

## **SmartTOP for Mercedes-Benz SLK now allows use of the rear windows with top down**

*Automotive electronics specialist Mods4cars added a long awaited feature to the SmartTOP add-on convertible top controller for Mercedes-Benz SLK R171. With the top fully open it is now possible to raise the small rear windows. The SLK R171 gains an even more elegant silhouette. Up until now it was only possible to raise the two front windows with the convertible top down.*

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Recently Mods4cars announced the availability of a firmware update allowing use of the rear windows on Mercedes SLK R172 with the top down. Now the same function is available on the SLK R171 as well. The Vegas based outfit Mods4cars offers aftermarket electronic modules called SmartTOP which extend the functionality of the cars' convertible top operation. The signature feature of the modules is the ability to raise and lower the top while driving at slow speeds and with one-touch convenience. They also allow top operation from the original key fob remote and each one comes with an individual set of user configurable bonus features adding to every day convenience.

"We continually work on improving our existing products and are always taking our customers' wishes and input into consideration." says PR-Manager Sven Tornow. "Raising the rear windows with the top down was one of the most requested features; it creates a more elegant appearance and improves wind protection." Sven Tornow continues.

By factory default the two small rear windows are permanently in the down position as long as the convertible top is open. The new SmartTOP feature now allows them to be raised and was completely integrated into the existing module as a firmware update. Now car owners can decide if they want all four windows to come up after opening the top or if they want them to stay down.

When using the key remote top open the top, the user configurable setting also applies. Choose if all windows come up or stay down. The setting can be programmed independently from the front windows, so it is possible to leave all windows down, raise only the front ones or raise all.

Mods4cars publishes at least 50 firmware updates every year, all of which are not just for new customers to enjoy. All SmartTOP modules come equipped with a standard USB port for quick and easy end user product configuration and update. Firmware updates are free of charge. "Once you purchased a SmartTOP module, you will be eligible to receive firmware updates for the entire life of the product." Sven Tornow concludes.

The SmartTOP convertible top convenience add-on module comes with a plug-in-between wiring harness for simple installation by anyone. Pricing starts at 249 Euros + tax.

SmartTOP modules are available for all SLK models R170 through R172. All these popular car brands are supported: Alfa, Audi, Bentley, BMW, Ferrari, Ford, Infiniti, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz, Mini, Nissan, Opel, Peugeot, Porsche, Renault, Volvo and VW.

A video demonstrating the new functionality can be seen here:

<http://youtu.be/pbAiC2slpeQ>

Further details about the product and the added features 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.