

# SPDV2233.01

Six digit dcf clock

with 4x20mm + 2x14mm red 7 segment LED displays,  
temperature and extended alarm function

Handbook

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## Safety

### Follow the manual



The device is only safe in operation if all instructions are read in this handbook.

### General understanding of safety

By the device there are no hazard under normal use.

### Intended Use

The IC is designed for driving small to middle displays.

The power should come from a safe transformer (also protected transformer) or a corresponding low voltage power supply for the circuit.






Never use a higher voltage or direct mains voltage!

### Concealed Hazards



DANGER

following hazards may arise in case of wrong construction of the circuit and wrong handling of device:

-  With the direct connection to mains, it's a dangerous voltage on the module and other components, use a safety transformer!
-  Reverse polarity and overloading the device may cause in smoke. This smoke possibly contains toxic substances which must not be inhaled! Ventilate the room.
-   Reverse polarity or overload of the device can cause a hot surface on the IC or other component in the circuit.
  - There is a risk of burning when touching.
  - And flammable materials, for example Paper, can come in fire.
-  Despite careful examination, the housing parts can still be sharp and sharp! Therefore, they can cause wounds if handled incorrectly.

### Modifications of the example circuit

Check as appropriate all housing part and lines for damage. This applies in particular to parts of the directly (for example power cord and power supply) or indirectly come into contact with mains voltage.

# Application and function description

## Function description

This IC can analyze the DCF77 signal, which is received by a receiver and demodulated. The received time and date can output directly to a 7-segment displays.

The DCF77 signal is a low frequency radio signal which transferred the time and date. It will be sent in Frankfurt am Main, derived of the local atomic clock and sent with the carrier frequency of 77.5 kHz. Therefore, these watches are also known as radio clock.

The input for the DCF77 antenna can now automatically detect whether a pullup resistor is required and whether the input has to be inverted.

With this IC an advanced alarm clock function is implemented. In this each day can be set individually.

This IC has the new **OnChip FullMultiPlex Display technology**. With this technology also small very weak displays can work and the displays are generally brighter.

This IC also has an adjustable brightness control for the display, thereby the display is easy to read during the day and at night it does not light out the entire room.

With this IC the **temperature** will be displayed alternately with the time and or date.

This IC has a bootloader, which allows you to update the IC firmware. This means that you will always remain at the current state of the Firmware for the IC, without further costs.

## Technical data

- Operating voltage: 9 - 12 volts DC
- Current: 200mA
- Power: approximately 1.8 W (at 9 volts)
- Volume level of the buzzer: approx. 85 to 90 DB

## Construction description

### Installation of the device (Dimensions)



Figure 1: Installation (Dimensions) description for device SPH2305.0


Place the watch on a level and stable surface.

### Connectors



Figure 2: Connector description for device SPH2305.0

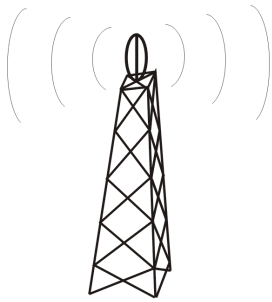
Please use a plug-in power supply with a matching socket of 2.1mm, as well as suitable voltage and current specifications. Pin assignment see X-DC.

 Make sure that you have connected all signals correctly. There is no overload and polarity protection!

#### X-DC : DC Power input : DC plug 2,1mm, 2 pins

Pin	Name	Direction	Function	Maximum
Outer	GND	Power		
Inner	V+	Power	Power supply input of the module	9 - 12 volts DC, 200mA

# Installation the DCF clock



Sender in Frankfurt



DCF77-Antenne

Figure 1: Align the DCF antenna

The external antenna receives the DCF77 signal and should be directed to Frankfurt, as shown in Figure 1. The antenna should be placed at least 1 meter away from a monitor, computer or other disturbing electronic devices .



During installation, the receiving LED can be used as an orientation to the quality of reception. The LED should flash at intervals of one second. If the antenna is properly aligned and the signal is strong enough, the display changes of "no signal" (No impeccable DCF77 signal) in "SEArCH" (search for the 59th second). Was the 59th second found so will the display shows "rEAd60" (read the DCF time) henceforth. It still takes 60 seconds to display the correct time. If the clock is not synchronized to the DCF time, the receiver LED flashes DCF work cycle (power reserve is in operation), if the LED is enabled in the menu. Is the display not changed to "SEArCH", the antenna is probably disturbed by a device or the antenna is too close to the display. Because the DCF antenna is so sensitive that it can disturb by the display in the near field, there is the possibility to reduce the brightness of the display during the synchronization, or to deactivate the display. This problem have all other DCF clocks with multiplexed LEDs displays also. By a darker display the DCF antenna can be mounted significantly closer to the display.

## Synchronize with active display

This mode is active when in menu under "receive brightness" the brightness is set > 0.

Appearance of the text on the screen:



"no Sig" no signal.



"SEArCH" Search the fifty-ninth second.



"rEAdxx" read the dcf time.

## Synchronize with deactivated display

This mode is active when in menu under "receive brightness" the brightness is set to 0.

When synchronizing with disabled display, only one decimal point for orientation appears.



"no Sig" no signal.





"SEArCH" Search the fifty-ninth second.



"rEAdxx" read the dcf time.

# Button description

## Overview of buttons



## Menu

### Level 1

### Level 2

Normal↓

Display mode of clock↓

Show

Temperature↓

Alarm↓

Alarm day selection → Alarm enable → Alarm time hour → Alarm time minute → Alarm snooze time → Alarm sound wait time → Alarm maximum time → Alarm exit ⌚

Brightness↓

Brightness menu → Brightness max → Brightness min → Brightness automatically → Brightness speed → Brightness factor → Brightness offset → Exit brightness settings ⌚

DCF↓

Receiving brightness → Receiving brightness → Receive state display → DCF input pull up → DCF input invert → Power save pin invert → DCF sensitivity → DCF exit ⌚

Clock Settings↓ Set hour → Set minute → Set year → Set month → Set day → → Set time → Exit clock settings ⌚

Info section↓

IC number↓

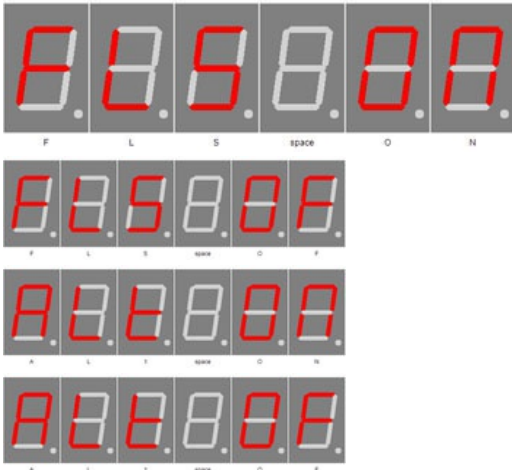
Firmware version↓

↓: Next step in main menu.

→: Next step in sub menu.

⌚: The submenu starts again.

### Normal

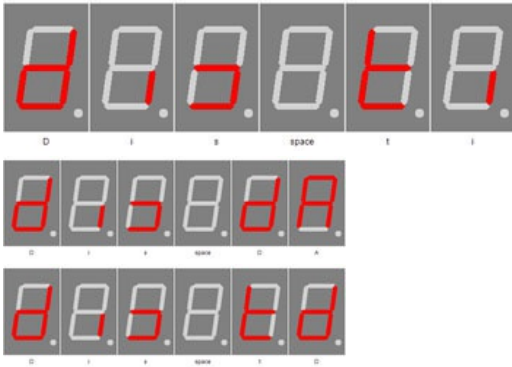


Normal mode, outside of the menu.

Here the + button has the function of the alarm temporary switch on or off.

The - button Switches the display to 100% (flashlight).

### Display mode of clock



Sets the mode how to display time and date.

- ti: Shows only the time.
- dA: Shows only date.
- td: Shows time and date alternately.

### Show Temperature



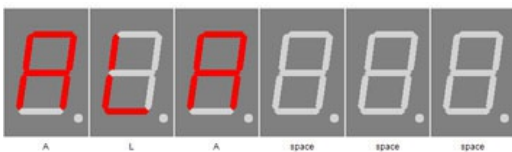
Enables the temperature display.

Display temperature on



Display temperature off

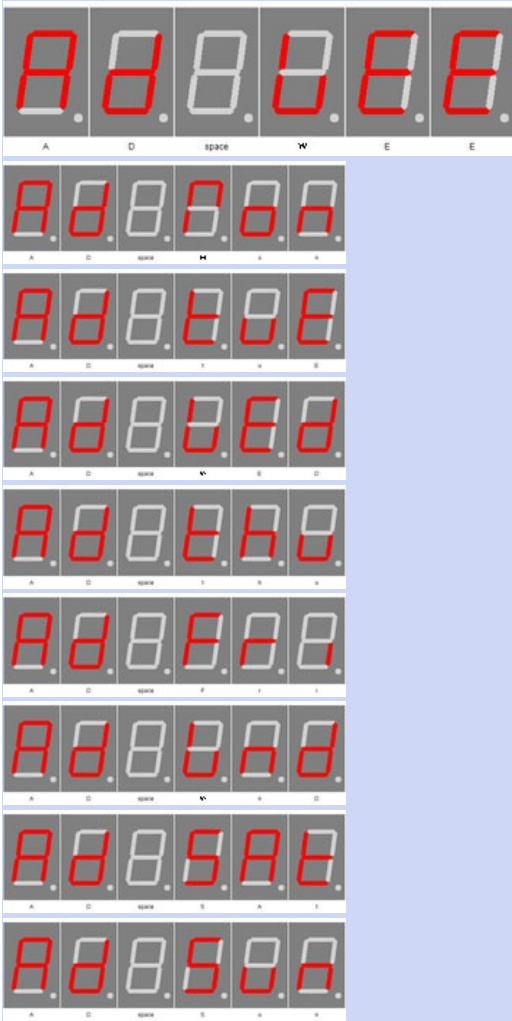
### Alarm



With + you enter the sub-menu Alarm.

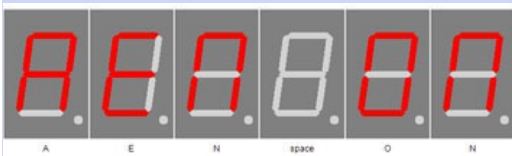
ALARM

**Alarm day selection**

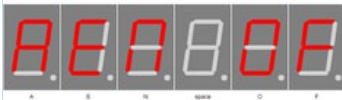


Select which day or which group you want to set. There are the group Week (WEE) and weekend (wnd). Saturday and Sunday are in the group weekend, all other days are in the group week. Through these groups, it is possible to set the alarm for several days at once. If the alarm is active for the week, so the weekdays can no longer be adjusted individually and inheriting the groups setting. A decimal point indicates whether the alarm on the day or group is active.

**Alarm enable**



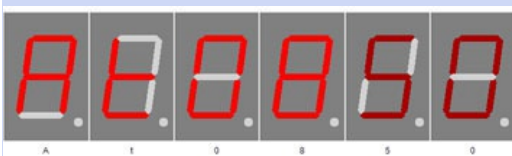
ALARM ON



ALARM OFF

Enables the alarm.

**Alarm time hour**



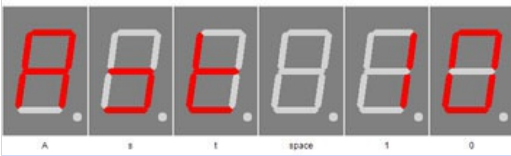
Sets the hour for alarm. The number can be 0-23

**Alarm time minute**



Sets the minutes for alarm. The number can be 0-59

**Alarm snooze time**



Sets the minutes for the snooze function. The number can be 1-30

**NOTICE**  
If "alarm maximum time" is shorter than alarm snooze time, the snooze function is disabled!

**Alarm sound wait time**



Sets the maximum time in minutes for the alarm. The number can be 0 - 10.

**NOTICE**  
If "Alarm sound delay" greater selected as maximum alarm time, then the display is only set to 100% brightness! No buzzer alarm!

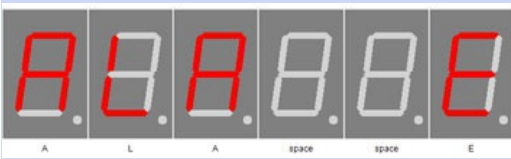
Alarm sound delay

**Alarm maximum time**



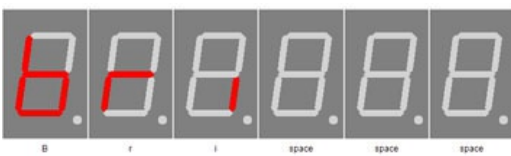
Sets the maximum time in minutes for the alarm. The number can be 2-60.

**Alarm exit**



With + you exit the sub-menu alarm.

**Brightness**



With + you enter the sub-menu brightness.

Brightness

**Brightness menu**



Sets the brightness of the menu. The number can be 10-25

Brightness

**Brightness max**



Brightness high

In this menu item, the maximum brightness of the display can be adjusted.

This is also used when auto brightness is disabled.

The number can be 0-25

**Brightness min**



Brightness low

In this menu item, the minimum display brightness can be adjusted.

The number can be 0-25

**Brightness automatically**



Brightness automatically on



Brightness automatically off

This allows to turn on and off auto brightness.

**Brightness speed**



Brightness speed

This sets the speed of auto brightness.

The number can be 0-10

**Brightness factor**



Brightness factor

This sets the calculation factor for auto brightness.

The number can be 1-99

**Brightness offset**

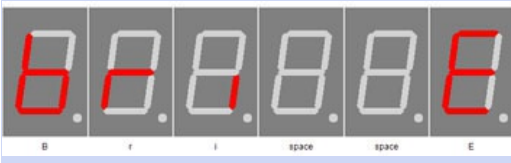


Brightness offset

This sets the calculation offset for auto brightness.

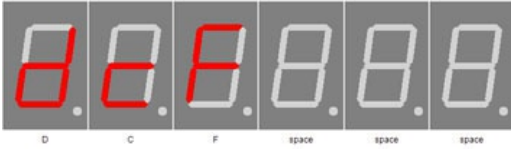
The number can be -99 - 99

**Exit brightness settings**



With + you exit the sub-menu brightness.

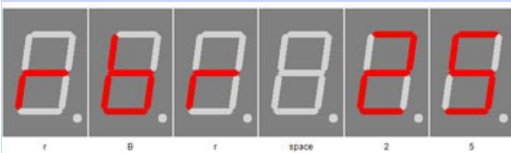
**DCF**



With + you enter the sub-menu DCF.

DCF

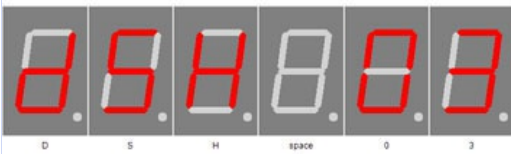
**Receiving brightness**



Receiving brightness

Sets the brightness during the DCF receiving. If 0, the display is turned off and the status of the synchronization is shown by decimal points. The number can be 0-25.

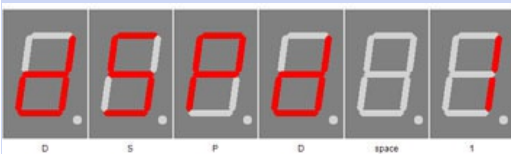
**Receiving brightness**



DCF synchronize hour

Sets the hour in which the DCF clock will synchronize. The number can be 0-23.

**Receive state display**

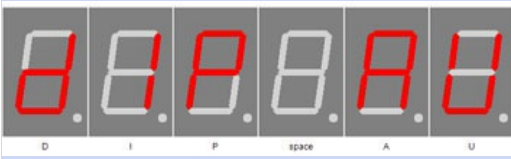


DCF status decimal point display

Sets the mode for the receive LED, which shows the received signal. The number can be 0-2.

- 0: Only until the clock has been synchronized.
- 1: Shows the received signal when the clock is not synchronized with the DCF77 signal.
- 2: Shows the received signal permanently on the receiver LED.

**DCF input pull up**



DCF input pull up auto



DCF input pull up on



DCF input pull up off

DCF77 input pin with pullup

- AU: Pull Up is automatically ( default ).  
*AU is activated by pressing the + button.*
- ON: Enables the pull-up resistor
- OFF: Disables the pull-up resistor  
*ON and OFF is activated and toggled by the - button.*
- Conrad DCF module = ON
- ELV DCF module = ON
- Pollin DCF module (3.3 V) = OFF

No guarantee for correctness of the information and changes of the manufacturer.

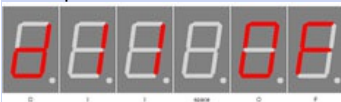
**DCF input invert**



DCF input invert auto



DCF input invert on



DCF input invert off

DCF77 inverting the input pin

- AU: input is automatically inverted or not (default).  
*AU is activated by pressing the + button.*
- ON: Input inverts
- OFF: no input inverted *ON and OFF is activated and toggled by the - button.*
- Conrad DCF module = for PIN3 ON, PIN4 OFF
- ELV DCF module = ON
- Pollin DCF module (3.3 V) = OFF

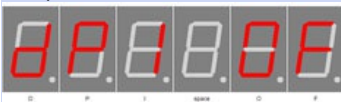
No guarantee for correctness of the information and changes of the manufacturer.

If the receive LED is off every second, the setting must be inverted.

**Power save pin invert**



DCF powersave invert on



DCF powersave invert off

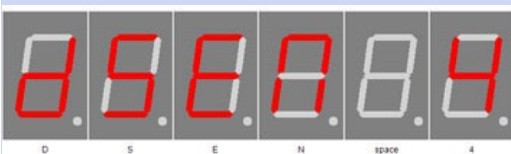
Inverts DCF77 power On / Off output

- ON: Power ON / OFF output is inverted (module ON at GND)
- OFF: power on / off output is not inverted. (module ON at VCC)
- Conrad DCF module = No power on / off input pin available
- ELV DCF module = No power on / off input pin available
- Pollin DCF module (3.3 V) = ON

No guarantee for correctness of the information and changes of the manufacturer.

Read the instructions of the receiver module for the power on / off pin of the DCF module to set this setting correctly. Many modules do not have this pin, then this setting can be ignored.

**DCF sensitivity**

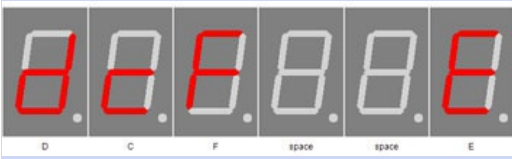


DCF sensitivity

Sets the DCF Sensitivity. 1 has a very low tolerance and 6 has the highest tolerance for reception. The Sensitivity should be set as small as possible to avoid incorrect receiving. The number can be 1-6



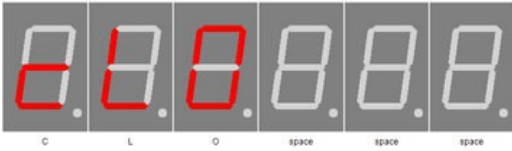
**DCF exit**



DCF Exit

With + you exit the sub-menu DCF

**Clock Settings**



With + you enter the sub-menu clock.

**Set hour**



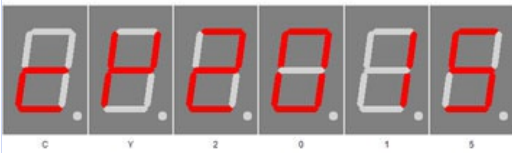
Set the hour.  
The number can be 0-23.

**Set minute**



Set the minute.  
The number can be 0-59.

**Set year**



Sets the year.  
The number can be 2000-2099.

**Set month**



Sets the month.  
The number can be 1-12.

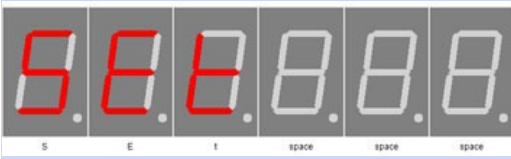
**Set day**



Set the day, limit by month.  
The number can be 1- 28, 29, 30, 31.

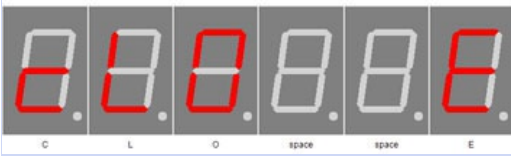
MISSING: MENU\_CODE\_L2\_DATECLOCK\_GET\_WDATE

**Set time**



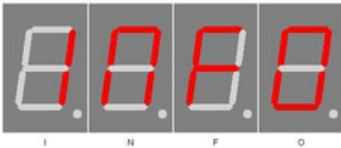
Sets the time, while looking for DCF time, otherwise the time will be provided directly.

**Exit clock settings**



With + you exit the sub-menu clock. Until here the clock, without DCF synchronization, will be taken and used until the next scheduled synchronization.

**Info section**



This indicates the start the information area

**IC number**



IC / device type

Chip number

**Firmware version**



Firmware version

Example, it might be something else at this point.

Firmware version

**Menu end**



End of the menu, hide automatically after 2 seconds.

End

# Attachment

## Bootloader handling

### Start the IC/module/device in bootloader mode

1. Switch off the IC/module/device.
2. Connect the UART adapter (USB → 3.3 volts or 5 volts UART or RS232 → 3.3 volts or 5 volts UART).  
"DCF in" → UART adapter TXD and "DCF ps" → UART adapter RXD.
3. Press the button S1, power up the IC/module/device with voltage and do not release this button until you hear a short BEEP. The display is off.
4. Now you can connect to the firmware upload tool.



#### Wrong UART level

If an incorrect voltage level (for example directly RS232, ± 12 Volt) is used, the UART adapter or the IC/module/device can be damaged or destroyed. In the worst case, overheating and fire may occur!

#### NOTICE

#### Defect firmware

Defect firmware can be detected as follows: Every second a short BEEP.]]

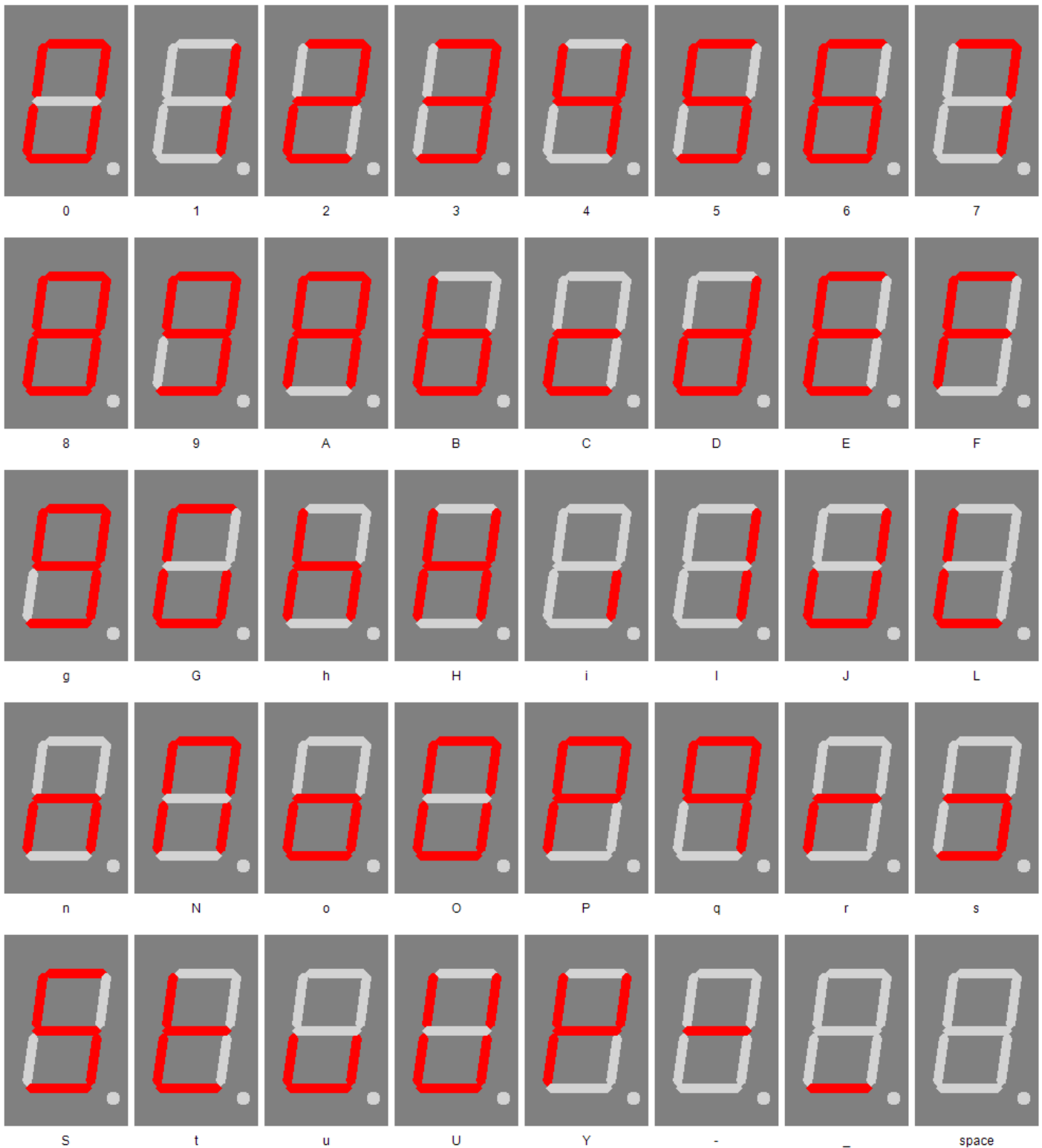
#### Use the Firmware Upload Tool to upload an update

1. Download the latest upload tool from [www.stefpro.biz](http://www.stefpro.biz): [SP Firmware UP](#)
2. Start the tool
3. Select the COM port.
4. Press the "Load" button and select a firmware which you have previously downloaded from SP Firmware UP
5. Now press the "Connect" button, the data from the IC / Module / device will be read and the compatibility of the new firmware with the IC / module / device will be checked
6. If an upload is possible, you can now press the "Upload Firmware" button. The upload starts and should not be interrupted.

[[NOTICE:Firmware upload interruption: If the firmware upload is interrupted or uploaded an inappropriate firmware, so there is a broken firmware, the IC can be operated only in bootloader mode.

## 7 segment characters

The symbolism of each character:



## Change log

### Safety

20.03.2017 - 1.0.3 - ADD  
Add ESD note

## **DCF module properties**

21.11.2016 - 1.0.1 - ADD

Add list of tested modules

20.03.2017 - 1.0.3 - ADD

Update list of tested modules, add standard pin assingment

## **Set day**

23.04.2017 - 1.0.4 - ERROR

Bugfix wrong title, this sets the day not the month.

# Liability, warranty and copyright notice

## Definitions

- "Device": A product that can be operated by simple connection via a power supply to the home power net. The power adapter does not have to be included.

## Liability

- Although the information contained in this document has been checked very carefully for accuracy and completeness, for errors and omissions can not be held liable. StefPro reserves the right to any time change any portion of the described hardware and software features.
- StefPro provides only specific "module" which is intended for installation. The "Manufacturer of the whole device" obliges to compliance to the relevant valided VDE, CE and EMC regulations. StefPro has verifies compliance with the requirements for this module random. Because the installation is not performed by StefPro, must additional inspection after installation of the modules by the "Manufacturer of the whole device".
- There is no liability for damages incurred directly by or in the application of the "module", as well as for damage caused by chemical or electrochemical effects of water or generally from abnormal environmental conditions.
- "Device" by StefPro should not be used in critical areas."

These include:

- medical devices for implanting or life obtained.
- Critical equipment for space, aerospace and traffic.
- Other important life components or systems, where an error is fatal.

## Safety Notes

- Since the built device is operated with an electrical voltage, the valid VDE regulations are complied with.
- This device is not in the hands of children!
- The device complies with the requirements of protection class III.
- The "device" may NOT directly to line voltage (or voltage > maximum operating voltage) in any case! It can be fatal!
  - Whenever it is that safe operation is no longer possible, the device must be taken out of service and secured against inadvertent operation. This assumption is justified,
  - when the device has visible damage,
  - when the device has loose parts
  - when the device no longer works
  - after prolonged storage under unfavorable conditions (eg outdoors or in moist environments)

Watch for correct voltage and connection of the device voltage and / or connection mistakes are beyond our control. Thus we can not assume any liability for damages arising out of it.

## Intended operation

- The used electrical parts and components are designed for a temperature between 0 °C ... +45 °C, so the device may only be operated and stored in this temperature range. During transport, the temperature may be between -10 °C ... + 50 °C.
- If condensation has formed during transport or storage, the modules must be acclimatized for approx. 2 hours before commissioning.
- It must not be operated in an increased dust, high humidity, explosion risk or aggressive chemical exposure.
- Ensure proper operation and connection. Operating and/or connection errors are outside our area. Unfortunately, we can not accept any liability for damages resulting of this.
- The improper operation of this module may result in damage of this module, personal injury or property damage.
- The safety instructions must be observed!
- The manufacturer is not responsible for all personal injury and property damage caused by improper operation.

## Warranty

- StefPro only warrants the device and its firmware. The warranty is limited to the exchange of the device within the warranty period in case of obvious defects of the hardware, as well as faulty programming.
- Warranty does not extend the warranty period or starts a new period again.
- Additional or deviating claims are excluded, especially claims for damages arising out of the product for damage. This will not affect claims based on inalienable rules under the product liability law.

## **Copyright notice**

The circuitry and firmware on the device from StefPro is protected by copyright. Unauthorized reproduction or distribution of Modules with this program or any portion of it. This is pursued both criminal and civil law, and may result in severe penalties and compensation for damages.

Status of the information 10.01.2018.

## Disposal information

Do not dispose devices in household garbage!

This modules or devices comply with the EU directive on electronic and electrical equipment (WEEE regulation) and therefore may not be disposed of with household waste. Dispose of the device over your local collection center for electronic equipment!



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