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# **TMT3978**<sub>TB</sub> Universal Translator (Translating J1939 to J1587/J1708)

## **INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

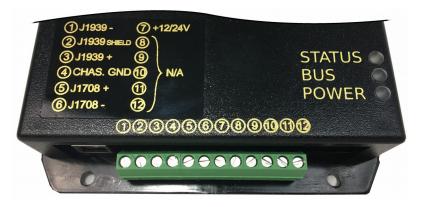
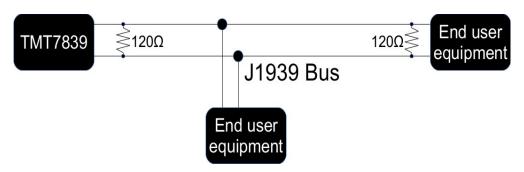


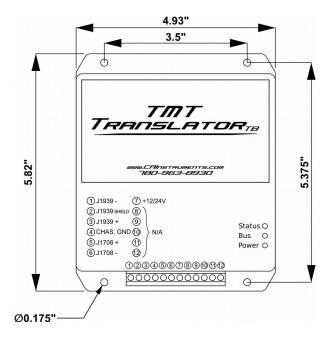
Figure 1: TMT3978 Terminal Strip

- 1. Connect +12/24 volt power to terminal 7 and ground to terminal 4.
- 2. Connect the J1708/J1587+ wire to terminal 5, and the J1708/J1587- wire to terminal 6.
- 3. Connect the J1939+ wire to terminal 3 and the J1939- wire to terminal 1. If you have one, connect the cable shielding to terminal 2.
- 4. The J1939 databus *must* have proper terminating resistors installed. Ensure that the J1939 databus has two 120 ohm resistors connected between J1939+ and J1939-. The resistors should be installed at each physical end of the bus.



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## **MOUNTING**



**Note:** The TMT3978 is not waterproofed. If the unit is mounted vertically, ensure the terminal strip is facing downward to reduce the risk of water leaking into the device.

## TROUBLESHOOTING AND DIAGNOSTIC LIGHTS:

The TMT3978 has 3 diagnostic lights located on the front of the device. They are labeled STATUS, BUS, and POWER.

LIGHTS	STATUS	ACTION
STATUS: Solid green BUS: Solid green POWER: Solid red	Everything is OK	None
STATUS: Off BUS: Off POWER: Off	No power	-Apply power -Check power wiring and voltage levels
BUS: Off POWER: Solid red	J1939 unavailable/disconnected	-Check J1939 wiring and voltages -Ensure other J1939 devices are powered on -Ensure terminating resistors are installed -Check J1939 bus resistance -Check vehicle ignition is on

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## **CHECKING THE J1708/J1587 BUS VOLTAGE**

Make sure the TMT3978<sub>TB</sub> is powered and the vehicle ignition is on.

With a voltage meter set to DC, measure the voltages on the J1587/J1708+ and J1587/J1708- wires separately. Each wire must be measured relative to ground (terminal 4).

WIRE	EXPECTED VOLTAGE
J1587/J1708 +	3.5V – 4.5V
J1587/J1708 -	0.5V - 1.5V

#### **CHECKING THE J1939 BUS VOLTAGE**

Make sure the TMT3978<sub>TB</sub> is powered and the vehicle ignition is on.

With a voltage meter set to DC, measure the voltages on the J1939 + and J1939 - wires separately. Each wire must be measured relative to ground (terminal 4).

WIRE	EXPECTED VOLTAGE
J1939 +	2.5V – 3.5V
J1939 -	1.3V – 2.3V

#### **CHECKING THE J1939 BUS RESISTANCE**

Make sure the TMT3978<sub>TB</sub> is powered OFF and the vehicle ignition is OFF.

With a multimeter set to ohms, measure the resistance from J1939 + to J1939 -. A correctly terminated J1939 bus should read **60 ohms**.

RESISTANCE	CAUSE
0 ohms	Short circuit between J1939+ and J1939-
< 60 ohms	Incorrect terminating resistors installed or too many terminating resistors installed
60 ohms	Correctly terminated J1939 bus
120 ohms	Only one terminating resistor installed
> 120 ohms	Incorrect or missing terminating resistors

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