

# **INSTRUCTION MANUAL**





# **BEFORE YOU START:**

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Thank you for your purchase. In this manual we will provide you with the means to get started using your new steering whee!!

# **MPX FEATURES:**

Full billet anodized aluminum construction 87 telemetry controllable RGB LEDs 9 ELMA encoders with push 2 OTTO P9 rear push buttons 2 7-Way switches Motorsports grade electronics Adjustable clutches Adjustable shifters 70MM PCD HUB

## SimHub installation

To control the LEDs on the wheel, Simhub can be used. Download the lastest version of Simhub from <u>https://simhubdash.com</u>

This manual requires a SimHub version 8.2 OR 8.3 for some functionality.

#### Installation

Unzip the downloaded file and run the setup file. To be able to continue, you will have to accept the License Agreement:

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Press 'Install'.



After installation press 'Finish'.

## Initial calibration

Before using the wheel, we recommend to walk through calibration of all paddles found on the back of the wheel.

To make this an easier and more visual experience, let's open the Windows Game Controller program.

The quickest way to do this is to press the windows-key, type 'Game Controller' and hit 'enter' on your keyboard. This will open the Windows Game Controller program.

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Select 'Grid by Simlab MPX' from the list and press 'Properties' to access the properties window. At this moment, we offer more inputs than possible to display.

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#### **Calibration Mode**

The calibration is a very straightforward process, but first we need to enter the Calibration Mode on the wheel itself. To activate the wheels' calibration mode, **Press and Hold** the ADJUST (A) button and CALIBRATION MODE (CM) button at the same time. Keep doing so for at least **5 seconds**, until you see BUTTON 1 (top left) flashing. Release both buttons when the wheel successfully entered Calibration Mode.



#### Calibration

Calibration is easy to do. Simply 'press and hold' one paddle for about a second, release and you're done. After this has been done with both clutches, the wheels' firmware has registered the minimum and maximum values for travel. Press the Adjust (A) button a single time to exit the Calibration Mode.

### Clutch modes and bite-point adjustment

To make the most out of the dual clutches installed, they need to be set-up to your liking and intended use.

#### Mode selection

We offer multiple modes for different uses. This can be changed on the fly on the wheel itself. The three modes are:

- Dual-clutch: The 2 clutch paddles are working as 1 analog input. Left-side is the adjustable bite-point clutch and the right-side clutch is the master. Bite-point adjustment available ONLY in this mode.
- Analog: The 2 clutch paddles are working as 2 separate analog inputs.
- Switch: The 2 clutch paddles are working as a momentary switch.

To switch modes, **Press and Hold** the ADJUST (A) button and **Press** the mode of your choice. (1) Dual-Clutch, (2) Analog, (3) Switch. Release both buttons after you have made a selection.



#### Bite-point adjustment

Bite-point adjustment is available only in the DUAL-CLUTCH mode. If you are not in this mode, please see the previous page on how to switch to this mode. Also, it is important that both paddles are calibrated before adjusting their behavior. Please see Page 7 before following the steps on this page, if you have not calibrated your clutch paddles already.

To adjust the bite-point, **Press and Hold** the ADJUST (A) button and the left clutch paddle (LC) *fully*. Next, start by dialing in the bite-point roughly by using the Coarse (C) adjustment knob, tweak using the Fine (F) adjustment knob.

The Coarse (C) adjustment adjusts in roughly 10% increments, while Fine (F) roughly does 1% of adjustment. This way you can really dial in your clutches without compromise.



# SimHub configuration

If you haven't connected the wheel with the supplied USB cable to your computer, this is required from this point forward.

As per SimHub version 8.3 we have included presets for devices.

These device presets already come with LED profiles by default. They are intended to be very basic profiles which work fine for most people. These are meant to be more 'plug and play' oriented.

In case you *do* want to go all the way with your LEDs, which we encourage, you can pick the generic 'GRID by SIM-LAB' device preset. In there you can add your own fully custom LED profiles, or add ones downloaded from the GRID discord:

https://grid-engineering.com/discord

#### Activation

To use the wheel with SimHub, it needs to be added as a device:



Press 'Devices' (1) and 'Add device' (2) when you see are adding a device for the first time.

#### Press 'GRID BY SIM-LAB MPX' (3).



Confirm by pressing 'Ok' (4).

Now the device is added and ready for use. Make sure it is connected (1). If it doesn't immediately connect after initial setup, it sometimes needs manual disconnecting first before connecting.



A basic color and LED profile has been loaded by default. It can be adjusted by pressing 'Edit profile' (2). Each button consists of 1 LED group to keep things simple and quick to adjust. This profile is free to be adjusted or expanded at your leisure but possibilities concerning LEDs are limited for the sake of simplicity.

As mentioned on Page 10, it is possible to use the LEDs in a more advanced way. Instead of the 'GRID BY SIM-LAB MPX' preset above, add the 'GRID by SIM-LAB' one instead. Now you get access to all individual LEDs. For their numbering, see the next page.

The 'GRID by SIM-LAB' device would also be where you can load in all other profiles made by the community found in the GRID discord. We really recommend a deep dive in there to get the most out of your wheel!

#### Changing the LEDs' functions.

To change the LED effects you need to know their numbering to identify them on the wheel. The following schematic shows the LED numbering for the available inputs and RPM LEDs. The buttons and encoder knob LEDs are lit bit a number of very small but powerful LEDs.



There should be enough info in the sample profile to be able to adjust to your liking. Just keep in mind, you mostly need two values. The number of the LED where you want an effect to start, and the amount of LEDs to use for said effect.

For the encoder LED numbering, the first LED is the top left one, numbering follows a clockwise pattern.

For further assistance and more information on effects, please see the SimHub documentation.

## Power Injection Box installation

The connection between your new wheel and PC is handled through the Power Injection Box (A2). This will transfer signals and power to the wheel.

Installation is very straightforward. We recommend to have the connector for the coiled cable (A4) oriented upwards. The bottom of the PIB is where your DC power adapter (A5) and USB-A cable (A3) are connected.



Connect all cables to and from the power injection box before plugging in the power supply. This ensures there are no grounding issues when plugging in cables while the device is powered. The current version of the power injection box has an on/off power button (P), you might need to press this if your wheel isn't recognized immediately. Also this makes it easier for you to turn off power for the wheel, just press the power button (P) once.

Secure all cables in such a way they can't be tripped on or accidentally pulled from their sockets.

When experiencing intermittent signal loss, we recommend using a powered USB hub.

# ONLY connect approved 'GRID' sim racing steering wheels or risk DAMAGE to your steering wheel or PC!

# Bill of materials

IN <sup>·</sup>	IN THE BOX				
#	Part	QTY	Note		
A1	MPX Steering Wheel	1			
A2	Power Injector Box	1	Interface between wheel and PC.		
A3	USB-A Cable	1			
A4	USB Coiled Cable	1			
A5	DC power adapter	1			
A6	Label package	1			
A7	Bolt M5 X 16 DIN 7380	2			
A8	Slot-Nut M5	2			

### More information

If you still have some questions regarding assembly of this product or about the manual itself, please refer to our support department. They can be reached at:

support@grid-engineering.com

Alternatively, we now have Discord servers where you can hang out or ask for help.

www.sim-lab.eu/discord / www.grid-engineering.com/discord

Product page on the GRID Engineering website:

