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Dear Madam/Sir:

The Märklin Digital system stands for easy operation of a model railroad in conjunction with the highest possible level of operational safety. The current generation of the Central Station as well as of the Mobile Station can be brought up to the newest standard with software updates. In this newsletter we would therefore like to use this opportunity to give you related tips and information for these updates and other technical subjects.

Software Update 2.0.1 for the 60213 – 60215 Central Station

When you copy this update to the Central Station, regardless of whether you do it from a USB memory stick or from a direct Internet connection, the Central Station must be turned off and on to re-initialize the built-in s88 driver in it (the Central Station).

Important: The act of turning the Central Station off may not be done by simply unplugging from the wall outlet the power cord for the transformer connected to the Central Station. It is absolutely important that the button "shut down" in the menu "Setup" be used to turn the Central Station off. Otherwise the update may be incomplete, and the s88 driver may not function after the Central Station is turned on again.

If this procedure was not carried out on a Central Station and if the update was done by means of the Internet connection, you can repeat the complete process and enable the correct procedure. If this procedure was not carried out on a Central Station and if the update was done by means of the USB memory stick, then a repeat of the update can no longer be done with a USB memory stick.

Important: After a defective or incomplete update to a new software version we recommend that you complete the new software version with a network update. Restoring the Central Station to an older software version prior to this current state may cause the Central Station to become inoperable. In the event that the latter occurs only our repair service can then install the software.

One more note about the update via the Internet. The LAN cable from the Central Station to the router must already be connected before the Central Station is turned on. It is only when the Central Station is turned on that it checks to see if there is an Internet connection available and then allows an update only in this instance.

Copying New Sound Files to Märklin Decoders

We would like to point out again that the sound files available on our website for the 60945 – 60949 and 60965 – 60967 decoders are only designed for copying to these retrofit decoders. It is not possible to copy these sounds to the sound decoders already built into Märklin models!

In practice this would not make sense, since sounds specific to a type of locomotive are already present in these regular production models.

Modes of Operation for Märklin mfx Locomotives

Only the current 6094x or 6096x retrofit decoders can be controlled in analog in direct current (DC) operation and in multi-train operation with DCC. This is not offered on regular production Märklin H0 locomotives. The latter only have the operating modes analog with alternating current and digital with the formats MM1, MM2, and mfx. It is not possible to download or activate a DCC mode of operation on these decoders.

Transport Damages when Sending in Older Locomotives

Before you send in older locomotives for repair, you should inquire in advance if a repair is even possible. There is also the risk that the model may become damaged in transit. This holds true for example for the model of the S10 from the 2681/2881 "Kaiser Train". This model can no longer be repaired by us, and the delicate applied parts become easily damaged in transit, even if shipped in the original packaging. Logistics companies will not provide replacement for damage in these cases, since you have to prove that the model was complete and undamaged when packed up for shipping.

Our customer service would be happy to answer any questions at our telephone number +49 7161 608333.

Sincerely yours,
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Your Märklin Customer Service