



# 4-fold switch decoder

from the *Digital-Professional-Series* !

**SA-DEC-4-DC-G Part-No.: 210213**

>> finished module in a case <<

**Compatible to the DCC-Format:**

(e.g. Lenz Digital Plus, Arnold-, Märklin-Digital=, Intellibox, TWIN-CENTER, Roco-Digital, EasyControl, ECoS, KeyCom-DC, Digitrax, DiCoStation, Zimo and others)  
(switching via Lokmaus 2® and R3® is possible)

For digital control of:

- ⇒ consumers up to 4 Ampere on each output  
(e.g. illumination, switching track sections voltage free).
- ⇒ jammed turnout- and signal drives  
(drives with integrated end switch).

This product is not a toy! Not suitable for children under 14 years of age!  
The kit contains small parts, which should be kept away from children under 3!  
Improper use will imply danger of injuring due to sharp edges and tips! Please store this instruction carefully.



## Introduction/Safety instruction:

You have purchased the 4-fold switch decoder **SA-DEC-4** for your model railway supplied within the assortment of Littfinski DatenTechnik (LDT).

We are wishing you having a good time using this product.

The **SA-DEC-4-DC** is suitable for the **DCC Data format**, used for instance at the systems of **Lenz-Digital Plus, Arnold-, Märklin-Digital=, Intellibox, TWIN-CENTER, Roco-Digital, EasyControl, ECoS, KeyCom-DC, Digitrax, DiCoStation and Zimo.**

The decoder **SA-DEC-4-DC** can not only switch turnouts via the **turnout addresses** but also responds to **loc-addresses**. Therefore is it possible to switch consumers with the keys **F1** to **F4** of the **Lokmaus 2®** or **3®**.

The decoder **SA-DEC-4-DC** is **multi digital** and can be installed to the **Intellibox** and on the **TWIN-CENTER** without any problems.

The finished module comes with **24 month warranty**.

Please read the following instructions carefully. Warranty will expire due to damages caused by disregarding the operating instructions. LDT will also be not liable for any consequential.

## Connecting the decoder to your digital model railway layout:

- **Attention:** Before starting the installation switch off the drive voltage by pushing the stop button or disconnect the main supply.

The decoder receives the **digital information** via the clamp **KL2**. Connect the clamp directly to the command station or to a booster assuring supply of digital information free from any interference.

The DCC-Digital-Systems uses different color codes respectively indications for the two digital cables. Those markings are indicated next to the clamp **KL2**. These markings have not necessarily to be maintained correct as the decoder converts the signal automatically to be correct.

The decoder receives the **power supply** via clamp **KL1**. Voltage in the range of 12 to 18V~ is acceptable (alternate current output of a model railway transformer).

If you **do not** want to supply power to the decoder **SA-DEC-4** separately from an **external transformer** you can connect the clamp **KL1 to KL2 with two wires**. In this case the decoder will get the power supply **complete** from the **digital system**.

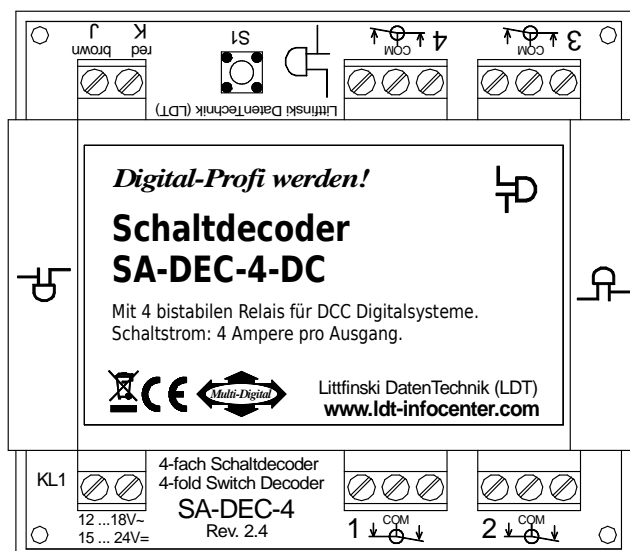
Now connect the consumers (e.g. illumination, motors or turnout and signal coils with end-switch) to the outputs 1 to 4. The clamp marked **'COM'** is the common connection for the respective switch-over contact.

## Programming the decoder address:

For programming the decoder address you can connect a consumer to the output 1. As it is possible to hear the switching of the bistable relay the connection of a consumer is not mandatory.

- Switch on the power supply of your model rail way.
- Adjust the **speed** of all connected speed controller to **zero**.
- Press the **programming key S1**.
- The relay connected to output 1 will now automatically switch-over every **1.5 seconds**. This indicates that the decoder is in the **programming mode**.
- Switch now one turnout of a **group of four** assigned to the decoder via the keyboard of the control unit or via a remote control unit. For programming the decoder address you can also release a turnout switch signal via a PC-software.

**Remarks:** The decoder addresses for magnet accessories are combined in **groups of four**. The address 1 to 4 build the first group. The address 5 to 8 build the second group etc. Each **SA-DEC-4-DC** decoder can be assigned to any of these groups. Which of the 4 turnouts of a group will be activated for the addressing does not matter.



- If the decoder has recognized the assignment correctly the relay will move a little faster. Afterwards the movement slows down to the initial 1.5 seconds interval again.
- Leave the programming mode by depressing the programming key **S1** again. The decoder address is now permanently stored but can be changed at any time by repeating the programming as described above.

- If you press the first key of the programmed group of keys or you send a switch signal for this address from a PC the addressed bistable relay should now switch the connected consumer on or off.

## Switching consumers via loc-addresses (e.g. Lokmaus 2® or R3®):

The decoder **SA-DEC-4-DC** makes it possible to switch consumer via **loc-addresses**. For example switching with the **functional keys F1 to F4** of the **Lokmaus 2®** or **R3®**.

The **function key F1** will switch the **consumer at the output 1** and the **key F2** will switch the **consumer at the output 2** etc.

Each **stroke on a function key** will **switch-over the respective relay**. Therefore can the connected consumers be switched on and off.

For programming the decoder address you can connect a consumer to the output 1. As it is possible to hear the switching of the bistable relay the connection of a consumer is not mandatory.

- Switch the power supply of your model rail way on.
- Adjust the **speed** of all connected speed controller to **zero**.
- Press the programming key S1.
- The relay at the output 1 shall move now automatically every 1.5 seconds. This indicates that the decoder is in the programming mode.
- Adjust now on one of the Lokmauses the required address and **turn the speed adjusting dial** off from the center position. If the decoder has recognized the assignment correctly the connected **turnout drive** will **move** now a little **faster**. The decoder **SA-DEC-4-DC** will accept **loc-addresses** between **1 and 99**.
- Adjust the **speed** now to **zero** again. The relay of the output 1 will move now a little slower.

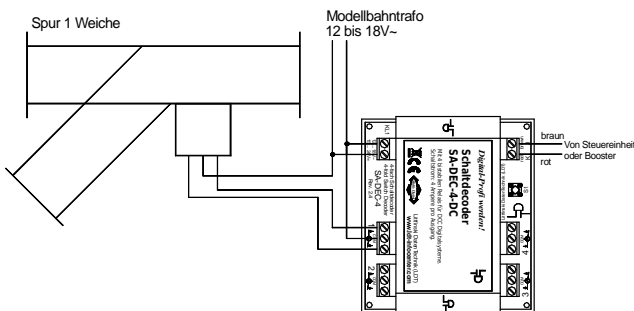
- Press the **programming key S1** again for **leaving the programming mode**.
- With **each stroke of the functional key F1** you can switch the **connected consumer at the output 1** on or off. If there are consumers connected to the output 2 to 4 of the decoder **SA-DEC-4-DC** you can shift the respective registered turnouts with the programmed loc-addresses with each stroke of the function keys F2 to F4.

## Please attend to the following:

- All **4 outputs** can switch consumers with up to **4 Ampere** each.

## Decoder application:

Besides the switching of illumination and motors there is an excellent application for the decoder **SA-DEC-4** of digital switching of jammed turnouts with end switches.



As an advantage large current consuming drives will not unnecessary overload the expensive digital power supply.

Feed the **SA-DEC-4** via the clamp **KL1** with **AC** from the **model railway transformer**. Further connect one cable of the transformer with clamp **'L'** on the turnout drive.

Connect the second cable of the transformer with the clamp marked with **'COM'** on the respective decoder output.

Now, connect the two remaining clamps of the decoder output with the outputs **1** and **2** of the turnout drive.

Further application examples can be found in the **Internet** on our **Web-Site** ([www.ltd-infocenter.com](http://www.ltd-infocenter.com)) at the section **downloads/sample connections**.

## Trouble shooting:

What to do if something is not working as described above?

Here some possible functional errors and possible solutions:

- During **programming of the decoder addresses** the relay on output moves within 1.5 seconds, but does not **confirm** the programming with **faster movement** by **pressing any key**.
  - Interfered digital information** at **KL2** respectively **lost of voltage** at the **tracks!** Connect the decoder directly with cables to the digital control unit or to the booster instead to the tracks.
  - Eventually the **clamps** have been **tightened to strong** and therefore the clamps got **loose at the soldering** to the pc board. **Check the soldering connection of the clamps** at the lower side of the pc-board and re-solder them if required.
- The turnout connected to output 1 will move always at a **faster sequence** after activating the programming key S1.
  - Start **programming** the switch decoder **SA-DEC-4-DC** **immediately after switching-on** the command station before any loc is traveling on the track.
  - Perform a **RESET** of the command station. All stored data will be preserved but the **address-repeating-memory** will be **deleted**. For **Intellibox** and **TWIN-CENTER** please switch-on the unit and press the keys **GO** and **STOP** simultaneous until the report "reset" can be read at the display.

## Further products within the *Digital-Professional-Series*:

### S-DEC-4

**4-fold turnout decoder** for 4 magnet accessories with free programmable decoder addresses and possible external power supply.

### M-DEC

**4-fold decoder for motor driven turnouts**. For motors up to 1A. With free programmable decoder addresses. Drives can be connected directly with the decoder output.

### LS-DEC

**Light signal decoder** for up to 4 LED train signals. Signal signs will be originally dimmed up and down and directly positioned via the decoder address.

### RM-88-N / RM-88-N-O

**16-fold feedback modules** (also with integrated opto-couplings) for the s88-feedback bus and the connection to **Memory** and **Interface (Märklin / Arnold)**, Central Station 1 and 2, ECoS, **Intellibox** respectively **TWIN-CENTER**, **EasyControl**, **DiCoStation** and **HSI-88**.

### RM-GB-8-N

**8-fold feedback module** with integrated **track occupancy detectors** for the s88-feedback bus.

All products are supplied as easy to assemble **complete kits** or as **finished modules**.

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