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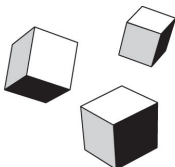
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# Tapio™

# User Manual

iOS and USB Switch  
Interface  
Model: TAP2



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### FCC / CE Notice



Products bearing the CE marking have been tested and are declared by Origin Instruments Corporation of 854 Greenview Drive, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050, USA to be in conformity with the following standards or other normative documents and following the provisions of the Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive, 89/336/EEC:

- EN 55022 Class B Emissions (Radiated Emission)
- EN 61000-4-2, Electrostatic Discharge Immunity
- EN 61000-4-3, Radiated Immunity

Origin Instruments Corporation has tested Tapio and found that it complies with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to

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Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation.

Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

If this product is suspected of causing interference to a radio or television receiver, remove and apply power to the equipment and determine whether it is the cause of the disturbance. If a problem exists, the user is encouraged to try and correct the problem by one of the following measures:

1. Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
2. Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver.
3. Reorient the equipment cables.
4. Consult the dealer or Origin Instruments for additional suggestions.

Origin Instruments is not responsible for any problems caused by unauthorized modification of this equipment.

## Application Disclaimer

Tapio is designed for use by people who have limited or no motor capability enabling them to operate switch activated devices. However, it should not be used in an application where personal injury or property loss could occur if the Tapio failed for some reason. **Origin Instruments products are *not* authorized for use as surgical aids or as part of a system intended to support or sustain life.** The user assumes full responsibility for determining the suitability of Tapio for the intended application.

# Introduction

Tapio is a compact adaptive switch interface. It is a native USB device that can be connected to an Apple iOS device using an Apple, and some third party Camera Interface Adapters. It accepts industry standard 3.5 mm stereo or mono plugs and directly interfaces up to two adaptive switches to an Apple iOS Device or computer. Tapio is powered from the device and does not require external power. Tapio uses standard USB Human Interface Device (HID) drivers and works with iOS Devices, Windows, Macintosh and Linux computers, and many Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) devices.

### Tapio Features:

- Extremely Low Latency
- Extremely Low Power
- 3.5-mm (1/8-inch ) Stereo Jack
- Accepts Single or Dual Switches (stereo plug)
- Apple Switch Control (iOS7 and newer) Events
- Keyboard Switch Events
- RJ Cooper Switch Events
- Mouse Button Emulation
- Joystick Button Emulation
- Full Speed USB Device
- Uses Standard USB HID Drivers
- Supports USB Remote Wakeup
- Weighs ½-ounce (14-grams)
- 2- by 0.8- by 0.5-inches (51- by 20- by 13-mm)
- Works with Apple iOS Devices, Windows, Mac and Linux
- Origin Instruments Quality, Reliability and Support

When Tapio is first plugged into a host device an LED turns on until the host device recognizes Tapio and USB enumeration is complete. Thereafter, an LED turns on when an adaptive switch is actuated.

# Questions and Answers

### **How do I connect two adaptive switches to Tapio?**

Combined switches, such as our Sip/Puff can be directly connected using a single stereo cable. For two switches with independent cables and connectors, use a dual-mono-to-stereo adapter like the one packaged in our Swifty Cable Kit.

### **How do I plug Tapio into an Apple iOS Device?**

Tapio is a native USB device. To connect to an iOS Device use a Camera Interface Adapter from Apple, or a third party supplier. Adapters are available for the Lightning connector and USB-C.

### **Should I use mouse, joystick, or keyboard mode?**

For Apple Switch Control, use the default keyboard mode. However, set Tapio for the events your app is expecting. If a computer app is looking for mouse buttons then use Mouse Mode.

### **Will Tapio wake up my Device?**

Tapio can wake a host device that supports USB remote wakeup.

### **Why does the LED flash when plugging Tapio into a host?**

When first plugged in, the host goes through a process to determine what has been plugged into its USB port. The first time you plug in Tapio it may load a new USB driver and you may see a message during this process.

### **Why does the LED come on when I actuate one of my adaptive switches?**

This is used to help you determine if the host (computer or iOS Device) has properly enumerated Tapio and that Tapio can see the adaptive switch actuations. If you press an adaptive switch and the LED does NOT light, it means one of the following: Tapio is not properly enumerated, the host has removed power, the adaptive switch is defective, or Tapio is defective.

### **Can I use Tapio while charging my iPad?**

Yes, use Apple's Lightning to USB adapter with a power port. Plug your Tapio into the USB port and your charger into the Lightning port on the adapter. For USB-C, use a powered hub.

## DIP Switch Settings

Tapio integrates a compact four-position DIP Switch for user options. DIP Switch settings can be readily changed using a paper clip. The factory default settings are all DIP Switches ON.

While viewing Tapio's DIP Switch with its USB connector extending to the left, switches pushed up are ON and switches pushed down are OFF. Switch one is on the left side. After you modify the DIP Switch settings, un-plug and re-plug Tapio to enable the new mode.

DIP Switch			Mode	Outputs		Timing
1	2	3		Switch 1	Switch 2	
ON	ON	ON	Tapio-1, (Default)	Space	Enter	Full Duration
OFF	ON	ON	Tapio-2	Space	Enter	Pulse
ON	OFF	ON	RJ	~ 1	~ 3	Pulse
OFF	OFF	ON	Rich	Space 1	Enter 2	Pulse-Pulse
ON	ON	OFF	Mouse	Left	Right	Full Duration
OFF	ON	OFF	Joystick	#1	#2	Full Duration
ON	OFF	OFF	Keyboard-1	Enter	Space	Full Duration
OFF	OFF	OFF	Keyboard-2	1	2	Full Duration

(SW4 is reserved and should be ON.)

**Outputs** describes the keyboard keys, mouse buttons, or joystick buttons that are sent when the first and second adaptive switches are actuated.

In most cases one key is sent in two cases (RJ and Rich Modes) two keys are sent in quick succession.

**Timing** further describes how keys are sent.

For *Full Duration timing*, Tapio holds the keyboard key down as long as the associated adaptive switch is held down.

For *Pulse timing* the key is held down only briefly and released no matter how long the associated adaptive switch is held down.

For *Pulse-Pulse timing*, when the adaptive switch is pressed Tapio briefly holds down and releases the first key listed, and when the adaptive switch is released Tapio briefly holds down and releases the second key listed. For example, in Tapio's RICH mode when

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the adaptive switch is pressed and held Tapio "presses" and immediately releases the SPACE key. Then, when the adaptive switch is released Tapio "presses" and immediately releases the 1 (ONE) key. This allows applications to know exactly when an adaptive switch was pressed and when it was released. Knowing the leading and trailing edges of switch actuation allows app developers to employ more efficient scanning techniques.

## Modes

There are eight modes and six involve emulating a USB keyboard. The other two modes emulate a USB mouse and USB game controller (joystick).

Most of the keyboard modes are self explanatory. However the RJ and RICH modes are unique in that they send two keyboard keys with every single adaptive switch actuation.

RICH mode has been described in the previous *Pulse-Pulse timing* discussion.

In RJ mode, the table shows that when the adaptive switch is actuated Tapio "presses-and-releases" the ~ (TILDE) key and then immediately "presses-and-releases" the 1 (ONE) key. In other words, for each adaptive switch actuation Tapio sends two keyboard keys. Since RJ mode uses *Pulse timing*, these two keys are sent when the adaptive switch is first pressed. No matter how long the adaptive switch is held the keys only go out once.

In Mouse mode Tapio sends the left and right buttons of a standard mouse. Since mouse mode uses Full Duration timing, Tapio holds the Mouse button down as long as the adaptive switch is held down.

In Joystick mode Tapio sends the first and second buttons of a standard USB game controller. Since Joystick mode uses Full Duration timing, Tapio holds the joystick button down as long as the adaptive switch is held down.



## **Optional Cable Kit**

The optional Mono to Stereo Cable Adapter allows two independent switches with mono plugs to be connected to Tapio.

The Cable Adapter can also be used with other switch-connected devices, like Swifty, HeadMouse® or third party devices.



### General Care and Maintenance

1. Do not force Tapio into a USB port or adapter.
2. Do not bend Tapio while plugged into a USB port, it will damage the Tapio or the host device.
3. Tapio may be cleaned with a damp cloth using any household cleaner.
4. Do not allow liquid to enter Tapio.

### Customer Support

Customer support is provided by Origin Instruments during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday.

If you purchased Tapio through another company please contact that company first, they will be more familiar with your circumstances.

Please email [support@orin.com](mailto:support@orin.com) or call 972.606.8740.

### Warranty Information

Origin Instruments warrants that Tapio will be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of shipment. If the product proves defective during this warranty period, Origin Instruments will, at its option, repair or replace the defective product.

In order to obtain service under the foregoing warranties, the Customer must notify Origin Instruments of the defect prior to the expiration of the warranty period.

The foregoing warranties will not apply to any defect, failure, or damage caused by improper use, or improper or inadequate maintenance and care. Origin Instruments will not be obligated to furnish service under these warranties (a) to repair damage resulting from attempts by unauthorized personnel to install,

repair, or service the product; (b) to repair damage resulting from improper use or connection to incompatible equipment; or (c) to

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Origin Instruments Corporation  
ATTN: Customer Service – RMA (insert your number)  
854 Greenview Drive  
Grand Prairie, TX 75050-2438 USA

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