

SKAARHOJ TCP Link

for Atem Switchers

The TCP Link establishes a connection to an ATEM switcher for programs and devices without native ATEM protocol support.



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Introduction

A larger number of functions on the ATEM series of switchers can be controlled from a SKAARHOJ TCP Link and we have integrated with the ATEM switchers for a long time.

When using the TCP Link one can connect to the ATEM Switcher directly without the need of running ATEM Software Control Panel on your computer. But you can, and any change made either way will be reflected on each device.

You can connect to a single ATEM Switcher from a single SKAARHOJ TCP Link but limitations apply. The different ATEM Switchers varies in how many clients can be connected at the same time. For details see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ApYouYfx5G4>

Theoretically, up to 7 clients can be connected to the ATEM TCP Link simultaneously.

Please notice the ATEM Switchers are very picky as to latency for connected clients. Ensure a stable and fast network. If using VPN or other long distance network solutions latency may be too high and connection will not be established.

Update June 2025

Previous issues with connection to the Constellation HD 2 M/E have been resolved after an update to the Atem. As of now there are no known issues with connection, though we can not guarantee future updates to some models of Atems will not result in issues. We do offer an alternative to the TCP Link using our [Blue Pill Server](#) and [DC Link License](#). This gives expanded command access and increased device connections.

Update July 2022

At this time we can not guarantee support of the Atem Constellation HD 2 M/E. We are looking into the problem and have reached out to Blackmagic. This seems to be a common problem with 3rd party integrations for this model due to the way it sends data back to the connected devices.

Update December 2020

With the release of ATEM2TCP Firmware v1.5.5 we now support recording and streaming for the Atem Mini and Atem Mini Pro.

Update May 2020

After the release of the ATEM Mini and ATEM Mini Pro, we can confirm that our current ATEM2TCP Link firmware is able to control the base functions of the ATEM Mini series but we have not yet implemented full support for the ATEM Mini series with our TCP Link.

Known Limitations

- Audio control has not yet been fully implemented on the TCP Link. There is no support for Fairlight Audio, only legacy audio and in a limited capacity.
- Atem Mini and Atem Mini Pro support has not yet been fully implemented.
- For the TCP Link on AVR control of ME3 and ME4 is not possible due to memory restrictions. On the Due it works.
- Please note that not all commands are meant to change a parameter on an Atem switcher, some are for the return of the current status.

Port Information

Protocol	Listening Port	Destination Port
TCP	8899	9910

Note for working with some TCP Programs

For some programs, like Extron, it may be necessary to wrap the outgoing command in \n

When using hexadecimal this may look like \x0D\x0A

Set Up

Firmware Updater

You won't get far without the SKAARHOJ Firmware Updater application. Download it www.skaarhoj.com/support/firmware-updater/. Install, run it and connect your controller. Please notice the USB cable is only to be used for configuration and firmware upgrade. The USB plug is not designed to be connected during normal operation. More details are found in the "[Firmware Updater Application](#)" section of Installation and Operations Manual at "<https://www.skaarhoj.com/support/manuals/>".



Connect the SKAARHOJ controller to your computer with the included USB cable. The device shows up in the Port list. Only connect one SKAARHOJ controller at a time.



Shipping Configuration

The TCP Link ships with the following IP settings

- TCP Link IP: 192.168.10.99
- Subnet: 255.255.255.0
- Gateway: 192.168.10.1
- ATEM IP: 192.168.10.240

These settings can be confirmed and changed by the use of our [Firmware Updater Application](#) via the commands listed in the section "Changing IP Information". Do **not** use any features from the Firmware Updater *besides* the Serial Monitor. Pressing "Update Firmware" will render the firmware on the TCP Link unusable and require reloading the firmware. Please see the "Troubleshooting" section of this manual for more information if you pressed "Update Firmware".

Commands to/from the TCP Link are not done from the Serial Monitor but by establishing a telnet connection to the device. Please see the section "Establishing Telnet Connection".

Changing IP Information

The IP information for the TCP Link can be changed by entering the following commands in the Serial Monitor. You will need to restart the device for changes to take effect.

Device IP Address

- ip=A.B.C.D

ATEM IP Address

- atem=A.B.C.D

Gateway and Subnet

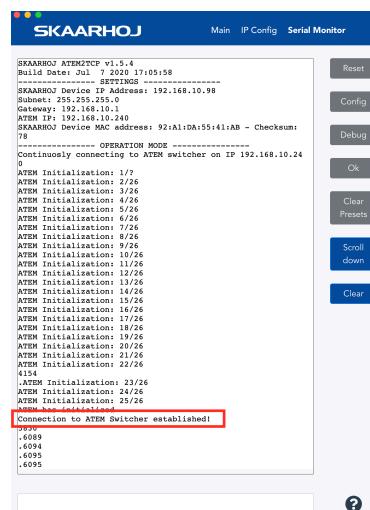
- subnet=A.B.C.D
- gateway=A.B.C.D

Confirm Connection

When a SKAARHOJ controller have successfully connected to the ATEM the serial monitor will report:

ATEM has initialized

Connection to ATEM Switcher established!



If the SKAARHOJ controller is unable to locate the ATEM the network the serial monitor will report:

.Connection to ATEM Switcher has timed out - reconnecting!

Continuously connecting to ATEM switcher on IP 192.168.10.240



Establishing a Telnet Connection

A Telnet connection can be established from Terminal on a Mac or Command Prompt on a Windows computer.

In order to establish a Telnet connection use the port 8899 and the IP address of the TCP Link entered into Terminal or Command

- telnet 192.168.10.99 8899
- nc 192.168.10.99 8899 (some versions of Mac OS do not have telnet, us "nc" instead)

Check the connection by making a CUT or similar action on the ATEM in order to verify you receive state changes.

On the ATEM-TCP Link Auto negotiation is turned off and default interface is set to 100 mbit full duplex.

Mac-Terminal

```
Last login: Tue Aug 18 11:11:54 on ttys000
Heather — telnet 192.168.10.99 8899 — 80x24
The default interactive shell is now zsh.
To update your account to use zsh, please run `chsh -s /bin/zsh`.
For more details, please visit https://support.apple.com/kb/HT208050.
SoftDev-iMac: Heather$ telnet 192.168.10.99 8899
Trying 192.168.10.99...
Connected to 192.168.10.99.
Escape character is '^'.
ProgramInputVideoSource:0=3
TallyBySourceTallyFlags:2=8
TallyBySourceTallyFlags:3=1
ProgramInputVideoSource:0=3
```

Establish Connection

Test Connection

Enabling Telnet on Windows Computers

Windows- Command Prompt

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18362.1016]
(c) 2019 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

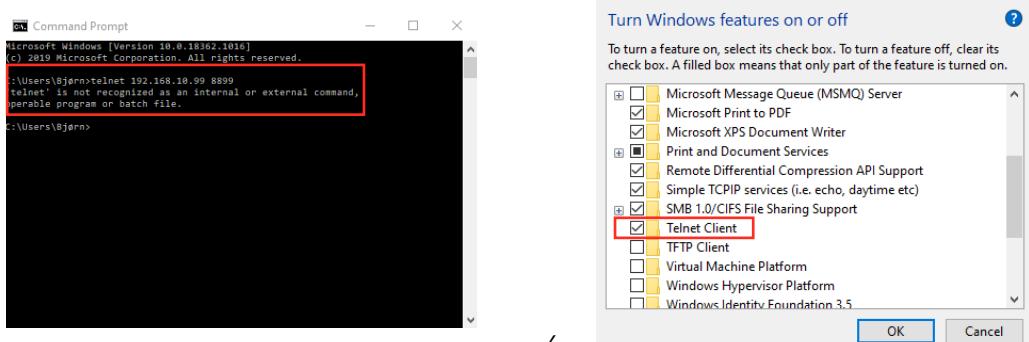
C:\Users\Bjørn>telnet 192.168.10.99 8899
telnet 192.168.10.99 8899
```

Establish Connection

Test Connection

Please note, Telnet is not enable by default on windows computers. If when trying to establish a Telnet connection from Command Prompt you receive the error "Telnet is not recognized as an internal or external command, operable program or batch file." need to enable Telnet under "Turn Windows Features"

you will
On or Off".



Controlling You ATEM

Extract of TCP Link Commands

This list is only of the base command, you will need to test using your Atem to discover the individual parameters of each command.

Items marked in **Blue** only feedback the current state of the ATEM.

Item marked in **Red** are currently not working or feedback incorrectly.

AtemConnected,	TransitionDVEKeySource,
InputLongName,	TransitionDVEEnableKey,
InputShortName,	TransitionDVEPreMultiplied,
InputAvailability,	TransitionDVEClip,
InputMEAvalability,	TransitionDVEGain,
MultiViewerInputVideoSource,	TransitionDVEInvertKey,
ProgramInputVideoSource,	TransitionDVEReverse,
PreviewInputVideoSource,	TransitionDVEFlipFlop,
TransitionStyle,	KeyerOnAirEnabled,
TransitionNextTransition,	KeyerType,
TransitionStyleNext,	KeyerFlyEnabled,
TransitionNextTransitionNext,	KeyerFillSource,
TransitionInTransition,	KeyerKeySource,
TransitionFramesRemaining,	KeyerMasked,
TransitionPosition,	KeyerTop,
TransitionMixRate,	KeyerBottom,
TransitionDipRate,	KeyerLeft,
TransitionDipInput,	KeyerRight,
TransitionWipeRate,	KeyDVESizeX,
TransitionWipePattern,	KeyDVESizeY,
TransitionWipeWidth,	KeyDVEPositionX,
TransitionWipeFillSource,	KeyDVEPositionY,
TransitionWipeSymmetry,	KeyDVERotation,
TransitionWipeSoftness,	KeyDVEBorderEnabled,
TransitionWipePositionX,	KeyDVEShadow,
TransitionWipePositionY,	KeyDVEBorderBevel,
TransitionWipeReverse,	KeyDVEBorderOuterWidth,
TransitionWipeFlipFlop,	KeyDVEBorderInnerWidth,
TransitionDVERate,	KeyDVEBorderOuterSoftness,
TransitionDVEStyle,	KeyDVEBorderInnerSoftness,
TransitionDVEFillSource,	KeyDVEBorderBevelSoftness,

KeyDVEBorderBevelPosition,	CameraControlIrisf,
KeyDVEBorderOpacity,	CameraControlFocus,
KeyDVEBorderHue,	CameraControlGain,
KeyDVEBorderSaturation,	CameraControlWhiteBalance,
KeyDVEBorderLuma,	CameraControlSharpeningLevel,
KeyDVELightSourceDirection,	CameraControlZoomNormalized,
KeyDVELightSourceAltitude,	CameraControlZoomSpeed,
KeyDVEMasked,	CameraControlColorbars,
KeyDVETop,	CameraControlLiftR,
KeyDVEBottom,	CameraControlGammaR,
KeyDVELeft,	CameraControlGainR,
KeyDVERight,	CameraControlLumMix,
KeyDVERate,	CameraControlHue,
DownstreamKeyerFillSource,	CameraControlShutter,
DownstreamKeyerKeySource,	CameraControlLiftG,
DownstreamKeyerTie,	CameraControlGammaG,
DownstreamKeyerRate ,	CameraControlGainG,
DownstreamKeyerPreMultiplied,	CameraControlContrast,
DownstreamKeyerClip,	CameraControlSaturation,
DownstreamKeyerGain,	CameraControlLiftB,
DownstreamKeyerInvertKey,	CameraControlGammaB,
DownstreamKeyerMasked,	CameraControlGainB,
DownstreamKeyerTop,	CameraControlLiftY,
DownstreamKeyerBottom,	CameraControlGammaY,
DownstreamKeyerLeft,	CameraControlGainY,
DownstreamKeyerRight,	MediaPlayerSourceType,
DownstreamKeyerOnAir,	MediaPlayerSourceStillIndex,
DownstreamKeyerInTransition ,	MediaPlayerSourceClipIndex,
DownstreamKeyerIsAutoTransitioning,	MediaPlayerStillFileIsUsed,
DownstreamKeyerFramesRemaining,	MediaPlayerStillFilesFileName,
FadeToBlackRate,	MacroRunStatusState,
FadeToBlackStateFullyBlack ,	MacroRunStatusIsLooping,
FadeToBlackStateInTransition ,	MacroRunStatusIndex,
FadeToBlackStateFramesRemaining ,	MacroPropertiesIsUsed,
AuxSourceInput,	MacroPropertiesName,
CameraControlliris,	SuperSourceFillSource,

SuperSourceKeySource,
 SuperSourceForeground,
 SuperSourcePreMultiplied,
 SuperSourceClip,
 SuperSourceGain,
 SuperSourceInvertKey,
[SuperSourceBorderEnabled](#),
 SuperSourceBorderBevel,
 SuperSourceBorderOuterWidth,
 SuperSourceBorderInnerWidth,
 SuperSourceBorderOuterSoftness,
 SuperSourceBorderInnerSoftness,
 SuperSourceBorderBevelSoftness,
 SuperSourceBorderBevelPosition,
 SuperSourceBorderHue,
 SuperSourceBorderSaturation,
 SuperSourceBorderLuma,
 SuperSourceLightSourceDirection,
 SuperSourceLightSourceAltitude,
 SuperSourceBoxParametersEnabled,
 SuperSourceBoxParametersInputSource,
 SuperSourceBoxParametersPositionX,
 SuperSourceBoxParametersPositionY,
 SuperSourceBoxParametersSize,
 SuperSourceBoxParametersCropped,
 SuperSourceBoxParametersCropTop,
 SuperSourceBoxParametersCropBottom,
 SuperSourceBoxParametersCropLeft,
 SuperSourceBoxParametersCropRight,
 AudioMixerInputMixOption,
 AudioMixerInputVolume,
 AudioMixerInputBalance,
 AudioMixerMasterVolume,
 AudioMixerMonitorMonitorAudio,
 AudioMixerMonitorVolume,

AudioMixerMonitorMute,
[AudioMixerMonitorSolo](#),
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[AudioMixerLevelsMasterRight](#),
[AudioMixerLevelsMasterPeakLeft](#),
[AudioMixerLevelsMasterPeakRight](#),
[AudioMixerLevelsMonitor](#),
[AudioMixerLevelsSourceOrder](#),
[AudioMixerLevelsSourceLeft](#),
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[AudioMixerLevelsSourcePeakLeft](#),
[AudioMixerLevelsSourcePeakRight](#),
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 performCutME,
 performAutoME,
 performDownstreamKeyerAutoKeyer,
 performFadeToBlackME,
[CameraControlAutoFocus](#),
[CameraControlAutolris](#),
[CameraControlResetAll](#),
 MacroAction,
 MacroRunChangePropertiesLooping,
 AudioLevelsEnable,
 RecordingStatus,
 StreamingStatus,
 dumpState,

Command Structure Examples

For detailed reference please see: [Legacy BMD Atem Protocol Information](#)

The correct syntax for a Cut on 1 M/E is:

- performCutME:0=1

The correct syntax for a Cut on 2 M/E is:

- performCutME:1=1

The correct syntax for a Auto Transition on 1 M/E is:

- performAutoME:0=1

The correct syntax for a Auto Transition on 2 M/E is:

- performAutoME:1=1

DCut Cut						
Byte#	DataType:	Description:	Value Range	Arduino API: <i>In ATEMmax, ATEMext, ATEMstd, ATEMmin</i>	BMD API Method:	
0	uint8	M/E	0: ME1 1: ME2	void performCutME(uint8_t mE)	PerformCut	
1-3		(Unknown)				
						

DAut Auto						
Byte#	DataType:	Description:	Value Range	Arduino API: <i>In ATEMmax, ATEMext, ATEMstd, ATEMmin</i>	BMD API Method:	
0	uint8	M/E	0: ME1 1: ME2	void performAutoME(uint8_t mE)	PerformAutoTransition	
1-3		(Unknown)				
						

The correct syntax for starting macro playback is:

- MacroAction:1=0

Where 1 in this case is macro number 2, as the numbering starts from 0. The number 0 is a parameter meaning "Run Macro", where the following different parameters are available for this particular command.

MAct Macro Action						
Byte#	DataType:	Description:	Value Range	Arduino API: <i>In ATEMmax, ATEMext, ATEMstd</i>	BMD API Method:	
0-1	uint16	Index <i>This starts running a macro, or stops macro execution if the index value is 0xFFFF. This is also used to stop the recording of a macro!</i>	0-99: Macro Index Number. 0xFFFF: stop	INDEX		
2	uint8	Action	0: Run Macro 1: Stop (w/Index 0xFFFF) 2: Stop Recording (w/Index 0xFFFF) 3: Insert Wait for User (w/Index 0xFFFF) 4: Continue (w/Index 0xFFFF) 5: Delete Macro	void setMacroAction(uint16_t index, uint8_t action)		
3		(Unknown)				

If you wanted to stop macro playback, you would send 1 as the parameter, and hexadecimal 0xFFFF as the index, which is 65535 in decimal, so that the command would be

- MacroAction:65535=1

If you want to set AUX1 to CAM4 use

- AuxSourceInput:0=4

CAuS Aux Source					
(set) 4 bytes	Byte#	DataType:	Description:	Value Range	Arduino API: <i>In ATEMmax, ATEMext, ATEMstd, ATEMmin</i>
	0	1 bit	Set Mask	Bit 0: Source=On/Off	INDEX
	1	uint8	AUX Channel	0-5: Aux 1-6	INDEX
	2-3	VIDEOSRC	Input	(See video source list)	void setAuxSourceInput(uint8_t aUXChannel, uint16_t SetInputSource input)
			Aux1 Aux2 Aux3		
			Black		
			Camera 1		
			Camera 2		
			Camera 3		
			Camera4		
			Camera 5		
			Camera 6		
			Camera 7		
			Camera 8		
			Camera 9		
			Camera 10		
			Camera 11		
			Camera 12		
			Camera 13		
			Camera 14		
			Camera 15		
			Camera 16		
			✓ Color Bars		
			Color 1		
			Color 2		
			Media Player 1		
			Media Player 1 Key		
			Media Player 2		
			Media Player 2 Key		
			SuperSource		
			Clean Feed 1		
			Clean Feed 2		
			ME 1 Prog		
			ME 1 Prev		
			ME 2 Prog		
			ME 2 Prev		

If you want to set PGM on ME1 to CAM3 use

- ProgramInputVideoSource:0=3

CPgi Program Input					
(set) 4 bytes	Byte#	DataType:	Description:	Value Range	Arduino API: <i>In ATEMmax, ATEMext, ATEMstd, ATEMmin</i>
	0	uint8	M/E	0: ME1 1: ME2	INDEX
	1		(Unknown)		
	2-3	VIDEOSRC	Video Source	(See video source list)	void setProgramInputVideoSource(uint8_t mE, uint16_t videoSource)
			Program		
			Cam1		
			Cam2		
			Cam3		
			Cam4		
			Cam5		
			BLACK		
			COLOR 1		
			M/E 2 PROG		
			Cam6		
			Cam7		
			Cam8		
			Cam9		
			Cm10		
			SUPER SRC		
			MEDIA 1		
			MEDIA 2		

Updating Firmware

Finding the Latest Firmware

The firmware for the TCP Link can be found in the section "Stand Alone Firmwares" from <https://www.skaarhoj.com/support/firmware-updater/>

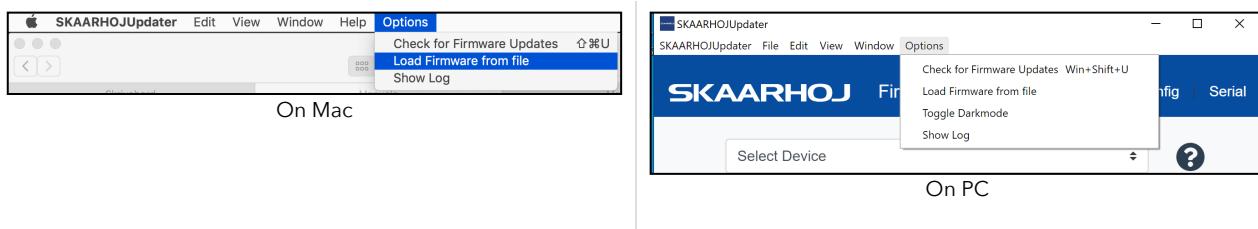
Please use the picture below to determine the microprocessor type in your product. It is important to upload/update with a firmware file that matches the microprocessor type, the two are not compatible.

If you are unsure of which type your TCP Link uses, please email a picture of the ports with no cables attached to: support@skaarhoj.com



Load Firmware from File

The function "Load Firmware from File" is in the Options tab in the Firmware Application. The function is used to for the ATEM-TCP Link.



Please note that though you need the SKAARHOJ Firmware Updater to do firmware updates, you do not use "Update Firmware" in the Firmware Application as this will render the firmware on the device useless. If "Update Firmware" have been pressed, please re-upload the proper firmware .hex file found in the section "Stand Alone Firmwares" from <https://www.skaarhoj.com/support/firmware-updater/>

Change Log

v.1.5.6

- Fix bug when pedestal is changed, unnecessary "InputLongName:" are sent
- Fix bug if the shutter is set to less than 1/60 second, the command is triggered in the loop

v.1.5.5

- Add support for record and stream for Atem Mini Pro
- Fix SuperSourceBorder parameters control
- Added support for Downstream Keyer parameters
- Added support for Keyer Type and parameter control

v1.5.4

- Fix Downstream Keyer command

v1.5.3

- Prevent firmware-updater from uploading wrong file

v.1.5.2

- Fix bug that cause verbose output with Atem Constellation

v.1.5.1

- Fix bug that stopped updates from being displayed

v.1.5

- Added support for Atem v8.1

v.1.4

- Updated to work with Skaarduino DUE V2.0

v.1.3

- Updated Atem Library to newest version, increases connection stability

v.1.2

- Added hardcoded ethernet 100 mbps full duplex mode setting, auto-negotiation disabled for better support for Lynksys Switches

v1.1

- Added support for Irisf command
- Added support for Atem 7.5.1+

V1.0

- Initial release

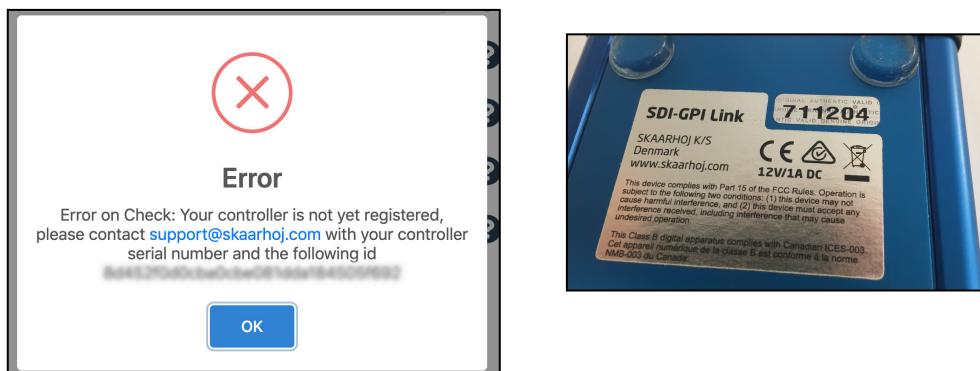
Troubleshooting

Error on Check: Your controller is not yet registered

If you press Update Firmware you might experience a message from the Firmware Updater stating that the connected controller is not fully registered yet. The TCP Link uses Stand Alone firmware and is not updated through the "Update Firmware" button on the firmware updater.

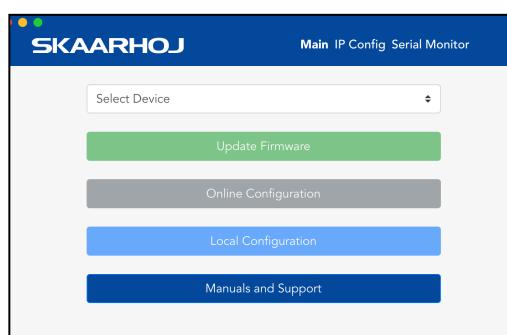
To upload the latest TCP Link firmware please see the "Updating Firmware" section of this manual.

If you were trying to change the IP address for your TCP Link please see the "Changing IP Information" section of this manual.



Controller does not show up under Port in Firmware Application

If your controller doesn't show up under ports, try these things first:



- Make sure you have attached your controller with a micro USB cable to your computer. Check the micro USB is fully inserted into the USB plug on the controller
- Is the controller turned on?
- Reboot your computer
- Change the USB cable for another one
- Avoid using USB adapters to eliminate point of failures
- Try to use a different USB port on your computer
- Boot the controller in config mode: Disconnect the controller's power, then hold the config button under the power plug down with a pen tip, power on the controller and hold the button until it lights blue, then release.

If none of the above brings up the USB port, you may try this procedure **but only after clearing it with the SKAARHOJ support team!**

- Locate the small hole just below the config button
- Power on the controller and press this tiny button for a second and release. You may repeat this. (Pressing this button while the controller is on should reset it completely).
- Turn off the controller, then turn it on again. Now you should see the USB port in the firmware application.



Old method if no hole below config button are present:

- Open the controller carefully and locate the SKAARDUINO main board (the one with the ethernet plug)
- Locate the flat cable connector in the corner of this board. Next to this connector you will see a tiny button.
- Power on the controller and press this tiny button for a second and release. You may repeat this. (Pressing this button while the controller is on should reset it completely).
- Turn off the controller, then turn it on again. Now you should see the USB port in the firmware application.

Network Recommendations

Facts

- SKAARHOJ controllers have a 100 mbps network interface
- Network switch must have Auto-MDI/MDIX
- Network switch must support 100 mbps
- PoE: IEEE 802.3af
- SKAARHOJ controllers only support Half Duplex mode without Auto-Negotiate

When connected to a network switch, the yellow LED (lower left) at the ethernet jack will be on. If the device in the other end supports TX/RX auto detection you may be able to connect the SKAARHOJ controller directly to your device, otherwise use a crossed cable or a network switch (the supported setup). Remember a SKAARHOJ controller and client must be on the same subnet (192.168.10.* or one you set up in the controller). If you have multiple SKAARHOJ units connected to the same network they need to have different IP addresses!

Power over Ethernet (PoE) Specifications

We use the PoE industry standard 48V IEEE 802.3af. If you want to power our controllers using PoE it is important your switch supports this standard. Please notice some manufacturers such as Ubiquity have their own non-standard 24V type of PoE which is incompatible with our controllers. Especially pay attention to the standard if you use a PoE injector.

Troubleshooting

If you experience no network activity at all try one or more of the following suggestions:

- Use a managed network switch
- Force network switch port to 100 mbps
- Try a different network switch

1GB or 10 GB switches can have issues with our 100 mbps interface if not properly managed. The iMac Pro with 10 GB have issues if connected directly to our controller. Try with a USB to ethernet adapter in this case.

WEEE Information

For private households: Information on Disposal for Users of WEEE



Figure 1

This symbol (figure 1) on the product(s) and / or accompanying documents means that used electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) should not be mixed with general household waste. For proper treatment, recovery and recycling, please take this product(s) to designated collection points where it will be accepted free of charge.

Alternatively, in some countries, you may be able to return your products to your local retailer upon purchase of an equivalent new product.

Disposing of this product correctly will help save valuable resources and prevent any potential negative effects on human health and the environment, which could otherwise arise from inappropriate waste handling.

Please contact your local authority for further details of your nearest designated collection point.

Penalties may be applicable for incorrect disposal of this waste, in accordance with your national legislation.

For professional users in the European Union

If you wish to discard electrical and electronic equipment (EEE), please contact your dealer or supplier for further information.

For disposal in countries outside of the European Union

This symbol is only valid in the European Union (EU). If you wish to discard this product please contact your local authorities or dealer and ask for the correct method of disposal.