

GX GSM

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1. Introduction

The GX GSM is an accessory for Venus-devices. It is a cellular modem; providing a mobile internet for the system and connection to Victron Remote Management (VRM).

It requires a full sized SIM card; and connects to the Venus-device (Device that runs the Venus OS. Such as the Color Control GX or Venus GX.) with a (supplied) 1m USB cable.

A small indoor GSM antenna is included. As an option we also sell an outdoor GSM antenna (Part Number: GSM900200100)

!!!! Somewhere there must be a picture of it and specs, GX GSM datasheet!?

GPS

GPS	
Status	GPS OK (fix)
Latitude	53° 13' 11.3" N
Longitude	6° 36' 25.4" E
Speed	2.0km/h
Course	145.5°
Altitude	-38.6m
Number of satellites	9
Format	52° 20' 41.6" N, 5° 13' 12.3" E
Speed Unit	Kilometres per hour
Device	>

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Compatibility

- Color Control GX
- Venus GX
- Octo GX

The GX GSM requires Venus OS (Operating System) v2.20 or newer to be installed on the Venus-device (Device that runs the Venus OS. Such as the Color Control GX or Venus GX).

When to use a mobile router instead

The GX GSM only provides an internet connection for the Venus-device (Device that runs the Venus OS. Such as the Color Control GX or Venus GX); there is no option to share the internet to laptops, phones, or other devices.

For installations where more devices need internet, such as a yacht or RV, consider installing a mobile router instead. [More information here.](https://www.victronenergy.com/live/ccgx:start#internet_connectivity)
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2. Installation

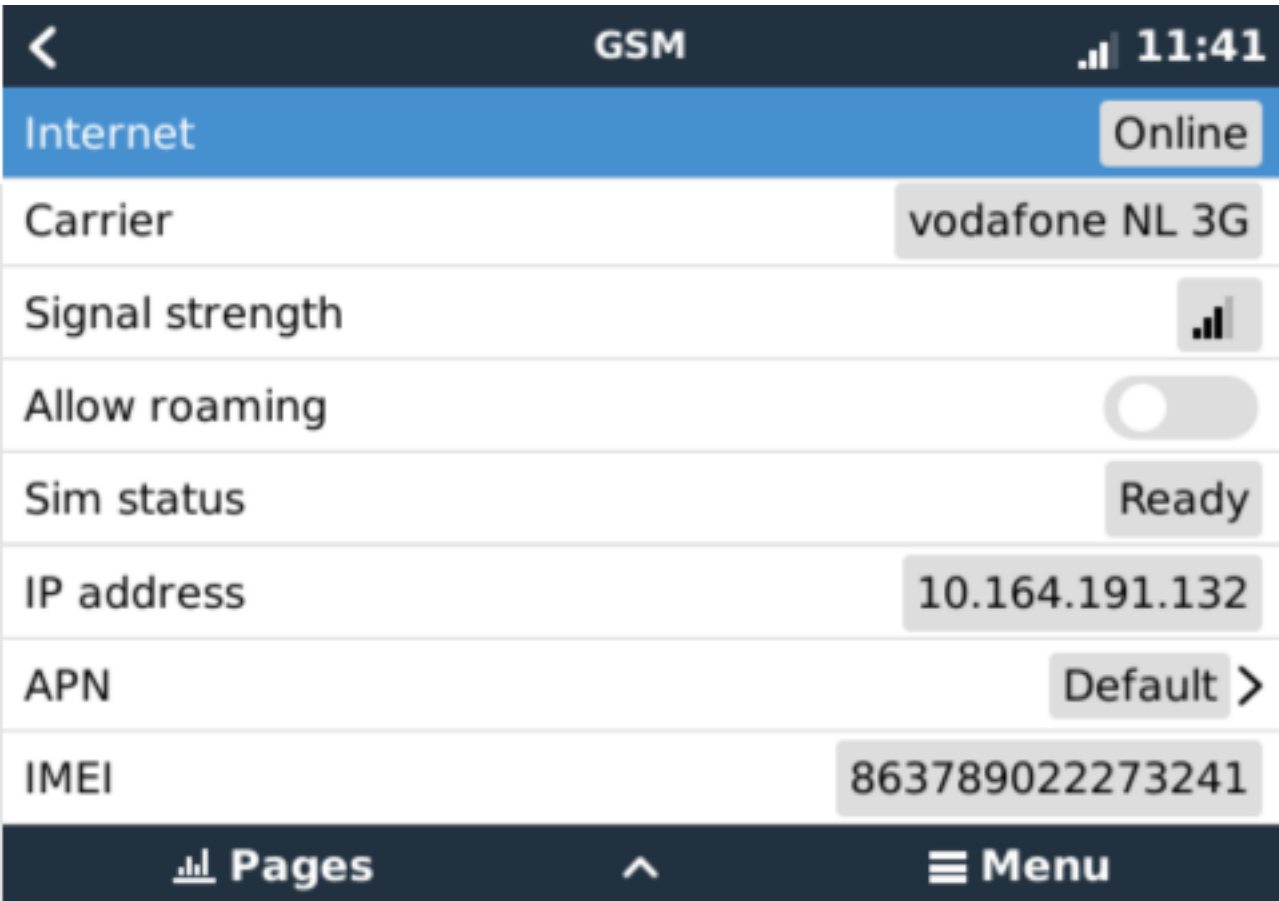
Mount the device and connect the antenna. Consider using the outdoor antenna when installing the GX GSM in a closed metal enclosure.

Insert the SIM card. You will need to eject the SIM card tray with a pen or other pointy object. Be aware that the SIM card tray sits slightly recessed inside the unit. Be sure to push it all the way in.

Connect the GX GSM to the Venus device with the supplied USB cable. Use a USB hub if all USB sockets are already in use.

Connect DC power supply (8 to 70 VDC). A 1.4M wire is included, with M10 lugs and an inline fuse.

3. Configuration

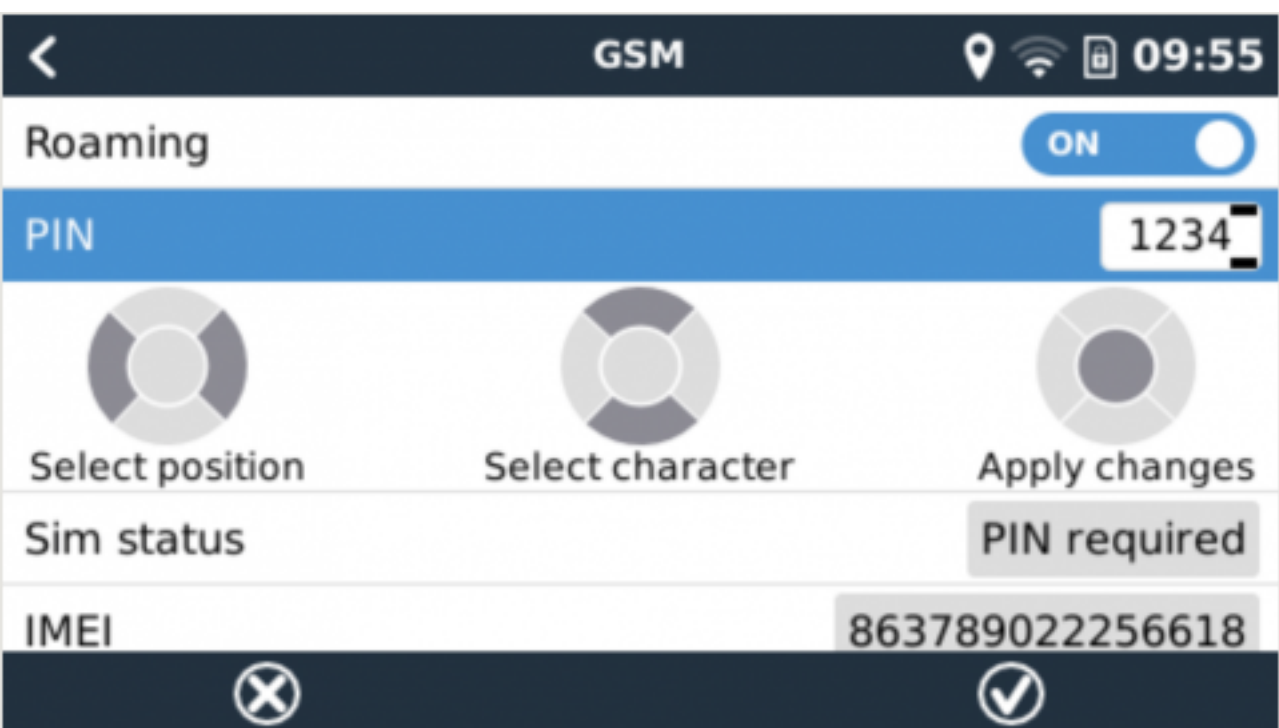


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When using a SIM card with its SIM-pin security disabled, the system will work without further configuration. Verify operation by .. ? (Check VRM Last log data?)

Setting a SIM pin helps reducing the risk of the SIM card being stolen and used. Use a mobile phone to set the SIM pin, and there after configure it on the Venus device.

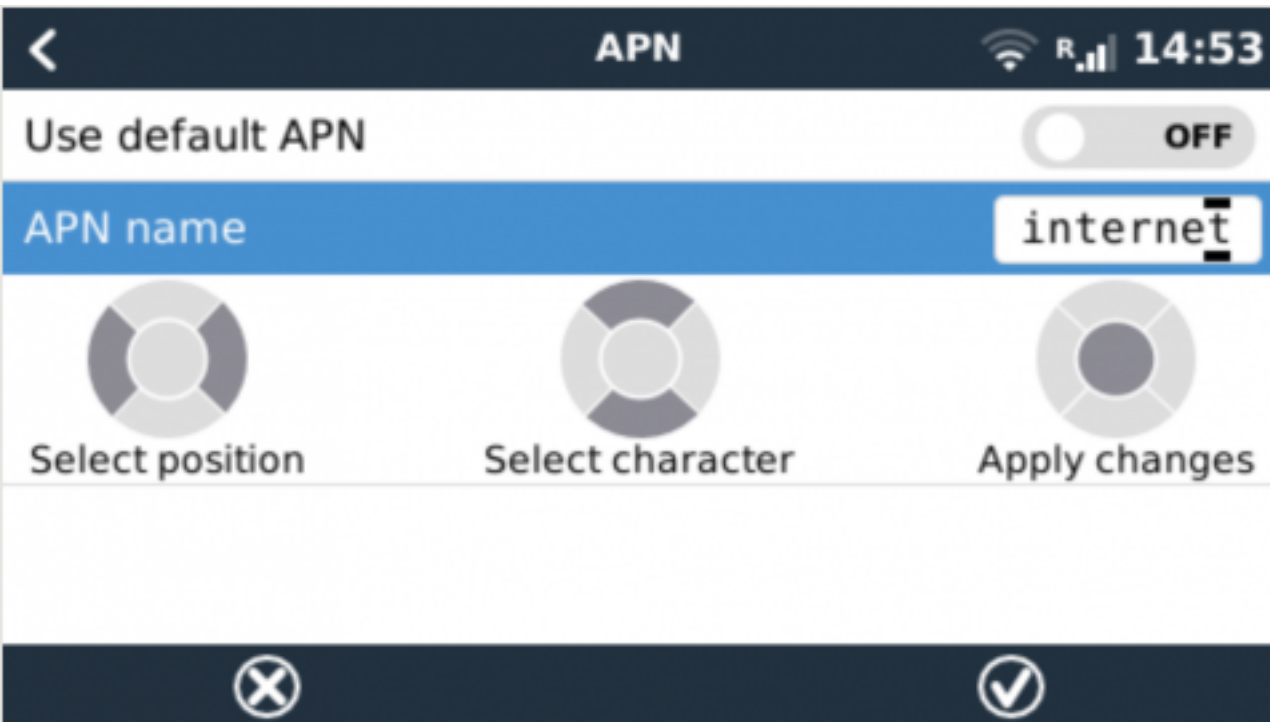
Settings → GSM modem → PIN code



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Some mobile networks require manual configuration of an APN specially when roaming. Contact your operator.

APN name can be configured in Settings → GSM Modem → APN.



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4. Status

GSM modem status can be checked at a glance by looking at the status bar.

Icon	Details
	GSM modem is connected.
	GSM modem is properly configured, the 3G/E/etc icon reflects that the GSM modem internet connection is in use.
	WiFi is available and its internet connection is in use. WiFi has priority over GSM.
	SIM PIN code is required.
	Roaming, only informative. To use internet connection while roaming it needs to be enabled in Settings → GSM modem → Allow roaming.

5. Trouble shooting

	Step	Details
1	Power	Check that the blue LED is either lit continuous or blinking
2	USB	The modem must be connected to USB, and visible in the Settings → GSM modem menu
3	Simcard	If enabled, PIN code must be configured in Settings → GSM modem → PIN
4	Signal strength	1 bar for VRM logging, 2/3 bars for remote console
5	Network	Check that a network name is visible. If it is not, contact your simcard provider and/or insert the simcard in a phone to double check its operation.

You also need to remember that an outdoor antenna typically increases received signal by 15 dB to 25 dB. (verify)