# **Digital Soundmodule, Type TBS 5 II**



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# **<u>1. Introduction</u>**

The Sound Module TBS5 is designed around a micro-controller and is ideal for use on almost all types of RC ground running models. There are many different sounds available that depict the exact sound of the original engines of tanks, trucks and cars.

The engine sound is fully proportional and regulated by the speed of the motor(s) through speed controllers. The sound can also be enhanced to include the sounds of the engine starting and closing down.

Further individual sounds for example the vehicle horn operating, cannon and machine gun sounds, simulated speech and vehicle doors closing <u>can all be played independently and also simultaneously</u> whilst the engine sound is operating proportionally.

The sound can be adjusted to your personal taste by a integrated tone control stage (trebel and bass).

An optional **exhaust smoke module** is available for the production of exhaust smoke also synchronizing to the vehicle speed and engine sound.

The module is highly appropriate for tracked models as it is designed to scan the signals for up to two separate speed controllers to gain individual speed information. The module is galvanic isolated from the receiver and can be controlled by three different methods as required by the customer.

Two further digital outputs are available to trigger additional functions. As an example these could be used for muzzle flashes with a suitable lighting system to synchronize with the machine gun sound.

#### Note:

### It is NOT possible to combine these digital outputs together with the digital control mode!

To maintain flexibility and to give the individual purchaser freedom of choice in output performance and volume, the Sound Module has no integrated amplifier. The Module is extremely flexible and will permit the connection of very small SMD to very large amplifiers.

The Modules performance is only limited by the space in your model. Car Hi-fi components can also be used as well as most common PC speakers.

### Set controlmode at delivery

O Encoder

O Digtial control

O "Toggle switch"

# **2. Possible control Modes:**

### 2.1. Encoder

This is a 12 position rotary switch in combination with a push button. The desired sound is selected by the rotary switch and triggered with the pushbutton. The encoder must be fitted into the transmitter and connected to an unallocated proportional channel by the customer.



### 2.2. Digital inputs

A simple voltage signal (4.8-12V) applied to one of six inputs triggers a sound. Each input is galvanic isolated. Such a signal can be derived from a electronic switch unit, a simple servo and micro switch combination or a design of the customer's own choice and design. This control method requires **additional** hardware (digital control unit) to be connected to the sound module.



Input signal: **4,8-12V** Upper pins: **Plus** Lower pins: **Minus** 

Plus lead of the control signals must be connected to the UPPER pin of the input connector !

### 2.3. Toggle switch

The sound module can be controlled with a simple 3position switch with momentary contacts to both sides (toggle switch) connected to an auxiliary proportional channel or to a normal 'joy stick' operated channel.

The desired sound is **selected** by pushing the joy stick/ toggle switch x-times in one direction and is **triggered** by pushing the joy stick/switch in the opposite direction. The last sound selected continues to operate and can be triggered multiple times until a new sound is selected. This control method needs no changes in your transmitter and no additional hardware.

# All soundunits are shipped with this control mode if not changed at your order.

One of these control methods can be selected, by setting the appropriate parameter -> see the section titled **Parameter Setting.** 

The LED indicates the actual operating mode during power up. The LED will indicate by flashing. Flashing **once** for the encoder mode, **two** flashes for the digital input mode and **three** flashes for the toggle switch control.

## **<u>2.4. Teaching sequence</u>**

The sounds are teached in the following sequence:

- 1. Engine Start
- 2. Short engine reeve up
- 3. Engine full speed (permanent reeve up)
- 4. Special sounds

The number and type of special sounds is different on each soundunit. It depends on the already allocated memory by the engine sound sections, which has higher priority than special sounds. The special sounds depend in the type of model (tank, truck, ...)

# 3. The Sound Module



# Note:

If the soundunit is supplied for **TWO** ESCs, but you want to run it with only **ONE** ESC, you need to connect it as following:

Soundunit Input "Receiver Speed 1"	-> Receiver speedchannel
Soundunit Input "Receiver Speed 2"	-> Soundunit Output "Speed controller 1'
Speedcontroller	-> Soundunit <b>Output</b> "Speed controller 2'

In this case the **single** speedsignal coming from the receiver is "looped" through both speed channels of the soundunit.

# **N.B.** All plugs connected at the output connector must be orientated with the signal lead (orange) at the upper side of the sound unit!

The max. supply voltage of the receiver must not exceed 5V. <u>A 4.8V battery or a BEC system is recommended.</u> <u>DON'T use a 6V battery !</u>

### **Details Output Connector**



- <u>1. Output to speed controller 1</u> **Top** Signal (orange), Middle Plus, Bottom Minus
- 2. Output to speed controller 2 Top Signal (orange), Middle Plus, Bottom Minus
- <u>3. Input 3. Prop. channel (optional)</u> **Top** Signal (orange), Middle Plus, Bottom Minus
- <u>4. Output 3. Prop. channel (optional)</u> **Top** Signal (orange), Middle Plus, Bottom Minus
- 5. Output to smoke controller (optional) **Top** +5V Soundunit (orange), Middle Signal A, Bottom Signal B
- <u>6. Universal onboard outputs</u>
  **Top** Output1, **Middle** +5V Soundunit, **Bottom** Output2
  Both outputs are switching to ground and have integrated 2700hm resistors. Common LEDs can be connected directly.
- 7. NF-Output to amplifier **Top** Soundsignal (orange), Middle +Power(**12V**), Bottom Ground

## Note: All plugs must be connected in right orientation. Orange = Signal is always on TOP !

# **Connection diagram (Encoder or toggle switch controlled version)**

Battery 7,2 – 12V



# **Connection diagram (Digital controlled version)**

Battery 7,2 – 12V



## Available sounds as at 12/2005

### **Historical Tanks**

Tiger/Jagd Tiger. Panther/Jagd Panther. PzIII M48 T34. JS1/JS2. SU76/85/100. US Whites half track. Sherman

### **Modern Tanks**

Leopard I and II. Marder, Wiesel, Howitzer2000 (German) Abrams M1 M109 M113 / MLRS

Additional special sounds of weapons firing, tracks noise and projectiles impacting are available.

### <u>Trucks</u> Mercedes, Volvo, MAN.

Additional special sounds of pneumatic operations, doors closing, horn sounding and brakes being applied.

### <u>Cars</u>

Kübelwagen Willys Jeep

Additional special sounds as Trucks above.

The collection of original recordings is increasing continuously !

# Installing the TBS5 soundmodule with **digital control**

1. Locate the module in your model and connect between the receiver and speed controller(s). Power it with 7.2 to 12V.

2. Connect the control lines with a "control unit". This can be a multi switch or a simple servo and micro switch/es combination. The voltage supplied to the input pins can be between 4.8V to a maximum of 12V. The upper pin row is **PLUS (+)** and the lower pin row is **MINUS (-)**.

3. Connect Power Amplifier with its speaker(s) to the module and to its power supply. Smaller amplifiers are powered from the sound unit. If you use large car Hi-fi amplifiers, they must be powered directly form the <u>same battery as the sound unit!</u>

4. Switch on transmitter and model. The Sound Module LED will flash twice. Set all joysticks of your transmitter to neutral positions, so that the model does not move!

5. Push the programming button located and indicated on the module

6. Wait until the programming LED on the module flashes 3 times.

7. During the programming procedure the whole list of special sounds that is supplied with each module will be passed through. Each sound can be mapped to a free control line. Applying current for a short time to the control lines does this. After this the sound will be played. Wait until the sound is finished to store the next one!

If you wish to skip a sound, just trigger again an <u>already allocated</u> line. The next sound will be played but not stored. Repeat this procedure until the programming LED starts to <u>constantly flash</u>. This indicates the end of the sound list. If you run out control lines, you will have to finish the programming procedure with an already occupied line.

8. Switch receiver off and on.

# Installing the TBS4 soundmodule with encoder control

1. Build the encoder in your transmitter like an additional proportional channel. Sometimes the plug of the encoder must be adapted to your transmitter.

2. Test the encoder by connecting a usual servo at the according receiver channel. Each time you press the trigger button of the encoder at your transmitter, the servo has to move. The position of the servo is defined by the position of the rotary switch. Each rotary switch position must cause the servo to move to different location. Keep the push button pressed, turn the encoder through all positions and check the servo movement. If the servo moves only to a few positions, plug the delivered Encoder Adapter between transmitter and encoder or change the programming of this channel at a computer transmitter.

Test also the remaining functions of your RC system.

3. Locate the sound module in your model and connect it:

a)Between receiver and speed controller(s).

- b)To the receiver channel, on which you connected the encoder in the transmitter.
- c) Power it with 7.2 to 12V.

4. Connect Power Amplifier with its speakers to the module and to its power supply. Smaller amplifiers are powered from the sound unit. If you use large car Hi Fi amplifiers, they must be powered directly from the <u>same battery as the sound unit!</u>

5. Switch on transmitter and model. <u>The Sound Module will flash once</u>. Set all joysticks to neutral positions, <u>so that the model does not move!</u>

6. Push the programming button. The LED on the module flashes 3 times.

7. During the programming procedure the whole list of special sounds that is shipped with each module will be passed through. Each sound can be mapped to an unallocated rotary switch position.

Pressing the pushbutton on the transmitter does this. After pressing the button the sound will be played. Wait until the sound is finished to store the next one!

If you want to miss out a sound, just trigger again an <u>already allocated</u> rotary switch position. The next sound will be played but not stored. Repeat this procedure until the programming LED starts <u>permanently</u> flashing. This indicates the end of the sound list. In case you run out rotary switch positions, you have to finish the programming procedure with an already occupied position. 8. Switch receiver off and on.

# Installing the TBS5 soundmodule with toggle switch control

1.Locate the sound module in your model and connect it:

- a). Between receiver and speed controller(s).
- b). To the receiver channel, through which you want to control the sound unit.
- c). Power supply (7.2 to 12V)

2. Connect Power Amplifier with its speakers to the module and to its power supply. Smaller amplifiers are powered from the sound unit. If you use large car Hi-fi amplifiers, they must be powered directly from the <u>same battery as the sound unit!</u>

3. Switch on transmitter and model. The Sound Module will flash three times. Set all joysticks to neutral positions, so that the model does not move!

4. Push the programming button. The LED on the module flashes 3 times.

After this all available sounds will be played once automatically, according the list of sounds delivered with each unit. Storage is done automatically.

5. LED starts permanently flashing. This indicates the end of the sound list.

6. Switch receiver off and on.

# **Readjustment of the Sound Module**

Should you discover that after operation that model speed and engine sound are no longer synchronized, readjust as follows:

- 1. Switch on transmitter and the receiver.
- 2. Ensure the control sticks are in the neutral position.
- 3. Push the programming button on the sound module.
- 4) Wait until the programming LED flashes 3 times.

5) If the <u>toggle switch control mode</u> is selected, wait until all sounds are played and the LED flashes continuously.

6) Switch the transmitter and the receiver off, the receiver first and then switch the transmitter followed by the receiver on again.

The new joystick positions will have been stored and the special sound programming will not have been changed.

### **Parameter settings:**

The following parameters are available:

Number	Name	Values
1.	Control Mode	1: Encoder control
		2: Digital control
		3: Toggle switch control
	Hint: After power up	p, the LED indicates the actual control mode.
2. Switching Outputs		1: No outputs
		2: Onboard Outputs
		3: External decoder, 0 universal outputs
	4: External decoder, 1 universal outputs	
		5: External decoder, 2 universal outputs
		6: External decoder, 3 universal outputs
		7: External decoder, 4 universal outputs
		8: Directoutput, 1xUniversal momentatry contact
		9: Directoutput, 1 x Univ. switching, 1 x Univ. momentary
		10: Directoutput, 2x Univ. switching
		11: Directoutput, 1 x Univ. switching, 2 x Univ. momentary
		12: Directoutput, 2 x Univ. switching, 1 x Univ. momentary
		13: Directoutput, 3 x Universal switching
		14: Directoutput, 2 x Univ. switching-, 2 x Univ. momentary
		15: Directoutput, 4 x Universal switching
3.	Smoker Type	1: OIL smoker
	21	2: WATER smoker (default)

### Comments to possible switching outputs (parameter #2):

Universal outputs can be switched without any sound and are thought for universal usage. The number of available universal outputs, is defined by the corresponding value of parameter #2. Universal outputs are programmed first to the desired encoder position(s), before the special sounds are programmed.

The remaining outputs (no universal outputs) are triggered by special sounds in ascending order. Soundsychron actions (f.e. muzzle flash) can be realized by such outputs.

### **Onboard:**

*Two* outputs are directly available at the output connector (Socket #6). They are handled by the first two special sounds. LEDs can be connected directly. They can be used for muzzle flash simulation. **External Decoder:** 

# This decoder is optional available and offers *eight* outputs. It is connected at the universal connector of the TBS5. Only "momentary contact" mode is possible!

Performance: max. 12V/1.5Amp per channel, negative switching

### **Directoutput:**

Four outputs are routed directly to the universal connector (Signal A-D, 5V logic, active low). Momentary and switching mode is possible.

Note: This are only low power signals. External power stage is absolutely necessary (optional available)

### Changing a parameter value:

- 1.Hold the programming button **DURING power up ->** LED flashes twice.
- 2.Enter the desired parameter **NUMBER** by pressing the programming button at the sound unit 'X' times.
- 3.Wait until the LED flashes 'X' times -> confirmation of the selected parameter NUMBER
- 4.Enter the desired parameter **VALUE** by pressing the programming button at the sound unit 'Y' times.
- 5. Wait until the LED flashes "Y" times -> confirmation of the selected parameter VALUE
- 6.LED starts a slow continuous double flashing -> Parameter successfully entered
- 7.Restart the sound unit

If a not valid parameter **number**, parameter **value** or **nothing** is entered the LED starts **fast** continuous flashing -> error indication -> try again.

### **Examples for parameter changes:**

- 1. Setting the control mode to toggle switch
  - 1.Hold programming button down during power up -> Led flashes twice.
  - 2.Release button
  - 3.Push programming button once (select parameter #1)
  - 4. Wait until LED flashes once (confirmation of selected parameter #1)
  - 5.Push programming button 3x (set parameter value to 3)
  - 6. Wait until LED flashes 3x. (Confirmation of entered parameter value)
  - 7.LED starts slow continuous double flashing indicating the parameter has been set successfully.
  - 8.Restart the sound unit -> LED will flash three times after power up
- If you would try to enter another value than 1,2,or3, the LED starts fast continuous flashing (indicating an error) and the original value will be kept.

### 2. Activating the onboard outputs

- 1. Hold programming button down during power up -> Led flashes twice.
- 2. Release button
- 3. Push programming button 2x (select parameter #2)
- 4. Wait until LED flashes 2x (confirmation of selected parameter #2)
- 5. Push programming button 2x (set parameter value to 2)
- 6. Wait until LED flashes 2x. (Confirmation of entered parameter value)
- 7. LED starts slow continuous double flashing indicating the parameter has been set successfully.
- 8. Restart the sound unit

### **<u>RF Interference</u>**

Although each Sound Module is thoroughly tested prior to dispatch, it is possible that interference from an individual combination of electric motors, the RC and some types of speed controller can induce interference. Should this occur the simplest solution other than changing the above possible sources is to provide a dedicated and separate power supply (battery) for the sound unit and amplifier.

# **Technical data:**

### Soundmodule TBS5

Voltage: 7.2 – 24V DC Current: app. 50mA (without power amplifier) Max. supply voltage of the receiver: 5V

Scanning ability: Up to two speed controller signals and encoder channel Electrically isolated from the RC receiver by optocouplers Amplification: External power amplifier Dimensions:  $80 \times 65 \times 10$ mm (3.14 x 2.6 x 0.4 inch) Housing: Heat shrunk plastic tube

### **Encoder**

<u>N.B. An unallocated proportional channel is necessary to operate the Encoder.</u> The fitting of the encoder into the transmitter is the responsibility of the purchaser. A maximum of 12 special sounds are possible selectable with a rotary switch and operated by a pushbutton.

Dimensions: Ø17 x 15mm (0.7 x 0.6 inch)

### Digital control (replaces encoder)

Control of up to 6 special sounds Input voltage 4.8 to 12V (electrically isolated to the sound unit)

### **Digital Outputs**

### Switched polarity: Supply GND

Resistors: 270R resistors to internal +5V supply for each output are integrated

### **Different Amplifiers available**

 $2 \times 40W$ :  $30 \times 50 \times 25mm (1.2 \times 2.0 \times 1.0 \text{ inch})$ Housing: Shrunken plastic tube

### Other amplifiers.

Various wattage amplifiers are also available to suit individual requirements on request.

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