CV-Table

CV	Description		Area	Value*
1	Locomotive address		DCC: 1 - 127 Mot: 1 - 80	3
2	Minimum speed (the speed from 0 until the locomotive is running at speed	step 1)	0 - 255	1
3	Acceleration delay		0 - 255	90
4	Braking rate		0 - 255	30
5	Maximum speed (must be greater than CV 2)		0 - 255	255
6	Average speed (must be greater than CV 2 and less than CV 5)		0 - 255	100
8	Manufacturer identification decoder reset CV8 = 8		-	162
12	Operating modes Bit 0=1 DC (analog operation DC) on Bit 2=1 Data format DCC on Bit 4=1 AC (analog operation alternating current) on Bit 5=1 Data format Motorola® on Bit 6=1 Data format fmfx® on	*1 *4 *16 *32 *64	0 - 117	117
17 18	Long locomotive address 17 = higher value Byte 18 = lower value Byte		1 - 10239 192 - 231 0 - 255	1000 195 232
27	Brake signal settings (automatic stop) Bit 0 = 1 > ABC right rail more positive Bit 1 = 1 > ABC left rail more positive Bit 4 = 1 -> DC with direction of travel opposite Bit 5 = 1 -> DC with direction of travel equal	Value 1 2 16 32	0 - 51	0
29	DCC standard configuration Bit 0=0 Normal direction of travel Bit 0=1 Opposite direction of travel Bit 1=0 14 Speed steps Bit 1=1 28 Speed steps Bit 1=0 DCC-only mode Bit 2=0 DCC-only mode Bit 2=1 Automatic analog/digital recognition Bit 3=0 RailCom® turned off Bit 3=1 RailCom® turned off Bit 3=1 RailCom® turned on Bit 4=0 Speed steps over CV 2, 5, and 6 Bit 4=1 Use the characteristic curve from CV 67 - 94 Bit 5=0 Short address (CV1) Bit 5=1 Long address (CV 17/18)	*0 1 0 *2 0 *4 0 *8 *0 16 *0 32	0 - 63	14
30	Error codes for function outputs, motor, and temperature monitoring: 1 = fault motor, 2 = overheating, 4 = fault function outputs		0 - 7	0
251	Energy storage Buffer time in 500ms steps Bit 0 - 3, energy storage switched on Bit7 = 1		0 - 143	128

^{*} factory set values

Function key assignment

· unouter noy use granten								
F0	Light	F9	End-of-Train Lighting *	F18	Clickety-Clack			
F1	Sound	F10	Smoke generator *	F19	Boiler Blowdown			
F2	High Tone Horn	F11	Train Heating	F20	Water Pump			
F3	Low Tone Horn	F12	Coupling	F21	Oil Pump			
F4	Conducter's Whistle	F13	Hand Brakes	F22	Sanding			
F5	Radio Chatter 1	F14	Cab Window	F23	Water Pump			
F6	Radio Chatter 2	F15	Cab Door	F24	Start sequence short / long			
F7	Cab Light *	F16	Engine Room Door	F25	Volume Regulator			
F8	Switching Gear	F17	Curve Squeal	F26	Tunnel mode			

^{*} depending on version

PIKO Spielwaren GmbH Lutherstr. 30 96515 Sonneberg GERMANY









NOTE: Complete operating instructions for the PIKO SmartDecoder XP Sound G can be found on the PIKO website as a PDF file. Each aspect of the PIKO SmartDecoder XP Sound G is explained in detail.

Product Description

The PIKO SmartDecoder XP Sound G is a compact, yet powerful, state-of-the-art multi-protocol sound decoder built specifically for G scale applications. The decoder features a plug-and-play design that installs instantly on a G scale circuit board. This type of interface eliminates the task of having to solder and unsolder wires in the event you want to change out a decoder. The PSD XP Sound G features full 12 bit, 8 channel sound, a high audio sample rate, 128Mbit (480 seconds) memory, and a 7 Watt output; guaranteeing a static-free sound experience. It complies with all current RCN standards and can be used on DCC, mfx® and Motorola® digital systems as well as AC or DC analog layouts. The decoder is RailCom® and RailCom Plus® compatible, meaning it will automatically recognize what type of DCC system it is being used on. The PIKO SmartDecoder XP Sound G recognizes automatic braking track sections (automatic block control), ABC shuttle train operation, and has a wide range of settings that can be configured for maximum realistic train control. Each XP Sound G decoder features load-dependent sound that is governed by a completely new motor control system built to deliver silky smooth running characteristics for DC and bell armature motors that tolerate a continuous current consumption of 5 A. The motor speed curve can be set via minimum, medium, and maximum speed curves or with an extended speed curve of 28 speed steps. The decoder features two directional lighting outputs as well as twelve amplified function outputs that can be activated by function keys from F0 to F68 (in DCC). Up to 10 of those outputs are capable of output logic levels. The decoder has the potential to operate up to four servos that can be attached to the model's circuit board. The XP Sound G features a switching (shunting) gear with extended slow-speed operation, three possible start-up and braking delays, as well as a host of prototype-specific sounds. Sound files can be programmed to control specific function outputs as well as motor characteristics. For example, the headlights of a diesel locomotive can flicker to life when the engine is started. The PIKO SmartDecoder XP S G is supported by the further developed power management as well as the large energy storage unit with adjustable buffer time in the event of a short-term loss of voltage.

Installing the PIKO SmartDecoder XP Sound G

Carefully remove the dummy plug from the model's circuit board. Attach the sound decoder to the circuit board. Due to its design, it can only be attached in the correct position. Nonetheless, please make sure that the pins line-up with the holes. Now install the speaker in it's housing as shown in the "Installation instructions" graphic. Make sure there are no crossed wires or short circuits, even when the locomotive shell is reattached to the chassis. The model is now ready for the programming track. Your DCC system's programming mode should now be in operation. When reading out a CV value or programming, very small currents usually flow through the model which in no way affect the decoder.

Function outputs A1 to A12

Outputs A1 to A12 of the sound decoder can only be activated if their associated functions (sound, light, or mechanical) are connected to the circuit board. Detailed information on all of the circuit board's output connections can be found in the operating instructions.

First time use of the decoder

Enter address 3 on your DCC system's control panel. Depending on the data format used, the model will run in 28-step DCC mode or Motorola mode. When using a RailCom Plus-compatible® digital control system or an mfx-compatible® digital control system, the decoder will automatically log on to your control system and can be operated immediately.

If the decoder is used on an analog layout, it can be operated with a traditional DC or AC throttle. The decoder automatically senses whether the layout uses digital or analog control.

NOTE: In DC analog mode, your model will only start at a higher voltage than you may be used to. The throttle needs to be turned up half-way or more for the model to begin moving.

Function outputs in analog mode

It is possible to set the sound decoder so that the function keys F0 - F12, as assigned in the function mapping, can also be switched on in analog mode. To do this, CVs 13 & 14 must first be programmed with a digital central unit. The corresponding values can be found in the CV table in the detailed operating instructions. The light functions F0 and F9 and the driving sound F1 are switched on ex works.

Motorola® DCC format

It is possible to program the sound decoder so that functions F0 - F12, as assigned in function mapping, can also operate in analog mode. To do this, CVs 13 & 14 must first be programmed with a digital control center. The corresponding values can be found in the CV table of the operating instructions. F0 (headlight), F1 (engine sound), F4 & F5 (interior lighting), F6 & F7 (control stand lights), and F9 (tail lights) are all factory-programmed to operate in analog mode.

Configuration CVs

In addition to a decoder's address, the configuration CVs are the most important CVs of a decoder. In the PIKO SmartDecoder XP Sound these are CVs 12 and 29. A configuration CV contains basic settings for a decoder such as direction of travel. Detailed information on configuration CVs is found in the operating instructions.

RailCom®, RailCom Plus®

In the PIKO SmartDecoder XP Sound, RailCom® can be switched on or off in CV 29.

When RailCom Plus® is activated in CV 28, the decoder automatically sends it's address, locomotive symbol, and function icons to a RailCom Plus®-capable DCC command center and its function symbols will appear on the control screen within a few seconds. With RailCom Plus® technology, no locomotive data has to be stored in the command center and no locomotive addresses have to be programmed into the decoder.

mfx®

The PIKO SmartDecoder XP Sound is also configured for the mfx® data format. If your DCC system is mfx-capable, the decoder will automatically transmit it's locomotive symbol, decoder address, and function icons to your command center. As is the case with RailComPlus®, there is no need to store any locomotive data in the control center or assign an address to the decoder.

Brake settings

The Sound decoder responds to the following braking techniques:

- Märklin® braking track (train brakes when entering a track fed by analog DC voltage)
- DCC brake signal
- · ABC (Automatic Block Control) brakes

The sound decoder can be programmed to bring the train to a stop at a precise point on your layout by setting an adjustable braking distance. More information on the subject of brake settings can be found in the operating instructions.

Function outputs

A comprehensive list of all possible function outputs can be found in the operating instructions.

Simple and Extended function mapping

In simple function mapping (controlled by CVs 33 - 46), switchable functions like lighting and sound can be freely assigned to function keys F0 to F12. Switchable functions like acceleration and braking delay can be assigned to any function key by using CVs 156 and 157. More information can be found in the operating instructions.

Electric coupler control

Digital electric couplers are activated by fine copper wire windings that raise or lower the couplers. The wire windings become relatively hot when exposed to continuous electric current. With the appropriate settings, the decoder will ensure that function outputs A4 and A5 (automatic coupler functions) shut off after a certain amount of time (thus preventing damage to the windings) without having to switch off the function key.

Switching (shunting) scenario, automatic coupling/uncoupling movement

If the electric coupler function is activated, you can set up a switching scenario.

Here is how it works:

- The locomotive shoves (pushes) against the cars. The shoving motion is carried out at an adjustable speed step for an adjustable time.
- 2. The locomotive stops and switches it's direction of travel yet does not move.
- The locomotive's coupler uncouples from the car it was coupled to, and the locomotive backs away from the cars it just uncoupled from. The speed step and running time of this move are both adjustable.
- 4. The locomotive now stops, and then resumes its original direction of travel.

Extended Function Mapping

The enormously complex nature of extended function mapping makes it difficult to program each individual CV to achieve proper functioning results. If you want to change settings in extended function mapping, we highly recommend you use the PIKO SmartProgrammer (#56415) and (optionally) the PIKO SmartTester (#56416). For more information on advanced function mapping, please refer to the operating instructions.

Servo control

The sound decoder allows direct control of four servo motors via the servo slots of the carrier board. Please refer to the CV table for the setting options of the stop positions and the respective travel speed. The assignment to the function keys is done exclusively via the extended function mapping.

Sound settings

To change the overall volume of the PIKO SmartDecoder XP Sound, first program CV31 = 16 and CV32 = 0! Only then will you reach the programming area for setting the overall volume. You can now set this as desired in CV257 in the value range from 0 - 255.

NOTE: To install a PIKO sound file on the sound decoder, you will need to use the PIKO SmartProgrammer (#56415) and (optionally) the PIKO SmartTester (#56416).

All further information on the PIKO SmartDecoder XP Sound G and it's setting options are found in the operating instructions.

"Keep-alive" capacitor

The energy storage built into the decoder can be switched on or off via the CV programming. The buffer time can be set in 500ms steps up to 8 seconds. If CV251 = 128 (Bit7 = 1) is set, the energy storage is switched on and the buffer time is 500ms (factory setting). Bits 0 - 3 can be used to increase the buffer time in the specified increments up to 8 seconds.

NOTE: If you want to set this value higher, please keep in mind that in case of an "emergency stop" of the control center (the track voltage is switched off), the car will continue to move for this time.

Resetting to factory settings (reset)

To reset the sound decoder to the factory setting, program CV8 = 8.

Programming

The configuration variables (CVs) form the basis for all setting options of the decoder. The decoder can be programmed with the PIKO G digital central unit with Navigator or other DCC central units, as well as with Motorola central units.

For more information on the programming options, please refer to the detailed operating instructions.

Märklin and mfx® are registered trademarks of Gebr. Märklin & Cie. GmbH, Göppingen Motorola is a registered trademark of Motorola Inc. Tempe, (Phoenix) Arizona / USA RailCom® and RailComPlus® is a registered trademark of Lenz Elektronik GmbH

NOTE: This product is not a toy and is not for children under the age of 14. Any warranty for damages of any kind caused by incorrect use, as well as by non-compliance with these instructions, is excluded.

Wenn Sie Fragen haben, wir sind für Sie da!

Internet: www.piko.de E-Mail:info@piko.de

Hotline: Tuesday + Thursday 16-18 Uhr, Tel.: 03675 897255

Service: In the event of a defective decoder, please return the decoder module to PIKO along with proof of purchase, the decoder address, and a short description of the problem.

Warranty Statement

Each decoder module is fully tested before shipment. Nevertheless, should a malfunction occur within the 2-year warranty period, we will repair the module free of charge on presentation of the proof of purchase. This warranty is voided if the unit has been damaged by improper use. Please note that, according to the German Electromagnetic Compatibility Law (EMVGesetz), the decoder module may only be used inside models bearing the CE mark.

Product subject to changes. All rights reserved. Printed 04/2024.

Copy and duplication of this text are permissible only with the permission of the publisher.