

RNS 510 Radio/Navigation System

How the touch screen works

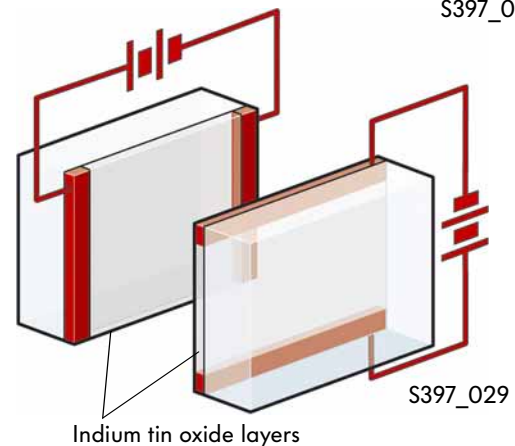
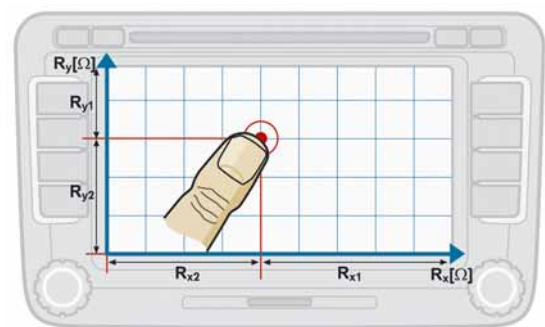
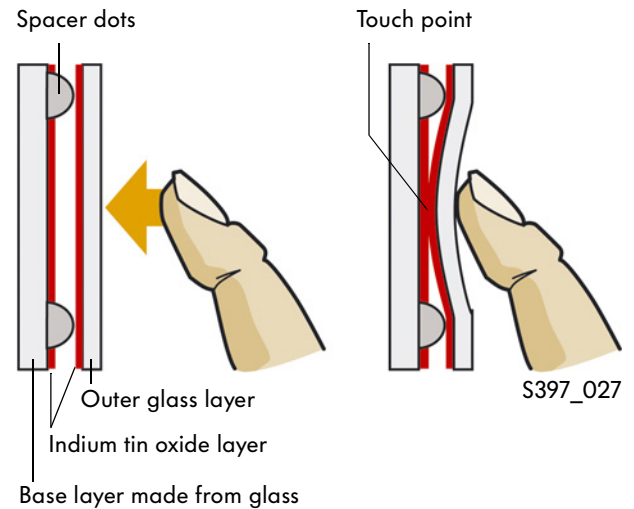
The touch screen used on the RNS 510 radio navigation system works according to the resistive principle. This means that the touch recognition uses resistance-based technology.

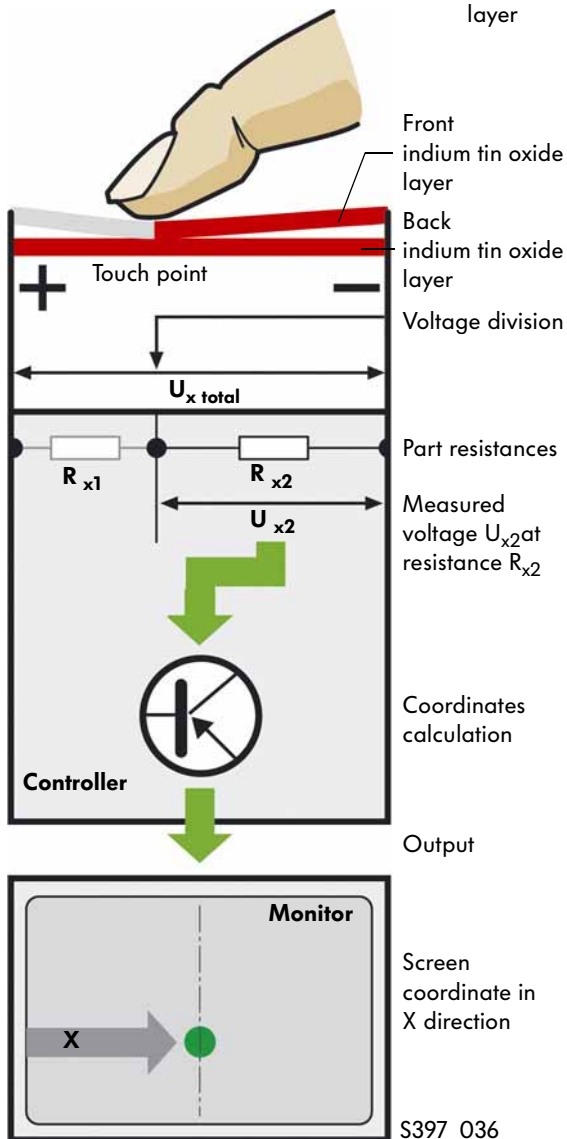
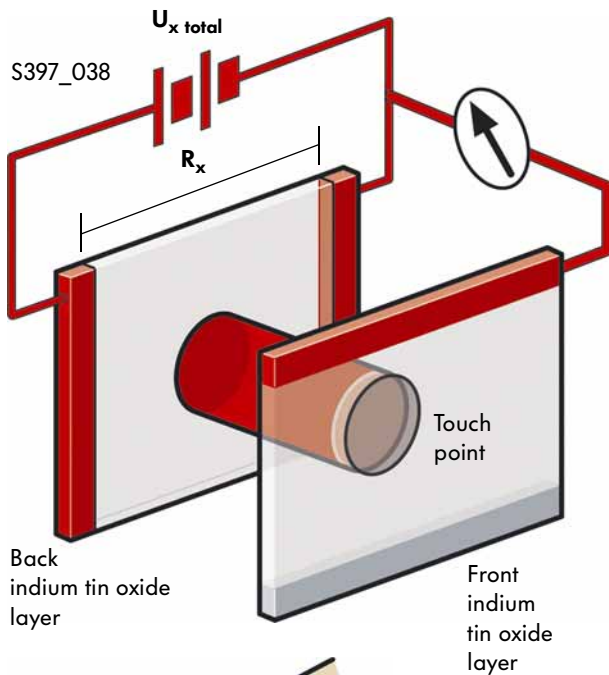
When you touch the touch screen, the outer glass layer is pressed against the glass base layer. The two indium tin oxide coatings, which are separated by the spacer dots when the screen is not touched, come into electrical contact.

To simplify explanation, you can imagine the touch-sensitive surface that is formed by the two indium tin oxide-coated glass layers as a coordinate system. Each touch point on this surface can be located with a horizontal and vertical distance from the edge of the monitor. Electrical resistances are used as values for the horizontal and vertical distances.

A horizontal and vertical coordinate value is determined by current flow direction of the two coatings being turned 90° towards each other. A direct voltage of 5 volts is applied 25 times per second alternating to the upper or lower indium tin oxide layer.

The touch screen signals are evaluated via a separate controller in the radio/navigation system.





The horizontal and vertical monitor coordinates are determined based on the principle of the voltage divider. Another example of this functioning principle is the potentiometer.

To clarify the procedures taking place in the touch-sensitive layer of the touch screen, we will break down the process into two steps:

- measurement in horizontal direction and
- measurement in vertical direction

Measurement in horizontal direction

The touch screen controller first applies a voltage of 5 volt ($U_{x \text{ total}}$) to the rear indium tin oxide layer so that a current flows through this coating in horizontal direction (X-direction).

The total path between the two voltage poles has a fixed resistance R_x .

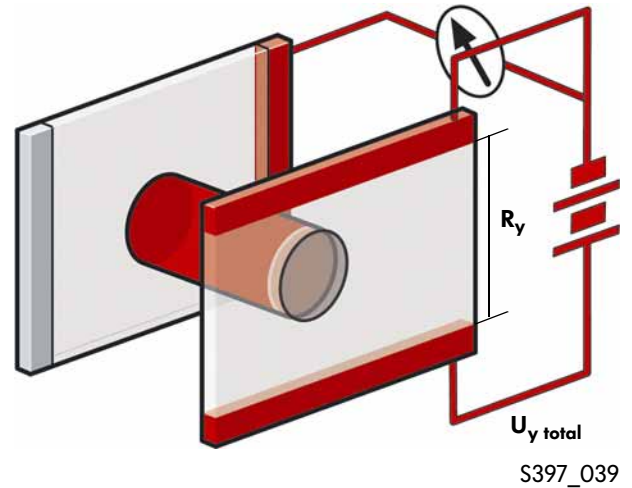
When the touch screen is touched, an electrical contact is created from the front to the back layer. The contact point divides the total resistance between the two voltage poles of the rear coating into the two part resistances R_{x1} and R_{x2} . The controller now measures the voltage U_{x2} at part resistance R_{x2} with the help of the top coating. The controller uses the measured voltage to calculate the value for the distance from the touch point to the edge of the monitor and thus determines the X-coordinate of the touch point on the screen.



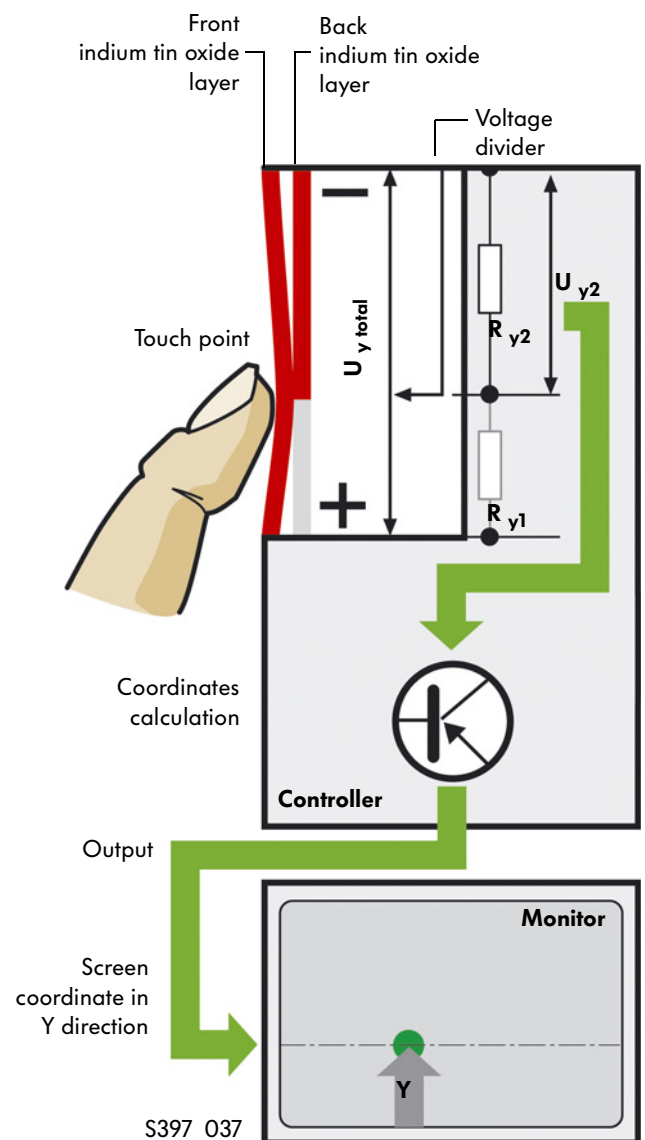
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Measurement in vertical direction

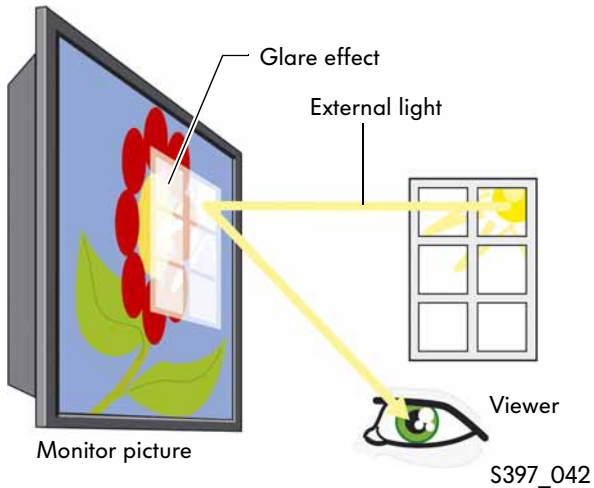
To determine the second coordinate of the touch point, the controller applies the voltage ($U_{y\text{ total}}$) of 5 volt to the front indium tin oxide layer. The current now flows in vertical direction (Y-direction). There is also a fixed resistance R_y between the two voltage poles here. When the screen is touched, two part resistances R_{y1} and R_{y2} occur again in accordance with the principle of voltage division. The controller measures the voltage U_{y2} at resistance R_{y2} and uses it to calculate the vertical coordinate value of the touch point.



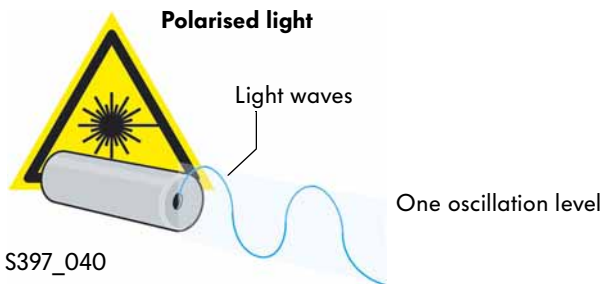
Any touch point on the monitor surface can be clearly determined from the calculated X and Y-coordinates. If an action is programmed for a coordinate point in the software, e.g. pixel of a "Fast forward media" soft button, the system will carry out this command when the screen is touch at this point.



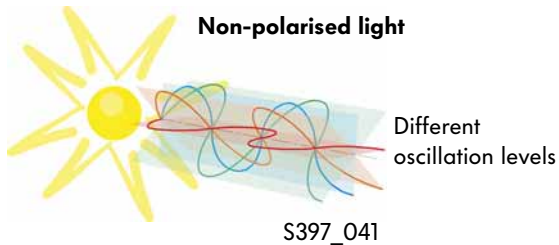
Large glare effect without polarisation film



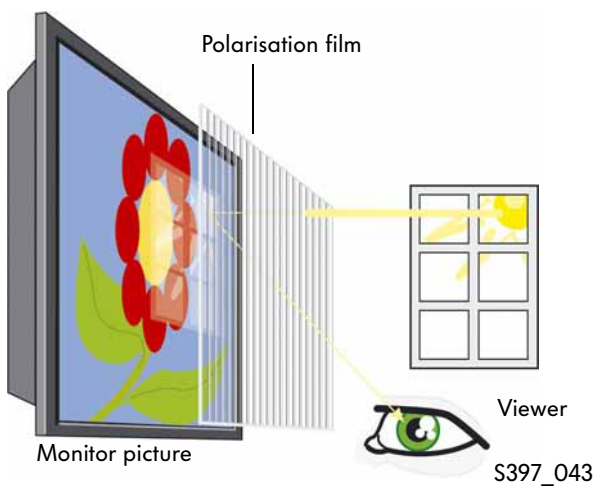
Polarised light



Non-polarised light



Lower glare effect thanks to polarisation film



Polarisation filter on touch screen

Smooth surfaces like glass reflect light so that the picture on a monitor is difficult to see when light conditions are too bright.

Polarisation filters are used to change the reflection behaviour and thus reduce glare effects. They consist of a plastic film of long, parallel molecule chains.

Basics

Electromagnetic beams like visible light, can be imagined as waves.

With polarised light, as emitted by lasers, for example, all waves oscillate only on one oscillation level.

With other light sources, for example, like the sun, the oscillations are on many different oscillation levels that are turned against each other. This kind of light is non-polarised light.



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Storage media

The RNS 510 radio navigation system uses an internal hard drive as a storage medium and a reader for digital memory cards (SD cards).

Internal hard drive of RNS 510

The RNS 510 has a 2.5" IDE single-platter hard drive to handle and manage large quantities of data.

(IDE = Integrated Drive Electronics)

Unlike the hard drives used in PCs, the drive used in the RNS 510 is specially designed for automotive use and has been adapted to the associated requirements. This means it is more resistant to vibrations and has a greater working temperature range (-20°C to + 80°C) than conventional hard drives. It also has a reduced standard speed of 4172rpm and a greater error tolerance.

The hard drive currently has a memory capacity of 30 gigabytes (Gb) with a fixed partitioning. Approx. 10Gb is for navigation data and approx. 20Gb for media data, for example, Windows Media Audio data (WMA), Motion Pictures expert group layer-3 data (MP3), PLAYLISTS etc.

Therefore only data formats are stored on the hard drive.



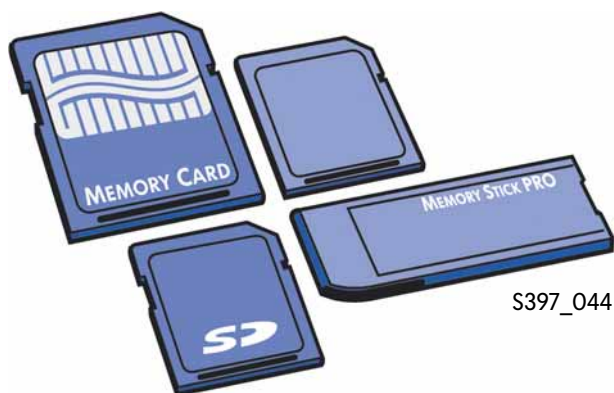
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It is not possible to store DVD, audio CD, video and CDA data on the media partition of the internal hard drive for copyright reasons as well as for technical reasons with JPEG formats.



The hard drive is permanently built into the radio/navigation system and not intended for exchange at workshops.



SD card reader

Using the reader built into the RNS 510, it is possible to read SD cards as used in mobile devices and PCs. SD stands for “Secure Digital”. SD cards are rewritable storage media (flash memory). The RNS510 can currently read SD cards with a capacity of up to 2 gigabytes. The card is controlled by a controller integrated in the reader.

Depending on the memory card quality, different reading speeds of up to 6Mb per second are possible.

The reader used in the RNS 510 is programmed so that only music and audio data (MP3, WMA and PLAYLISTS) can be uploaded from the memory card to the hard drive. Other data formats are not supported by the device reading program (browser).

It is possible to store the data from the SD memory card on the hard drive. However, it is not possible to transfer data from the hard drive in the radio/navigation system to an SD memory card (copyright).



Front panel of RNS 510 with SD memory card reader, for example, in Golf, Tiguan, Touran and Passat

The slot for the SD memory cards is on the control panel and is not labelled. Its position depends on the type of vehicle. In the Touareg, the slot is to the left of the display and, in all other variants, it is underneath the display.



Front panel of RNS 510 with SD memory card reader in Touareg

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DVD player

Since a DVD drive is used in the RNS 510, it is also possible to play standard video DVDs in addition to reading the navigation DVD that comes with the system. As DVDs (Digital Versatile Discs) use different regional codes (DVD code) depending on the supplier or country of purchase, the DVD player needs to be set to the valid code.

It is possible to switch between different DVD codes in the "Adaptation" diagnosis mode.



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The DVD player in the RNS 510 supports the following reading formats:

- Navigation DVD data (no navigation CDs)
- DVD video
- DVD audio
- Data CDs and data DVDs with the MP3 and WMA data formats as well as playlists
- Music CDs in CDA format (normal purchased music CD)

The MP3, WMA and playlist data formats can also be saved on the internal hard drive.



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If sometimes an MP3 track cannot be played back by the DVD player, this could be caused by the DRM copy protection of the track. DRM stands for "Digital Rights Management". This license is not supported by the RNS 510.

Display functions



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The touch screen on the RNS 510 radio/navigation system has numerous display functions and display possibilities. In addition to the graphics menus for radio, telephone and various other settings, it can also display real pictures for the TV, video and reversing camera (optional) functions.

A video signal can either be fed in internally via the DVD player or externally via the AV connection on the radio/navigation system.

It is planned for the future to allow adjustment of the air conditioning system with graphics via the touch screen on the radio/navigation system.

An MDI interface is also planned.

MDI stands for "Media Device Interface". This is an interface to which various electronic devices like, for example, MP3 players, handhelds, USB sticks, external DVD devices and other compatible playback units can be connected and displayed on the touch screen.

The following functions are explained briefly in the following section:

- Menu switch-over support
- Alpha blending
- In-screen menu
- Split-screen function
- Shadowing
- Power down storing
- Store information history HMI

You will find more information on use of the functions in the operating manual for the radio/navigation system.



The screen content shown in the following section is from the radio/navigation system when set to German and serves simply as an example. Please refer to the corresponding operating manuals for the labels of the virtual buttons in other languages.



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Menu switch-over support

Depending on the screen interface to be displayed and the associated windows, selection menus and submenus, it takes different amounts of time until all picture information is shown on the screen.

To minimise this time, the data collection for the screen display runs in the background.

The new screen is only displayed once all necessary information is available.

This procedure avoids step by step build up of the screen. This means, however, that there is a short, noticeable reaction time between operation and display.

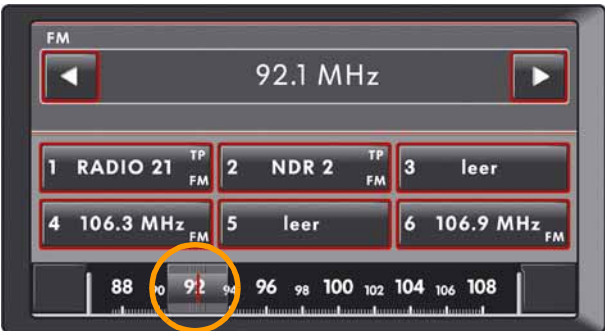
Alpha blending

The displayed windows and menus are processed graphically and programmed according to function in order to show the different information on the VGA display of the RNS 510 in the easiest way for the user.

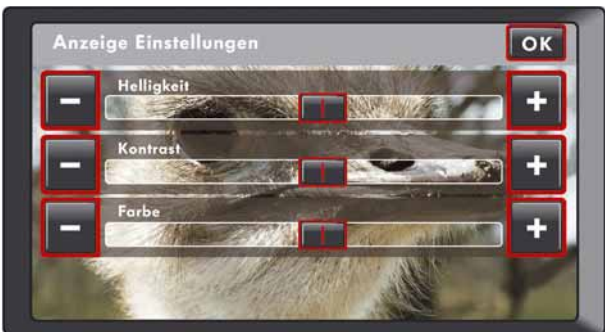
One type of preparation is alpha blending, which means the scalable transparency of screen elements like on an in-screen display.

The transparency information is saved in the so-called alpha channel for computer graphics.

This refers to the individual control of each individual pixel on the screen in terms of its transparency and its colour value. Specifying a value for the transparency defines whether the screen pixel reproduces the information from the background image, the superimposed window or a mixture of both.



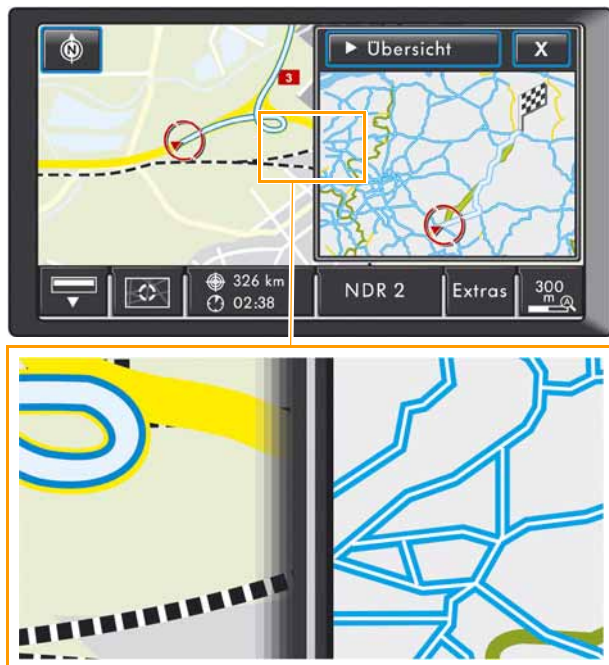
Screen elements shining through S397_057



Different transparency levels S397_051



Different brightness levels S397_056



Edges of windows shining through

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The transparency can be achieved in the form of different effects:

- Light glimmering of the background when windows or screen elements are displayed, for example, a volume bar.
- Different transparency levels of a display level like a map interface for navigation display and simultaneous display of submenu
- Different window brightness levels for submenus like control fields and controls, to give the surface an optical structure (3D effect).
- Shimmering of edge or transition area between main and overlaid window to create a feeling of space.



In-screen menu during video playback

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In-screen menu

In-screen display, i.e. picture-in-picture display, is when a submenu is shown simultaneously in a video or TV picture (also reversing camera).

For example, DVD playback is not affected by permanently visible soft buttons, instead menus are only shown over the actual picture when the screen is touched.

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Split-screen function

In "Navigation" mode, the RNS 510 has a function for split-screen display. An additional window is used that is displayed over the current screen content.

This allows additional information to be displayed on the touch screen for the user.

The user can specify whether this additional window is displayed on the left or right.

It is, for example, possible to display the "Compass", "Additional Map" and "GPS Viewer" submenus in split-screen mode while the map is displayed. If route guidance is active at the same time, the "Symbol Display", "Overview" and "Manoeuvre List" submenus are also possible.



"Compass" split-screen

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"Manoeuvre List" split-screen

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"Additional Map" split-screen (night design)

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"Symbol" split-screen

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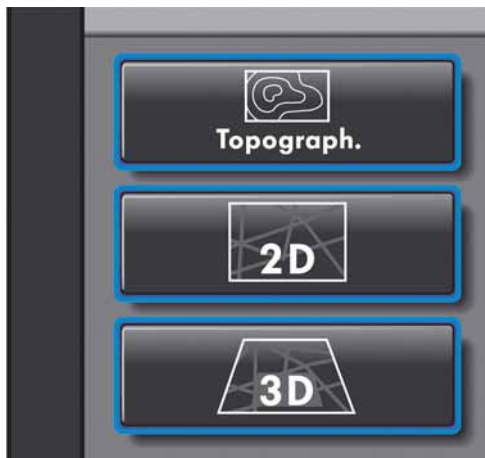
"GPS Viewer" split-screen

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"Overview" split-screen

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Shadow under virtual buttons

Shadowing

The virtual buttons or in-screen menus are emphasised as separate screen elements by means of shadowing. Shadowing means that the displayed button casts a shadow so that it seems raised from the background.

Store information history HMI

When switching from a main menu or start menu to a submenu, the function parameters from the exited window including any control adjustments made are saved. When you return to that menu window, these values are loaded from the memory and displayed again.



Power down storing

The RNS 510 has a power-down storing function to prevent current settings or current route guidance being lost, for example, if the system is accidentally switched off. All current data is stored in the RAM of the unit. When the unit is switched off, the RAM is supplied with power for a further 10 minutes so that the data stored there is not lost. For this reason, the RNS 510 has a higher stand-by current during this time.

If the system is switched on again within 10 minutes, it will load the data from the RAM back into the system so that the current settings are available again or the route guidance started before switch-off can be continued.

If the system is switched off for longer than 10 minutes, the power supply to the RAM is also interrupted and the data stored there is lost. When switched on again, the system starts with the menu for the last media source.

The media sources are therefore available to the user just after the unit is switched on even though the navigation system is starting up in the background.

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Display types in navigation mode

There are three display types or perspectives for displaying maps in navigation mode:

- 2D map display
- topographic 2D display
- 3D bird's eye view

The map can be shown at different scales in all display types.

2D map display

This view is a conventional map view from above. The map is a so-called theme map, in this case a road map focussing on the roads. The surrounding area is shown in the background and is reduced to a graphical distinction of inhabited areas, free spaces, wooded areas and water. The display can be set to driving or north alignment.

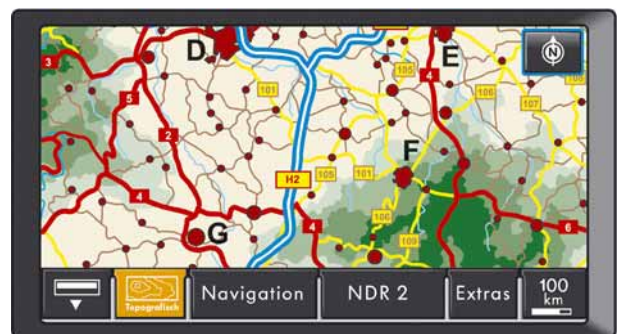


2D map display

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Topographic 2D display

The topographic display corresponds with a special two-dimensional view of the countryside. In addition to built-up areas, it shows water, wooded areas and green areas by means of a colour distinction and height differences on the terrain. The display can be set to driving or north alignment like the 2D map display.



Colour height distinction in the topographic map display

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The same map section in bird's eye view setting

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3D bird's eye view

This virtual 3D view corresponds with a “tilted” 2D-map view and gives you the impression that you are looking at the map landscape from a raised point. The surface display still corresponds with a two-dimensional view that has been given a feeling of perspective by rotating the map surface.

This map display can only be aligned with the driving direction.

Zoom types in navigation mode

The navigation mode has three different zoom functions for displaying the details on the map:

- Manual zoom
- Autozoom
- Orientation zoom



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Selection of enlargement level with manual zoom using the right-hand rotary knob

Manual zoom

Activating the manual zoom disables all automatic zoom settings. You can use the right-hand rotary knob to set the map scale in 30 steps from 25m/cm up to 500km/cm. The m/cm or km/cm measurement figure describes the number of metres or kilometres on the original landscape per centimetre of map on the screen.



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Autozoom

This is a dynamic zoom function that is constantly adapted. When it is switched on, the navigation system calculates the best display scale depending on the road class being used and the distance to the next manoeuvre point.

The road classes are divided into the following five categories:

- Residential roads
- Urban roads
- District roads
- Country roads
- Motorways

There are therefore five standard starting zoom values. Depending on the type of manoeuvre point, the autozoom function is also called crossroads or exit zoom.

Manoeuvre points are all features that can occur on the roads, for example, entrances, crossroads, motorway slip roads and motorway junctions. The largest possible zoom factor is set as you approach a relevant manoeuvre point so that both the current vehicle position and also the manoeuvre point can be seen at the same time on the screen.

Once the manoeuvre point has been passed and the next one is still a sufficient distance away, the system switches back to the previous display scale or the standard zoom value for that particular road class.

If the autozoom function is activated in an off-road position, the current scale will be maintained until an on-road position is recognised and the autozoom function becomes active.

If the driver is using waypoint mode, i.e. driving to route points set by the user, autozoom is not possible.

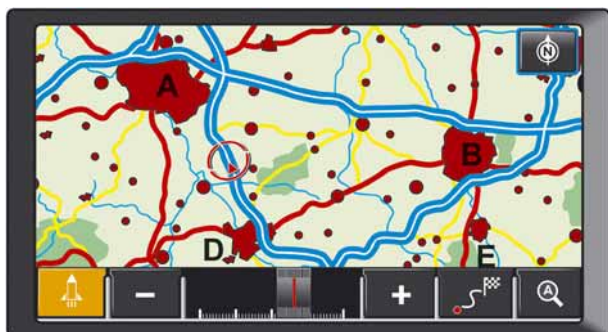
The driver or the user cannot influence the autozoom function manually.



Automatic selection of the best display size

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Orientation zoom

This is a convenience function for quick orientation via the current position on the map.

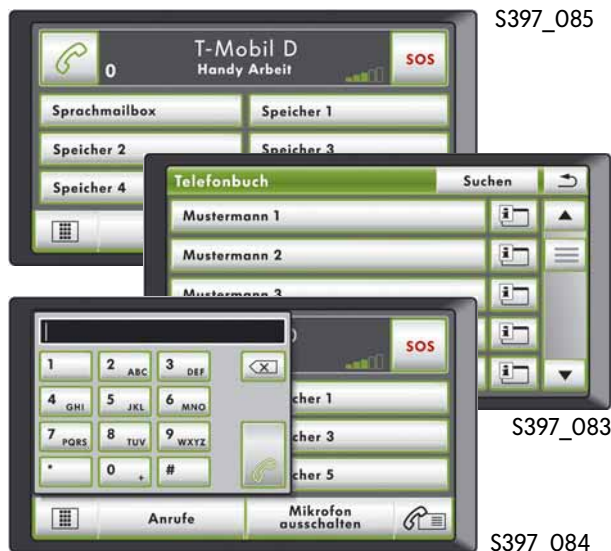
The navigation system automatically and smoothly zooms out from the current display by a scale factor of 10, e.g. from 500m/cm to 5,000m/cm and then back.

Above a display scale of 75km/cm, the orientation zoom is only available to a limited extent as the maximum displayable zoom level of 500km/cm does not allow the system to zoom out by a factor of 10.



Telephone menu

Due to the large operating and display area of the touch screen, it has been possible to use a separate menu to operate the telephone on the RNS 510. This also includes a keypad that can be called up for manual dialling with buttons in a user friendly size.



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Upon introduction of the new “Premium Light” mobile phone preparation, the separate 10-button keypad for manual dialling in the dashboard for the “Premium” mobile phone preparation was discontinued.

If a vehicle is not equipped with the RNS 510 or with other devices that have a touch screen, for example, the RCD 510 radio, it is only possible to operate the “UMPP Premium Light” with the multifunction steering wheel or alternatively with the steering column switch depending on the vehicle model and equipment.

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Vehicle-specific user interfaces

On the RNS 510 radio/navigation system, a large number of the controls appear on the touch screen as described.

Furthermore there are different pre-programmed user interface designs for this system depending on the vehicle type. There are three different coding variants for the RNS 510 that can be selected and activated with the VAS tester.

The memory requirement for the displays stored for each version is 2Mb each.

There are four different dim values available for all versions that can be set via the menu.



The user interfaces for radio, navigation and telephone in the Tiguan, Eos, Golf Plus, Sharan NF and Passat

FM

TP

Radio 21

1 RADIO 21 TP

2 Fritz TP

3 NDR 3

4 NDR Info TP

5 NDR 2

Band

Sender

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Ecke Bismarckstrasse

Berlin/Charlottenburg

Deutschland

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Speicher 5

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SMS

Extras

Radio

Navigation

Telephone

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**The user interfaces for radio, navigation and telephone
in the Touran, T5 Multivan, Touareg, Caddy and CC/Coupé**



Radio



Navigation

Telephone

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**The user interfaces for radio, navigation and telephone
in the Golf R32, Golf GTI/GT, Scirocco and Passat R36**



Radio



Navigation

Telephone

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RNS 510 data protocols

In data processing, a protocol is the method for exchanging data between computers. The protocol, for example, the File Transfer Protocol FTP, is to a certain extent the language in which computers “converse”. In order for the computers to communicate, they need to speak the same language.

The RNS 510 uses two different protocols to transfer data between the control unit with display in dash panel insert and the navigation system or other control units that exchange display data:

- the DDP display data protocol and
- the BAP operating and display protocol.

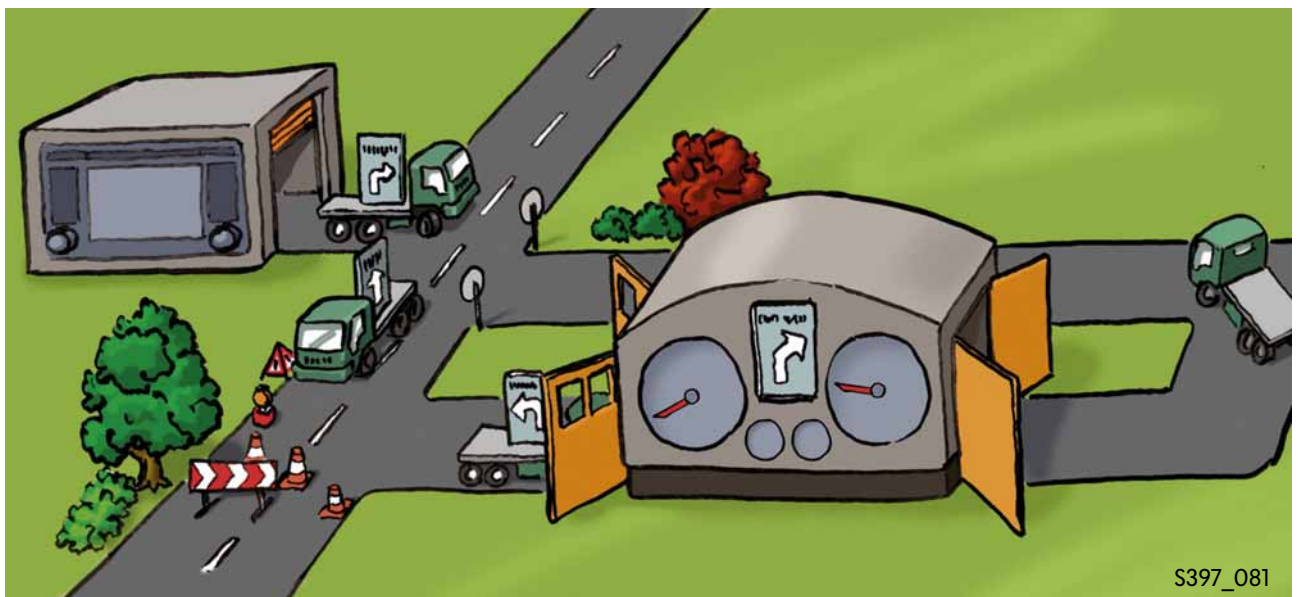


DDP display data protocol

In this communication language between the navigation system and dash panel insert, the RNS 510 takes over control of the display data that should be displayed on the screen for the Highline version. A fixed and constant data channel is set up between the two components via the CAN data bus lines. The display data protocol runs parallel to the CAN data protocol for function and diagnosis data.

The telephone preparation control unit also controls the display data in the control unit with display in dash panel insert, for example, using the display data protocol.

The current control units with display in dash panel insert can currently only process this protocol.



BAP operating and display protocol

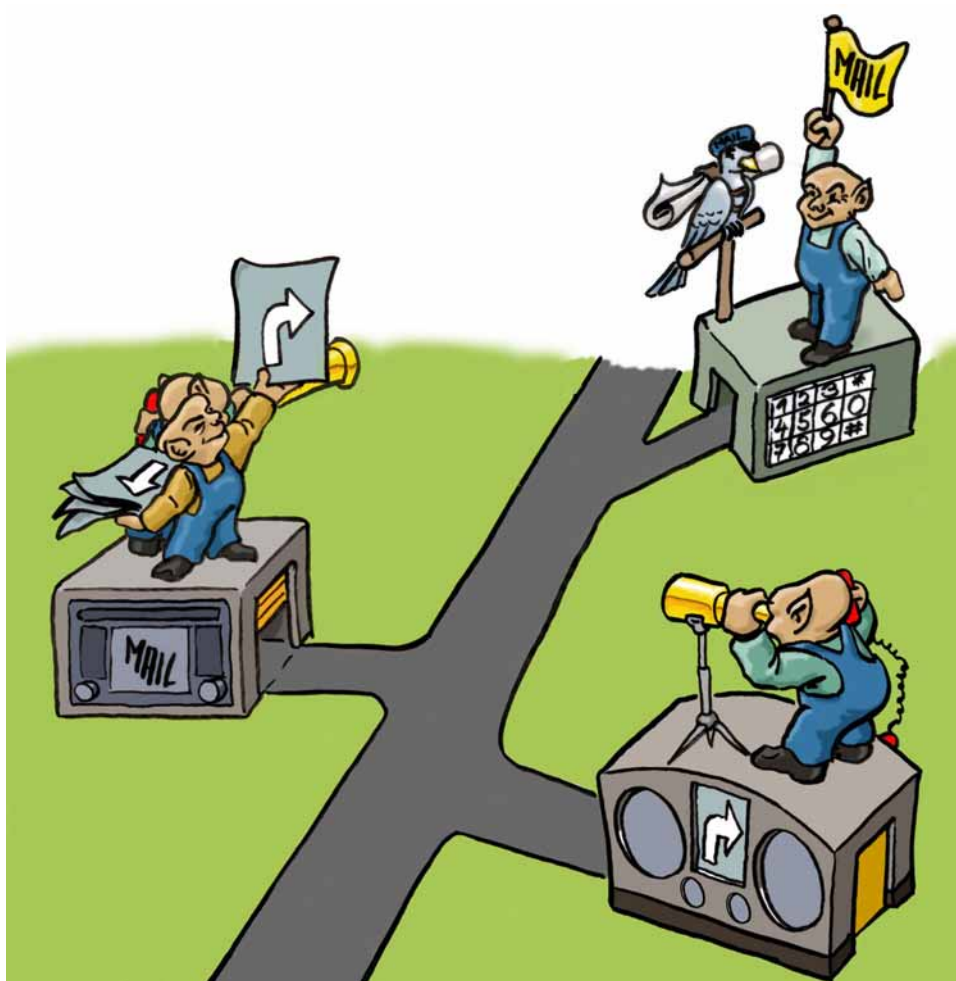
This new data protocol represents the future communication protocol for display data. The aim is to switch all control units that exchange display and operating data over to this new standard.

The BAP operating and display protocol does not assign a fixed data channel, but instead the control unit supplying the display data transmits this data universally in BAP format to the CAN data bus. This kind of data provision is also called broadcasting because of similarities with radio.

In radio, the stations are also broadcast by the transmitter for general reception.

The displaying control unit, in this example, the control unit with display in dash panel insert, reads and displays the data supplied by the radio/navigation system. This means that the control unit with display in dash panel insert is itself responsible for controlling the display. In this case, it would continue to watch the BAP data packages and only update its display when new BAP message content is actually available.

One more specific example is the display of telephone data via the radio/navigation system. The data from the mobile telephone operating electronics control unit J412 is received, read and displayed by the RNS 510 radio/navigation system as a displaying control unit using this data protocol.



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Further CAN signals for communication

The radio/navigation system uses a large number of messages and being a display control unit which is incorporated into the CAN data bus this has numerous control functions.

For example, it receives the following information via the CAN data bus protocol:

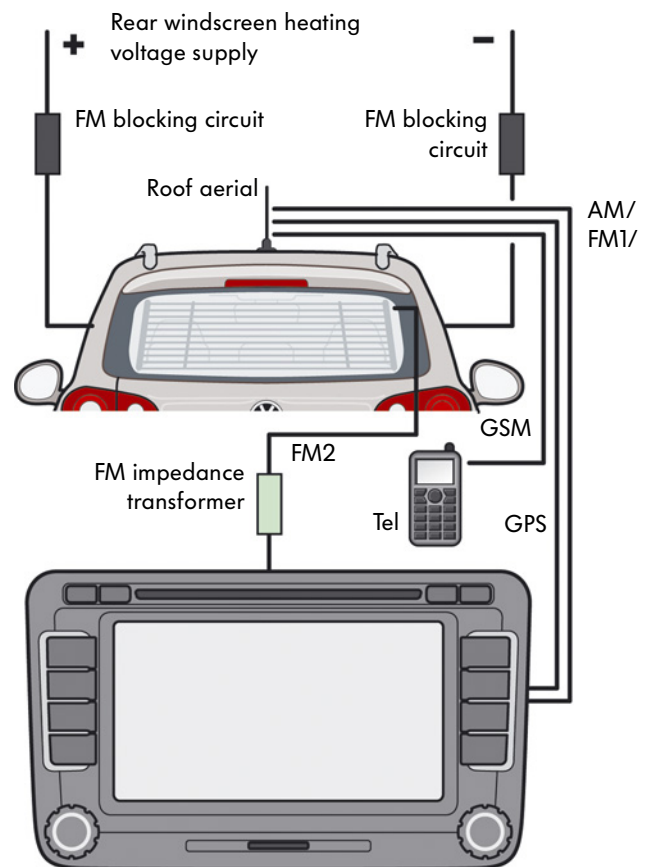
Onboard supply control unit	Dim signal, terminal status, reversing light
Data bus diagnostic interface	Time, date, target component list, speed signal (Gala), pulse signal (navigation), transport mode, vehicle platform info
Control unit with display in dash panel insert	Convenience code, display language
Telephone and telematics control unit	Telephone message (mute request)
Multifunction steering wheel control unit	Control via the multifunction steering wheel
Reversing camera system control unit	Reversing camera display
TV tuner	TV display



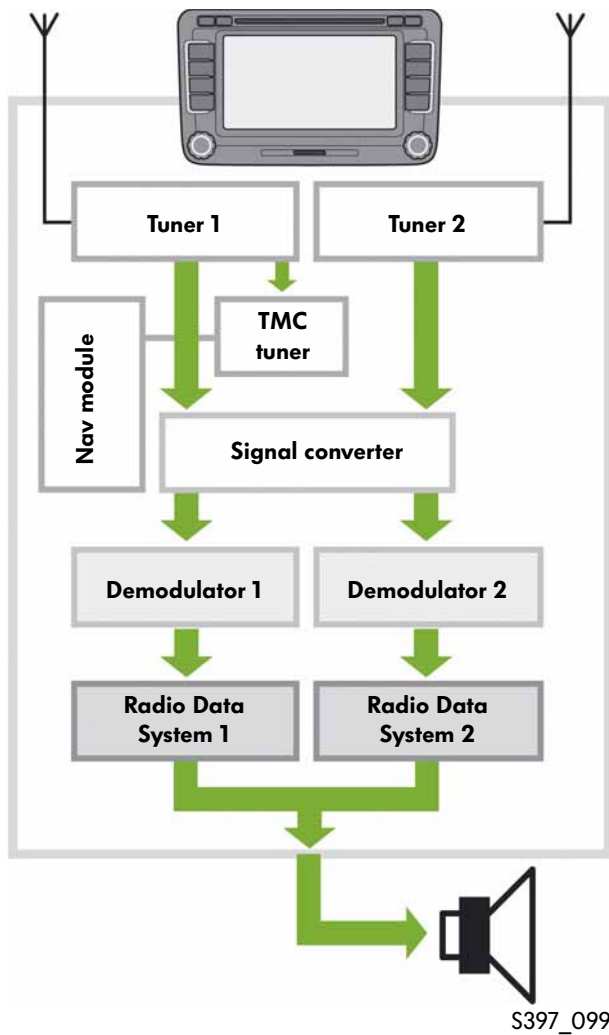
RNS 510 aerial concept

The aerial system has two rear windscreen aerials and a roof aerial if we take the Tiguan as an example.

AM and FM reception as well as the signals for the navigation system (GPS) and the telephone (GSM) are received via the roof aerial. An aerial structure in the rear windscreen of the Tiguan is used to connect the second FM tuner. An FM impedance transformer is required for this connection. Furthermore the rear windscreen heating circuit needs to be decoupled from the onboard supply signals with two FM blocking circuits.



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Twin-tuner principle

Two different, processed aerial signals are required for the twin-tuner principle. This is achieved by means of a spatial separation of the aerials and separate amplification of the signals.

These aerial signals are used either as alternating or individually or as a sum of both signals depending on the reception quality.

This means that one of the two internal tuners is responsible for the current reception of the station being listened to while the other receives the associated RDS data and simultaneously searches for broadcasting stations with better reception quality in the background. If it does find a better quality reception, the two reception tuners swap roles. This process is called switch diversity.

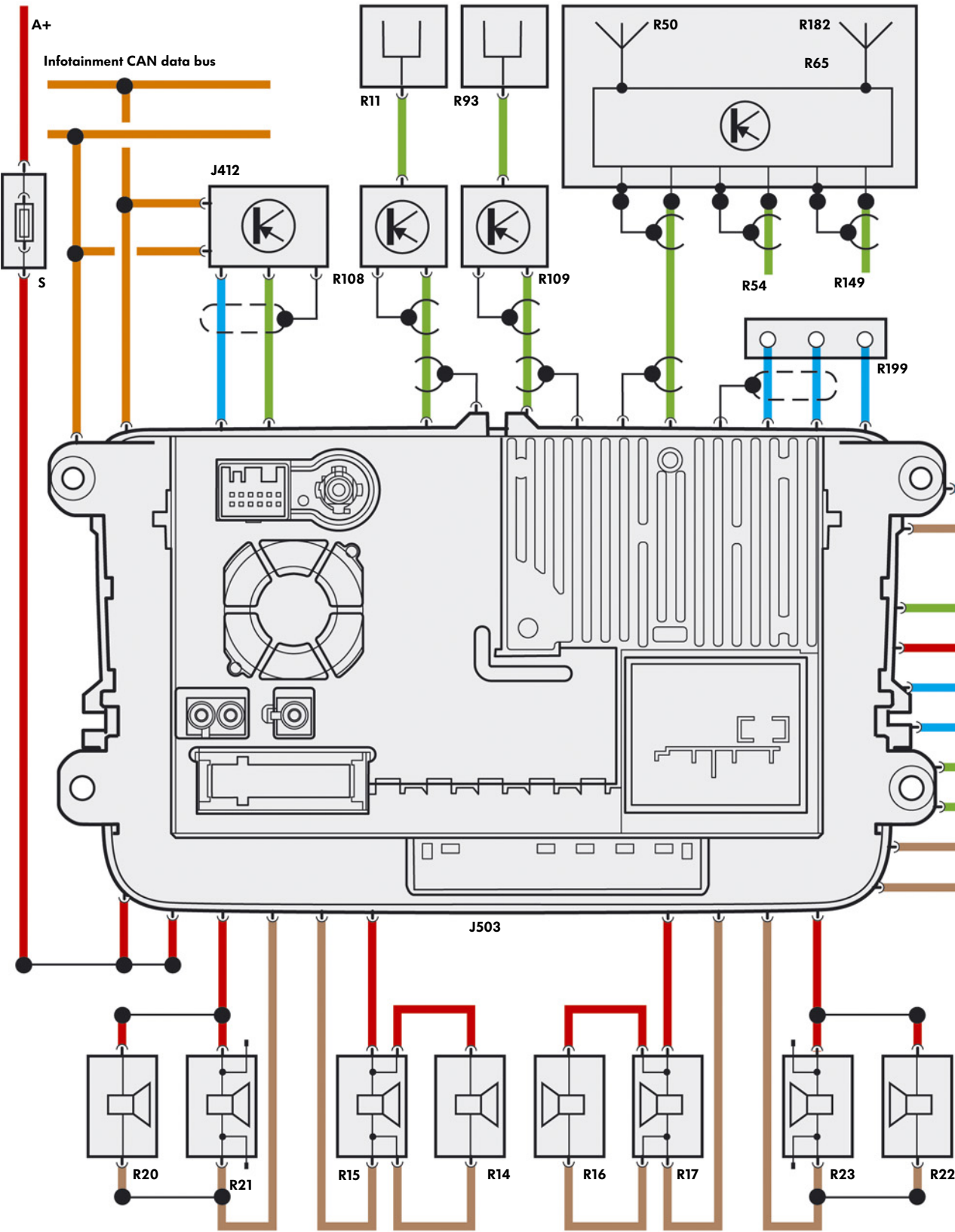
If the reception power as measured in decibels (dB) falls below a certain value, both aerial signals are used at the same time to obtain the station signals by being adaptively combined. The aim is to create the largest possible space between the station and interference signal (interference voltage space). This process is called phase diversity.

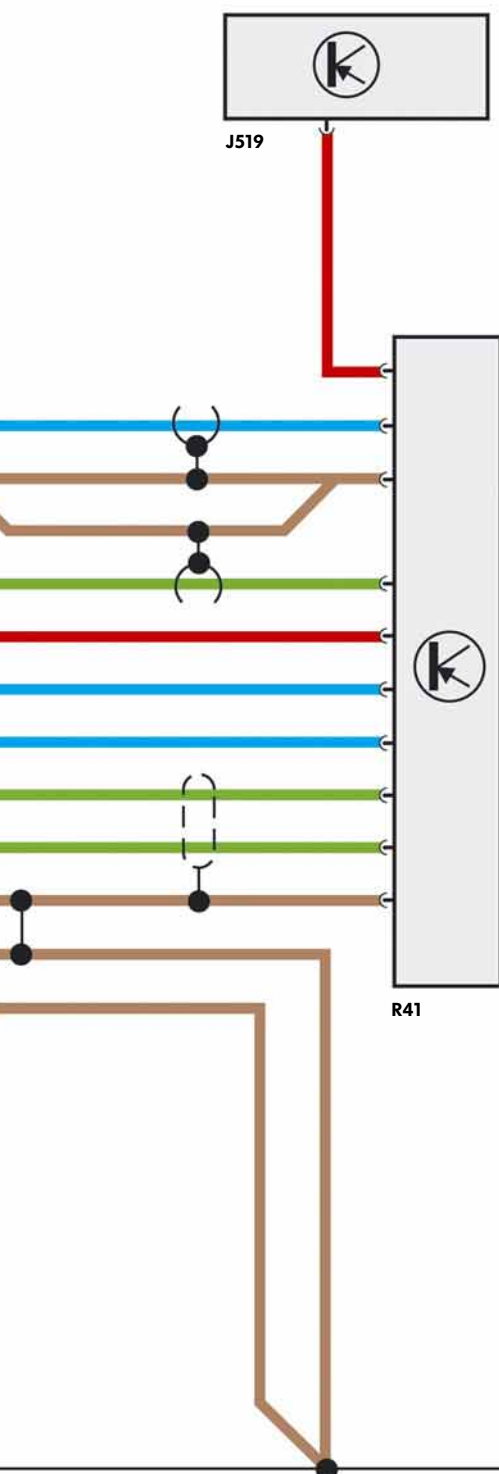
Furthermore a third tuner for receiving TMC messages is permanently connected to one of the aerial inputs. These messages are required for dynamic navigation.



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Functional diagram





Legend

J412	Mobile telephone operating electronics control unit*
J503	Control unit with display for radio and navigation
J519	Onboard supply control unit
R11	Aerial
R14	Rear left treble loudspeaker
R15	Rear left bass loudspeaker
R16	Rear right treble loudspeaker
R17	Rear right bass loudspeaker
R20	Front left treble loudspeaker
R21	Front left bass loudspeaker
R22	Front right treble loudspeaker
R23	Front right bass loudspeaker
R41	CD changer*
R50	GPS aerial
R54	Mobile telephone*
R65	Telephone aerial
R93	Radio aerial 2
R108	Left aerial module
R109	Right aerial module
R149	Remote control receiver for auxiliary coolant heater*
R182	Auxiliary heater aerial
R199	Connection for external audio sources*

S Fuse

A Battery

* depending on equipment

The functional diagram shows the RNS 510 radio navigation system in the Touran.

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	Input signal
	Output signal
	Positive
	Earth
	CAN data bus



Demo mode on RNS 510

The demo mode can be selected via the navigation menu setup under “Further navigation settings” to demonstrate the navigation functions of the RNS 510 or for self-study.

After activating route guidance, you can choose between three demo routes corresponding with the three route options. Once you select one of these route options, the RNS 510 sets off on a virtual route. This means it simulates a journey on the demo route with all displays and functions on the RNS 510. The demo route guidance can only be started when the vehicle is stationary and is cancelled when the vehicle pulls away.



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Display and announcement language

On the RNS 300 and RNS 510, the display is always in the same language as the acoustic navigation announcements. A radio/navigation system normally takes the language from the control unit with display in dash panel insert. The control unit with display in dash panel insert also transmits the so-called “language message” to the CAN data bus that is then evaluated by the RNS, for example.

If the language message is not received by the radio/navigation system, the last set language remains active. When used for the first time, the preset language is English.



The speech output on the radio/navigation system can also be set or changed manually regardless of the CAN message from the control unit with display in dash panel insert.

Switch-off time

If you turn off the ignition while the radio/navigation system is switched on or switch on the system without “Ignition on”, the RNS will remain active for a further 30 minutes and then automatically switch off.

This function was previously called hour mode or hour logic.

The switch-off time of 30 minutes also applies to the simple Volkswagen radio models from model year 2008.

Special information for use of the radio/navigation systems

RNS 510

Copying navigation data to the navigation partition of the internal hard drive

Only the content **of one** navigation DVD can be copied to the hard drive built into the RNS 510 even though the partition could actually hold a larger quantity of data (max. 10 Gb) than the 4.7 Gb on a single-layer DVD.

Therefore it is not possible, for example, to save both the data from the western European navigation DVD **and** the eastern European DVD at the same time on the internal hard drive.

The reason for this restriction to the content of one DVD is that a larger data quantity can be expected in the future in particular for countries with large road networks. For example, the navigation DVD for the USA is already a dual-layer DVD with a data capacity of approx. 8.5 Gb.



If the data from one navigation DVD has been saved on the navigation partition and you insert a DVD for another region or a different version of the same navigation DVD, the system will ask you in a selection window whether the stored data should be overwritten or the inserted DVD should be used temporarily.

In the latter case, the navigation system simply loads the data required for the current navigation into its RAM without overwriting the navigation partition. This means that if you eject the DVD, the current route guidance from the temporary DVD will immediately be interrupted.



Loading times

Depending on the amount of data on the navigation DVD, it may take between 20 and 90 minutes to save it to the internal hard drive.

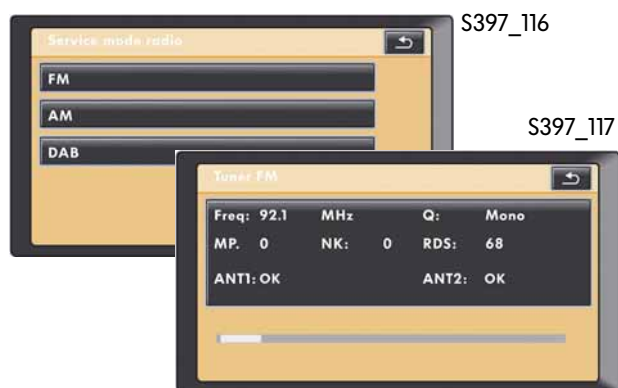
Compatibility

The navigation DVD for the RNS 510 is only suitable for use in the RNS 510 and cannot not be used in other navigation systems.

Radio service mode on RNS 300 and RNS 510

In this mode, you can, for example, carry out a physical diagnosis of the aerial function with a resistance measurement or the reception quality of the available stations by determining the current field strength.

To access this function on the RNS 510, you need to press the Setup button for longer than 10 seconds. On the RNS 300 radio/navigation system, you need to hold down the sound button for between 5 and 10 seconds. The unit then switches to radio service mode when you let go of the button.



Service mode display on RNS 510

The following values are displayed:

Frequ: Currently set frequency in MHz

Q: Quality of received signal

0 - No signal

Poor - Weak signal

Mono - Signal is only suitable for mono operation

Stereo - Ideal reception quality

MP: Multipath interference due to multipath reception

Display range 0 - 9

0 - No fault

9 - Maximum interference

NK: Neighbouring channel interference

Display range 0 - 9

0 - No interference

9 - String interference from neighbouring station

RDS: Quality of RDS signal

Display range 0 - 99

0 - Ideal RDS reception

99- Poor RDS reception

e.g. station name not displayed

Possible - Only frequency is displayed

ANT1: Electrical connection to aerial 1
openload - Electrical interruption in aerial path

OK - Aerial path OK

ANT2: Electrical connection to aerial 2
openload - Electrical interruption in aerial path

OK - Aerial path OK

Alert-C standard

Advice and Problem Location for European Road Traffic, Version C

The Alert-C standard is laid down in ISO 14819-1.

It defines the coding for events and their position in TMC messages.

Playlist

List with a special playback order for audio tracks stored in a data directory on an audio CD/DVD.

For example, to work on the RNS 510, the list needs to be in the same directory or folder as the tracks to be played.

Point Location, Area Location

Two types of location descriptions that are used by the German Federal Highway Research Institute to describe points, routes or areas in the localisation table.

List of abbreviations used

- AM** - Amplitude modulation
- AUX** - Auxiliary
Additional connection channel for audio media
- BAP** - Control and display protocol
- CD** - Compact disc
Optical storage medium, data is burnt with a laser onto a plastic disc with metal coating.
CDs can, for example, hold 800MB of data.
- CDA** - CD audio track
Audio track on video CD/DVD
- CDC** - Compact Disc Changer (CD changer)
- DAB** - Digital Audio Broadcast
- DDP** - Display Data Protocol
- DRM** - Digital Rights Management
Standard for the digital copyright
- DVD** - Digital Versatile/Video Disc
Further development of optical storage media with a storage capacity of 4.7Gb on single-layer coated DVDs (single layer DVD, DVD±R, DVD±RW) and 8.5Gb on double-layer coated DVDs (dual/double-layer, DVD±R-DL, DVD-RW±DL).
In the near future, DVDs with 15 to 30Gb storage capacity will be available (high-density DVD, HD-DVD).
- FM** - Frequency modulation
- GPS** - Global Positioning Satellite system
Global satellite-supported orientation and positioning system originally used by the military
- GSM** - Global System for Mobile communications
Standard for digital mobile telecommunications networks that is also used for data transfer as well as text messages (SMS).



Glossary

- JPEG** - JPG; Joint Photographic Experts Group
Special image data format that works with high compression algorithms so that the image data only requires a small amount of memory.
- MDI** - Media Device Interface
Universal interface for external playback units and storage media
- MP3** - Motion Pictures expert group layer 3 (MPEG Layer 3)
Compression standards for video, audio and image formats.
- LF** - Low frequency
- PDA** - Personal Digital Assistant
Compact, portable small computer for calendar function, notes etc.
- RDS** - Standardised system for transferring non-audio additional information for radio e.g. station names, audio titles etc.
- SD** - Secure Digital card
Small and robust memory cards, e.g. for digital photo, MP3 players etc.
- SDARS** - Satellite Digital Audio Radio Services
A digital radio standard for commercial satellite radio in North America
- TFT** - Thin Film Transistor Display (TFT display)
- TMC** - Traffic Message Channel
A digital service in radio for transmission of traffic messages
- UMPP** - Universal Mobile Phone Preparation
- USB** - Universal Serial Bus
Universal serial interface between different computers and peripheral devices
- WMA** - Windows Media Audio
Special audio format under Microsoft Windows
- WVGA** - Wide VGA (Wide Video Graphics Array)
Special monitor resolution for wide screens with an aspect ratio of 16:9 or 18:10.



Which answers are correct?

One or several of the answers could be correct.

1. When the corridor function is selected on the RNS300 radio navigation system, ...

- ☐ a) dynamic navigation is not possible.
- ☐ b) dynamic navigation limited to the corridor area is also possible when the navigation CD is not inserted.
- ☐ c) the full dynamic navigation function is possible.

2. TMC is the abbreviation for:

3. Which statements are correct?

- ☐ a) Hard buttons are unit buttons made from hard plastic, soft buttons from soft material like rubber, for example.
- ☐ b) Hard buttons are keys used to protect the RNS devices against theft.
- ☐ c) Hard buttons are buttons with a single function.
- ☐ d) Soft buttons change their function depending on the selected menu or submenu.
- ☐ e) Soft buttons are only on touch-sensitive screens.

4. Which method does the touch-sensitive screen on the RNS 510 use to determine the horizontal and vertical monitor coordinates?

- ☐ a) The voltage divider principle.
- ☐ b) The measurement of electrical resistances.
- ☐ c) The capacitive measuring principle.
- ☐ d) The coupling of vertically and horizontally aligned induction loops.



Test Yourself

5. The light waves of polarised light ...

- ☐ a) oscillate on opposing oscillation levels.
- ☐ b) cannot be reflected by smooth surfaces.
- ☐ c) oscillate only on one level.

6. The basic differences between the RNS 300 and RNS 510 are:

- ☐ a) an internal hard drive in the RNS 300
- ☐ b) an internal hard drive in the RNS 510
- ☐ c) a touch-sensitive 6.5" monochrome display on the RNS 510
- ☐ d) a 5" colour display on the RNS 300
- ☐ e) an SD card reader in the RNS 300
- ☐ f) a reception module with two radio tuners and a TMC tuner in the RNS 510
- ☐ g) a reception module with two radio tuners in the RNS 300

7. Which media formats are supported by the RNS 510 radio/navigation system?

- ☐ a) DVD video and audio data, music CDs, data CDs and DVDs with WMA and JPEG data.
- ☐ b) Navigation CDs and DVDs, DVD video and MP3.
- ☐ c) Navigation DVD, data CDs and DVDs with WMA and MP3 data as well as playlists.
- ☐ d) (S)VCD, JPEG and DivX data.



8. In which format can data be saved on the internal hard drive in the RNS 510?

- ☐ a) Video formats of DVDs and JPEG data.
- ☐ b) WMA and MP3 formats of data CDs and DVDs.
- ☐ c) Audio formats of DVDs.
- ☐ d) CDA formats of music CDs.

9. Which statements are correct?

- ☐ a) The DDP display data protocol sets up a fixed and constant data channel via the CAN data bus lines for data transfer between the two components.
- ☐ b) The DDP display data protocol addresses each control unit via a separate data line (LIN bus).
- ☐ c) The BAP operating and display protocol transmits the data to be displayed universally to the CAN data bus. This is then only evaluated by the control units that require this data, however.



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