

TBOX-RADIO

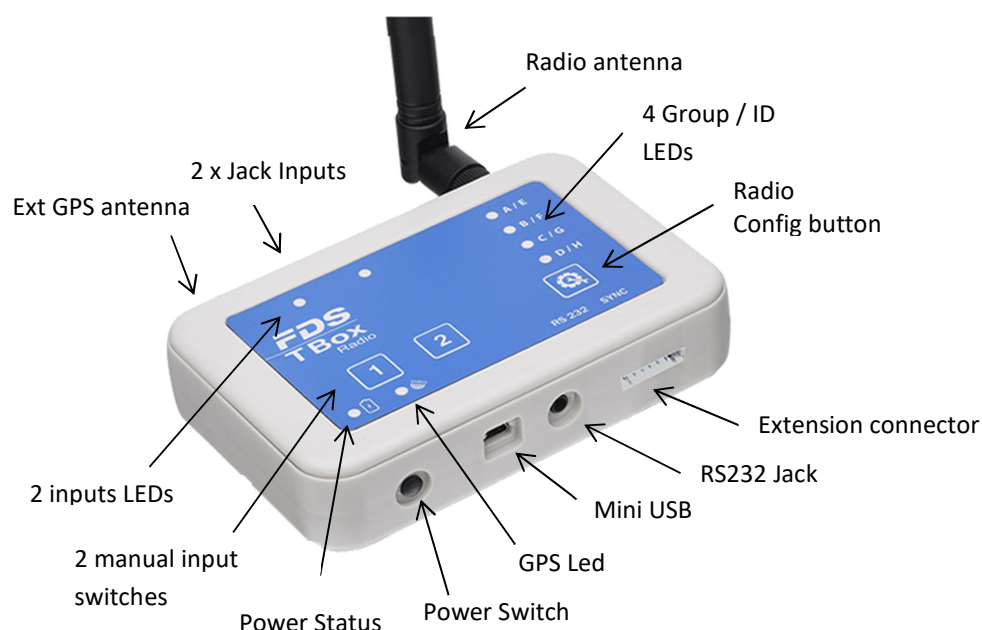
1. Appearance

The TBox-Radio is a compact and well equipped timing console. It accepts wired and wireless peripherals like photocells or other starting devices.

TBox-40:



TBox-41:



2. Power ON/OFF

The ON/OFF switch has 3 functions:

- 1) Switch ON / OFF the TBox
 - a) Press briefly the ON/OFF button (0.5s – 1.5s) until the battery status is indicated on the Input's LED's 1-4.
 - b) Release the ON/OFF button and repress it within 1 second, and hold down until the 4 inputs LEDs are ON, and the audible beep signal is emitted (provided that the buzzer is not deactivated).
- 2) Battery status

Press and hold the ON/OFF button

The Inputs LEDs (1 – 4) will illuminate to indicate the battery charge status

4 LEDs ON green: 75-100 %
3 LEDs ON green: 50-75%
2 LEDs ON green: 25-50%
1 LED ON green: 10-25%
1 LED ON red: < 10% (Will work only with external power plugged)
- 3) Reactivate Bluetooth advertising

Power Status LED

	TBox On/Off	USB	Battery
Yellow ON	OFF	connected	Battery Charging
Green ON	OFF	connected	100% charged
Yellow blinking	ON	connected	Battery Charging
Green blinking	ON	connected	100% Charged
Green blinking	ON	disconnected	> 25%
Red blinking	ON	disconnected	Low battery

3. Timing Inputs

The TBox-Radio model offers 2 hardware inputs and 4 wireless Radio-Inputs

- Manual Push Buttons (inputs 1 & 2)
- Jack-Mono inputs (inputs 1 & 2)
Working contact without potential (short-circuit)
- Wireless inputs for WIRC / WINP (inputs A - D)

Each press of a manual push button, short-circuits on the Inputs or radio impulse are stored in the TBox-Radio memory, with associated date and time of impulse.

The user has the ability to configure a locking time using the “TBox-Setup” App. This facility allows the blocking of undesired impulses corresponding to the channel configured.

E.g. – To ignore multiple impulses from dirt or snow dust

4. Wireless configuration

The TBox-Radio is configured and linked to WIRC photocells using two Parameters:

- **Group** (radio frequency)
- **Input/ID** (TBox Input / WIRC-WINP serial number)

NOTE: TBox-Radio and WIRC photocells must be configured with an identical Group setting

4.1. Groups (Radio Frequencies) - EU / INDIA

6 Groups are available.

Group A, B, C, D:

Wireless Transmission Distance: up to 2000m (clear line of sight)

Each group uses ¼ of the full frequency band

Min locking time of 200ms

Group E, F:

Wireless Transmission Distance: up to 5000m (clear line of sight)

Each group uses the full frequency band

 Those groups limit the use of 2 WIRC only

Min locking time is longer: 500ms

OFF:

The radio transmission function is disabled. This mode is selected to save power when you prefer to connect TBox-Radio to photocells using a hard-wired solution rather than wireless.

4.2. Groups (Radio Frequencies) - North America / Japan

8 Groups are available

Group A, B, C, D:

Tested wireless Transmission Distance (clear line of sight)

US : up to 4000m

Japan : up to 1000m


Min locking time of 200ms

Group E, F, G, H:

Tested wireless Transmission Distance (clear line of sight)


US : up to 6000m

Japan : up to 1500m

 Those groups limit the use of 2 WINP/WIRC only,
Min locking time of 500ms

OFF:

The radio transmission function is disabled. This mode is selected to save power when you prefer to connect TBox-Radio to photocells using a hard-wired solution rather than wireless.

To select your desired Group, press the Setup button 

The current Group selected is indicated by the (LED array A, B, C & D)

Release and press the number of times you want to change the setting.



Group	LED A	LED B	LED C	LED D
A	GREEN			
B	GREEN	GREEN		
C	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	
D	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
E	YELLOW			
F	YELLOW	YELLOW		
G (*)	YELLOW	YELLOW	YELLOW	
H (*)	YELLOW	YELLOW	YELLOW	YELLOW
OFF	RED	RED	RED	RED

(*) only available for North America and Japan

4.3 TBox-Radio Input (WINP/WIRC Pairing)

Each WINP/WIRC has a unique ID (serial number) that can be paired with a TBox-Radio input (A-D).

Pairing can be performed on a TBox using the “TBox-Setup” application (no need to power ON WIRC/WINP). Pairing can also be performed manually without any application. In this case, both TBox-Radio and WINP/WIRC have to be powered and the following procedure executed.

- 1) On the TBox-Radio, enter the pairing mode by pressing the Setup button  for 3 sec until a long beep sounds and LED A flash yellow.
- 2) Select then the desired input (A, B, C or D) by performing short press on the same button.
- 3) Finally enter the pairing mode on the WINP/WIRC by pressing the Setup button  for 3 second.

When pairing is completed, LEDs A to D of the TBox flash yellow and both TBox and WINP/WIRC resume normal operation.


To exit manually the pairing mode on either TBox or WINP/WIRC, just press the Setup button for 3 second until a long beep sound.

NOTE: In case an IOS or PC application is used to configure the radio inputs, do not use the same WIRC/WINP serial number for more than one input.

5. Radio communication

Every time an impulse is received from a WINP/WIRC, the corresponding input LED flash on the TBox and an acknowledge is sent back.

WIRC/WINP radio protocol will resend any message several times if no ACK is received from the TBox-Radio.

 Radio transmissions cannot be 100% guaranteed. An unfavorable environment, lack of line of sight, interference or an improper installation might lead to the loss of data.
FDS cannot be held responsible for any of the above.

6. Time delay and precision

In case of a good radio communication with no interferences, the time delay from the IR beam detection to the generation of a time event by the TBox-Radio will vary from 10ms to 150ms depending of the selected Group. In case of interferences this delay might reach a few seconds. However, whatever the delay value, the TBox-Radio takes it into account and generate a corrected time event with a precision of less than 1ms.

7. Mini-USB

The Mini-USB connector has various functions including:

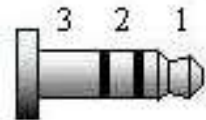
- External power supply and battery charging
- COM port emulation for RS232 communication and data transfer
 - Real time of day in many formats (FDS, TAG Heuer, Alge, Seiko)
 - Configure the TBox-Radio options and parameters (with the app "TBox-Setup")
- 2GB USB Flash Drive (4GB for TBox-V41)
 - All impulse data are stored in a .csv file on the drive
 - A new file is created every time the TBox-Radio is switched ON
 - User needs to maintain sufficient memory availability to ensure storage of data
 - The space required for a competition of 1000 times is approximately 40 Kbytes
 - Flash Drive access is only possible when the TBox-Radio is turned OFF

8. RS232

Jack-Stereo connection 3.5mm.

In conjunction with the TBox-Setup, the protocol output can be configured by the user.

- FDS / TAG Heuer / Alge / Seiko Time of day protocol
- Serial printer
- LEDs Display Output (TAG Heuer / Alge Protocol)

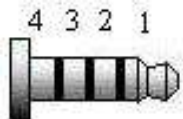


- 1: TBox TXD
- 2: TBox RXD
- 3: GND

9. In/Out Synchro (TBox-40)

Jack-4pin connection 2.5mm.

- Allows to synchronize the TBox with other timing systems



- 1: TBox +3.3V
- 2: TBox Sync In
- 3: TBox Sync Out
- 4: GND

TBox Sync In:

Internal resistor to Vcc:	10 kOhm
Active state:	Tie to Gnd, Sink current 0.3mA
Inactive state:	Leave unconnected

TBox Sync Out:

Min ext resistor to Vcc:	1 kOhm
Max Vcc:	5V
Active state:	Tied to Gnd (1ms)
Inactive state:	Open circuit

10. In/Out Synchro (TBox-41)

7 pin 2.54 header

- Allows to synchronize the TBox with other timing systems
- Have a secondary RS232 port for auxiliary units



- 1: Supply +3.3V
- 2: Aux units detection
- 3: TBox Sync In
- 4: TBox Sync Out
- 5: Aux RS232 RXD
- 6: Aux RS232 TXD
- 7: GND

TBox Sync In:

Internal resistor to Vcc:	10 kOhm
Active state:	Tie to Gnd, Sink current 0.3mA
Inactive state:	Leave unconnected

TBox Sync Out:

	(Optocoupler)
Internal resistor:	33 Ohm
Max Vcc:	16V
Active state:	Tied to Gnd (1ms)
Inactive state:	Open circuit

11. Synchronization

There are four different methods to synchronize the TBox-Radio.

After power up, all 4 inputs LEDs will flash yellow as long as the TBox-Radio is not synchronized.

a) Sync at Zero

- This is the default synchro method for **TBox-40**. Once the TBox-Radio is switched ON, the first impulse will sync the internal time at Zero

b) Internal Sync (TBox-41 only)

- This is the default synchro method for **TBox-41**. Once the TBox-Radio is switched ON, it is synchronized with the internal RTC. RTC value is updated during a GPS or App Sync

c) GPS Sync

- To start the GPS Sync, ensure TBox-Radio is powered off, hold down the button “Input 1” whilst powering ON the TBox-Radio
- The sync will commence once the TBox-Radio receives sufficient GPS data
- Once synchronized, the internal clock drift is constantly compensated by GPS signals (as long as GPS coverage is maintain)

d) Manual

- A user defined time of day is send via Bluetooth or via a com port. The synchro is started using one of the 2 inputs or a radio impulse.

e) External.

- Not yet implemented.

f) Sync via app

- All synchro methods presented above can be controlled manually or automatically by our Timing Applications

12. Bluetooth

A Bluetooth connection can be established with compatible FDS timing or setup Apps.

After power up, the TBox advertises its presence for 2 minutes. During this period the box can be detected and connected by the user App. To re-establish detection after the 2 minute period simply momentarily press the power button to reactivate the Bluetooth advertising process.

13. How to update the TBox-Radio Firmware

Update the firmware is an easy task. No software is required.

- a) Copy and paste the “.bin” file to the USB Flash Drive root directory of the TBox.
Note that you should have only ONE “.bin” file on the drive. If you want to save the previous “.bin” files, create a sub-directory
- b) Delete the file “UPDATLOG.txt” if exist on the Drive
- c) Disconnect the USB connector from your TBox
- d) Wait 1-2 seconds and reconnect the USB cable between the TBox and your PC.
All LED's will switch yellow for a few seconds
- e) A file “UPDATLOG.txt” is created on the Drive. Open it and check that the update completes with success. **Do not delete this file**

14. Technical specifications

Frequencies & Power :	
Europe	869.4 - 869.65 MHz 100mW
India	865 - 867 MHz 100mW
North America	920 - 924 MHz 100mW
Japan (TBox-41 only)	922 - 927 MHz 20mW
Inputs precision	1/10'000 sec
Operating temperature	-20°C to 60°C Battery charge possible only between 0°C and 45°C
Time drift	1ppm @ 20°C; max 2.5ppm from -20°C to 60°C
External power input	USB compatible (5V +/- 10%) up to 1.5A
Battery:	
TBox-40	LiPo 2200mAh
TBox-41	LiPo 2200mAh
Autonomy:	
GPS and Radio inactive	140 hours
Radio active and GPS inactive	70 hours
Radio and GPS active	45 hours
Bluetooth module:	
TBox-40	BLE 4.1
TBox-41	BLE 5
Dimensions	124x86x31mm
Weight	180gr
Homologation	FIS : FDS.001T.20 FEI : 2019001-1B/C

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