**BELTRAC** 

USER MANUAL

MICHAEL BELL

### CONTENTS

ntroduction	2
Setup	3
Directing the train	4
Changing Settings	5
Opening the box	6
Sensors	7
Point Motors	8
Troubleshooting	10

## INTRODUCTION

#### Welcome to Beltrac!

This manual will help you understand how to use your new train track system.

Beltrac is pre implemented and is simple and easy to use, however there are a few things you should know before getting started.

Follow these simple instructions and it will bring you years of pleasure.

### SETUP

Before running Beltrac you must place the train on the track. Before doing so, check that the magnet provided with the system is attached to the middle of the train with the dot facing downwards toward the track. Standing at the control panel the train can then be placed on the track with the front pointing to your right.

You can now plug in the system - Beltrac has 2 plugs, one large and heavy with Hornby written on it and one small and light. The larger plug should be plugged in first and then the smaller.

It will take a few seconds for the system to start up, during which time the top half of the LCD will be filled with small squares.



When the display reads this then you are ready to go!

## DIRECTING THE TRAIN



When this is displayed, press the  $\rightarrow$  button



Press it again to enter the list of destinations then use  $\uparrow$  and  $\downarrow$  to select a destination then press enter, the train will then navigate itself to its destination and no further action is required, when it returns to the main screen you can begin again.

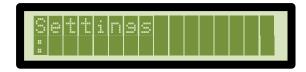
# CHANGING SETTINGS



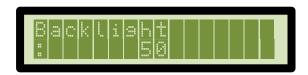
When this is displayed, press the  $\rightarrow$  button



Press ↓



 $Press \rightarrow$ 



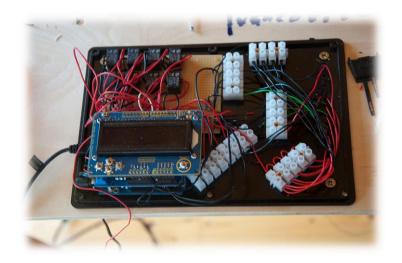
Keep pressing enter to change the backlight when you are satisfied press  $\leftarrow$ 

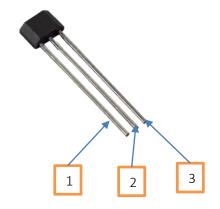
## CHANGING PARTS

#### OPENING THE BOX

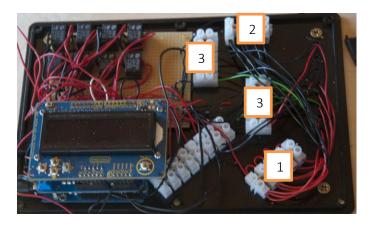
Should you encounter problems with Beltrac, you may need to open the cover of the box with the LCD. Beltrac is covered by a black box which is opened by removing the 6 screws on the underside of the box, under the table, and then lifting the cover off, being careful not to dislodge any wires.

This is what it looks like on the inside:





Beltrac detects the position of the train using devices called Hall Effect sensors (shown here) these are available from places such as Farnell and Radio Spares and are easy to attach to the system. Simply solder a wire to each of the terminals on the sensor, then attach each wire onto the Beltrac board as shown here (no. 3 can be attached to one of two places).

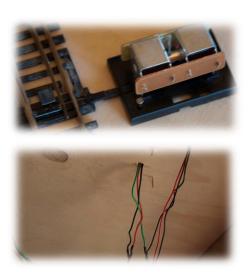


#### POINT MOTORS

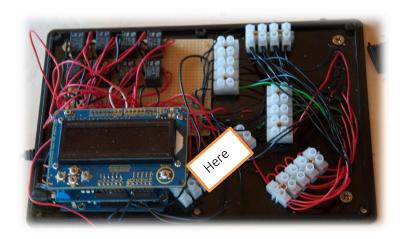
Point motors are similar to sensors but are slightly tougher to install, first, purchase one either directly from Hornby or from a model shop.

Then, solder longer wires to the 3 that already run off the sensor, then, solder a diode to both, the green and red wires but not the black wires, the diodes should have the white band facing the motor and away from the board and should be protected with heat shrink.

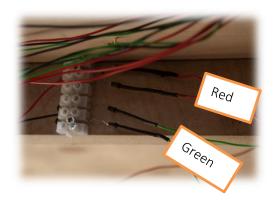
The replacement point motor should sit snuggly inside its assembly with the wires hanging down underneath.



Then, attach the black wire to the board here,



And the diodes (with their appropriate wires) underneath the enclosure here,



## TROUBLESHOOTING

Should you have any problems with Beltrac this table should help you sort them out.

Problem	Cause	Fix
The train gets	The train has not	Switch off the
stuck on a buffer.	been detected by	power, return the
	a sensor.	train to the start
		then switch the
		power back on
		again.
The train slowly	The transformer	Unplug the
grinds to a halt	has overheated.	system and leave
unexpectedly.		it for 10 minutes
		to cool.
The train jolts to a	The train has	Unplug the
stop and sits at a	derailed.	system, return
jaunty angle.		the train to the
		start then begin
		again.
A point refuses to	There is either a	Check the wiring
change.	fault with the	of the point
	wiring or failing	motor and if it
	that the motor	still does not
	needs replacing.	work, replace as
		described above.

The board cannot detect the train at one specific location.	The hall effect switch needs replacing.	Refer to instructions above.
The train is not detectable	The train has lost its magnet.	Affix a small magnet to the bottom of the train, if it still does not work, turn the magnet the other way around.