

SmartTOP Convertible Top Controller for BMW 3-series E46 now with more features

The SmartTOP aftermarket add-on module for BMW 3-series (E46) convertibles allows opening and closing of the top while driving at slow speeds and with one-touch convenience. The top can also be controlled from the existing key fob remote. Automotive electronics specialist Mods4cars has now extended the functionality of the product to include automatic door locks while driving, remote controlled lighting (coming/leaving home) and park assist for cars without seat memory.

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The SmartTOP add-on convertible top module offered by Mods4cars for BMW 3-series (E46) allows drivers to open or close the top while moving at up to 40 km/h (~28mph). Thanks to the convenient one-touch operation a single touch of the console button is enough. Additionally the top can be raised or lowered, also fully automatically, from outside the car via the original key fob remote.

Giving owners even more extra convenience, the manufacturer has now added a few new functions into the module, all of which are user programmable. The module can be programmed to lock the doors while driving and automatically unlock them afterwards. This convenient anti-carjacking feature is standard on most cars nowadays. Another new feature is the ability to turn the front and rear lights on by remote to light up dark garages for example or to find the car in a dark parking lot. Lastly, a new park assist feature was included for cars without seat memory. This feature automatically lowers the passenger mirror when shifting into reverse gear in order to avoid damage to the rims when parallel-parking.

Existing functionality was improved as well. Closing the top by remote is now also possible by pressing the lock button on the remote three times. "The new firmware makes operation from the remote more intuitive", says PR-Manager Sven Tornow. Now the formula is simple: click three times on unlock to lower the top, click three times on lock to raise it.

"We consider our products to be convenience add-ons. Our goal is not only to improve the experience of top operation itself, but also to give owners of our products additional useful features that make using the car more fun." Sven Tornow continues. This also applies to the installation of the product. The BMW kit now comes with a full plug-and-play wiring harness that merely requires pulling and reseating two connectors in order to complete installation. No need to handle any individual wires.

These new features are available not just for new customers. Mods4cars offers a free firmware update for all existing SmartTOP modules. Every module comes with a standard USB port and can be updated with the help of support software available for Windows and Mac. Updates are always free which makes the purchase of any SmartTOP module a future-proof investment.

SmartTOP convertible top and convenience add-on kits are available for: Alfa, Audi, Bentley, BMW, Ferrari, Ford, Infiniti, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz, Mini, Nissan, Opel, Peugeot, Porsche, Renault, Volkswagen and Volvo.

The SmartTOP module for BMW 3-series (E46) convertibles is available for as low as 249 Euros + tax.

A product demonstration can be seen here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=loFlscAfqw8>

Further details and purchasing information can be found here: <http://www.mods4cars.com>

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About Mods4cars:

Mods4cars was founded in 2002 with the idea to add a highly demanded feature to the otherwise almost perfect Porsche Boxster: Comfort One-Touch roof operation while driving at slow speeds. The resulting product offered not only that, but also allowed quick and easy installation by just swapping out a relay box, thus leaving no traces and no permanent changes on the vehicle. The first SmartTOP roof controller was born.

The success of their first products in Germany and Europe prompted them in late 2004 to move operations to the USA, to be able to serve the American market as well as all other English speaking countries such as Australia, UK and South Africa from one central location. Their business has grown to a full-fledged international corporation with an office in Las Vegas and a full line of innovative products as well as distributors and installation partners all over the globe.

Being highly specialized in the development and distribution of aftermarket roof- and comfort controllers since 2002 allows them to offer an unsurpassed level of competence and product quality. Their main goal is optimization of each individual product to a maximum in compatibility, usability and intuitive operation. They put greatest effort into development and quality checks of all their products to achieve this goal and meet all expectations of their customers.

The extraordinary success of their products is also based on the great communication with their customers, which usually already starts for each new product during the development and prototyping phase.