

# Release Notes

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## Version 3.0.0 Public Release

- Add full support for Eddystone packet types
- Fix an EMBC02 bug whereby occasional +7g spikes were observed
- Misc BMA222E configuration changes for improved EMBC02 performance and power consumption
- Accept *EM6819F6B300* or *\_EM6819F6B300* as MCU definition. Fixes the build broken by a Ride7 IDE update.
- Fix #145, a bug whereby negative temperatures were reported incorrectly

## Version 2.8.0 Public Release

- Add support for the EMBC02 with BMA222E accelerometer.
- Add support for the EMBC03 with EM4325 (for temperature sensor).
- Add license header and EMUS copyright to all custom source. Add Source License pdf to distribution root.
- Fix #130, Program/Update scripts crash when log file is empty.
- Fix #133. Reduce delay between Power-On Self Test (POST) cycles from 50ms to 10ms and exclude AltBeacon advertisements from POST.
- Fix #134, prohibit locking the beacon in OFF state.
- Fix #135. Create separate projects for EMBC01, 02, and 03.
- Fix #136, Disable button pull-up during current test. Also put 9301 in sleep mode instead of idle.
- Fix #140. Use correct flags per iBeacon spec.
- Tiny/Low cost support is dropped beginning with release 2.8.0. References to Tiny/Low cost still exist in the code but there is no project file and the code does not build in Tiny/Low cost configuration.

## Version 2.7 Public Release

This release supports the COiN product. Tiny and LowCost support remains in this release, but it was not tested.

- Rotates beacon type each wake-up cycle to provide separation between advertisement packets as required by the Bluetooth standard.
- Implements AltBeacon packets for planned production of COiN devices for CES.

### Known issues

- The Tiny resets when battery level drop below ~1.3V
- The *programbeacon* and *updatebeacon* script displays the deviceAddress values without leading "0x" on the console and in the log file.

## Version 2.6 Public Release

- Fixes #124 Always advertise 9301 autocal result during POST.
- Fixes #125 Add production test for 6819/9301 sleep current
- Fixes #118, Tiny/LC battery voltage is incorrect
- Fixes #121, shortening Parameter Dictionary by ~ 50%.
- Fixes #38 (re-opened) long button-press at wake-up behavior
- Fixes #89 Clean-up TODO issues in firmware (opened #119 as a result)
- Fixes #117 Temperature Offset default now zero
- Fixes #113 Tiny Beacon Packet Data Errors (opened #118 as separate matter)
- Fixes #109, Create TemperatureOffset Parameter
- Fixes #110, Use OpenSensor Parameter to Specify Both Sensor AND Event Counter
- Fix MISO setup. A small percentage of coinecells did not advertise during POST prior to fix.
- Fix an error affecting any platform with di07.

## Version 2.5 Public Release

Support for COiN/Tiny/LowCost with the same code base, same feature set. Programming utilities integrated into the SDK. Programming utilities UI simplified.

- `program_beacon [options] <firmware.hex> <parameters.csv>`
- `update_beacon [options] <firmware.hex> <parameters.csv>`

- update\_beacon [options] <firmware.hex>
- update\_beacon [options] <parameters.csv>
- For a complete description, see ../util/usage.md or usage.pdf

COiN Schematic and mechanical drawings updated

#### Numerous minor fixes and enhancements:

- Add FET control for EM9301 power (#75)
- Go into a permanent (until battery is replaced) low power state if the 9301 passes self test but fails calibration. (#99)
- Add the Proximity beacon state machine. (#97)
- Bug fix - update the power field in id data packet dynamically (#103)
- Battery linearization (#84)
- Remove temperature from default advertisement. Replace with modelID. Temperature is optionally selectable as open sensor field number 4. (#87)
- Apply random 0..10ms jitter to advertising interval (#82)
- Sample temperature, battery, and lux (if present) every 4th advertising cycle
- Change the beacon name to use a 5-digit value derived from minor ID (#79)
- Support for energy harvesting apps. Skip POST. Other enhancements when button is pressed at powerup. (#38)
- Bug fix - eliminate extra button count at startup (#9)
- Improved button debounce (#24)
- The default state machine for Tiny/LC is simple on/off.
- Whenever the platform has a light sensor, the default openSensor field is the lux value.

## Version 2.4 Public Release

Changes in this public release (includes all work listed in previous releases):

- Enhancement #78: Remove Customization Scripts From Project
- Enhancement #77: Set default UUID to 699EBC80-E1F3-11E3-9A0F-0CF3EE3BC012
- Enhancement #69: Eliminate HCI "disable RF periodic autocal" when only sensor OR id data is transmitted
- Enhancement #68: Improve Temp Measurement Stability
- Bug fix #67: Measure Battery Before self-test
- Bug fix #66: Revise RF Cal Self-Test Limits
- Bug fix #65: Long press only works correctly when beacon is on.
- Bug fix #64: Error in 6819 distribution file irqmsk.h - ClrPending/RQSlpCnt() macro.
- Enhancement #61: Temperature-Compensate the 8KHz RC Clock
- Documentation Fix #58: Release Notes Incorrectly Define GASP\_SCK Sense
- Enhancement #57: Default Parameters (related to #39)
- Enhancement #54: Min Advertising Interval 100ms
- Enhancement #50: Do not beacon below 2.5V (EM6818) or 0.9V (EM6819)
- Enhancement #40: Obtain Device Parameters from Row 62. Default device address and advertising parameters are written to write-once memory at the factory.
- Enhancement #39: Multiple State Machine, Chosen by Parameterization. The customization script can specify the advertisement modes. 1) sensor data only 2) iddata only 3) both 4) coin standard state machine (default)
- Enhancement #35: New Button Behavior. Coin standard and Coin custom state machines implemented per published Fact Sheets.
- Enhancement #31: Beacon Interval set on 100ms increments. The customization script requires the beacon interval to be specified on 100ms boundaries, with 100ms minimum.
- Enhancement #30: Deterministic Time Base, 1ms increments, full 24 bits.
- Bug fix #25: Button Press Shortens Advertising Interval

## Version 2.3 Public Release

- Directory structures are reorganized (see README.txt file).
- All code that uses iBeacon technology has been moved to the ID Data library, iddata.a. The public release includes only a "dummy" library however. See README.txt for additional information.
- Convert the Lux field in the emBeacon packet to a "generic" sensor field (#28)
- By default the RF Auto-calibration values are displayed in the generic sensor field (#48)
- If GASP\_SCK is held **high** at start up, the Beacon enters the Fault state with both LEDs illuminated. This permits a current measurement that

can verify both (or one or neither are working) (#49). *Note: this was incorrectly stated as "low at startup" rather than high in the actual 2.3.0 release.*

- Beacon will not operate if the battery voltage falls below 2.5V (or 0.9V if the EM6819 has a built-in DC-DC converter) (#50)
- Display firmware version number instead of button count in initial advertising burst, reverting to button count once normal beaconing starts (#51)
- Device parameters are displayed during the customization process when the -v (--verbose) flag is set (see util/CUSTOMIZATION.md) (#41)
- The -r (--run) option is selected by default during device customization. Use the --norun option if you do not want this behavior (#47)

#### Known Firmware issues with this release:

- Developers: The RIDE7 support files from the C816-RKit **must** be updated using the following download:  
[http://www.emdeveloper.com/downloads/6819/EM6819F6-B300\\_Ride7Template.zip](http://www.emdeveloper.com/downloads/6819/EM6819F6-B300_Ride7Template.zip)
- Test mode is difficult to enter. It requires using the adapter and tag-connect cable with the SCK and VDD pins jumpered while inserting the battery. But the tag-connect cable and battery interfere with each other.
- Button press/release briefly cuts short the time between advertisements. Sleep timer is NOT restored after button interrupt. This is only evident using a sniffer.

### Version 2.2.1 (Internal use only)

Changes in this release:

- ~1 second default beacon interval
- "Locally assigned" device address, e.g. 0x0EF3EE000001
- Activate power level in ID Data packet. Table lookup based on 9301 version and output power setting.
- Remove test modes (#44)
- ID Data/emBeacon selectable via CSV file (#27)
- ID Data and emBeacon during powerup regardless of CSV file setting
- 10 Advertisements upon battery insertion (#42)

### Version 2.2 (Public release that was withdrawn)

Changes since the last public release: \* Set ID Data measured power field based on 9301 die rev and nominal power. \* Use locally-assigned instead of universally-assigned device addresses. \* Beacon interval set to ~1 second for di10 (about 10% longer for di07). \* Set power to minimum during 1 second initial advertising burst during POST. \* Includes all changes noted for the previous 5 internal releases.

### Version 2.1.5 (Internal use only)

Changes in this release: \* Sleeps until button pressed when not advertising. \* Adds battery insertion-time GPIO tests. \* Uses SEL for signaling RF Activity for quicker system shut down. \* Speeds up SPI transactions. \* EM9301 identification and configuration fully handled at run-time.

### Version 2.1.4 (Internal use only)

Resolves the following issues \* Param clean up (some eliminated, some moved to compile-time config) (#21) \* Non-interactive mode for production programming environments (#15)

### Version 2.1.3 (Internal use only)

Resolves the following issues \* Optionally put modulator cal value in Lux field (#19) \* Add 2 to modulator (RF) cal value on di10 (#18) \* Use the full 16-bits for em9301 die identification (#17) \* Use lower 3 digits of Minor ID for "friendly id" (#16) \* CustomizeBeacon script hangs if not device connected to programmer (#13) \* Creation of Custom Programming Log File (#11)

### Version 2.1.2 (Internal use only)

Resolves the following issues \* Start-up Tests and Failure Mode (#14) \* Lux Scaling (#12)

### Version 2.1.1 (Internal use only)

Resolves the following issues \* missing LED flash on first button press (#10) \* customization script fails when param block is at start of .rodata (#8) \* swaps red/green LED (#7) \* battery scaling for 6818 (#6) \* Packet count no longer continues to rise when beaconing is OFF. \* First cut at a Serial Number logger (#11).

## Version 2.1.0

Initial release for Coincell support. Tiny and LowCost Beacons are not supported by this release. Changes since last release: 1. Slight improvement to low-power sleep current 2. Eliminated 9301 sleep-mode which was superfluous because the 9301 is powered down between advertisements.

## Version 2.0.3 (Internal use only)

The BTN cycles thru the beacon modes. LEDs flash to indicate the mode. The startup LED is ~2.5secs. All the rest are ~250ms.

``` Powerup: Normal --> Grn + Red Test mode --> Red only

Normal modes: Grn --> On Red --> Off 2 Grn = Stay On (Press and hold until 2 green flashes)

Test modes: Button pushes cause the unit to cycle thru test modes. Sleep --> GPIO --> CW --> Rx --> Tx --> Sleep. Red/Grn LEDs alternate on successive button pushes. Grn + Red together = Sleep mode

Debugger: Normal with Debugger attached --> Red only. The Grn LED is not controlled by FW when debugger is attached. Any Grn flashes indicate debugger activity.```

## Version 2.0.2 (Internal use only)

- Scripts directory replaced by util directory which now also packages the programming utility, EM6819\_pgm.exe.
- Bug fixed in the customize\_beacon.rb script that caused it to sometimes fail to properly run the programming utility. Full API-level html docs now provided for this script in the /doc/utilities folder.
- Evolutionary refinements to the firmware configurability.

## Version 2.0.1 (Internal use only)

Features \* Beacon is programmed with 'reasonable' defaults. Configurable by CSV file with scripts. \* Default beacon interval is 2.5 secs \* Normal modes: - Beacon starts in ON mode. Button toggles beaconing on/off. - Press and hold button >3 beacon intervals --> Beaconing stays ON until battery is removed. \* Test modes: - Press and hold button while inserting battery --> Beacon enters test mode. (See note below) - Initial mode is SLEEP - Subsequent button presses cycle through test modes. - Modes are SLEEP --> GPIO tests --> CW --> RX --> Rapid Tx --> SLEEP - Sleep, CW, and Rapid Tx are implemented in v2.0.1. GPIO and Rx are not. - See note re: CW below.

## Version 1.0

Lightweight Bluetooth Smart (tm) reference design of emBeacon and ID Data firmware for EM Microelectronic's Low-Cost Beacon and Tiny beacon platforms featuring the EM9301 radio and EM6819 CoolRisc host MCU. The firmware eliminates the overhead of a full Bluetooth stack utilizing only the EM9301's Host Controller Interface layer commands.