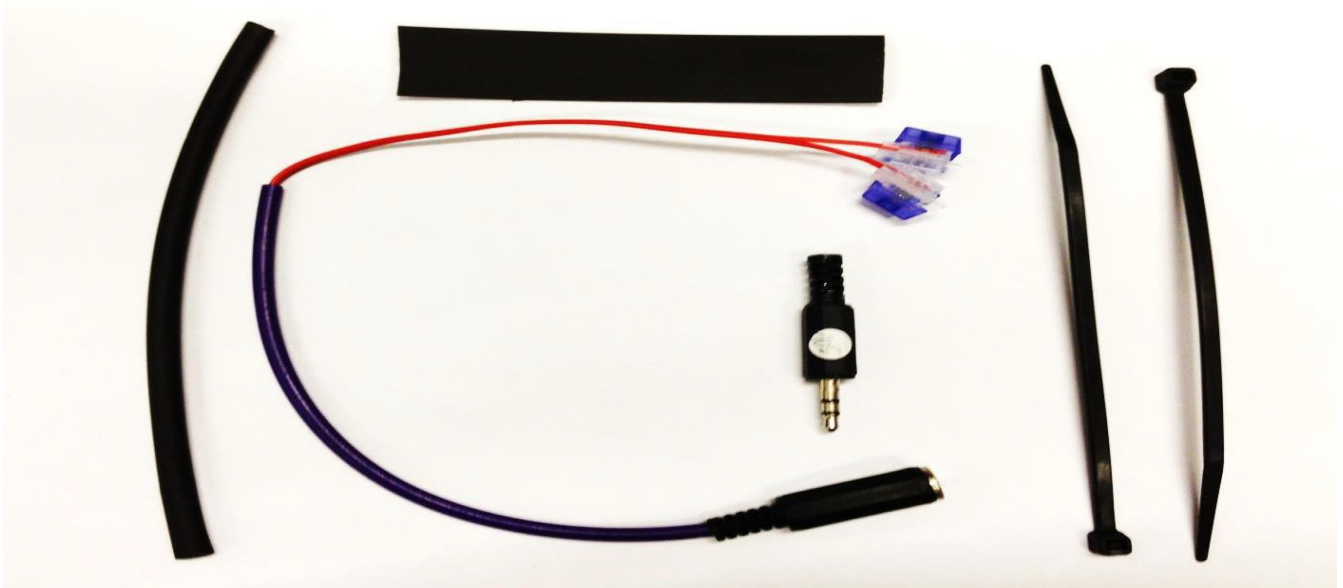


Bosch Tuning Dongle Independent Review – Submitted March 2013



First off let me say that my Haibike's performance was wonderful - right up to the point it cut out at 15mph. Which was pretty darn annoying. So - for off road use only of course - I thought I would try out one of these tuning dongles available from various sources (I might add at this point that I work for none of these suppliers and am not getting paid to write this!).

I bought the dongle from Crank Cycles (e-bikeshop) - even though its a few pounds more than if you bought them directly from Germany - but the extra cost was more than made up for it from my perspective by the fact that the instructions were in plain English and if you got stuck you could phone them up and ask them to help you out.

So it arrived and I followed the instructions - you do need a crank extractor tool but a hammer and screwdriver worked instead of the spyder tool you're supposed to use - and I soldered the wires rather than use the connectors supplied with the kit. But if you're even slightly mechanically minded it's pretty straightforward.

OK then - to the big test.

Wow! Amazing! Great! Super! Yes!!!! (is the basic experience). Wow what a difference it makes - no longer are you just getting interested and the motor cuts out! Oh no! The thing just keeps going! F***** ace. Just what I wanted. I don't know what else to say - I can only say that it is now exactly the bike I thought it could be. Only one other mod I did was to put a 45T chainring on it to deal with the higher top speed. Otherwise I would say the bike is pretty much perfect.

The only downside is that the display now reads half actual speeds - your trip-ometer reads half distance - and I think the range estimate is out of whack too - but this seems a small price to pay for the fact that the bike performs so much better.