

KAKADU



PROGRAMMING MANUAL



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DESCRIPTION

Re-programming of the KAKADU doorbell (i.e. uploading of new sounds) is performed with the help of a computer.

hardware requirements:

- PC computer with a 200MHz processor or better
- LPT (Centronics) printer port
- Windows 9x/2000/XP operating system
- minimum 2 MB of free hard disk space
- minimum 32 MB RAM memory

CONNECTION

Computer should be connected to the bell using a proper cable, connected to:

- in the computer - to the LPT printer port (Fig. 1)
- in the bell to the port designated as PC (placed under a small flap – Fig. 2).

Fig. 1



Fig. 2.



making the cable by yourself

Materials and tools needed for making the cable for bell programming:

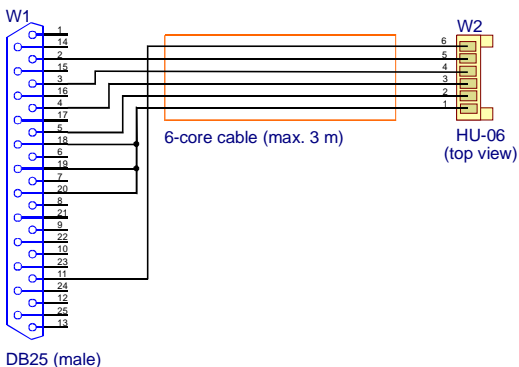
- 6-core cable with a max. length of 3 metres (6x0.5)
- male connector DB25 (with pins)
- 6-pin connector HU-06
- tin
- soldering tool
- flat nose pliers.

All these materials can be bought in an electronic shop. Connections must be made in accordance with Fig. 3. After verification of correctness of assembly, the bell can be connected to a computer, and you can start programming.

SOUNDS UPLOADING

Files that can be uploaded to the doorbell must be standard WAV sounds without any compression (PCM).

Fig. 3.



preparation of sounds

In order to assure adequate quality of signals, preliminary processing of sounds is advisable. It can be done with the help of any editor of sound files (for example, "Sound Forge", "Cool Edit", "Gold Wave", "AWave Studio" and similar programs). After the file has been loaded to the editor, it is advisable to do the following actions:

1. Cut the fragments of silence from the start and the end of the file (they only unnecessarily occupy the memory).
2. Perform normalization ("Normalize" option) up to 100% (or 0dB).
3. Increase the volume. In various programs this function has different names. These are the most frequently met names: "Limiter", "Hard Limiter" and "Maximize". After selecting the option from the menu, a window appears, in which a value of amplification is given in numbers (you can enter 6dB).
4. Play the file.
5. If everything is OK, save the file.

programming

Free program necessary for programming of the doorbell, as well as a rich set of sounds can be downloaded at our website www.sealcom.eu from the *Download* section. After the software has been installed, the "Kakadu.exe" executable should be run, and then, the instructions included in the program must be followed.

CAUTION! Connection of a 9V battery is necessary for programming.

CREATION OF OWN SIGNALS IDEA

Following terms are used in our program:

- available sounds – the sounds from WAV files, which are a "building material" for the doorbell signals. These sounds will be not heard as long as they are not used in any of signals. If you want to use your own WAV files, you must change the available sounds. During the creation of a signal (when the title of the window is "Your signal"), you will see a button called "Change available sounds". You should click this button to add your sounds.
- chosen sounds – the sounds (selected from the list of available sounds) used in currently created signal. All sounds included in this list will be played in the sequence. You can add pauses and select a part of available sound only. Full list of selected sounds makes up one signal.
- set of signals - the list of successive signals, each of these signals is built from the chosen sounds. When pressing the doorbell push-button, one of the signals from this set will be played.

To get know this structure better, it is recommended to load the standard set. We can do this by selecting the "I would like to load a set of signals from a file" option. The load file window will open, from which you should select the "Standard set" file. In the upper part of the window, there should appear the text: "Your set of signals", and below – a list of 25 standard signals. When selecting a

signal from the list, you can click the “*Change*” button, to view the sounds, from which it is built.

For instance, the signal no. 2 – “Rooster” is made from one “Rooster” sound only, whereas the signal no. 12 “Bicycle trumpet” is made from as many as 11 items (9 sounds and 2 pauses).

Of course, the memory of the bell is not unlimited. The fact that 128 signals can be contained in this memory does not mean that each of these signals can be a separate .wav file. The maximum duration of one “available sound” is 33 seconds. In this case, only one sound can be contained in the bell memory. But even from this sound, many signals lasting much longer can be made up. Simply, when building a signal, you can repeat the same sound (or its fragment) many times. For instance, a standard set consumes 99% of the memory, and its total duration is 82 seconds, that is much more than one minute.

The files that can be loaded to the program must be the standard WAV sounds without any compression (PCM). The program can change sampling, number of bits and number of channels (stereo into mono), but unfortunately, it is not able to decompress the data.

Thanks to the structure used, you can download e.g. a scale as “available sounds”, and then you can build various melodies from it. And just in this case, you can create as many as 128 signals. Each signal will be different, but they all will be built from the same “building material”.