

# AutoTap for Palm V3.0

## Quick Start Instructions


**Thank you for purchasing AutoTap for Palm, the most advanced OBDII scantool for Palm PDA's. This quick start instruction guide covers the topics required to set up the AutoTap software on your Palm, connect to a vehicle, configure the display screen, record and playback log files. If you have additional questions, contact AutoTap support at [support@autotap.com](mailto:support@autotap.com) or by calling 815-433-5100.**

**Before proceeding, make sure that your Palm has OS 3.5 or higher, and has at least 8MB of RAM.**


### **Initial Setup**

1. Load the AutoTap for Palm software onto your PC from the CD shipped with your AutoTap, or download the software from [www.autotap.com](http://www.autotap.com).
2. Perform a HotSync® between your Palm and PC. This will transfer the required files to your Palm.

### **Software Registration**

1. Start the AutoTap for Palm software by tapping on the  icon, which is located in the "Automotive" category on your PDA.
2. Tap "OK" on the start screen
3. Tap "Registration". Tap "Next"
4. Enter the serial number for the AutoTap hardware. This number can be found on the registration certificate shipped with your AutoTap. It can also be found on a sticker attached to the side of the AutoTap interface box. Tap "Next"
5. Enter the registration key from the registration certificate shipped with your AutoTap. Tap "Next", then tap "Done".

### **Connecting to Your Vehicle for the First Time**



1. From the main menu, tap "Connect to a Vehicle"
2. If any Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTC) are present, they will be displayed. Tap "Continue Connecting". The AutoTap connects to the vehicle and determines what parameters are available. This process may take a couple of minutes.
3. After your first scan is complete, a quick start image is displayed to describe the icons you'll use to maneuver within the AutoTap for Palm program. This image is only displayed the first time you use AutoTap. Tap "OK".
4. Tap the  icon to edit your display. The Palm screen can be divided into 4 sections, each capable of displaying data numerically, on a gauge, a meter, or in a graph. Choose one of the 6 page layouts by tapping on the desired screen configurations. Next, tap the ▼ button to select the display style. Complete this step for each section of the screen. When done, tap "OK"
5. Tap "Edit List, Edit Graph, Edit Gauge, or Edit Meter" to open the edit dialog box. Tap "Edit" again to view a list of supported parameters. Tap the checkbox next to the parameter(s) you wish to view. Tap "OK" when done. The values from your vehicle's PCM are now displayed on the screen.

**NOTE:** AutoTap for Palm has 5 pages. Each is customizable with different parameters. To configure additional pages, click the AutoTap menu [AutoTap \[1\]](#). Select Page 2, etc. and repeat the steps above.



6. It's a good idea to save your screen configuration before exiting the program. To do this, tap the AutoTap menu [AutoTap \[1\]](#). Tap "Vehicle" from the top line. Tap "Save". On the "File Name" line, enter a name for your configuration file and tap "Save Vehicle".

### **Recording a Log File**


1. After you have successfully connected to your vehicle and configured your screen layout, you can record a log file. You can start recording in one of two different ways:


- a. Tap the  icon. You stop logging by depressing the  button.
  - b. Press the "Datebook" hotkey, which is located on the lower left corner of your Palm. You stop logging by depressing this button again.
2. By default, the log file is given a name corresponding to the current date and time. If you want to use a different name, enter it in the space provided. Tap "Start Logging". You'll see the amount of time recorded in the upper right hand corner. After you stop logging, a summary of the file is displayed. Tap "OK".
- NOTE:** Only the parameters on the currently displayed page get recorded.

### Playing Back a Log File

1. A recorded log file can be played back in the AutoTap for Palm software, AutoTap for Windows software, or it can be transferred to, and viewed in a spreadsheet. Viewing the file on your PC, or in a spreadsheet require a HotSync.
  2. To view the log file on your Palm, tap "View a Log File" from the main menu.
  3. Tap the file to view and then tap "Load Log".
  4. The next screen allows you to select the page layout you used when you recorded the log file. If you want to reconfigure the page layout, tap "Use No File".
  5. Reconfigure your page layout as described in step 4 of Connecting to Your Vehicle for the First Time, above.
- NOTE:** In the parameter list, the parameters you recorded will be in **bold**.
6. When ready to playback your log file, tap the  icon. To stop playback, tap .

### The Malfunction Indicator Light (MIL), DTCs and Freeze Frame Data

1. If your MIL (Check Engine Light) is illuminated, you will see this icon .
2. While connected to the vehicle, tap the AutoTap menu **AutoTap [1]** and tap "DTC".
3. To view Freeze Frame data, tap on a *history code*. If Freeze Frame data is available, the Freeze Frame box will be present. Tap this box.

Help is only a tap away. If you ever have a question about something on the screen, tap the  icon in the upper right hand corner. If help is available for the topic, it will be listed here.

### Here's a quick guide to the AutoTap screen and icons.

