Use and Maintenance Manual
Write the System Number of your Radio Remote Control Equipment here and keep it as a reference for technical support.

Using the radio Control is forbidden for anybody who has not read and fully understood this manual. Special attention should be given to the safety instructions herein contained.

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**Changes or modifications not expressly approved by TECNORD could voice the user's authority to operate the equipment**
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1 SAFETY

1.1 Safety of the Radio Control System

The Radio Control System has been equipped with electronic and mechanical safety devices. Processing control signals sent by other transmitters is impossible as the transmission codes are totally unique for each system.

1.2 Safety Information

The use of the Radio Control applied to any machinery allows the operator greater freedom of movement within the working area, improved handling accuracy whilst improving both the efficiency and the safety of the operator. However, all these benefits do require a certain attention from the operator and the staff in charge of maintenance.

The correct and safe use of the Radio Control requires the operator to visually follow the remote-controlled machine.

It is therefore compulsory that anyone using the transmitting unit stops the Radio Control by pushing the Emergency stop push-button during the break times.

The maintenance staff should check that the receiver unit is not powered during the control operations, the change of the battery or the periodic or extraordinary maintenance operations in general.

Each Radio Control should be checked at least once a year. Any repair should be made at authorized centers or centers that Tecnord has recommended or directly at the Tecnord service and spare parts center. Any use of non-original spare parts or tampering by non-authorized staff immediately cancels all the warranty rights.

1.3 Authorized Operators

IMPORTANT!

Always verify the operating instructions of your machine in order to be aware of any further important information to be observed. When placing the transmitter away during the breaks, the user must make sure that no unauthorized people can use it by pushing the Emergency Stop push-button and locking it in a safe place. In this way, any abusive operations by unauthorized third parties will be prevented. The user must be able to have access to all of the operating instructions that are necessary for the smooth operation of the machine to be controlled. The user must also read and be sure to have clearly understood each section of this manual before using the Radio Control.

1.4 Safety Measures to be taken within the working area

The user should ensure that the working area in which the Radio Control will be used is free from any risks for the movement or other potential safety risks. For example, the user should verify that the working area is free from any obstacles or dangerous situations that could jeopardize the possibility of operating in total safety.

1.5 Protection Devices

All of Tecnord's industrial Radio Controls have been fitted with an Emergency Stop push-button on the control board of the transmitting unit.

Several other protection devices exist in the Radio Control system which automatically intervene whenever:

- There is a radio interference in the working area that affects the frequency range of the Tecnord Radio Remote Control;
- The action range of the transmitting unit is exceeded.

In the event of the above the Radio Control immediately activates the Emergency Stop, and interrupts any outgoing signal of the receiving unit whilst maintaining, whenever possible, continuous and constant radio contact between the transmitter and receiver.

1.6 How to react and behave in case of an Emergency

WARNING!

In any Emergency situation, immediately push the red EMERGENCY STOP Push-Button (also called: EMERGENCY STOP PUSH). Then, follow the instructions in the machine operating manual.
2 RC-DBX SYSTEM’S COMPONENTS

A Tecnord’s RC-DBX Remote Control System includes the following parts:

- TRANSMITTER UNIT (RC-DBX-TU)
- RECEIVER UNIT (RC-DBX-RU) AND FLYING CONNECTORS
- BATTERY CHARGE CABLE WITH PLUG FOR IN-VEHICLE CIGARETTES-LIGHTER
- BATTERIES (INCLUDED IN THE TRANSMITTING UNIT)

The following parts can be provided as an option:

- SERVICE CABLE (SERIAL/BATTERY CHARGER CABLE)
- CUSTOMIZED HARNESS
- TRANSMITTER FIXING MAGNET
- PROGRAMMING UNIT WITH DISPLAY

All the above mentioned parts are also available as spare parts.

2.1 RC-DBX Transmitter Unit Control Configurations

RC-DBX transmitters (RC-DBX-TU) can be provided in several control configurations, depending on customer’s requirements. Basically, control configurations differ in the number and type of actuators. Figure 1 shows the available actuators, while the next table outlines the actuators available in the various control configurations.

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<th>On-Off switches</th>
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Figure 1 - Types of actuators available in the RC-DBX-TU transmitters.
3 INSTALLATION

WARNING!

- Only a qualified and specialized technician should install the receiver of a radio control to the electrical system of a machine (see item 4, Maintenance) who is acquainted with both the electrical circuit of the machine and the radio control technical features.
- During the entire installation stage both the transmitter and the receiver must be turned off.
- All of the regulations on the health of the staff working within the installation area, together with any local regulations in force, and those on fire prevention must be observed.
- TECNORD declines all responsibility, neither does it grant any guarantee whatsoever for any damage caused to things or persons due to the improper or careless use of this equipment or due to the non-observance of any regulation or that, which has been indicated in the operating instructions.

3.1 RC-DBX-RU Receiver Unit sample drawing

3.2 Positioning the receiver

WARNING!

When positioning the receiver, check that it is not being screened by large metallic surfaces.

For the Radio Control to operate smoothly, it is necessary that the receiver should be installed in such a position as to allow the maximum reception of radio waves from the antenna. The metallic parts of the machine to be controlled that surround the receiver create a barrier that interferes with reception.

In most cases, the receiver can be housed on any side of the machine or, if necessary, for installations on vehicles even inside the glass cabin. It is also necessary to place the receiver where it is accessible and safe to work both for those who carry out the installation of the electrical connections and for those who will do the future maintenance.

Should such an installation be performed on board mobile machinery or on a vehicle, then you should attach rubber bumpers. These rubber bumpers will prevent strong vibrations from the machine to the receiver.

3.3 RC-DBX-TU Transmitter Unit sample drawing

DBE control configuration

DBM/DBT control configuration
3.4 Battery Charger Cable sample drawing

M12 connector

2 m

cigarette lighter plug

3.5 Service Cable sample drawing

M12 connector

2 m

3.6 Outside electrical connections

Outside electrical connections are:

- Power Supply
- Input / Output connections

For safety reasons it is recommended to install on the controlled machine a supply disconnecting device in order to cut off the receiver’s power supply when necessary. This supply disconnecting device should comply with the directive EN60947-3, cat. AC-23B or DC-23B. The following requirements apply to the supply disconnecting device:

- isolate all live conductors of the electrical equipment from the supply and have one OFF and one ON position only, that shall clearly marked with the “0” and “1” symbols respectively
- have a visible gap or a position indicator which cannot indicate OFF until all contacts are actually open
- have an external operating handle, which shall be easily accessible to the operator, and must be located between 0,6m and 1,9m above the servicing level. The device must be provided with means permitting it to be locked in the “off” position.

For safety reasons, a fuse of 10A is included in the RC-DBX-RU receiver’s box.

All the connections between the equipment and the power supply must be made with conductors having a diameter of at least 1.5mm.

Each function that is activated on the transmitter unit (RC-DBX-TU) activates a dedicated output, or a combination of more outputs, on the receiver unit (RC-DBX-RU), depending on the configuration of the machine to be operated.
### 3.7 Declaration of Installation

⚠️ **WARNING !**

During the installation phase it is necessary to make sure that:

- the radio remote control and the machine work together according to the regulation currently in force and to the safety characteristics of the machine as supplied by the manufacturer;
- all the functions of the radio remote control, as well as their conformity on the equipped machine have been completely checked and tested; this includes in particular the Emergency Stop function.

TECNORD is not responsible of the remote control’s installation; the installer is therefore required to issue the operator a Declaration of Installation that must be kept together with this manual by the operator. A template for the declaration of Installation is shown below.

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**DECLARATION OF REMOTE CONTROL INSTALLATION**

I, the undersigned ________________________________________________________________

born in ________________________________________ State/Province_________________ on ______________________

legally responsible for the installing Company ____________________________________________

with its headquarters in ______________________________________________________________________________________

DECLARE:

1 – to have installed on _______________________ on the machine of brand __________________________________

   type ____________________________________ serial number _____________________________________________

   at the Company ______________________________________________________________________________________

   located in (street) _____________________________ (Town/City) _____________________________________________

   a Radio Remote Control System branded TECNORD

   type ____________________________________ model ________________________________________________

   system n°  __________________________________________________________

2 – that the installation has been carried out according to the regulations currently in force for the type of machine being equipped and that all these regulations have been observed;

3 – that the interface between the machine and the receiver is suitable and has been properly manufactured according to the instructions provided by the manufacturer, and that all the necessary tests have been carried out.

On this day of __________________________________ in _____________________________________________________

Signature and stamp of the Installer ____________________________________________
4 OPERATION

4.1 The radio transmission and servicing system

Tecnord’s RC-DBX Radio Control System allows for the operating machines to be controlled in general by means of electro-magnetic waves. It is made up of a portable transmitter unit (RC-DBX-TU) held by the operator and of a receiver unit (RC-DBX-RU) that is usually installed on the machine to be controlled.

Each function originated from several devices or control actuators of the transmitter is transformed into a serial command that is coded and transmitted through a high-frequency carrier. The receiver captures the information output from the transmitter, decodes the messages and sends the controls to the machine by means of electronic power switches controlled by a microprocessor and a dedicated harness.

The information sent from the transmitter is contained in a message commonly named “telegram”. This telegram consists of an identifier, a command field and a redundancy field for error control. The identifier, or matching code, contains the identification elements to match the transmitter with its coupled receiver. The command field contains all the information relevant to the commands that the machine should carry out. The error control redundancy fields allow the receiver to discard messages that are found modified by disturbances on the radio link. As the matching code is unique for each TX/RX pair, each RC-DBX-TU transmitter can control through radio waves only its coupled RC-DBX-RU receiver, which is labeled with the same System Number.

4.2 Use of Batteries

Tecnord's Radio Control System is equipped with batteries for operating the Transmitter. Rechargeable NiMH batteries are supplied with the RC-DBX-TU transmitter and guarantee a long operating time.

The working voltage of the transmitter is constantly controlled. Should it fall below a threshold value, the corresponding indication is activated (green led blinking) each time the transmitter is put into operation. From this moment, the transmitter can continue to operate, but it is recommended to recharge the batteries as soon as possible. For additional power-saving, a "PowerSave" mode is implemented (see paragraph 4.8).

Batteries are protected against short circuit. For additional safety and ease of use, they have a dedicated location in the RC-DBX-TU transmitter.

4.3 The battery charger and re-chargeable batteries

The RC-DBX-TU transmitter unit is equipped with a battery charger circuit; therefore it is not necessary to remove the batteries for the charging operation, and is possible to operate the machine during the battery charging procedure.

In order to charge the batteries, connect the RC-DBX-TU transmitter to a vehicle’s cigarette’s lighter through the battery charger cable supplied with the equipment. As an option, a different service cable can be provided, which allows the charge of the transmitter’s battery to be carried out from its RC-DBX-RU receiver unit while the system is working as a cable control. The optional service cable also acts as a backup cable when radio communication can not be carried out e.g. due to RF interferences. The charging phase for a completely discharged battery can last up to three hours, and it is continuously controlled by the microprocessor. When the battery charger states that charging is complete, it automatically disconnects, therefore avoiding overcharge phenomena that could reduce batteries life.

⚠️ WARNING !

Use TECNORD original spare parts only! If not, there is the danger of an explosion. Chemical substances that leak or parts that detach themselves can cause irreparable damage.

4.4 Control Elements

Tecnord manufactures a family of Industrial Radio Controls suitable for just as many applications. Further more, Industrial Radio Controls are designed according to the specific requests of the Customer or the User.

Tecnord's Radio Remote Control Equipment are designed as complete systems for controlling an operating machine’s functions. Each Radio Control System can be fitted with many different control elements according to the machine to be controlled, as well as provided with standard controls for its operation, stopping, acoustic warning, start switch, warning led etc.

Push buttons, switches, selectors, joysticks and special control accessories complete the radio control. Their type and number are features of each “control configuration”.

Configurations "D", "R", "E": up to 6 toggle-switches with 3 positions (1 stable + 2 temporary) for the function’s selection, 1 proportional trigger available for speed control

Configuration "T", "M": up to 6 PRS (Proportional Rocker Switches) for the control of more functions with proportional actuators

For a better diagnosis of the machine’s operating status, the RC-DBX-RU receiver is equipped with two leds that show the system’s current status and help during parameter’s calibration (see paragraph 8.2).
4.5 Visual Check

⚠️ **WARNING !**
Always check the sound condition on the transmitter before operating.

- Are all the safety devices in the correct position and in good condition?
- Are there any broken parts?
- Are all of the rubber protections and the actuator covers sound?
- Are all of the connecting plugs and cables sound?

⚠️ ⚠️ **WARNING !**
Never work with a Radio Control which results damaged! Always remove any of the above-mentioned faults before starting to work!

4.6 Safety Control and Start-up of the Radio Control

⚠️ **WARNING !**
Important checks on some of the functions mentioned below are required for the first start-up of the Radio Control!

- Verify that the transmitter battery casing on the RC-DBX-TU unit also houses a rechargeable battery and that the battery is connected.
- Now, your Radio Control is ready to work. Activate any function on the transmitter unit and verify whether the machine stops when the same function is released should you release it or re-set it to zero.
- Now check that the Emergency Stop function works exactly as described by the manufacturer of the machine by applying the following procedure:
  1. Start any of the functions of the transmitter, verify that the function is activated by the receiver and keep it running
  2. Push the Emergency push button on the transmitter
  3. Verify that the function carried out stops immediately and that no other functions can be then operated from the transmitter
  4. Was the safety control successful and does the Emergency Stop function work perfectly?
  5. Now release all the control elements
  6. Release the Emergency stop push button, your radio control is now ready to operate in total safety

⚠️ ⚠️ **WARNING !**
Should any fault or problem be noticed during the initial starting, turn the machine off immediately. Never operate the machine unless the Emergency Stop Button functions properly. Serious danger exists for both people and things from the non-observance of this extremely important regulation. Any operation not conforming to this basic operating rule may lead to the loss of both the operating permit and your warranty.

4.7 Functions operation

Two possible types of electronic control exist that can be operated from the Radio Control, the digital and analog also named ON-OFF and Proportional respectively. The ON-OFF control determines either the activation or deactivation of an output stage within the receiver when the transmitter activates this control. Usually, these are commands that can be sent from push-buttons, switches, selectors or digital joysticks.

The Proportional control is a function determining a variable output in either current or voltage in a way which is directly proportional to the position of an analog actuator on the transmitter, be it a proportional trigger, a proportional rocker switch (PRS), a potentiometric joystick or a simple potentiometer. Tecnord manufactures different types of proportional controls for several models of solenoid valves, servo controls or other devices. The transmission technology remains unchanged, while the proportional output stage of the receiver is designed for the different requirements of the command to be carried out.

4.8 PowerSave Mode and Out-of-service

The RC-DBX-TU is powered on when the Emergency Stop Pushbutton is released. In order to reduce power consumption a PowerSave Mode is implemented. When the RC-DBX-TU is powered by batteries and no action is activated for five minutes the system goes into a "PowerSave" mode: the led is off and the RF module is no longer active. In order to operate it is necessary to press and then release the Emergency Stop Pushbutton.

When the RC-DBX-TU detects a low value on the batteries the led blinks indicating that battery charging is required. When the battery level is below the threshold for safe operation the system goes out-of-service: the led is off and the RF module is no longer active.
WARNING!

In both PowerSave and Out-of-service modes, the RC-DBX-TU is no longer powered on, even if the Emergency Stop Pushbutton is released, due to electronic switches. Anyway, it is always a good practice to keep the Emergency Stop Pushbutton pressed when you're not operating in order to mechanically disconnect the batteries from the circuits.

4.9 Diagnostics

The RC-DBX Radio Control System allows diagnostics on both the RC-DBX-TU transmitter unit and the RC-DBX-RU receiver unit. The details on the system’s diagnostics can be found in chapter 8.

4.10 Operating problems

Repairs and checks following failure of the Radio Control equipment must be carried out according to the instructions below so that the system maintains all of its original features. In the event of malfunctions, check that the machine provided with Radio Control operates properly with traditional control systems (such as, for example, cable control, fixed panel etc.).

Verify that in the area you are operating in with your Radio Control no other Radio equipment has started working and is operating on the same radio frequency. Also verify that you are operating the transmitter with its own coupled receiver.

If the outputs of the receiver unit are not energized when commands have been transmitted and the machine cannot therefore carry out any operation, then check the state of the receiver’s power supply fuse, check the wiring connections to find out if any of the wires is not properly connected or is out of its housing or coupling.

The non-operation of the RC-DBX system may depend on either the transmitter or the receiver. The table located in the following paragraph may help in the diagnosis of the most common causes of malfunction.

4.11 Troubleshooting table

Tecnord’s Radio Control Systems implement a microprocessor technology in both the RC-DBX-TU and RC-DBX-RU units. Each system is subject to a quality assurance test at the manufacturer’s plants before being delivered to the customer. However, should a failure subsequently occur, a swift diagnosis is possible and hence a quick reset of the Radio Control through the technical assistance service.

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<td>Batteries are completely discharged or damaged</td>
<td>Recharge batteries or replace batteries when damaged</td>
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<td>No reaction of the receiver to the activation of any function on the transmitter</td>
<td>The Emergency Stop pushbutton is pressed</td>
<td>Release the Emergency Stop pushbutton to turn the Transmitter on</td>
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<td>The Transmitter is in PowerSave mode</td>
<td>Press and then release the Emergency Stop pushbutton to resume normal operating mode</td>
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<td>The Transmitter is out of service</td>
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<td>(In control configurations with proportional trigger)</td>
<td>Release all the actuators, activate first the on-off actuator of the function, and then use the proportional trigger for speed regulation</td>
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<td>The proportional trigger has been pressed before activating the on-off function</td>
<td>Activate only the functions that are allowed in the current machine's state</td>
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<td>The function is inhibited by blocks such as limit switches etc.</td>
<td>Verify that you are in the Radio Control's operating range</td>
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<td>Loss of radio communication</td>
<td>Make sure that no other Radio Controls are operating on the same frequency in the same area</td>
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<td>Batteries short operating time</td>
<td>Batteries damaged or at the end of life</td>
<td>Replace batteries with Tecnord’s original spare parts</td>
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WARNING!

In the event of malfunctions, please check the items outlined in the above table before contacting the Technical Assistance Service.
5  MAINTENANCE

Tecnord’s RC-DBX Radio Control System does not require any special maintenance. However, some precautions are necessary in order to ensure that the equipment is both efficient and safe. Each radio control must be checked at least once a year. The staff in charge of maintenance must check that the receiver is not powered on during the checks and the inspection inside the transmitter.

Dust and other material from the working environment as well as dirt can deposit on the transmitter and receiver units. Remove it so that the buttons, joysticks and actuators in general, including the emergency stop push button, are always clean and therefore in good working order.

Each control unit has been designed so that all the above causes the least amount of problems possible to the smooth operation of the Radio Control. However, careful periodical maintenance by the user will certainly prolong its life span.

The inner inspection of the transmitter should be carried out in a dry and dump-free place. As well as removing all traces of dirt and drying any condensation with warm air, the checking of the connections of the different wires and terminal boards of interconnections, as well as the dean condition of the electrical contacts of all of the control actuators is also highly recommended.

⚠️ WARNING!

In the event of the possible oxidation of the electrical contacts, never use any type of anti-oxidant spray or similar product. Instead, contact your service center to immediately replace these parts. These problems can be caused by the particular environmental conditions in which the radio control operates. Using chemical products on the actuators could cause irreparable damage to the mechanical and electronic parts.

The duration and the capacity of the batteries depend on many elements such as the operating temperature, the charging and discharging cycles, but basically on how often the radio control is used. It is highly recommended to always use the battery charge until the "low battery" indication activates, and to replace it at least every 2 years.

Besides the regular checks on the interconnections and the firm tightening of the terminal boards for the output controls, it is recommended to check that the seal of the transmitter unit cover is in good condition and that it is watertight. After 2/3 years of operation, it is suggested to check the smooth operation of the electronic and electro-mechanical parts, their response to commands and their drop out speed. Special layers of resin-based insulating paint and with anti-oxidant properties protect the electronic parts of the Radio Control system; hence they do not require any maintenance. It is, however, necessary to check the various interconnections between the different modules.

6  DISPOSAL

⚠️ WARNING!

Avoid environmental pollution.

Electrical devices and their parts are dangerous waste. This specially applies to batteries and rechargeable accumulators. Engage a specialized company for their disposal.
# 7 TECHNICAL DATA

## 7.1 Transmitter (RC-DBX-TU)

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<td><strong>Transmission Type</strong></td>
<td>FHSS (Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum)</td>
<td>Single Frequency FSK</td>
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<td>&lt; 200 mW e.r.p.</td>
<td>&lt; 5 mW e.r.p.</td>
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<td><strong>Power Supply</strong></td>
<td>4.8 V&lt;sub&gt;CC&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
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<td><strong>Battery</strong></td>
<td>Rechargeable (NiMH)</td>
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<td><strong>Operating time</strong></td>
<td>8 - 10 hours</td>
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<td><strong>Battery charger</strong></td>
<td>Built-in (into the RC-DBX-TU)</td>
<td>battery charge through the service cable (standard supply)</td>
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<td><strong>Simultaneous commands available</strong></td>
<td>All</td>
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<td><strong>Operating range</strong></td>
<td>about 50 m</td>
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<td><strong>Diagnostics</strong></td>
<td>buzzer, green led</td>
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<td><strong>Housing material</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Weight</strong></td>
<td>&lt; 0.7 kg (with batteries)</td>
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## 7.2 Receiver (RC-DBX-RU)

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<td><strong>Sensitivity</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Output power</strong></td>
<td>On/Off outputs: Max 3.5A</td>
<td>Proportional outputs: Max 1.8A</td>
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<td>Voltage analog outputs: choice between 0 – 5V, 0 – 20mA</td>
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<td><strong>Response time for passive emergency</strong></td>
<td>&lt; 250 ms</td>
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## 7.3 Communication Protocol

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<tr>
<td><strong>Transmission speed</strong></td>
<td>9600 bit/s</td>
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<td><strong>Error check</strong></td>
<td>32-bit CRC</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Auxiliary channel</strong></td>
<td>RS-485, available using the standard supplied service cable</td>
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8 SYSTEM DIAGNOSTICS AND CONFIGURATION

8.1 Transmitter’s Diagnostics

Diagnostic on the RC-DBX-TU is carried out by means of:

- a buzzer
- a green led

8.1.1 Buzzer

*Indications in Radio Mode:*

The buzzer provides the following indications:

- one short beep when the RC-DBX-TU is powered on, i.e. when the Emergency Stop Pushbutton is released;
- four short beeps when the RC-DBX-TU enters PowerSave mode or goes out of service due to a low battery voltage.

*Indications in Cable Mode:*

The buzzer provides the following indications:

- one short beep when the RC-DBX-TU is powered on, i.e. when the Battery Charger or Service Cable is connected to the unit.

8.1.2 Green Led

*Indications in Radio Mode:*

The led provides the following indications:

- led on while the RC-DBX-TU is powered on, i.e. when the Emergency Stop Pushbutton is released, and the battery level is correct for safe operation;
- led continuously blinking while the RC-DBX-TU is powered on, i.e. when the Emergency Stop Pushbutton is released, and the battery level is low;
- led off while the RC-DBX-TU is in PowerSave mode or out of service because of an insufficient battery level, or when the unit is powered off, i.e. when the Emergency Stop Pushbutton is pressed.

*Indications in Cable Mode:*

The led provides the following indications:

- led intermittently blinking (two blinks followed by a pause) indicates that the battery charger is active;
- led on indicates that the RC-DBX-TU is powered on (i.e. the cable has been connected) and is ready for operation; during battery charging , it indicates that a function is active;
- led off indicates that the RC-DBX-TU is not charging the battery and the emergency pushbutton is pressed.

*Note:*

When the cable is connected the RC-DBX-TU performs some battery checks for about 2 seconds. After that time battery charging is automatically started when no faults are detected.

8.2 Receiver’s Diagnostics

8.2.1 Display Menus

Two yellow leds (shown in Figure 2) show the operating state of the RC-DBX-RU; the visualization is organized in three menus:

- Normal Display Menu
- Calibration Menu
- System Menu

The Normal Display Menu is the menu for the normal operating mode and is selected by default when the RC-DBX-RU is being powered on; from this menu it is possible to access any other menu (with the exception of the System Menu).

Only the two Pushbuttons integrated in the receiver’s electronics allow to access the System Menu and the Calibration Menu; it is recommended that those Menus be accessed only by personnel trained for the Technical Assistance Service.
8.2.2 **Normal Display Menu**

This is the menu for the normal operating mode, and is selected by default when the RC-DBX-RU is powered on. The following indications are displayed:

- LEDs OFF: No active functions
- LEDs ON: At least one active function

8.3 **Calibration Menu**

This paragraph is applicable only to systems that implement a proportional current output. The calibration of the parameters of the proportional output is carried out using the two Pushbuttons (Blue Key and Yellow Key) integrated in the receiver's electronics, together with the two yellow leds, named LED I (for currents) and LED R (for ramps). All the pushbuttons and leds are located on the receiver's electronic card and may be accessed by extracting the card itself from its plastic enclosure, as shown in Figure 2.

![Figure 2- RC-DBX-RU with two pushbuttons](image)

8.3.1 **Calibration parameters for DBE / DBD / DBR systems**

*Instructions for the Calibration Procedure:*

1. Keep the RC-DBX-RU electronics outside its enclosure in order to access the two pushbuttons: Blue Key (B-KEY) and Yellow Key (Y-KEY).
2. Press simultaneously the Blue and Yellow keys for at least three seconds, until the LED I starts blinking. Release the keys in order to go on with the calibration procedure.
3. The menu allows four calibrations, in order: minimum current, maximum current, acceleration time ramp, deceleration time ramp. **In order to switch from one calibration to the next, press simultaneously the Blue and Yellow keys.**

   - Setup of the minimum current $I_{MIN}$
     - LED I blinking slowly
     - LED R off
     - 5 mA steps
   - Setup of the maximum current $I_{MAX}$
     - LED I blinking fast
     - LED R off
     - 5 mA steps
   - Setup of the acceleration time ramp
     - LED I off
     - LED R blinking fast
     - 50 ms steps
   - Setup of the deceleration time ramp
     - LED I off
     - LED R blinking slowly
     - 50 ms steps

In order to change the configured value it is necessary to activate a movement and operate with the Blue and Yellow keys in the following way:

- press the B-KEY to increase the configured value of one step (fine calibration); keeping the B-KEY pressed causes a rapid increase of the configured value (coarse calibration)
- press the Y-KEY to decrease the configured value of one step (fine calibration); keeping the Y-KEY pressed causes a rapid decrease of the configured value (coarse calibration)

When the movement is deactivated, the new values are stored in the non-volatile memory of the RC-DBX-RU.

The only way to exit from this menu is a new power-on of the RC-DBX-RU (i.e. disconnecting the power supply from the receiver).
8.4 **System Menu (for trained staff only)**

The System Menu allows basic configurations of the RC-DBE/DBD/DBR systems; the configuration process involves the following procedure:

1. Proportional Trigger Acquisition

8.4.1 **Proportional Trigger Acquisition**

This paragraph is applicable only to systems that implement a proportional trigger.

The Proportional Trigger acquisition is necessary only when the Transmitter unit has been replaced. This procedure ensures that the proportional parameters previously stored in the receiver’s memory are maintained.

*Instructions for the acquisition procedure:*

1. Disconnect the power supply from the receiver unit.
2. Keep the RC-DBX-RU electronics outside its enclosure in order to access the two pushbuttons: Blue Key (B-KEY) and Yellow Key (Y-KEY).
3. **Keeping both pushbuttons (B-KEY and Y-KEY) pressed**, power the receiver on. After the initialization phase, both leds start blinking, and the receiver is ready for the self-calibration procedure.
4. Activate a movement: the receiver will not activate any of the outputs, but it will start the self-calibration acquiring the proportional trigger's reading.
5. Keeping the movement active, push the proportional trigger to its maximum value and release it several times.
6. Release the proportional trigger and deactivate the movement; the receiver stores the trigger’s characteristics in its non-volatile memory.

When the procedure is completed, turn the power supply off in order to end the System Configuration.

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**WARNINGS (as required by FCC part 15 and IC RSS-210):**

*This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation.*

*This equipment has been approved for mobile applications where the equipment should be used at distances greater than 20cm from the human body (with the exception of hands, wrists, feet and ankles). Operation at distances less than 20cm is strictly prohibited.*

*In any case the message coding and elaboration ensures that no outputs are activated due to radio interferences. Outputs are activated only when the corresponding messages are received and interpreted as correct.*