

OBDI RT Tuner Quick Start Guide

Revision A

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Introduction

The C.A.T.S. RT Tuner program is a Windows based utility that allows you to easily make changes to GM ECM/PCM engine and transmission control parameters. The program is designed to run on Windows 98 or later operating systems. The program presents all the important tuning parameters in clear easy to understand tables that can be directly edited via keyboard and mouse commands.

The C.A.T.S. RT Tuner was developed to allow 'real-time' ECM tuning when connected to the Xtronics (<u>www.xtronics.com</u>) Romulator (I and II) or the Craig Moates Ostrich or AutoProm (<u>http://moates.net</u>) EPROM emulators. With the EPROM emulator replacing the ECM's original EPROM, you can make calibration changes while the engine is running and the changes will take affect immediately.

Note: For the RT Tuner program to be compatible, you must have firmware version 1.09 or later in your Romulator. If you have any earlier version, please contact Xtronics for information on updating your Romulator.

The RT Tuner program functions exactly the same as our standard Tuner program, except that whenever you make a calibration change the RT Tuner program sends the change (or changes) to the Romulator.

Note: The Romulator I only supports EPROMs up to 256K in size. If you select an ECM Definition File for a calibration that uses a larger EPROM, such as the \$0D ECM Definition File, the program will immediately disconnect from the Romulator and revert to normal 'off-line' (non-real-time) operation and function just like the standard Tuner program. The Romulator II supports EPROM's up to 512K in size. The AutoProm supports EPROMs up to 512K in size.

The Romulator and AutoProm emulators do not support the '94/95 LT1 FLASH based PCMs supported by the \$EE ECM Definition File so real-time tuning is not possible on these cars.

Minimum PC Requirements

While the RT Tuner program will run on virtually any PC running Windows 98 or later, we recommend the following minimum PC specifications:

Pentium 266 Windows 98 64 MB RAM 600 x 800 display resolution 20 MB free hard drive space 1 serial port

Program Installation

To install the RT Tuner program, insert the OBDI Tuner CD into your CD ROM drive. The OBDI Tuner setup program should run automatically and the main setup screen will appear.



Click on the 'Install OBDI RT Tuner Program' selection to begin the installation. Then follow the onscreen instructions to complete the installation.

If the The OBDI RT Tuner setup program does not start automatically, navigate to your CD ROM drive and locate the file named 'autorun.exe' on the CD. Double click on this file to start the setup program.

Note: If you are installing the OBDI Tuner program on a PC running Windows Vista or Windows 7 the installation process is a little different. Click on the 'Vista Installation Instructions' selection to view detailed instructions for installing the program under Vista / Windows 7.

Registering the Program

Once the program installation is complete you should have a icon on your desktop for the RT Tuner program. Double click on the icon to run the RT Tuner program.

Note: At start-up the program will attempt to locate the emulator. If you do not have an emulator connected to your PC click on the 'Cancel' button to stop the search.

Select 'Register' from the 'Help' menu.

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	⊻ersion Information

When the registration form appears, enter your Customer ID and Serial Number into the appropriate boxes. Your registration information was included in the letter enclosed with your CD and can also be found on a label on the back of the CD case.

Both the Customer ID and Serial Number are case sensitive and should be entered exactly as received. Enter your Customer ID and Serial Number carefully. Note that your Customer ID is all lower case and all the letters in your Serial Number are all upper case.

🕮 Software Registration 🛛 🗙
To obtain a valid Customer ID and Serial Number to register this software, please send a check or money order for \$69,95 to:
Computer Automotive Tuning Systems 14327 Dogwood Lane Belle Haven, VA 23306
Additional ECM Definition Files are available from C.A.T.S. at a cost of \$19.95 each.
Be sure to include the name of the software you are registering and your e-mail address for faster response.
Customer ID:
Serial Number:
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After entering your registration information click on the 'Register' button to complete the registration. If you entered the information correctly you will receive a message saying the registration was successful.



Click on the 'OK' button and the main OBDI Tuner screen will appear.



Select the Desired ECM Definition Files

To display a list of all the installed ECM Definition Files, click on the '*ECM*' menu on the main display.



Select the appropriate ECM Definition File for the type of vehicle you will be tuning.from the dropdown list.

Loading a Calibration File

A calibration file is a binary format file that is an image of the EPROM in the vehicle's ECM/PCM and is usually created by reading the EPROM with an EPROM programmer. This file contains all the tuning

information that the ECM/PCM uses to control the vehicle. To load a calibration file into the RT Tuner program for viewing and editing click on the 'Files' menu and select 'Open' from the drop-down list or click on the Open File button on the toolbar.



or



Locate the desired file in the Open ECM Calibration File screen. Click on the file name to highlight it and then click on the 'Open' button to load the file into the RT Tuner program.

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The 'Tables' menu will now be active allowing you to select the calibration parameters you wish to

view and edit.

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Calibration Tuning

You can view and edit the various calibration parameters. To view and edit these parameters click on the *Tables* menu and then select the desired table from the drop-down list.

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This list will contain all the tables available for the selected ECM Definition File. When you select a table it will be displayed so you can view and edit the calibration values.

The calibration parameters are grouped into three type of tables; a Switch Table, a Constant Table and 2D and 3D tables.

Switch Type Calibration Table

The switch type calibration table will contain all the calibration items that can only have two values or states such as 'on' or 'off', or 'Enabled' or 'Disabled'. This type of table will contain calibration items such as V.A.T.S. enabled/disabled.



Constant Type Calibration Table

The Constant Table is used to present calibration values that represent single values or calibration constants such as the fuel cutoff RPM or injector flow rate.

M CONSTANTS	
Cylinder Volume 717.25 ml/Cyl	
Injector Flow Rate 24.87 Ibs/HR	
Display Injector Flow Rate 3.97 GL/HR	
MAP Threshold To Enable WOT 15 Kpa	
Cool Thresh For TPS For WOT (HighTemp) 118 Deg C	

2D and 3D Calibration Tables

The majority of the ECM Calibration Tables will be either 2D or 3D tables. These tables are used to display a series of values that depend on one (2D tables) or 2 other parameters (3D tables).

Deg C	AFB Corr	
Deg. C	Arn con.	
-40	4.0	
-28	3.8	
-16	3.5	
-4	3.5	
8	3.4	
20	3.2	
32	3.0	
44	2.7	
56	2.4	
68	2.0	
80	1.6	
92	0.6	
104	0.4	
116	0.6	
128	1.0	

An example of a 2D table is the 'Initial Startup AFR Enrichment Vs. Coolant Temp.'.

A good example of a common 3D table would be the Main Spark Advance Vs. RPM Vs. MAP.

RPM								M/	AP (Kpa)	k.						
	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
400	18.0	21.0	22.0	21.0	20.0	19.0	17.0	15.0	12.0	9.0	6.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
600	22.0	25.0	26.0	24.0	22.0	21.0	19.0	17.0	15.0	12.0	9.0	6.0	2.0	-1.0	-2.0	-2.0
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1200	31.0	33.0	32.5	30.0	28.0	26.0	25.0	23.5	21.0	18.0	15.5	13.0	11.0	9.0	8.0	7.0
1400	33.0	35.0	34.0	31.0	29.0	27.5	26.0	24.5	23.0	21.0	19.0	17.0	14.5	12.0	11.0	10.0
1600	35.0	38.0	37.0	34.0	32.0	30.0	28.5	27.0	25.0	23.0	21.0	19.0	17.0	15.0	13.5	12.0
1800	36.0	39.0	38.5	35.5	33.5	32.0	30.0	28.5	27.0	25.5	24.0	22.0	20.0	17.5	15.5	14.0
2000	37.0	40.0	39.5	36.5	34.5	33.5	32.0	31.0	30.0	29.0	27.5	25.0	22.5	20.0	18.5	17.0
2200	37.0	40.0	40.0	38.0	36.5	35.0	34.0	33.5	32.5	31.5	30.0	28.0	25.0	22.5	20.5	19.0
2400	37.0	40.0	40.0	38.5	37.0	36.0	35.5	34.5	33.5	32.5	32.0	30.0	27.0	24.5	22.5	21.0
2800	38.0	43.0	41.0	39.0	38.0	37.0	36.5	35.5	34.5	33.5	33.0	32.0	29.5	27.0	25.5	24.5
3200	38.0	43.0	43.0	41.0	39.5	38.5	37.5	36.5	35.5	34.5	34.0	33.5	31.5	29.0	28.0	27.0
3600	38.0	43.0	45.0	42.0	40.5	39.5	38.5	37.5	36.5	35.5	34.5	34.0	31.5	30.0	29.0	28.0
4000	38.0	44.0	45.0	43.5	41.5	40.0	39.0	38.0	37.0	37.0	36.0	35.0	33.0	31.0	30.0	29.0
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Saving A Calibration File

To save a calibration file after making changes select 'Save As' from the 'File' menu.



This will display the 'Save As' dialog box. Type in a file name for the calibration file in the 'File name' box and click the 'Save' button.

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To save the file using the same file name click on the 'Files' menu and select 'Save' from the dropdown list or click on the Save File button in the toolbar.

Real-Time Tuning

Connecting the Emulator

The first time you use the emulator with you ECM, you have to make a few minor modifications to your ECM to allow you to be able to connect the emulator to the ECM.

- 1. Remove the ECM from the vehicle.
- 2. Remove the access cover over the calibration chip or MEMCAL.

- 3. If your ECM is an older ECM with a calibration chip in a plastic PROM carrier:
 - A. Remove the PROM carrier and calibration chip.
 - B. Remove the circuit board from the metal housing
 - C. Carefully unsolder and remove the special socket that the PROM carrier plugs into and replace it with a standard IC socket. Using a standard IC socket has the added benefit that you will no longer need the plastic PROM carrier (these part are obsolete and very difficult to find) so now you can just plug in a standard EPROM. Note: **Make a note of pin 1 of the EPROM before removing the original socket to make sure you install the new socket correctly.**
 - D. Carefully remove the original EPROM from the PROM carrier and read it with your EPROM programmer. Save this file from the EPROM programmer software to your PC's hard drive in binary format. This is the stock calibration file that you will use as your baseline calibration to which you'll make the desired calibration modifications.
 - E. Reinstall the circuit board into the metal housing.
- 4. If your ECM is a newer ECM with a MEMCAL:
 - A. Remove the MEMCAL from the ECM
 - B. Carefully unsnap the cover from the MEMCAL (its usually blue or brown).
 - C. Carefully unsolder the EPROM that's now accessible from the MEMCAL. Note: Make a note of the orientation of the EPROM before removing it.
 - D. Solder a standard IC socket in place of the original EPROM noting the correct orientation.
 - E. Reinstall the MEMCAL in the ECM.
 - F. Read the EPROM that you removed with your EPROM programmer. Save this file from the EPROM programmer software to your PC's hard drive in binary format. This is the stock calibration file that you will use as your baseline calibration to which you'll make the desired calibration modifications.

<u>Note</u>: If you'd rather not modify the original MEMCAL there are a variety of MEMCAL adapter available from suppliers like Craig Moates (<u>www.moates.net</u>) that provide a socket for connecting the emulator without modifying the MEMCAL.

You've now completed the necessary modifications to your ECM that you only need to do once and can connect the emulator to your ECM. **Note: Make sure the vehicles ignition is OFF during these next steps.**

- 1. Plug the emulator connector into the socket that you've just installed in your ECM noting the proper orientation (pin 1 if the connector is at the end with the red stripe on the emulator cable).
- 2. Reconnect the ECM to the vehicle.
- 3. Connect the serial cable to the emulator and to an available serial port on your PC.
- 4. Run the RT Tuner program and wait for the program to connect to the emulator.
- 5. Load the calibration file that you created by reading the original EPROM from the ECM above into the RT Tuner program by selecting '*Open*' from the '*Files*' menu (or clicking on the *Open File* button and the *Open File* button on the toolbar. Select the calibration file that you created and click on '*Open*'.

6. Now program this calibration into the emulator. To program the emulator, you can either select '*Program Romulator*' from the '*Tools*' menu or you can click on the Program *Romulator button* in the main toolbar.

You're now ready to start real-time tuning. Start the engine and start tuning. Any calibration changes you make from the RT Tuner program will be sent immediately to the emulator so you can see the effect of your changes in real time.

Program Startup

When you start the RT Tuner program, the program will automatically attempt to connect to the emulator by searching all available serial ports. The first time you run the RT Tuner program, this may take a little while.

Once the program finds the emulator it will remember what serial ports is being used so the next time you start the RT Tuner program it will connect very quickly unless you move the emulator to a different port.

If you want to cancel the search for the emulator, click on the '*Cancel*' button and after a few seconds, the search will stop.

If you don't want the program to automatically connect the emulator each time you star the RT Tuner program, click on the '*Options*' menu and uncheck the '*Auto Connect*' option. If you disable the Auto Connect feature, then you will have to manually connect to the emulator when you want to work in real-time mode. To manually connect to the emulator, <u>select</u> '*Connect to Romulator*' from

the '*Tools*' menu or click on the *Connect to Romulator* button in the main toolbar.

Calibration Synchronization

For the RT Tuner program to function properly in real-time mode, it is very important for the calibration currently in RT Tuner program to be synchronized with the calibration stored in the emulator. That is these calibrations must be identical.

There are two ways to synchronize the two calibrations:

1. You can load a calibration file into the RT Tuner program by selecting '*Open*' from the '*Files*' menu and then use this calibration to program the emulator. To program the emulator, you can either select '*Program Romulator*' from the '*Tools*' menu or you can

click on the *Program Romulator* button 🛃 in the main toolbar.

2. If you have a valid calibration already stored in the emulator, you can read the calibration in the Romulator into the RT Tuner program by selecting '*Read Romulator*' from the '*Tools*' menu or click on the *Read Romulator* button in the main toolbar.

Once the RT Tuner program and the emulator are synchronized, the RT Tuner program will automatically send any calibration changes you make to the emulator to maintain synchronization unless you've turned off (unchecked) the '*Auto Update*' feature in the '*Options*' menu.

RT Tuner Tools Menu

The RT Tuner has a '*Tools*' menu containing three functions. Note: Do not perform any of these functions with the engine running.

- 1. *Connect to Romulator*: Clicking this function will force the RT Tuner program to connect to the emulator.
- 2. *Read Romulator*: Clicking on this selection with transfer the calibration stored in the emulator into the RT Tuner program. The RT Tuner program will check that the calibration stored in the emulator is valid and that you have selected the correct ECM Definition File.
- 3. *Program Romulator*: This menu selection programs the emulator memory with the calibration that you currently have open in the RT Tuner program. If you don't have a calibration open in the RT Tuner program, this function will be inactive.

RT Tuning Toolbar Buttons

There are hree toolbar buttons in the main program toolbar associated with real-time tuning. These buttons are the *Connect to Romulator* button and the *Program*, the *Read Romulator* button and the *Program Romulator* button . The buttons give you quick access to the corresponding functions in the *'Tools'* menu as described above.

Program Options

Three real-time tuning options are located in the 'Options' menu.

- 1. *Comm Port Setup*: This option allows you to force the RT Tuner program to use the specified port as the first serial port on which to search for the emulator.
- 2. *Auto Update*: Normally whenever you make a calibration change from the RT Tuner program, the program will immediately send the change to the emulator. If you need to multiple changes before sending the changes to the emulator, then you can uncheck this option and no changes will be sent until you update the emulator using the Program emulator function.
- 3. *Auto Connect*: When Auto Connect is enabled (checked), the RT Tuner program will attempt to connect to the emulator when you start the program. If you uncheck this option, the program will not auto connect and you will have to manually connect to the emulator when its needed.

Status Bar

The RT Tuner program has a new status bar at the bottom of the main screen. This status bar provides information about the status of the connection to the emulator.

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The status bar contains three sections.

1. Calibration Status: The calibration status section of the status bar is the section to the left and contains an indicator light and a description. This section describes the status of the calibration changes you have made from the RT Tuner program. There are four states that you may see.

- A. Synchronized Green: This state indicates that the calibration information in the RT Tuner program and the emulator are the same.
- B. Not Synchronized Red: This indicates that the RT Tuner and the emulator do not have the same calibration information. The RT Tuner will not send real-time updates to the emulator if the calibration information is not synchronized.
- C. Busy Yellow: This state means that the RT Tuner program is in the process of sending changes to the emulator. As soon as the process is completed successfully, the status will return to Synchronized.
- D. Change Pending Orange: This shows that you are in the process of making a calibration change that has not yet been sent to the emulator.
- 2. General Messages: The center of the status bar gives you general messages regarding the emulator and the connection. When you first connect to the emulator, this section will show the emulator ID and the firmware version.
- 3. Connection Status: Like the first, the third section contains an indicator light and a description area. This section shows the status of the connection to the emulator and has three states:
 - A. Connected-Auto Update On Green: This indicates that the RT Tuner program is connected to the emulator and the Auto Update function is enabled.
 - B. Connected-Auto Update Off Yellow: This indicates that the RT Tuner program is connected to the emulator but that the Auto Update function is disabled.
 - C. Not Connected Red: This state will be displayed if the RT Tuner program is not connected to the emulator.

Real-Time Calibration Changes

Each time you 'complete' a calibration change from the RT Tuner program, the program automatically send the change to the emulator and the change takes effect as soon as the transfer is complete.

When a calibration change is 'completed' depends on how you make the change from the Tuner program. In general if you are using the mouse to make changes such as by using the slider bar or the 'up/down' arrows to adjust a constant, the change is complete as soon as you release the mouse button. Similarly, if your making a change by dragging a point on a graph, the change is not complete until you release the mouse button.

If you are changing table values using the table cell edit, add, subtract, fill or scale functions, the change is complete when you click on the 'OK' button.

One special case is when you are editing a constant by typing a new value directly into the constant value box. There are several things that complete this change so the program can send the new value to the emulator. The following events will complete this type of change:

- 1. You press the '*Enter*' key.
- 2. You click on another constant in the Constants table.
- 3. Your click on the '*Update Romulator*' button located in the top left hand corner of the Constants table screen.
- 4. Click on another open table

5. Close the Constants table.

Until one of these events occurs the new value will not be sent to the emulator and the Calibration Status with show and orange light and say 'Change Pending'.

Tuning 1994/1995 LT1 Cars

These cars used a new design PCM that no longer used an EPROM to store the calibration information. This PCM used Flash memory that is read and programmed through the ALDL diagnostic connector located under the car's dashboard.

While this eliminates the need to remove and reprogram an EPROM when tuning there is no way to connect an emulator since there is no longer an EPROM that can be removed which means that you can not do real-time tuning on these cars.

You can still use the RT Tuner to tune these cars but the real-time functions are not available.

To read and program the PCM used in these cars you connect you PC to the car's ALDL connector using an ALDL interface cable like our USB/ALDL Interface Cables.

ECM Installing the USB/ALDL Interface Cable Drivers

Before using one of our USB/ALDL Interface cable you must install the software drivers. To install these drivers insert the OBDI Tuner CD into your CD ROM drive. The OBDI Tuner setup program should run automatically and the main setup screen will appear.

Click on the 'USB/ALDL Cable Driver Instructions' selection to view detailed instructions for installing these drivers.

Com Port Selection

When the USB/ALDL Interface Cable drivers are installed, start the Tuner program again, click on the 'Options' menu and select 'Comm Port Setup' from the drop-down list.



This will display a list of com ports one through 8 and the status of each com port.

Comm Port Selection									
Comm Port Status									
C Comm Port 1	Invalid Port	C Comm Port 5	Invalid Port						
Comm Port 2	Available	C Comm Port 6	Invalid Port						
C Comm Port 3	Available	O Comm Port 7	Invalid Port						
C Comm Port 4	Invalid Port	C Comm Port 8	Invalid Port						
	ОК	Cancel							

Select the com port that was assigned to your USB/ALDL Interface cable when you installed the drivers and then click '*OK*'. The program will save this selection so you don't have to set the com port again unless you change to a different port.

Reading the PCM

To begin tuning you must read the current calibration information from the car's PCM and load it into the Tuner program.

To read the calibration currently stored in the PCM, select 'Read PCM' from the 'Tools' menu.



This will display the read PCM start screen.

📕 Read PCM Memory	×	
Connect the PCM Interface Cable to the computer and the diagnostics connector in the vehicle. Turn the ignition key to the ON position (engine NOT running).		
OK	Cancel	

Before proceeding, connect your USB/ALDL Interface cable to your PC and to the car's ALDL

connector under the dashboard.

Once the cable is connected, turn the ignition key on but DO NOT start the engine. After turning on the ignition, wait about 10 to 15 seconds to clear the GM security delay before proceeding.

Now click on '*OK*' to begin the read process. If all the connections have been properly made, the program will begin communicating with the PCM, sending the necessary instructions to start the memory read process.

The following status window will be displayed during the read process:

📴 Read PCM Memory	×
DO NOT INTERRUPT	
Status Establishing Communications	
	X

The progress meter shows the progress on the reading of the PCM as it proceeds and the Status window describes what part of the process in currently underway. Depending on the PC you are using, the programming will usually take about five minutes

When the read process is complete, the message shown below will be displayed:



Click 'OK' to complete the PCM read and close the message box. You can now disconnect the USB/ALDL Interface cable from the car and turn off the ignition.

The calibration from your PCM will now be loaded into the Tuner program and you can now view and edit the calibration parameters as needed.

<u>Note</u>: its always a good idea to save a copy of the original calibration just in case you ever want to go back to the stock calibration.

Rev B Calibrations

A small number of the early 1994 cars had an early version of the calibrations refered to as the Rev B calibration. If your car has a Rev B calibration you will need to use the \$EEB ECM Definition File instead of the standard \$EE ECM Definition File.

To check whether you are working with a Rev B calibration or not, open the 'Constant Table' as described above and look at the values for the Cylinder Volume and Injector Flow Rate parameters. If these values look reasonable, then you are working with a standard \$EE ECM Definition File. If you are in fact working with a Rev B calibration, then the values for these parameters will be very strange; the Cylinder Volume is typically 0 and the Injector Flow Rate will be a ridiculously large value like 793.46 lbs/hr.

If you are working with a Rev B calibration click on the 'ECM' menu and select 'PCM_EEB' from the drop-down list. Then go back an read the PCM again to properly load you calibration into the Tuner program.

Programming the PCM

Once you are finished tuning you need to load your modified calibration into the car's PCM by programming the PCM with the modified calibration. Before beginning the programming process you should save a copy of you modified calibration in case you need to make adiitional changes.

WARNING

If the programming process does not complete successfully it is possible to damage the PCM. Under no circumstances should you interrupt the programming process once it is started.

The following are recommendations for the successful programming of your PCM:

- ?? Before programming the PCM, make sure you can successfully read the PCM. This is a very similar process and if that is successful, then the programming should also work fine. YOU CAN NOT DAMAGE YOUR PCM BY READING IT.
- ?? Make sure the car battery is in good condition and fully charged. DO NOT try to program the PCM with a battery charger connected to the car battery. The correct range of the battery voltage for PCM programming is relatively narrow.
- ?? If you're using a laptop, make sure the laptop battery is fully charged.
- ?? Make sure you have good connections between the PC, ALDL connector and the interface cable and that they are not likely to be unintentionally disconnected during the programming process.
- ?? Disable all power management functions on your PC.
- ?? Disable all screen savers on the PC.
- ?? Make sure there are no other applications (programs) running on your PC, including virus checkers.

To program your modified calibration into the PCM, select '*Program PCM*' from the '*Tools*' menu.



This will display the Program PCM start screen.

Program PCM Memory	
Connect the PCM Interface Cable to the computer and the diagnostics connector in the vehicle. Turn the ignition key to the ON position (engine NOT running).	
WARNING INTERRUPTING THE PROGRAMMING PROCESS CAN DAMAGE YOUR PCM.	
Before proceeding:	
1. Close all other applications including virus checkers.	
2. Disable any screensavers.	
3. Disable all power management programs.	
OK Cancel	

Before proceeding, connect the USB/ALDL Interface cable to your PC. Connect the other end of the converter to the ALDL diagnostics connector in the car.

Once the cable is connected, turn the ignition key on but DO NOT start the engine. After turning on the ignition, wait about 10 to 15 seconds to clear the GM security delay before proceeding with programming.

Now click on '*OK*' to begin the PCM programming process. If all the connections have been properly made, the program will begin communicating with the PCM, sending the necessary instructions to start the memory programming process. The following status window will be displayed during the read process:

Program PCM Memory	×	
DO NOT INTERRUPT		
Status Establishing Communications		
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The progress meter shows the progress on the programming as it proceeds and the Status window describes what part of the process in currently underway. Depending on the PC you are using, the programming will usually take about five minutes.

When the FLASH programming process is complete, the message shown below will be displayed:

PCM FLASH Memory Programming	
PCM Memory Programming Complete	
OK	

Click '*OK*' to complete the PCM programming and close the message box.

Your modified calibration has now been transferred to the PCM and is ready for testing.

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