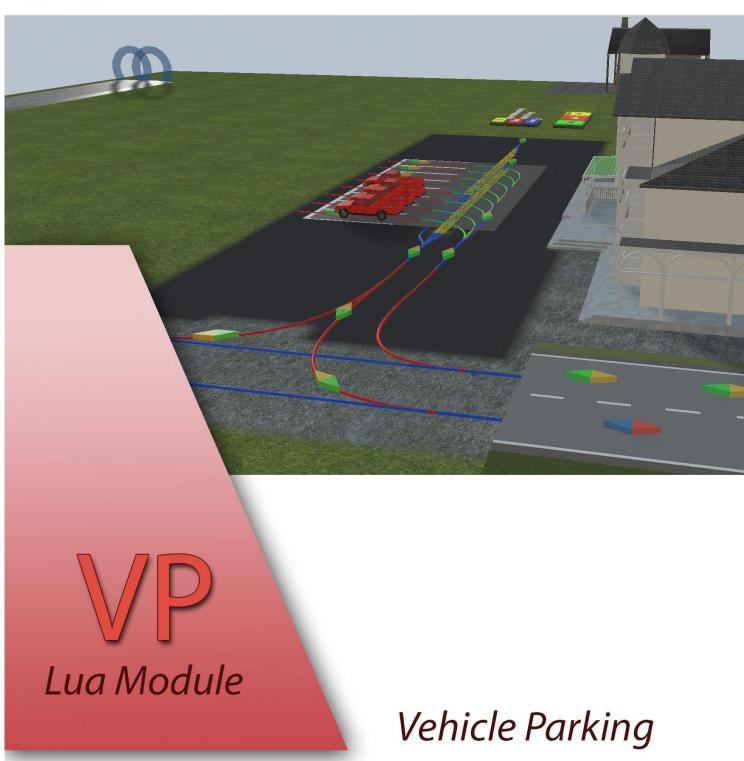


MBS Companion





VP - Feature Summary (not all are implemented yet)

"Vehicle Parking" manages structured parking areas using virtual tracks and contacts. It controls how vehicles **enter**, **wait**, **queue**, and **leave** a parking zone, and ensures orderly flow even with many vehicles.

Core Features

• Parking Zone Management

VP defines one or more virtual parking areas composed of parking lanes, holding tracks, or single park slots. The module keeps track of vehicles currently parked and their order.

Entry Control

VP manages how vehicles are admitted:

- allow entry only if capacity is available
- single-lane entry maybe later; multi-lane entry
- optional "entry queue" before the parking area using SS module

• Parking Order & Slot Assignment

Depending on configuration, VP supports:

- first-free-slot assignment
- sequential or random slot filling
- simple queue-based storage

• Timed or Condition-Based Release

Vehicles can leave the parking area based on:

- timers (e.g., fixed parking duration)
- external triggers
- vehicle specific timing
- downstream modules requesting a vehicle (e.g., FD, VO, SS)

• Vehicle Tracking

VP stores metadata for each parked vehicle, such as:

- time of entry (for duration-based logic)
- assigned slot/lane
- return destination or forward target
- optional user-defined variables

Flow Control Within the Parking Area

VP can coordinate internal movements, such as:

- advancing a queue when a slot becomes free
- reversing out of slot and progressing to exit lane
- repositioning vehicles from a holding lane to a free parking slot

• Basic Error Handling & Safety

- detects full parking zones and blocks new entries
- avoids collisions by sequential slot movement
- ensures vehicles are not lost or stuck without a valid next target

• Fill Level Indicator

- fill level can be queried
- overflow area can be linked

VW - Feature Summary

"Vehicle Wait" manages controlled queues for temporary vehicle stoppage.

It is used for bus lanes, taxi queues, drop-off/pick-up points, service lanes, and other situations where vehicles must pause before continuing.

Core Features

• Queue Formation & Ordering

VW creates orderly queues using virtual tracks or dedicated waiting lanes. Vehicles join the queue in sequence, ensuring clean and predictable flow.

• Controlled Release

Vehicles are released one at a time based on:

- fixed or variable timers
- downstream availability
- external triggers (e.g., passengers boarding)

• Multi-Vehicle Waiting Behavior

Supports single-lane or multi-lane queues, with optional merging back into main traffic flows.

Scheduling Integration

VW can serve as a timed staging point before vehicles enter route modules.

This enables simple scheduling patterns such as:

- service intervals (e.g., buses leaving every X minutes)
- staggered departures
- scheduled feeder traffic into SR or SS modules

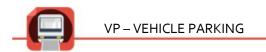
• Configurable Stop Logic

- minimum wait time
- maximum queue length
- optional bypass logic for through-traffic (when combined with FD)

Cooperation with Other Modules

Works naturally with:

- FD (Forked Drivethrough) for queue sidings with overtaking lanes
- SR/SS for route handoff



Vehicle Parking (VP) Module – Structure & Components

1. Purpose of the VP-PKW Module

The VP (Vehicle Parking) module manages a group of parking slots designed for PKW (passenger cars).

It routes vehicles from a shared entry area into one of several parking slots, monitors their parked duration, and manages the controlled exit of vehicles using reversing tracks and final exit hops.

The module provides:

- Controlled single-vehicle exit (exitPending lock)
- Timed parking (per-vehicle MaxParkingDuration)
- Bypass and drive-through handling
- Automatic safety recovery for stuck vehicles
- Manual mode with selective release

2. Core Concepts

Each parking slot has a complete routing definition that includes:

Entry Target

Contact(s) where a vehicle begins the parking process.

Bypass Route

Contact used when no slot is available or when waiting conditions block entry.

Drive-Through Route

A straight-through path for vehicles that should not enter the parking area.

Route To Slot

A list of contacts guiding a vehicle into its assigned slot.

Slot Track

The physical track where the vehicle stops and remains parked.

• Entry Wait Contact

Logical queue/stop-line contact to enforce single-file entry.

Route To Reverse

Contacts used to start reversing out of a slot.

Reverse Track

Short backward track where reversing physically takes place.

• Final Exit Target

Forward-driving exit route after reversing is finished.

• Alternate Exit Target

Optional alternative forward exit path.

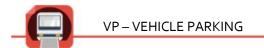
All slot definitions are generated from a compact slotTemplate list using wildcard expansion.

3. Module Variables

The VP module stores all runtime and configuration data under modul.variables.

Primary Module Variables

Variable	Description
VP-Slots	Expanded slot definition table generated from slotTemplates.
VP-SlotStatus	Runtime status table: free, reserved, occupied, or reversing for each slot.
VP-ExitPending	Indicates whether a vehicle is currently exiting (only one allowed at a time).
IsInitialised	True after all templates, validation, and options are set.



Variable Description

OptionSelectors List of switch object names (Start, Stop, Clear, Fill, Timing).

OptionDisplay List of text-field objects used to display current option states.

ModulKeyword Keyword applied to all objects belonging to this VP module.

ModulName Name of the module instance (e.g., "VP_1").

4. Per-Vehicle Variables

Each vehicle interacting with the VP system may contain:

Variable Description

VP_SlotIndex Index of the assigned parking slot (1–8).

VP_Parked Whether the vehicle is currently in a slot.

VP_ParkedMs Accumulated parked time in milliseconds.

VP_FirstExitHop First hop the vehicle must reach when exiting.

VP_EntryWaitContact Assigned WAIT contact for this vehicle.

VP_TargetSpeed Speed restored after releasing from WAIT.

VP_ReverseMode True while the vehicle is reversing out.

VP_ExitRoute Forward route assigned after reversing is completed.

5. Initialisation Flow

Initialisation happens once per module instance and performs the following steps:

1. Assign ModulName and ModulKeyword.

These are used for tagging all related contacts, tracks, and displays.

2. Define Slot Templates.

Two template ranges:

- Slots 1–4: direct entry
- Slots 5–8: indirect entry via PB_1_Entry_2
- 3. Expand Templates → VP-Slots.

VP_ExpandSlotTemplates converts wildcard definitions into concrete per-slot tables.

4. Validate All Objects.

VP_ValidateSlots ensures every referenced contact or track exists.

5. **Build Runtime Slot Status Table.**

VP_InitSlotStatus creates one status entry for each slot (free, reserved, etc.).

6. Assign Keywords to All Involved Objects.

Contacts, tracks, and access routes are tagged via VP_SetKeywordsForSlots and VP_AssignKeywordToList.

7. Validate Option Switches and Displays.

Ensures Start / Stop / Fill / Clear / Timing switches and display fields exist.

8. Initialise Options and Update Display.

InitVpOptions sets default modes; UpdateVpOptionDisplay writes them to the layout text fields.

9. Start the VP_Tick Timer.

Repeats every 10 ms (as defined in init), enabling full VP system operation.

6. Slot Template Model

Each slot generated from templates contains:

Routing & Behaviour

- entryTarget
- bypass
- driveThrough
- routeToSlot
- routeToReverse
- finalExitTarget
- alternateExitTarget

Track Resources

- slotTrack
- reverseTrack
- roadAccess

Logic Contacts

- entryWaitContact
- exitStop

This creates a complete behaviour package for each slot from entry \rightarrow parking \rightarrow reverse \rightarrow forward exit.

7. Switch System

The VP module supports manual interactions:

Start

- Starts the VP runtime (VP_Start)
- Begins the VP_Tick loop (unless timingMode = off)

Stop

• Stops the VP_Tick loop and all processing

Release (Manual Mode)

- Only active when timingMode = "manual"
- Selects the next vehicle using VP_SelectVehicleForManualRelease
- Performs VP_ReleaseVehicle for exactly one slot

TFill, TClear, TTiming

- Cycle option modes for fillMode, clearMode, timingMode
- Display updates automatically via UpdateVpOptionDisplay

8. Behavioural Overview (Summary)

- Vehicles begin at **entryTarget** → evaluated for eligibility.
- If exitPending is true, entry traffic is held at entryWaitContact.
- Valid vehicles are routed through **routeToSlot** into their slot.
- Park timers increment every VP_Tick.
- When a slot expires, **VP_ReleaseVehicle** triggers reverse+exit flow.
- After the first exit hop, VP-ExitPending clears and entry restarts.
- Safety functions ensure stuck vehicles or missing contacts do not break the system.

VP Component Definition

```
local slotTemplates = {
        {
        index = "1-4",
        entryTarget = {"PB_1_Entry" },
       bypass = \{"PB_1_Bypass"\},
        driveThrough = {"PB_1_Exit_Alternative" },
       allowedTypes = {"PKW"},
        -- Contacts used to drive INTO the slot (sequence of contacts)
        routeToSlot = {"PB_1_TSlot_*" },
                                              -- slot target
        -- Track that represents the actual parking location
       slotTrack = "PB_1_SSlot_*",
        entryWaitContact = "PB_1_Entry_Wait",
        -- Contacts used to create target for reversing OUT of the slot
        routeToReverse = { "PB_1_Revers_1"},
        reverseTrack = "PB_1_RSlot_*",
          -- Forward Exit
        finalExitTarget = {"PB_1_ExHop0","PB_1_Exit"},
        alternateExitTarget = {"PB_1_ExHop0", "PB_1_Exit_Alternative"},
        roadAccess = {"PB_1_Road_Access1", "PB_1_Road_Access2"},
       exitStop={"PB_1_Exit_Stop"}
        },
        {
        index = "5-8",
        entryTarget = {"PB_1_Entry" },
       bypass = \{"PB_1_Bypass"\},
       driveThrough = {"PB_1_Exit_Alternative" },
       allowedTypes = {"PKW"},
        -- Contacts used to drive INTO the slot (sequence of contacts)
        routeToSlot = {"PB_1_Entry_2" ,"PB_1_TSlot_*" },
                                                              -- slot target
        -- Track that represents the actual parking location
       slotTrack = "PB_1_SSlot_*",
        entryWaitContact = "PB_1_Entry_Wait",
        -- Contacts used to create target for reversing OUT of the slot
        routeToReverse = { "PB_1_Revers_2"},
        reverseTrack = "PB_1_RSlot_*",
        -- Forward Exit
       finalExitTarget = {"PB_1_ExHop0","PB_1_Exit"},
        alternateExitTarget = {"PB_1_ExHop0", "PB_1_Exit_Alternative"},
        roadAccess = {"PB_1_Road_Access1", "PB_1_Road_Access2"},
       exitStop={"PB_1_Exit_Stop"}
   }
      -- Switch Names
      modul.variables["OptionSelectors"] =
        { "VP_1-TFill", "VP_1-TClear", "VP_1-TTiming", "VP_1-Start", "VP_1-Stop", "VP_1-Release"}
      -- Display Names
      modul.variables["OptionDisplay"] = {"VP_1-DFill", "VP_1-DClear", "VP_1-DTiming"}
```

VP Slot Lifecycle Diagram

```
(initial state)
                                       FREE SLOT
slotStatus = "free"
                                       vehicle = nil
    ENTRY CONTACT (vehicle hits entryTarget)
VP_HandleEntryFlow()
VP_HandleEntryContact()
    Choose slot (VP_FindSlotForVehicle)
    Reserve slot
 Build routeToSlot (drive hops)Set VP_SlotIndex on vehicle
                                    RESERVED SLOT
slotStatus = "reserved"
vehicle = <veh.name>
                                                      physical routeToSlot hops
                                  SLOT ARRIVAL_CONTACT
                                     VP_HandleSlotArrival()
 • Slot becomes OCCUPIED
 VP_ParkedMs reset to 0vehicle.target clearedslotStatus.status = "occupied"
                                                 | parked
▼
                                          OCCUPIED SLOT
                                      slotStatus = occupied
                                     VP_ParkedMs = timer
                                                      VP_Tick increments VP_ParkedMs
VP_RunSlotProcessingLoop()
VEHICLE PARKING TIME EXPIRED (VP_ParkedMs >= MaxParkingDuration)
    VP_ReleaseVehicle()

    Clear VP state on vehicle
    Build exit route (routeToReverse + exit hops)
    Set VP_FirstExitHop on vehicle
    Set VP-ExitPending = true

                                                  | vehicle drives reverseTrack chain
                           REVERSE END (last reverseTrack hop)
kind = "reverseEnd"

    VP-ExitPending = true (kept active)
    Next: vehicle drives exit hops (ExHop0..n)

                                                                         → EXIT BLOCK POSSIBLE
                                                                               (ExitStop)
                         FIRST EXIT HOP CONTACT (VP_FirstExitHop)
                               VP_HandleExitHop()

VP-ExitPending = false
Clear VP_ParkedMs / VP_Parked
Free slot immediately
Release waiting vehicle or entry blocked vehicle

                                                    downstream exit hops
                                 EXIT CONTACT (final)
                                    VP_HandleExit()
 Defensive cleanupClears VP state if anything remains
                                              FREE SLOT
tatus = "free"
                                     slotStatus =
                                     vehicle = nil
```

State Summary

FREE

- Idle slot, available for parking.
- Entered via:
 - o Startup initialisation
 - o End of exit flow (VP_HandleExitHop or VP_HandleExit)
 - Housekeeping fix

RESERVED

- Slot chosen but vehicle not yet arrived.
- Created by: VP_HandleEntryContact → VP_SendVehicleToSlot.

OCCUPIED

- Vehicle physically at slotTrack.
- Created by: VP_HandleSlotArrival.

RELEASING

(Not stored as explicit state — but conceptually a phase)

Triggered by:

• VP_RunSlotProcessingLoop → VP_ReleaseVehicle.

Internals:

- ReverseTrack hops
- VP_FirstExitHop set
- VP-ExitPending = true

EXITING

- Vehicle driving exit hops.
- Ends at VP_HandleExitHop then VP_HandleExit.

Q Diagnostic: Where each state is touched

Transition Function(s)

$$\label{eq:problem} \begin{split} \mathsf{FREE} &\to \mathsf{RESERVED} & \mathsf{VP_HandleEntryContact} \\ \mathsf{RESERVED} &\to \mathsf{OCCUPIED} & \mathsf{VP_HandleSlotArrival} \end{split}$$

OCCUPIED → RELEASING VP_RunSlotProcessingLoop + VP_ReleaseVehicle

RELEASING → EXITING reverseTrack + exit hops

EXITING → FREE VP_HandleExitHop / VP_HandleExit

Any → FREE VP_Housekeeping (repair)

VPContactTrigger

```
VP_IsDuplicateContactHit
VP_HandleExitHop

    free slot via VP_SetSlotStatusFromVehicle

    clear VP-ExitPending

    clear VP_FirstExitHop

  - release waiting vehicle
  - release entry-blocked vehicle
VP_ClassifyContact

    detect WAIT via vehicle VP_EntryWaitContact

  scan def.entryTargetscan def.routeToSlot[last]
  scan def.finalExitTarget[last]
  scan def.alternateExitTarget[last]scan def.bypass
  – scan def.driveThrough
  - scan def.exitStop
   detect reverseEnd via def routeToReverse[last]
dispatch by kind:
    "wait"
      └── VP_HandleWaitContact

    read VP-ExitPending

               - read VP-EntryPending
               - stop vehicle + store VP_waitingVeh (if blocked)
               - clear VP_WaitingVeh (if free)
    "entry"
         VP_HandleEntryFlow
               - if VP_WaitingVeh exists → VP_AssignBypass
                if no MaxParkingDuration → VP_AssignBypass
                VP_HandleEntryPrecheck

    check vehicle VP_SlotIndex

                     - repair stale assignments
                     - scan slotStatus by vehicle name

    VP_HandleEntryContact

                     – VP_IsWaítBlocked
                     - VP_ClearVehicleState

    VP_FindSlotForVehicle

                            VP_GetSlotsReachableFromEntryContact
                            VP_SlotAllowsVehicleType

    fillMode selection

                      VP_SendVehicleToSlot

    build hop list from def.routeToSlot

                            - assign vehicle target

    set VP_SlotIndex

                     set VP_EntryWaitContact
    "slot"
        VP_HandleSlotArrival
               – mark st.status="occupied"
               - store st.vehicle = vehicle.name
               - vehicle.VP_ParkedMs = 0
               - vehicle.VP_SlotIndex = idx
               - vehicle.target = nil
                vehicle.currentSpeed = 0
    "reverseEnd"
        — VP_HandleReverseEnd
               – vehicle.drivingDirection = 1
                unwrap vehicle.VP_ExitRoute

    build exit hop entity list

                vehicle.target = hops
               - clear reverse/exit vars
    "exit"
        VP_HandleExit
               - read vehicle.VP_SlotIndex
                read slotStatus[idx]
               - CASE A: slot_already free → cleanup vehicle

    CASE B: still occupied by same vehicle → free slot

                CASE C: inconsistent → warn + cleanup vehicle
    "exitStop"
      "bypass"
        VP_AssignBypass
               - get bypassList[1]
                vehicle.target = bypassTarget
    "drive"
      └── VP_AssignBypass (same flow)
```





VP_Tick

```
VP_EntryQueueTick
        for each slot:
        if st.status == "reserved":
             — read def.slotTrack
              — layout:getVehiclesOn(track)
              - compare veh.name == st.vehicle
- promote st.status → "occupied"
        end
 VP_ExitMonitorTick (not in provided file, skip)
 - VP_RunSlotProcessingLoop
       - VP_LogSlotOverview
       - for each slot:
             - if st.status == "occupied":
                    - track = layout:getEntityByName(def.slotTrack)
                     vehList = layout:getVehiclesOn(track)
                    - if no physical vehicle:
                     free slot + continue
if mismatch st.vehicle != veh.name:
                         └─ repair st.vehicle
                     VP_ProcessOccupiedSlot
                           - parked = veh VP_ParkedMs + tickMs
                            if parked >= MaxParkingDuration:
                                  — VP_ReleaseVehicle
                                          - lookup vehicle by st.vehicle
                                          - set reverse mode vars

    build hops from def.routeToReverse

                                          - vehicle.target = hops
                                          - vehicle.currentSpeed = -5
- st.status = "reversing"
                           - return (end tick)
              - else skip
      — end loop
— (safety logic done outside VP_Tick in your setup):
        VP Housekeeping
           werify physical occupancy
             - auto-free stale slots
              restore vehicle slot mappings
             - repair parked flags
        VP_Safety_CheckWaitingVeh

    physical presence test
    if empty → clear VP_WaitingVeh

              - if vehicle present & no exitPending → start it
             — else wait

    VP_Safety_RecalculateAccessBlockedCount

    scan roadAccess tracks

              - count physical blockers
             - write VP_AccessBlockedCount
        VP_Safety_ClearExitStopWaitIfEmpty
             - detect exitStop[1]

    if empty → clear VP_ExitStopWaitingVeh

           └─ done
        VP_Safety_ExitTimeoutAndEntryRecovery

    VP_HandleExitTimeout

                      increment VP-ExitTicks
                     if >= timeout → reset exit flow
                    - restart stuck waiting vehicle
               VP_StartEntryIfWaitEmpty

    find stopped vehicle on entryContact

                    - call VP_HandleEntryContact
                   — restart it
        VP_Safety_FreeReversingSlots
             — for every reversing slot:
             - if reverseTrack physically empty:
             free slot
```

Init Phase (runs once if modul.variables["IsInitialised"] ~= true)

```
└ (top-level init block)
    set modul.variables["ModulKeyword"]
    - set modul.variables["ModulName"]

    define slotTemplates

    VP_ExpandSlotTemplates

    VP_ParseIndexSpec

         VP_ReplaceWildcard
        - flatten MBS object lists
       wildcard expansion for all list fields
    - modul.variables["VP-Slots"] = result
    VP_ValidateSlots
       ⊢ check slotTrack exists⊢ check reverseTrack exists
        checkList(driveThrough)
       checkList(alternateExitTarget)
       checkList(bypass)
       — checkList(entryTarget)

    checkList(routeToSlot)

         checkList(routeToReverse)
       └ checkList(finalExitTarget)
    VP_InitSlotStatus
       - modul.variables["VP-SlotStatus"] = vpStatus

    VP_SetKeywordsForSlots

       └ apply() per:
            slotTrack
            reverseTrack
            driveThrough[*]
            alternateExitTarget[*]
            bypass[*]
            entryTarget[*]
            routeToSlot[*]
             routeToReverse[*]
             finalExitTarget[*]
            roadAccess[*]

    VP_AssignKeywordToList (slot tracks)

       └ applyKeyword for each name
           ├ remove modulName keyword
           - set modulKeyword = keyword
           └─ set typeKeyword = keyword
    VP_AssignKeywordToList (reverse tracks)

    VP_AssignKeywordToList (road access tracks)

    ValidateObjectList (OptionSelectors, modulKeyword)

    ValidateObjectList (OptionDisplay, modulKeyword)

    ValidateObjectList (OptionSelectors, modulName)

    ValidateObjectList (OptionDisplay, modulName)

   InitVpOptions

    □ set modul.variables["VpOptions"] = {fillMode, clearMode, timingMode}

    UpdateVpOptionDisplay

    UpdateVpOptionDisplayValue (fill)

       ─ UpdateVpOptionDisplayValue (clear)─ UpdateVpOptionDisplayValue (timing)
   - modul.variables["IsInitialised"] = true
    - modul.variables["VP-ExitPending"] = false
   └─ modul.timers["VP_Tick"]:start
```

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SwitchEventHandler (VpSwitchEvents)

```
└─ ProcessNextVpOption (if controller name matches VP_1-TFill, TClear, TTiming)

⊢ GetVpModulName

    ⊢ SetNextVpOptionValue

⊢ NextFillMode

           └─ VpCycleOptionValue

⊢ NextClearMode

           └─ VpCycleOptionValue
      └─ VpCycleOptionValue
  └─ UpdateVpOptionDisplay
      ─ UpdateVpOptionDisplayValue (fill)
      ─ UpdateVpOptionDisplayValue (clear)
      └─ UpdateVpOptionDisplayValue (timing)
SwitchEventHandler
└ (after ProcessNextVpOption)

    ⊢ GetVpModulName

  |- vpModul = layout:getEventsByName(vpModulName)[1]
  ⊢ if Start:
        └─ VP_Start

├─ VP_InitSlotStatus (only if missing)
            └ timer:start
   ⊢ if Stop:
        └─ VP_Stop
            └ timer:stop
  └ if Release:
        ⊢ scan VP-SlotStatus for occupied slots

    □ apply clearMode algorithm

             \vdash return slotIndex, vehicle
        └ VP_ReleaseVehicle
             ⊢ lookup vehicle via name
             ⊢ set reverse mode vars
             ─ build hops from def.routeToReverse

    ⊢ vehicle.target = hops

    ⊢ vehicle.currentSpeed = -5

    □ st.status = "reversing"
```