# DCC CAPABILITIES

Locomotive Control & Performance
Layout Control
Function Only Decoders
Animation Control

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Independent Locomotive Control

- Command Station/Booster
  - Number of Locomotives
  - Number of Engineers
  - Amperage, number of throttles, etc.

# Multiple types of throttles

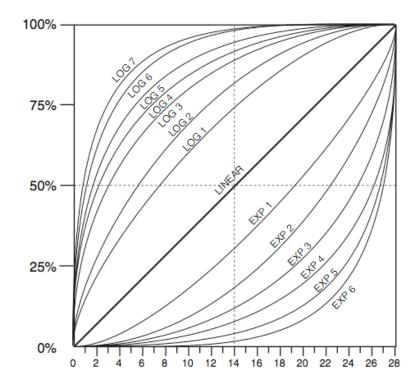
- Tethered, radio, infrared
- Full Function
- Engineers throttle

# Improved performance

- DCC electrical format provides smoother performance
- Back Electromagnetic Feedback (BEMF)
- Proportional/Integral/Differential Gain (PID)
- Dither smooth running at low speeds

# LOCOMOTIVE CONTROL & PERFORMANCE Speed Curves

Note that in order for the selected curve to be active, bit 4 of CV 29 must also be set to 1. If CV 29, bit 4 is 0, the throttle response will be linear (straight line).



The speed curves can be used in 14, 28 and 128 speed step modes.

Bit 7 is defined by the NMRA RPs as the Mid Range Speed Step select bit. The DSD does not implement this feature and will ignore commands that attempt to program this bit with a 1 (i.e., data values between 128-255).

# Voltage controls

- Start voltage
- Maximum Hi Speed, Maximum Medium speed
- Forward/Rear Trim
- Voltage +/-

## **Acceleration and Deceleration (Momentum)**

#### Loco and heavy load

Simulates realistic load of train and its affect on reaching speed and stopping

#### Diesel –

- Notching out, and notching down
- Wind down of prime mover

#### Steam

Throttle Control vs. Chuff Control (Progressive Chuff)
 Controls water and coal/oil consumption

#### Braking.

- Stops train at adjustable distance.
- Provides stopping control for maximum momentum
- Mobile non sound decoders

# **Multiple Lighting Functions**

- Automatic or Independent
- Head light/Rear light
- Cab Lights
- Marker Lights
- Ditch Lights
- MARS lights
- Strobe lights
- Maintenance lights

# Multiple sound functions

Automatic or Independent

# Function Mapping

Which functions are controlled by each function key

# **Multiple Lighting Functions**

Fund	Function Mapping Table															
Function Key	Control CV	HL	BL	WH	BEL	FXS	FX6	DYN	SHW	STM	ws	DIM	MUT	INJ	вяк	CPL
F0 (f)	33	1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128							
F0 (r)	34	1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128							
F1	35	1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128							
F2	36	1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128							
F3	37				1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128				
F4	38				1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128				
F5	39				1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128				
F6	40				1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128				
F7	41							1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	
F8	42							1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	
F9	43							1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	
F10	44								1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128
F11	45								1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128
F12	46								1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128

Bold Numbers indicate default settings.

# LOCOMOTIVE CONTROL & PERFORMANCE Consisting

Each unit in the consist simultaneously receives the same signals as the lead loco

- Multiple power units to run smoothly together
  - Head end / Mid train helper / End of train helper

#### Function Control

 Provides for control of which functions are operable on rear loco and mid consist locos

#### Speed Matching

- Adjusting speed curves, and /or voltage (start, mid, and hi).
- Some decoders will tend to self adjust when each unit is using same decoder (QSI Revolution)

### Command Station

- Amperage, number/type of throttles, etc.
- Boosters
- Cab Boosters

## Power Districts

- Power Shields and Boosters with circuit breakers
- Isolates parts of railroad by location and usage
- Shorts confined to a power district, allowing continued operation in other power districts

## Power Shields and Boosters

- Protects against start up power surge, usually related to multiple locomotives with sound decoders
- Adjustable trip sensitivity
- Auto Reverser Power Shields
- Can manually turn power district on or off

## Detection Circuits - Block Detection

- Shows block occupancy in hidden trackage
- Can turn off power to detected block
- Can control Signal Systems
- Grade Crossings

# Integrated Fast Clock (Logitech/NCE)

- Integrated with fast clock on throttle
- Wall mounted fast clock (LED or traditional)
- Passenger and/or freight service

# Time Table 10/30

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Arrive Hartford	6:40 AM								ŀ	
Depart Hartford	6:50 AM		8:45 AM		12:00 PM					
Arrive Huntington	7:10 AM		8:57 AM		12:10 PM			3:30 PM		
Depart Huntington	7:25 AM		9:02 AM		12:20 PM			3:45 PM	-	
Arrive Evansville	thru thru		9:07 AM 9:10 AM		thru thru			3:52 PM 3:55 PM		
Depart Evansville								3:55 PW		
Arrive NH/Sprngfld/Waterbury	7:45 AM		9:30 AM		12:50 PM					
Arrive White Hills								4:30 PM		
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Depart Evansville		7:03 AM		thru		2:11 PM	thru		-	
Arrive Huntington		7:10 AM		10:45 AM		2:18 PM	3:30 PM			
Depart Huntington		7:27 AM		10:55 AM		2:23 PM	3:45 PM			
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- Turnout Control
- Auto Reversing Units
- Mini Panels

## **FUNCTION ONLY DECODERS**

## HARES/WABBITS, ETC.

#### Turnout controls

- Slow motion and solenoid switch machines
- Throttle and/or panel controlled
- Panel lighting and switch signal LEDs
- Macros, Smart Routes
- Dispatcher Override
- Lock Block Protection
- Power Up defaults
- Auto Throw Timer controls timing to prevent two
- trains from colliding
- Auto Return Timer returns to normal setting after
- predetermined time
- Auto Reverse Loop turnouts

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HARES/WABBITS, ETC.

- Auxiliary Input Unit
  - provides feedback on turnout positions
- Auto Reverser Power Shield w/Auto Reverser
  - Detects short and reverses polarity
  - Reverse Loops, Wyes, etc.

## **FUNCTION ONLY DECODERS**

## ANIMATION CONTROL

- Acts as on/off switch
- Semaphore Signals
- Crossing Gates
- Overhead Doors
- Lighting
- Non Mobile Sound Only decoders sawmills, creeks, factories, wildlife, etc.

## **Publications of Interest**

- DCC Guide by Don Fiehmann
- Kalmbach Publishing

DCC Projects & Applications by Mike Polsgrove

Kalmbach Publishing

The comprehensive guide to DCC by Stan Ames, Rutger Friberg &

Ed Loizeaux. (out of print)

- The Practical Guide to Digital Command Control by Larry Pucket
- Carstens Publishing