



# CAN-USB/3-FD

USB 2.0 Module with CAN FD Interface



## Hardware Manual

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## Classification of Warning Messages and Safety Instructions

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This NOTICE statement contains the general mandatory sign and gives information that must be heeded and complied with for a safe use.

### INFORMATION



#### **INFORMATION**

Notes to point out something important or useful.



# Safety Instructions

- When working with the CAN-USB/3-FD follow the instructions below and read the manual carefully to protect yourself from injury and the CAN-USB/3-FD from damage.
- Do not use damaged or defective cables to connect the CAN-USB/3-FD and follow the CAN wiring hints in chapter: "Correct Wiring of Electrically Isolated CAN Networks".
- In case of damages to the device, which might affect safety, appropriate and immediate measures must be taken, that exclude an endangerment of persons and domestic animals and property.
- Current circuits which are connected to the device must be sufficiently protected against hazardous voltage (SELV according to EN 60950-1).
- CAN-USB/3-FD may only be driven by power supply current circuits, that are contact protected. A power supply, that provides a safety extra-low voltage (SELV) according to EN 60950-1, complies with these conditions.
- Do not open the housing of the CAN-USB/3-FD .
- The CAN-USB/3-FD must be securely installed before commissioning.
- Never let liquids get inside CAN-USB/3-FD. Otherwise, electric shocks or short circuits may result.
- Protect the CAN-USB/3-FD from dust, moisture, and steam.
- Protect the CAN-USB/3-FD from shocks and vibrations.
- The CAN-USB/3-FD may become warm during normal use. Always allow adequate ventilation around the CAN-USB/3-FD and use care when handling
- Do not operate the CAN-USB/3-FD adjacent to heat sources and do not expose it to unnecessary thermal radiation. Ensure an ambient temperature as specified in the technical data.

## Qualified Personnel

This documentation is directed exclusively towards personnel qualified in control and automation engineering. The installation and commissioning of the product may only be carried out by qualified personnel, which is authorized to put devices, systems, and electric circuits into operation according to the applicable national standards of safety engineering.

## Conformity

The CAN-USB/3-FD is an industrial product and meets the demands of the EU regulations and EMC standards printed in the conformity declaration at the end of this manual.

**Warning:** In a residential, commercial, or light industrial environment the CAN-USB/3-FD may cause radio interferences in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.

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This device is equipped with an USB interface which is suitable to establish a connection to data networks. Depending on the software used on the device, these interfaces may allow attackers to compromise normal function, get illegal access or cause damage.

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The intended use of the CAN-USB/3-FD is the operation as an USB 2.0-CAN-Interface.

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## Typographical Conventions

Throughout this manual the following typographical conventions are used to distinguish technical terms.

Convention	Example
File and path names	<code>/dev/null</code> or <code>&lt;stdio.h&gt;</code>
Function names	<b><i>open()</i></b>
Programming constants	<code>NULL</code>
Programming data types	<code>uint32_t</code>
Variable names	<b><i>Count</i></b>

## Number Representation

All numbers in this document are base 10 unless designated otherwise. Hexadecimal numbers have a prefix of 0x, and binary numbers have a prefix of 0b. For example, 42 is represented as 0x2A in hexadecimal and 0b101010 in binary.

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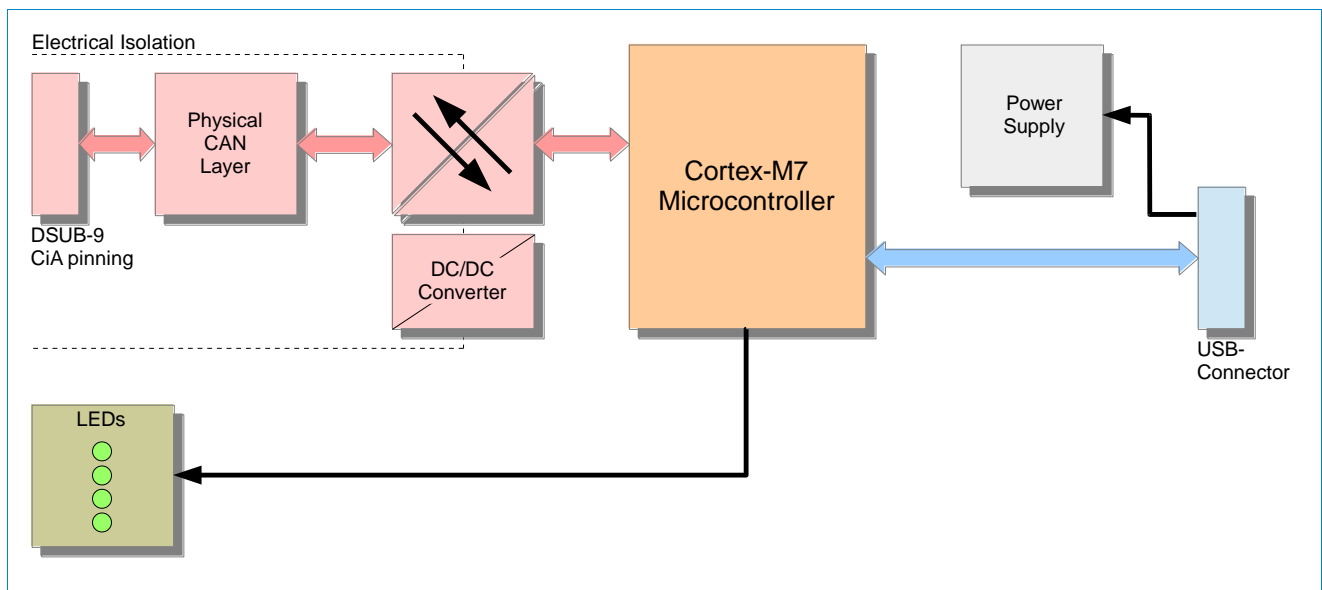
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# 1 Overview

## 1.1 About this Manual

In this manual all variants of the module, the CAN-USB/3-FD and the CAN-USB/3-FD-DINrail, are described together as CAN-USB/3-FD. The hardware of the two variants is identical, except of the additional mounting rail holder equipped on the CAN-USB/3-FD-DINrail. Differences of the module variants are noted accordingly.

## 1.2 Description of CAN-USB/3-FD



**Figure 1:** Block circuit diagram

The CAN-USB/3-FD module is a USB to CAN FD-interface that uses an ARM® Cortex®-M7 based microcontroller. The module supports the USB 2.0 high-speed interface with data rates of 480 Mbit/s. The supply voltage is fed via the USB bus.

The module supports CAN FD according to ISO 11898-1:2015. It is fully backwards compatible with CAN and can be also used in Classical CAN applications.

The CAN FD interface allows a data-transfer rate of up to 8 Mbit/s and is electrically isolated from other potentials by means of a digital isolator and a DC/DC-converter.

The module is equipped with four green LEDs in the front panel which indicate the current module status and the bus status.

The module is optionally available for DIN rail mounting according to IEC/EN 60715. The CAN-USB/3-FD-DINrail is equipped with a mounting rail holder for snapping onto TS35 DIN rails.

Customized options are available for customized series production in reasonable quantities. Please contact our sales team for detailed information.

## 1.3 Glossary

### Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Term
API	Application Programming Interface
CAN	Controller Area Network
CAN FD	Controller Area Network Flexible Data-Rate
CPU	Central Processing Unit
CiA	CAN in Automation
DSUB9	D-subminiature electrical connector with 9 positions
HW	Hardware
I/O	Input/Output
n.a.	not applicable
OS	Operating System
SDK	Software Development Kit
USB	Universal Serial Bus

## 2 Module Views, Connectors and LEDs

### 2.1 Module View



**Figure 2:** CAN-USB/3-FD front view



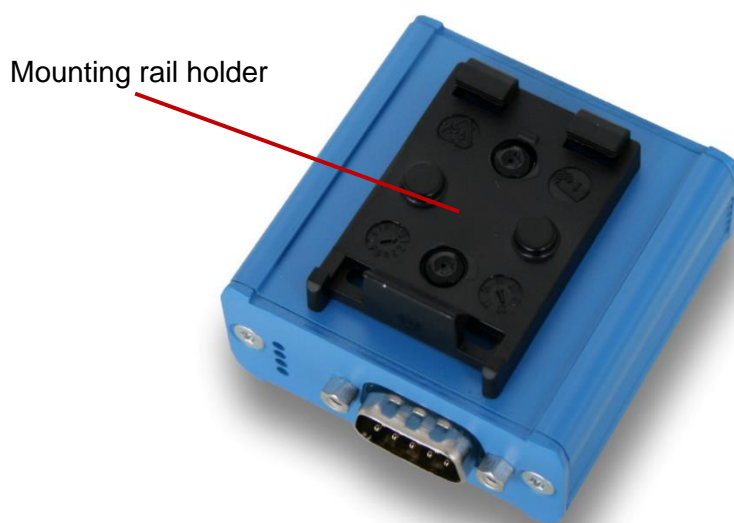
#### NOTICE

Read chapter “Hardware Installation” on page 13, before you start with the installation of the hardware!

See also from page 18 for signal assignments of the CAN connector and the USB connector.

#### 2.1.1 CAN-USB/3-FD-DINrail Back Side

The mounting rail holder is only equipped on the CAN-USB/3-FD-DINrail.



**Figure 3:** Module with mounting rail holder (CAN-USB/3-FD-DINrail only)

## 2.2 Top View with USB Interface

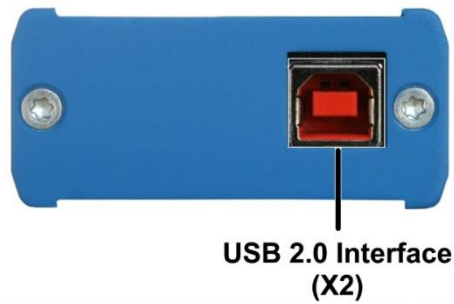


Figure 4: Module top view with USB Interface

## 2.3 Bottom View with CAN Connector and LEDs

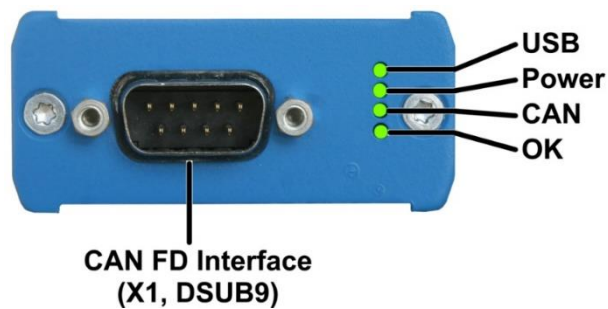


Figure 5: Module view with CAN connector and LEDs


## 2.4 LED Description

LED		Description (See Figure 5 for the position of the LEDs)
NAME	Status	
USB	on	USB module is enumerated, driver is loaded
	off	Driver is not loaded
Power	on	Module is in operation, the 5 V power supply is applied to the module
CAN	on	Activity, data is received or sent on the CAN bus in the last 200 ms. The LED remains on for a period of 200 ms after the last activity on the CAN bus.
	off	No activity on the CAN bus for at least 200 ms.
OK	on	CAN interface is initialized, bit rates are set
	off	Bit rate not set
	fast flashing (approx. 10 Hz)	CAN interface is initialized and in mode "Listen Only", the bit rate is already set
	slow flashing (approx. 1 Hz)	CAN interface is initialized and in mode "Automatic Baud rate Detection" (from firmware version 1.0.0.4 and CAN driver version 2.5.2 on)

Table 1: Description of LEDs

### 3 Hardware Installation

To put the CAN-USB/3-FD into operation, please follow the installation notes.

Step	Procedure	See Page
	<b>NOTICE</b> <b>Carefully read the safety instructions at the beginning of this document before you start with the hardware installation!</b>	5
1.	CAN-USB/3-FD-DINrail only: Optionally, you can mount the CAN-USB/3-FD-DINrail on a mounting rail by snapping the module's mounting rail holder (see <b>Figure 3</b> ) onto it.	11
2.	Connect the CAN bus via the DSUB9 connector of the CAN-USB/3-FD as described in chapter "Correctly Wiring Electrically Isolated CAN Networks".  Please note that the CAN bus must be terminated at both ends! <b>esd</b> offers special T-connectors and termination connectors for external termination. Additionally, the CAN_GND signal must be connected to earth at <b>exactly one</b> point in the CAN network.	20
3.	Connect the USB interface of the CAN-USB/3-FD-module via USB bus to your PC. Use the supplied USB cable for this purpose. The module is powered via USB.	12



#### INFORMATION

Access is supported via esd's NTCAN API.  
The software installation is described in the second part of the CAN-API documentation called 'NTCAN-API, Part 2: Installation Guide'.

## 4 Technical Data

### 4.1 General Technical Data

Power supply voltage	Via USB 2.0 bus, Nominal voltage: 5V <sub>DC</sub> Current consumption: max. 250 mA
Temperature range	0°C ... +50 °C ambient temperature
Humidity	Max. 90%, non-condensing
Protection class	IP20
Housing	Tube case, Aluminium continuous casting
Form factor / Dimensions	55 mm x 54 mm x 25 mm (Without connectors)
Weight	80 g

**Table 2:** General Data of the module



#### NOTICE

Please note that the current consumption of the module of 250 mA must be supplied (high-powered bus-powered device). The maximum current consumption of 250 mA has to be guaranteed also if a hub is used. Therefore, it is highly recommended to use a self-powered hub.

### 4.2 USB and CPU

USB interface	USB Specification Rev. 2.0, bit rate 480 Mbit/s, USB controller integrated in CPU
CPU	ARM Cortex-M7 (ATSAME70N20), 32-bit 300 MHz

**Table 3:** USB interface and microcontroller

## 4.3 Connectors accessible from Outside

Name	Function, Interfaces	Type
CAN	CAN FD interfaces	DSUB9 connector, pin contacts (X1)
USB	USB 2.0 interface	USB socket, type B (X2), high retention force

**Table 4:** Connectors, accessible from outside

## 4.4 CAN FD Interface

Number of CAN FD interfaces	1
CAN controller	Integrated in ATSAME70N20 CPU
CAN protocol	According to ISO 11898-1:2015
Physical CAN Layer	CAN FD interface according to ISO 11898-2:2016, bit rate up to 8 Mbit/s
Electrical isolation	Separation by means of optocouplers and DC/DC-converters,  Voltage over CAN isolation (CAN to slot bracket/EARTH; CAN to Host/System Ground;): 1kV DC @ 1s (I < 1 mA)
Bus termination	Terminating resistor has to be set externally, if required

**Table 5:** Data of the CAN interface

## 4.5 Software Support

Available software drivers for Windows® 10/11 are included in delivery or can be downloaded from the product page of the CAN-USB/3-FD on our website: <https://esd.eu/produkte/can-usb-3-fd>. Support of Linux® (kernel ≥ 5.19) via Linux CAN (SocketCAN) and NTCAN wrapper library, as well as other operating systems are available on request.

The firmware can be updated from the PC. Updates are available on the esd website.

Libraries for the higher layer protocols CANopen and J1939 are available for Classical CAN applications with CAN-USB/3-FD .

For detailed information about the availability of the driver for your operating system, please contact our sales team: ([sales@esd.eu](mailto:sales@esd.eu)).

The CAN layer 2 (CAN-API) software installation and the software drivers are described in the manuals:

“NTCAN-API Part 1: Structure, Function and C/C++ API” Application Developers Manual and  
“NTCAN-API Part 2: Installation, Configuration and Firmware Update” Installation Guide

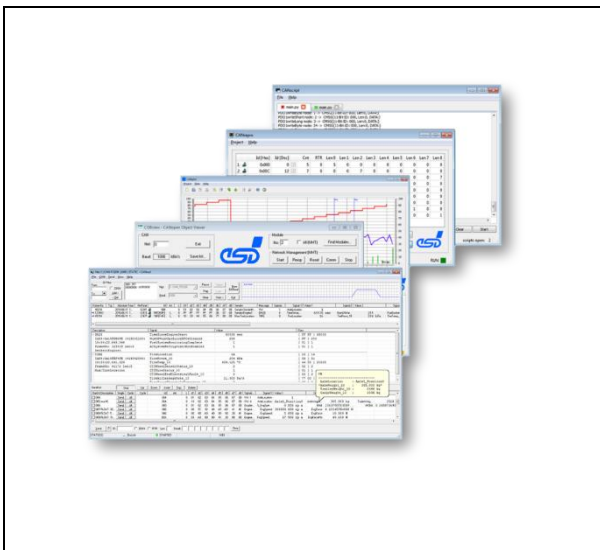
The manuals can be downloaded free of charge from our website via the product page of the CAN-USB/3-FD or the CAN-SDK page: <https://esd.eu/produkte/can-sdk>

### CAN Tools

esd offers additional free-of-charge tools for Windows, that support the efficient setup and analysis of CAN applications and networks.

The CAN Tools can be used for all esd PC-CAN interfaces (e.g. PCIe, USB, EtherCAN/2 ...)

The following CAN Tools are available:



<b>CANreal</b>	Display and record of CAN message frames
<b>CANplot</b>	Graphical display of CAN data
<b>CANrepro</b>	Replay of pre-recorded CAN messages
<b>CANscript</b>	Python based scripting tool
<b>COBview</b>	Analysis and diagnostics of CANopen® nodes

#### System Requirements:

- Windows 32-bit or 64-bit system
- 40 MB free HD drive space
- esd CAN driver installed

The CAN Tools are included in the CAN-CD as part of the esd Software Development Kit (CAN SDK) of the NTCAN-API.

The CAN SDK can also be downloaded free-of-charge from the esd website.

## 4.6 License

The CAN-USB/3-FD uses the opensource FreeRTOS™ operating system.

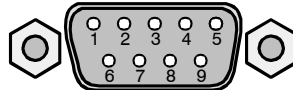
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# 5 Connector Assignments

## 5.1 CAN (DSUB9)

**Device connector:** 9-pin DSUB connector, pin contacts  
Connector pin-assignment according to CiA® 106 recommendations.

**Pin Position:**



**Pin Assignment:**

Signal	Pin		Signal
CAN_GND	6	1	Reserved
		2	CAN_L
CAN_H	7	3	CAN_GND
Reserved	8	4	Reserved
Reserved	9	5	Shield

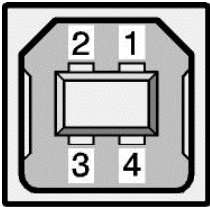
**Signal Description:**

CAN_L, CAN_H ...	CAN signal lines
CAN_GND ...	Reference potential of the local CAN physical layer
Shield ...	Shielding (connected with the case of the 9-pin DSUB connector and with the case of CAN-USB/3-FD)
Reserved ...	Reserved for future applications, do not connect!

## 5.2 USB Socket

**Device connector:** USB receptacle, standard type-B, high retention force

Pin Position:




Pin Assignment:

Pin	Signal
1	V <sub>BUS</sub>
2	D-
3	D+
4	GND
-	Shield

**Signal Description:**

VBUS ...	+5 V power supply voltage
D+, D-...	USB signal lines Data+, Data-
GND...	Reference potential
Shield	Shielding (connected with the case of the USB connector and with the case of the CAN-USB/3-FD)



**NOTICE**

As USB 2.0 device, the CAN-USB/3-FD can be connected to USB ports that comply with USB standards at least from USB 1.1!

Please note that at least USB 2.0 is required for USB high-speed operation.

## 6 Correct Wiring of Electrically Isolated CAN Networks



### NOTICE

This chapter applies to CAN networks with bit rates up to 1 Mbit/s.

If you work with higher bit rates, as for example used for CAN FD, the information given in this chapter must be examined for applicability in each individual case.

For further information refer to the CiA® CAN FD guidelines and recommendations

(<https://www.can-cia.org/>).

For the CAN wiring all applicable rules and regulations (EU, DIN), such as regarding electromagnetic compatibility, security distances, cable cross-section or material, must be observed.

### 6.1 CAN Wiring Standards

The flexibility in CAN network design is a major strength of the various extensions based on the original CAN standard ISO 11898-2, such as CANopen®, ARINC825, DeviceNet® and NMEA2000. However, taking advantage of this flexibility absolutely requires a network design that considers the interactions of all network parameters.

In some cases, the CAN organizations have adapted the scope of CAN in their specifications to enable applications outside the ISO 11898 standard. They have imposed system-level restrictions on data rate, line length and parasitic bus loads.

However, when designing CAN networks, a margin must always be planned for signal losses over the entire system and cabling, parasitic loads, network imbalances, potential differences against earth potential, and signal integrities. **Therefore, the maximum achievable number of nodes, bus lengths and stub lengths may differ from the theoretically possible number!**

esd has limited its recommendations for CAN wiring to the specifications of ISO 11898-2.

A description of the special features of the derived specifications CANopen, ARINC825, DeviceNet, and NMEA2000 is omitted here

The consistent compliance with the ISO 11898-2 standard offers significant advantages:

- Reliable operation due to proven design specifications
- Minimization of error sources due to sufficient distance to the physical limits.
- Easy maintenance because there are no "special cases" to consider for future network modifications and troubleshooting.

Of course, reliable networks can be designed according to the specifications of CANopen, ARINC825, DeviceNet and NMEA2000, **however it must be observed that it is strictly not recommended to mix the wiring guidelines of the various specifications!**

## 6.2 Light Industrial Environment (*Single Twisted Pair Cable*)

### 6.2.1 General Rules

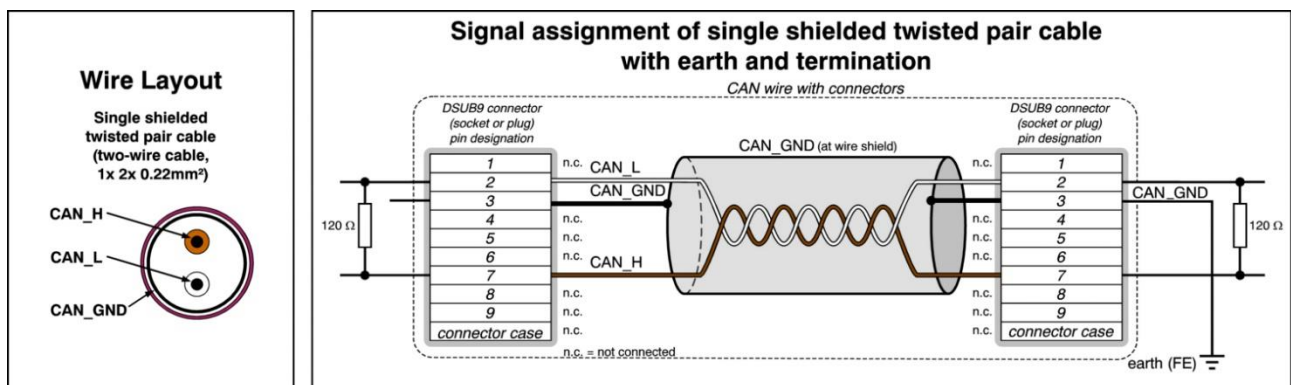


#### NOTICE

esd grants the EU Conformity of the product if the CAN wiring is carried out with at least single shielded **single** twisted pair cables that match the requirements of ISO 11898-2. Single shielded *double* twisted pair cable wiring as described in chapter 6.3 ensures the EU Conformity as well.

The following **general rules** for CAN wiring with single shielded *single* twisted pair cable should be followed:

1	A suitable cable type with a wave impedance of about $120\ \Omega \pm 10\%$ with an adequate conductor cross-section ( $\geq 0.22\ \text{mm}^2$ ) must be used. The voltage drop over the wire must be considered.
2	For light industrial environment use at least a two-wire CAN cable, the wires of which must be assigned as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two twisted wires must be assigned to the data signals (CAN_H, CAN_L).</li> <li>• The cable shield must be connected to the reference potential (CAN_GND).</li> </ul>
3	The reference potential CAN_GND must be connected to the functional earth (FE) at exactly <b>one</b> point.
4	A CAN bus line must not branch (exception: short cable stubs) and must be terminated with the characteristic impedance of the line (generally $120\ \Omega \pm 10\%$ ) at both ends (between the signals CAN_L and CAN_H and <b>not</b> at CAN_GND).
5	Keep cable stubs as short as possible ( $l < 0.3\ \text{m}$ ).
6	Select a working combination of bit rate and cable length.
7	Keep away cables from disturbing sources. If this cannot be avoided, double shielded wires are recommended.



**Figure 6:** CAN wiring for light industrial environment

### 6.2.2 Cabling

- To connect CAN devices with just one CAN connector per net use a short stub ( $< 0.3$  m) and a T-connector (available as accessory). If these devices are located at the end of the CAN network, the CAN terminator “CAN-Termination-DSUB9” can be used.

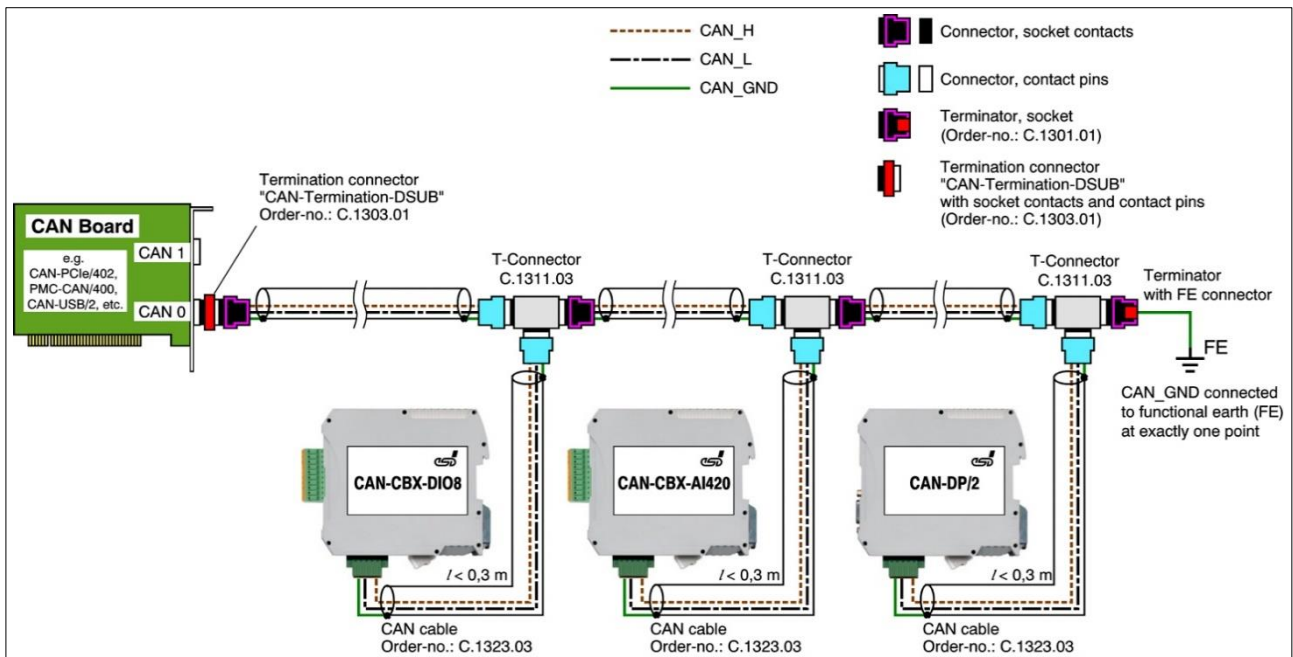


Figure 7: Example for proper wiring with single shielded single twisted pair wires

### 6.2.3 Branching

- In principle the CAN bus must be realized in a line. The nodes are connected to the main CAN bus line via short cable stubs. This is normally realised by so called T-connectors. esd offers the CAN-T-Connector (Order No.: C.1311.03)
- If a mixed application of single twisted and double twisted cables cannot be avoided, ensure that the CAN\_GND line is not interrupted!
- Deviations from the bus structure can be realized by using repeaters.

### 6.2.4 Termination Resistor

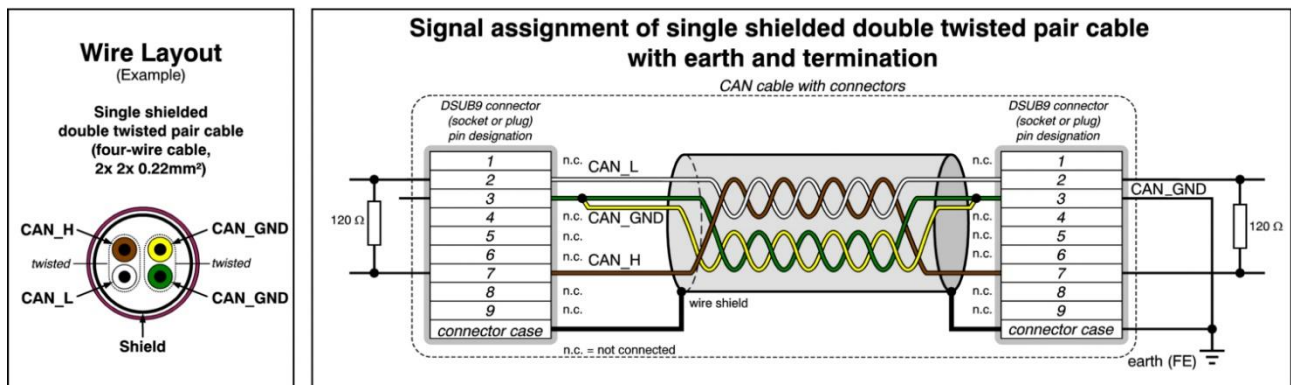
- A termination resistor must be connected at both ends of the CAN bus. If an integrated CAN termination resistor is connected to the CAN interface at the end of the CAN bus, this integrated termination must be used instead of an external CAN termination resistor.
- 9-pole DSUB-termination connectors with integrated termination resistor and pin contacts and socket contacts are available from esd (order no. C.1303.01).
- For termination of the CAN bus and grounding of the CAN\_GND, DSUB terminators with pin contacts (order no. C.1302.01) or socket contacts (order no. C.1301.01) and with additional functional earth contact are available.

## 6.3 Heavy Industrial Environment (Double Twisted Pair Cable)

### 6.3.1 General Rules

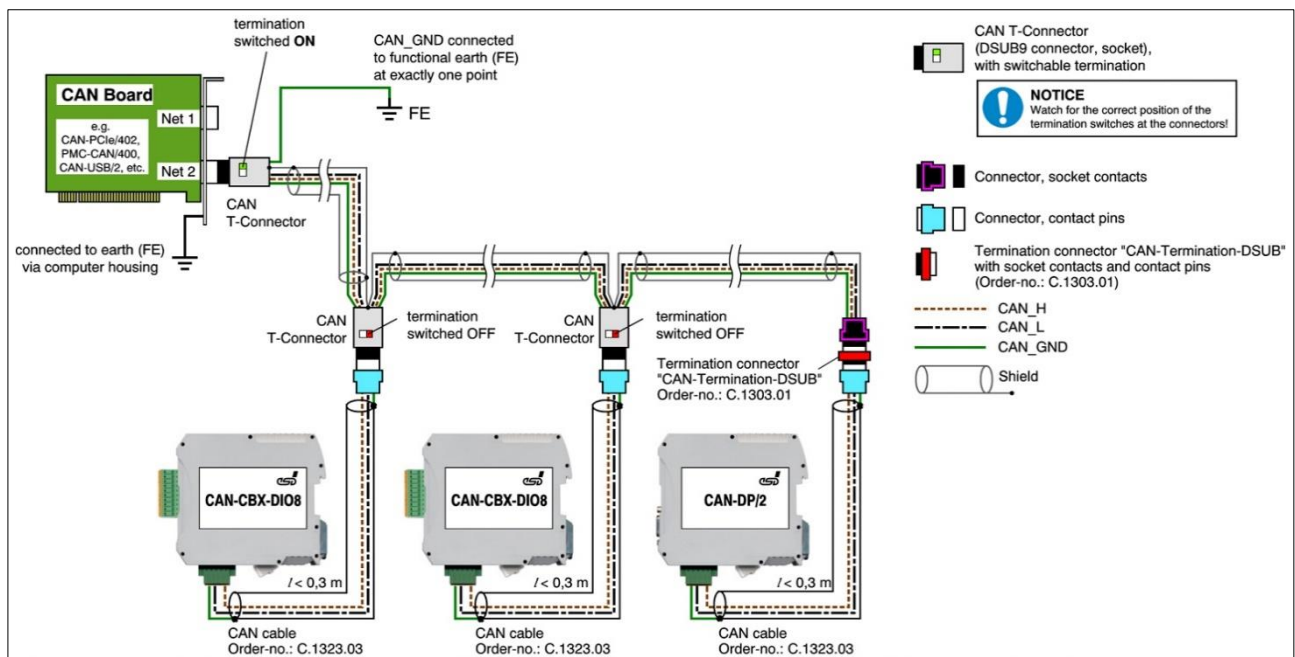
The following **general rules** for the CAN wiring with single shielded *double* twisted pair cable should be followed:

1	A suitable cable type with a wave impedance of about $120\ \Omega \pm 10\%$ with an adequate conductor cross-section ( $\geq 0.22\ \text{mm}^2$ ) must be used. The voltage drop over the wire must be considered.
2	For heavy industrial environment use a four-wire CAN cable, the wires of which must be assigned as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two twisted wires must be assigned to the data signals (CAN_H, CAN_L) and</li> <li>• The other two twisted wires must be assigned to the reference potential (CAN_GND).</li> <li>• The cable shield must be connected to functional earth (FE) at least at one point.</li> </ul>
3	The reference potential CAN_GND must be connected to the functional earth (FE) at exactly <b>one</b> point.
4	A CAN bus line must not branch (exception: short cable stubs) and must be terminated with the characteristic impedance of the line (generally $120\ \Omega \pm 10\%$ ) at both ends (between the signals CAN_L and CAN_H and <b>not</b> to CAN_GND).
5	Keep cable stubs as short as possible ( $l < 0.3\ \text{m}$ ).
6	Select a working combination of bit rate and cable length.
7	Keep away CAN cables from disturbing sources. If this cannot be avoided, double shielded cables are recommended.



**Figure 8:** CAN wiring for heavy industrial environment

### 6.3.2 Device Cabling



**Figure 9:** Example of proper wiring with single shielded double twisted pair cables

### 6.3.3 Branching

- In principle, the CAN bus must be realized in a line. The nodes are connected to the main CAN bus line via short cable stubs. This is usually realised via so called T-connectors. When using esd's CAN-T-Connector (order no.: C.1311.03) in heavy industrial environment and with four-wire twisted cables, it must be noted that the shield potential of the conductive DSUB housing is not looped through this type of T-connector. This interrupts the shielding. Therefore, you must take appropriate measures to connect the shield potentials, as described in the manual of the CAN-T-Connector. For further information on this, please refer to the CAN-T-Connector Manual (order no.: C.1311.21). Alternatively, a T-connector can be used, in which the shield potential is looped through, for example the DSUB9 connector from ERNI (ERBIC CAN BUS MAX, order no.:154039).
- If a mixed application of single twisted and double twisted cables cannot be avoided, ensure that the CAN\_GND line is not interrupted!
- Deviations from the bus structure can be realized by using repeaters.

### 6.3.4 Termination Resistor

- A termination resistor must be connected at both ends of the CAN bus. If an integrated CAN termination resistor is connected to the CAN interface at the end of the CAN bus, this integrated termination must be used instead of an external CAN termination resistor.
- 9-pole DSUB-termination connectors with integrated termination resistor and pin contacts and socket contacts are available from esd (order no. C.1303.01).
- 9-pole DSUB-connectors with integrated switchable termination resistor can be ordered for example from ERNI (ERBIC CAN BUS MAX, socket contacts, order no.:154039).

## 6.4 Electrical Grounding

- For CAN devices with electrical isolation the CAN\_GND must be connected between the CAN devices.
- CAN\_GND should be connected to the earth potential (FE) at **exactly one** point of the network.
- Each *CAN interface with electrical connection to earth potential* acts as a grounding point. For this reason, it is recommended not to connect more than one *CAN device with electrical connection to earth potential*.
- Grounding can be done for example at a termination connector (e.g. order no. C.1302.01 or C.1301.01).

## 6.5 Bus Length

The bus length of a CAN network must be adapted to the set bit rate. The maximum values result from the fact that the time required for a bit to be transmitted in the bus system is shorter the higher the transmission rate is. However, as the line length increases, so does the time it takes for a bit to reach the other end of the bus. It should be noted that the signal is not only transmitted, but the receiver must also respond to the transmitter within a certain time. The transmitter, in turn, must detect any change in bus level from the receiver(s). Delay times on the line, the transceiver, the controller, oscillator tolerances and the set sampling time must be considered.

In the following table you will find guide values for the achievable bus lengths at certain bit rates.

Bit Rate [kbit/s]	Theoretical values of reachable wire length with esd interface $l_{\max}$ [m]	CiA recommendations (07/95) for reachable wire lengths $l_{\min}$ [m]	Standard values of the cross-section according to CiA 303-1 [mm <sup>2</sup> ]
1000	37	25	0.25 to 0.34
800	59	50	0.34 to 0.6
666. $\overline{6}$	80	-	
500	130	100	
333. $\overline{3}$	180	-	
250	270	250	
166	420	-	0.5 to 0.6
125	570	500	
100	710	650	0.75 to 0.8
83. $\overline{3}$	850	-	
66. $\overline{6}$	1000	-	
50	1400	1000	
33. $\overline{3}$	2000	-	not defined in CiA 303-1
20	3600	2500	
12.5	5400	-	
10	7300	5000	

**Table 6:** Recommended cable lengths at typical bit rates (with esd-CAN interfaces)

Optical couplers are delaying the CAN signals. esd modules typically achieve a wire length of 37 m at 1 Mbit/s within a proper terminated CAN network without impedance disturbances, such as those caused by cable stubs > 0.3 m.



### NOTICE

Please note that the cables, connectors, and termination resistors used in CANopen networks shall meet the requirements defined in ISO 11898-2. In addition, further recommendations of the CiA, like standard values of the cross section, depending on the cable length, are described in the CiA recommendation CiA 303-1 (see CiA 303 CANopen Recommendation - Part 1: “Cabling and connector pin assignment,” Version 1.9.0, Table 2). Recommendations for pin-assignment of the connectors are described in CiA 106: “Connector pin-assignment recommendations”.

## 6.6 Examples for CAN Cables

esd recommends the following two-wire and four-wire cable types for CAN network design. These cable types are used by esd for ready-made CAN cables, too.

### 6.6.1 Cable for Light Industrial Environment Applications (Two-Wire)

Manufacturer	Cable Type
U.I. LAPP GmbH Schulze-Delitzsch-Straße 25 70565 Stuttgart Germany <a href="http://www.lappkabel.com">www.lappkabel.com</a>	e.g. UNITRONIC ®-BUS CAN UL/CSA (1x 2x 0.22) (UL/CSA approved) Part No.: 2170260
	UNITRONIC ®-BUS-FD P CAN UL/CSA (1x 2x 0.25) (UL/CSA approved) Part No.: 2170272
ConCab GmbH Äußerer Eichwald 74535 Mainhardt Germany <a href="http://www.concab.de">www.concab.de</a>	e. g. BUS-PVC-C (1x 2x 0.22 mm²) Order No.: 93 022 016 (UL appr.)
	BUS-Schleppflex-PUR-C (1x 2x 0.25 mm²) Order No.: 94 025 016 (UL appr.)

### 6.6.2 Cable for Heavy Industrial Environment Applications (Four-Wire)

Manufacturer	Cable Type
U.I. LAPP GmbH Schulze-Delitzsch-Straße 25 70565 Stuttgart Germany <a href="http://www.lappkabel.com">www.lappkabel.com</a>	e.g. UNITRONIC ®-BUS CAN UL/CSA (2x 2x 0.22) (UL/CSA approved) Part No.: 2170261
	UNITRONIC ®-BUS-FD P CAN UL/CSA (2x 2x 0.25) (UL/CSA approved) Part No.: 2170273
ConCab GmbH Äußerer Eichwald 74535 Mainhardt Germany <a href="http://www.concab.de">www.concab.de</a>	e. g. BUS-PVC-C (2x 2x 0.22 mm²) Order No.: 93 022 026 (UL appr.)
	BUS-Schleppflex-PUR-C (2x 2x 0.25 mm²) Order No.: 94 025 026 (UL appr.)

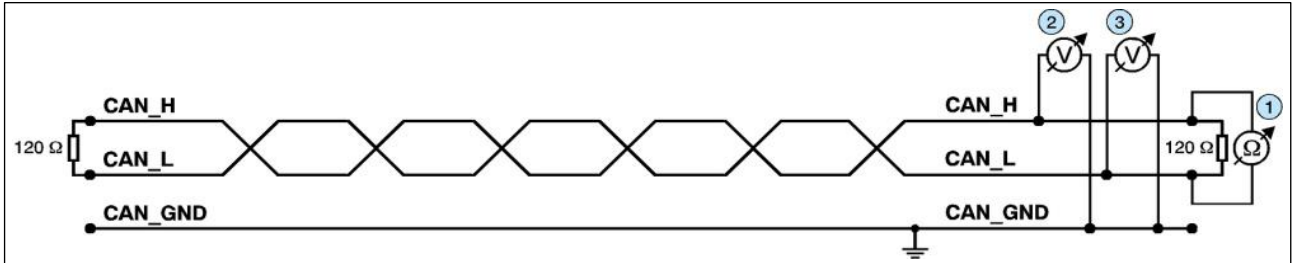


### INFORMATION

Ready-made CAN cables with standard or custom length can be ordered from **esd**.

# 7 CAN Troubleshooting Guide

The CAN Troubleshooting Guide is a guide to finding and eliminating the most common problems and errors when setting up CAN bus networks and CAN-based systems.



**Figure 10:** Simplified diagram of a CAN network

## 7.1 Termination

The bus termination is used to match impedance of a node to the impedance of the bus line used. If the impedance is mismatched, the transmitted signal is not completely absorbed by the load and will be partially reflected back into the transmission line.

If the impedances of the sources, transmission lines and loads are equal, the reflections are avoided. This test measures the total resistance of the two CAN data lines and the connected terminating resistors.

**To test this, please proceed as follows:**

1. Switch off the supply voltages of all connected CAN nodes.
2. Measure the DC resistance between CAN\_H and CAN\_L at one end of the network, measuring point ① (see figure above).

### Expected result:

The measured value should be between 50 Ω and 70 Ω.

### Possible causes of error:

- If the determined value is below 50 Ω, please make sure that:
  - There is no **short circuit** between CAN\_H and CAN\_L wiring.
  - **No more than two** terminating resistors are connected.
  - The transceivers of the individual nodes are not defective.
- If the determined value is higher than 70 Ω, please make sure that:
  - All CAN\_H and CAN\_L lines are correctly connected.
  - Two terminating resistors of 120 Ω each are connected to your CAN network (one at each end).

## 7.2 Electrical Grounding

The CAN\_GND of the CAN network should be connected to the functional earth potential (FE) at only **one** point. This test indicates whether the CAN\_GND is grounded at one or more points.

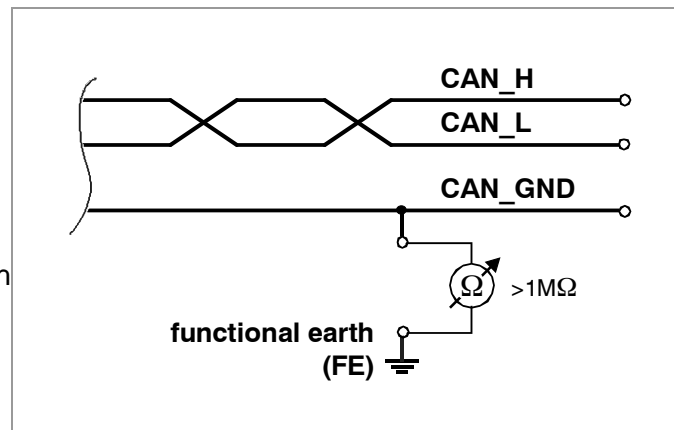
Please note that this test can only be performed with electrically isolated CAN nodes.

**To test this, please proceed as follows:**

1. Disconnect the CAN\_GND from the earth potential (FE).
2. Measure the DC resistance between CAN\_GND and earth potential (see figure on the right).

Do not forget to reconnect CAN\_GND to earth potential after the test!

**Figure 11:** Simplified schematic diagram of ground test measurement



**Expected result:**

The measured resistance should be greater than 1 MΩ. If it is smaller, please search for additional grounding of the CAN\_GND wires.

## 7.3 Short Circuit in CAN Wiring

A CAN bus might possibly still be able to transmit data even if CAN\_GND and CAN\_L are short-circuited. However, this will usually cause the error rate to rise sharply. Ensure that there is no short circuit between CAN\_GND and CAN\_L!

## 7.4 Correct Voltage Levels on CAN\_H and CAN\_L

Each node contains a CAN transceiver that outputs differential signals. When the network communication is idle the CAN\_H and CAN\_L voltages are approximately 2.5 V measured to CAN\_GND. Defective transceivers can cause the idle voltages to vary and disrupt network communication.

**To test for defective transceivers, please proceed as follows:**

1. Switch on all supply voltages.
2. Terminate all network communication.
3. Measure the DC voltage between CAN\_H and CAN\_GND, measuring point ②.  
(See “Simplified diagram of a CAN network” on previous page).
4. Measure the DC voltage between CAN\_L and CAN\_GND, measuring point ③.  
(See “Simplified diagram of a CAN network” on previous page).

**Expected result:**

The measured voltage should be between 2.0 V and 3.0 V.

**Possible causes of error:**

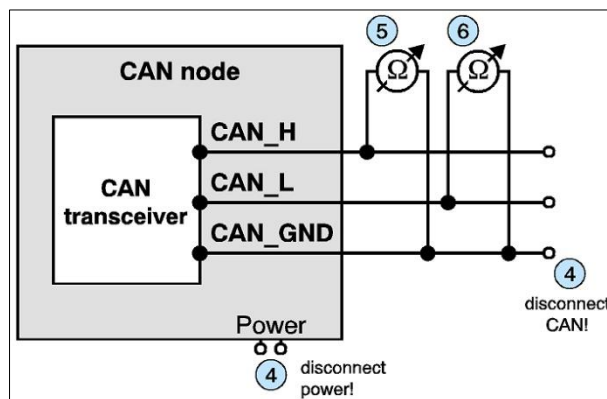
- If the voltage is lower than 2.0 V or higher than 3.0 V, it is possible that one or more nodes have defective transceivers.
  - If the voltage is lower than 2.0 V, please check the connections of the CAN\_H and CAN\_L lines.
- To find a node with a defective transceiver within a network, please check individually the resistances of the CAN transceivers of the nodes (see next section).

## 7.5 CAN Transceiver Resistance Test

CAN transceivers have circuits that control CAN\_H and CAN\_L. Experience shows that electrical damage can increase the leakage current in these circuits.

**To measure the current leakage through the CAN circuits, please use an ohmmeter and proceed as follows:**

1. Switch **off** the node ④ and **disconnect** it from the CAN network.  
(See figure below.)
2. Measure the DC resistance between CAN\_H and CAN\_GND, measuring point ⑤  
(See figure below.)
3. Measure the DC resistance between CAN\_L and CAN\_GND, measuring point ⑥  
(See figure below.)



**Figure 12:** Measuring the internal resistance of CAN transceivers

**Expected result:**

The measured resistance should be greater than 10 kΩ for each measurement.

**Possible causes of error:**

- If the resistance is significantly lower, the CAN transceiver may be defective.
- Another indication of a defective CAN transceiver is a very high deviation of the two measured input resistances (> 200 %).

## 7.6 Support by esd

If you have followed the troubleshooting steps in this troubleshooting guide and still cannot find a solution to your problem, our support team can help.

Please contact our support by email to [support@esd.eu](mailto:support@esd.eu) or by phone **+49-511-37298-130**.

## 8 Declaration of Conformity

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## 9 Order Information

### 9.1 Hardware

Type	Properties	Order No.
CAN-USB/3-FD	Intelligent CAN FD interface for the USB port in a compact and robust aluminum housing. Supports USB 2.0 High-Speed with up to 480 Mbit/s and CAN FD with physical layer according to ISO 11898-2 with optical isolation and a CAN data rate of up to 8 Mbit/s. The module is powered via USB.  Drivers and tools for Windows are included. Support for Linux is provided via SocketCAN.	C.2076.62
CAN-USB/3-FD-DINrail	As C.2076.62 but with additional mounting rail holder for DIN rail mounting	C.2076.63

**Table 7:** Order information hardware

### 9.2 Software for CAN-USB/3-FD

Type	Order No.
CAN layer 2 software drivers for Windows are included in delivery of CAN-USB/3-FD (C.2076.62). Linux support via Linux CAN (SocketCAN) and NTCAN wrapper library.	
Higher-Layer Protocol Stacks including CD-ROM for <b>Classical CAN Applications:</b>	
CANopen Software Stack Windows/Linux	C.1101.06
J1939 Stack for Windows (Object)	C.1130.10
For detailed information about the driver availability for your special operating system, please contact our sales team.	

**Table 8:** Order information software for CAN-USB/3-FD-FD

### 9.3 Manuals

#### PDF Manuals

Please download the manuals as PDF documents from our esd website <https://www.esd.eu> for free.

Manuals		Order No.
CAN-USB/3-FD-ME	Hardware manual in English	C.2076.23
CAN-API-ME	NTCAN-API manual Part 1: Application Developers Manual NTCAN-API manual Part 2: Driver Installation Guide	C.2001.21
CANopen-ME	CANopen Software Stack, manuals in English	C.2002.21
J1939 Stack ME	J1939 Stack software manual in English	C.1130.21

**Table 9:** Available Manuals

#### Printed Manuals

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