

# Interface S88 Gleisbox Raspberry Pi Manual

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## Credits

Parts of this system have been developed by members of the model railway community. This is mainly applicable for the s88udp conversion, as well as srcpd. Many thanks and full credits to them!

# **1 Introduction**

System for controlling a marklin track using a rpi

## 2 Setup of the Raspberry Pi

Prepare an SD-card with Raspberry Pi OS. I have used the version from October 10th 2023 (64-bit) with desktop but without recommended software. My system uses a Raspberry Pi 4B. The advantage of desktop support is that a standalone system can be created by attaching an external monitor, mouse and keyboard. This creates the possibility of implementing a very small and modular control system.

Refer to the [Raspberry Pi website](#) for instructions. Follow the instructions to setup the raspberry pi OS. For remote control of the raspberry pi it is possible to enable SSH and/or VNC. Refer to the [setup instructions](#) for more information. There is a lot of information available about the setup and realizing SSH or VNC communication on Raspberry Pi support forums.

### 2.1 Shutdown Button

A button can be connected to the system to simplify the process of shutting the system down. First of all, a pushbutton must be connected between GPIO3 (header pin 5) and GND (e.g. header pin 6).

Next, the following script must be installed:

```
git clone https://github.com/Howchoo/pi-power-button.git
./pi-power-button/script/install
```

Uninstalling the script can be done via:

```
./pi-power-button/script/uninstall
```

Note: warning about pull-up resistor can be neglected.

### 2.2 Install BCM2835 v1.63

Install BCM2835-1.63 so that the pin IO on the Raspberry Pi can be used:

```
http://www.airspayce.com/mikem/bcm2835/bcm2835-1.63.tar.gz
```

```
tar zxvf bcm2835-1.63.tar.gz
```

```
cd bcm2835-1.63
```

```
make && sudo make install
```

### 3 Setup of CAN-interface

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#### 3.1 Connection Scheme

The CAN-bus shall be connected to the Gleisbox as depicted in figure 1. The pin 1 (power supply) does not have to be connected.

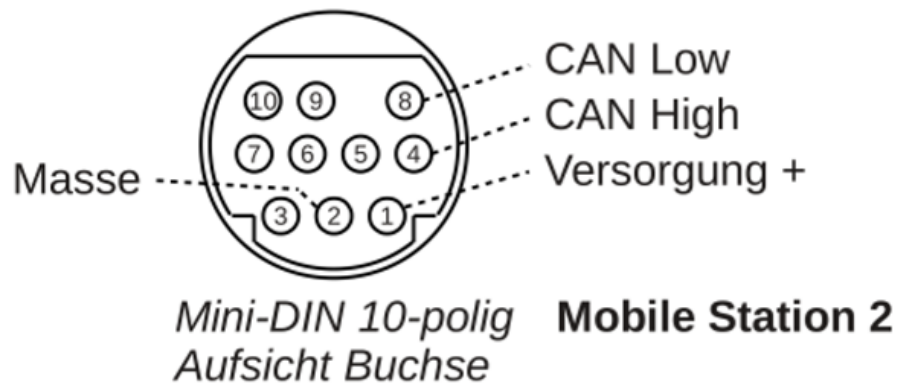


Figure 1: Pinout canbus.

#### 3.2 Oscillator Settings

```
sudo ip link set can0 up type can bitrate 250000 restart-ms 100
```

#### 3.3 SRCPD

Versie 2.1.6

#### 3.4 Rocrail Server Settings

```

GNU nano 5.4 /boot/config.txt
arm_freq=800

# Uncomment some or all of these to enable the optional hardware interfaces
dtparam=i2c_arm=on
dtparam=i2s=on
dtparam=spi=on
dtoverlay=mcp2515-can0,oscillator=16000000,interrupt=25
dtoverlay=spi-bcm2835-overlay

# Uncomment this to enable infrared communication.
dtoverlay=gpio-ir,gpio_pin=17
dtoverlay=gpio-ir-tx,gpio_pin=18

# Additional overlays and parameters are documented /boot/overlays/README

# Enable audio (loads snd_bcm2835)
dtparam=audio=on

# Automatically load overlays for detected cameras
camera_auto_detect=1

```

Figure 2: Pi Oscillator settings.

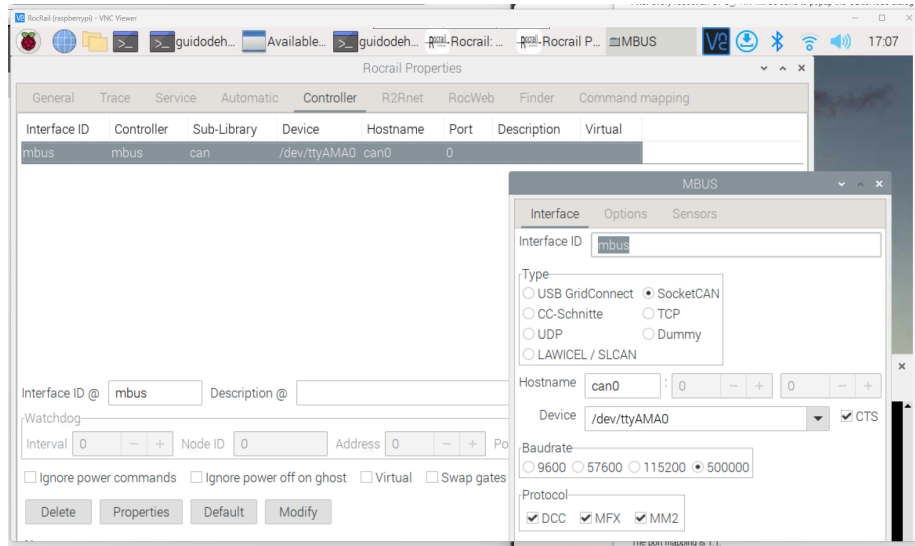


Figure 3: rocrailServerSettings.

## 4 Setup of S88N-interface

The S88N interface is used to obtain data about occupied track sections. This interface is based on 5Vdc (according to the standard 12Vdc is also possible).

Table 1: S88N pinout and description.

RJ45 pin	Colour in UTP cable	S88N Description
1	Orange-white	+5V (+12V not in this board)
2	Orange	Data
3	Green-white	GND
4	Blue	Clock
5	Blue-white	GND
6	Green	Load
7	Brown-white	Reset
8	Brown	Rail signal (not used in this design)

## 4.1 Connection Scheme

Table 1 shows the S88N pin definitions as well as the UTP cable colors.

## 4.2 S88UDP installation

Install the following libraries first (to prevent pcap.h compilation error):

```
sudo apt-get install zlib1g-dev libpcap-dev
```

Download and install s88udp-rpi:

```
cd
```

```
git clone https://github.com/GBert/railroad
```

```
cd railroad/can2udp/src
```

```
make
```

To start the interface:

```
sudo ./s88udp-rpi -v -f -c "17,22,23,24" -m 1
```

Arguments behind option -c are the gpio ports. The amount of S88 modules is set using option -m.

To test if the udp ports are assigned for use by Rocrail:

```
sudo netstat -autpn | egrep "Proto|157"
```

The PID "Rocrail" should be displayed.



## 5 Setup of Rocrail

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### 5.1 Rocrail Controller Settings

Maak twee controllers, 1 voor can, en 1 voor S88N. screenshots van beide controllers staan hieronder.

The screenshot shows the 'Rocrail Properties' dialog box with the 'Controller' tab selected. The dialog has several tabs: General, Trace, Service, Automatic, Controller (selected), R2Rnet, RocWeb, Finder, and Command mapping. Below the tabs is a table with columns: Interface ID, Controller, Sub-Library, Device, Hostname, Port, Description, and Virtual. The table contains two rows: one for 'mbus' (can0) and one for 'S88N' (udp). Below the table, there are input fields for 'Interface ID @' (set to 'S88N') and 'Description @'. A 'Watchdog' section contains fields for 'Interval', 'Node ID', 'Address', and 'Port', each with a numeric input and increment/decrement buttons. There are also checkboxes for 'Ignore power commands', 'Ignore power off on ghost', 'Virtual', and 'Swap gates'. Below these are buttons for 'Delete', 'Properties', 'Default', and 'Modify'. A 'New' section has a dropdown menu (set to 'virtual') and an 'Add' button. An 'Options' section has checkboxes for 'Power off on exit', 'Power on at startup', and 'Shutdown on exit'. At the bottom are buttons for 'Copy to clipboard', '</>', 'ABC', 'Help', and 'Cancel'.

Interface ID	Controller	Sub-Library	Device	Hostname	Port	Description	Virtual
mbus	mbus	can	/dev/ttyAMA0	can0	0		
S88N	mbus	udp		127.0.0.1	15730		

Interface ID @  Description @

Watchdog

Interval    Node ID  Address    Port    ☐ Gate

☐ Ignore power commands ☐ Ignore power off on ghost ☐ Virtual ☐ Swap gates

New

Options ☒ Power off on exit ☒ Power on at startup ☐ Shutdown on exit

Figure 4: General controller settings.

Rocrail Properties

General
Trace
Service
Automatic
Controller
R2Rnet
RocWeb
Finder
Command mapping

Interface ID	Controller	Sub-Library	Device	Hostname	Port	Description	Virtual
mbus	mbus	can	/dev/ttyAMA0	can0	0		
S88N	mbus	udp		127.0.0.1	15730		

Interface ID @
mbus
Description @

Watchdog
Interval
0
Node ID
0
Address
0
Port
0
Gate

☒ Ignore power commands
☐ Ignore power off on ghost
☐ Virtual
☐ Swap gates

Delete
Properties
Default
Modify

New
virtual
Add
Options
☒ Power off on exit
☒ Power on at startup
☐ Shutdown on exit

Copy to clipboard
</>
ABC
Help
Cancel
OK

Figure 5: General controller settings.

## 6 PCB Description

MBUS

Interface Options Sensors

Interface ID

Type

☐ USB GridConnect ☒ SocketCAN

☐ CC-Schnitte ☐ TCP

☐ UDP ☐ Dummy

☐ LAWICEL / SLCAN

Hostname  :

Device   ☒ CTS

Baudrate

☐ 9600 ☐ 57600 ☐ 115200 ☒ 500000

Protocol

☒ DCC ☒ MFX ☒ MM2

Help Cancel OK

Figure 6: Controller settings mbus-can tab 1.

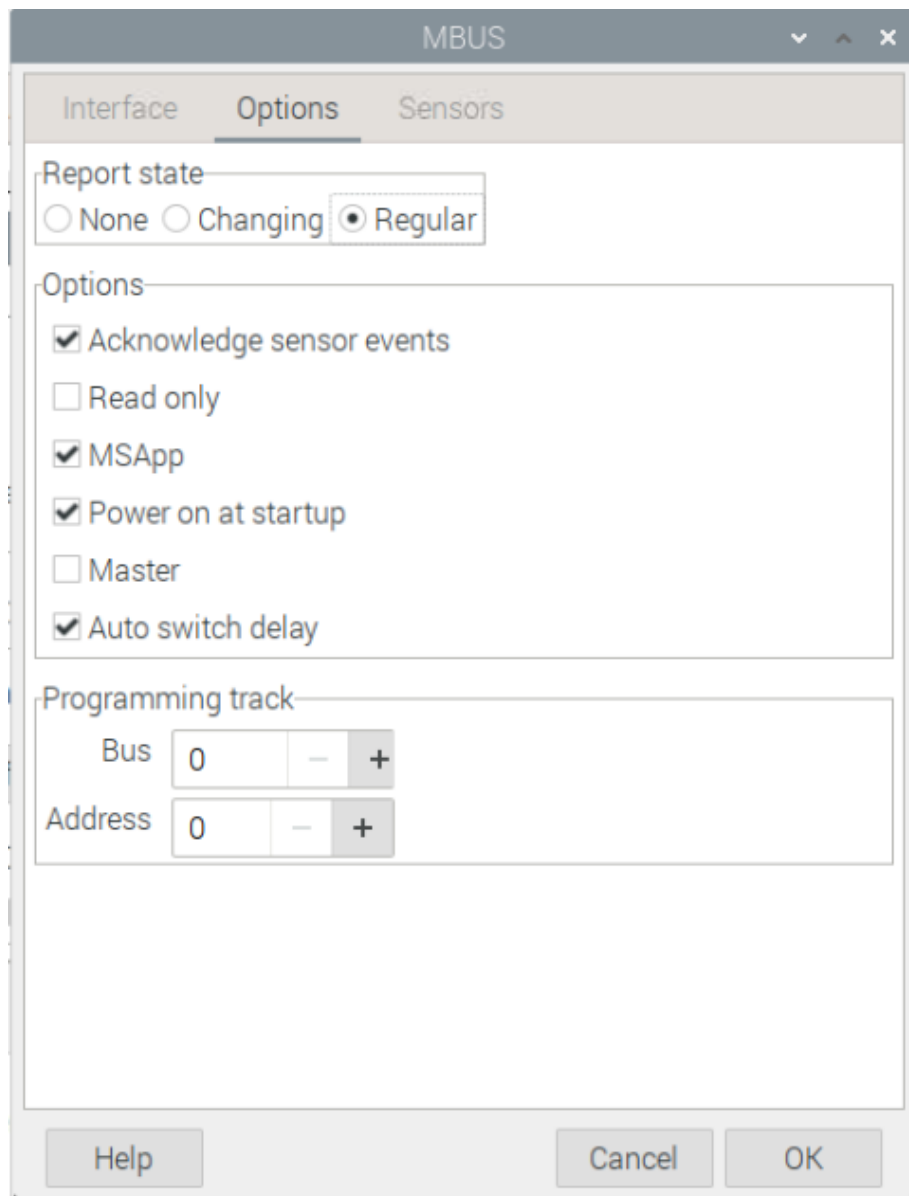


Figure 7: Controller settings mbus-can tab 2.

MBUS

Interface

Options

Sensors

☐ Poll at Start of Day

S88

ID

1

-

Modules

0

-

+

LinkS88

ID	Modules	Description
0	1	

Add

Modify

Delete

Help

Cancel

OK

Figure 8: Controller settings mbus-can tab 3.

MBUS

Interface Options Sensors

Interface ID

Type

☐ USB GridConnect ☐ SocketCAN  
☐ CC-Schnitte ☐ TCP  
☒ UDP ☐ Dummy  
☐ LAWICEL / SLCAN

Hostname  :  - +  - +

Device   ☒ CTS

Baudrate

☐ 9600 ☐ 57600 ☐ 115200 ☒ 500000

Protocol

☒ DCC ☒ MFX ☒ MM2

Help Cancel OK

Figure 9: Controller settings mbus-s88 tab 1.

MBUS

Interface Options Sensors

Report state

☐ None ☐ Changing ☒ Regular

Options

☐ Acknowledge sensor events

☐ Read only

☐ MSApp

☐ Power on at startup

☐ Master

☒ Auto switch delay

Programming track

Bus 0 - +

Address 0 - +

Help Cancel OK

Figure 10: Controller settings mbus-s88 tab 2.

MBUS

Interface Options **Sensors**

☒ Poll at Start of Day

S88

ID 1 -

Modules 1 - +

LinkS88

ID	Modules	Description
0	1 -	

Add Modify Delete

Help Cancel OK

Figure 11: Controller settings mbus-s88 tab 3.



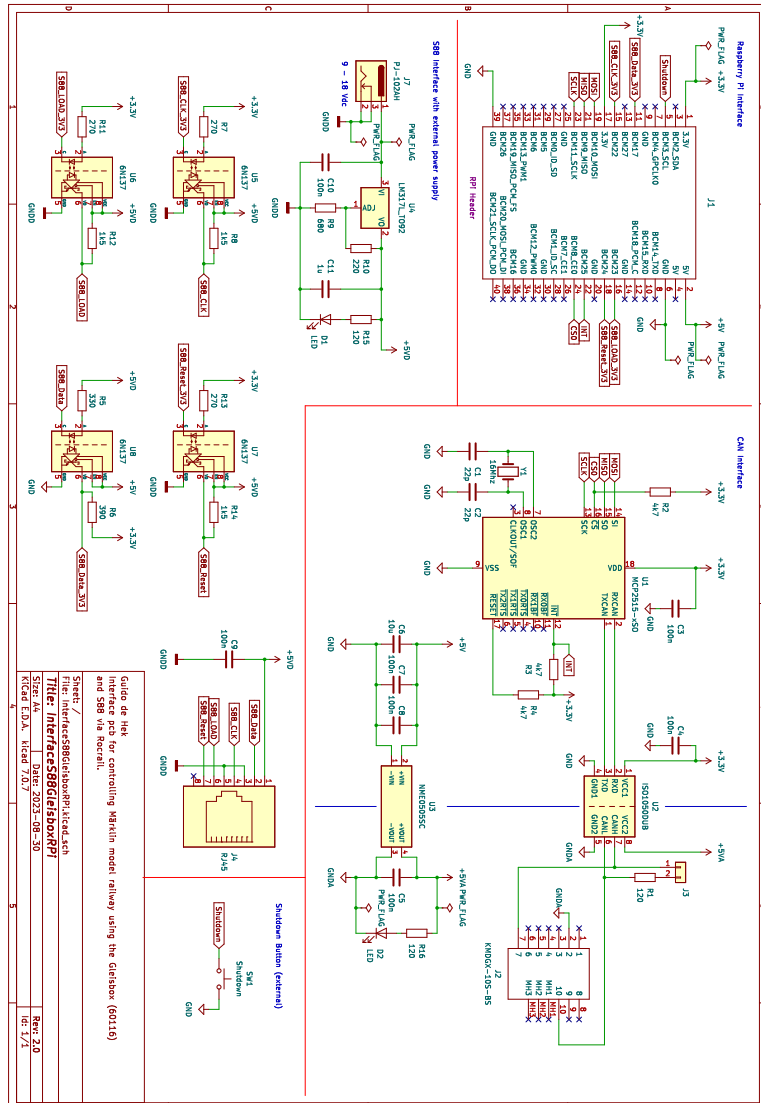


Figure 12: Schematic of the system.