

ThunderStruck Motors VCU v3.1.23 Feature List – July 2023

Refer to the Vehicle Control Unit (VCU) Manual on our website for detailed instructions:

http://www.thunderstruck-ev.com/images/companies/1/DD_VCUv3.1R3.pdf

The v3.1.7 VCU release includes the following features:

- Controls UQM, UQM Coda and Nissan Leaf motor inverters (2011-2017 Leaf)
- Software feathered throttle with seamless regenerative braking
- Throttle on start protection, dual throttle channel option
- Throttle mapping for torque slope control
- Forward/Neutral/Reverse feature with in-motion protection against direction change
- 5 volt output for throttle sensor (pot or hall)
- Outputs for pre-charge and main contactors
- Brake light relay control during regenerative braking
- Reverse light relay control option
- Software settable canbus termination resistor (120 Ohm)
- Canbus and status tracing for debugging
- Simple command line user interface for Windows and Mac
- Throttle off/max voltage settings (thw1off/thw1max)
- Configurable torque: maximum (maxtorque), throttle regen (idleregen), brake (brakeregen)
- Acceleration Limiter (accellim) - torque change per second, "jerk" control
- Throttle zero torque position (deadspot) in percent of travel
- Torque taper (maxrpm torque, torquekneerpm) settings limit torque and current at high rpm
- Maximum pack voltage setting (regenmax) limits regenerative braking for charged packs
- Minimum pre-charge voltage setting (prechgminv) tested prior to closing main contactor

Initial Nissan Leaf Configuration Example:

show config

THROTTLE

```
thtype : hall          ** use hall type for 5 volt hall effect and potentiometer
thw1off : 0.10v        ** set to min throttle voltage **
thw1max : 4.90v        ** set to max throttle voltage **
```

MAP

```
range1 : 0..100% throttle => 0..100% torque
deadspot : 30%        ** this is the throttle range used for variable regeneration **
```

BRAKE

```
brtype : switch
brakeregen: 450.0Nm   ** max shown, reduce to 50 for bench testing **
```

MOTOR/INVERTER

```
inverter : leaf       ** set to inverter type **
maxtorque : 1632.0Nm  ** 80kw max shown, reduce to 100 for bench testing **
maxrpm : 10000        ** max shown, set to max motor/drivetrain RPM
accellim : 2500Nm/100ms ** 4000 fast response, 500 slow response **
idleregen : 300.0Nm   ** reduce to 50 for bench testing **
maxrpm torque : 50.0Nm ** torque at top of taper, set to 0 to revert to max torque **
torquekneerpm: 5000   ** starts taper to maxrpm torque - set to 0 for max torque **
prechgminv: 310.0V    ** set to minimum operating pack voltage **
regenmax : 410.0V     ** set to maximum pack voltage - protects from overcharge **
```

OPTIONS

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FNR : enabled (Forward/Neutral/Reverse switch)
canterm : enabled (CAN termination resistor)
```

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