SCP-2

Quick action curve selection

Minimum Speed Tuning

Adjustable Brake
(Analog and
SSD digital)

Max Speed Limiter
or Curve Selection

Power Trim

Min Speed %

Brake

Antispin Control

Linear Curve

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Curve / Max

Lane Change (digital)

Brake override (analog)

Thumb Activated
Brake

1 or 2 fingers lever

Rubber injected finger touch

Ball bearing spindle

Contactless magnetic trigger system

Optional battery wireless operation
(requires oXigen cartridge and CRI receiver)

● Telemetry Data Interface (*)
● Ghost Car Motor Test Mode

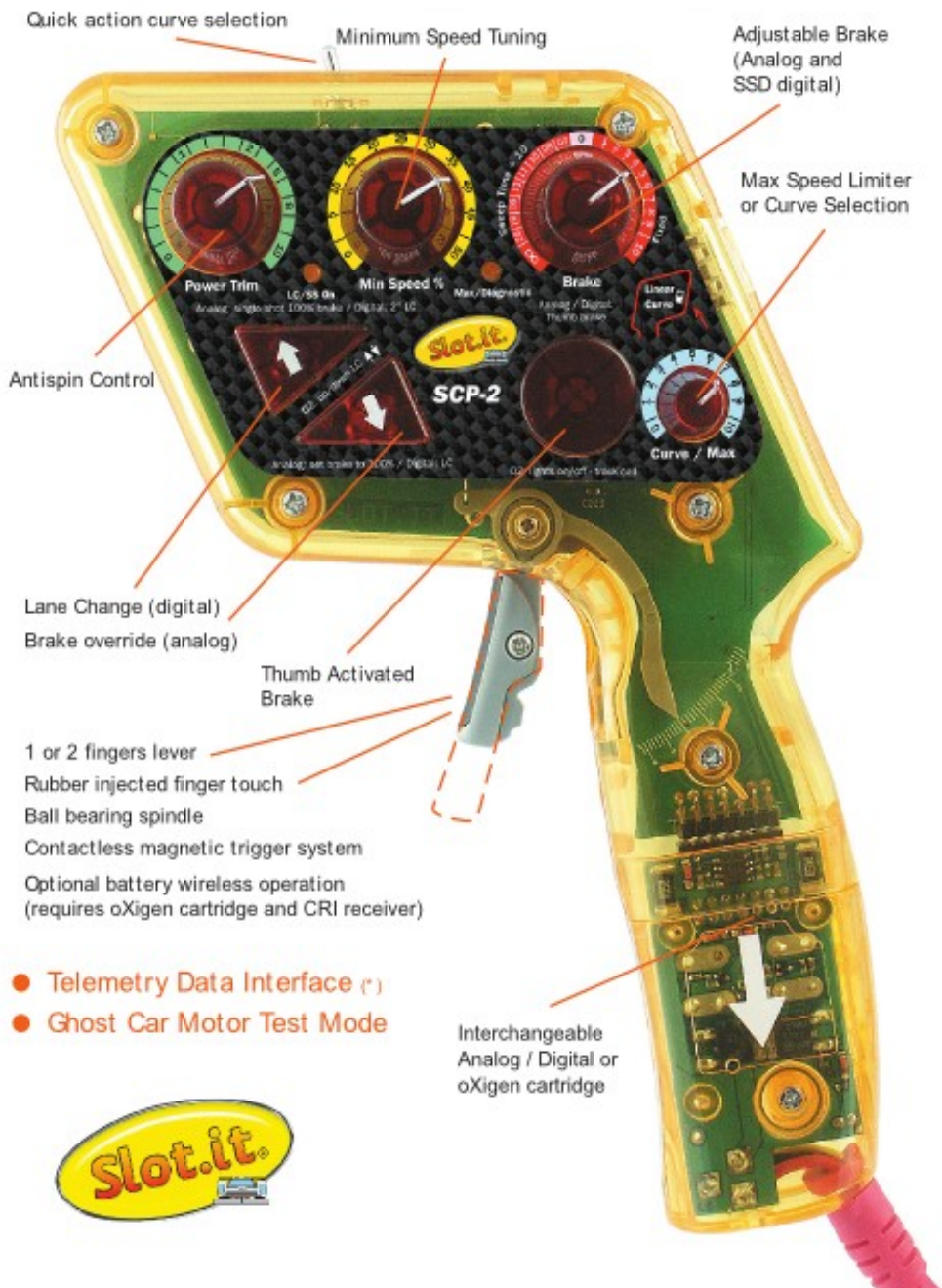Interchangeable
Analog / Digital or
oXigen cartridge

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Thank you for purchasing this Slot.it controller. Before starting, please make sure you have read the following instructions carefully.

The SCP-2 is contactless, friction free, with linear magnetic trigger position readout, and features an interchangeable cartridge system, to connect to either analog or digital systems. The digital cartridge is universal for all the available commercial brands (Ninco, Carrera, Hornby and Tecnitoys). It is also the standard controller for the Slot.it oXigen digital system.

Warranty: two years. We reserve the right to refuse repair under warranty if safety seal is broken. There's no safety seal in this device, anyway, so it's hard to break it. This device complies with RoHS directive. Do not immerse this controller in water.

No animals have been used for testing this controller, and almost no slot cars flew off the track during the development phase. The name SCP-2 means SeCaPelo-2 (Secapelo=Hairdryer).

Made in Italy.

This is the result of the hard work of Maurizio Ferrari, Maurizio Gibertoni, Cristian Anceschi of Galileo Engineering srl, Via Cavallotti 16 – 42100 Reggio Emilia, Italy - www.slot.it - info@slot.it
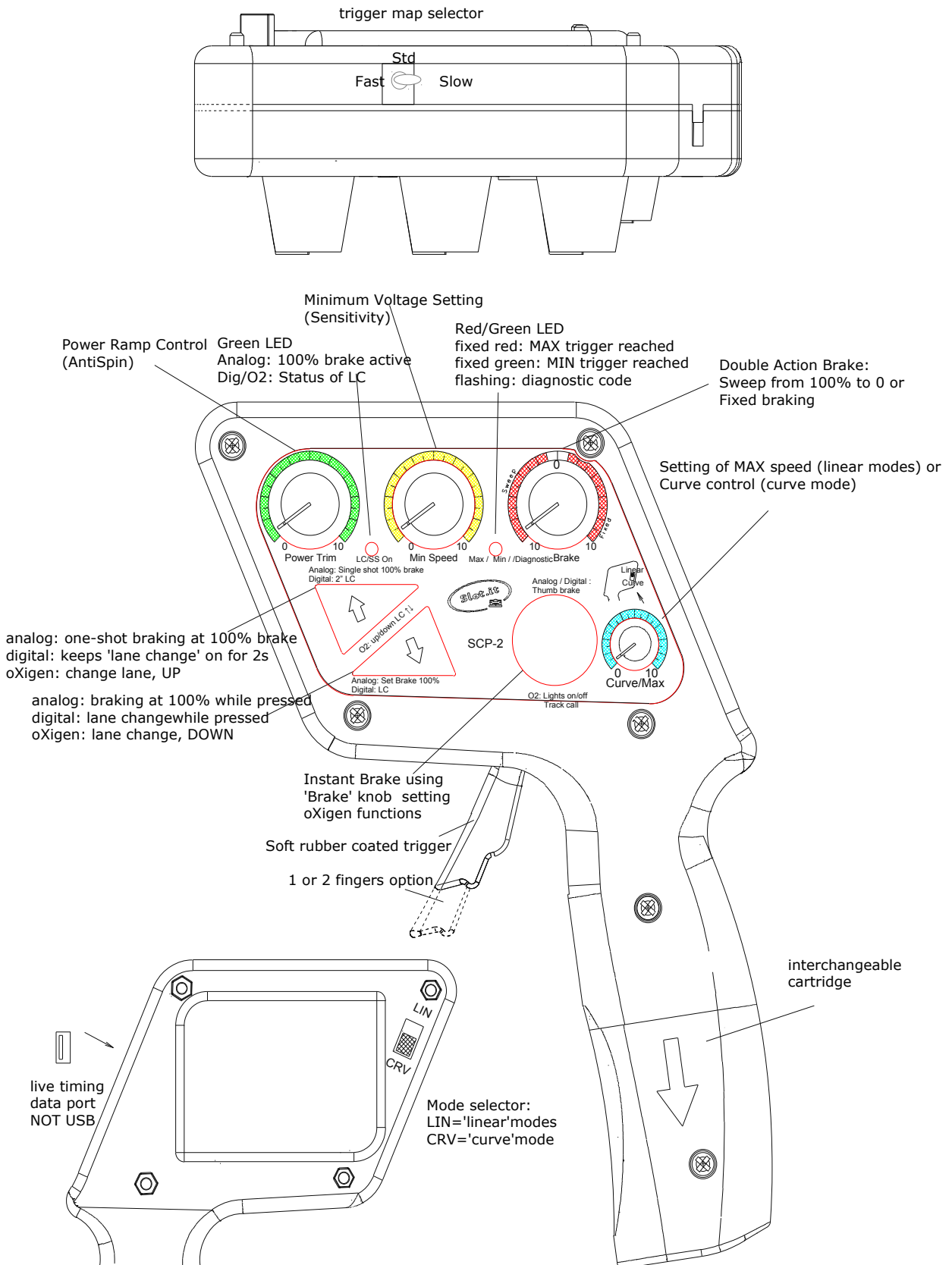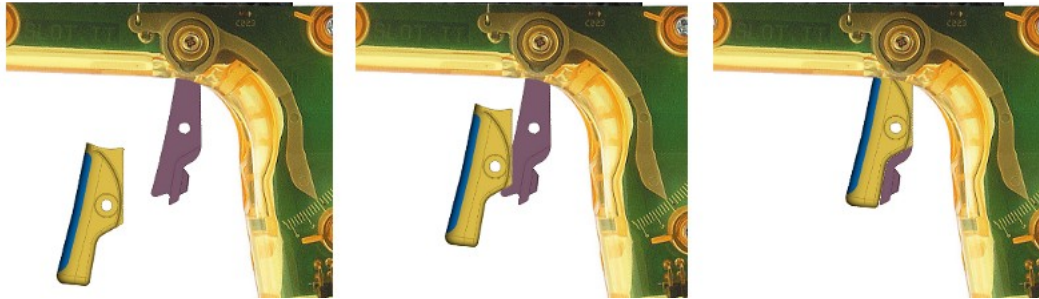
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trigger map selector

Std

Fast   Slow

Minimum Voltage Setting
(Sensitivity)

Red/Green LED
fixed red: MAX trigger reached
fixed green: MIN trigger reached
flashing: diagnostic code

Power Ramp Control
(AntiSpin)

Green LED
Analog: 100% brake active
Dig/O2: Status of LC

Double Action Brake:
Sweep from 100% to 0 or
Fixed braking

Setting of MAX speed (linear modes) or
Curve control (curve mode)

Sweep

0

Fixed

0   10
Power Trim

LC/SS On

0   10
Min Speed

Max / Min / /Diagnostic

Brake

0   10

Analog: Single shot 100% brake
Digital: 2" LC

Linear
Curve

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Analog / Digital :
Thumb brake

O2: up/down LC ↑↓

analog: one-shot braking at 100% brake
digital: keeps 'lane change' on for 2s
oXigen: change lane, UP

Analog: Set Brake 100%
Digital: LC

0   10
Curve/Max

analog: braking at 100% while pressed
digital: lane changewhile pressed
oXigen: lane change, DOWN

O2: Lights on/off
Track call

Instant Brake using
'Brake' knob setting
oXigen functions

Soft rubber coated trigger

1 or 2 fingers option

interchangeable
cartridge

LIN

CRV

live timing
data port
NOT USB

Mode selector:
LIN='linear'modes
CRV='curve'mode

🇬🇧 ⓊⓀ Your new Slot.it SCP-2 controller comes with a trigger option: you can install the 'short' (one finger driving) or the 'long' (two fingers driving). Use the provided screw.

QUICKSTART for ANALOG SYSTEMS (SCP-2 with analog cartridge)
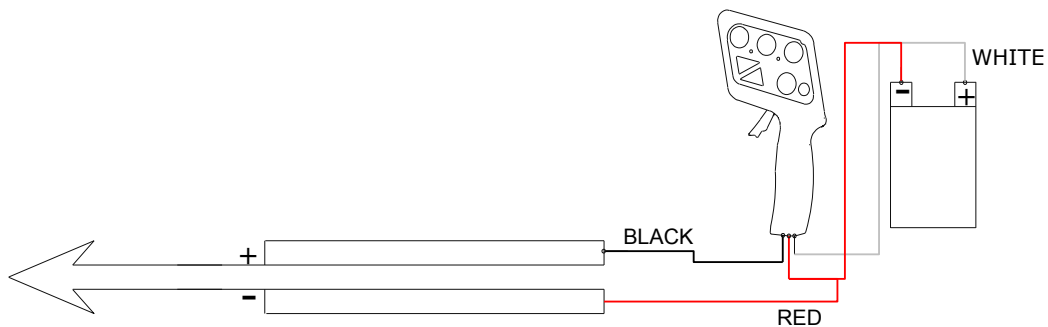
🇬🇧 ⓊⓀ The colour scheme of the SCP-2 cables follows the standard US (Parma) colour coding. In our opinion, it does not make sense to use anything other than red for battery power and anything other than black for ground, however since the long time standard established convention is different, we decided, reluctantly, to follow it.

So: WHITE is +, RED is – (ground), BLACK is motor (track). If you have a DS connection box, colour will match the existing colours on the female plugs of the box.

Anyway: plug the WHITE/YELLOW cable into the POSITIVE (+) terminal of your track; plug the RED cable into the NEGATIVE (-) terminal of your track; plug the BLACK terminal to the motor connector of your track, then go to the **Quickstart common section** chapter.

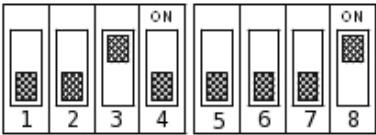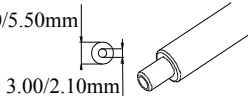| Technical Specifications	
Power supply	6 to 24V
Maximum current: home racing cartridge high end cartridge	 5A 40A
Operating temperature	0 to 40°
Weight	270 g
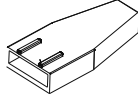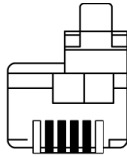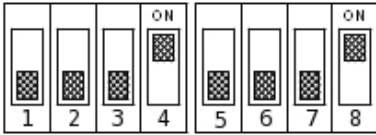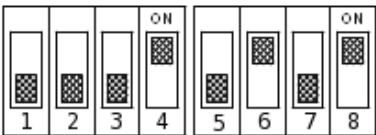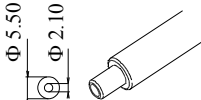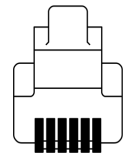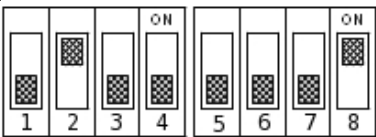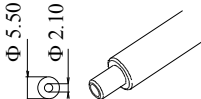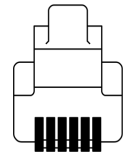
QUICKSTART for oXigen SYSTEMS (SCP-2 with oXigen cartridge)

🇬🇧 (UK) . The oXigen Slot.it wireless digital system uses a specific cartridge on the SCP2. Please refer to the 'oXigen base manual', downloadable from the oXigen area of the Slot.it web site, for further information.

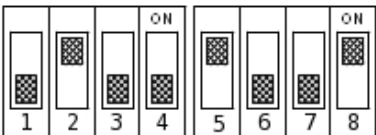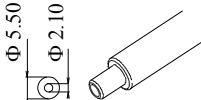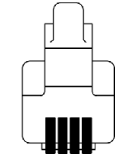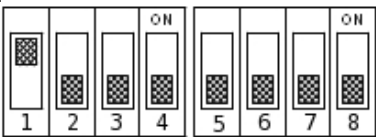## QUICKSTART for DIGITAL SYSTEMS (SCP-2 with digital cartridge)

female 8/8 RJ45 connector

Dip Switch
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

through hole
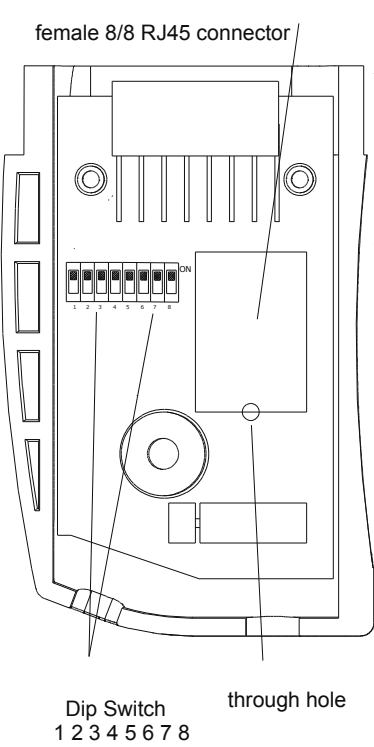
🇬🇧 (UK) The Slot.it SCP-2 controller for digital tracks can be used with all available commercial digital systems for plastic tracks: Carrera, Ninco, Hornby and Tecnitoys. Differently from the controllers supplied by the abovementioned makers, which are sold together with the track, this controller is *active*, that is, it needs its own power supply. For all these systems we provide 'vampire' cables to bring power from the supply line to the controller. Further, each digital system has got its own different cable plug. The SCP-2 (*digital version only*) includes all the necessary cables to interface it to the control box of your digital system, as well.

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|	Power plug	Control plug	Dip switch
Carrera Pro-X and Digital 132	Custom	MMJ 6/4	Switches 1–8 (ON labels above 4 and 8)
Hornby SSD 4 car base (15V) 6 car base (12V)	6.5/3.0mm (4 cars base) 5.5/2.1mm (6cars base) round male jack — 6.50/5.50mm — 3.00/2.10mm	jack submin 2.5mm	Switches 1–8 (ON labels above 4 and 8)
Hornby SSD 6 cars C7042	5.5/2.1mm round male jack Φ 5.50 Φ 2.10	jack submin 2.5mm	Switches 1–8 (ON labels above 4 and 8)
Tecnitoys SDS (Central unit 2500)	5.5/2.1mm round male jack Φ 5.50 Φ 2.10	RJ11 6/6	Switches 1–8 (ON labels above 4 and 8)
Tecnitoys SDS (Pit box unit 2506)	5.5/2.1mm round male jack Φ 5.50 Φ 2.10	RJ11 6/6	Switches 1–8 (ON labels above 4 and 8)
Ninco N-Digital	5.5/2.1mm round male jack Φ 5.50 Φ 2.10	plug 4/4	Switches 1–8 (ON labels above 4 and 8)

🇬🇧 (UK) Locate the Dip Switch on the controller's cartridge and set it to the position corresponding to the system you have (default from factory: SSD), using the table above as reference. Please note that in the above table, 'x' means 'don't care', i.e. for example for Ninco N-Digital, you must set switch number 1 to '1', and all the rest are ignored. Find the appropriate power cable, and connect it between your track's power supply and control box. Connect the male jack to the SCP-2 controller. Choose the control cable for your system, according to the table, and connect it to the SCP-2 (RJ45 end) and to your control box (side according to the table above). Note that to remove the control cable from the controller, you need to insert a pointed object into the small through hole in the plastic case, located underneath the female connector of the control cable, and press the cable's plastic tab upwards. Now go to the **Quickstart common section** chapter.

back of controller   *top of controller*
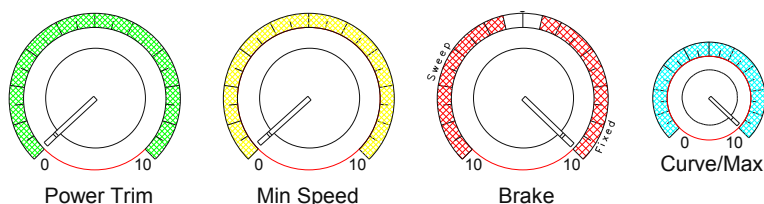
LIN

Std

Fast ◎ Slow
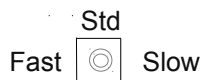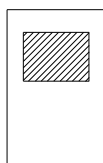
🇬🇧 Ⓤ🇰 Move the slider on the back of the controller to the LIN position, and the top switch on STD.

Power Trim   Min Speed   Brake   Curve/Max

🇬🇧 Ⓤ🇰 Turn the 'Power Trim' and 'Min Speed' knobs completely counterclockwise. Turn the 'Brake 'and 'Curve/Max' knobs completely clockwise.

Press the trigger and the car should start. Adjust the 'Min Speed' knob to get a good starting speed; this will depend on the track, car, driving style and voltage. Then, adjust the Curve/Max knob to suit the whole curve to the desired response. Have fun. Then *please,* read the rest of this manual. Please. It is important, otherwise we wouldn't have written it. In particular, advanced users should read the chapter named '*Reprogramming the SCP-2*')

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ORA LEGGERE IL MANUALE COMPLETO!
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DAS KOMPLETTE HANDBUCH JETZT LESEN!
MAINTENANT, LISEZ LE MANUEL!**

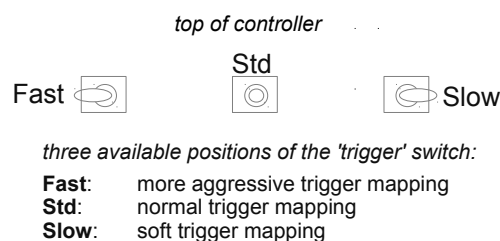🇬🇧 (UK) The Slot.it SCP-2 is a sophisticated, microcontroller based, speed controller for slot cars. It has a PWM output for both power and brake, plus a lot of other features.

Without entering too much into detail, PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) is one of the possible ways to control the output voltage of an electronic system. A PWM system basically 'chops' the output voltage in a series of on-off periods, whose on-off ratio corresponds to the desired voltage according to the formula V=on-off ratio * track voltage. In other words, if you have a track voltage of 12V, and an on-off ratio of 1/4, you are feeding your car 1/4*12 = 3V, and so on.

The ratio is chosen by the microcontroller, according to the trigger position and to the desired *'response curve'*.

The switch: 'Fast', 'Standardd', 'Slow'

NEW IN SCP-2 With the advent of the SCP2 we have redesigned the underlying mapping system, to make it easier to use, and more effective: both 'linear' and 'curve' modes can now be used in three fashions: 'fast', 'standard', 'slow', these terms referring not to the overall speed of the car, but to the speed of the car at a given trigger position. In other words, the trigger readouts are 'remapped' on an *aggressive* (fast), *standard* (std) or *soft* (slow) trigger readout.

top of controller

Std

Fast ⬅ ◎ ➡ Slow

three available positions of the 'trigger' switch:

Fast: more aggressive trigger mapping
Std: normal trigger mapping
Slow: soft trigger mapping

Available modes

1. **LINEAR with step (mode 1):** the relationship between the trigger and the voltage output is a straight line. The controller, when the trigger is fully pressed, will always provide 100% power. Due to its innovative and in our opinion clever, strategy, this mode has a lot of flexibility and can help in the most difficult situations.

2. **LINEAR with max speed limiter (mode 2, "kid's mode"):** the relationship between the trigger and the voltage output is a straight line, but when the trigger is fully pressed, optionally, the voltage can be reduced down to a selectable minimum of 35% of the available voltage. This is extremely useful, for example, for children.

3. **CURVE mode (mode 3):** the relationship between the trigger and the voltage output is not a straight line, but can be made convex or concave more or less at will.

   There is also a further useful mode:

4. **GHOST mode (mode 4):** a self-run mode with adjustable speed, useful for running a ghost car on the circuit (or more, if more digital cars are programmed with the same ID), or running in a motor.

Mode 1 – LINEAR with step
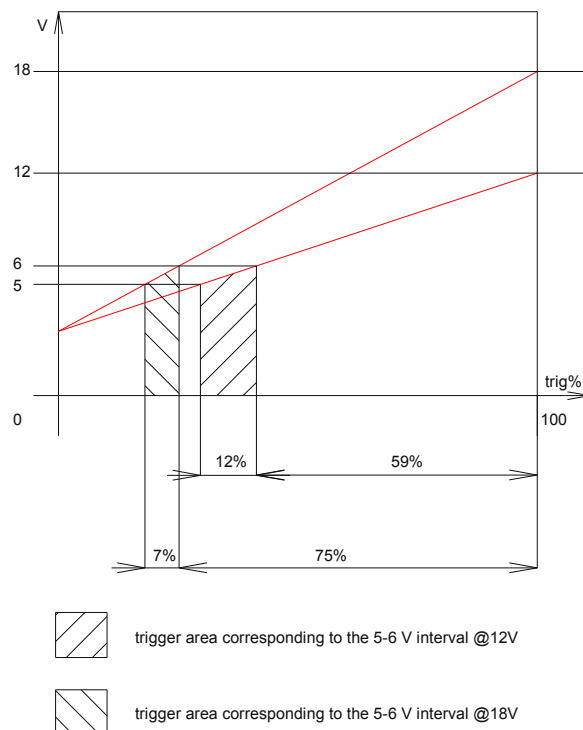
🇬🇧 (UK) **Entering Mode 1**

Mode 1 is selected by putting the switch on the back of the controller to the 'LIN' (top) position, and the switch on the top side, to any position except the '00' one:

back of controller   *top of controller*

LIN

Slow
Std
Fast
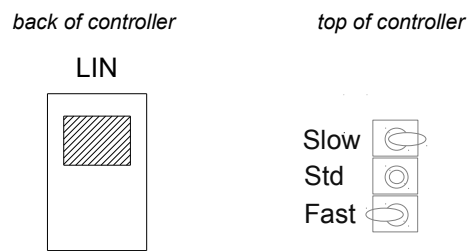
🇬🇧 (UK) **Using Mode 1**

In the development process of the SCP controllers software, at a certain point we started to investigate why a given car, very easy to drive below a given voltage, was very 'rough' and unpredictable with increasing voltage levels. It was not a matter of excessive speed, the problem lied in the broken link between the finger and the car: somehow, a well-behaved system became increasingly wild and uncontrollable. Every slot car racer knows that more voltage doesn't always make a faster lap time, but we needed a physical, logical explanation to this well-known fact.

Come think about it, a basic truth applies: more or less, *the speed of a given car in a given turn is largely independent of the motor power*, that is, provided your motor is powerful enough, and most motors are powerful enough to de-slot a car in a turn, the speed in a turn depends on many factors but not the power of the motor, or the track voltage. So, what happens when you increase the voltage, and why does it make things so much more difficult?

◹ trigger area corresponding to the 5-6 V interval @12V

◺ trigger area corresponding to the 5-6 V interval @18V

🇬🇧 (UK) Let's suppose in a given turn the car can be driven optimally in a voltage range between, say, 5 and 6 Volt. In the given example (which is an example only), at 12V this range falls across a 12% band, which, in turn, is located approximately 30% from 0. But look at what happens at 18V: the same 5-6 Volt band is now spread across a 7% band, which is also much closer to the 0 position than before!

So, ideally one would want, in this case, to have a controller, which responded as if the power was 12V in the turns, and 18V in straight lines.

From this observation, the 'linear with step' mode was created to keep the power band under control, without sacrificing top speed.

trigger area corresponding to the
5-6 V interval remains the same
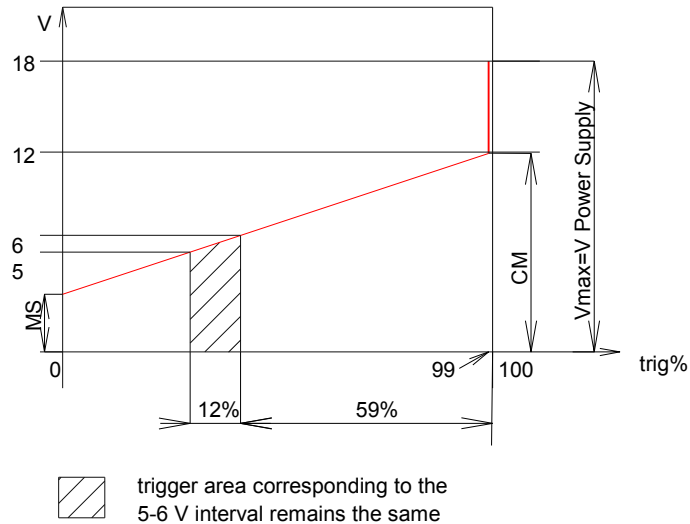
🇬🇧 ⓤⓀ It all works like this: the Min Speed (MS) knob and the Curve/Max (CM) knob set respectively the desired attack voltage, that is, the minimum voltage applied to the motor, and the voltage which is applied when the trigger is at 99% of its run, that is, just before the physical maximum of the trigger's run. When the trigger is pulled 100%, full power (be it 12, 18 or any voltage) is applied. By doing so, it is possible to maintain a fixed, ideal power band for turning, irrespective of track conditions, and to take advantage of the full power on the straights. The transition between the CM value, and the full (100%) Vmax, is actuated according to the setting of the Power Trim knob: the more Power Trim is requested, the slower the transition between CM and VMax
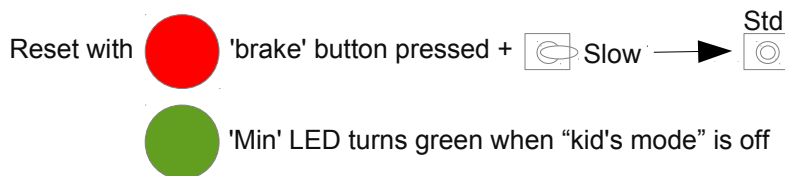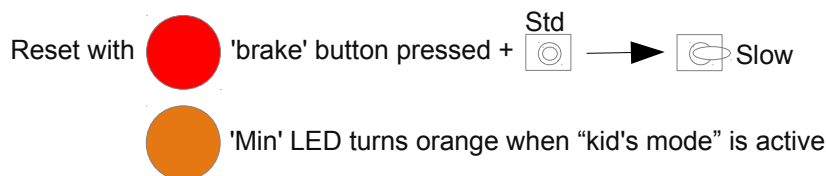
It is an easy to tune, very effective strategy.

Mode 2 – LINEAR with max speed limiter

🇬🇧 (UK) **Entering Mode 2 ("kid's mode")**

Mode 2 is designed to give a way to reduce the top speed of the car, which is especially useful for beginners or young kids.

NEW IN SCP-2 Being a 'special' mode, it is accessed through a protected procedure, as follows: reset (power on) the controller with the round button pressed and move the switch to 'slow' from 'std' while keeping the brake pressed. To terminate Mode 2, follow the same procedure but with an opposite transition of the switch. Mode two is indicated by an orange light (instead of green in the 'Min' LED.

Reset with 🔴 'brake' button pressed + [Std ◎] ➝ [◌ Slow]

🟠 'Min' LED turns orange when "kid's mode" is active

Reset with 🔴 'brake' button pressed + [◌ Slow] ➝ [Std ◎]

🟢 'Min' LED turns green when "kid's mode" is off

Step by step instructions:

To **enter mode 2** (kid's mode):

- switch off the controller
- move the switch to the 'std' position
- slide the switch on the back of the controller to the 'LIN' (top) position
- press and *keep pressed* the 'round' brake button
- power on the controller (keeping the round brake button pressed)
- move the switch to 'slow' from the 'std' position
- release the round button

To **exit mode 2** (kid's mode), the procedure is the same but the switch must :

- switch off the controller
- move the switch to the 'slow' position
- slide the switch on the back of the controller to the 'LIN' (top) position
- press and *keep pressed* the 'round' brake button
- power on the controller (keeping the round brake button pressed)
- move the switch to 'std' from the 'slow' position
- release the round button

🇬🇧 ⓤⓚ **Using Mode 2**

Mode 2 does everything mode 1 does, but with a very important difference: the maximum voltage is always limited to the value set by the CM knob. This is extremely useful when, for whatever reason, top speed should be reduced, like for example when your children are playing with vintage slot cars...
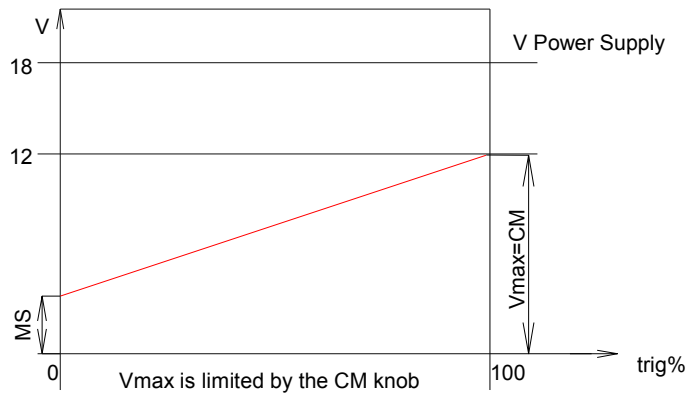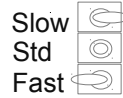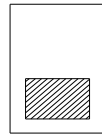
Mode 3 – CURVE

🇬🇧 (UK) Entering Mode 3

Select mode 3 by putting the switch on the back of the controller to the 'CRV' (bottom) position.

back of controller   top of controller

Slow
Std
Fast

CRV

🇬🇧 (UK) Using Mode 3

The 'Curve' mode is very flexible. By appropriate adjustment of the Curve/Max CM knob, together with the position of the dip switches (DS), the response curve can be custom tailored.

To understand how it works, consider that the curve of the trigger position/Voltage relationship is built by three points:

1. Min, which is the attack speed set by the MS knob, and varies according to the relative setting.

2. The middle point, which is on the intersection of two lines:: one, a horizontal line on the vertical 'voltage' axis, placed at 50% of the axis length, and the other, a vertical line on the horizontal trigger axis, whose position depends on the Curve/Max knob position. The intersection of these two lines sets the middle point.

3. The Max Voltage, which in this case is always 100%, that is, in the 'curve' mode it is not possible to decrease the maximum power.

In the following example, given a certain MS knob position, by turning the CM knob the curve varies as shown below.
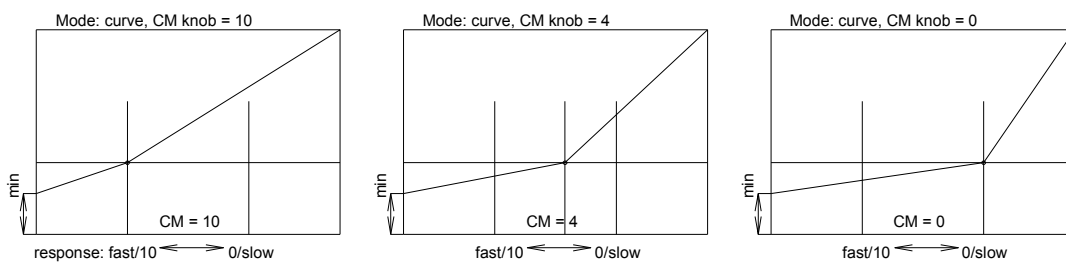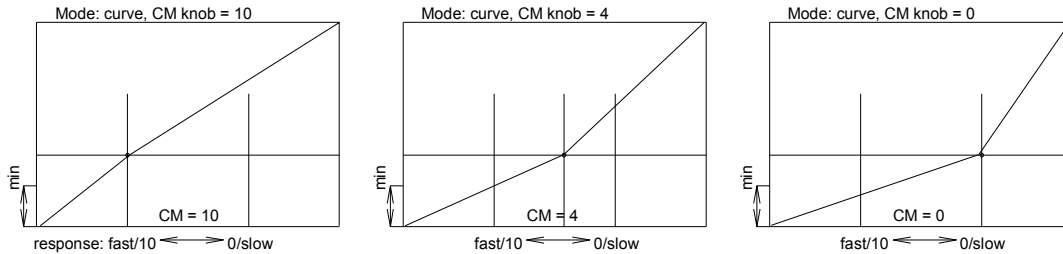
Example of curves with given MS and DS, CM change
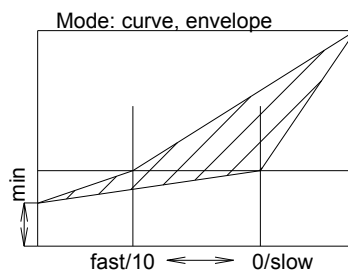
Envelope of curves with given MS and DS, CM change

Obviously, the curve can vary continuously between the one represented with CM=10 and the one

with CM=0. The middle curve, with CM=4 is an example of an intermediate situation. The envelope of possible curves, with the above said fixed MS, is explained by the picture right above.

What happens now to our curves, if we change the position of the minimum speed (MS) knob?

Example of curves with MS=0, given DS, CM change
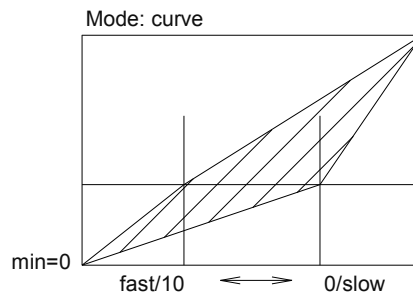
Envelope of curves with MS=0, given DS, CM change

At this point, it is easy to visualize the complete envelope of a sample situation, i.e. the complete set of curves that can be obtained with fixed dip switch position, and adjusting CM and MS knobs:
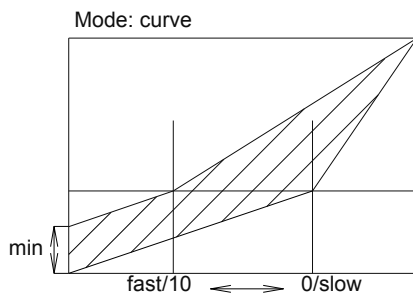
Envelope of curves with given DS, MS and CM change

NEW IN SCP-2 All this said, in Mode 3, as in the other modes, the trigger mapping can be set to an aggressive, standard or soft response using the additional switch.

Mode 4 – GHOST - explained

🇬🇧 (UK) **Entering Mode 4**

Activate the GHOST (auto run) mode by executing the following actions in sequence:

1. turn the Curve/Max knob completely counterclockwise to 0
2. put the CRV/LIN switch on LIN
3. press HAND BRAKE
4. keep HAND BRAKE pressed and press both arrow buttons (LC and Latched LC)
5. pull the trigger to full power
6. completely release the trigger
7. release all the buttons – the LEDs start flashing indicating GHOST mode
8. set speed with CM knob

🇬🇧 (UK) **Using Mode 4**

Speed can be adjusted with the Curve/Max knob. The Hand Brake button, as well as the Lane Change buttons (digital mode), work.

Exit mode by quickly pulling the trigger to full power and releasing it.

Note that the mode can be entered also skipping step 1. above. The risk in this case is that the speed is adjusted by said knob, so if you leave it to a high setting, as soon as you release the Hand Brake button in step 7, the car will start at warp speed and crash. So, please play safe and turn the CM knob to low before entering mode 4

🇬🇧 (UK) The SCP-2 has four main knobs, three push buttons, a sliding switch and a lever switch.

🇬🇧 (UK) **Power Trim (PT)**: also known as 'antispin', this knob controls how the power trim strategy delivers the power to the car.

Power Trim

no power trim
max power trim
max
min
trigger input
power output
max
min
= antispin area
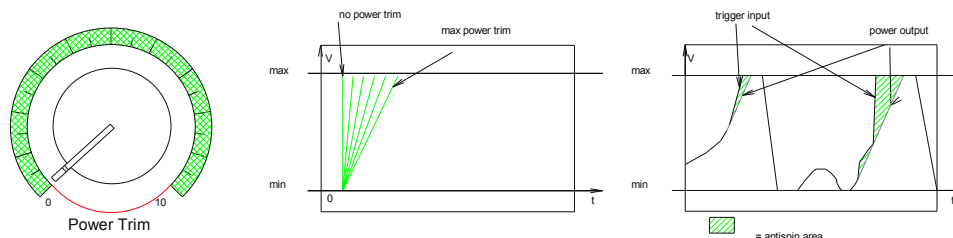
 The PT knob sets the maximum accepted 'slope' for a power increase: if the power increase ratio is above this slope, the 'power trim' slope is applied instead. In other words: if the trigger is pulled sharply, the power increase ratio is very high: in this case, the power trim strategy releases the power to the car through a more gentle slope. In reality, a 'real' antispin should monitor the wheel speed and detect wheelspin before cutting back the power. This is not what this controller does, which is, instead, a 'smoothing out' of the trigger action.

Actually, this idea is rooted in what was legal in the F1 rules in the 90s: real closed loop antispin being banned, this was as close as one could legally get.

🇬🇧 (UK) *PT for digital systems*: there is no difference between the analog and digital controller as far as the PT is concerned.

🇬🇧 (UK) **Curve/Max (CM)**: the core of SCP-2's inner working. Depending on the chosen working mode , "linear", "linear with speed limit", "curve", it has two completely different functions.
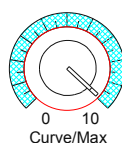
Curve/Max

"linear", and "linear with speed limit" modes: if you have *not* read the explanation on these two modes, then now it's probably time to read the relevant chapter. If you have, then this knob sets the maximum speed in both cases.

"curve": if you have *not* read the explanation on this mode, again you should do so now, or proceed at your own risk.... If you have, this knob, in this case, moves the working point on the 'X' axis and sets the third point through which the curve is set, the other two points being the minimum selected by the MS knob, and the 100% fixed maximum.

🇬🇧 (UK) *CM for digital systems*: there is no difference between the analog and digital controller as far as the CM is concerned.

🇬🇧 (UK) **Min Speed (MS)**: this knob sets the starting speed of the car, i.e. the minimum voltage which is applied to the track, when the trigger is pulled just enough to leave the 'braking' area. Also known as sensitivity, in terms of a traditional resistor based controller, it is similar to changing the resistor's value, to get a faster or slower start point.
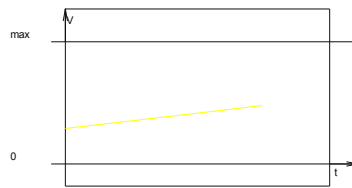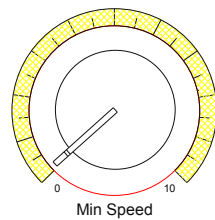

🇬🇧 (UK) *MS for digital systems*: there is no difference between the analog and digital controller as far as the MS is concerned.

🇬🇧 (UK) **Braking (BK)**: braking occurs when the trigger is completely released. The braking knob selects between two different braking strategies: 'sweep' and 'fixed'. The braking dial is split in two halves: one, under the label 'sweep', puts the braking system in 'sweep' mode, the other half, under the label 'fixed', does the same but for the 'fixed', standard, mode. As this tautology is not probably the best possible explanation, please look at the picture and read on.
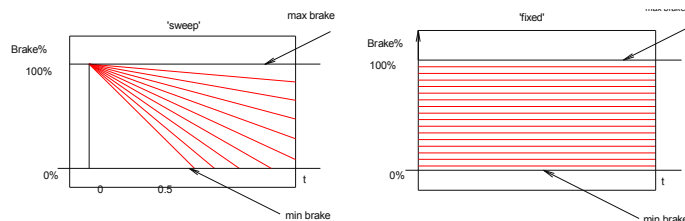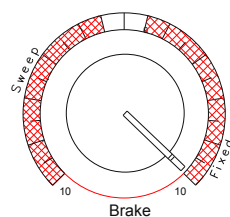
If you have ever been fortunate enough to look at some telemetry data from a real racing car, you might have noticed that the deceleration peaks at the beginning of the braking (in a modern F1 car, deceleration can reach 5g), then decreases as the driver eases the pressure on the pedal, as he tries to match the car's speed to the desired entry speed for the next turn. This is what the 'sweep' braking strategy tries to accomplish: a strong initial braking followed by a gradual easing of the braking itself. In other words: the sweep always begins with 100% braking, then, gradually reduces it to 0 (zero), as time passes. When turned counterclockwise in the 'sweep' area, the knob position controls the sweep time, i.e. how long does it take to bring the braking from 100% to 0. Note that, when fully turned counterclockwise, the braking is fixed at 100%, or, if you like to put it this way, the time it takes to bring the braking to 0 is infinite. Apart from this position, the longest available sweep is 1.7s, and the shortest is 0.5s.

The 'fixed' mode, clockwise, is the 'standard' mode of most, if not all, other controllers with adjustable braking: depending on the dial position, you get a stronger or weaker braking according to the knob setting.

🇬🇧 (UK) *BK for digital systems*:

oXigen: works as analog.
Hornby SSD: braking can in fact be adjusted with the BK knob as you would on an analog system. Only, the possible settings are 100%, 80%, 60%, 40%, and 20%.
**Ninco N-Digital**: either brake 100%, or no brake.
Tecnitoys SDS: no braking is provided by Tecnitoys on their system, so there's no braking available with the SCP-2, either.
Carrera: always 100% brake when available from the track.

Brake overrides (analog mode):

🇬🇧 (UK) There are two ways to change the brake setting on the fly, and temporarily, without altering

Single Shot 100% Brake

O2: up/down LC ↑↓

Set Brake 100%
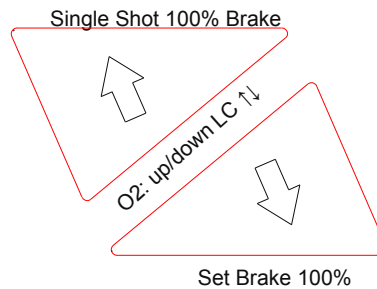
the base setting selected by the BK knob:

1. the 'UP' arrow button performs a 'single shot' brake override: the next braking action will always occur at 100% braking, regardless of the current BK settings. This can be useful in several situations: for example, in a circuit where 100% braking would not be the best choice, except for a single narrow turn. While active, that is, when the button has been pressed but braking did not take place yet, the green light stays ON. A further pressing of the 'UP' arrow when the strategy is active will switch it off.

2. the 'DOWN' arrow button, while pressed, overrides any braking knob settings, forcing braking at 100%, as long as it is pressed.

Lane change (digital mode):

🇬🇧 (UK) For traditional digital systems:

Single Shot 100% Brake

O2: up/down LC ↑↓

Set Brake 100%
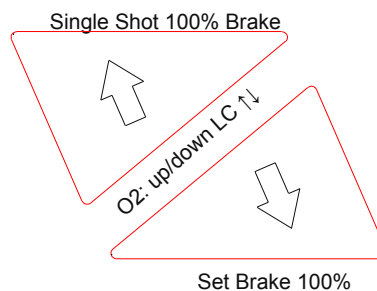
1. the 'UP' arrow button is a 'Latched Lane Change' command: what it means is that once pressed, for 2 seconds it keeps the Lane Change command active, like if the driver was keeping the Lane Change command pressed himself. The advantage of this is that, once pressed, the driver can concentrate on driving, and the SCP-2 will take car of lane changing, for the next two seconds. A further pressing of the 'UP' arrow when the strategy is active will switch it off.

2. the 'DOWN' arrow button, while pressed, activates the Lane Change mechanism.

For oXigen digital systems:

If used with an oXigen digital cartridge, the arrow direction is used to change lane according to the Selective Lane Changing protocol. In other words, arrows correspond to left or right changing. Refer to oXigen manuals for further explanations.

Hand brake (analog and digital mode):

🇬🇧 (UK) The round push button marked 'Hand Brake' is an instant brake, thumb activated. While pressed, power is cut and braking performed according to the BK knob setting.

Hand Brake
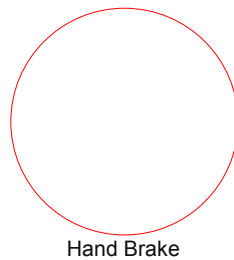
CRV/LIN selector and Switch (top of controller):

🇬🇧 (UK) The CRV/LIN selector and the Switches are located respectively on the back and on the top of the controller. Together, they are used to select the working modes of the SCP-2.
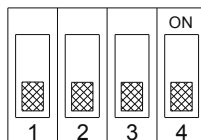
back of controller   *top of controller*

CRV
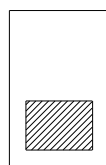
DIP Switches (digital cartridge only):

🇬🇧 (UK) The DIP Switches located on the controller's digital cartridge are used for selection between the different digital systems. Please refer to the Quickstart for Digital chapter for a thorough explanation

Live Timing (Telemetry) interface:

🇬🇧 (UK) ***The USB-like data port on the side of the controller is NOT a USB PORT. Do NOT connect it to your PC or data key.*** It does not harm the SCP-2 or the PC, but is completely useless to do so.

The SCP-2 provides a data port for telemetry transmission to PC. However, to do so, an optional interface box (which will be piggyback mounted on the controller itself) must be used.

Telemetry system handles all driving data (throttle, brake, knobs, etc), shows them graphically in real time on PC screen, and stores it for future retrieval. It's a very handy system to compare car setup, driver's skills, or simply to keep track of your races.

Lap time and sector times are recorded in telemetry as well.

This topic is fully covered in the manuals of the interface box and software.

How does the SCP-2 protect itself

🇬🇧 (UK) As the SCP-2 can operate in a very harsh environment, it has several ways of protecting itself against short circuits and polarity inversions. ***The following applies to analog systems with 'home racing' cartridge only***. The high end cartridge is protected differently, by fuse and by higher MOSFET current rating (80 A in ideal conditions).

🇬🇧 (UK) *Protection against short circuit between rails:*

This is the most common situation in normal use. A screwdriver on the track, a screw across the slot, a copper filament crossing the braids are normal events that any controller should handle gracefully. The power MOSFETS used in the SCP-2 are well dimensioned, but this alone is not enough to guarantee a happy and healthy life to your controller. So, the Slot.it SCP-2 continuously monitors the current drain from the track and cuts power if the current is higher than 6A. The situation is checked every few tenths of a millisecond, and if the short circuit goes away, power is restored. The 'diagnostic' LED flashes with one flash every two seconds while this condition is detected.

This obviously means that with the 'standard' analog cartridge, motors with a very large current drain cannot be used. This excludes the motors commonly used for 'metal slot racing' but includes all motors commonly used in plastic cars. An 'unlimited' cartridge, is planned, for higher current requirements.

In the table below, this protection is referred as SC.

🇬🇧 (UK) *Protection against short circuit to Ground:*

This is quite unlikely during normal use, but can be caused by a mismatch between Motor and Ground cables.

The 'diagnostic' LED flashes with two flashes every two seconds, while this condition is detected.

In the table below, this protection is referred as SC.

🇬🇧 (UK) *Protections against polarity errors:*

The SCP-2 has three cables: Motor (Black), Ground (Red), Power (White).

Two devices protect the SCP-2 against polarity inversion, which happens if the cables are mismatched. This should not happen often, but it *can* happen, so the SCP-2 is shielded by

1. Fast Fuse, 3.15A, replaceable. In the table below, this protection is referred as FF

2. Resettable Fuse (Automatic). In the table below, this protection is referred as RF

Track connectors	SCP-2 connectors					
Motor	Motor	Motor	Ground	Ground	Power	Power
Ground	Ground	Power	Power	Motor	Ground	Motor
Power	Power	Ground	Motor	Power	Motor	Ground
Effect →	OK	FF	RF	FF or SC	RF or SC	FF or SC

🇬🇧 (UK) *What to do:*

If the diagnostic LED flashes once every two seconds, unplug the controller, search and remove the offending item that is shorting the rails. Check that your motor is not draining too much current.

If the diagnostic LED flashes twice every two seconds, unplug the controller, and check your connections.

If you believe there might have been a condition like the ones above, check the Fast Fuse and in case, replace it. The automatic Resettable Fuse resets automatically in approximately 2".

a word about the trigger readout and reprogramming the controller curves

🇬🇧 (UK) The SCP-2 reads the trigger position from two magnets housed in the trigger itself. The magnetic field is read by a Hall sensor, whose linear output is fed to the microcontroller (the CPU). What makes it interesting for the user though, is that, being there no end of run switches or mechanical contacts, there is no friction between the trigger and the cursor as in a traditional controller, which means no wearout, no dust, no change in characteristics.

The SCP-2 comprises a sophisticated software which can detect the end-of-run positions and self calibrate during normal operation. It comes precalibrated from factory so that it works as expected as soon as it is powered up.

Version 1.1. of the controller (November 2010) adds an important new feature: it is now possible to reprogram the factory-set base relationship, which links the physical position of the magnet (trigger position, in degrees) to the logical point on the mapping. In other words: underneath all the curves that you have read so far, lays a base mapping through which the controller knows that a certain readout of the magnetic field corresponds to a certain position of the trigger. It is this 'base' relationship which makes it possible, for the software, to create all the curves of the SC 1.1 and now SCP-2. A small change of the 'base' map, which normally is hidden from the user, can radically change the behaviour of the controller. The base mapping is set during production, but a rewrite of the mapping must be performed every time the trigger magnet is replaced.

For the user, then, it is now possible to alter the *base* setting, as if you were using completely different magnets. Please refer to the 'Reprogramming the SCP' document, or to the single-language manual for an explanation of the procedure, all of which are downloadable from the Slot.it web site

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