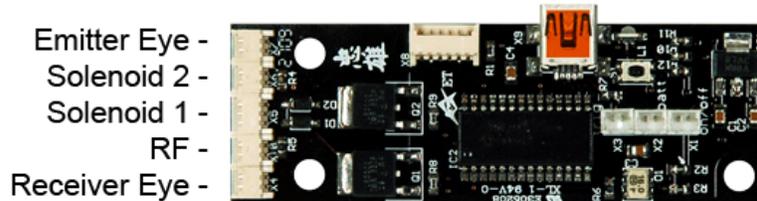


Ebisu Series AKA USB Board
For the AKA Viking and Excalibur
Full manual available at www.tadaotechnologies.com

FEATURES

- Fully functional in the AKA Viking and Excalibur (single and dual solenoid operation)
- Ebisu Series LED display system shows eye status, battery life, and menu system
- Microchip PIC18F2550 microcontroller runs at up to 48 Mhz and provides Full Speed USB 2.0 (12Mbit/s)
- Tengu USB interface for Windows 7, Vista, and XP provides free firmware updates from home, settings adjustments, and more
- Zero power drain while turned off
- Industry first anti-breech bounce software reduces chopping when a loader is running out of paintballs
- RF socket and wiring harness included to support Magna, Pulse, and other RF transmitters
- Multiple modes of fire ensure compliance with all major tournament series: unlimited semi-automatic, adjustable semi-automatic, PSP ramping, PSP 3 round burst, NXL full-automatic, Millennium ramping, custom ramping, auto-response, 3 round burst, and full-automatic
- Tadao trigger logic asynchronously monitors the trigger switch, using an interrupt based scan at up to 12 million times per second for the quickest response time and fastest semi-automatic
- Tadao dynamic eye logic watches for the bolt to return every shot, cycling the marker as fast as possible
- Rate of fire adjustable from 5 to 30 bps in 0.1 bps increments, plus unlimited rate of fire
- Extremely easy to use LED based menu system for changing settings
- All settings are stored in non-volatile memory so they are not lost when the battery is disconnected
- Five custom user profiles allow you to save settings for specific tournament series or performance tuning
- Additional features include adjustable debounce, anti-mechanical bounce, cycle percentage filter, anti-bolt stick, ball in place delay, bolt delay, eye modes, ramp start, ramp percentage, breakout modes, and more

INSTALLATION



Installation of the Ebisu board must be carefully done to avoid damaging the electronics or wiring harnesses.

1. Remove one grip panel from the side of the frame, and unplug the battery.
2. Remove the two screws that attach the frame to the gun body.
3. Gently pull the frame and tray away from the gun body.
4. Remove the 2 nylon screws that secure the board inside the tray.
5. Gently pull the stock board out of the tray and unplug all the wiring harnesses.
6. Plug all the wiring harnesses into the appropriate sockets on the Ebisu board.
7. Insert the Ebisu board back into the tray and install the two nylon screws.
8. Tuck all the wiring harnesses inside the tray and gun body, and then reattach the frame/tray with the two frame screws.
9. Replace the battery and grip panel.

BOARD OPERATION

Turn on the board by sliding the power switch to the on position.

Turn off the board by sliding the power switch to the off position.

The eye system is toggled on and off by pressing and holding the trigger for 3 seconds. The LED will reflect the eye status as it changes.

The multicolor LED will display different colors based on which mode of operation the marker is in:

Flickering Red – at boot time indicates an exhausted battery.

Flickering Yellow – at boot time indicates a low battery.

Flickering Green – at boot time indicates a good battery.

Solid Blue – eyes on, ball in breech, ready to fire.

Slow Blinking Blue – eyes on, empty breech.

Slow Blinking Red – eyes off.

Slow Blinking Yellow – eye malfunction caused by the bolt not seen cycling.

If used, the eye system cycles the marker as fast as possible. During each shot the eyes watch for the bolt to return, ending the current firing cycle and starting another as quickly as the pneumatics allow. If the eye system is continually blocked (e.g. putting your finger in front of the eyes) and is unable to see the bolt return after every shot, the max rate of fire will be reduced to prevent further chopping, and the LED will show an eye malfunction by slowly blinking yellow. Firing the marker with paint and air will utilize the eye system correctly, maximizing the rate of fire.

USB

Your Ebisu Series USB board has full USB 2.0 functionality, and works in tandem with the Tengu USB interface, which can be downloaded online at <http://www.tadaotechnologies.com/productcart/pc/viewContent.asp?idpage=15>. Tengu allows you to update the firmware on your board, modify all the settings, and more. To run the Tengu interface you need a mini-B USB cable and a PC running Windows 7, Vista, or XP. XP users will also need to download the Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 or newer. Refer to the Tengu user guide for information regarding USB installation and using the Tengu USB interface.

MENU SYSTEM

The Ebisu series boards use a color coded menu system. Each setting has its own LED color and/or sequence assigned to it. To enter the menu system, hold down the trigger while turning the board on. The LED will show a rainbow sequence, followed by the last viewed setting.

The tournament lock must be disabled in order to change settings on the board. Toggle the tournament lock by pushing the small switch located next to the LED. While the marker is turned on (but not in programming mode), push and hold the lock button. The LED will flash red or green to indicate the status of the lock. Red means the lock is on; green means the lock is off. When the lock and the marker are off, pull and hold the trigger, and turn the board on. The marker will boot into programming mode, showing a rainbow sequence before stopping at solid green. The board will remember the previously viewed setting after consecutive boots into programming mode.

Pull and release the trigger quickly to scroll forward through the settings. When the last setting is reached, it will wrap around to the beginning.

Green	Fire mode
Purple	Max rate of fire
Yellow	Fine rate of fire
Blue	Debounce
Red	Anti mechanical bounce
White	Cycle percentage filter
Aqua	Dwell
Flickering Green	Anti bolt stick
Flickering Purple	Ball in place delay
Flickering Yellow	Bolt delay (Viking only)
Flickering Blue	Eye mode (Viking only)
Flickering Red	Ramp start
Flickering White	Ramp percentage
Flickering Aqua	G-mode breakout
Double Blink Green	Board mode
Double Blink Purple	Bolt open delay (Excalibur only)
Double Blink Yellow	Bolt open time (Excalibur only)
Double Blink Blue	Watch time (Excalibur only)
Double Blink Red	Bolt close delay (Excalibur only)
Alternating Yellow/Blue	Save current settings to profile 1-5
Alternating Yellow/Green	Load profile 1-5 to current settings
Alternating Yellow/Red	Reset all settings to defaults

When the LED is lit for the desired setting, press and hold the trigger until the LED goes out. When you release the trigger, the LED will blink to show the current setting. For example, if the current setting for debounce is 5, the LED

will blink green 5 times. Once the LED stops blinking, you have 2 seconds to begin entering the new setting. To enter the new setting, pull the trigger the desired number of times. For example, to set the debounce to 2, you must pull the trigger 2 times. Every time you pull the trigger the LED will light. After all settings have been changed turn the marker off using the power switch.

Since some settings may have a very high value, it is not necessary to watch the entire blinking sequence. You can bypass the blink sequence that shows the current value by pulling the trigger once and immediately to begin enter the new value. The trigger pull that cancels the blinking does not count towards the new value you enter.

Programming Example

If you want to set the max rate of fire to 20 bps, you should:

1. Make sure the marker is powered off and the tournament lock is disabled.
2. Pull the trigger and turn on the marker.
3. The LED shows a rainbow sequence then stops on solid green, which is the fire mode setting (unless previously changed to another setting before turning off the board).
4. Use the trigger to cycle through the settings until you reach the max rate of fire setting (solid purple).
5. Pull and HOLD the trigger until the LED turns off.
6. Release the trigger. The LED will blink out the current setting (10 blinks to indicate 10 bps).
7. When the LED stops blinking, enter the new setting by pulling the trigger 20 times.
8. Wait until the LED turns back on, indicating programming has been completed.
9. Turn the marker off.

SETTINGS

Fire mode (default semi-automatic unlimited):

1. Semi-automatic unlimited
2. Semi-automatic adjustable
3. PSP ramping: 123-shots semi, on 4th shot ramps, resets after 1 second
4. PSP burst: 123-shots semi, on 4th shot fires 3-round burst, resets after 1 second
5. NXL full-automatic: 123-shots semi, on 4th shot fires full-auto, resets after 1 second
6. Millennium ramping: 123-shots semi, on 4th shot ramps, resets after 250 ms
7. Custom ramping: user adjustable ramping, select ramp start and ramp percentage
8. Auto response: fires on each pull and release
9. Burst: 3-round burst
10. Full-automatic: 1-shot semi, on 2nd shot fires full-automatic, resets after 1 second

Maximum rate of fire (default 10 bps, range 5-30 and infinity): The semi-automatic unlimited fire mode ignores this value, making it easy to switch back and forth between tournament gun rules without modifying more than 1 setting. Infinite setting only applies to eyes on; eyes off will still be limited to 30 bps.

Fine rate of fire timing (default 0.0, range 0.0 to 0.9 additional bps): Fine adjustment of the max rate of fire in 0.1 bps increments, from 0.0 to 0.9 additional bps.

Debounce (default 5 ms, range 0.5-25.0 ms): The amount of time the trigger must be released for the microcontroller to allow the next trigger pull. Asynchronous interrupt based scan up to 12 million times per second that is run independently from code execution. Higher values reduce bounce.

Anti-mechanical bounce (default 1, range 1-4): Helps eliminate mechanical bounce which can cause a loosely held paintball marker to go full-auto.

Cycle percentage filter (default 10%, range 10-90% or off): Secondary debounce filter, adjusts when buffered shots are allowed. Higher values reduce bounce.

Dwell (default 10 ms, range 0.5-25.0 ms): The amount of time the solenoid is energized during each firing cycle. Lower is less consistent; higher is less efficient. Humphrey solenoids typically use 10 ms for the Viking and 6 ms for the Excalibur. MAC solenoids need to be run slightly higher, usually 16 ms for the Viking, and 10 ms for the Excalibur.

Anti-bolt stick (default off, range 1-10 ms): If the marker sits for more than 20 seconds, ABS adds extra dwell to the next shot to prevent first shot drop off.

BIP delay (default 1, range 1-10 ms): A slight delay that allows each paintball to settle in the breech before firing (Viking) or the bolt closing after the eyes see a paintball fall into the breech (Excalibur).

Bolt delay (default 5, range 1-15 ms, Viking only): A delay that gives the bolt enough time to block the eyes on the forward stroke. Too low will cause blank or skipped shots. Too high can slow down the marker.

Eye mode (default forced, Viking only):

1. Forced with force shot – marker only fires when a paintball is present or a force shot is initiated by holding down the trigger for ½ second.
2. Delayed – the eyes will watch for a paintball for up to 500 ms after each pull, then fire.

Ramping start (default 5, range 4-14 pulls per second): How fast you pull for the ramping fire modes to start adding additional shots. Ramping modes only.

Ramping percentage (default 500%, range 10-500%): Adjusts how much the software helps the user while ramping. A 50% ramp adds 50% of the user's pulling rate to the current rate of fire. (i.e. pull 8 times per second and the gun will fire 12 times per second)

G mode or “breakout mode” (default off): Provides unlimited full-auto, reverting to the user-selected fire mode on the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd shot after turning on the board. Breakout modes are illegal for use in all tournament series. Tadao Technologies LLC takes no responsibility for the use of breakout modes.

Board mode (default Viking): Selects the marker type that the board will be used for.

1. Viking – single solenoid.
2. Excalibur with eye system – dual solenoid, boots up with eyes enabled.
3. Excalibur without eye system – dual solenoid, boots up with eyes disabled, cannot toggle eyes.

Bolt open delay (default 2 ms, Excalibur only): A small delay between the end of the dwell time for the ram and the beginning of the bolt moving backwards to load another paintball. Lower values increase the potential rate of fire, but can cause blowback up the feed tube.

Bolt open time (default 40 ms, Excalibur only): The time the bolt spends in the rearward position waiting for a paintball to load. If the eye system is enabled the bolt open time will automatically be reduced if the eyes see a paintball fall into the breech. If the eye system is disabled it is very important that the bolt open time is long enough to allow paintballs to feed.

Watch time (default 500 ms, Excalibur only): The additional amount of time that the eye system will wait for a ball to fall into the breech if one is not detected during the bolt open time.

Bolt close delay (default 30 ms, Excalibur only): amount of time after the bolt begins to close before the next cycle is allowed to begin. If set too short your Excalibur will appear to double feed or may not fire at all while trying to shoot fast.

Save current settings to profile 1-5: Allows the user to save the currently selected settings as 1 of 5 profiles, which can be loaded again later. These profiles can also be configured using the Tengu USB interface. To use: pull and hold the trigger until the LED turns off. Release the trigger. The LED will blink once. Enter in the profile number to which you would like to save the current settings by pulling the trigger the desired number of times.

Load profile 1-5 to current settings: Allows the user to load 1 of the saved profiles to the current settings. To use: pull and hold the trigger until the LED turns off. Release the trigger. The LED will blink once. Enter in the profile number you would like to load to the current settings by pulling the trigger the desired number of times.

Reset: Allows the user to restore the active settings to the default values. Profiles will not be changed. To use: pull and hold the trigger until the LED starts flickering to indicate that the reset has begun. Once the LED returns to the alternating yellow/red sequence, the reset has completed.

Excalibur Timing/Rate of Fire Information

Total cycle time for the Excalibur is:

Eyes off: dwell + bolt open delay + bolt open time + bolt close delay

Eyes on: dwell + bolt open delay + bolt open time + ball in place delay + bolt close delay
(The watch time setting will be placed after the bolt open time if no paintball loads immediately)

While in Excalibur mode the max rate of fire setting is used as a top end cap, but does not specifically force the rate of fire to be this value. This allows you to time the marker for optimal performance by using the various settings, and not have the max rate of fire setting override anything, which could create problems.

For example, the default values are:

Dwell 10, bolt open delay 2, bolt open time 40, bolt close delay 30

$10 + 2 + 40 + 30 = 82$ millisecond total cycle time, which is about 12 bps.

If you set the max rate of fire to 20 bps, the gun will still only fire 12 bps.

If you set the max rate of fire to 10 bps, the gun will fire 10 bps.

The max rate of fire setting is used to limit the rate of fire, but will not force it to fire faster than the timing settings permit.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Settings

The Ebisu series ship with default settings which are tuned for a wide range of trigger adjustments and general usage. Obviously certain tournament series allow alternate fire modes with specific characteristics. The following is a list of settings which will give you a baseline. Ultimately, every marker is unique, and may require different settings for optimal performance.

Semi-only tournaments: Use the default settings, possibly only changing debounce, AMB, and CPF to suit your personal trigger adjustments.

PSP: Use the PSP ramping or PSP burst fire modes, with maximum rate of fire set to the required cap for the league (for 2009 this should be either 10.5 or 12.5 bps, depending on your division). Make sure debounce is near default values.

Millennium: Use the Millennium ramping fire mode, with a ramp start value of 5 or higher, and the maximum rate of fire set to the required cap for the league (for 2009, this should be similar to the PSP).

Many European tournaments besides the Millennium series utilize semi-automatic, but capped at 15 bps. Select the capped semi-automatic fire mode for these events.

Care and cleaning

Your Ebisu series board includes a conformal coating to help protect against damage caused by moisture from things such as broken paint or rain. Under normal conditions, the board should continue to operate fine with small amounts of moisture present. However, paint is slightly corrosive and can destroy the conformal coating over time. In the event that you get broken paint or water on the electronics, unplug the battery, and then use rubbing alcohol and a blast of compressed air to clean the board off. The compressed air will ensure that everything is cleaned out from beneath the components and connectors.

Batteries

Tadao Technologies recommends the use of quality alkaline batteries such as those made by Duracell and Energizer. Photo lithium 9 volt batteries are also adequate. Batteries labeled as "heavy duty" or "super heavy duty" are not true alkaline, and will cause inconsistent operation, or may not properly power the electronics. Rechargeable batteries are also not recommended because they typically do not provide enough current.

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