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Small & Larger Versions - Multicolour LED Indicates				fault
Buffer Lights	WIRE DC & FREE DCC	0 Gauge	00 H0	N Gauge
Realistic stop light for any sidin Simply clips onto track – No wir	g - fits most			
On DCC both lights are on const On DC one light is on & varies w	tantly			
DCC Fitted Digital Signals		DCC	WIRE FREE	00 H0
Signal with DCC decoder built in - No (Easy to fit and use - can just plug direc Wide range available - also available with the second	t into track	– no wire		
One-Touch DCC [™] Point Controllers			DCC	ANY GAUGE
 Control points and uncouplers usin Work with most solenoid point m Just connect 2 wires to DCC rails Easy screw terminals – no sold 	otors - Built - No CV Prog		ļ	
LFX Lighting Effect Controllers			DC & DCC	ANY GAUGE
 Easy way to add lighting effet Wires screw in - no resistor Powered by Py battery, 8-16' On DC the effect is on when p 	s or solderii V DC or DCC	ng - LEDs		
Level Crossing - Ready Assembled	1	DC & DCC	00 H0	N Gauge
Power from 9-16v DC, DCC or a 9 Light and sound - all connections Includes 2 x Peco static level cro Can be turned on automatically u	s easy push ssing barrie	fit rs	single	& pairs
Traffic Lights - Ready Assembled			DC & DCC	00 H0
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LK1: Left Feather add-on kit

- Add feather to an existing OO/HO gauge signal
- Assembled PCB with 5 white LEDs fitted
- Includes front and rear ABS plastic covers
- Complete with 1K resistor for 12-16V DC
- Control by switch, point switch or DCC decoder
- Note this kit requires gluing and soldering
- Signals with prefitted feathers also available

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LK1 Left Feather add-on kit

CAUTION - ALWAYS SWITCH OFF POWER TO YOUR LAYOUT BEFORE CONNECTING OR DISCONNECTING ANY ACCESSORIES

This kit contains the components to retrospectively add a left feather to an OO/HO gauge colour light signal - reasonable craft skills including gluing and soldering will be required.

Introduction

Contents

- 1 Feather circuit board (PCB) with 5 fitted LEDs
- 1 Front feather cover with light cowls
- 1 Back feather cover
- 1 1KΩ resistor (Colour: Black Brown Red Gold) 1 Instruction leaflet

You will need

Soldering iron with small tip Flux cored solder Plastic Adhesive Pair of fine wires to connect the feather Magnifier Cutting mat

A Feather is a route indicator fitted to the top of some colour light signals, usually located just before a point and which lights when a point is set in the direction of the feather to show the driver the route he will be taking.

DC, DCC and automatic signals are available in the Train-Tech range with route indicators prefitted and wired, but this kit allows a route to be added retrospectively to Train-Tech or other makes of signal. Note that reasonable modelling skills will be required to mount and connect this route indicator to existing signals.

You can either control the Route indicator using conventional switches or connect it to a DCC decoder (eg Train-Tech SC2) to control it from a Digital controller or computer. You can also connect the feather to the switch fitted to some points so that it lights automatically when the point is in the same direction.

> Take extra care when using tools and adhesives.

Using LEDs with model railways

You can use various types of lights for your signal, but we recommend LEDs as the best choice for models. LEDs are really useful lights which, unlike their conventional filament predecessors, are robust, low power and if used correctly run cool and can effectively last forever. But there are some important considerations when using LEDs. Firstly LED stands for Light Emitting Diode and a diode is an electronic component which only works in when power is applied in one specific direction, so they always need to be fitted the correct way round to work correctly. Also most standard miniature LEDs a modeller will use only need a very small amount of power, so the current flowing through the LED must be limited and this is usually done by a resistor On the usual 12-16 volts DC supply a railway modeller uses a $1k\Omega$ (one thousand ohms) will limit the current to around 10-14mA (mA is thousandths of an amp) which is ideal for most LED's. Note you should only ever use LEDs on a DC (direct current) supply and never an AC (alternating current) supply because although the LED may appear to work properly constant reversal of voltage using AC will eventually damage or shorten its life.

Connecting LEDs

As explained previously LEDs have a polarity and must be connected the correct way round to light. The most popular LEDs come in 3mm and 5mm diameter cases and look similar to this: $_{FLAT}$



The best indication of polarity on this type of LED is to find the flat side on the round base. This side usually indicates the negative (Cathode) connection and the other wire the positive (Anode) connection to power.

Another really small LED we supply for some Train-Tech products looks like this:



There are many LEDs available and it is good to experiment, but check data for specific connection information as there are no real standards.

Wiring the Feather

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The diagram below shows the 3 components which go to make up the feather. However before fitting it together you should solder your connecting wires onto the feather. Some types of signal may allow you to pass the wires inside the signal post as well as the existing signal connections, though you will need to use quite fine insulated wire to be able to do this. Or you can fix the wires down the back of the signal head and post hidden from view.

All 5 white LEDs are already connected together in parallel on the PCB so there are just two solder connections to make, one on the front (+) (where LEDs are mounted) and one on the rear (-) as shown below. Note polarity is important with LEDs and *always* use a resistor in series to prevent damage - refer to the Using LEDs advice below.

When soldering the wires onto the PCB contacts pre-tin the wires first and be careful not to apply too much solder to keep the connections slim.

Cut off mounting tab if not required

Before gluing the front and back case together around the light PCB you can test it using a 12 V DC supply or a 9 volt battery - do not forget to use the resistor in series with one of the wires! Once tested you can trim around the mouldings if necessary and glue the front and back together to make the complete feather to mount onto your signal. The tab fitted to the back cover may be cut off if not required to fix to the signal.

Using Signals with Train-Tech DCC controllers

Train Tech manufactures various LED controllers including the SC1 and SC2 DCC colour light signal controllers which allow signals with LEDs to quickly and easily connect to DCC layouts for control by Digital controller or computer. The SC1 is a dual 2 aspect controller and the SC2 is a 3 or 4 aspect plus route indicator controller.

Like all of our One Touch[™]DCC products they are quick to connect needing no resistors or soldering and set up in seconds with no programming of CV codes. Assembled Digital Signals with DCC decoders built into the base are also available which just clip into the track with no wires or you can connect to the nearest piece of track using 2 wires.

As well as DCC signals and controllers, Train-Tech also makes a range of LFX LED lighting controllers which work on both DC and offer effects to simulate level crossings, welding, traffic lights etc - again resistors are built into all of the LFX units and so LEDs connect directly to them.

Train-Tech offers packs of various LEDs for modellers and these come with both instructions and suitable resistors for using them on a standard DC supply or non Train-Tech DCC controllers.

See www.train-tech.com for full details of our range or ask for the latest free Train-Tech brochure.

Controlling the Feather

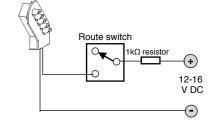
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This route indicator can be wired and controlled in 3 main ways:

- 1) Using a switch on a control panel
- 2) Using a switch as fitted on some points
- 3) From a suitable DCC decoder (eg SC2)

Wiring example for switches

The wiring diagram below shows how to connect a switch and this example is suitable for either a control panel switch or a point switch.



Feathers are normally located on signals just before a point so if a point switch is included on the point motor or you can add a point switch to the motor (eg Peco PL13) and the advantage is that the route indicator will light automatically when the point is in that position. *Remember to always use a resistor when wired to a DC voltage supply in this way.*

Controlling from a DCC decoder

If your layout points are electrically controlled using DCC, then a decoder can be set up to turn on the route indicator when the point is set to a particular direction. Check the decoder instructions to see if you need to fit a resistor in series with the LED (note that Train-Tech decoders have a built in resistor).