

## **Feedback Module 63 330**

for 3-Rail Track – The new dimension in digital feedback

### **Are Feedback Modules needed?**

On a model railway feedback modules give you information about whether a track is occupied or not. That is very useful for a shade station, for example, because in most cases it is out of sight.

Feedback modules are essential if the model railway is to be automated or controlled with a computer program. The automatic or the program needs the information from feedback modules to decide whether a train is permitted to enter a certain track or which route is to be activated.

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### **All functions in one module!**

The feedback module 63330 for 3-rail track has 16 inputs for the connection of switches, track or reed contacts. Each input can be provided with a switch contact, which is connected to ground by a train or by hand.

A monitoring input which is connected with ground by a contact is reported as an occupied track, an open input as vacant track.

The information is reliably and rapidly passed to the attached devices or to computer control programs via the LocoNet.

The Feedback module can be used in conjunction with the Intellibox or the DAISY system from Uhlenbrock, with the TwinCenter from Fleischmann or with other

centers with a LocoNet connection. The feedback information is displayed directly by Intellibox and TwinCenters or passed on to a computer via the integrated interface.

In addition, the feedback information can be used to activate routes that are stored in an IB-Switch (Uhlenbrock 65800). Thus an automatic train control which is influenced by the trains can be setup.

The modules are preset in the factory so that the track contacts, which are connected to inputs “contact 1” to “contact 16”, have feedback addresses 1 to 16.

Programming of the module can take place while operating since the Intellibox uses its own menu for this.

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## **Connection**

Connect the feedback module, using the enclosed LocoNet cable to the Intellibox or TwinCenter or the LocoNet socket of a DAISY system LocoNet T or LocoNet B output.

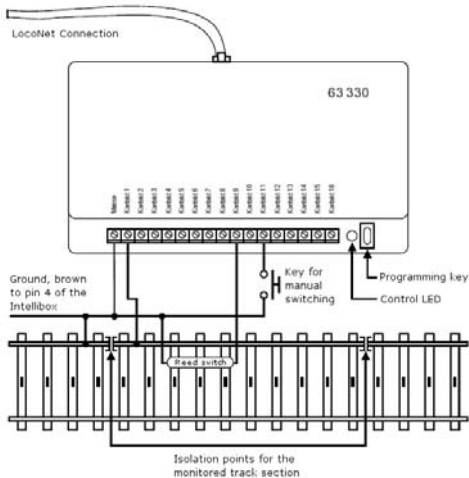
If a Märklin K or C-track track section is to be monitored with the module, which is developed, then one side of the monitored section of the track is isolated at both ends from the remainder of the layout. The isolated section is connected to a monitoring input.

When a vehicle is in the monitored section, the axles of the vehicle connect the monitoring input with ground and the track is reported as occupied. On layouts with Märklin M-track, switching tracks can be used to produce brief feedbacks. Here the output of the switching track is connected with the feedback input of the module.

Another method of producing the feedback is the use of reed contacts. The glass tube contacts are fastened between the rails and are activated by magnets that

are fitted under the model train vehicles. The reed contact is connected with the monitoring input and with ground of the module.

Any manually operated switch or key can also be used to produce a feedback. The switch is connected to the monitoring input and module ground as in the illustration.



## **Booster Operation**

If the feedback module is used in an area of the model railway layout that is supplied by its own booster you must take care to connect the booster ground (pin 4, brown) to the ground pin (pin 4, brown) of the Intellibox (TwinCenter, DAISY/Power 2) in order to have trouble free operation.

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## **Programming**

So that the individual feedback data can be used in a digital system individual addresses must be assigned to the monitored sections.

There are two ways to achieve this:

With simple programming any address is assigned to the monitoring input for track 1. The fifteen other inputs automatically receive the subsequent addresses. Further settings cannot be made then.

With the Intellibox starting with software version 1.3 the programming of the module's individual LocoNet CVs is possible. Any desired address can be assigned to each module and each monitoring input. In addition all parameters of the feedback module can be individually changed.

## **Simple Programming**

- Press the programming key on the module. The control LED beside the key will blink.
- On the controller (Intellibox, TwinCenters, DAISY or another LocoNet center) or an accessory device (IB-Control, IB-Switch, DAISY controller) press the switch, that has the address value that is to be assigned to the monitoring input "Kontakt 1". If, for example, the contacts connected to this module are to be addressed with the addresses 17-32, you switch the turnout with the address 17.

- Press the red or green key of the turnout. After the turnout was switched once, the module's control LED turns off and the contact at input "KontakT 1" is assigned the feedback address, which corresponds to the turnout address.
- Monitoring inputs "Kontakt 2-15" are automatically given the following 15 addresses.

Remember that if you programmed a module to address 17 that addresses 18-32 were also assigned. This results in a maximum input value of 2033 (2048 possible addresses minus 15). For smooth operation it is necessary to avoid duplicates.

***Important:*** *When programming with the programming key all parameter settings made with Intellibox with programming are put back to their factory setting!*

### **Configuring a LocoNet Module**

LocoNet devices are configured by LocoNet Configuration variables (LNCVs). These LNCVs can be programmed with the help of the Intellibox (starting from software version 1.3), the IB-control (starting from version 1.55), the TwinCenter (starting from version 1.1), with Intellibox Basic or the Intellibox II.

## Calling up a LocoNet Module

### With Intellibox, Intellibox IR, Intellibox Basic, IB-Control and TwinCenter:

- Connect the module to the LocoNet.
- Press the [menu]-key followed by the [mode]-key on the Intellibox (starting from software version 1.3) to take you to the Basic Settings menu.
- Scroll with the [↓]-key up to menu option “LocoNet Prog.”.
- Press the [↵]-key:

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LocoNet Prog.:  
Art.-Nr.: .....
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- Enter the part number of the module and press the [↵]-key.

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LNPr 63330-00001  
LNCV:....0=....1
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- Give the address of the module (with a new module that is the 1) and press the [↵]-key.

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LNPr 63330-00001  
LNCV:....0=....1
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The upper line shows the module part number and the valid module address. The lower line shows the LocoNet CV id number (here “0” for the module address) and the current value (here 1).

## With the Intellibox II

- Connect the module to the LocoNet.
- Press the [mode]-key and select the “LocoNet programming” mode on the left side.
- In the menu which appears, enter the module part number and the module address (with a new module that is the 1).
- Press the “Prog.Mode” key. The module is put into the programming mode and the value of the LNCV0 (module address) is displayed.

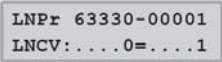
**Important:** Each module requires a module address for programming so the digital center knows which module is meant. The factory setting of a module is address 1. If other similar modules are connected to a center they must receive other module addresses. The allowable address range is 1 to 65534. To confirm the module is addressed correctly, it blinks a red LED, while the module is in programming mode.

## Reading and Programming a LocoNet Module

Similarly to DCC Locomotive decoders the behavior of the module is determined by different configuration variables (CV). Contrary to Locomotive decoders these are not programmed via the track, but via the LocoNet and are therefore referred to as LocoNet CVs or LNCVs.

## With Intellibox, Intellibox IR, Intellibox Basic, IB-Control and TwinCenter:

- After the module is called (see chapter 3.1) the Intellibox display shows:



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LNP# 63330-00001
LNCV: . . . . 0 = . . . . 1
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The cursor blinks under the 0.

- At the cursor position enter the Id number of the LocoNet CV you would like to program and to press [↵]-key.  
The Intellibox reads the LNCV.  
The value is shown at right of the lower line of the display.
- Move the cursor to the right with [→]-key and enter desired value for this LNCV using the numeric keys.  
By pressing [↵]-key the changed value is programmed.
- Press the [←]-key back to select another LNCV.
- Press the [←]-key back to select another module.
- Or leave programming with the [menu]-key.

**Tip:** As usual with Intellibox numerical values indicated by the blinking cursor can be incremented or decremented by pressing the [↑] or [↓] respectively.

### **With the Intellibox II**

- Enter the Id Number of the LNCV to be programmed via the “LNCV”.
- Press the menu key “LNCV read”. The Intellibox reads the LNCV and the value of the LNCV appears “Value”.
- Press the “Value” menu key and change the LNCV value.
- Press the “LNCV program” menu key to save the value of the LNCV in the module.
- Change other values in the manner described.
- To terminate LocoNet programming firstly press the menu key “Prog.mode off” and then the menu key “Back”.



## **The Universal Address 65535**

With the universal address, as the name implies, all LocoNet displays can be called up. Since the universal address is not a real address, with which different LocoNet displays can be identified, it can only be used in order to call up displays, whose individual address is unknown. Therefore, only the appropriate display may be connected to the LocoNet. If the display is then called, the programmed address can be read from LNCV 0.

## **Reset**

Using Simple Programming with the programming key, all parameter setting which are made with Intellibox programming can be put back to their factory setting!

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## **Description of individual LocoNet CVs**

The module is programmed with LocoNet Configurations variables. These LNCVs are addressed with an Id number and can then be set to a certain value.

With the feedback module 63330 the following LNCVs can be programmed:

### **LNCV 0 – The Module Address**

Each module must have a module address for programming so that the center knows which module is meant.

The allowable address range is 0-2047.

### **LNCV 1-16 – The Addresses of the Feedback inputs**

Each monitoring input is assigned freely selectable feedback.

Intellibox and TwinCenters can administer feedback addresses within the address range 1-2048. That corresponds to 128 modules with 16 addresses each.

### **LNCV 17 – Report Address**

With the help of this solenoid address the module can be commanded to send the state of the connected tracks at any time in order to update a computer program for example, if the turnout with the Report address is switched on the layout, the feedback module sends the state of all its monitored track sections to the LocoNet.

### **LNCV 20 – Module Configuration**

BIT 0 = 0 Value 0 (Factory Setting)

The addresses for the individual monitoring inputs are assigned automatically. i.e. the module takes the address for input “Kontakt 1” from LocoNet CV 1 and adds the following input values 1 to 15.

Contact 1 = Address from LNCV 1  
Contact 2 = Address from LNCV 1 + 1  
Contact 3 = Address from LNCV 1 + 2  
Contact 4 = Address from LNCV 1 + 3  
Contact 5 = Address from LNCV 1 + 4  
Contact 6 = Address from LNCV 1 + 5  
Contact 7 = Address from LNCV 1 + 6  
Contact 8 = Address from LNCV 1 + 7  
Contact 9 = Address from LNCV 1 + 8  
Contact 10 = Address from LNCV 1 + 9  
Contact 11 = Address from LNCV 1 + 10  
Contact 12 = Address from LNCV 1 + 11  
Contact 13 = Address from LNCV 1 + 12  
Contact 14 = Address from LNCV 1 + 13  
Contact 15 = Address from LNCV 1 + 14  
Contact 16 = Address from LNCV 1 + 15

BIT 0 = 1 Value 1

The module uses the addresses that were programmed in LocoNet CVs 1-16.

Contact 1 = Address from LNCV 1  
Contact 2 = Address from LNCV 2  
Contact 3 = Address from LNCV 3  
Contact 4 = Address from LNCV 4  
Contact 5 = Address from LNCV 5  
Contact 6 = Address from LNCV 6  
Contact 7 = Address from LNCV 7  
Contact 8 = Address from LNCV 8  
Contact 9 = Address from LNCV 9

Contact 10 = Address from LNCV 10  
Contact 11 = Address from LNCV 11  
Contact 12 = Address from LNCV 12  
Contact 13 = Address from LNCV 13  
Contact 14 = Address from LNCV 14  
Contact 15 = Address from LNCV 15  
Contact 16 = Address from LNCV 16

BIT 1 = 0 Value 0 (Factory setting)

The delay values for the “occupied” and “free” message, which were programmed into LocoNet CVs 21 and 41, apply to all inputs of the module.

BIT 1 = 1 Value 2

Individual delay values for “occupied” and “free” message are used for each input, as they were programmed into LocoNet CVs 21-36 and 41-56.

BIT 2 = 0 Value 0 (Factory setting)

When the power to the LocoNet module is switched on it does not send information.

BIT 2 = 1 Value 4

When the power to the LocoNet module is switched on the module sends the state of all monitoring inputs to the center.

**Important:** *You determine the input value for the LNCV 20 by first selecting the configuration that you would like this module to have. Then add the appropriate values and program the result into LNCV.*

The factory setting serves as example:

- Automatic assignment of the feedback addresses according to LNCV 1 (value 0)
- Delay values for all inputs according to LNCV 21 and LNCV 41 (value 0)
- No sending of information when switching on of the power (value on 0)

The sum of the values and thus the entry for LNCV 20 is 0.

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### **LNCV 21-48 – Switch On and Off delay**

The delay time determines how long a track section must be “occupied” or “vacant” before the appropriate message is sent by the module to the LocoNet. It can be programmed separately for “occupied” or “vacant” messages in a range from 0.01 seconds (10 ms) up to 2.55 seconds (2550 ms) in steps of 10ms. The valid range of values is 1-255.

Factory setting is 3 (0.03 seconds) for the “occupied” message and 30 (0.3 seconds) for the “vacant” message.

This is how you can calculate the value:

Delay in Seconds x 100 = Value for the LNCV

Value for the LNCV / 100 = Delay in Seconds

### **LNCV 61- 124 Solenoid Command for each track input**

If a track input changes from state “vacant” to the “occupied” state the feedback module can send two individual solenoid instructions per track input. Likewise individual solenoid instructions can be sent, if a track input changes from the “occupied” to the “vacant” state.

The individual instructions are contained in the following LNCVs:

1. Solenoid command for State “occupied” for track 1-16: LNCV 61 to 76
2. Solenoid command for State “occupied” for track 1-16: LNCV 77 to 92
1. Solenoid command for State “vacant” for track 1-16: LNCV 93 to 108
2. Solenoid command for State “vacant” for track 1-16: LNCV 109 to 124

The values for the LNCVs 61 to 124 are calculated as follows:

Switch solenoid to “red”: LNCV Value = Solenoid address \* 10

Switch solenoid to “green”: LNCV Value = Solenoid address \* 10 + 1

**Example 1**

The solenoid 21 is to be switched to red if the track connected to input 7 becomes vacant.

LNCV 99 = 210, LNCV 115 = 0

**Example 2**

The solenoid 112 is to be switched to green and the solenoid 212 to red, if the track connection 4 is occupied.

LNCV 64 = 1121, LNCV 80 = 2120

**Table of individual LNCVs of the Feedback Module 63 330**

| LocoNet-CV | Description  | Value Range | Default Value |
|------------|--|-------------|---------------|
| 0          | <b>Module address</b>  | 1-65535     | 1             |
| 1-16       | <b>Feedback address</b> input contact 1-16   | 1-2048      | 1 (track 1)   |
| 17         | <b>Report address</b>  | 1-2048      | 1017          |
| 18         | <b>Software version</b>  | -           | varies        |
| 19         | <b>Startup Time</b> in 0.5 second steps  | 0-255       | 2             |
| 20         | <b>Module Configuration</b>  |             |               |
|            | Bit 0 = 0 Automatic assignment of feedback addresses per LNCV 1                                      | 0           | 0             |
|            | Bit 0 = 1 Individual feedback address per LNCV 1-16  | 1           |               |
|            | Bit 1 = 0 Delay values for all inputs per LNCV 21 and LNCV 41  | 0           |               |
|            | Bit 1 = 1 Delay values for each individual input per LNCV 21- 36 and LNCV 41-56                      | 2           |               |
|            | Bit 2 = 0 The module does not send information via the LocoNet when power is switched on             | 0           |               |
|            | Bit 2 = 1 The module sends the state of all monitored tracks to the center when power is switched on | 4           |               |
| 21-36      | <b>Delay for "Occupied" report</b> Contact Track 1-16  | 0-255       | 3 (track 1)   |
| 41-56      | <b>Delay for "Vacant" report</b> Contact Track 1-16  | 0-255       | 30 (track 1)  |
| 61-76      | <b>1. Solenoid command for contact track 1-16 when "occupied"</b>                                    | 0-20481     | 0             |
| 77-92      | <b>2. Solenoid command for contact track 1-16 when "occupied"</b>                                    | 0-20481     | 0             |
| 93-108     | <b>1. Solenoid command for contact track 1-16 when "vacant"</b>                                      | 0-20481     | 0             |
| 109-124    | <b>2. Solenoid command for contact track 1-16 when "vacant"</b>                                      | 0-20481     | 0             |



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