

# **Automatic Sensor Signals**

- Detects train and changes signal automatically to red Used own & signal changes back to green after train short time
- Or link to other Sensor Signals for fully automatic block signalling Can be used on both DC & DCC Feather & Theatre versions

# **Automatic Coach Lighting**

DC & AUTO WIRE 00 DCC AUTO FREE HO

Easy to fit - no wiring or switch - senses motion & turns on!

Also with tail light, sparking, door beeps and door light effects

Turns off automatically - fits most coaches - may be cut down No pickups or wires so works on regular DC & DCC Traditional warm white or modern cool white

# Servo Controller

- Controls standard radio control servo from DCC, Track Sensor or Mimic switch
- Ideal for animating Level Crossing barriers / gates, Slow points or signals, Coal hopper Easy to wire and set up - connects directly to DCC or 8-16 volts smooth DC supply

#### **Relay Controller**

Two channel Relay unit which can be controlled by Track Sensor, Sensor Signal or DCC

- Enables remote control of motors, solenoids, lamps etc
- Incorporates two heavy duty relays with changeover contacts rated at 8-24 volts at 3 A

#### **Automatic Train Control**



- Link Sensor Signals to Relay Controller for automatic trains which stop at red lights! Can be used on DC or DCC Layouts
  Easy wiring: Sensor Signal link with one wire and Isolated braking section two wires.
- Also supports ABC fitted DCC Loco's for gradual slow down and speed up with sound

#### Tools, LEDs & Accessories

We offer a range of LED packs, battery holders, wire, switches & terminals Also handy modelling tools including precision cutters, drill bits & spare batteries

## **Smart Screen**

00 H0

- Real working animated screen customise with your message
- Use DCC to program then can be run on DC or DCC
- Trigger messages with DCC, swtiches, track sensors or just cycle Message can change with direction of train on both DC & DCC
- Display upto 10 different messages can also show real time clock
   Range of enclosure available Programming service available
- Small w 31mm x h 9.5mm x d 4.5mm
- Stationary top line bottom line automatically scrolls

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# RK1: Right Feather add-on kit

- Add feather to an existing 00/H0 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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- adapt to your own design Control by switches or signal controlle LEDs are prefitted to a narrow PCBGround signals - modern & original Feather & Theatre kits available Signal Head only for gantries etc

Signal Controllers

• Dapol Semaphore Controllers - Control Dapol Semaphores by DCC or automatically

# RK1 Right 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 right feather to a 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**

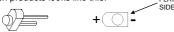
As explained previously LEDs have a polarity and must be connected the correct way round to light. The most popular LEDs come in 3mm and 5mm diameter cases and look similar to this: FLAT SIDE





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.



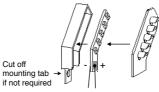
## Wiring the Feather

The diagram below shows the 3 components which go to make up the feather. However before fitting it together you should

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.



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 DCC 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.

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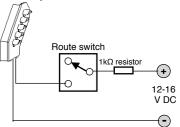
#### Controlling the Feather

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).