

Mikko Huttunen Yakuza Series USB/OLED Board For Dye NT Frames

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FEATURES

- Fully functional in Dye NT frames
- Yakuza Series OLED graphical display system which shows eye status, battery life, current fire mode, max rate of fire, game timer, 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 XP and Vista provides free firmware updates, custom boot screens, settings adjustments, and more
- Zero power drain while turned off (less than 0.0001 mA)
- Industry first anti-breech bounce software reduces chopping when a loader is running out of paintballs
- 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
- Select fire functionality allows up to three separate fire modes to be accessed on the fly while playing
- 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 OLED graphical and text based menu system for changing settings
- All settings are stored in non-volatile memory so they are not lost when the battery is disconnected
- Spring battery contacts so there's no wiring harnesses to break or wear out
- 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, game timer, auto power down timer, shot counter, screen brightness, and more
- High quality Omron 80 gram trigger microswitch

INSTALLATION

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

1. Remove the grip panels, exposing the battery and circuit board.
2. Remove the battery and unplug the eye and solenoid harnesses.
3. Remove the 2 mounting screws.
4. Gently pull the stock board out of the frame.
5. Insert the Yakuza board into the grip frame, ensuring the trigger switch lever is placed behind the trigger.
6. Replace the 2 mounting screws, making sure the power sits snugly against the switch contact.
7. Plug the eye and solenoid harness back into the appropriate sockets.
8. Replace the battery. The positive terminal is towards the front of the frame, as shown by the + and – marks milled into the frame.
9. Replace the grip panels.

BOARD OPERATION

The OLED display will be covered by the NT grips while in use. Due to the ease of removing the NT grips, the display can be used to change settings. If players so choose, they can also modify the NT grips so the OLED display is visible all the time.

To turn on: press the power (top) switch. The OLED display will turn on, showing the boot screen, followed by the main screen. The RGB LED will indicate the current battery level by showing red, yellow, or green. It will then shine either solid or slow blinking blue to indicate the breech status.

To toggle the eye system: press and hold the power switch for 1 second. The OLED display will reflect the eye status, showing the appropriate icon, and the RGB LED will change from blue to red. **The bottom (eye) switch on the frame is not used.**

To turn off: press and hold the power switch for at least 1 second after the eye system toggles. The OLED display and RGB LED will turn off.

RGB LED colors during boot sequence:

Red – low battery
Yellow – medium battery
Green – good battery

RGB LED colors during operation:

Solid blue – eyes on, ball-in-breech
Slow blinking blue – eyes on, breech empty
Slow blinking yellow – eyes malfunction caused by eyes being continually blocked
Slow blinking red – eyes off
Solid green – programming mode

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 OLED display will show an eye malfunction. Additionally, the RGB LED will display slow blinking yellow. Firing the marker with paint and air will utilize the eye system correctly, maximizing the rate of fire.

The programming menu system is activated by holding down the trigger while turning the board on. The OLED display will show “Menu system initiated...” Further details regarding the menu system can be found below.

The game timer will replace the current rate of fire indicator on the OLED display if selected in the board settings. The game timer must be primed by holding down the trigger for 4 seconds. After it is primed, it will start counting down on the next trigger pull.

SELECT FIRE

The Yakuza software for the NT contains the new select fire functionality. This allows you to pick up to 3 different fire modes which can be cycled through during game play. The modes are chosen in the programming menu using the fire mode 1, 2, and 3 settings. You can choose to use just 1 (which disables select fire), 2, or 3 modes at a time.

If select fire modes are enabled, you can cycle through them during play by quickly pressing and releasing the power switch. The OLED display will show the current fire mode as it changes, and the RGB LED will flash purple. All fire modes share the same rate of fire setting unless unlimited semi-automatic is chosen. This permits combinations such as unlimited semi-automatic, 15 bps ramping, and 15 bps full-automatic.

Unless specifically allowed, select fire functionality should not be used in tournaments. It is strongly advised that you consult both tournament rules and local field regulations before use. Tadao Technologies LLC takes no responsibility for the user’s choice in using select fire functionality.

USB

Your Yakuza 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, create and save custom boot screens, modify all the settings, and more. To run the Tengu interface you need a mini-B USB cable and a PC running Windows XP or Vista. XP users will also need to download the Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5. Refer to the Tengu user guide for information regarding USB installation and using the Tengu USB interface.

OLED DIAGRAMS

The OLED display built into the Yakuza series board shows the user a multitude of information via text and icons. The software is written with performance in mind, and will not update the screen until the user stops shooting for just a fraction of a second. This ensures that the screen does not interfere with the timings of the marker.

The battery indicator shows battery life by displaying a bar within the icon. The longer the bar, the higher the battery level. A low battery is reached at approximately 7.5 volts, but if quality alkaline batteries are used, the remaining power should be adequate for at least one more case of paint.

The eye indicator is displayed as a circular icon, which shows when the eyes are blocked or malfunctioning. If the eye system is off, the indicator displays “off.” If the eye system has a malfunction from not seeing the bolt return, it will show an X.

Empty breech:**Blocked breech:****Bolt not seen returning:****Eyes off:**

MENU SYSTEM

Unless the NT grips have been modified, you should remove the grips from the left side of the frame while using the menu system. Hold down the trigger while turning on the board to enter the menu system. A boot message shows, and then the last viewed setting. The RGB LED will also show solid green while in programming mode.

Pull and release the trigger to scroll forward through the settings. When the last setting is reached, it will wrap around to the beginning. Scroll backwards through the settings by holding down the trigger and pressing the power switch. Once the first setting is reached, it will wrap around to the last setting.

To change a setting, press and release the power switch. The OLED screen will display “set” in front of the current value. The setting can be modified by pulling and releasing the trigger, which will advance the current value. Once you reach the maximum or last value, it will loop back to the lowest or first value. You can also decrement the value by holding down the trigger and pressing the power switch. After the desired value is shown, you can save the setting by pressing the power switch. The “set” designation next to the new value will disappear.

To exit programming mode, press and hold the power button for at least 1 second while the “set” designation is not showing.

Example of changing the maximum rate of fire from 10 to 15:

1. Boot into programming mode by holding the trigger while pressing the power switch.
2. The first setting is fire mode. Pull the trigger one time to advance to max rate of fire.
3. Press and release the power button quickly. The “set” designation will display next to the current value.
4. Pull and release the trigger 5 times to increment the value from 10 to 15.
5. Press and release the power button quickly. The OLED screen will remove the “set” designation from view and save the setting.
6. Cycle through additional settings using the trigger, or exit programming mode by holding the power switch for 1 second, until the OLED screen turns off.

Tournament lock: The tournament lock prevents access to the menu system while enabled. It can be toggled on and off while the board is powered up in the main firing mode (not the menu system) by holding the lock switch on the surface of the board for 2 seconds. The lock switch is located just below and to the side of the eye and solenoid sockets. The OLED screen will display the status as it changes.

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 at 5 pulls per second, 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-automatic, resets after 1 second
6. Millennium ramping – 123 shots semi, on 4th shot ramps at 5 pulls per second, resets after 1 second
7. Custom ramping – user adjustable ramping, select custom ramp start and ramp percentage
8. Auto response – fires on each pull and release
9. Burst – 3-round burst
10. Full-automatic – fires full-automatic, resets after 1 second

Fire mode 2 (default none)

This setting allows the user to select a secondary fire mode which can be cycled through during play. Any fire mode can be chosen from the normal fire mode list, or it can be set to none to disable select fire functionality.

Fire mode 3 (default none)

This setting allows the user to select a tertiary fire mode which can be cycled through during play. Any fire mode can be chosen from the normal fire mode list, or it can be set to none to disable select fire functionality.

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 semi-automatic and PSP gun rules without modifying more than one setting. Adjustable from 5 to 30, with an unlimited option designated by the infinity symbol.

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.

Game timer (default off, range 1-60 minutes):

Enables and sets the game timer, which replaces the rate of fire indicator on the OLED display when turned on. The game timer is adjustable from 1 to 60 minutes.

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 2, range 1-10)

Secondary debounce filter which adjusts how far through the firing cycle that additional buffered shots are allowed. A setting of 1 turns this filter off, while settings 2 through 10 set the percentage of the cycle that must pass before shots may be buffered. Higher settings will reduce bounce.

Dwell (default 6 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.

Anti-bolt stick (default off, range 1-10 ms)

Bolt stick can occur when the o-rings in the bolt settle or stick, causing the next shot to have lower velocity. If the marker is left sitting for more than 20 seconds, ABS adds extra dwell to ensure the next shot has proper velocity. The default is off.

BIP delay (default 1, range 1-10 ms):

A slight delay that allows each paintball to settle in the breech before firing.

Bolt delay (default 5, range 1-15 ms):

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 the marker down.

Eye mode (default forced)

1. Forced with force shot – marker only fires when a paintball is present, unless 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. This is useful for sound activated loaders and was the stock setting on original Intimidators.

Ramping start (default 6, range 4-14 pulls per second):

How fast you pull for the ramping fire modes to start adding additional shots. Ramping modes only.

Ramping percent (default 500%, range 10%-500%)

Adjusts how much the software helps the user. A 50% ramp will add 50% of the user's pulling rate to the current rate of fire. (i.e. if you pull 8 times per second, it will add an additional 50%, meaning the gun will fire 12 times per second)

PSP/Millennium mode semi shots (default 3, range 1-5 shots):

Sets the number of semi-automatic shots before ramping begins in any of the PSP or Millennium fire modes.

PSP/Millennium mode reset time (default 900 ms, range 200-2000 ms):

Adjusts the reset time for any of the PSP or Millennium fire modes for when the user stops shooting before it reverts back to the initial semi-automatic shots, as selected in the previous setting.

G mode or “breakout mode” (default off)

This breakout setting provides unlimited full-auto, which then falls back to the user selected fire mode, on the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd shot after turning the board on. Breakout modes are illegal for use in all tournament series and most recreational paintball fields. **Tadao Technologies LLC takes no responsibility for the user’s choice in using breakout modes.**

Rate of fire display mode (default average)

1. Maximum – displays the highest achieved rate of fire based on the shortest time between any 2 shots.
2. Average – displays the highest achieved average rate of fire based on 3 consecutive shots.
3. Off – compact display mode that reduces power consumption and does not show a rate of fire value.

Brightness (default 5, range 1-5)

Allows adjustment of the OLED display brightness. Lower settings are less bright, with a setting of 1 useful for night play and scenario games.

Screen orientation (default vertical): The screen can be oriented in three ways: landscape left or right, or vertical.

Boot screen timer (default 1.5 seconds, range 0.0 to 3.0 seconds):

Adjusts how long the boot screen is displayed when the board is turned on.

Auto-off timer (default 30 minutes, range 5 to 60 minutes, or disabled):

Adjusts how long the board must sit idle before automatically powering down to conserve batteries.

Shot counter:

Displays the number of shots. Can be reset by pressing/releasing the power switch.

Save/Load profile:

Allows the user to save or load settings in 5 separate profiles. Both saving and loading profiles follow the same operation. Enter the setting by pressing the power switch, then use the trigger to scroll to whichever profile you want to save or load. Press the power switch once the desired profile is selected. The board will prompt you for confirmation of the save or load, and then proceed to complete the action, or if aborted, return back to the main setting menu.

Reset

Allows the user to perform a settings reset, which returns all settings to their default values. Saved profiles and the boot screen image will not be reset.

Version

Displays the current software version running on the Yakuza series board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Settings

The Yakuza 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. The PSP/Millennium semi shots setting should be at 3, and the PSP/Millennium reset time should be 1000ms or less.

Millennium: Use the Millennium ramping fire mode, with maximum rate of fire set to the required cap for the league (for 2009, this should be similar to the PSP). The PSP/Millennium semi shots setting should be at 3, and the PSP/Millennium reset time should be 1000ms or less.

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 Yakuza 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.

Trigger adjustment and switch life

The trigger switch used on the Yakuza series boards is a high quality tactile lever switch made by Omron. It has a life expectancy of several million actuations. The life of a trigger switch on a paintball marker can be substantially shortened by using too short of a trigger pull. It is imperative that there is at least a tiny amount of travel before and after the actuation point. It is also extremely important that some kind of trigger return force is used, such as a spring or magnet. Excessive bounce may occur if a spring or magnet is not used, or the actuation point is too close to the beginning or end of the trigger pull.

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