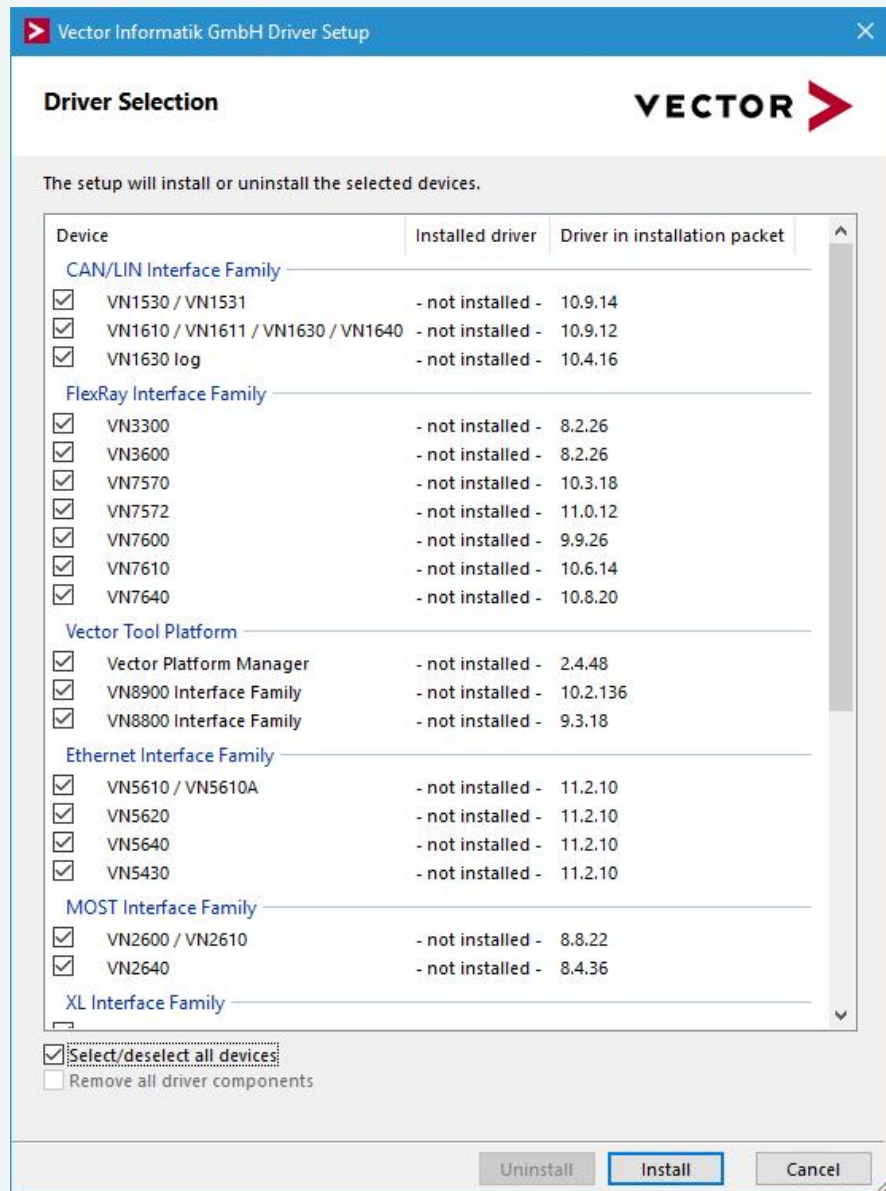
1. Execute the driver setup `\Drivers\Setup.exe` before the device is connected to the PC with the included USB cable.

If you have already connected the device to the PC, the **Windows found new Hardware** wizard appears. Close this wizard and then execute the driver setup.



2. Click **[Next]** in the driver setup dialog. The initialization process starts.

3. In the driver selection dialog, select your devices to be installed (or to be uninstalled).



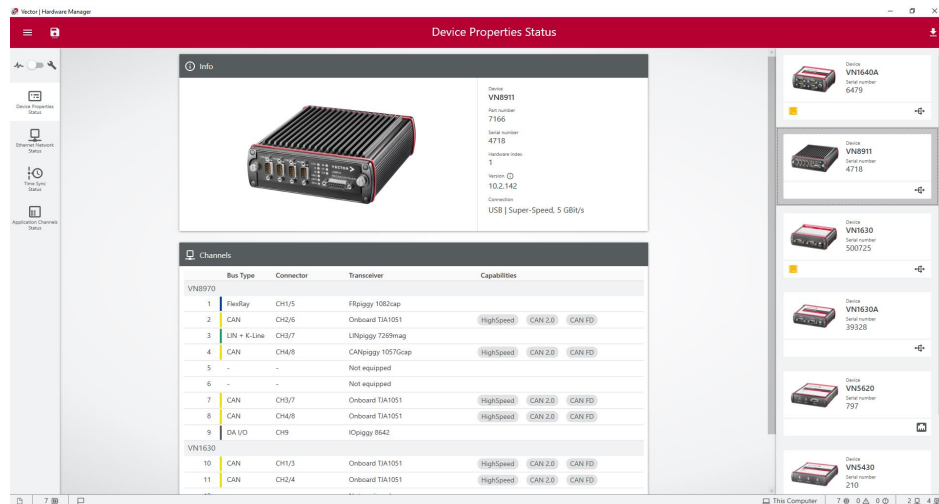
4. Click **[Install]** to execute the driver installation, or **[Uninstall]** to remove existing drivers.
5. A confirmation dialog appears. Click **[Close]** to exit. After successful installation, the device is ready for operation and can be connected to the PC with the included USB cable.

3.2 Vector Hardware Manager

3.2.1 Hardware Configuration

General information

The **Vector Hardware Manager** is the successor of the Vector Hardware Config tool and a newly developed configuration and diagnostic tool for your installed Vector devices. It is strongly needed to set up your Vector devices for use with your Vector applications (e. g. CANoe, CANalyzer, CANape, XL API applications, ...).



3.2.2 Tool Location and Help

After successful driver installation of your Vector device, you will find the Vector Hardware Manager in the Windows Start menu or in the installation folder:
`C:\Program Files (x86)\Vector Hardware Manager\vHardwareManager.exe`



Reference

Details, tips and instructions for the Vector Hardware Manager can be found in the supplied help. You can open the help by pressing **<F1>** in the Vector Hardware Manager or directly via:

`C:\Program Files (x86)\Vector Hardware Manager\Help01\HTML5\VectorHardwareManager.htm`

For a brief introduction, we recommend reading the sections **Basic Concept** and **Quick Start Guide**. Furthermore, we have provided additional information for you in the section **Tips and Tutorials**.

3.3 Loop Tests

Operation test

The test described here can be performed to check the functional integrity of the driver and the device. This test is identical for **Windows 10 / Windows 11** and independent of the used application.

3.3.1 FlexRay

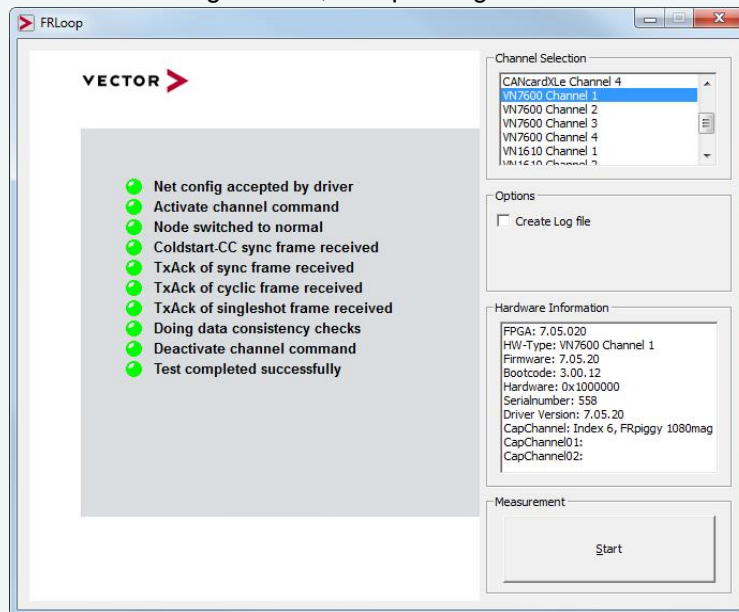
Device test

The operating test for FlexRay requires an inserted FRpiggy (except for VN7610) and can be executed as follows:



Step by Step Procedure

1. Remove the FlexRay cable if it is connected.
2. Start `\Drivers\Common\FRLoop.exe` from the **Vector Driver Setup**.
3. Execute the test.
4. If no error messages occur, the operating test was successful.



4 Time Synchronization

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4.1 General Information

Time stamps and events

Time stamps are useful when analyzing incoming or outgoing data or event sequences on a specific bus.

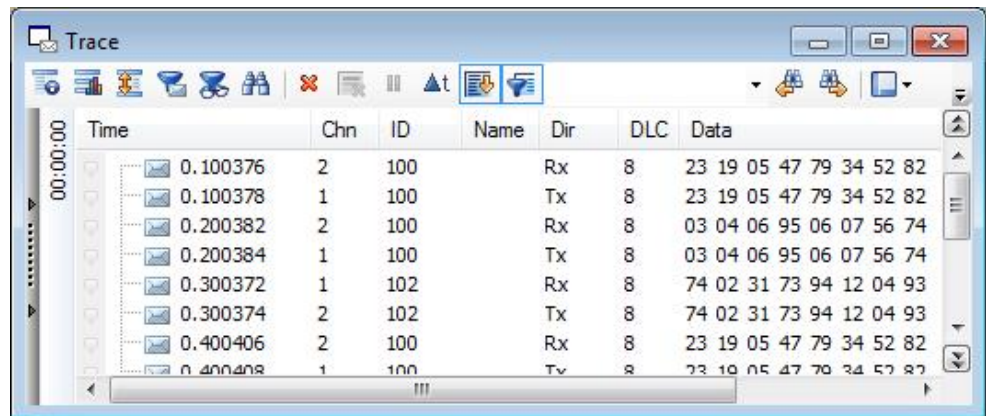


Figure 3: Time stamps of two CAN channels in CANalyzer

Generating time stamps

Each event which is sent or received by a Vector network interface has an accurate time stamp. Time stamps are generated for each channel in the Vector network interface. The base for these time stamps is a common hardware clock in the device.

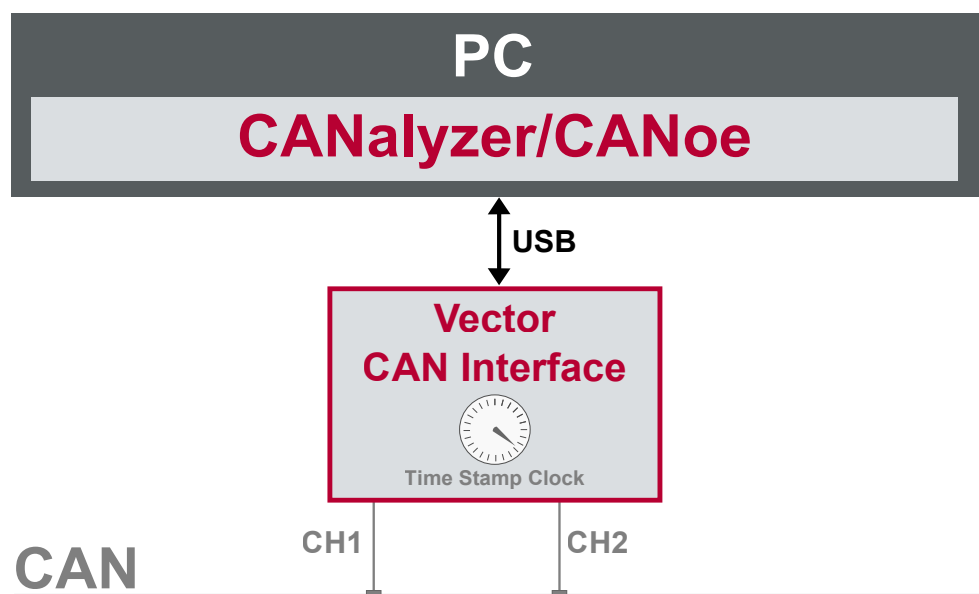


Figure 4: Common time stamp clock for each channel

If the measurement setup requires more than one Vector network interface, a synchronization of all connected interfaces and their hardware clocks is needed.

Due to manufacturing and temperature tolerances, the hardware clocks may vary in speed, so time stamps of various Vector devices drift over time.

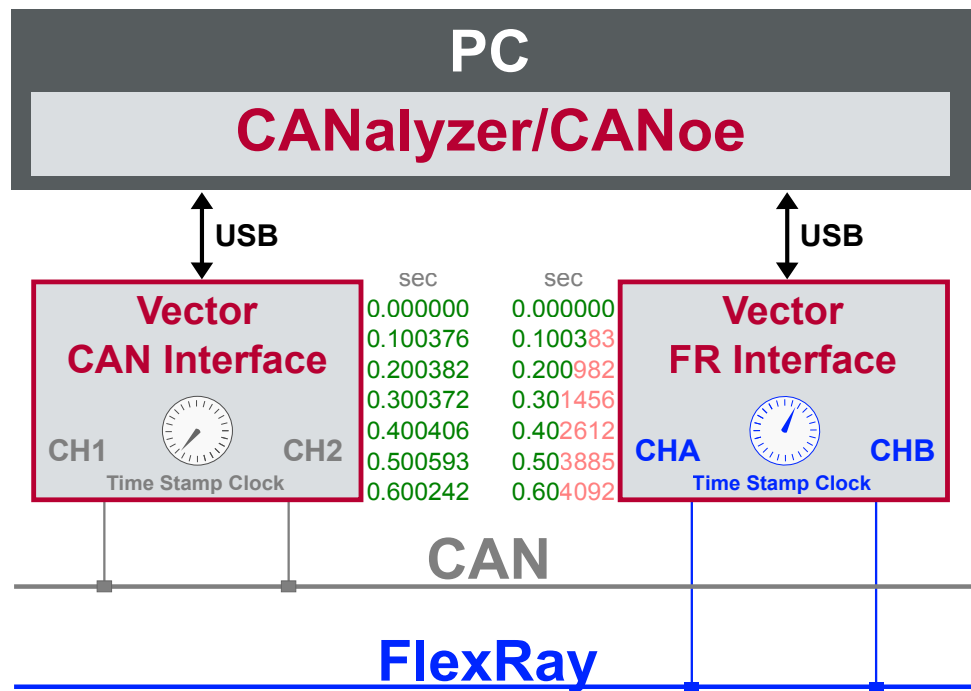


Figure 5: Example of unsynchronized network interfaces. Independent time stamps drift apart

To compensate for these time stamp deviations between the Vector network interfaces, the time stamps can be either synchronized by software, hardware, PTP or GNSS (capability depends on the Vector device).



Note

The accuracy of the software, hardware, PTP or GNSS sync depends on the interface. Further information on specific values can be found in the technical data of the respective devices.

4.2 Software Sync

4.2.1 General Information

Synchronization by software

The software time synchronization is driver-based and available for all applications without any restrictions. The time stamp deviations from different Vector network interfaces are calculated and synchronized to the common PC clock. For this purpose no further hardware setup is required.

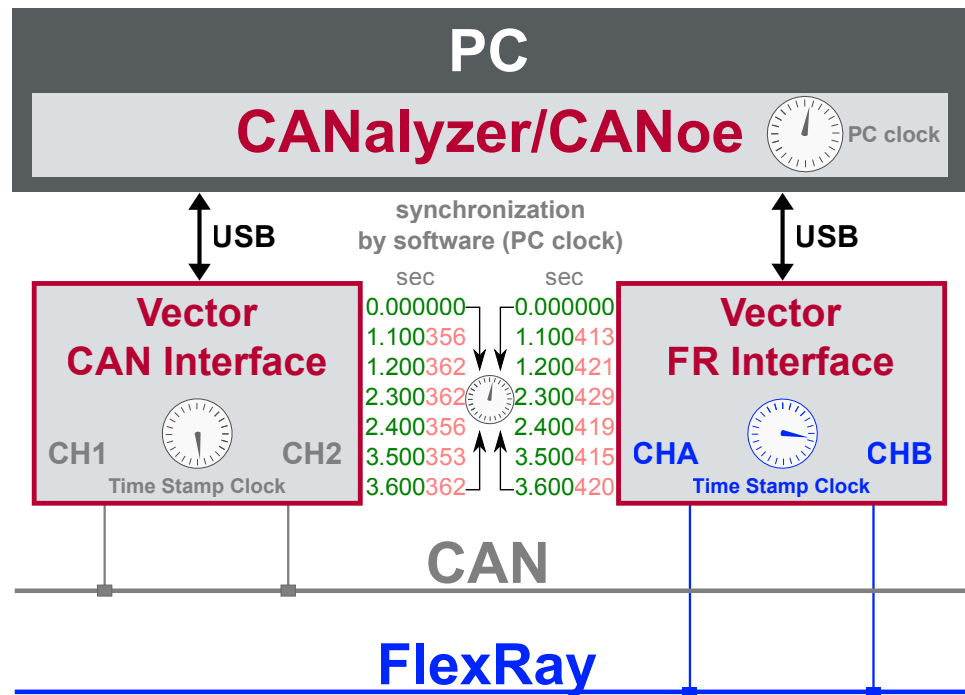


Figure 6: Time stamps of devices are synchronized to the PC clock



Note

Software time synchronization may lead to an increased latency for all connected Vector network interfaces. If a case requires low latency, deactivate this option and use another synchronization mechanism.

4.2.2 Configuration

Vector Hardware Manager

Use the software synchronization if at least one device has no hardware sync connector. Also to synchronize the device clock to the computer time, use the software synchronization (legacy).



Reference

Further details and tips on the time sync configuration can be found in the Vector Hardware Manager help in section **User Interface | Navigation Rail | Time Sync**.

4.3 Hardware Sync

4.3.1 General Information

**Synchronization
by hardware**

The hardware time synchronization is not available for this device. Please use the software time synchronization instead (see section **Software Sync** on page 24).

5 Important Notes - Details

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5.0.1 Safety Instructions and Hazard Warnings



Caution!

In order to avoid personal injuries and damage to property, you have to read and understand the following safety instructions and hazard warnings prior to installation and use of this interface. Keep this documentation (manual) always near the interface.

5.0.1.1 Proper Use and Intended Purpose



Caution!

The interface is designed for analyzing, controlling and otherwise influencing control systems and electronic control units. This includes, inter alia, bus systems like CAN, LIN, K-Line, MOST, FlexRay, Ethernet, BroadR-Reach and/or ARINC 429.

The interface may only be operated in a closed state. In particular, printed circuits must not be visible. The interface may only be operated (i) according to the instructions and descriptions of this manual; (ii) with the electric power supply designed for the interface, e.g. USB-powered power supply; and (iii) with accessories manufactured or approved by Vector.

The interface is exclusively designed for use by skilled personnel as its operation may result in serious personal injuries and damage to property. Therefore, only those persons may operate the interface who (i) have understood the possible effects of the actions which may be caused by the interface; (ii) are specifically trained in the handling with the interface, bus systems and the system intended to be influenced; and (iii) have sufficient experience in using the interface safely.

The knowledge necessary for the operation of the interface can be acquired in work-shops and internal or external seminars offered by Vector. Additional and interface specific information, such as „Known Issues“, are available in the „Vector KnowledgeBase“ on Vector’s website at www.vector.com. Please consult the „Vector KnowledgeBase“ for updated information prior to the operation of the interface.

5.0.1.2 Hazards

**Caution!**

The interface may control and/or otherwise influence the behavior of control systems and electronic control units. Serious hazards for life, body and property may arise, in particular, without limitation, by interventions in safety relevant systems (e.g. by deactivating or otherwise manipulating the engine management, steering, airbag and/or braking system) and/or if the interface is operated in public areas (e.g. public traffic, airspace). Therefore, you must always ensure that the interface is used in a safe manner. This includes, inter alia, the ability to put the system in which the interface is used into a safe state at any time (e.g. by „emergency shutdown“), in particular, without limitation, in the event of errors or hazards.

Comply with all safety standards and public regulations which are relevant for the operation of the system. Before you operate the system in public areas, it should be tested on a site which is not accessible to the public and specifically prepared for performing test drives in order to reduce hazards.

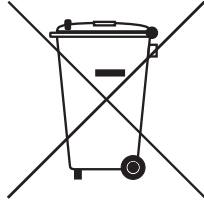
5.0.2 Disclaimer

**Caution!**

Claims based on defects and liability claims against Vector are excluded to the extent damages or errors are caused by improper use of the interface or use not according to its intended purpose. The same applies to damages or errors arising from insufficient training or lack of experience of personnel using the interface.

5.0.3 Disposal of Vector Hardware

Please handle old devices responsibly and observe the environmental laws applicable in your country. Please dispose of the Vector hardware only at the designated places and not with the household waste.



Within the European Community, the Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE Directive) and the Directive on the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS Directive) apply.

For Germany and other EU countries, we offer free take-back of old Vector hardware.

Please carefully check the Vector hardware to be disposed of before shipping. Please remove all items that are not part of the original scope of delivery, e.g. storage media. The Vector hardware must also be free of licenses and must no longer contain any personal data. Vector does not perform any checks in this regard. Once the hardware has been shipped, it cannot be returned to you. By shipping the hardware to us, you have relinquished your rights to the hardware.

Before shipping, please register your old device via:

<https://www.vector.com/int/en/support-downloads/return-registration-for-the-disposal-of-vector-hardware/>

6 Wichtige Hinweise

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6.0.1 Sicherheits- und Gefahrenhinweise



Achtung!

Um Personen- und Sachschäden zu vermeiden, müssen Sie vor der Installation und dem Einsatz dieses Interfaces die nachfolgenden Sicherheits- und Gefahrenhinweise lesen und verstehen. Bewahren Sie diese Dokumentation (Handbuch) stets in der Nähe dieses Interfaces auf.

6.0.1.1 Sach- und bestimmungsgemäßer Gebrauch



Achtung!

Das Interface ist für die Analyse, die Steuerung sowie für die anderweitige Beeinflussung von Regelsystemen und Steuergeräten bestimmt. Das umfasst unter anderem die Bussysteme CAN, LIN, K-Line, MOST, FlexRay, Ethernet, BroadR-Reach oder ARINC 429.

Der Betrieb des Interfaces darf nur im geschlossenen Zustand erfolgen. Insbesondere dürfen keine Leiterplatten sichtbar sein. Das Interface ist entsprechend den Anweisungen und Beschreibungen dieses Handbuchs einzusetzen. Dabei darf nur die dafür vorgesehene Stromversorgung, wie z. B. USB-powered, Netzteil, und das Originalzubehör von Vector bzw. das von Vector freigegebene Zubehör verwendet werden.

Das Interface ist ausschließlich für den Einsatz durch geeignetes Personal bestimmt, da der Gebrauch dieses Interfaces zu erheblichen Personen- und Sachschäden führen kann. Deshalb dürfen nur solche Personen dieses Interface einsetzen, welche die möglichen Konsequenzen der Aktionen mit diesem Interface verstanden haben, speziell für den Umgang mit diesem Interface, den Bussystemen und dem zu beeinflussenden System geschult worden sind und ausreichende Erfahrung im sicheren Umgang mit dem Interface erlangt haben.

Die notwendigen Kenntnisse zum Einsatz dieses Interfaces können bei Vector über interne oder externe Seminare und Workshops erworben werden. Darüber hinausgehende und Interface-spezifische Informationen wie z. B. „Known Issues“ sind auf der Vector Webseite unter www.vector.com in der „Vector KnowledgeBase“ verfügbar. Bitte informieren Sie sich dort vor dem Betrieb des Interfaces über aktualisierte Hinweise.

6.0.1.2 Gefahren



Achtung!

Das Interface kann das Verhalten von Regelsystemen und Steuergeräten steuern und in anderweitiger Weise beeinflussen. Insbesondere durch Eingriffe in sicherheitsrelevante Bereiche (z. B. durch Deaktivierung oder sonstige Manipulation der Motorsteuerung, des Lenk-, Airbag-, oder Bremssystems) und/oder der Einsatz des Interfaces in öffentlichen Räumen (z. B. Straßenverkehr, Luftraum) können erhebliche Gefahren für Leib, Leben und Eigentum entstehen. Stellen Sie daher in jedem Fall eine gefahrfreie Verwendung sicher. Hierzu gehört unter anderem auch, dass das System, in dem das Interface eingesetzt wird, jederzeit, insbesondere bei Auftreten von Fehlern oder Gefahren, in einen sicheren Zustand geführt werden kann (z. B. durch Not-Abschaltung).

Beachten Sie alle sicherheitstechnischen Richtlinien und öffentlich-rechtlichen Vorschriften, die für den Einsatz des Systems relevant sind. Zur Verminderung von Gefahren sollte das System vor dem Einsatz in öffentlichen Räumen auf einem nicht-öffentlich zugänglichen und für Testfahrten bestimmten Gelände erprobt werden.

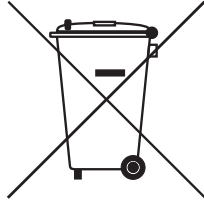
6.0.2 Haftungsausschluss

**Achtung!**

Soweit das Interface nicht sach- oder bestimmungsgemäß eingesetzt wird, übernimmt Vector keine Gewährleistung oder Haftung für dadurch verursachte Schäden oder Fehler. Das Gleiche gilt für Schäden oder Fehler, die auf einer mangelnden Schulung oder Erfahrung derjenigen Personen beruhen, die das Interface einsetzen.

6.0.3 Entsorgung von Vector Hardware

Bitte gehen Sie verantwortungsvoll mit Altgeräten um und beachten Sie die in Ihrem Land geltenden Umweltgesetze. Entsorgen Sie die Vector Hardware bitte nur bei den dafür vorgesehenen Stellen und nicht über den Hausmüll.



Innerhalb der Europäischen Gemeinschaft gelten die Richtlinie über Elektro- und Elektronik-Altgeräte (WEEE-Richtlinie) und die Richtlinie zur Beschränkung der Verwendung bestimmter gefährlicher Stoffe in Elektro- und Elektronikgeräten (RoHS-Richtlinie).

Für Deutschland und andere EU-Länder bieten wir Ihnen eine kostenlose Rücknahme der alten Vector Hardware an.

Bitte überprüfen Sie die zu entsorgende Vector Hardware vor dem Versand sorgfältig. Bitte entfernen Sie alle Gegenstände, die nicht zum ursprünglichen Lieferumfang gehören, z. B. Speichermedien. Die Vector Hardware muss außerdem frei von Lizenzen sein und darf keine personenbezogenen Daten mehr enthalten. Vector führt keine Kontrollen diesbezüglich durch. Sobald die Hardware versandt wurde, kann sie nicht mehr an Sie zurück geliefert werden. Mit dem Versand der Hardware an uns haben Sie Ihre Rechte an der Hardware abgetreten. Bitte melden Sie vor dem Versand Ihr Altgerät an über:

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