



# CAB-05

Intermediate Cab



## Operations Manual

For  
Cab version 3.1

To the right is an illustration of the CAB05 Intermediate Cab. Following is a description of the various controls and indicators of the cab.

## ADDRESS TOGGLE SWITCH

The CAB-04e can act as **two** independent cabs depending on which way (to the left or right) the toggle is thrown. This way one CAB-04e can act as two separate cabs controlling two different trains.

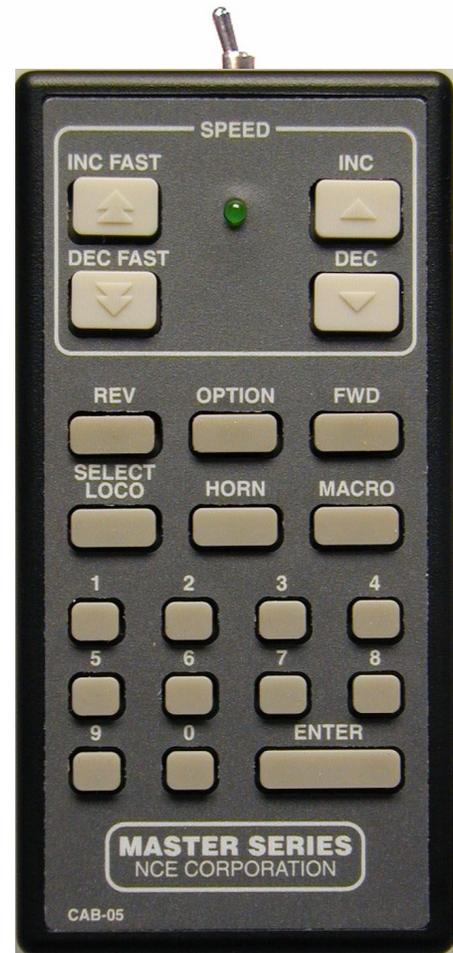
The 'left' side cab can have one cab address and the 'right' side cab can have a completely different cab address and a completely different cab setup.

## STATUS LED

The cab status LED is located between of the speed control buttons. It will briefly flash whenever a key is pressed or will glow continuously to indicate when data entry is required.

## SPEED BUTTONS

The left two buttons increase or decrease the speed by 4 or 10 speed steps, depending on the speed mode. The right buttons increase and decrease the speed by one speed step at a time. These buttons are factory set to automatically repeat about 2 times per second. This repetition rate may be changed (see SETTING UP YOUR CAB)



## DIRECTION KEYS

Pressing the **FWD** key will cause the Loco to move in a forward direction. The **REV** key will cause the Loco to move in a reverse direction. These buttons are disabled when the cab is in "yard" mode (use the knob to change direction).

## OPTION KEY

This button comes factory set to act as a direction toggle. Each push of this button will change the direction of the locomotive.

This button can be set up to act as any button you wish (see SETTING UP YOUR CAB).

The OPTION button can also be set as a "Special" shift (we call it "sticky" shift) button. This will give all the other buttons on the cab an alternate use (see page 6).

## HORN

This button is factory set to operate Function 2 which is the de-facto standard for the horn/whistle feature of DCC sound systems. Unlike other keys which toggle functions on and off this key is momentary, activating the function only as long as the button is held down. If you want Function 2 to toggle on and off use the "2" button.

## NUMBER KEYS

The keys 0 through 9 serve two purposes. First, when operating a locomotive if a number key is pressed it toggles the corresponding function on the loco (if that function is connected and supported by the locomotive decoder). The second purpose is for entering numeric data that is required for selecting a locomotive or other device. Use the **0** key for Headlight and the **1** key for Bell if you have a sound system.

## HEADLIGHT

The "**0**" button (the headlight is Function 0) toggles the Headlight on and off.

## ENTER

Used to confirm numeric input.

## SELECT LOCO

This selects the locomotive/consist to operate. When this key is pressed, the Status LED will light indicating that a numeric entry is expected. Enter the loco/consist number, then press **ENTER**.

## MACRO

Macros are explained in detail in our system reference manual. When this key is pressed, the Status LED will light indicating that a numeric entry is expected. Enter the macro number, then press **ENTER**. Macros are used to control one or more accessory decoders with a single command. In operation this is much easier than using the ProCab "Select Accy" button to control switches.

## SETTING UP YOUR CAB 05

Just as every locomotive has a separate number (address in DCC terms) each cab needs a separate address so the command station can distinguish one cab from another. Each CAB05 is shipped from the factory with the addresses of 5 and 6. When the address toggle switch is in the left position the cab address is 5. In the right position the factory default address is 6. If already have cabs, macro panels or AIUs using these addresses you will have to change one or both CAB05 addresses before use.

To change the cab address:

- 1) Turn on the DCC system.
- 2) Unplug your CAB05 from the cab bus.
- 3) Position the toggle switch to the left or right depending on the address you wish to change
- 4) Plug the cab back in while holding down the SELECT LOCO button.
- 5) Release the SELECT LOCO button. The cab will now enter its internal setup program indicated by a flashing LED.
- 6) Press "**1**" to enter cab address setup mode. The LED flash rate slows to indicate the cab is ready for you to enter a new cab address.
- 7) Type in the desired cab address followed by the ENTER key.
- 8) If you enter cab address 00 the entire cab will reset to its factory settings. If you enter address 01 the entire cab will revert to its original factory settings *except* for any shifted keys you have already programmed into the cab (the OPTION key will be set to act as DIRECTION). Valid cab addresses are 2 to 63. If you enter a number outside this range the LED will flash rapidly indicating an error. Press SELECT LOCO to clear the error and go back to step 2. This finishes setting the cab address.
- 9) Repeat the process with the address toggle in the opposite position for the "other" cab address.

### Setting the repeat rate for the speed buttons:

- 1) Turn on the DCC system
- 2) Unplug your cab from the command station
- 3) Plug the cab back in while holding down the SELECT LOCO button
- 4) Release the SELECT LOCO button. The cab will now enter its internal setup program indicated by a flashing LED
- 5) Press “5” to enter the **repeat rate setup** mode. Notice the flashing of the LED slows to indicate it is ready to accept the new rate.
- 6) Enter a new rate in the range of 16 to 255 followed by the ENTER key. If you enter a number less than 16 the LED will flash rapidly indicating an error. If you get an error go back to step 2. Larger numbers slow the rate, smaller numbers speed it up. The table below gives some useful values.

Numeric Value	Repeat Rate
16	4 times per second
32 (factory setting)	2 times per second
64	once per second
128	once every 2 seconds
254	once every 4 seconds
255	never

### Setting the OPTION key:

Each “half” (address switch position) of the cab can have different OPTION key settings.

- 1) Turn on the command station
- 2) Unplug your cab from the command station
- 3) Press and hold down the SELECT LOCO button while plugging in the cab. The cab will now enter its internal setup program. This is indicated by a flashing status LED.
- 4) Press “4” to enter OPTION key setup mode. Notice the flashing of the LED slows indicating it’s ready to accept the new key value.
- 5) Enter a new value for the OPTION key from the table on the next page, followed by the ENTER key. If you enter a number less than 64 or greater than 128 the LED will flash rapidly indicating an error. If you get an error press SELECT LOCO to clear the error and go back to step 2.

**Table of values for OPTION button and “Shifted” buttons**

<b>Value</b>	<b>Key Name</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Key Name</b>
<b>64</b>	<b>Enter</b>	97	Program on Main
65	Program	98	Set Clock
<b>66</b>	<b>Recall</b>	99	Use program track
<b>67</b>	<b>Direction (factory setting)</b>	100	Setup command station
68	Setup consist	101	Setup Procab
69	Add loco to consist	102	Setup macros
70	Delete loco from consist	103	Setup old consist
71	Kill consist	104	Setup advanced consist
<b>72</b>	<b>Select loco</b>	105	Display LCD lines 3 and 4
<b>73</b>	<b>Horn button down</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>Forward</b>
<b>74</b>	<b>1 Speed step faster</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>Reverse</b>
<b>75</b>	<b>1 Speed step slower</b>	108	Select Signal
<b>76</b>	<b>Emergency Stop</b>	109	reserved
<b>77</b>	<b>Bell</b>	110	reserved
78	Select Accy	<b>111</b>	<b>Momentum</b>
79	Expn (Expansion) key	<b>112</b>	<b>F10</b>
<b>80</b>	<b>Headlight, Zero key</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>F11</b>
<b>81</b>	<b>F1, number 1 key</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>F12</b>
<b>82</b>	<b>F2, number 2 key</b>	115	reserved
<b>83</b>	<b>F3, number 3 key</b>	116	reserved
<b>84</b>	<b>F4, number 4 key</b>	117	reserved
<b>85</b>	<b>F5, number 5 key</b>	118	reserved
<b>86</b>	<b>F6, number 6 key</b>	119	reserved
<b>87</b>	<b>F7, number 7 key</b>	120	reserved
<b>88</b>	<b>F8, number 8 key</b>	121	reserved
<b>89</b>	<b>F9, number 9 key</b>	122	<b>F13-F28 control</b>
<b>90</b>	<b>4/10 speed steps faster</b>	123	Alt momentary button down
<b>91</b>	<b>4/10 speed steps slower</b>	124	Alt momentary button up
<b>92</b>	<b>Macro</b>	125	“no key” pressed
<b>93</b>	<b>28/128 speed select</b>	126	reserved
<b>94</b>	<b>Brake</b>	127	do not use
95	Horn button up	<b>128</b>	<b>“Special” shift key</b>
96	Assign Loco to Cab	129	reserved

**Notes on OPTION key settings:**

Some of the possible values for the OPTION key are impractical as they require many visual prompts on the LCD of a ProCab. In the above table the most practical key values are listed in bold type.

If you are adventurous you can try some other key values. We use Programming On The Main fairly often.

1. Set the option key value to 97
2. Use Programming on the Main with your ProCab and record the key strokes to access CV programming. (PROGRAM ON MAIN, ENTER, ENTER, 2, CV#, CV value, ENTER [the last ENTER exits programming])
3. Press OPTION on the Cab05 and notice the LED will light indicating data entry mode. Press the keys you recorded in step 2.

## If you set the OPTION key to EMERGENCY STOP (76)

Pressing the **E-STOP** key once will stop the active loco/consist for this Cab only. Speed will be immediately set to zero (no momentum). Loco is restarted by changing the speed or direction.

## WHOLE LAYOUT EMERGENCY STOP

Pressing **E-STOP** three times in quick succession will bring the *entire* layout to a stop. The Status LED will light and is cleared only by pressing the **ENTER** key. Only the Cab that executed the Emergency Stop can clear it. Each Loco or Consist can now be restarted by sending it a command, such as a speed step increase or decrease, or by toggling a Function output. If the E-Stop does not clear, press E-Stop until the status LED lights, then press ENTER again. NCE Power-Pro systems with software dated 21 December, 2004 and newer have an option to disable the Whole Layout Emergency Stop

## Operation with the OPTION button set to the “SPECIAL” SHIFT

Every button on the cab can have an alternate action (like the shifted number keys on your computer or typewriter). You can activate this alternate action by setting the OPTION button to the “SPECIAL” SHIFT value (128). Then, when you press OPTION nothing will happen until you press a second button. When you press the second button its alternate identity will be used.

Example: The MACRO button has RECALL as its alternate action. To use RECALL instead of MACRO press OPTION then press MACRO. This has the same action as the RECALL button on your ProCab.

## Factory defaults for alternate button values

We have already programmed some alternate button values at the factory. These values are illustrated in the table below. The factory settings for these values can be changed (see Setting Alternate Button Values on the next page). These settings apply to both “halves” of the cab.

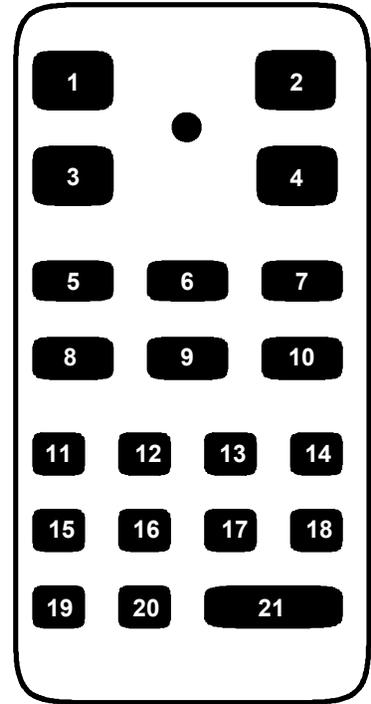
Factory default button values

Button Number	Button Value	Description
5	111	Momentum
6	125	Nothing - Cancels special shift action
7	76	Emergency Stop
8	93	28/128 speed mode
9	122	F13-F28 control
10	66	Recall
11	81	1
12	82	2
13	83	3
14	84	4
15	85	5
16	86	6
17	87	7
18	88	8
19	89	9
20	90	0
21	64	Enter

### Setting the alternate button values:

Alternate button setting apply to both address switch positions of the cab.

- 1) Turn on the DCC system
- 2) Unplug your cab from the Cab Bus
- 3) Press and hold down the SELECT LOCO button while plugging in the cab. The cab will now enter its internal setup program. This is indicated by a flashing LED on the cab.
- 4) Press “6” to enter shifted key setup mode. Notice the flashing of the LED slows to indicate it’s ready to accept a button number to program.
- 5) Enter the **button number** followed by ENTER (see diagram of button numbers on the right) Only button numbers 0 through 21 will be accepted. If you get an error press SEL LOCO to clear the error and reenter the correct number. Notice the LED flash changes pace when you press ENTER indicating the cab is now waiting for a value for the button.
- 6) Enter the new **button value** (from the OPTION button table on the previous page) followed by the ENTER key. Only button values of 0 and 64 through 128 are accepted. Other values will cause an error. If you get an error press SELECT LOCO to clear the error and reenter the correct value. You can cancel the process at any time by unplugging the cab.
- 7) To set the alternate values for other buttons repeat this process from step 2.



**Cab05 button number diagram**

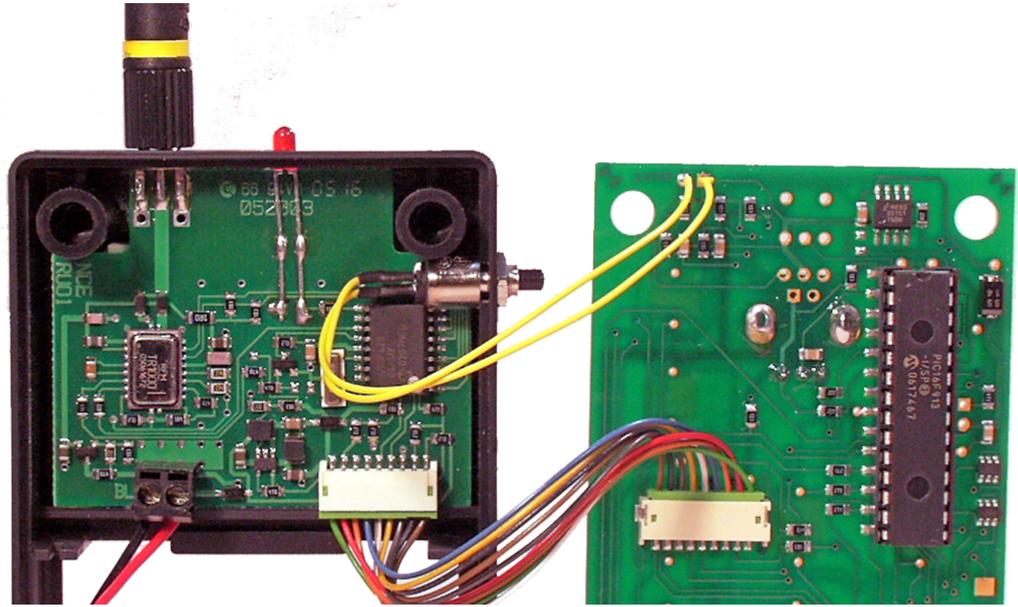
### Another method to activate the alternate button values.

Inside the cab at the top of the printed circuit board are two holes marked “SHIFT” (not the solder pads marked “SHIFT 2”). If a momentary contact pushbutton is connected to these holes it will act like the shift key on a computer keyboard. While the new “shift” button is held down any key pressed will use its alternate value.

Connection of a pushbutton to these holes will not void the cab warranty ***provided the installation is performed in a competent manner.***

We installed a Radio Shack part number 275-1571 pushbutton on the right hand side of the cab about 5/8 inch (16 mm) from the top of the cab. See the installation photo on the next page. The photo shows installation in a Cab04pr (radio equipped) but should work just fine in a non-radio version.

**Photo of optional shift button installed in radio cab**



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Address all parts orders to :

Description	Price (US \$)
Replacement Potentiometer	Free (call)
Cab05/05 top with overlay	\$8.00
Cab05/05 rear cover w/battery door	\$7.00
Cab05/05 screws (set of 4)	\$2.00
Cab05/05 battery holder	\$1.50
Rubber keypad for Cab05/05	\$8.00

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