



Protocab

NEWS UPDATE

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We're at Scaleforum this weekend! Come visit us and see the latest developments...

THE NEWSLETTER OF ACC+ESS LIMITED-DESIGNERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF THE PROTOCAB WIRELESS MODEL RAILWAY CONTROL SYSTEM

Briefing note before Scaleforum - More details to follow next week

Getting stocked for launch!



Items in stock

This week sees us in full scale preparation mode for Scaleforum near Aylesbury in the UK. This is an exciting juncture for Protocab as it is the first time that we'll be able to demonstrate the production system and take orders for despatch as soon as we return to Caithness. As such, our time has been occupied with getting set up with all the necessary technology to enable us to get up and running within things like taking payments while at exhibitions. We are almost ready to ship and are getting items packaged up ready to send to our early adopter pre-order customers who ordered earlier in the summer. It has been all hands to the pump in the last few weeks as we prepare to get the product shipped to our first customers.

Payments options

Getting ourselves set up with a suitable payments facility has been more challenging than we thought it would be. We will be adding in a full payments card to the website based on our new supplier's gateway facility which bolts onto our existing site, and also adding a telephone payments facility. The new payments gateway has now been delivered to us, so we will be able to take credit card payments at Scaleforum and from now on. In updating the website to move to fully featured payments, we are adding the full range of product information to the website and adding in all the price information to the shopping cart.

Developments

Over the air updates

A notable feature of how Protocab is delivered to customers is that there is a real split between the hardware shipping, which happens as a one off activity, and the software shipping which can if you choose be done on a continuous basis by receiving updates "over the air", that is through a connection to the Internet. There is great flexibility in this model. Should you choose you can get updates to the functionality of your 0201 for free, rather than needing to upgrade your entire system. The software will be continuously enhanced by our team and improve your product. Our progress on this over the last few weeks has been that we have developed the Management App to communicate with the controller and LCU and update the over the air. Our development version works and is currently being tested, and we need to upgrade this to make it the full commercial version in the next few weeks. This will be downloadable from our website, where there will be a registration facility for Club Protocab members.

New batteries under test

We have taken delivery of a new battery, the 1902-902030, at 9mm thick, and 20mm x 30mm which we will make available for sale on the website as soon as we have performed a full set of tests. The current 912030 battery is proving its worth having performed well in tests.

Ready for Scaleforum

Scaleforum is the next exhibition Protocab is visiting.

We are at Scaleforum this coming weekend 19-21st September. We have been busy getting as many orders ready to be fulfilled and sent out.

Our aim is to send out lots more news when we get back from Scaleforum, when we will send out a more detailed newsletter. In the meantime, we wish you well and look forward to updating you after Scaleforum.

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