

# GX LTE 4G manual

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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Product description

The GX LTE is an accessory for [GX-devices](#). It is a cellular 2G, 3G and 4G modem; providing a mobile internet for the system and connection to [Victron Remote Management \(VRM\) portal](#).

It requires a SIM card of the [Mini-SIM format](#); and connects to the [GX-device](#) with an included 1m USB cable.

See also the [GX LTE Product Page](#).

This video Video explaining how to connect using LAN, WiFi, and the GX LTE:



## Video

## 1.2 Antennas and accessories

(DRAFT - THIS SECTION NEEDS UPDATING. EITHER THE SAME EXTERNAL ANTENNA CAN BE USED OR A NEW ONE IS NECESSARY - WILL BE CLEAR SOON)

GSM: A small indoor GSM antenna is included. As an option we also sell an outdoor GSM antenna:

- GSM900100100 - Outdoor 2G and 3G GSM Antenna for GX LTE

GPS: The GX LTE includes a built-in GPS receiver. With the optional GPS antenna installed, the system can be tracked as well as Geo-fenced on the VRM Portal. The required accessory is the GSM900200100 - Active GPS Antenna for GX LTE.

Photos and specifications in [the antenna chapter](#).

## 1.3 Compatibility

The GX LTE can be used with any of the [GX Devices](#).

The GX LTE requires Venus OS v2.54 or newer to be installed on the GX Device.

## 1.4 When to use a mobile router instead

The GX LTE provides an internet connection for the [GX-device](#) only. 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](#).

# 2. Installation

Mount the device and connect the antenna. Consider using the outdoor antenna when installing the GX LTE in a closed metal enclosure or car or van.

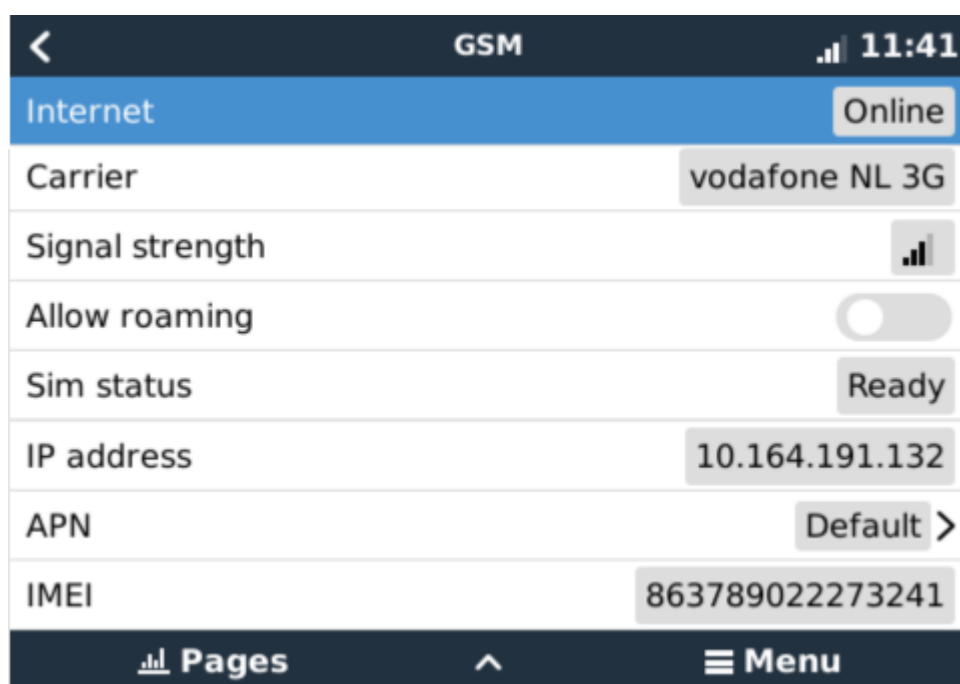
Insert the SIM card. You will need to eject the SIM card tray with a pen or other pointy object. Be aware that the SIM card tray sits slightly recessed inside the unit. Be sure to push it all the way in.

Connect the GX LTE to the GX-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 XXX A fuse.

After power-up, the blue LED will be solid blue. Next, once it has registered on a network, it will start blinking slowly. Finally, when it has established the internet connection, it will be blinking fast.

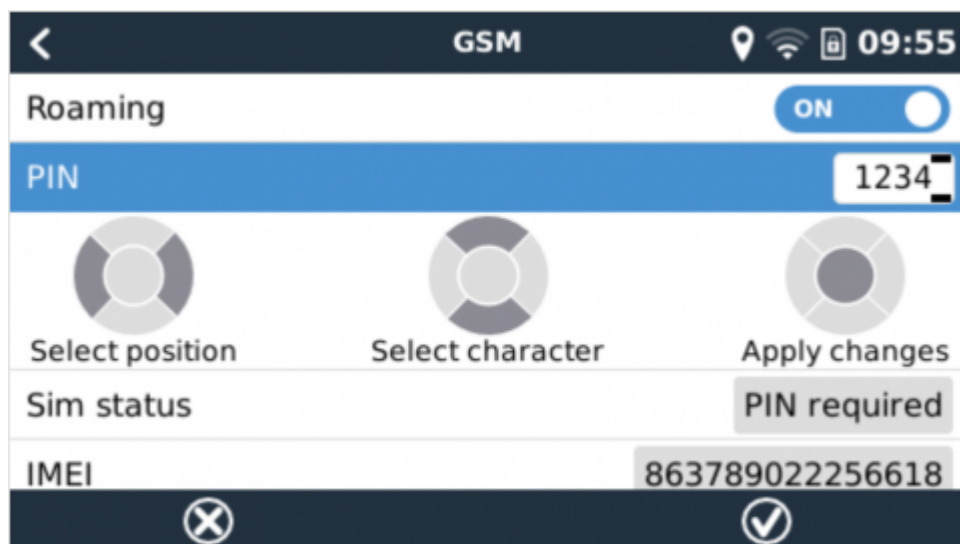
### 3. Configuration



When using a SIM card with its SIM-pin security disabled, the system will work without further configuration.

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 GX-device.

Settings → GSM modem → PIN code



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.

APN configuration screen. The screen shows a toggle for "Use default APN" set to OFF. The APN name is entered as "internet". Below the input field are three circular icons for "Select position", "Select character", and "Apply changes". At the bottom are "Cancel" and "OK" buttons.

## 4. GPS

When the optional antenna is added; the position will be visible like this:






GPS status screen. The screen shows the status "GPS OK (fix)". The screen displays various location data: 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), and a "Device" field with a right arrow. The bottom bar has "Pages", an up arrow, and "Menu".

Also the position is sent to the [VRM Portal](#).

## 5. Status

### Status Bar

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

| Icon  | Details  |
|---|--|
|  | GSM modem is connected to network, but not to the internet (no data connection). Either on purpose, because an ethernet or WiFi connection is available. |
|  | 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.                      |

## SIM Status

| Status           | Description   |
|------------------|---|
| Ready            | SIM card is installed properly and registered to the network                              |
| SIM not inserted | SIM card is missing or not inserted properly. SIM tray might hang out a little.           |
| PIN required     | SIM card requires 4 digit PIN for unlock.   |
| PUK required     | SIM is locked due to wrong PIN inputs. 8 digit PUK is required to release the lock state. |
| SIM failure      | SIM does not respond - might be broken  |
| SIM busy         | SIM is in busy state  |
| SIM wrong        | Type of SIM is not supported  |

[External Link](#)

## 6. Trouble shooting

There are many reasons for a modem internet connection to not work. Carefully go through each step of this trouble shooting guide. Make sure to start at the first step. When asking for help, make sure to mention each step taken and the result.

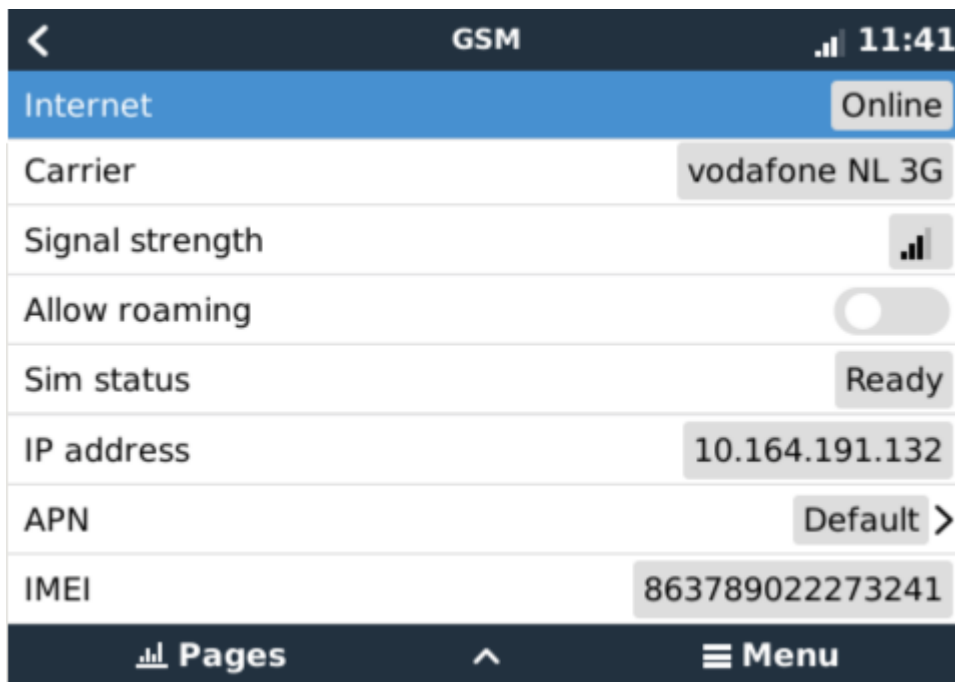
| Step                   | Details   |
|------------------------|---|
| 1 Power                | Check that the blue LED is either lit continuous or blinking  |
| 2 USB connection       | The modem must be connected to USB, and visible in the Settings → GSM modem menu  |
| 3 Simcard status       | Check the SIM Status in the menu, it must show "Ready". It will show "SIM not inserted", or "PIN required", or "PUK required" and more related errors when there is a problem. Please refer to the <a href="#">SIM Status list</a> for details.         |
| 4 Signal strength      | 1 bar minimum for VRM logging, 2 or 3 bars are necessary for a working remote console   |
| 5 Carrier registration | Check that a name of a Cellular provider is visible in the "Carrier" field. If it is not, check signal strength and otherwise contact your simcard provider and/or insert the simcard in a phone to double check its operation and subscription status. |

| Step                       | Details  |
|----------------------------|--|
| 6 Internet connection      | Verify that the Internet shows "Online". Reasons for the system to not go "Online" whilst properly registered on the Network are:<br>1) APN not configured, contact the network operator for details.<br>2) The network is a different one than the home network (ie. roaming), and the setting to permit Roaming is disabled.<br>3) Signal strength is strong enough to register on the network, but not to open the data connection to the internet. |
| 7 Connection to VRM Portal | Verify that the VRM Portal menu shows a recent last connection time. See Settings → VRM Portal. For more details, see <a href="#">the VRM Connection troubleshooting chapter of the GX Manual</a> .  |

An [outdoor antenna](#) typically increases received signal by 15 dB to 25 dB.

Note that Ethernet and WiFi connections have priority over the cellular connection. Even when the available Ethernet or WiFi connection does **not** have a good connection to the internet. There is **no** automatic detection in place which in such case switches over to the GX LTE. In more technical language: when the cellular data connection is active, it is configured with a high routing metric. This way, the Linux kernel prioritises Ethernet or Wifi when these are available.

This screenshot shows how all details look when everything is OK:



## 7. Supported Frequencies (2G/3G)

### 7.1 Available models & their supported frequency bands

GSM100100100 - GX LTE 900/2100:

- 2G (GSM/GPRS/EDGE): 850/900/1800/1900 MHz (Quad-Band)
- 3G (UMTS/HSPA+): 900/2100 MHz (Dual-Band)
- The used GSM module is a Simcom SIM5360E.

## GSM100200100 - GX LTE 850/1900:

- 2G (GSM/GPRS/EDGE): 850/900/1800/1900 MHz (Quad-Band) - same between both models.
- 3G (UMTS/HSPA+): 850/1900 MHz (Dual-Band)
- The used GSM module is the Simcom SIM5360A.
- Expected in first stock in 2020 Q3. And only short lived; since its successor, the GX LTE 4G, having 2G/3G and also 4G support is also coming soon.

## 7.2 Notes regarding regional coverage

A good reference to check frequencies is [GSM World Coverage Map](#)

## 8. Technical Data

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Outer dimensions (LxWxH)</b> | 106×42.5×22 mm ( <a href="#">Drawing</a> )   |
| <b>Voltage range</b>            | 8..70 VDC  |
| <b>Power draw</b>               | 2.5 W while 2G/3G data transfer<br><1.0 W in idle mode<br>+0.4 W if GPS is enabled |
| <b>Recommended fuse size</b>    | 500 mA @ 12 V<br>250 mA @ 24 V<br>100 mA @ 48 V                                    |
| <b>Wire gauge (power cable)</b> | 0.5..1.5mm <sup>2</sup> / AWG 28..16   |
| <b>Antenna connector</b>        | Type SMA Female  |
| <b>SIM card</b>                 | Regular Mini SIM   |

## 9. Accessory / Antennas

### Outdoor 2G and 3G GSM Antenna



|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Part number</b>     | GSM900100100 |
| <b>Mounting option</b> | Screw Mount  |
| <b>Cable Type</b>      | Rg-316       |

|                     |                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Cable Length</b> | 0.25 m                     |
| <b>Connector</b>    | SMA Male Straight          |
| <b>Frequencies</b>  | 800/900/1800/1900/2100 MHz |
| <b>Signal Gain</b>  | 3 dbi                      |

## Active GPS Antenna



|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Part number</b>     | GSM900200100      |
| <b>Mounting option</b> | Magnet            |
| <b>Cable Type</b>      | Rg-174            |
| <b>Cable Length</b>    | 3.0 m             |
| <b>Connector</b>       | SMA Male Straight |
| <b>Frequency</b>       | 1575.42 MHz       |
| <b>Impedance</b>       | 50 $\Omega$       |

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