

# Decoders

Locomotive Decoders  
Sound Decoders  
Function Decoders  
Accessory Decoders  
Decoder Update Device

## ZIMO system products

Brief description MX10 & MX32 & StEin  
last pages of this catalogue (more  
in the separate System catalogue).

*The best for money,*



MX600 (flat decoder)  
1 x 0.43 x 0.08", 0.8 A



MX621N (miniature decoder)  
0.47 x 0.33 x 0.09", 0.7 A

Photos enlarged  
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MX699KV (large scale sound decoder): 2.0 x 1.6 x 0.5", 6 A, 10 Watt

*the smallest, the most powerful, and ca. 100 other types*

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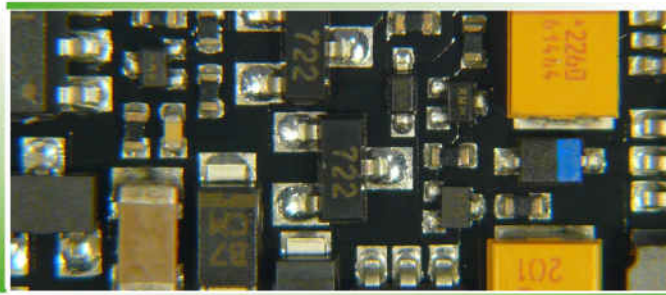
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## ZIMO Decoders . . .

**. . . come from our own production facility in Vienna,**

as with all products from ZIMO Digitalsystems. Here is where ZIMO employees make the complete circuit board assembly, do all the soldering and wiring, program the microcontrollers, load the sound data, initialize and test, and perform all repair work.

This 'self-made' flexibility allows ZIMO to offer a complete, consistent range of latest-generation decoders, including "exotic" types, which while perhaps only needed in small quantities, are included to satisfy our claim of "an appropriate decoder for every rail vehicle."



*A close-up of an MX645 sound decoder circuit board*

## ZIMO Decoders . . .

**. . . are equipped with the latest technology.** A look at the details (see picture of sound decoder MX645, above, as an example) shows the integration density of our electronics: the components closely juxtaposed in miniaturized arrangements, no space wasted for conductors because they've been moved to the unseen internal layers of our 4-layer printed circuit board.

The dimensions of the ZIMO decoders are often smaller than those of the comparable products of other manufacturers, even though most of our decoder types are equipped with more outputs than usual, and although microcontrollers feature large program memory (32K or more, leaving adequate space for software updates), and with sound decoders, much more storage space (at minimum 32 Mbits) for sounds to be played back.

## ZIMO Decoders . . .

**. . . for a product range of currently about 100 types,** divided into 25 "Decoder families." One such family corresponds to the general layout of a circuit board for several decoder types, each with different access technology (wiring, direct plug as PluX or MTC), and sometimes several variants based on type and number of outputs.

## ZIMO Decoders . . .

**. . . offer a selection where ALL models have ALL features.**

The list of COMMON features is extensive (seen on the following pages), while the tables indicating the characteristics of each decoder families are just a few lines, because it's all about those few differences.



*ZIMO production machine room: two placement robots, Reflow soldering oven, soldering-paste printer, AOI device.*

So, the perfect decoder type for a particular application is easy to find: the dimensions, the number of function outputs where appropriate, the type and number of functional low voltages, the type of energy storage interface connection, and the connection technology are the decisive criteria shown. Rarely does the total current overload capacity need to be considered: ZIMO decoders are spaciously laid out, and so they're almost





## ZIMO Decoders . . .

... offer innovative solutions. It's always been the ZIMO tradition to introduce new ideas to the market. For example, the combination of high-frequency motor control and load regulation (introduced 10 years ago, and previously generally regarded as not feasible) and the ability to update.



ZIMO exhibition booth, the decoder-wall

Even today there are a number of unique features of ZIMO decoders, such as: • the "HLU" concept and ZIMO train number recognition • "Swiss mapping," an alternative to NMRA function mapping that links complex lighting conditions to adjust to individual desires (appropriate not only for the Swiss...) • the high level of configurability of ZIMO's sound capabilities • "Input Mapping," which is the combined function mapping upstream of the assignment of function keys.

## ZIMO Decoders . . .

... are not more expensive than similar quality products.. In many cases ZIMO decoders offer a considerable price advantage, especially because properties such as HLU, RailCom, SUSI and servo-control are not reserved for special products, but rather are included in every model.

## ZIMO Decoders . . .

... are NOT ONLY locomotive decoders and (locomotive) sound decoders, but also function decoders and accessory decoders:

And these decoder classes have properties that may not be self-evident. For example: function decoders for non-powered vehicles are not simply locomotive decoders with reduced features (for example, removal of the motor output) but rather ZIMO adds a special feature: the second address, which - programmed to the address of the locomotive - allows for consistent activation of all facilities in the train, a step toward a 'train bus' (in this case, a "virtual" bus, i.e. without direct connection or data exchange between cars).

## ZIMO Decoders . . .

... are supplemented by high-quality accessories: for example, a wide range of speakers for sound decoders. In addition to the usual round speakers, miniature rectangular speakers with specially-made bodies and resonant bass reflex speaker boxes provide very good sound from an extremely small space. Energy storage electrolytic capacitors, tantalum and Gold Caps offered by ZIMO (as components and modules) are particularly useful and recommended.

A range of adapters and locomotive boards facilitate the installation and increase the performance of our



# *The Important Characteristics of ZIMO (Sound) Decoders*

*(all decoders are largely functionally identical)*

## **Basic Properties**

- ✦ DCC-addresses I ...I 0239 Composite addresses I ...I 27, MM-addresses I ...80, functions F0 ...F28.
- ✦ 14, 28, 128 external speed steps; 256 or 1024 internal.
- ✦ Programming in "Service Mode" and "Operational Mode"; CV-readback in "Operational Mode" with RailCom.
- ✦ DC-Analog operation, with optional unregulated or load-regulated motor control.
- ✦ AC-Analog operation, including direction-reversal using Märklin-standard current-surge impulse.
- ✦ SUSI-interface: included on smaller decoders on solder pads; on larger decoders on connector.
- ✦ Software update capability: New software versions may be loaded into the decoder with the help of the ZIMO MXULF decoder update device (or its predecessor MXDECUP) or via MX10 base unit (the ZIMO command station). This can be accomplished on the track without opening the locomotive. Sound projects are similarly loaded.

## **Operational Safety Features**

- ✦ Overcurrent protection for motor and function outputs with shutdown and automatic reset.
- ✦ Over temperature protection by automatic shutdown at about 100° C (212° F).
- ✦ Protection elements (suppressor diodes) against voltage spikes from motor inductance and external sources.
- ✦ Overvoltage protection min. 35 V, typically 50 V.

## **Motor Control and Regulation**

- ✦ Low-noise, high frequency PWM control, selectable 20/40 kHz. Alternatively, low-frequency (adjustable 30 to 150 Hz) - for certain older engine types.
- ✦ Suitable for all DC motors including coreless motors (Faulhaber, Maxxon), "difficult cases" such as Fleischmann-round motor, with additional diodes for field coil motors.
- ✦ Partial self-optimizing control, and numerous possibilities for manual adjustment.
- ✦ Speed steps either relative to a three-point curve or programmable in 28 steps.
- ✦ Alternative km/h control (1/2, 1, or 2 km/h per speed step) instead of the conventional speed step control.
- ✦ Adjustable balance of the transmission neutral position upon direction reversal for the avoidance of starting jolt.
- ✦ Acceleration settings (NMRA standard) and additional "exponential acceleration and braking" for soft start/stop and "adaptive acceleration and braking" to avoid sudden jolts.
- ✦ Distance controlled stopping (constant stopping distance) for precise stopping in front of a red signal by HLU or ABC.
- ✦ Shunting ("Switcher") functions: half-speed, reduction or disconnection of the starting/braking times.
- ✦ Automatic motion continuation during interruption of wheel/rail contact (dirty track, switches, etc.) until reliable supply resumes (Assumes installation of an energy storage device in the locomotive).

## **Functions and Function Outputs**

- ✦ Full NMRA Function Mapping, with extensions (direction dependence, asymmetric lighting, etc.).
- ✦ "Swiss Mapping" (not only for the Swiss!), with multiple lighting conditions defined for cases of: locomotive without train, locomotive pulling train and locomotive pushing train, and the key combinations to activate them.
- ✦ ZIMO input mapping, 'forward-connected' to the desired key-function mappings which permits setting of the key allocations as desired; especially useful for decoders in which a ready-to-use sound project has been loaded.
- ✦ Dimming, flashing, American and other lighting effects: Mars ditch, strobe ... Soft start, brake light, flickering... Smoke special functions - heating element and fan.
- ✦ High beam/low beam headlight switching via function key.
- ✦ Time-limiting of coupling control for overload protection of Krois, Roco, or other digital couplers and 'coupling-waltz' (automatic push and release).
- ✦ Besides the actual 2 (or 4, depending on the decoder) function outputs, additional "logic level" outputs are included, which be used as control lines for standard servo drives for couplers, pantographs and other mechanical elements.
- ✦ Servo configuration with special CVs for end and middle





## Train Control and Feedback

- ✦ Braking distances by DC, ABC (= stopping by asymmetric DCC signal), "Märklin braking distance".
- ✦ ZIMO HLU - "signal controlled speed influence" with speed limits in 5 steps and stop. Only in conjunction with ZIMO digital system (MX1, MX31ZL, MX10, MX32ZL as controller) and ZIMO track section modules (MX9, "StEin").
- ✦ ZIMO train number message signal via high-current pulse. Only in conjunction with ZIMO digital system (MX1, MX31ZL, MX10, MX32ZL as controller) and ZIMO track section modules (MX9, "StEin").
- ✦ RailCom, already deployed applications: "On-the-main" programming and CV with confirmation reading, RailCom address feedback, feedback of the current speed. Many other applications planned in future software releases.

## Sound Playback

- ✦ Powerful Sound Amplifier: in miniature sound decoders, 1 Watt for 8 Ohm speaker. In H0 sound decoders, 3 Watts for 4 or 8 Ohm speaker (or two 8 Ohm in parallel), in large-scale decoders, 10 Watts for 4 or 8 Ohm speakers (or two 8 Ohm in parallel) at 10 V.
- ✦ Playback rate 22 kHz (used by default) and 11 kHz (for long sequences such as announcements), Flash memory 32 Mbit (3-6 min playing time), 6 sound channels can be mixed and played back simultaneously (e.g. steam 'chuffs' on two

- ✦ Acceleration and load dependent sound playback; automatic measuring trip for 'training' load-sensitivity, both for steam engines and for diesel and electrical locomotives.
- ✦ Synchronization of steam 'chuffs' alternatively by an axle cam detector (mechanical contact, opto-detector, Hall-effect sensor) or by the software-simulated axle detector. Adjustment options for various steam sound effects with overlapping.
- ✦ Numerous sound CVs for real-time adaptation of the loaded sound project, in particular for diesel and electric locomotives: the volume and speed (or pitch) curves for turbochargers, thyristor and electrical motor noise, and many others.
- ✦ Loading of sound projects (= overwrite the project already loaded in the decoder) using the ZIMO decoder update module MXULFA (or its predecessor MXDECUP) or the base unit MX10 (ZIMO command station), i.e. with the same equipment and similar methods as for a decoder software update. It's possible to load a sound project on the track without opening the loco (which takes about 10 minutes), or alternatively via the SUSI interface (approx. 1 min).
- ✦ Sound collection as a special form of sound project: sound samples and parameters for several series are included. For example, "European Steam/Diesel Collection" with 5 steam 'chuff' sets, 10 whistles, 2 bells, ... Real-time selection of the available samples allows you to create an individual sound for each locomotive.

## Energy Storage Interface

- ✦ With external energy storage (electrolytic, tantalum, Goldcap capacitors) continuous locomotive motion during a break in wheel/rail contact, eliminating flickering lights and sound disruption, also compensating for any loss of energy through RailCom and HLU gaps.
- ✦ Energy storage up to 5000  $\mu\text{F}$  may be connected directly (without additional components) to all decoders and sound decoders that have a length of more than 20 mm, offering full effect without disrupting programming or train-number impulses or altering limitations defined by in-rush current.
- ✦ Goldcaps with unlimited capacity may be connected directly to some small decoders and to all large-scale decoders.

## Special Large-scale Features

- ✦ Synchronous rectifier instead of diodes to reduce voltage drop and heat loss, offering continuous current up to 6 A without a heat sink.
- ✦ One, two or three function low voltage sources (up to 1 A) depending on decoder type: 5 V (as servo supply, also often used for smoke fan and lights); 10 V; and adjustable low voltage of from 1.2 V to just below track voltage.
- ✦ Up to 14 "normal" function outputs (1 A total load per group of 4) depending on the decoder type; additionally, a special output for a smoke fan.
- ✦ 4 servo outputs, depending on the decoder type, via control lines, or included 3-pin connectors.
- ✦ Acceleration sensor to automatically adjust



# 6 Comparison Table: Locomotive (Sound) Decoders for smaller scales

Each decoder family includes several types (= Different types of connection)													
<b>Decoder Family &gt;</b>	<b>Flat decoder</b>	<b>Miniature</b>			<b>Standard HO</b>		<b>High end HO</b>		<b>High power HO, 0</b>		<b>SOUND</b>	<b>SOUND</b>	<b>SOUND</b>
	<b>MX600</b>	<b>MX618</b>	<b>MX621</b>	<b>MX622</b>	<b>MX623</b>	<b>MX630</b>	<b>MX633</b>	<b>MX634</b>	<b>MX635</b>	<b>MX636</b>	<b>MX644</b>	<b>MX645</b>	<b>MX648</b>
<b>Dimensions mm (in.)</b> circuit board (without heat shrink tubing)	25 x 11 x 2 (1 x .43 x .08)	15 x 9.5 x 2.8 (.6 x .37 x .11)	12 x 8.5 x 2.2 (.47 x .33 x .09)	14 x 9 x 2.5 (.55 x .35 x .1)	20 x 8.5 x 2.5 (.79 x .33 x .1)	20 x 11 x 3.5 (.79 x .43 x .14)	22 x 15 x 3.5 (.87 x .6 x .14)	20.5 x 15.5 x 3.5 (.8 x .61 x .14)	26 x 15 x 3.5 (1 x .6 x .14)	26 x 15 x 3.5 (1 x .6 x .14)	30 x 15 x 4 (1.2 x .6 x .16)	30 x 15 x 4 (1.2 x .6 x .16)	20 x 11 x 4 (.79 x .43 x .16)
<b>Continuous Current</b> Sum of Motor and Function Outputs	0,8 A	0,7 A	0,7 A	0,8 A	0,8 A	1,0 A	1,2 A	1,2 A	1,8 A	1,8 A	1,2 A	1,2 A	0,8 A
<b>Function Outputs</b> including two headlamp outputs	4	4	4	4	4	6	10 (9) *)	6 **)	10 (9) *)	8 **)	8 **)	10 (9) *)	6 (4) *)
<b>Servo/Logic Out</b> optional logic-level outputs on SUSI-Pins	-	2	-	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Function Low-Voltage</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	alternatively 14 V, 5 V, 1,5 V 0,8 total	alternatively 14 V, 5 V, 1,5 V 0,8 A total	only low-current: 5V / 200 mA	only low-current: 5V / 200 mA	-
<b>Audio Power/Imp.</b> (4 Ohm --> 8 Ohm or 2 x 8 Ohm parallel)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 Watt / 4 Ω	3 Watt / 4 Ω	1 Watt / 8 Ω
<b>Wire Connections</b> NEM 652 (R) / NEM 651 (F)		<b>MX618N18</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>NEM 651 body connector</b> 6-pole male conn. on decoder (N)	-	-	<b>MX621N</b>	<b>MX622N</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>PluX-Plug</b> 12, 16, or 22-pole male conn. on decoder	<b>MX600P12</b>	-	-	-	<b>MX623P12</b>	<b>MX630P16</b>	<b>MX633P16,</b> <b>MX633P22</b>	-	<b>MX635P22</b>	-	-	<b>MX645P16,</b> <b>MX645P22</b>	<b>MX648P16</b>
<b>MTC-Plug</b> 21-pole female connector on decoder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>MX634D, C</b>		<b>MX636D, C</b>	<b>MX644D, C</b>	-	-
<b>Next-Plug</b>	<b>MX600</b> <b>MX600R</b>	-	<b>MX621</b> <b>MX621R, -F</b>	<b>MX622</b> <b>MX622R, -F</b>	<b>MX623</b> <b>MX623R, -F</b>	<b>MX630</b> <b>MX630R, -F</b>	<b>MX633</b> <b>MX633R, -F</b>		<b>MX635</b> <b>MX635R, -F</b>	-	-	<b>MX645</b> <b>MX645R, -F</b>	<b>MX648</b> <b>MX648R, -F</b>
<b>Energy-storage conn.</b> (for 16V or 25V electrolytic to 5000 µF)	-	-	-	-	-	-	yes (16V) also Goldcap	yes (25V)	yes (16V) also Goldcap	yes (16V) also Goldcap	yes (25V)	yes (16V)	

\*) The wired decoders have more function outputs than the PluX types because the PluX plug has one pin missing ("Index-pin" used as a safeguard against false insertion: "22-pin" connector actually has only 21 pins)

\*\*) Decoders with MTC interface have depending on type some logic level function outputs: „C" versions (FA3, FA4 logic level, vs „D" FA3, FA4 normal outputs), in case of MX636 there exist also „RailCommunity"-conforming types





## Select by type of connection, dimensions, sound or non-sound

### Decoder with connectors

SOUND <b>MX649</b>	SOUND <b>MX658</b>
23 x 9 x 4 (.9 x .35 x .16)	25 x 10,5 x 4 (.98 x .41 x .16)
0,7 A	0,8 A
4	4
2	2
-	-
1 Watt / 8 Ω	1 Watt / 8 Ω
-	<b>MX658N18</b>
<b>MX649N/L</b> <i>gerade/gerade</i>	-
-	-
-	-
<b>MX649</b> <b>MX649R, -F</b>	-
-	-

#### Next18

##### MX618N18



#### NEM 651 direct

##### MX621N



##### MX622N

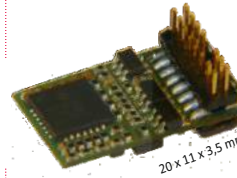


#### PluX12, PluX16

##### MX623P12



##### MX630P16



#### PluX22

##### MX633P22

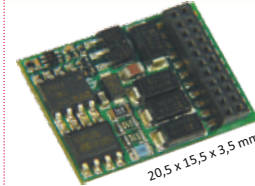


##### MX635P22

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#### 21MTC

##### MX634D, -C



##### MX636D, -C

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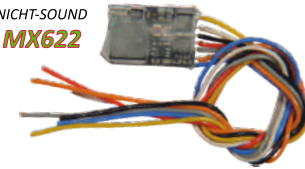
Within almost all decoder families  
a through-hole version is available  
with  
free wires (.) or with plug on wires per  
NEM 652 (R) NEM 651 (F)



for example:

**MX600** **MX621** **MX622** **MX623** **MX630** **MX633** **MX635**  
**MX600R** **MX621R** **MX622R** **MX623R** **MX630R** **MX633R** **MX635R**  
**MX621F** **MX622F** **MX623F** **MX630F** **MX633F** **MX635F**

NICHT-SOUND  
**MX622**



NICHT-SOUND  
**MX623F**

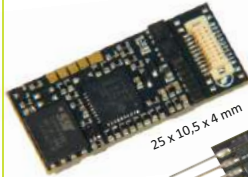


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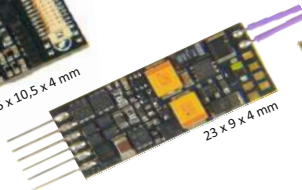
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SOUND  
**MX658N18**



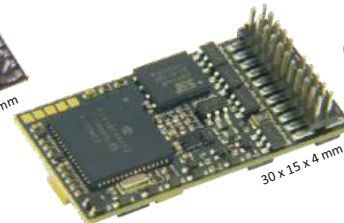
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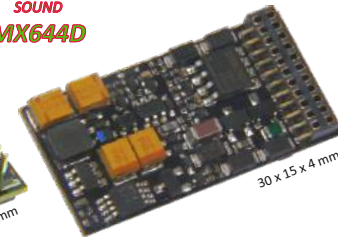
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**MX648P16**



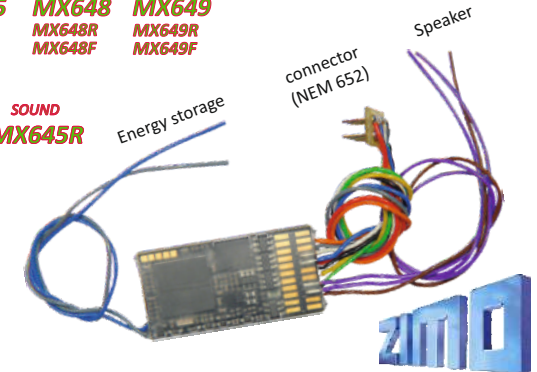
SOUND  
**MX645P22**



SOUND  
**MX644D**



SOUND  
**MX645R**



# Comparison Table: Large Scale (Sound) Decoders

Each decoder family includes several types (= Different types of connection)  <b>Decoder Family &gt;</b>	<b>MX699</b>					<b>MX696</b>					<b>MX697</b>	
	<b>MX695KN</b>	<b>MX699LS</b> <small>SOUND</small>	<b>SOUND</b> <b>MX699LV</b>	<b>MX699KS</b> <small>SOUND</small>	<b>SOUND</b> <b>MX699KV</b>	<b>MX696N</b>	<b>MX696S</b> <small>SOUND</small>	<b>SOUND</b> <b>MX696V</b>	<b>MX696KS</b> <small>SOUND</small>	<b>SOUND</b> <b>MX696KV</b>	<b>MX697S</b> <small>SOUND</small>	<b>SOUND</b> <b>MX697V</b>
<b>Dimensions</b> mm (in.) (Length without 2 x 6 mm breakoff)	50 x 40 x 13 (2.0 x 1.6 x .5)	50 x 40 x 13 (2.0 x 1.6 x .5)		50 x 40 x 13 (2.0 x 1.6 x .5)		55 x 29 x 16 (2.2 x 1.2 x .63)	55 x 29 x 16 (2.2 x 1.2 x .63)		68 x 29 x 20 (2.5 x 1.2 x .7)		60 x 32 x 21 (2.2 x 1.3 x .83)	
<b>Continuous Current</b> Sum of Motor and Function Outputs	6 A	6 A		6 A		4 A	4 A		4 A		4 A	
<b>Function Outputs</b> including two headlamp outputs	14	8	15	8	15	4	8	14	8	14	10	
<b>Servos:</b> control lines (complete with 5V supply)	- 4	4 -	- 4	4 -	- 4	- 4	4 -		- 4		4 -	- 4
<b>Function low-voltage</b> <b>5V fixed</b> (MX696N: 6V)	5 V	5 V	5 V	5 V	5 V	6 V	-		-	5 V	-	5 V
<b>Function low-voltage</b> <b>10V fixed</b>	10 V	10 V		10 V		-	10 V		-		10 V	
<b>Function low-voltage</b> <b>adjustable (Pot.) ≥ 1.2V</b>	Potentiometer	-	Code switch for: 1,5 - 6,5 - 14 -19V	-	Code switch for: 1,5 - 6,5 - 14 -19V	-	-	Pot.	-	Pot.	-	Pot.
<b>Audio Power/Imp.</b> (4 Ohm --> 8 Ohm or 2 x 8 Ohm parallel)	-	10 Watt / 4 Ω		10 Watt / 4 Ω		-	10 Watt / 4 Ω		10 Watt / 4 Ω		10 Watt / 4 Ω	
<b>Connector type</b> (main connector)	32 Srew terminals	28	42 Pins	28	42 Srew terminals	20 (2 x 10) Srew terminals	20 + 10	20 + 20 Pins	20 Srew terminals		12 + 12 Pins	
<b>Connector type</b> (Servo-connector)	4 x 3- pins	Solder pads  4 x 3 pins		Solder pads  4 x 3 pins		Solder pads	Solder pads  Pins		4 x 3 pins		Solder pads  4 x 3 pins	
<b>Internal supercaps as energy storage</b>	-	1 Farad (8 V) <b>*)</b>		1 Farad (8 V) <b>*)</b>		-	-		-		-	
<b>Energy Storage conn.</b> (for 16V capacitors, all types and capacities)	yes (17 V), for elc. capacitors or 7-cell Goldcap moduls	yes (17 V), for elc. capacitors or 7-cell Goldcap moduls		yes (17 V), for elc. capacitors or 7-cell Goldcap moduls		yes (17 V), for elc. capacitors or 7-cell Goldcap moduls	yes (17 V), for elc. capacitors or 7-cell Goldcap moduls		yes (17 V), for elc. capacitors or 7-cell Goldcap moduls		yes (17 V), for elc. capacitors or 7-cell Goldcap moduls	

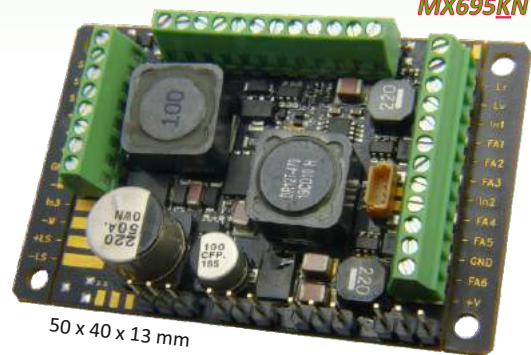
**\*)** the internal energy storage of the MX699 makes the MX699 run continuously for 1 ... 5 sec, reduced speed, but sound with full volume.



## Decoder with various connectors

### Screw terminals

Non-sound decoder  
**MX695KN**

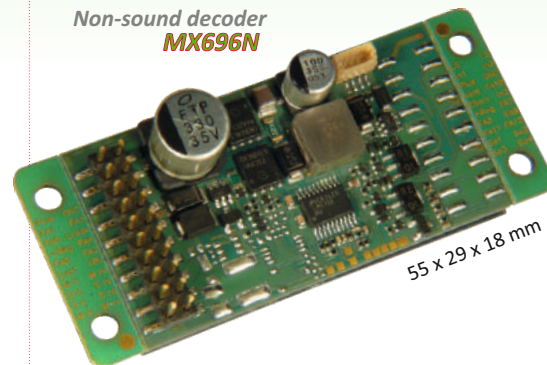


### single-row pin connector

NO  
non-sound decoders  
with single-row

### double-row pin connector

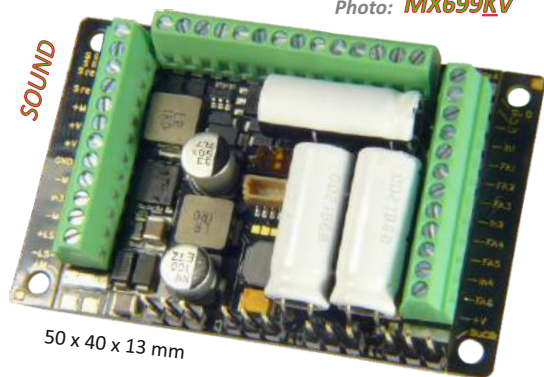
Non-sound decoder  
**MX696N**



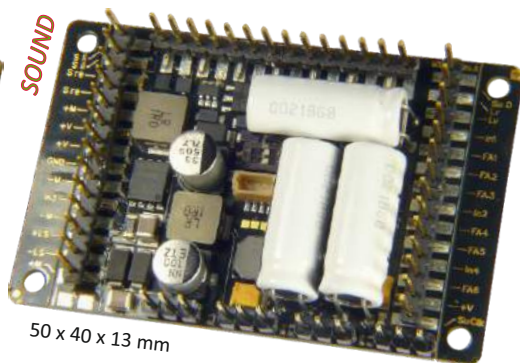
### „american” connectors (Bachmann, Aristo, ...)

NO  
non-sound decoders  
with „american” connectors

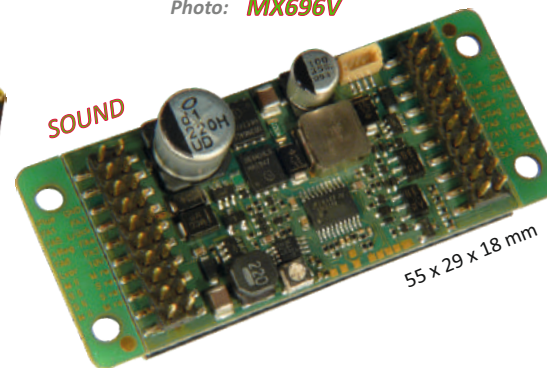
Types MX699KS, MX699KV  
Photo: **MX699KV**



Types MX699LS, MX699LV  
Photo: **MX699LV**



Types MX696S, MX696V  
Photo: **MX696V**



Types MX697S, MX697V  
Photo: **MX697V**



# Comparison Table: Function decoders

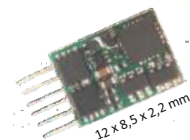
Select by type of connection

Each decoder family includes several types (= Different types of connection)	Function decoders derived from loco decoders:				
<b>Decoder Family &gt;</b>	<b>MX621</b>	<b>MX630</b>	<b>MX634</b>	<b>MX632</b>	<b>MX645</b> <small>SOUND</small>
<b>Dimensions mm (in.)</b> circuit board (without heat shrink tubing)	12 x 8,5 x 2,2 (.47 x .33 x .09)	20 x 11 x 3,5 (.79 x .43 x .14)	20,5 x 15,5 x 3,5 (.8 x .61 x .14)	26 x 15 x 3,5 (1.0 x .6 x .14)	30 x 15 x 4 (1.2 x .6 x .16)
<b>Continuous Current</b> Sum of Motor and Function Outputs	0,7 A	1,0 A	1,2 A	1,2 A	1,2 A
<b>Function Outputs</b> including two headlamp outputs	6	8	8	8	10
<b>Servo/Logic Out</b> optional logic-level outputs on SUSI-Pins	-	2	2	2	2
<b>Function Low-Voltage</b>	-	-	-	yes (0,8 A) opt. 1,5 or 5 V	-
<b>Audio Power/Imp.</b> (4 Ohm --> 8 Ohm or 2 x 8 Ohm parallel)	-	-	-	-	3 Watt / 4 Ω
<b>Wire Connections</b> NEM 652 (R) / NEM 651 (F)	<b>MX681R</b>	<b>MX685R</b>	-	-	-
<b>NEM 651 body connector</b> 6-pole male conn. on decoder (N)	<b>MX681N</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>PluX-Plug</b> 12, 16, or 22-pole male conn. on decoder	-	<b>MX685P16</b>	-	-	<b>MX689P22</b>
<b>MTC-Plug</b> 21-pole female connector on decoder	-	-	<b>MX686D</b>	<b>MX687WD</b>	-
<b>Free wires</b>	<b>MX681</b>	<b>MX685</b>	<b>MX686</b>	<b>MX687V</b> <b>MX687W</b>	<b>MX689</b>
<b>Energy-storage conn.</b> (for 16V or 25V electrolytic to 5000 µF)	-	-	yes (25V)	yes (25V)	yes (16V)

## Function decoder with connectors

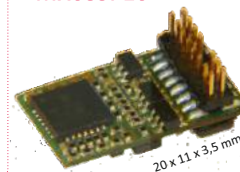
NEM 651 direct

**MX681N**



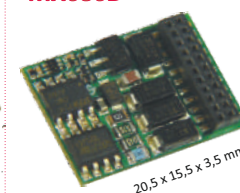
PluX-16, -22

**MX685P16**



21MTC

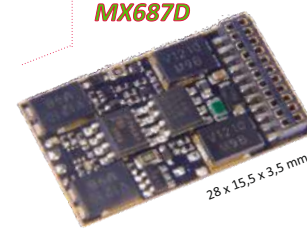
**MX686D**



SOUND  
**MX689P22**



**MX687D**



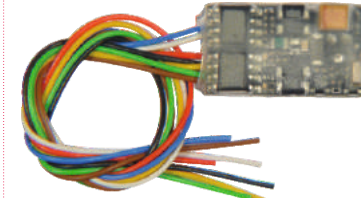
## Wired ...

Within almost all decoder families  
a through-hole version is available  
with or with plug on wires per  
free wires (.) NEM 652 (R)

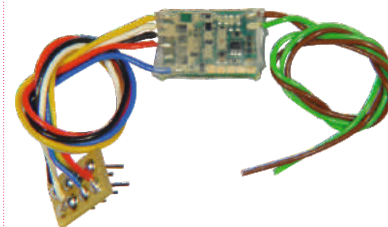


examples:

**MX685**



**MX681R**





# Comparison Table: Accrssory decoders

Select by type of connection

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## Decoder Families >

7 decoder models in all,  
in 2 decoder families

## MX820

## MX821

### Decoder Models>

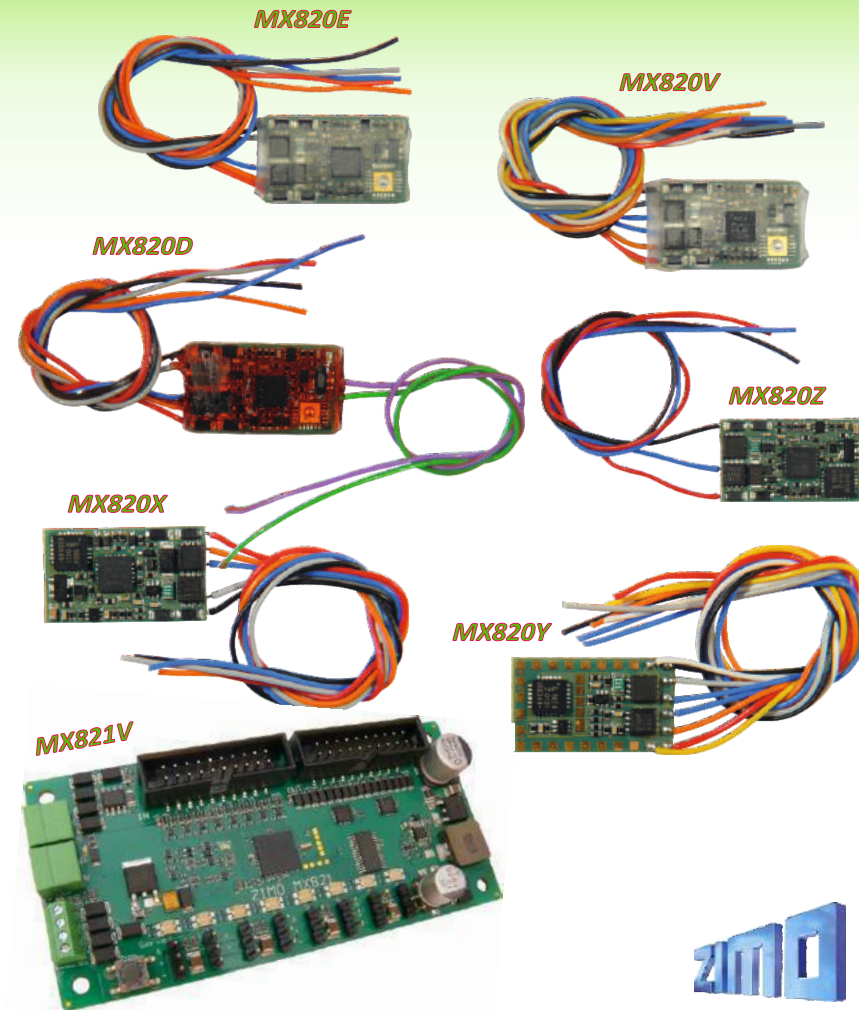
	MX820E	MX820D	MX820V	MX820X	MX820Y	MX820Z	MX821V
Dimensions mm (in.) circuit board (without heat shrink tubing)	19 x 11 x 2 (.75 x .45 x .08)	19 x 11 x 3 (.75 x .45 x .1)	19 x 11 x 2 (.75 x .45 x .08)	19 x 11 x 2 (.75 x .45 x .08)	19 x 11 x 2 (.75 x .45 x .08)	19 x 11 x 2 (.75 x .45 x .08)	19 x 11 x 2 (.75 x .45 x .08)
Continuous Current Sum of all outputs	1.0 A	1.0 A	1.0 A	1.0 A	1.0 A	1.0 A	-
Switch Outputs also usable for two lamps	1	1	2	1	2	-	-
Inputs control circuits or location signals	2	2	4	2	4	-	16
Light Output each will drive one LED/ lamp @100 mA	-	-	-	8	16	16	16
Servo/Logic level output also for Multiplex Signal	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Servo Low-Voltage 5 V	-	-	-	-	-	-	yes
Audio Power/Imp. (4 Ohm --> 8 Ohm or 2 x 8 Ohm parallel)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wiring loose wires with no connector	5 wires	7 wires	7 wires	5 wires	7 wires	3 wires	screw term., pin conn.
Energy storage conn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Single-  
switch (E)

Sealed  
version (D)

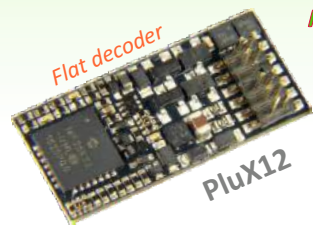
Two  
switches (V)

8 or 16 Light outputs (LEDs)  
+ 1 switch + 2 switches  
no



# MX600

H0, ... (Nicht-Sound)

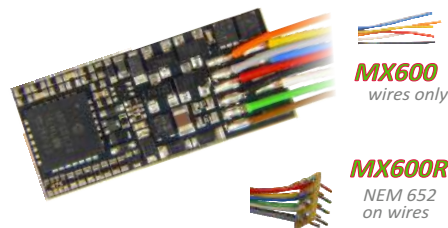


**MX600P12**

NEM 658  
directly  
on decoder

DCC + RailCom, DC-analog  
**25 x 11 x 2 mm**  
**0,8 A** motor, total (peak 1,5 A)  
**4** function outputs

*The new budget-priced  
decoder, with full feature set*



# MX618

N, H0e, TT, ... (NO SOUND)



**MX618N18**

RCN-118  
directly  
on decoder

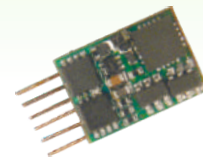
DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM  
**15 x 9,5 x 2,8 mm**  
**0,7 A** motor, total (peak 1,5 A)  
**4** function outputs

**4** logic level outputs for more  
functions, servo control line or SUSI

*No version with wires available*

# MX621

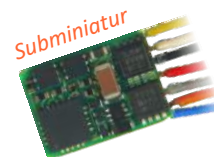
N, H0e, TT, ... (NO SOUND)



**MX621N**

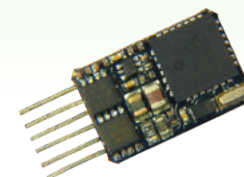
NEM 651  
directly  
on decoder

DCC + RailCom, DC-analog  
**12 x 8,5 x 2,2 mm**  
**0,7 A** motor, total (peak 1,5 A)  
**4** function outputs



# MX622

N, H0e, TT, ... (NO SOUND)

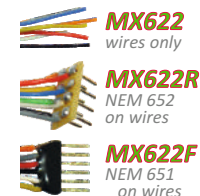
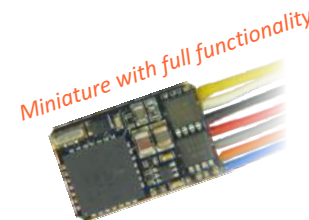


**MX622N**

NEM 651  
directly  
on decoder

DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog  
**14 x 9 x 2,5 mm**  
**0,7 A** motor, total (peak 1,5 A)  
**4** function outputs

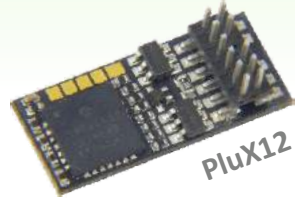
**2** logic level outputs for more  
functions, servo control line or SUSI





# MX623

TT, H0, ... (NO SOUND)



## MX623P12

NEM 658  
directly  
on decoder

DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog

**20 x 8,5 x 2,5 mm**

**0,8 A** motor, total (peak 2,5 A)

**4** function outputs

**2** logic level outputs for more functions, servo control line or SUSI



**MX623**  
wires only

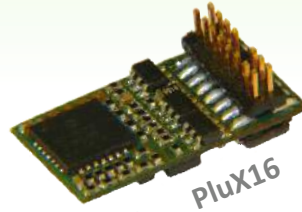
**MX623R**  
NEM 652  
on wires

**MX623F**  
NEM 651  
on wires



# MX630

H0, 0m, ... (NO SOUND)



## MX630P16

NEM 658  
directly  
on decoder

DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog

**20 x 11 x 3,5 mm**

**1,0 A** motor, total (peak 2,5 A)

**6** function outputs

**2** logic level outputs for more functions, servo control line or SUSI



The bestseller

**MX630**  
wires only

**MX630R**  
NEM 652  
on wires

**MX630F**  
NEM 651  
on wires



# MX633

H0, 0m, ... (NO SOUND)



## MX633P22

NEM 658  
directly  
on decoder

DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog

**22 x 15 x 3,5 mm**

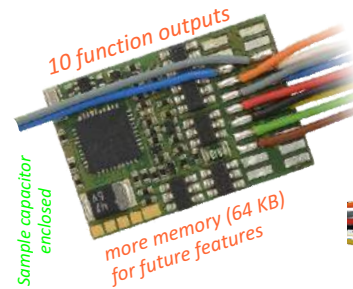
**1,2 A** motor, total (peak 2,5 A)

**10** function outputs

(„only“ 9 function outputs on PluX-22 available)

**2** logic level outputs for more functions, servo control line or SUSI

direct connection for external energy storage



Sample capacitor enclosed

**MX623**  
wires only

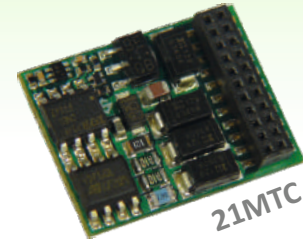
**MX623R**  
NEM 652  
on wires

**MX623F**  
NEM 651  
on wires



# MX634

H0, 0m, ... (NO SOUND)



## MX634D

MTC directly  
on decoder

DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog

**20,5 x 15,5 x 3,5 mm**

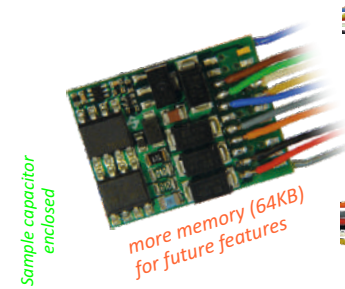
**1,2 A** motor, total (peak 2,5 A)

**6** function outputs

(2 of them - FA3, FA4 - switchable to logic level)

**2** logic level outputs for more functions, servo control line or SUSI

direct connection for external energy storage



Sample capacitor enclosed

**MX623**  
wires only

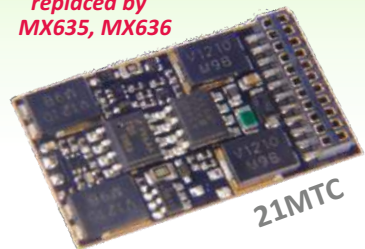
**MX623R**  
NEM 652  
on wires

**MX623F**  
NEM 651  
on wires



# MX632

*phased-out type,  
replaced by  
MX635, MX636*



## MX632D

MTC directly  
on decoder

## MX632C

MTC directly  
on decoder

DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog

**28 x 15,5 x 3,5 mm**

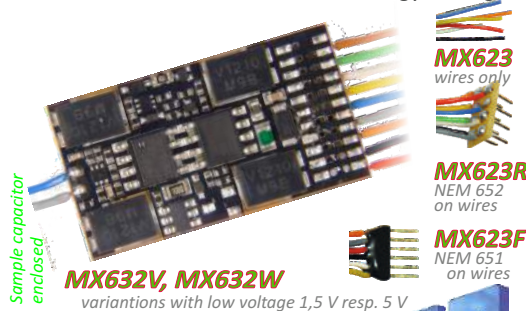
**1,6 A** motor, total (peak 2,5 A)

**8** function outputs

(2 of them - FA3, FA4 - at C-type as logic levels)

**2** logic level outputs for more  
functions, servo control line or SUSI

direct connection for external energy storage



## MX623

wires only

## MX623R

NEM 652  
on wires

## MX623F

NEM 651  
on wires

## MX632V, MX632W

variations with low voltage 1,5 V resp. 5 V

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# MX635

H0, 0m, 0, ... (NO SOUND)



## MX635P22

NEM 658  
directly  
on decoder

CAD Layout  
(no photo)

## MX635VP, MX632WP

variations with low voltage 1,5 V resp. 5 V

DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog

**26 x 15 x 3,5 mm**

**1,8 A** motor, total (peak 2,5 A)

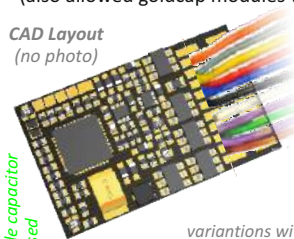
**10** function outputs

**2** logic level outputs for more

functions, servo control line or SUSI

direct connection for external energy storage  
(also allowed goldcap modules with more than 5000 µF)

CAD Layout  
(no photo)



MX635  
wires only

MX635R  
NEM 652

## MX635V, MX632W

variations with low voltage 1,5 V resp. 5 V

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# MX636

H0, 0m, 0, ... (NO SOUND)

still no photo

21MTC

## MX636D

## MX636C

MTC directly  
on decoder

## MX636VD, MX636WD

mit Niederspannung 1,5 V bzw. 5 V

DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog

**26 x 15 x 3,5 mm**

**1,8 A** motor, total (peak 2,5 A)

**8** function outputs

**2** logic level outputs for more

functions, servo control line or SUSI

direct connection for external energy storage  
(also allowed goldcap modules with more than 5000 µF)

No version with wires available

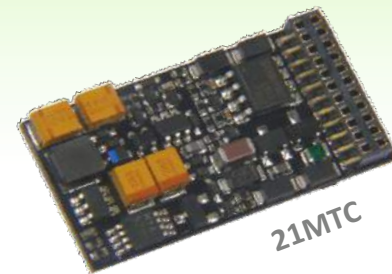
RailCom

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# MX644

H0, (0) ... (SOUND)



## MX644D

MTC directly  
on decoder

## MX644C

MTC directly  
on decoder

DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog

**30 x 15 x 4 mm**

**1,2 A** motor, total (peak 2,5 A)

**8** function outputs

(2 of them - FA3, FA4 - at C-type as logic level)

**2** logic level outputs for more functions,

servo control line or SUSI

function low voltage 5 V (200 mA)

direct connection for external energy storage

**3 Watts** audio, 4 - 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 channels

No version with wires available

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# MX645

H0, (0) ... (SOUND)



**MX645P16**

NEM 658  
directly  
on decoder

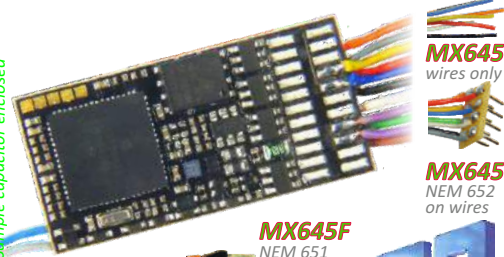
**MX645P22**

NEM 658  
directly  
on decoder

PluX16, 22

DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog  
**30 x 15 x 4 mm**  
**1,2 A** Motor, total (Peak 2,5 A)  
**10** funktion outputs  
**2** logic level outputs for more functions,  
 servo control line or SUSI  
 function low voltage 5 V (200 mA)  
 direct connection for external energy storage  
**3 Watts** audio, 4 - 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 channels

Sample capacitor enclosed



**MX645**  
wires only

**MX645R**  
NEM 652  
on wires

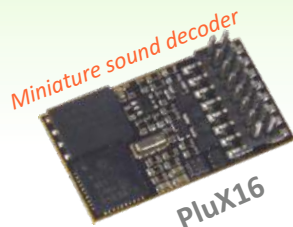
**MX645F**  
NEM 651  
on wires



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# MX648

N, TT, H0e, H0, ... (SOUND)



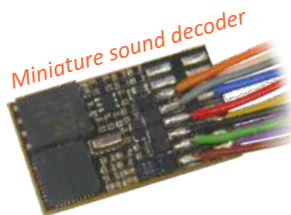
Miniature sound decoder

PluX16

**MX648P16**

NEM 658  
directly  
on decoder

DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog  
**20 x 11 x 4 mm**  
**0,8 A** motor, total (peak 1,5 A)  
**6** function outputs  
 („only“ 4 function outputs on PluX-16 available)  
**2** logic level outputs for more functions,  
 servo control line or SUSI  
**1 Watt** audio, 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 channels



Miniature sound decoder

**MX648**  
wires only

**MX648R**  
NEM 652

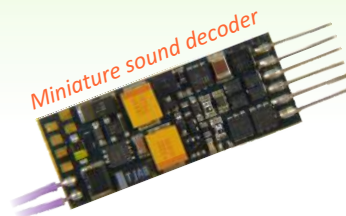
**MX648F**  
NEM 651  
on wires



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# MX649

N, TT, H0e, H0, ... (SOUND)



Miniature sound decoder

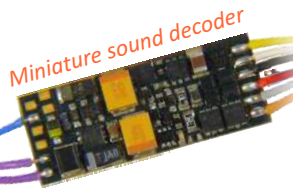
**MX649N**

NEM 651  
directly  
on decoder

**MX649L**

NEM 651,  
- curved -  
directly  
on decodere

DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog  
**23 x 9 x 4 mm**  
**0,7 A** motor, total (peak 1,5 A)  
**4** function outputs  
**2** logic level outputs for more functions,  
 servo control line or SUSI  
**1 Watt** audio, 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 channels



Miniature sound decoder

**MX649**  
wires only

**MX649R**  
NEM 652

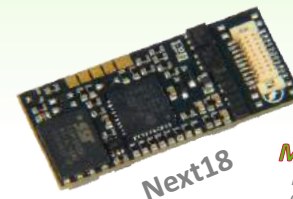
**MX649F**  
NEM 651  
an Litzen



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# MX658

N, H0e, TT, ... (SOUND)



Next18

**MX658N18**

RCN-118 (NEM 662)  
directly on decoder

DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog  
**25 x 10,5 x 4 mm**  
**0,8 A** motor, total (peak 1,5 A)  
**4** function outputs  
**2** logic level outputs for more functions,  
 servo control line or SUSI  
**1 Watt** audio, 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 channels

No version with wires available



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# Adapter Boards

... for decoders with PluX-22 interface

with PluX-22 connector and 30 solder pads  
for the locomotive wiring

**with ZIMO Sound decoder plugged-in**  
(ADAPLU + MX645P22):

**1,5 A** motor (peak 2,5 A)

**9** function outputs

**2** logic level outputs (Servo, SUSI)

direct connection for external energy storage  
(also allowed goldcap modules with more than 5000 µF)

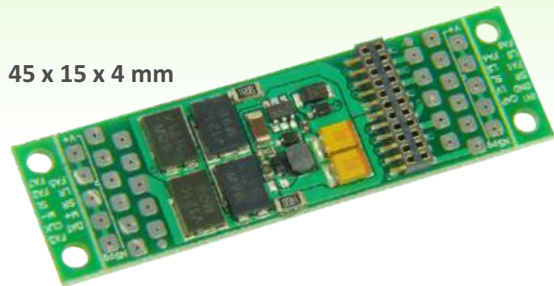
**3 Watts** audio, 4 - 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 channels

**with ZIMO Non-sound decoder plugged-in**  
(ADAPLU + MX633P22 or MX635P22):

as above, but without sound

**ADAPLU** 45 x 15 x 4 mm

Separate rectifier  
for increase of power



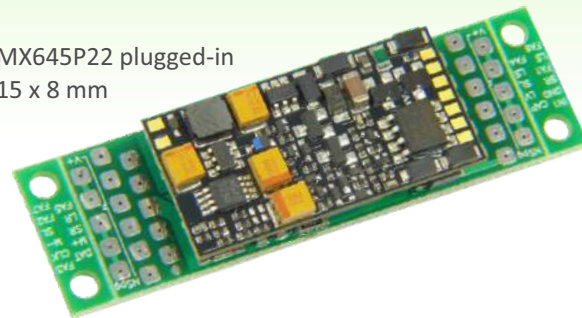
Types ►

**ADAPLU**  
normal version

**ADAPLU15**  
1,5 V low voltage

**ADAPLU50**  
5 V low voltage for functions

with MX645P22 plugged-in  
45 x 15 x 8 mm



*A Sound decoder for „small“ Large scale locos !*

with PluX-22 connector and **24** solder pads  
for the locomotive wiring

**with ZIMO Sound decoder plugged-in**  
(ADAPUS + MX645P22):

**1,5 A** motor (peak 2,5 A)

**8** Funktions-Ausgänge,

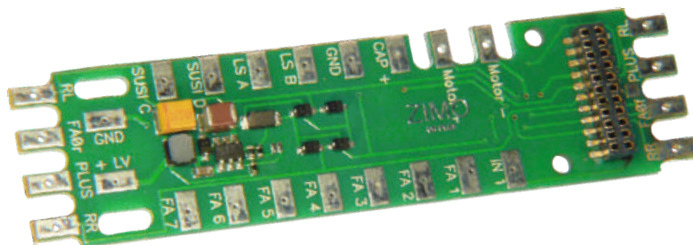
**2** function outputs

**2** logic level outputs (Servo, SUSI)

direct connection for external energy storage

**3 Watt** Audio, 4 - 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 Kanäle

**ADAPUS** 71 x 18 x 4 mm



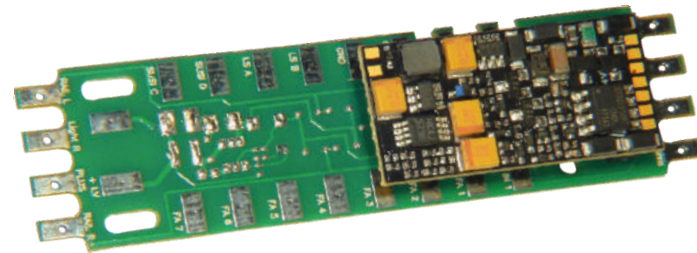
Types ►

**ADAPUS**  
normal version

**ADAPUS15**  
1,5 V low voltage

**ADAPUS50**  
5 V low voltage for functions

mit MX645P22 plugged-in  
71 x 18 x 8 mm



*Exchange decoder for US models (H0)*

## ... for decoders with 21MTC interface

with 21MTC connector and **28** solder pads  
for the locomotive wiring

**with ZIMO Sound decoder plugged-in**  
(ADAMTC + MX645P22):

**1,8 A** motor (peak 2,5 A)

**8** function outputs

**2** logic level outputs (Servo, SUSI)

direct connection for external energy storage  
(also allowed goldcap modules with more than 5000 µF)

**3 Watts** audio, 4 - 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 channels

**with ZIMO Non-sound decoder plugged-in**  
(ADAMTC + MX634D or MX636D):

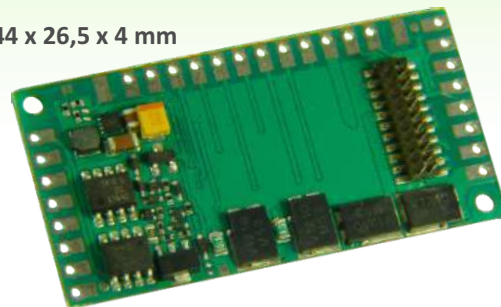
as above, but without sound

as above,  
but with **28 screw terminals**  
(instead of solder pads)

### ADAMTC

44 x 26,5 x 4 mm

Separate rectifier  
for increase of power



Typen ►

**ADAMTC**

Normal version

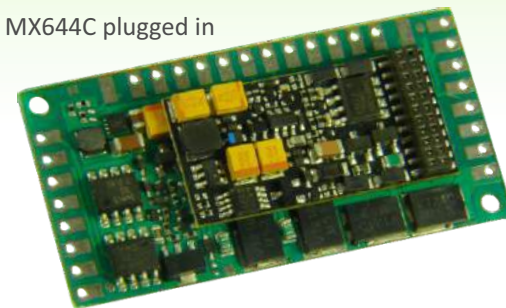
**ADAMTC15**

1,5 V low voltage

**ADAMTC50**

5 V low voltage for functions

with MX634C oder MX644C plugged in  
44 x 26,5 x 6 mm



### ADAMKL mit Schraubklemmen

44 x 26,5 x 12 mm

Eigener Gleichrichter  
zur Leistungssteigerung  
des Decoders (1.8 A)



Typen ►

**ADAMKL**

Normal version

**ADAMKL15**

1,55 V low voltage

**ADAMKL50**

5 V low voltage for functions

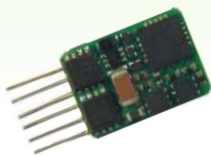


with  
MX634C oder MX644C  
plugged-in  
44 x 26,5 x 12 mm

**A Sound decoder for „small“ Large scale locos !**

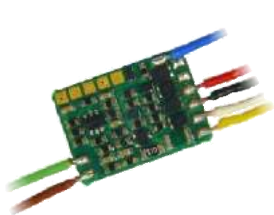
# MX681

function decoder (NO SOUND)  
a variation of the loco decoder MX621



**MX681N**  
NEM 651  
directly  
on decoder

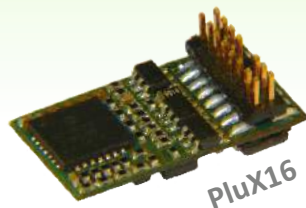
DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM  
**12 x 8,5 x 2,2 mm**  
**0,7 A** total current  
**6** function outputs



**MX681**  
only wires

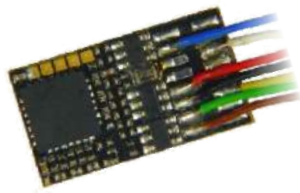
# MX685

function decoder (NO SOUND)  
a variation of the loco decoder MX630



**MX685P16**  
NEM 658  
directly  
on decoder

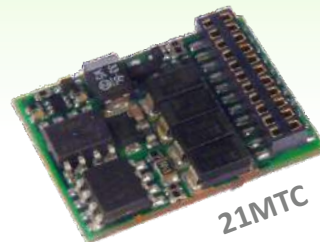
DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog  
**20 x 11 x 3,5 mm**  
**1,0 A** total current  
**8** function outputs  
**2** logic level outputs for more  
functions, servo control line or SUSI



**MX685**  
only wires

# MX686

function decoder (NO SOUND)  
a variation of the loco decoder MX631 or MX634



**MX686D**  
MTC directly  
on decoder

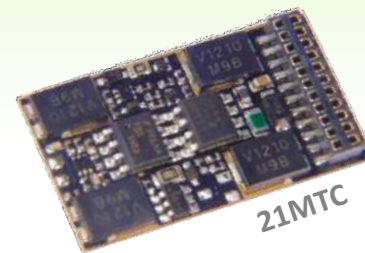
DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog  
**20,5 x 15,5 x 3,5 mm**  
**1,2 A** total current  
**8** function outputs  
**2** logic level outputs for more  
functions, servo control line or SUSI  
direct connection for external energy storage



**MX686**  
only wires

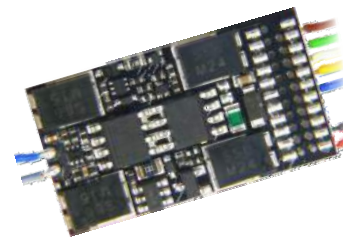
# MX687

function decoder (NO SOUND)  
a variation of the loco decoder MX632 (later MX636)



**MX687WD**  
MTC directly  
on decoder  
low voltage 5 V

DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog  
**28 x 15,5 x 3,5 mm**  
**1,2 A** total current  
**8** function outputs  
**2** logic level outputs for more  
functions, servo control line or SUSI  
direct connection for external energy storage



**MX687V**  
only wires  
**MX687W**  
only wires

**MX687V, MX687W**  
variations with low voltage 1,5 V respectively 5 V



# MX688

function decoder (NO SOUND)  
a variation of the loco decoder MX618



**MX688N18**

RCN-118 (NEM 662)  
directly  
on decoder

DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM

15 x 9,5 x 2,8 mm

0,7 A total current

6 function outputs

2 logic level outputs for more  
functions, servo control line or SUSI

No version with wires available

# MX689

function decoder (SOUND)  
a variation of the loco decoder MX645



**MX689P22**

NEM 658(22 pin)  
directly on decoder

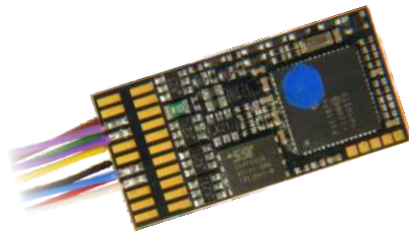
DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-Analog

30 x 15 x 4 mm

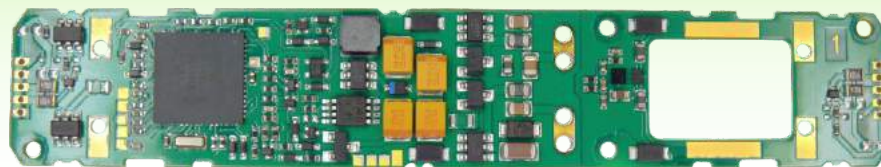
1,2 A total current

8 function outputs

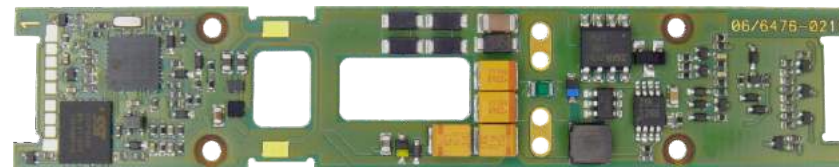
2 logic level outputs for more  
functions, servo control line or SUSI  
direct connection for external energy storage  
Low voltage for functions 5 V (200 mA)



## ZIMO Sound decoder und adapter boards *individual*



Customized loco decoder for Roco N-Spur Taurus



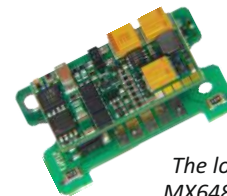
Customized loco decoder for Fleischmann N scale Re 460



Loco adapter board for a swedish „Class Du“ with sound  
decoder MX644 (MTC interface) plugged-in. The board includes  
energy storage containing 6 Tantalum capacitors.

Besides the standard products  
there are many special  
solutions, developed for loco  
manufacturers.

In many cases ZIMO makes  
customized decoders  
(frequently used in N scale  
because lack of space), in other  
situations ZIMO makes adapter  
boards, which contain lightning,  
energy storage, micro motors  
for pantos, etc.



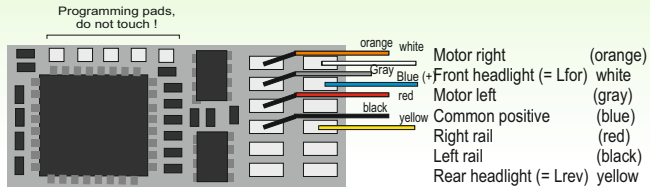
The loco board with  
MX648P16 plugged-in  
for Roco „Berg“ Loco (BR 98)



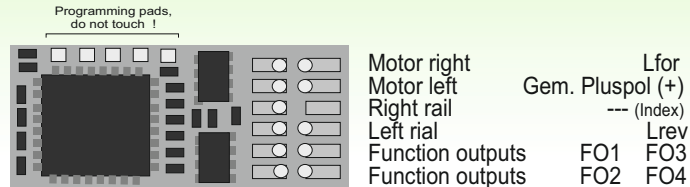
# Connecting decoders

MX623

MX623 Top View, wired side



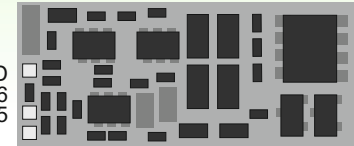
MX623 Top View, pin-out (PluX-12)



FO3, Fo4 are logic level outputs !

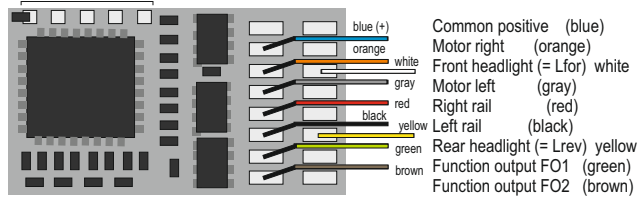
GROUND  
SUSI Clock or Servo 2, FO6  
SUSI Data or Servo 1, FO5

MX623 Bottom View

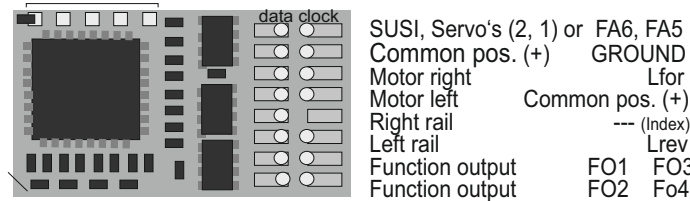


MX630

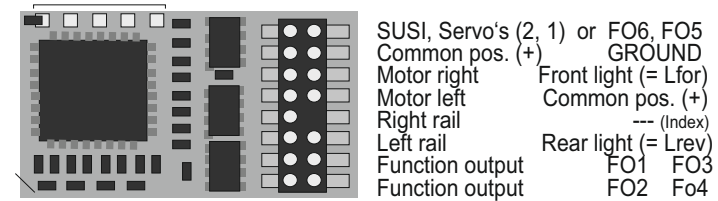
MX630 Top View, wired side



MX630 Top View, pin-out

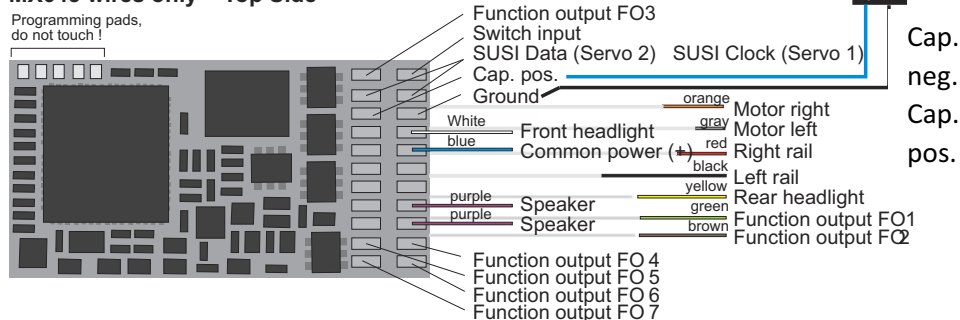


MX630P (with PluX16)



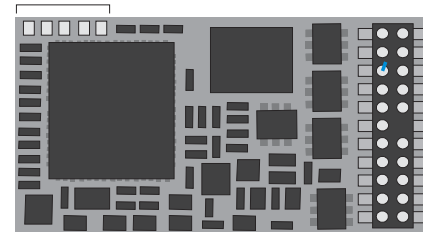
MX645

MX645 wires only Top Side



MX645P22 Top Side

Programming pads, do not touch !



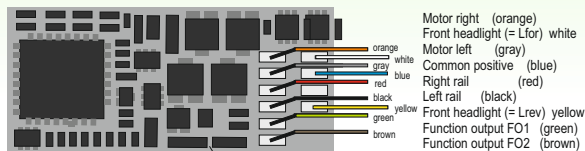
The SUSI outputs can alternatively be used as servo outputs:

Switch input  
SUSI Clock (Servo 1)  
Ground  
Front headlight  
Common positive (+)  
--- (Index)  
Rear headlight  
Speaker  
Speaker  
FO4  
FO6

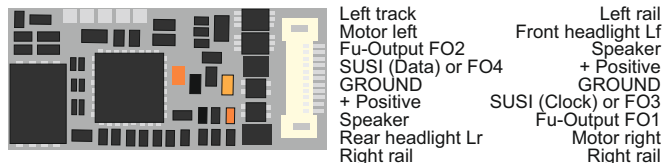


### MX600, MX600R Wire side, top (single-layer board)

FO3 and FO4 on the backside are not implemented / usable

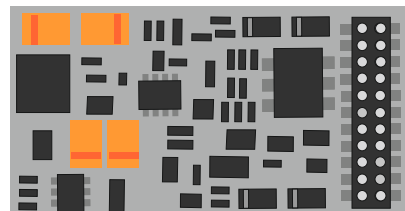


### MX658N18 Plug Side (Next 18)



Note FO3, FO4:  
are logic level Fu-Outputs  
on the SUSI pins, when  
CV #124, Bit 7 = 1

### MX644D, C Top View (with 21-pin „MTC“ connector)



GROUND  
Speaker  
Front headlight (= Lfor)  
Rear headlight (= Lrev)  
SUSI Data (FO8, Servo 2)  
SUSI Clock (FO7, Servo 1)  
Function output FO4  
Function output FO5  
Function output FO6  
Switch input

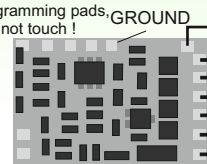
### MX621, MX621R, MX621F Connection Side

(= where the wires are soldered to !)

#### Solder pads

Function output FO1  
Function output FO2

Programming pads,  
do not touch !



#### Wires

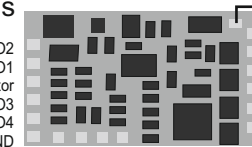
Positive (blue)  
Motor (orange)  
Motor (gray)  
Rail (red)  
Rail (black)  
Lfor (white)  
Lrev (yellow)

### MX622, MX622R, MX622F Connection Side

(= where the wires are soldered to !)

#### Solder pads

Function output FO2  
Function output FO1  
Positive for "SUSI" or capacitor  
"SUSI" CLOCK or FO3  
"SUSI" DATA or FO4  
GROUND



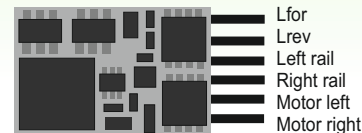
#### Wires

Positive (blue)  
Motor (orange)  
Motor (gray)  
Rail (red)  
Rail (black)  
Lfor (white)  
Lrev (yellow)

Programming pads,  
do not touch !

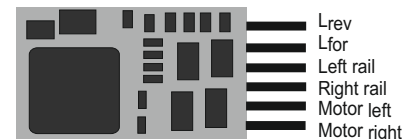
### MX621N (= Mx621 with 6-pin plug on board) Controller Side

(this is also the correct installation position)



### MX620N or MX622N (with 6-pin plug on board) Controller Side

(this is also the correct installation position !)



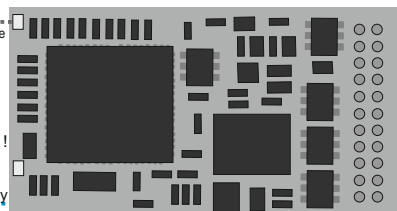
>220 uF  
+  
35 V

Capacitor as back-up power.  
(If not mounted on loco board and connected via plug)

(Is the same  
as common  
positive)

Attention:  
CAP. neg. Is  
not the same  
as GROUND !  
CAP.  
Neg.

### MX644D, C Bottom View

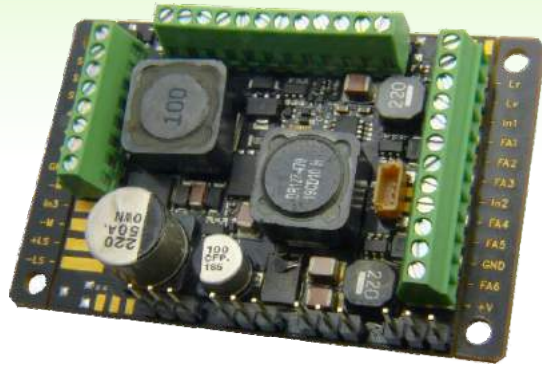


Attention:  
There are engines  
where the decoder  
must be plugged in  
normal (with the side  
top up) while on others  
it must be inserted  
upside down.



# MX695KN

Large scale decoder (NO SOUND) with screw terminals



DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog

**50 x 40 x 13 mm** (without break-off plates)

**6 A** motor, total (peak 10 A)

**14** function outputs

**1** smoke fan connector

**3** gate inputs

**4** complete servo outputs (control line, minus, 5 V)

**3** function low voltages

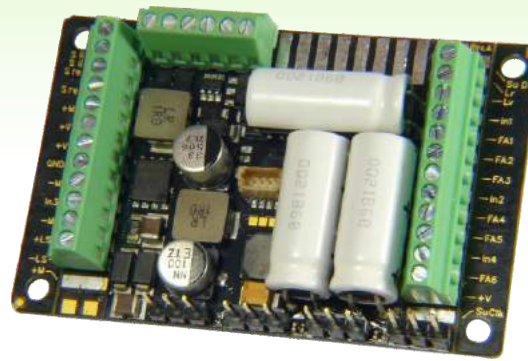
(5 V, 10 V, variable: 1,5 V to track voltage)

SUSI (with 4 pin plug)

direct connection for external energy storage  
(capacitors, Goldcaps or battery-switch)

# MX699KS

Large scale decoder (SOUND) with screw terminals



DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog

**50 x 40 x 13 mm** (without break-off plates)

**6 A** motor, total (peak 10 A)

**8** function outputs

**2** smoke fan outputs

**4** gate Inputs

**4** complete servo control outputs (control line, minus, 5 V)

**2** function low voltages (5 V, 10 V)

SUSI (with 4 pin plug)

**3** supercaps (3F each) as internal energy storage

direct connection for external energy storage  
(capacitors, Goldcaps or battery-switch)

**10 Watts** audio, 4 - 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 channels

# MX699KV

Large scale decoder (SOUND) with screw terminals



DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog

**50 x 40 x 13 mm** (without break-off plates)

**6 A** motor, total (peak 10 A)

**15** function outputs

**2** smoke fan outputs

**4** gate Inputs

**4** complete servo control outputs (control line, minus, 5 V)

**3** function low voltages

(5 V, 10 V, code switch adjustable 1,5 - 6,5 - 14 - 19 V)

SUSI (with 4 pin plug)

**3** supercaps (3F each) as internal energy storage

direct connection for external energy storage  
(capacitors, Goldcaps or battery-switch)

**10 Watts** audio, 4 - 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 channels

# MX699LS, -LLS

Large scale decoder (SOUND) with pin connectors



DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog

**50 x 40 x 13 mm** (without break-off plates)

**6 A** motor, total (peak 10 A)

**8** function outputs

**2** smoke fan outputs

**4** gate Inputs

**4** complete servo control outputs (control line, minus, 5 V)

**2** function low voltages (5 V, 10 V)

SUSI (with 4 pin plug)

**3** supercaps (3F each) as internal energy storage  
direct connection for external energy storage  
(capacitors, Goldcaps or battery-switch)

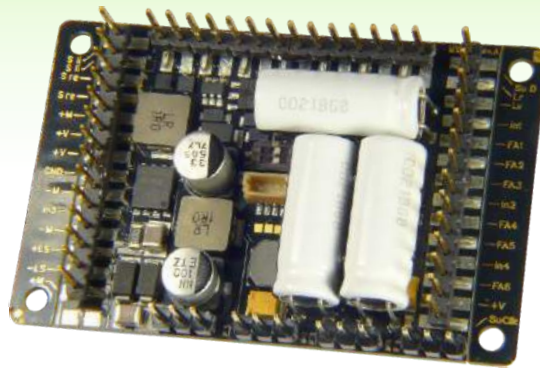
**10 Watts** audio, 4 - 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 channels

Pin connectors standard version (MX699LS and MX699LV)  
length 6 mm above socket (= 10 mm above board)  
special version: MX699LLS und MX699LLV  
length 12 mm above socket (= 16 mm above board)



# MX699LV, -LLV

Large scale decoder (SOUND) with pin connectors



DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog

**50 x 40 x 13 mm** (without break-off plates)

**6 A** motor, total (peak 10 A)

**15** function outputs

**2** smoke fan outputs

**4** gate Inputs

**4** complete servo control outputs (control line, minus, 5 V)

**3** function low voltages

(5 V, 10 V, code switch adjustable 1,5 - 6,5 - 14 - 19 V)

SUSI (with 4 pin plug)

**3** supercaps (3F each) as internal energy storage  
direct connection for external energy storage  
(capacitors, Goldcaps or battery-switch)

**10 Watts** audio, 4 - 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 channels



# MX699LM

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Large scale decoder (SOUND) for Märklin interface



DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog

**50 x 40 x 13 mm** (without break-off plates)

**6 A** motor, total (peak 10 A)

**15** function outputs

**2** smoke fan outputs

**4** gate Inputs

**4** complete servo control outputs (control line, minus, 5 V)

**3** function low voltages

(5 V, 10 V, code switch adjustable 1,5 - 6,5 - 14 - 19 V)

SUSI (with 4 pin plug)

**3** supercaps (3F each) as internal energy storage  
direct connection for external energy storage  
(capacitors, Goldcaps or battery-switch)

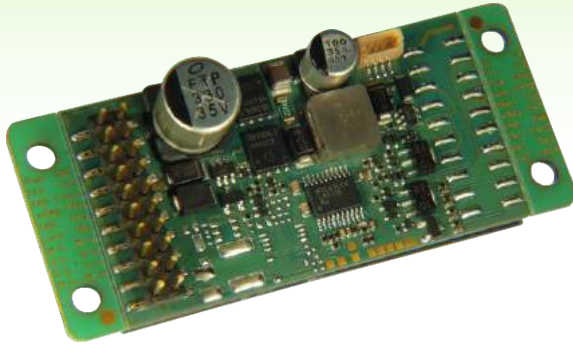
**10 Watts** audio, 4 - 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 channels

as MX699LV, with pin connector (long side)  
bended down in order to keep it accessible  
when decoder is inserted in Märklin connector.



# MX696N

Large scale decoder (NO SOUND)



DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog

**55 x 29 x 16 mm** (without break-off plates)

**4 A** motor, total (peak 10 A)

**8** function outputs

**1** smoke fan connector

**3** gate inputs

**4** servo outputs (+ 6 V low voltage total)

**2** funktion low voltages

(6 V, 10 V)

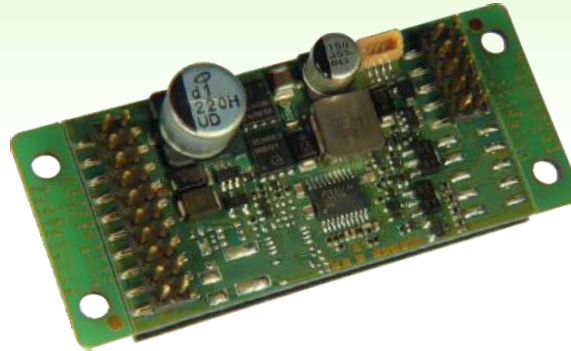
SUSI (with 4 pin plug)

direct connection for external energy storage  
(capacitors, Goldcaps or battery-switch)



# MX696S

Large scale decoder (SOUND) slim design



DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-Analog

**55 x 29 x 13 mm** (without break-off plates)

**4 A** motor, total (peak 10 A)

**8** function outputs

**1** smoke fan connector

**3** gate inputs

**4** servo control outputs (5 V external needs to be provided)

**1** funktion low voltage (10 V)

SUSI (with 4 pin plug)

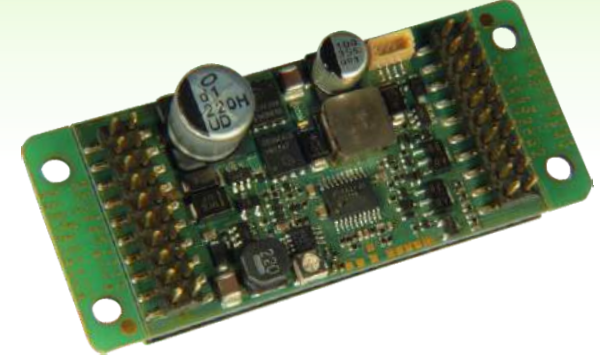
direct connection for external energy storage  
(capacitors, Goldcaps or battery-switch)

**10 Watts** audio, 4 - 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 channels



# MX696V

Large scale decoder (SOUND) slim design



DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-Analog

**55 x 29 x 16 mm** (without break-off plates)

**4 A** motor, total (peak 10 A)

**14** function outputs

**1** smoke fan connector

**3** gate inputs

**4** servo outputs (4 control lines, 5 V from variable low-voltage)

**2** funktion low voltage

(10 V, variabel 1,5 V to track voltage)

SUSI (with 4 pin plug)

direct connection for external energy storage  
(capacitors, Goldcaps or battery-switch)

**10 Watts** audio, 4 - 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 channels





# MX697N

large scale decoder (NO SOUND) for „american interfaces“

*No picture available;  
MX697N (Large Scale Decoder for american locos  
WITHOUT SOUND) produced only on request.*

DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog

**56 x 32 x 21 mm**

**4 A** motor, total (peak 10 A)

**10** function outputs

**1** smoke fan connector

**3** gate inputs

**4** servo control outputs (control line, minus, 5 V)

**3** funktion low voltage

(5 V, 10 V, variable 1,5 V to track voltage)

SUSI (with 4 pin plug)

direct connection for external energy storage  
(17V: capacitors, Goldcaps or battery-switch)

# MX697S

large scale decoder (SOUND) for „american interfaces,  
usually directly to insert in Bachmann locos



DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog

**56 x 32 x 21 mm**

**4 A** motor, total (peak 10 A)

**10** function outputs

**1** smoke fan connector

**3** gate inputs

**4** servo control outputs (5 V power needs to be provided externally)

**1** funktion low voltage (10 V)

SUSI (with 4 pin plug)

direct connection for external energy storage  
(17V: capacitors, Goldcaps or battery-switch)

**10 Watts** audio, 4 - 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 channels

# MX697V

large scale decoder (SOUND) for „american interfaces,  
usually directly to insert in Bachmann locos;  
with additional connector on top side (parallel to bottom)



DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-analog

**56 x 32 x 21 mm**

**4 A** motor, total (peak 10 A)

**10** function outputs

**1** smoke fan connector

**3** gate inputs

**4** servo control outputs (control line, minus, 5 V)

**3** funktion low voltage

(5 V, 10 V, variable 1,5 V to track voltage)

SUSI (with 4 pin plug)

direct connection for external energy storage  
(17V: capacitors, Goldcaps or battery-switch)

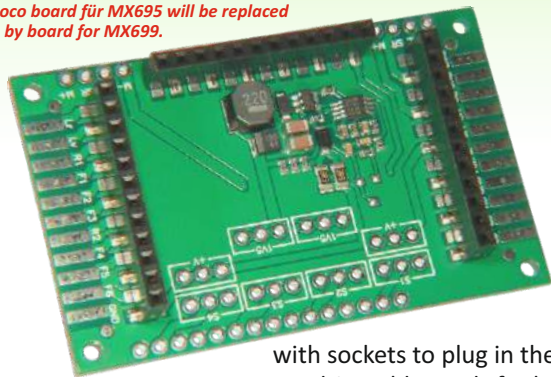
**10 Watts** audio, 4 - 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 channels

# Loco Board

designed for use with large scale sound decoder MX695LS

Loco board für MX695 will be replaced  
by board for MX699.

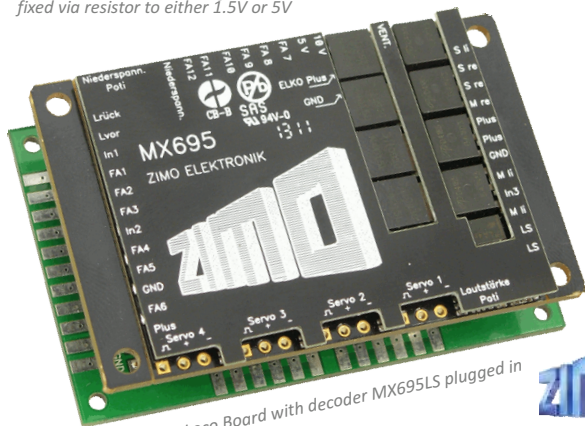
LOKPL95BV



with sockets to plug in the decoder  
and 34 solder pads for loco wiring  
62 x 40 x 10 mm

**LOKPL95BS/LOKPL95BV15/LOKPL95BV50**

set with/without low voltage  
fixed via resistor to either 1.5V or 5V



Loco Board with decoder MX695LS plugged in



# Loco Boards

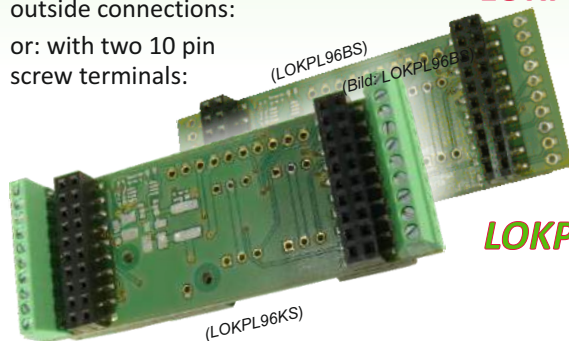
designed for use with large scale decoder MX696 (all types)

two 20 pin sockets for plugging in a  
decoder MX696 and solder pads for all  
outside connections:

or: with two 10 pin  
screw terminals:

64 x 26 x 6 mm

**LOKPL96BS**



or:

**LOKPL96KS**

like LOKPL96BS and -KS but additionally:

**LOKPL96LV**

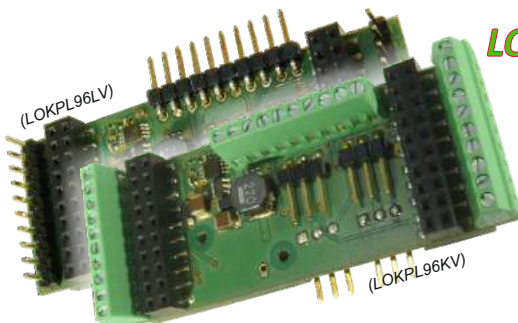
4 complete servo outputs

(control, minus, 5 V from own voltage regulator on the LOKPL96)

9 more pin connections for function outputs etc.

or:

**LOKPL96KV**



# Loco Boards

passend für Großbahn-Decoder MX696S

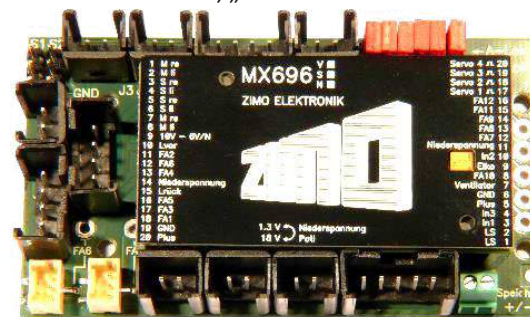
20 pin sockets for plugging in a  
decoder MX696.

75 x 42 x 10 mm

**LOKPLSHMAL**



Connectors compatible with cabling of the  
HSB Mallet, „Pffiff“ of Trainline Gartenbahnen.



Loco board with decoder MX696S

Original equipment for TrainLine.

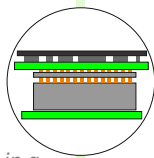


# MX696KS

nearly a MX695KS, but slim



placement in a  
32 mm boiler



DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-Analog

**64 x 29 x 18 mm**

**4 A** motor, total (peak 10 A)

**8** function outputs

**1** smoke fan connector

**1** gate input on clamp (+ 2 as solder pads)

**4** Servo control outputs on solder pads (5 V power needs to be provided externally)

SUSI (with 4 pin plug)

direct connection for external energy storage  
(capacitors, Goldcaps or battery-switch)

**10 Watts** audio, 4 - 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 channels



# MX696KV

Large scale decoder (with SOUND)  
combination of  
**LOKPL96KV** and **MX696V**

nearly a MX695KV, but slim



DCC + RailCom, DC-analog, MM, AC-Analog

**64 x 29 x 18 mm**

**4 A** motor, total (peak 10 A)

**14** function outputs (8 on clamps, 6 as pins)

**1** smoke fan connector

**3** gate inputs (1 on clamp, 2 as pins)

**4** complete servo outputs (control line, minus, 5 V)

**2** function low voltages

(5 V, adjustable 1,5 V to track voltage)

SUSI (with 4 pin plug)

direct connection for external energy storage  
(capacitors, Goldcaps or battery-switch)

**10 Watts** audio, 4 - 8 Ohm, 32 Mbit, 6 channels



## Large scale individual

Some demands can be fulfilled most easily by little modifications of serial products, e.g. for special energy storage solutions or a train bus which is not fully conformant to the standard.



Märklin-LGB G scale „Allegra“ (RhB ABe) after installing supercap energy storage, speaker, and decoder MX695LS.

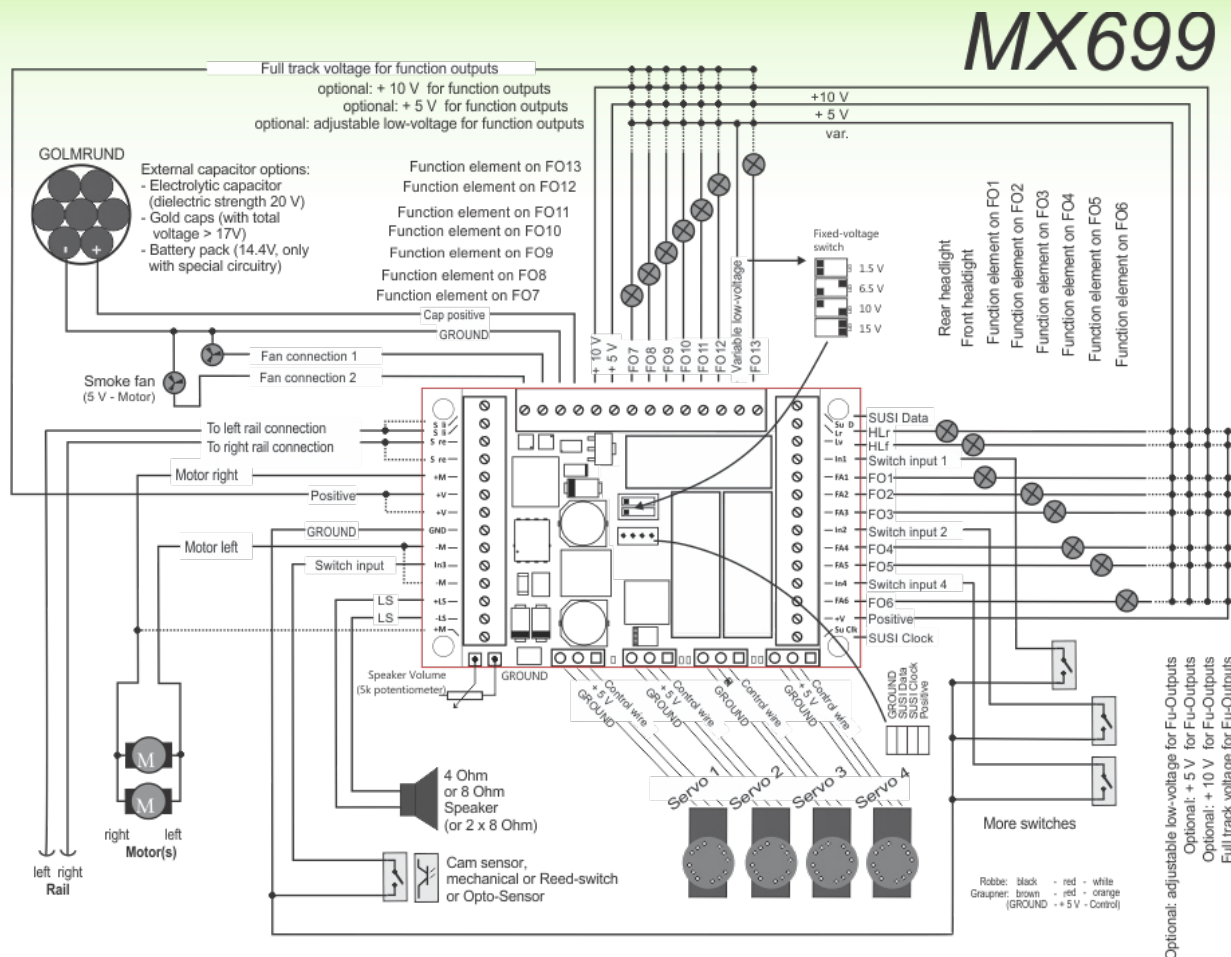
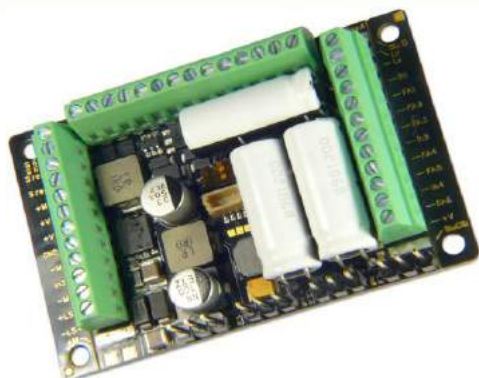


Trainline HSB Mallet, installation of loco board LOKPLSHMAL and inserted Large scale Sound decoder MX696S

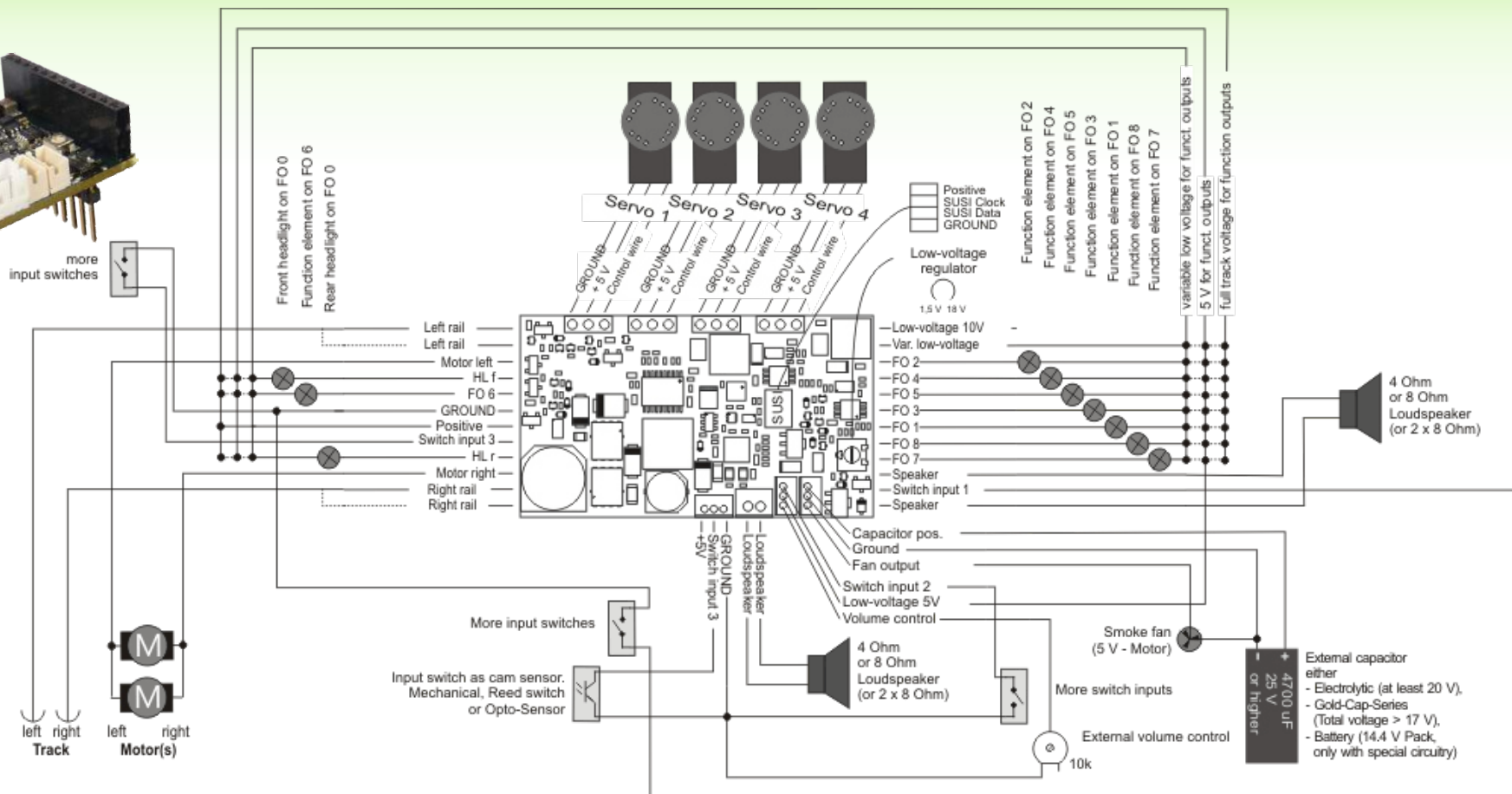
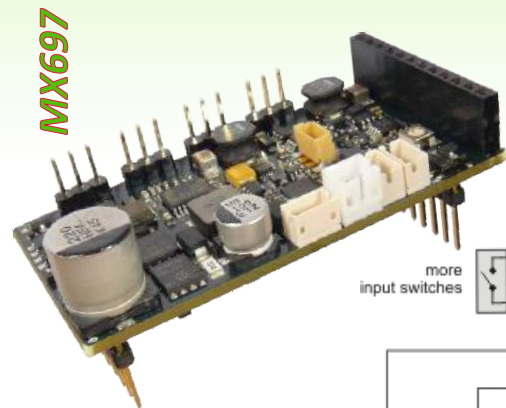




MX699







# MX820<sub>E, D</sub>

accessory decoder for 1 switch



**MX820E**  
standard layout,  
one-sided board  
assembly

DCC + RailCom

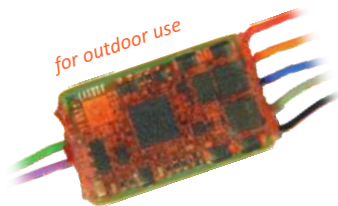
**19 x 11 x 2 mm**

MX820D with waterproof shrink tube: 24 x 12 x 3 mm

**1,0 A** total current

**1** output for a switch with  
double coil drive, motor drive,  
EPL drive or a signal with 2 lights

**2** inputs for forced switching  
or stance contacts



**MX820D**  
wie MX820E,  
aber mit  
Abdichtung  
gegen  
Spritzwasser



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# MX820<sub>V</sub>

accessory decoder for 2 switches



**MX820V**  
as MX820E,  
but  
two-sided  
board  
assembly  
for 2 output  
pairs

DCC + RailCom

**19 x 11 x 3 mm**

**1,0 A** total current

**2** outputs for switches with  
double coil drive, motor drive,  
EPL drive or signals with 2 lights each

**4** inputs for forced switching  
or stance contacts

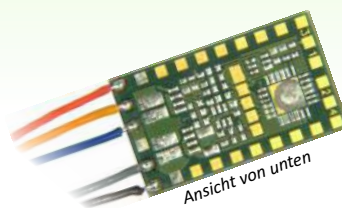
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# MX820<sub>X, Y</sub>

accessory decoder with light outputs



**MX820X**  
as MX820E,  
but with  
additional  
8 outputs  
for signal  
lights etc.  
on solder pads

DCC + RailCom

**19 x 11 x 3 mm**

**1,0 A** total current

**1** resp. **2** outputs for switch-drives

**8** resp. **16** outputs for signal lights  
(LEDs or light bulbs up to 100 mA)

**4** inputs for forced switching or stance contacts



**MX820Y**  
as MX820V,  
but with  
additional  
16 outputs  
for signal  
lights etc.  
on solder pads

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# MX820<sub>Z</sub>

accessory decoder with light outputs



**MX820Z**  
NO „normal“  
outputs for  
track-switches,  
but 16 outputs  
for signal  
lights etc.  
on solder pads

DCC + RailCom

**19 x 11 x 3 mm**

**1,0 A** total current

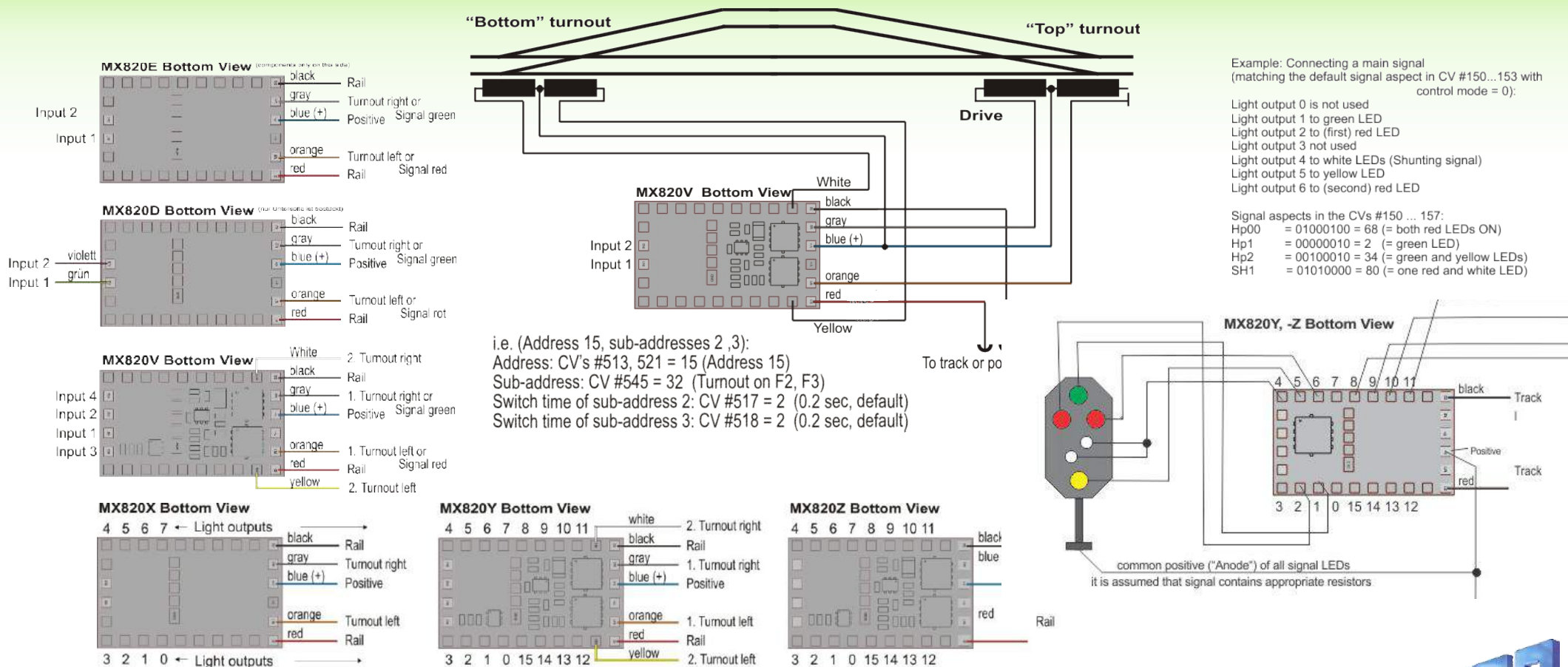
**16** outputs for signal lights  
(LEDs or light bulbs up to 100 mA)

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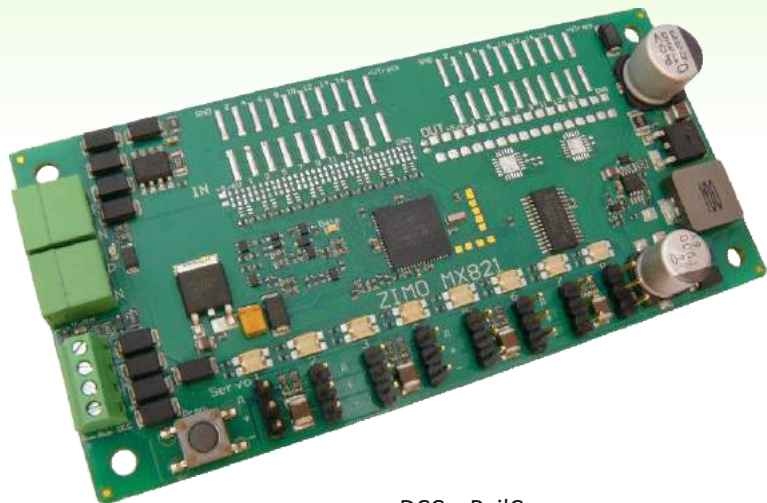
# Connecting accessory decoders





# MX821S

accessory decoder for 8 servos



DCC + RailCom

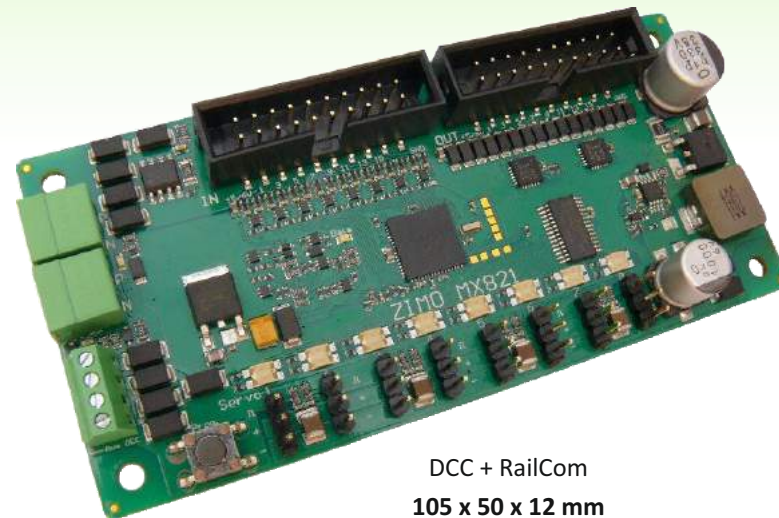
**105 x 50 x 12 mm**

**8 complete servo outputs**  
(control, minus, 5 V from own voltage regulator)

Low voltage for servo supply  
(5 oder 6 V, 3 A)

# MX821V

accessory decoder for 8 servos, 16 inputs and 16 outputs



DCC + RailCom

**105 x 50 x 12 mm**

**8 complete servo outputs**  
(control, minus, 5 V from own voltage regulator)

Low voltage for servo supply and  
16 loads at the outputs  
(5 oder 6 V, 3 A)

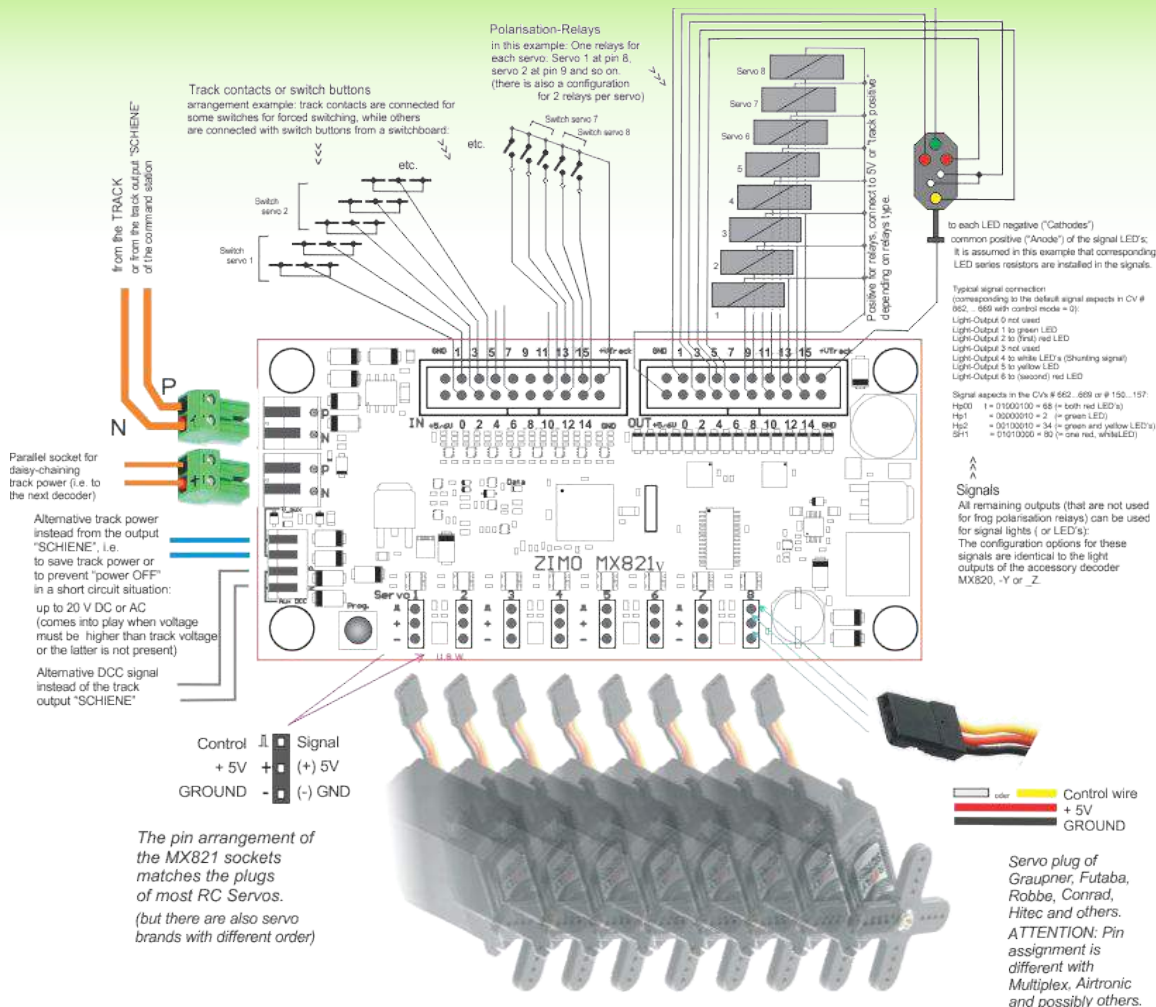
**16 inputs** for forced switching or  
stance contacts

**16 outputs** for relays or  
or signal lights

# Connecting accessory decoders MX821

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**MX821S** as MX821V,  
but without in- and outputs.



## ZIMO accessory decoders MX820 und MX821

### Three methods for addressing:

- 1) The address programming (= allocating the desired accessory address 1...511) is normally done with "service mode" programming at the command station's programming track output, which allows only one decoder to be connected at the time.
- 2) If the decoder is not yet installed in the layout, or is at least easily accessible, it can also be programmed with a new address using the button on the MX821. After the decoder is connected and powered up, press the button until the servo LED's change from red (or green) to orange. The decoder is now in the "address learn" mode waiting on the next switch command.
- 3) This is a new feature of ZIMO accessory decoders introduced in 2013 (which includes the MX820, MX821... with software versions from September 2013). It is typically used when decoders get installed without first changing the delivery address 3 to a unique address, which happens quite frequently.

### The „synchronous software update“:

A distinctive feature of the ZIMO accessory decoders is the „synchronous update“, which takes into account that accessory decoders are usually installed permanently in the layout and should preferably remain there during the update.

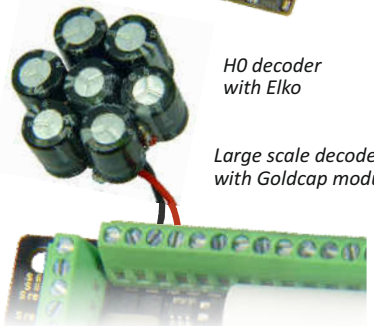
For the synchronous (simultaneous) update of all accessory decoders, connect the decoder update module MXULFA to the track (power bus) in place of the DCC command station and start the special synchronous software update procedure. The MXULFA searches for any accessory decoders (suitable for the synchronous update) and then update ist started.

# Energy storage for ZIMO decoders

## Capacitor-Assortments and ready-to-use-modules



H0 decoder  
with Elko



Large scale decoder  
with Goldcap modul

Energy storage can be connected to the decoder . . .

- + to enable driving over un-energized tracks and turnout frogs,
- + to enable interference-free sound reproduction (often in practice the most important point),
- + to reduce decoder heat specially produced from low resistance motors,
- + to compensate for energy losses due to HLU and RailCom gaps.

Many ZIMO decoders (see decoder summary and descriptions) are equipped with a „direct connection for external energy storage“, in which case electrolytic, tantalum or Goldcap capacitors can be connected without further action by the appropriate pins or wires. For other decoders (especially miniature types) additional components are needed. The following ranges of capacitors are available at ZIMO (alternatively, such components can be purchased on the electronics market).

Small decoders do not have a „direct connect“, but with some additional components a energy storage (at almost no cost) is possible.

The following assortments and modules are available from ZIMO:

### SPEIKOMP



Assortment of capacitors, inductors, diodes, resistors for a ZIMO decoder  
WITHOUT direct energy storage connection,  
i.e. for MX621, MX622, MX623, MX630, MX646, MX648

### ELKSODR



Assortment of capacitors, inductors, diodes, resistors for 10 ZIMO decoders  
WITHOUT direct energy storage connection,  
i.e. for MX621, MX622, MX623, MX630, MX646, MX64



ELKSOMT  
ELKSOGR  
ELKSOGR

Elko assortment for 10 - 20 ZIMO decoders with 25 V connection  
Elko assortment for 20 - 30 ZIMO decoders mit 16 V connection  
Elko assortment for 5 - 10 ZIMO large scale decoders wit 16 V  
Capacities varying with availability



TANTSOPL

Tantal-assortment (30 x 220 µF)  
for 2 to 4 ZIMO decoders (10 to 20 per decoder)  
with direct energy storage connection „16 V“  
i.e. for MX633, MX645 and large scale decoders MX695, MX696, ...



GOLDSORG

Goldcap-assortment (15 x 1 F, 8 x 12 mm)  
for ZIMO large scale decoders and  
certain H0-decoders (series of 7 Goldcaps)  
i.e. for MX695, MX696, ..., MX633, possibly further enhanced types



GOLMRUND  
25 x 14 mm

Goldcap - ready-to-use-module (board with 7 pieces, 140000 µF)  
for ZIMO large scale decoders and certain H0-decoders  
i.e. for MX695, MX696, ..., MX633, possibly further enhanced types



GOLMLANG  
60 x 8 x 14 mm

Goldcap - ready-to-use-module (board with 7 pieces, 140000 µF)  
for ZIMO large scale decoder and certain H0-decoders  
i.e. for MX695, MX696, ..., MX633, possibly further enhanced types



SUPERCAP68  
27 x 15 x 5,5 mm

Goldcap - ready-to-use-module with 6800 µF  
for all ZIMO decoders with 16 V energy connection  
i.e. for MX633, MX645, ...





# Speakers for ZIMO decoders

## a lot of sound on little space

<b>LS8X12</b>	8 x 12 x 8 mm	miniature rectangular speaker
<b>LS10X15</b>	10 x 15 x 8 mm	8 ohm / 1 W
<b>LS10X15H11</b>	10 x 15 x 11 mm	8 ohm / 1 W
<b>LS13X18</b>	13 x 18 x 13 mm „Dumbo“	8 ohm / 1 W

*ZIMO special types with integrated sound box;  
the sound outputs of the decoders MX644, MX645 are able to  
operate two 8 ohm speakers parallel (volume effect such as  
one 4 Ohm / 2 W); with MX646, MX648 only 1 speaker  
NOT suitable for a large scale decoder (because of their 10 V output)*

<b>LS20R</b>	20 mm round speaker	8 ohm / 1 W
<b>LS23R</b>	23 mm round speaker	8 ohm / 0,5 W
<b>LS28R</b>	28 mm round speaker	8 ohm / 0,5 W

<b>LS26X20X08</b>	26 x 20 x 8 mm	200 Hz - 20 kHz	8 ohm / 1 W
<b>LS40X20X09</b>	40 x 20 x 9 mm	more low frequency	8 ohm / 1 W
<b>LS40X22X09</b>	40 x 22 x 9 mm	high volume	4 ohm / 2 W
<b>LS50X15X14</b>	50 x 15 x 14 mm	both types for more	4 ohm / 2 W
<b>LS55X22X09</b>	55 x 22 x 9 mm	low frequencies and high volume	

*ZIMO special types with integrated sound box,  
the larger types consisting of 2 „Dumbos“.*

<b>LSG50X15X14</b>	50 x 15 x 14 mm	if shortage of space	16 ohm / 2 W
<b>LSK50WP</b>	5 cm, low install. depth	170 Hz - 17 kHz	8 ohm / 3 W
<b>LSK64WP</b>	6 cm, low install. depth	170 Hz - 15 kHz	8 ohm / 3 W
<b>LSFR55</b>	5 cm, with mounting plate	150 Hz - 20 kHz	8 ohm / 5 W
<b>LSFRW55</b>	5 cm, low install. depth	150 Hz - 20 kHz	8 ohm / 4 W
<b>LSFRW55R</b>	5 cm, w/o mounting plate	150 Hz - 20 kHz	8 ohm / 4 W
<b>LSFRS7</b>	7 cm	150 Hz - 20 kHz	8 ohm / 5 W
<b>LSFRS8</b>	8 cm	100 Hz - 20 kHz	4 ohm / 30 W

*This is the ZIMO selection of VISATON for large scale decoders.  
ZIMO large scale decoders such as MX696, MX697, MX699 supply the sound*

# Material for ZIMO decoders

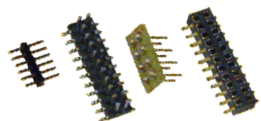
## plugs, connection material, smoke generator

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**FLEXL10xx**  
**FLEXL1000xx**

10 m highly flexible stranded wire colors: black, red, blue, grey,  
1000 m highly flexible stranded wire, reel yellow, orange, green,  
white, brown, violet



**STIFT6**  
**RSTECK**

NEM651 plug for refitting (= 6 pin plug connector)  
NEM652 plug for refitting (2 x 4 = 8 pin)

**BUCHS6**  
**STIFT22**  
**BUCHS22**

counterpart of 6 pin plug connector (NEM651: N, F -decoders)  
counterpart of 21 pin socket board (MTC: D, C -decoders)  
counterpart of 22 pin plug connector (PluX: P16, P22 -decoders)



**BUCHS8KAB**  
**M4000Z**

8 pin female connector for NEM 652 with cable  
amplifier module for logic level output



**LITZAWG22xx**

7 m wire for large scale applications colors: black, red, white  
grey, blue, orange, yellow, green, brown

**CRIBUCHS12**  
**CRIBUCHS14**  
**CRIMPTOOL**  
**CRIBUSET**

12 pin Crimp-socket for large scale decoder MX695  
14 pin Crimp-socket for large scale decoder MX699  
Crimping-tool for socket CRIBUCHS12  
assortment: 12 x CRIBUCHS12 + Crimp-tool



**BAKASTE2X5**  
**BAKASTE2X10**  
**BAKAB20POL**

ribbon cable plug (cutting terminal) 10 pin (2 x 5)  
ribbon cable plug (cutting terminal) 20 pin (2 x 10)  
30 m ribbon cable 20 pin for large scale decoder MX696



**SCHRAUB10**  
**SCHRAUB16**  
**SCHRAUB20**

screw adapter for 10 pin plug connector for MX696S  
screw adapter for 16 pin plug connector for MX690  
screw adapter for 20 pin plug connector for MX696



**SUSIKAB**

4 pin connection cable for SUSI interface

**TR92-101**

smoke generator with fan for large scale  
49 x 29 x 33 mm (without flange), tank volume 4 ml



# Sound providers

*These pages show ZIMO partners who make sound projects for ZIMO sound decoders. They are not employed at ZIMO, selling their projects directly, but are a part of ZIMO's human resources.*

## Heinz Däppen (CH) (Sound Design)

... has started in the year 2009 to design sound projects commercially. He together with ZIMO invented the „coded“ project, where a load code has to be written to the CVs # 260 - 263 before loading the sound project itself. This is the basis for all sound providers to get money from the customers using their projects.

Heinz Däppen also works for famous model railway manufactures which pre-install his sound projects in their locos. Heinz Däppen together with Matthias Henning defined the „ZIMO Advanced Standard“ for assigning functions to lighting and sound effects. Now there exists also a „ZIMO US Standard“.

the sound portfolio of Heinz Däppen contains Swiss and USA vehicles, mostly narrow-gauge prototypes.

[www.sound-design.white-stone.ch](http://www.sound-design.white-stone.ch)



Switzerland (RhB) ...)



... and USA (Mogul)

## Gabriel Meszároš (SK) (Artol s.r.o., Slovakia)

(Self introduction) My first attempt with sound projects is dated to 2008, when I was asked to prepare a sound project for steam locomotive Class 556.0 "Stoker". Then I started working on some other sound projects. It required study of decoder features and orienting in the options. I like the large variability of sounds matching options and work with them via settings in the decoder. It is not always easy, but hope that my aim to achieve realistic sound is fulfilled.

I prefer working on diesel locomotive projects, whose sound can be quite different depending on the operating mode. It is always a challenge, as the best record sounds, process them, snip and assemble them into a final sound project. Continue to update older sound projects as new decoders brings new possibilities or I have the opportunity to record new sound to achieve better experience for model railroaders enthusiasts.

[www.artol.sk](http://www.artol.sk)



## Matthias Henning (D) (Modellbahnwelt Henning)

(Self introduction) Born in the DDR (GDR - German democratic republic) I got my first PIKO model railway in the year 1961. In the eighties I started to make sound and substandard film recordings from locomotives. From this early activities I could use something much later for my sound projects.

My special field are the locomotives from the former „Deutsche Reichsbahn“, epoch III and IV. In the year 2000 I started to make sound projects for other decoder manufacturers, from the year 2010 for ZIMO sound decoders.

Currently (when this text is written, in the year 2015) I am working on sound projects for the „sächsische V11K“, the „996102“ and the „VT2.09“

[www.henning-modellbahn.de](http://www.henning-modellbahn.de)

Die BR118 DR, PIKO Modell in TT



### Keith Pearson - Mr Soundguy (UK)

Keith Pearson has brought together a lifetime interest in model railways, a career in computer software development and testing, and significant experience in professional sound engineering, to launch a range of model railway sound projects under the brand of CEMr Soundguy<sup>1</sup>. The sound projects use authentic sounds from recordings, and these are further tailored using spectrum analysis in order to obtain the best results from the specific speaker/enclosure.

UK distributor: [www.railexclusive.com](http://www.railexclusive.com)



### Modelleisenbahn GmbH (A)

From the year 2010 (as ZIMO started to deliver decoders to Roco and Fleischmann) many sound projects were created, in many cases as results of cooperation between ZIMO and Roco sound specialists, sometimes also with the help of external sound providers. Most of these sound projects are now available on the ZIMO sound database for free download.

Besides of standard locomotives there exist special cases, which demonstrate what ZIMO technology is able to do: e.g. turning and lowering/lifting the vehicle body, snow blowing, of course everything with original sound.



Beilhack  
rotary snow plow  
(a Roco model)



### ZIMO ELEKTRONIK GmbH (A)

Also ZIMO itself acts as a sound provider: two employees working on design of sound projects (besides of other tasks).

Sound projects are made as own products (for free download from the sound database) or on order of loco manufacturers.



Oswald Holub



Quang Nguyen



Two of many locos with sound projects from Paul Chetter:  
SLW 00 gauge Class 24, Minerva Pecket

### Paul Chetter (UK)

... is the regular DCC Sound contributor to Hornby Magazine and has been a 'Champion' of ZIMO since 2009. Paul has created many British steam and diesel locomotive sound projects which are available from a number of UK ZIMO retailers. He has created custom projects for a number of model manufacturers across a range of gauges.

Many new features have resulted from suggestions, developments and field testing originating from Paul, the most recent being the Brake Key and Manual Notching for decoders and the numbering of sound samples in ZSP. He continues to be at the forefront of project enhancements, helping to bring the ZIMO brand to more users.

Paul's most recent projects are for the Sutton's Locomotive Works Class 24 Diesel-Electric in 00 gauge and Minerva Models' Peckett E Steam loco in 0 gauge; both were released in December 2015.

Although standard gauge mainline locomotives and multiple units form a large part of his portfolio Paul continues to support the needs of Industrial and Narrow Gauge modellers with a range of custom projects.

Chetter sound projects are „preloaded“ only in ZIMO decoders or in ZIMO equipped UK locos, available from UK dealers. See Sound database on ZIMO Website and contact directly the dealers or ZIMO's distributor for UK: [office@philipsutton.com](mailto:office@philipsutton.com)





# MXULF, MXULFA Decoder update and sound loading device

## ★ MXULF and MXULFA: MXULFA = MXULF with display!

„ULF“ are the initials of „Update“, „Laden“, „Fahren“ (German for loading and driving).

starting screen on the MXULFA,  
with display of the track  
voltage for updating

MXULF,E SW:0.32  
11.6 Vout

## ★ self-update from USB-stick

Selbst-Update  
erfolgreich

display after self-update  
on MXULFA; in addition „LED 3“  
green (also visible on the MXULF)

## ★ decoder update and sound loading with the USB-Stick

MXULFA tries to find out,  
which decoder type it is  
(from the UID)

MXULF,E SW:0.32  
suche Decoder

Update OK  
Update: 100%

success message

display of the loading progress,  
both in case of loading via track  
and via „SUSI loading“

Sound Flash: 60%

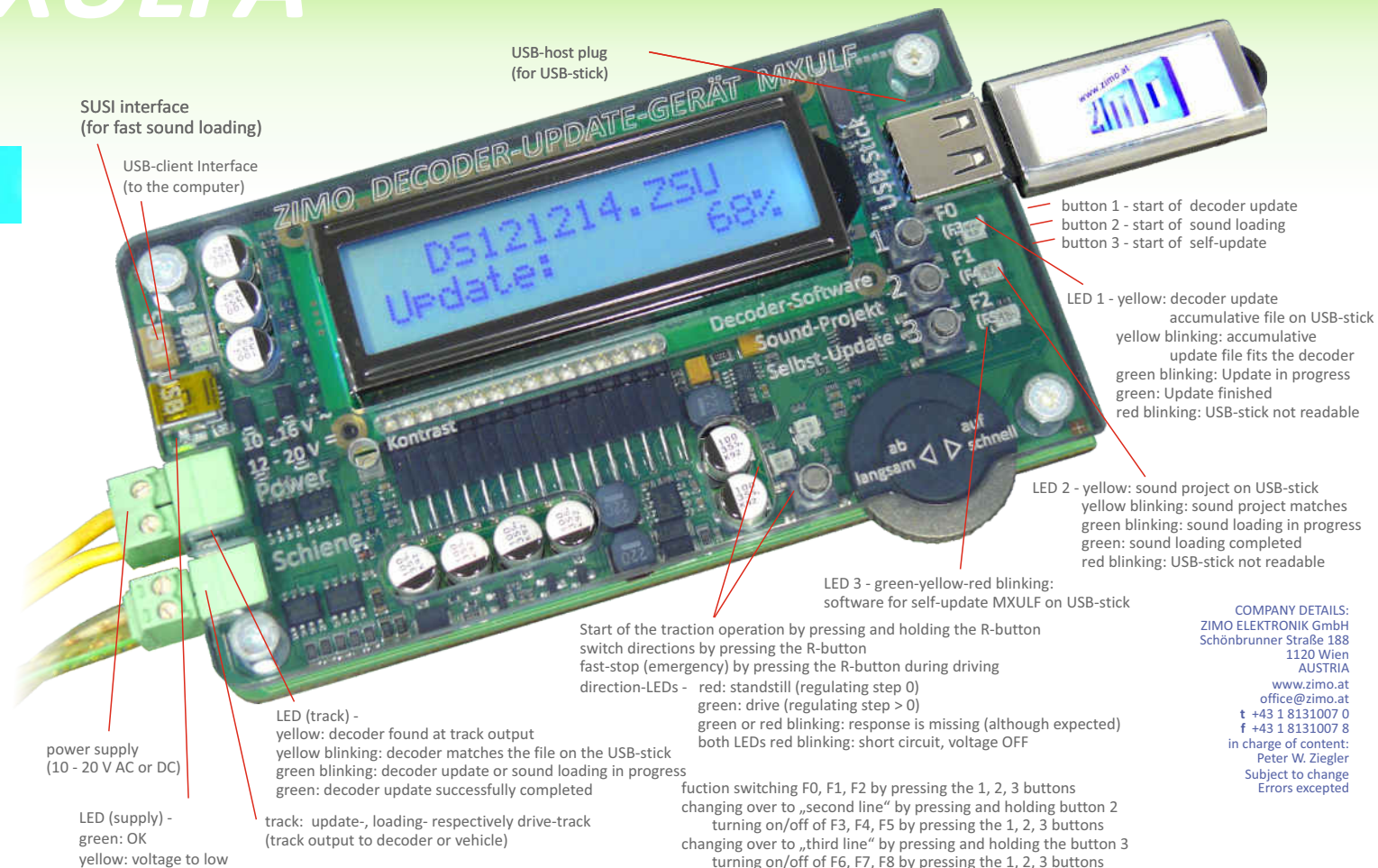
## ★ Driving locos and programming CVs with MXULFA

RÜ 56 Adr 1016  
F0,F1,F2 = 1,1,0

„DRIVE“ screen with directions,  
regulating step, address, status  
of a selection of functions

STOPP  
F0,F1,F2 = 1,1,0

emergency stop!



USB-host plug  
(for USB-stick)

SUSI interface  
(for fast sound loading)

USB-client interface  
(to the computer)

power supply  
(10 - 20 V AC or DC)

LED (supply) -  
green: OK  
yellow: voltage to low

LED (track) -  
yellow: decoder found at track output  
yellow blinking: decoder matches the file on the USB-stick  
green blinking: decoder update or sound loading in progress  
green: decoder update successfully completed

track: update-, loading- respectively drive-track  
(track output to decoder or vehicle)

Start of the traction operation by pressing and holding the R-button  
switch directions by pressing the R-button  
fast-stop (emergency) by pressing the R-button during driving

direction-LEDs - red: standstill (regulating step 0)  
green: drive (regulating step > 0)  
green or red blinking: response is missing (although expected)  
both LEDs red blinking: short circuit, voltage OFF

function switching F0, F1, F2 by pressing the 1, 2, 3 buttons  
changing over to „second line“ by pressing and holding button 2  
turning on/off of F3, F4, F5 by pressing the 1, 2, 3 buttons  
changing over to „third line“ by pressing and holding the button 3  
turning on/off of F6, F7, F8 by pressing the 1, 2, 3 buttons

button 1 - start of decoder update  
button 2 - start of sound loading  
button 3 - start of self-update

LED 1 - yellow: decoder update  
accumulative file on USB-stick  
yellow blinking: accumulative  
update file fits the decoder  
green blinking: Update in progress  
green: Update finished  
red blinking: USB-stick not readable

LED 2 - yellow: sound project on USB-stick  
yellow blinking: sound project matches  
green blinking: sound loading in progress  
green: sound loading completed  
red blinking: USB-stick not readable

LED 3 - green-yellow-red blinking:  
software for self-update MXULF on USB-stick

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# The ZIMO System

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*More information  
in the system catalogue*

## **MX32** *The handheld cab*

- ▶ with real slide controller, real keyboard AND touch screen.
- ▶ for train control, switching, programming, ....

## **MX10** *The command station*

- ▶ 2 track outputs with 12 A + 8 A.
- ▶ voltage from 10 to 24 V, max. current from 1 to 12 (8) A adjustable by fine steps.
- ▶ communication via CAN Bus, MiWi radio, XnetPress, USB, LAN/WiFi, et. al.
- ▶ RailCom high precision detectors.

Rail **Com**





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