VCM3 / VCMM

Ford Diagnostic Software System Requirements

Minimum Specifications for running Ford Diagnostic Software	
Operating Systems	10 Professional
Internet Explorer Versions	IE 11 or Microsoft Edge
Memory (RAM)	4 GB or greater
Processor	2.1 GHz or greater Intel I5/ I7 Dual Core
Notes	Windows 7 and 8.1 Updating to Windows 10 is not Supported

Recommended Specifications for running Ford Diagnostic Software	
Operating System	10 Professional (64 Bit)
Internet Explorer Versions	IE 11 or Microsoft Edge
Memory (RAM)	8 GB or greater
Hard Drive Storage	SSD - Solid State Drive 256GB
Processor	2.4 GHz or greater Intel I5/ I7 Dual Core
Notes	Windows 7 and 8.1 Updating to Windows 10 is not Supported

Recommended Laptops

Getac S410 Ruggized Laptop

Panasonic FZ-55 Laptop

Panasonic 2 in 1 Tablet/Laptop Toughbook CF-33

Dell E5411 Touch laptop

Purchase Software License

Integated Diagnostic Software (IDS) - The factory Ford Motor Company vehicle diagnostic software provides complete dealership level vehicle diagnostic coverage for all 1996 to present Ford, Lincoln and Mercury vehicles. IDS is a flexible diagnostic tool that utilizes standard computing platforms to work with Ford's VCM, VCM II, VCMM and VMM devices. The IDS software license includes time based access to the IDS software, software udpates and calibration files.

Ford J2534 Diagnostic Software (FJDS) - The factory Ford Motor Company vehicle diagnostic tool designed for use with J2534 compatible Vehicle Communications Interfaces (VCI). FJDS software provides module reprogramming software (FMP) that covers 1996 to present Ford, Lincoln and Mercury module reprogramming functions, plus complete dealership level diagnostic software for all 2018 to present Ford and Lincoln vehicles. FJDS is a flexible diagnostic tool that utilizes standard computing platforms to work with Ford's VCM II or J2534 compatible devices. The FJDS software license includes time based access to the FJDS software, software updates and calibration files.

Ford Diagnostic & Repair System (FDRS) - The next generation factory Ford Motor Company vehicle diagnostic Software designed for use with VCM II, VCMM and J2534 compatible Vehicle Communications Interfaces (VCI). FDRS provides complete dealership level vehicle diagnostic coverage for some 2018 and forward vehicles. FDRS provides superior capabilities, is more user-friendly and provides more diagnostic tools than IDS. The cloud-based system ensures the technician is provided the latest software every time FDRS logs into the Ford network.

A software license is required to use IDS/FDRS software with a VCM, VCM II, or VCMM or FJDS/FDRS software with a VCM II or J2534 compatible device.

Purchase: Upon purchase of a Software License, a user will receive a 20-digit licensing activation code (key). The user can activate the key using the "Activate a License" feature in the software. Activating a key binds the key to the PC on which it is entered in. Users can release this tie to the PC or transfer the licensing key to another PC using the "Return a License" feature. Since the Software License binds to the PC and not the diagnostic hardware, a single Software License will on one PC at a time. Each PC running the software will require it's own license or the transfer of a license, since each license binds to the PC.

Regular Validation: IDS and FJDS must communicate with the License Server on a regular basis to validate the license. A validation automatically occurs at each start-up when IDS is connected to the internet. When not connected to the internet a validation cannot occur. Therefore, any PC needs to be connected to the internet at least every 29 days. Failure to validate every 30 days will cause the license to become invalid and functionality will be disabled within the software.

Renewal: Software Licenses expire based on the term purchased. Users can renew licenses up to 30 days prior to the expiration date by returning to their account and providing payment for the renewal. Renewal terms are based on the subscription length originally purchased. If a change in license term is desired a new license should be purchased.

365 day IDS/FDRS Software License = $900.00 per license
30 day IDS/FDRS Software License = $300.00 per license
2 day IDS/FDRS Software License = $150.00 per license
365 day FJDS/FDRS Software License = $899.00 per license
30 day FJDS/FDRS Software License = $200.00 per license
2 day FJDS/FDRS Software License = $50.00 per license

Check Vehicle Coverage

Diagnostic Software	Interface Device	Vehicle Diagnostics		Module Programming	
		1996-2017 Model Year	Select 2018-Present Model Year	1996-2017 Model Year	Select 2018-Present Model Year
IDS	Requires Ford hardware (Including VCM, VCM II, VCMM)	X	X	X	X
FJDS	Compatible J2534 Devices (Including VCM II and VCMM)		X	X	X
FDRS (Software license for FDRS is shared with IDS or FJDS)	Compatible J2534 Devices (Including VCM II and VCMM)		X		X