# USB-Link™ 2 Wi-Fi Edition <u>Vehicle Interface</u> Installation and Setup Manual





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# Chapter 1



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Using

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This chapter provides an overview of this manual's organization and the conventions used throughout.

### NOTE:

Screen shots used throughout this manual are for illustrative purposes only. All data shown is fictitious in nature.

### **Manual Overview**

This manual provides basic and detailed information to support you during installation and setup of the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Wi-Fi Edition.

This manual is composed of the following sections:

- *Table of Contents*—helps you to find the information you are looking for quickly and easily.
- Chapter 1: Using this Manual—provides an overview of this manual.
- Chapter 2: Introducing the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Wi-Fi Edition—introduces the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Wi-Fi Edition, and provides details regarding the communication modes available to you to interface with your PC
- Chapter 3: Installing the Drivers and Setting Up the Device—provides instructions for installing NEXIQ<sup>™</sup> drivers and utilities, connecting the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 to a vehicle, connecting to a wireless network, and testing the connection. It also provides information on using the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer.

Each chapter begins with an "at-a-glance" list of the chapter contents, along with corresponding page numbers.

## Conventions

This section provides descriptions of the conventions used throughout this guide.

## **Special Messages**

#### Note

NOTE provides an explanation, comment, or tip related to the subject matter that is being discussed.

Example:

NOTE:



Refer to the page number provided for each described component for further details.

### Important

IMPORTANT indicates a situation which, if not avoided, may result in damage to the test equipment or vehicle.

Example:

### **IMPORTANT:**

All RP1210 adapters must be disconnected before proceeding with installation.

### Caution

CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in moderate or minor injury to the operator or to bystanders.

Example:

### CAUTION:

 $\mathbb{N}$  Do not use the unit to perform tests on household or industrial sources.

### Warning

WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury to the operator or bystanders.

Example:

### WARNING:

Keep all cables clear of moving or hot engine parts.

### Troubleshooting

Information intended to help you to address or anticipate potential issues are presented in the following manner:



If NEXIQ WVL2 drivers are installed, the WVL2 Explorer Utility must be exited before proceeding with installation.

### Specialized Text

The following specially formatted text is used to help you to differentiate certain elements discussed within this manual:

- *Emphasis:* Used to draw your attention to particularly important information.
- **FEATURE**: Used to highlight the name of a specific feature.

Example: "Click on the Finish button to continue."

Field/Line: Used to highlight the name of a field or a line of text from a display.

Example: "A check mark is placed in the check box next to the **Total Fuel Used** parameter."

• Menu Items: Used to highlight a series of menu selections.

Example: "From the Start menu, select **Programs > NEXIQ > Device Tester > Device Tester**."

Screen titles: Used to highlight the title of a screen displayed.

Example: "The Installation Complete screen is displayed."

## Chapter 2

## Introducing the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Wi-Fi Edition



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The USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 is a hardware device that enables service bay personal computers (i.e., PCs and/or laptops) to retrieve vehicle information using either Wi-Fi technology or a more traditional cable connection. Once configured, the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 interfaces with your PC, enabling you to use specific PC applications to perform vehicle diagnostics.

This chapter introduces the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 and provides details regarding the communication modes available to you to interface with your PC.

## **Component Checklist**

The following components are included with your USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2. Be sure you have all of the following items before using the device:

- ✓ USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Vehicle Communication Interface (VCI)
- ✓ Automotive A to Mini-B USB Cable
- ✓ 6- and 9-pin "Y" Deutsch Adapter
- ✓ Carrying Case
- ✓ USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Quick Start Guide

## **Product Specifications**

The USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 is configured with the following specifications:

Feature	Data
Physical Dimensions	6.75" x 3.75" x 1.06" (171 mm x 95 mm x 27 mm)
Weight	8 oz. (0.22 kg)
Power Requirements	6 - 32 VDC @ 350 mA maximum
Operating Temperature	0 to +70 °C
API Driver	TMC RP1210A, RP1210B, and RP1210C compliant SAE J2534 compliant
Vehicle Protocols Supported	<ul> <li>J1708/J1587</li> <li>J1939 (250K, 500K, or 1 MB)</li> <li>CAN (125K, 250K, 500K, 1 MB) (3 CAN channels supported)</li> <li>J2284 CAN (125K, 250K, or 500K)</li> <li>ATEC-160 Baud</li> <li>ALDL Pass-through</li> <li>ALDL 8192</li> <li>ALDL 9600</li> <li>OBDII</li> <li>ISO 9141</li> <li>ISO 14230 (KWP2000)</li> <li>ISO 15765</li> <li>J1850 (PWM, VPM, or Allison)</li> <li>J1939 Auto Baud</li> <li>IESCAN (required for Allison)</li> </ul>
USB Communication	USB Device, version 1.1
Wireless Communication	Dual band Wi-Fi (802.11 a/b/g/n)
Wired Communication	Automotive A to Mini-B USB cable 13 ft. (4 m) maximum
Vehicle Connector	High Density D-sub 26-pin Male (HD26M)
USB Connector	Latching Mini-B

## System Requirements

Be aware of the following system requirements:

Component	Requirement
IBM PC-compatible computer	<ul> <li>1GHz processor or more</li> <li>RAM: 256MB or more (512MB recommended)</li> <li>USB port, version 1.1 or higher</li> <li>Wi-Fi card</li> </ul>
Operating system	<ul> <li>Windows<sup>®</sup> 7</li> <li>Windows<sup>®</sup> 8</li> <li>Note: USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 drivers support the Windows<sup>®</sup> 8 operating system. However, not all OFM PC applications work with Windows<sup>®</sup> 8</li> </ul>
Wi-Fi wireless network	• Dual band Wi-Fi (802.11a, b, g, or n)

## **Device Features**

The following illustration details the features of the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 device.



F—USB Port

C—Data LED

Feature	What It Does
Vehicle Port	Connects the USB-Link <sup>™</sup> 2 to a vehicle.
Power LED	Illuminates when the device receives power.
Data LED	Illuminates when the device is receiving data from the vehicle.
Wireless LED	<ul> <li>Mini Access Point Mode:</li> <li>Illuminates solid when a client PC connects to the device.</li> <li>Off when not connected.</li> <li>Infrastructure Mode:</li> <li>Stays off when not associated with an Access Point.</li> <li>Blinks every second when associated with a network but no IP address assigned.</li> <li>Illuminates solid when successfully assigned an IP address.</li> </ul>
Fault LED	Illuminates when a problem is detected.
USB Port	Connects the device to your PC (wired connection).

The following table outlines the features called out in Figure 2.1.

### **The Reset Button**

If you *have* configured your USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 device in Infrastructure Mode (using the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer), you can use the Reset button on the bottom of the device to switch from Infrastructure Mode *back* to Mini Access Point Mode (the factory default). Just push and hold the button until all the lights on the front of the device flash, about five (5) seconds.

## NOTE:

For detailed information on the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer, see Using the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer in Chapter 3 of this manual.

## **Communication Options**

Prior to using the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2, you need to decide how you want the unit to communicate with your PC. There are two options:

• A wired connection to the PC using a USB cable (pg. 11)

or

• A wireless connection to the PC using Wi-Fi (pg. 12)

## **Wired Connection**

A USB connection provides several advantages. It's easy to configure; you just plug it in. Also, there's no confusion about which USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 is connected to the PC (just follow the cable). Finally, a USB connection is not susceptible to radio frequency interference and provides higher communication reliability.

### **IMPORTANT:**



ECU reprogramming typically requires both high throughput and critical timing, and should *always* use a USB-to-PC wired connection.

Wired communication between the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 and your PC requires an automotive A to Mini-B USB cable (shipped with the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2).



Figure 2.2 Automotive A to Mini-B USB Cable

### NOTE:



For detailed instructions on making a wired connection, refer to *Connect Using a USB Cable*, in Chapter 3 of this manual.

### **Wireless Connection**

Wireless connectivity provides untethered operation, and that's a bonus in a busy service bay. The USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 uses Wi-Fi to provide wireless communication between the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 and your PC.

There are two network options:

- Mini Access Point (pg. 13)
- Infrastructure (pg. 14)

Wi-Fi performance can be affected by network congestion or radio frequency interference if there are too many other wireless devices in the vicinity. These conditions may result in dropped messages. For this reason, Wireless communication is not recommended for ECU reprogramming (i.e, reflashing).

### Mini Access Point Mode (Peer-to-Peer)

The easiest and quickest way to connect your USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 to your PC is Mini Access Point mode. In Mini Access Point mode (also known as Access Point Emulation mode), the PC communicates directly with the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2. The USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 emulates the function of an access point, allowing the PC to connect directly to the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2, as if it were an access point. When the PC is connected to the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 in Mini Access Point mode, neither device is connected to the company network.



Figure 2.3 Mini Access Mode

If you use your PC's internal wireless network card to connect to your company's network and the Internet, you may want to obtain an additional wireless network card for use with the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2. Otherwise when you connect the USB-Link 2 to your PC using Mini Access Point mode, you will not have access to the Internet until you have finished your session and reconnected to your company's network.

For instructions on connecting the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 and your PC using Mini Access Point Mode, see *Connect Using Wi-Fi*, in Chapter 3 of this manual.

### Infrastructure Mode (Connecting to your Company's Network)

In Infrastructure mode, your PC communicates with your company computer network through a Wireless Access Point (not included), which acts as a bridge between the wireless network and the wired network. In this mode, the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 is configured to communicate with the same access point. All communication between the PC and the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 passes through the access point.



Figure 2.4 Infrastructure Mode

### NOTE:

The settings for connecting to your company network may differ from one installation to another. To ensure network security, your Information Technology (IT) administrator will need to oversee the installation and specify the appropriate configuration parameters. Your IT administrator should be able to properly configure the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 for infrastructure mode, using the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer utility (see Chapter 3 of this manual).

# Chapter 3

## Installing the Drivers and Setting Up the Device



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This chapter provides instructions for installing NEXIQ<sup>™</sup> drivers and utilities, connecting the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 to a vehicle, connecting to a wireless network, and testing the connection. It also provides information on using the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer.

## **Installation Process Outline**

- **Step 1:** Install the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 drivers (*pg. 15*).
- **Step 2:** Connect the USB-Link<sup>TM</sup> 2 to the vehicle (pg. 24).

Perform one of the following:

- Connect your PC using a USB cable (pg. 24)
- Connect to your PC using Wi-Fi (pg. 25)
- **Step 3:** Test the connection between the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 and the vehicle using the NEXIQ<sup>™</sup> Device Tester (*pg. 29*)

## Step 1: Install the Drivers

Prior to using the USB-Link<sup>TM</sup> 2, you have to install the necessary USB-Link<sup>TM</sup> 2 drivers. The USB-Link<sup>TM</sup> 2 drivers are compatible with both  $Microsoft^{®}$  Windows<sup>®</sup> 7 and Windows<sup>®</sup> 8.

### **IMPORTANT:**

Remember, you *must* have Administrator security rights *and* be logged in as "Admin" to successfully complete the installation process outlined in this manual.

The following procedure assumes that you have Internet access.

To install the drivers on your laptop or PC:

1 On your laptop or PC, navigate to the website:

HOME PRO	DUCTS 🔻	PRO-LINK	19 *	OEM	SOFTWARE	•	SUPPORT	N	EWS *	DISTRIBU	TORS	
NEXIQ <sup>™</sup> Products		Hom	e									
iQ™ Product Family		NEX	(IQ™	Dow	nloads							
Pro-Link GRAPHIQ™/Plu	s	USB	I-Link 2	Drivers								
Vehicle Interface Product OEM Software PG Applications and Serv Integrated Diagnostic Sys Cables and Adapters	s ice Bay tem	Ì	USB-L USB-L *Comp USB-L Roloas	ink™ 2 D ink 2 Driv batible with ink™2 Ins se Notes	rivers V1.3 ers h Windows® stallation and	)7 and W d Setup №	findows® 8 Aanual					
		USB	-Link D	rivers								
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Figure 3.1 NEXIQ™ Downloads

- 2 From the USB-Link 2 Drivers section, select the latest version of the USB-Link 2 drivers.
- 3 Carefully read the End User License Agreement.
- 4 Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on Accept.

- 5 Click on the software title to begin the download.
- 6 Click on **Run** (if your browser is Internet Explorer<sup>®</sup>).

### NOTE:

Depending on your Internet browser (for example Google Chrome, or Firefox<sup>®</sup>), you may have to locate the file (i.e., **USB-Link2xxxx.exe**) from your Recent Downloads, and then double-click on it to run it.

The Welcome to USB-Link 2 Setup screen is displayed.



Figure 3.2 Welcome to USB-Link 2 Setup Screen

- 7 Carefully read the information displayed on the screen, and follow the recommendations.
- 8 Click Next.

The License Agreement screen is displayed.

N USB-Link 2	_ 🗆 🗙
License Agreement Please review the license terms before installing USB-Link 2.	NEXIQ
Press Page Down to see the rest of the agreement.	
THIS IS A LEGAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN YOU, THE END USER, AND IDSC Holdings, LLC, A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF SNAP-ON INCORPORATED. BY SELECTING "I ACCEPT" YOU ARE AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT. THIS AGREEMENT APPLIES TO YOU AND ANY SUBSEQUENT LICENSEE OF THE SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE PROGRAM. IF YOU DO NOT ACCEPT OR AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT, SELECT "I DECLINE".	
If you accept the terms of the agreement, click I Agree to continue. You must accept the agreement to install USB-Link 2.	2
IDSC Holdings, LLC	ncel

Figure 3.3 License Agreement Screen

9 Read all the information on this screen, then click I Agree.

### NOTE:

If you do not agree to the terms, click **Cancel**. A message is displayed prompting you to confirm quitting USB-Link 2 Setup. Click **Yes** to quit.

The following warning message is displayed.

NUSB-Link 2		_ 🗆 🗵
<b>Installing</b> Please wait while	USB-Link 2 Version 2.0.0.13 is being installed.	NEXIQ
N USB-Li	nk 2	×
<b>A</b>	WARNING: All RP 1210 adapters must be disconnected before proceeding with installation. Note: If NEXIQ WVL2 drivers are installed then the WVL2 Explorer utility must also be exited before proceeding with installation.	
	OK	
IDSC Holdings, LLC	< Back Next > C	ancel

Figure 3.4 Warning Message

10 Carefully read the warning message, and disconnect all RP1210 adapters to which your laptop or PC might be connected prior to proceeding with the installation.

### NOTE:

You must also exit the WVL2<sup>™</sup> Explorer utility if NEXIQ<sup>™</sup> WVL2<sup>™</sup> drivers have been installed on your laptop or PC.

11 Once you have complied with the requirements of the warning message, click **OK**.

The installation begins and the following screen is displayed.

NUSB-Link 2			_ 🗆 🗙
<b>Installing</b> Please wait while USB-Link 2 Version 2.0.0.13 is	being installed.		NEXIQ
Execute: wdreg_gui.exe -inf wuln2113.inf -log	usb21130.log in	stall	
Extract: usb21130.inf 100% Extract: usblink2.bin 100% Extract: wuln2113.inf 100% Extract: USBDev2.dll 100% Extract: difxapi.dll 100% Extract: wdreg.exe 100% Extract: wdreg_gui.exe 100% Extract: wuln2113.cat 100% Extract: wuln2113.sys 100% Extract: wuln2113.sys 100%	g usb21130.log	install	
IDSC Holdings, LLC	< <u>B</u> ack	Next >	Cancel

Figure 3.5 Installation Screen

If you are running Windows<sup>®</sup> 7 or Windows<sup>®</sup> 8, the following **Windows** Security dialog may be displayed.



Figure 3.6 Windows Security Dialog

### NOTE:

You may want to place a check mark in the **Always trust software from** "**Jungo LTD**" check box. If you leave it unchecked, this dialog may be displayed more than once.

- 12 Click Install to continue.
- 13 Wait briefly while the installation continues.

The Installation Complete screen is displayed.

N U	SB-Link 2	_ 🗆 🗡
<b>Ins</b> Se	stallation Complete etup was completed successfully.	NEXIQ
C	ompleted	
	Execute: "UpdateRpIni" RP 121032.INI NULN2R32 ADD Execute: "DeviceTesterSetup.exe" /S Execute: "C:\Program Files\NEXIQ\USB-Link 2\Driver_Update\Nexiq.USB-Link2.Updat Create folder: C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\NEXIQ\USB Create shortcut: C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\NEXIQ\U Create shortcut: C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\NEXIQ\U Execute: "C:\Program Files\NEXIQ\USB-Link 2\Driver_Update\Nexiq.USB-Link2.Updat Completed	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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Figure 3.7 Installation Complete Screen

14 Click Next.

The following completion screen is displayed.



Figure 3.8 Completion Screen

15 Click Finish.

The USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer utility opens.



Figure 3.9 USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer Utility

16 Move on to Step 2: Connect the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 to a Vehicle, next in this manual.

## Step 2: Connect the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 to a Vehicle

Once you have installed the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 drivers, you are ready to connect the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 to a vehicle using an adapter cable. Any of the following adapters can provide the interface:

- 6-pin Deutsch
- 9-pin Deutsch
- 9-pin Deutsch (1 meter)
- 6- and 9-pin Deutsch Y
- 16-pin J1962 for OBD II

Next, you connect the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 to your PC using one of the following options:

- Using a USB cable (pg. 24)
- Using Wi-Fi—a wireless local area network (pg. 25)

## **Connect Using a USB Cable**

To connect the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 to your PC using a USB cable:

- 1 Connect the USB cable (i.e., an automotive A to Mini-B USB cable) to the USB port of the PC or laptop.
- 2 Connect the other end of the cable to the port on the bottom of the device.
- 3 Connect the DB26 female end of the appropriate adapter cable to the USB-Link™ 2.
- 4 Attach the other end of the adapter cable (i.e., the Deutsch connector end) to the vehicle's diagnostic connector.

### NOTE:



The vehicle's diagnostic connector is typically located under the dashboard on the driver's side, or beside the driver's seat. It can also be located in the engine compartment, near the electronic control unit (ECU).

5 If you are making a wired connection, you can move on to Step 3: Test the Connection (pg. 29).

## **Connect Using Wi-Fi**

There are two methods for connecting the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 to your PC using Wi-Fi:

- Infrastructure Mode
- Mini Access Point Mode (peer-to-peer)

### NOTE:

Because of the numerous configuration variables involved in setting up your network in Infrastructure Mode, please contact your local IT administrator. Our Customer Support specialists cannot assist you in this endeavor.

### Mini Access Point Mode

If you use your PC's internal wireless network card to connect to your company's network and the Internet, you may want to obtain an additional wireless network card for use with the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2. Otherwise when you connect the USB-Link 2 to your PC using Mini Access Point mode, you will not have access to the Internet until you have finished your session and reconnected to your company's network.

To connect the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 to your PC using Mini Access Point Mode:

- 1 Connect the DB26 female end of the appropriate adapter cable to the connector on the top of the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2.
- 2 Attach the other end of the adapter cable (i.e., the Deutsch connector end) to the vehicle's diagnostic connector.

### NOTE:

- The vehicle's diagnostic connector is typically located under the dashboard on the driver's side, or beside the driver's seat. It can also be located in the engine compartment, near the electronic control unit (ECU).
- —At this point, the **Power** (green) LED on the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 should be illuminated (On).
- 3 If the **Power** LED is not illuminated, turn the vehicle's key to the ON position, leaving the engine Off.

4 Navigate to the System Tray on your PC.



Figure 3.10 Windows® System Tray

5 Click on the **Network** icon 📗 in the System Tray.

Currently connected to:	÷, -
snaponglobal.com Internet access	
Wireless Network Connection	
CBCI-D1B8-2.4	llee
Linksys20791	.ul
USBLink2_199	311
xfinitywifi	301
SBSPUBLIC	301
CBCI-D1B8-5	at l
WVLTest	at l
TP-LINK_2.4GHz_SD	<u></u>
Open Network and Sharing Cente	er

Figure 3.11 Network Selection Screen

6 Select the USBLink2\_xxx from the list.

### NOTE:

If the USBLink2 is not displayed, make sure you are connected to the vehicle. Also, make sure you are within range (i.e., within 100 ft.). You may need to move your PC closer to the vehicle. The USBLink2.xxx is highlighted.



Figure 3.12 Selection Highlighted

7 Click Connect.

 VSB-Link2 Explorer v2.0.0.3

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 Image: Deline 2: 199

The connection is made and the device selected is displayed in the **USB-**Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer.

### NOTE:

The USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer opened automatically when you installed the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 drivers and utilities (see Figure 3.9, on page 23).

For more detailed information on using the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer, see Using the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer on page 32 of this chapter.

You now have a wireless connection to the USB-Link  $^{\rm TM}$  2 and the device is ready for use.

## Step 3: Test the Connection

You use the **Device Tester** to test the connection between the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 and the vehicle. At startup, the Device Tester checks for any NEXIQ<sup>™</sup> drivers installed on the PC.

To test the connection between the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 and the vehicle:

1 Click Start and then select All Programs ► NEXIQ ► Device Tester ► Device Tester.

The application is started and the **Device Tester** screen is displayed.

N Device Tester v3.1.0.6				
Bus Messages Driver \	<b>/ersion</b> : n/a	Firmware Version: n/a		
Modules Detected				
Device: USB-Link			•	Start Test
Protocol: J1708			•	Settings
				Component Info
Not Connected				Close

Figure 3.14 Device Tester Screen, Showing a Status of Not Connected

- 2 Use the **Device** box to select the appropriate device (for example, USB-Link2 WiFi).
  - —The Device box lists all the devices supported by the NEXIQ drivers installed on the PC.
- 3 Use the button in the **Protocol** box to select the appropriate protocol (e.g., J1708, J1939, OBDII, etc.).
  - —The Protocol box lists only the protocols supported by the device selected in the Device box.

4 Press the Start Test button.

The **Device Tester** screen is refreshed, and data received from the vehicle bus is displayed in the **Bus Messages** window.

Device Tester	/3.1.0.6						
Bus Messages	Driver \	<b>/ersion:</b> 2.0.0.7	13 Firmw	rare Versi	i <b>on:</b> 0.01	2129 Cable:	493048
128 084 000 086 128 002 009 003 128 084 000 086 129 100 172 102	000 091 00 000 040 25 000 091 00	00 092 000 18 55 085 096 12 00 092 000 18	7 000 000 1 000 183 7 000 000	190 000 000 000 190 000	000 184 000 000	000	
128 000 173 102 128 084 000 086 128 002 009 003 128 084 000 086	000 091 00 000 040 25 000 091 00	0 092 000 18 5 085 096 12 0 092 000 18	4 000 000 7 000 000 1 000 183 7 000 000	190 000 000 000 190 000	000 184 000 000	000	
Modules Detecte	ed						
172 - Off-board Diag 128 - Engine #1	nostics #1						
Device: USB-Li	ink 2 WiFi					~	Stop Test
Protocol: J1708						7	Settings
							Component Info
Connected							Close

Figure 3.15 Device Tester Screen, Showing a Status of Connected

### NOTE:

The **Modules Detected** window in the lower portion of the screen displays a list of all systems seen on the bus. It is used for J1708 and J1939 only. For all other protocols this window will be unavailable (i.e., NOT USED).

If the Connection Indicator button is red (i.e., **Not Connected**), do *one* of the following:

-For wireless connection using Wi-Fi:

- In the **Device** list, make sure that the heading is **USB-Link 2 WiFi** (Protocol desired).
- Check to ensure that the connections between the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> and the vehicle are secure (i.e., the Diagnostic Connector).
- Check to make certain that the Power LED on the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> is illuminated.

-For wired connection using a USB cable:

- In the Device list, make sure that the heading is USB-Link2 (Protocol desired).
- Check to ensure that the connections between the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 and the PC are secure (i.e., the USB cable).
- Check the connections between the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 and the vehicle (i.e., the Diagnostic Connector).
- Check to make certain that the Power LED on the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 is illuminated.

### NOTE:



For additional information, refer to "Connect the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> to a Vehicle" on page 24 of this manual.

5 Click **Stop Test** to end the test, or select another device to test.

## Using the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer

The USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer utility opened automatically when you installed the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 drivers and utilities (see Figure 3.9, on page 23).

To re-open the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer once it has been closed, click on the **Show Hidden Icons** arrow in your PC's System Tray.



Figure 3.16 Hidden Icons

Then, double-click on the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 icon 🚺.



You can also access the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer from your PC's Start menu. Click **Start** and then select **All Programs** ▶ **NEXIQ** ▶ **USB-Link 2** ▶ **USB-Link 2 Explorer**. The USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer opens.



Figure 3.17 USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer

The following menu options are provided:

- File (pg. 35)
- Tools (pg. 36)
- Help (pg. 39)

Each menu option includes a number of features. Each of the menu options are discussed in the following sub-sections.

When you click on a USB-Link<sup>TM</sup> 2 in the list in the left pane, the Configuration tab is displayed (Figure 3.18).

## The Configuration Tab

The **Configuration** tab provides the following information:

- Device Name and MAC Address
- Wireless Settings
- Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Settings

This information can be useful when troubleshooting network connection problems. You also use the Configuration tab when switching between the two wireless communication modes:

- Mini Access Point
- Infrastructure

To access the Configuration tab:

1 Click on a USB-Link2.xxx in the list in the left pane of the Explorer.

USB-Link2 Explorer v2.0.0.13			
<u>File T</u> ools <u>H</u> elp			
SBLink2's	Nonfiguration		
USBLink2_199     Ū Serial Number: 199	Device		
Firmware Version: 00.012129	Name:	USBLink2_199	_
Connection Type: Wireless MAC Address: 00:06:C6:51:EE:6D	MAC Address:	00:06:C6:51:EE:6D	
IP Address: 192.168.124.100     Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0     Default Gateway: 0.0.0.0     SSID: USB link2 199	Network Name:	USBLink2_199	
Operating Mode: Mini Access Point (peer-to-peer) Network Authentication: Disabled	Mode:	Mini Access Point (peer-to-peer)	-
Cable ID: 00493048 [Model_6_9_Pin_Y]	Security:	Disabled	-
	Password:		
	Key Index:	1 -	
	Internet Protocol (TCF	/IP)	
	Obtain an IP address	ss automatically	
	C Specify an IP addr	ess:	
l	IP Address:	192 . 168 . 124 . 100	
This is your selected diagnostic device	Subnet Mask:	255 . 255 . 255 . 0	
This is your selected diagnostic device.	Default Gateway:	0.0.0	
Select		A	pply
Ready			.::

Figure 3.18 Configuration Tab

Click on the **Mode** drop-down menu to switch between Mini Access Point and Infrastructure modes.

You can also use the Reset button on the bottom of the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 to switch from Infrastructure Mode *back* to Mini Access Point Mode (the factory default). Just push and hold the button until all the lights on the front of the device flash, about five (5) seconds.



Because of the numerous configuration variables involved in setting up your network in Infrastructure Mode, please contact your local IT administrator.

## The File Menu

The File menu has one feature, Exit. You use the Exit feature to close the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer.

To exit the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer:

1 Select File from the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer menu bar.

USB-Link2 Explorer v2.0.0.13		
File Tools Help		
Exit	Nonfiguration	
Serial Number: 199	Device Name:	USBLink2_199
MAC Address: 00:06:C6:51:EE:6D	MAC Address:	00:06:C6:51:EE:6D
A Functes, 122, 124, 100     Subnet Mask, 255, 255, 255, 0     Default Gateway: 0.0.0     SSID: USBLink2, 199     Operating Mode: Mini Access Point (peerto-peer)     Network Authentication: Disabled     Cable ID: 00493048 [Model_6_9_Pin_Y]	Network Name:	USBLink2_199
	Mode:	Mini Access Point (peerto-peer)
	Security:	Disabled
	Password:	*****
	Key Index:	1 -
	Internet Protocol (TCP/I	IP)
	Obtain an IP address	s automatically
	C Specify an IP addres	351
	IP Address:	192 . 168 . 124 . 100
This is your selected diagnostic device.	Subnet Mask:	255 . 255 . 255 . 0
	Default Gateway:	
Select		Apply

Figure 3.19 Exit Selected

2 Select Exit.

The USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer closes.

### The Tools Menu

The Tools menu provides the following features:

- Ping
- Options

### Ping

The Ping feature uses the PING protocol to check for the presence of a device on the network.

To check for a device:

- 1 Select **Tools** from the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer menu bar.
- 2 Select Ping.

📜 Ping		
Enter the IP addres	ss of the device you would like to ping	
IP Address:		
	Start	Stop

Figure 3.20 Ping Dialog Box

- 3 Enter the IP address of the device you want to locate (e.g., 192.168.123.107).
- 4 Click Start.

The USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer searches for the device and, if found, displays the reply.

- 5 Click Stop.
- 6 Click the **Close** button on the dialog box.

### Options

The Options feature provides the following features, which are presented as check boxes:

- Start USBLink2 Explorer when Windows starts (pg. 37)
- Show New USBLink2 Notification (pg. 38)

### Start USBLink2 Explorer when Windows Starts

You use this feature to manage when the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer opens.

The default is to automatically open the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer when Windows starts.

Options	×
Start USBLink2 Explorer when Window	vs starts
Show New USBLink2 Notification	
	OK Cancel Apply

Figure 3.21 Options Menu

To change the default, click on the check box to remove the check mark. Then click **OK**.

### Show New USBLink2 Notification

You use this feature to manage when to display the New USBLink2 notification message box.



Figure 3.22 Notification Box

The default is to display the notification message box whenever a new USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 is detected.



Figure 3.23 Options Menu

To change the default, click the box to remove the check mark. Then click OK.

## The Help Menu

The Help menu has one feature, About. You use the About feature to display information about the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer.

To access the Help menu:

- 1 Select **Help** from the USB-Link<sup>™</sup> 2 Explorer menu bar.
- 2 Select About.

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Figure 3.24 About USB-Link 2 Explorer

3 When you have finished reviewing the information, click **OK** to close the dialog box.