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# **KEYFOB PROGRAMMER QUICK START GUIDE**

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

1) Do not leave the programmer connected to the PC adapter or a target system, as this will drain the battery.

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## **Installing Software**

- 1) Run the executable file on the CD. This will install software and pre-install USB drivers.
  - 2) Plug in PC dongle to a USB port. The drivers should install automatically. If they do not, see Troubleshooting section
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## **LOADING FROM THE PC**

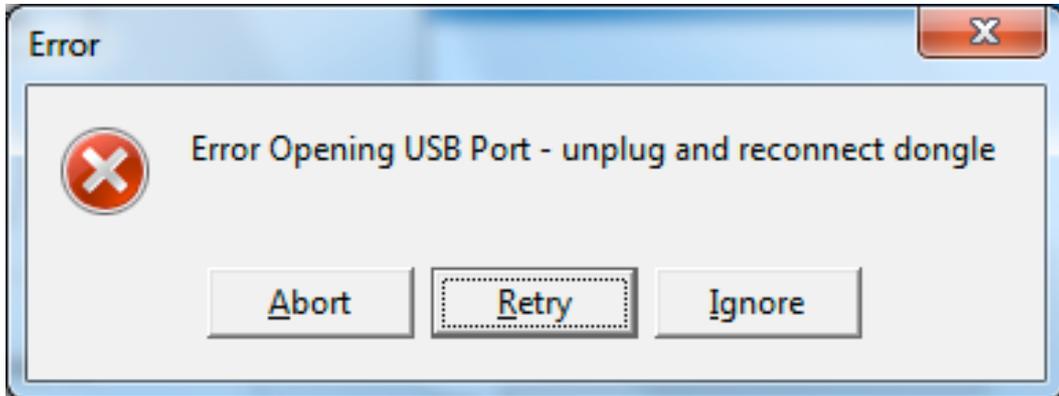
- 1) Connect the PC adapter (dongle) to the PC USB port.
- 2) Connect the PC adapter directly to the programmer using the short ribbon cable.



- 3) To load code, follow the instructions in the software.

## Run the Keyfob Programmer software

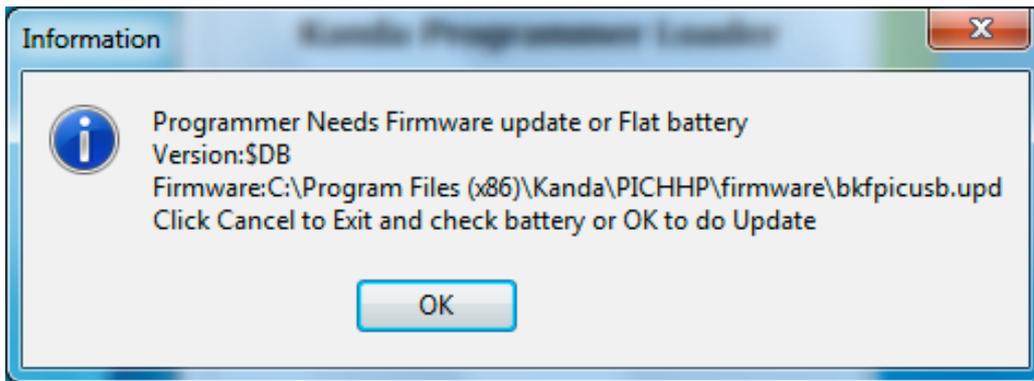
- a) If USB dongle is not detected, or another Kanda dongle is present, then this error appears. Make sure only one Kanda dongle is plugged in.



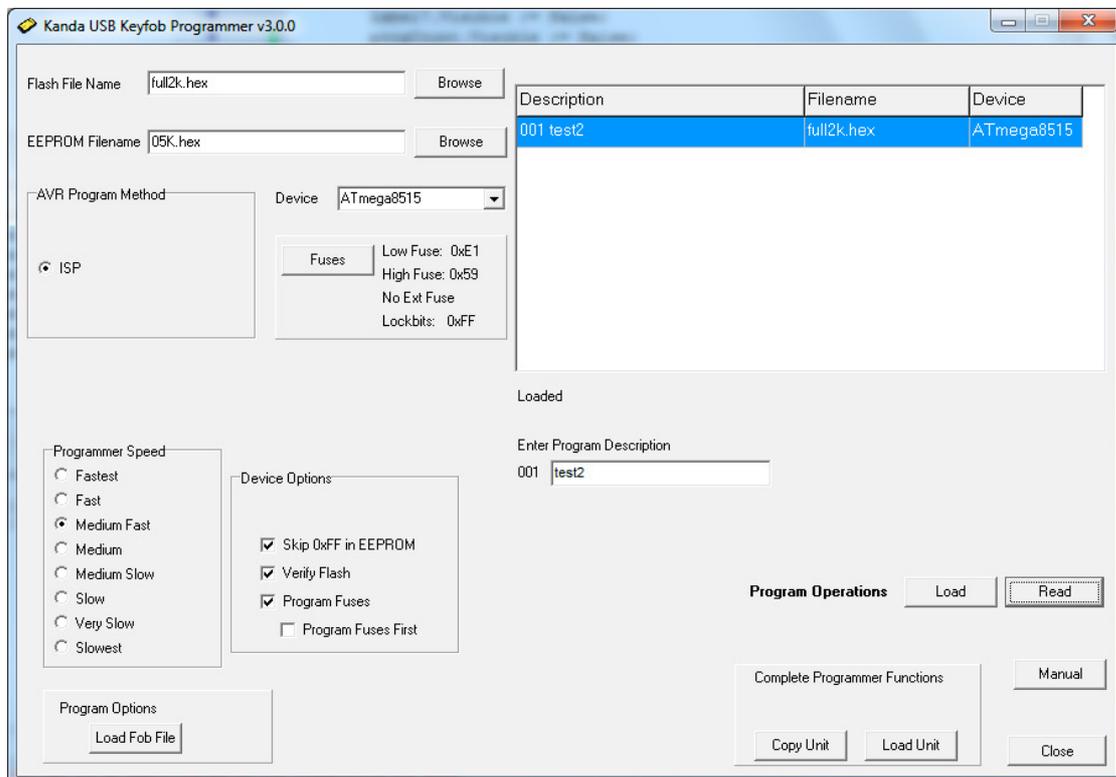
- b) If the AVR Programmer is not detected, then this message will appear. Make sure the programmer is connected to the dongle, and the programmer is powered, or battery is Ok.



- c) To run programmer in Demo mode, Click Ignore. The programmer software will load but you will not be able to Read or Program a programmer until one is connected.
- d) If the AVR Programmer requires a firmware update, this message appears. Click OK to carry out firmware update.



Once the programmer is detected and any firmware update necessary has been carried out, the main programmer window will appear.



The right-hand side of the screen shows the Programmer settings, and the left-hand side shows details about the AVR device, filename, programming method and other details that will be used to load the programmer.

## Programmer and Device Setup

- **Flash Filename** box. Enter your flash filename or leave blank if you want to only program EEPROM.
- **EEPROM Filename** box – if AVR device has EEPROM and data is required, then select your EEPROM file
- Select **Program Method** - ISP or JTAG
- Select **Device**
- **Fuses button** - click to change fuses, see section below.
- **VCC Level** - use slider to select voltage of target circuit
- **Programmer Speed** - Select speed of ISP clock. As a guide, Fastest is for 16MHz target clock, Fast is 8MHz target clock, Medium Fast is 1MHz target clock. Fuse settings on new AVR devices give 1MHz clock by default.
- **Device Options**
  - **Match Device ID.** If checked, programmer checks that target device ID (signature bytes) match device selected. Error code for mismatch is 7 red flashes.
  - **Skip 0xFF in EEPROM.** If checked, locations set to 0xFF in EEPROM file are not programmed. This increases programming speed but old data can be left in EEPROM
  - **Verify Flash.** Check to verify flash memory, which is best practice. If unchecked, flash is not verified, which is faster.
  - **Program Fuses.** Check to program fuses and lock bits, with values set by Fuse button.
  - **Program Fuses First.** Check to program fuses before device is erased. This is useful for setting EESAVE fuse to preserve EEPROM, for example.

## Other Setup Features

- **Program Description.** You must enter a program description of up to 16 characters. This is displayed in pane at top when programmer is read.
- **LED (Error) repeat No.** If there is an error, a number of red flashes will indicate the cause of the error. This box sets the number of times this code is repeated. Holding mouse over this box will show what error codes are.  
**Note:** You can press button to program again while error codes are flashing.

## Loading the Programmer

Once all these settings have been selected, the programmer can be loaded. The buttons to load the programmer are labelled as **Program Operations**.

The portable programmer has buttons to delete, replace or add new programs. Once the programmer is loaded with 32 programs the New program button is disabled.

Description	Filename	Device
001 Test Program	kitcar.hex	ATmega8515

Loaded Show Slot Details

Enter Program Description  
001  LED (Error) Repeat No.

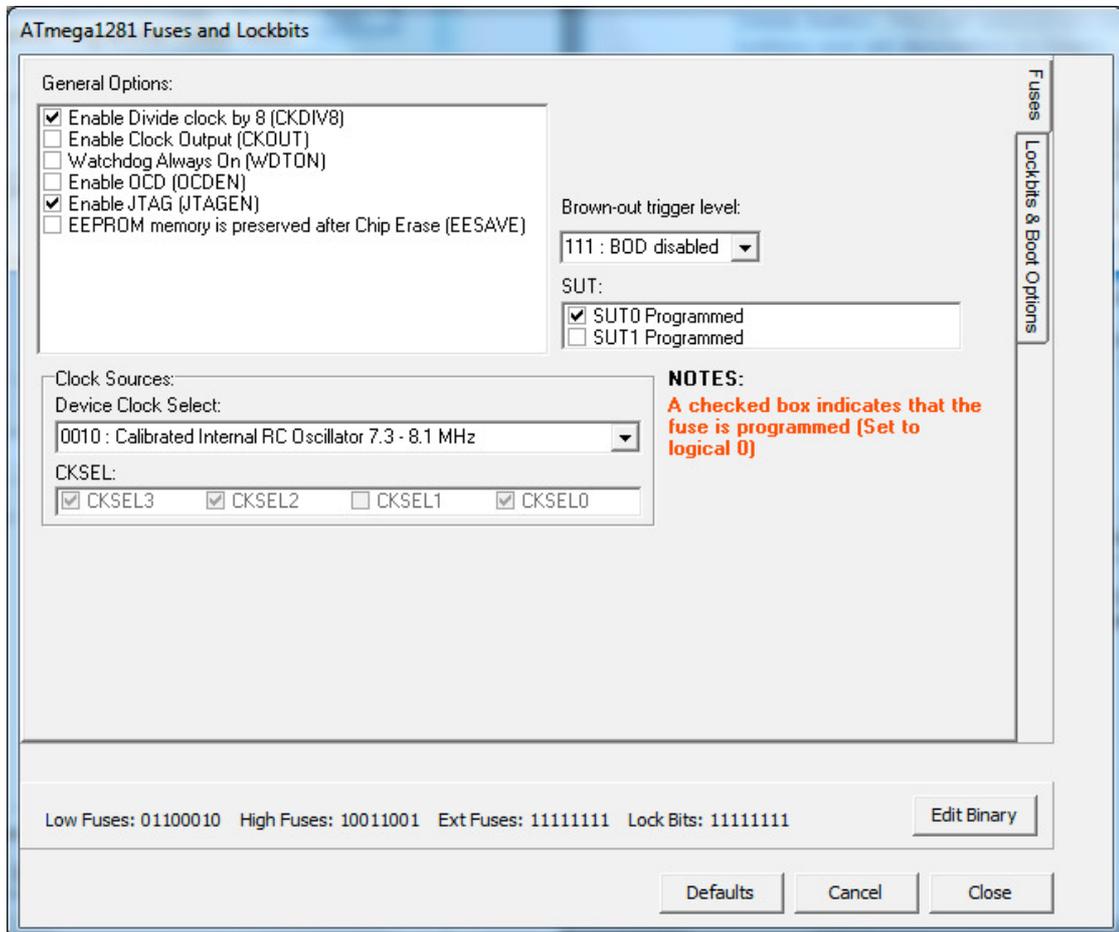
**Program Operations** Load Read

Click **Load Button** to load the programmer with all the settings, fuses and files we have already selected. This will clear any old settings.

Click **Read** to examine the contents of the programmer. **Show Slot details** button will give more information, see section below.

## Fuse Button

Click the Fuse button to edit the Fuses for the currently selected device. If you select a different device, the default fuses will be loaded, other wise the fuse values you select will be saved.



The available fuses and lock bits for the currently selected AVR are displayed. Click on the tab on the right of the screen to **see Lockbits and Boot Block** options.

Enabled AVR fuses (programmed) are actually 0 value. The binary values of each available fuse are displayed at the bottom of the screen. Click **Edit Binary** button to enter fuse values as binary numbers.

**Default** button will load defaults for the AVR device selected

**Cancel** button will close Fuse box without saving changes

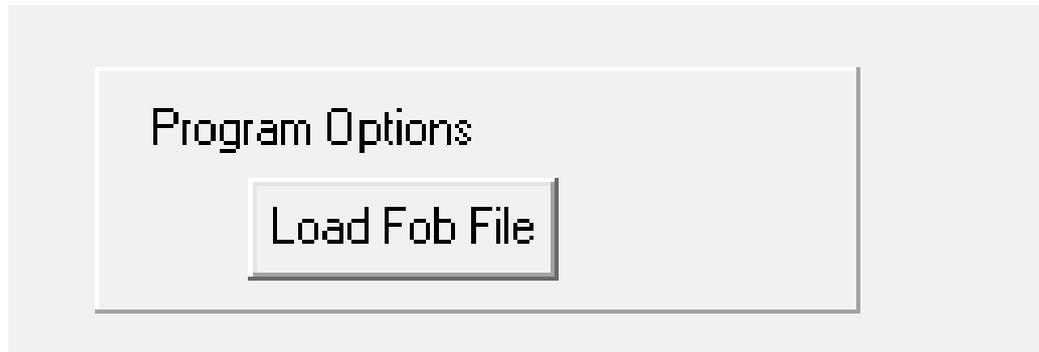
**OK** button will close Fuse box and save your changes.

**Show Slot Details** button

This button (at right hand side below display pane) will give more details of what the programmer is loaded with. If this feature is enabled, the button has a green tick on it.

When enabled, clicking on a slot will update all the settings to those used in that programmer slot, including fuses.

## Program Options



Located at button left of the screen, the **Load Fob File** button allows all the settings to be updated from a Fob file (.fob) that has been saved from earlier versions of AVR Handheld software.

The programmer settings are also saved to the registry and when software is run again, these settings will be loaded.

## Complete Programmer Functions



These are at bottom right of screen.

**Copy Unit** button. This allows the contents of the programmer to be saved to a file (.prg). All the settings and data are saved.

**Load Unit** button. This allows the settings and data from one programmer previously saved as a PRG file to be loaded into another programmer.

This is the easiest way to load multiple programmers. Load the first one with all the slots you need, then Copy Unit. Use Load Unit to transfer the contents to other programmers.

This is also the simplest way to transfer settings to another user. This replaces the Fob file mechanism used on old AVR keyfob software.

## **Programming Target**

### **POWER OPTIONS**

The keyfob does not need a battery with the new dongle2 but a battery is supplied for use with old dongles.

The target must be powered and it supplies power to the keyfob.

## TARGET Connection -ISP

1) Connect the programmer to the target system using the short ribbon cable.

- Target Layout – not end of lead view
- Header is 0.1" (2.54mm) box header in 5 x 2 format, with polarising notch
- See section below for *Six Way adapters*
- GND\* These pins must be connected to target ground
- GND One or both must be connected to Target ground

### TARGET CONNECTOR FOR AVR PROGRAMMERS

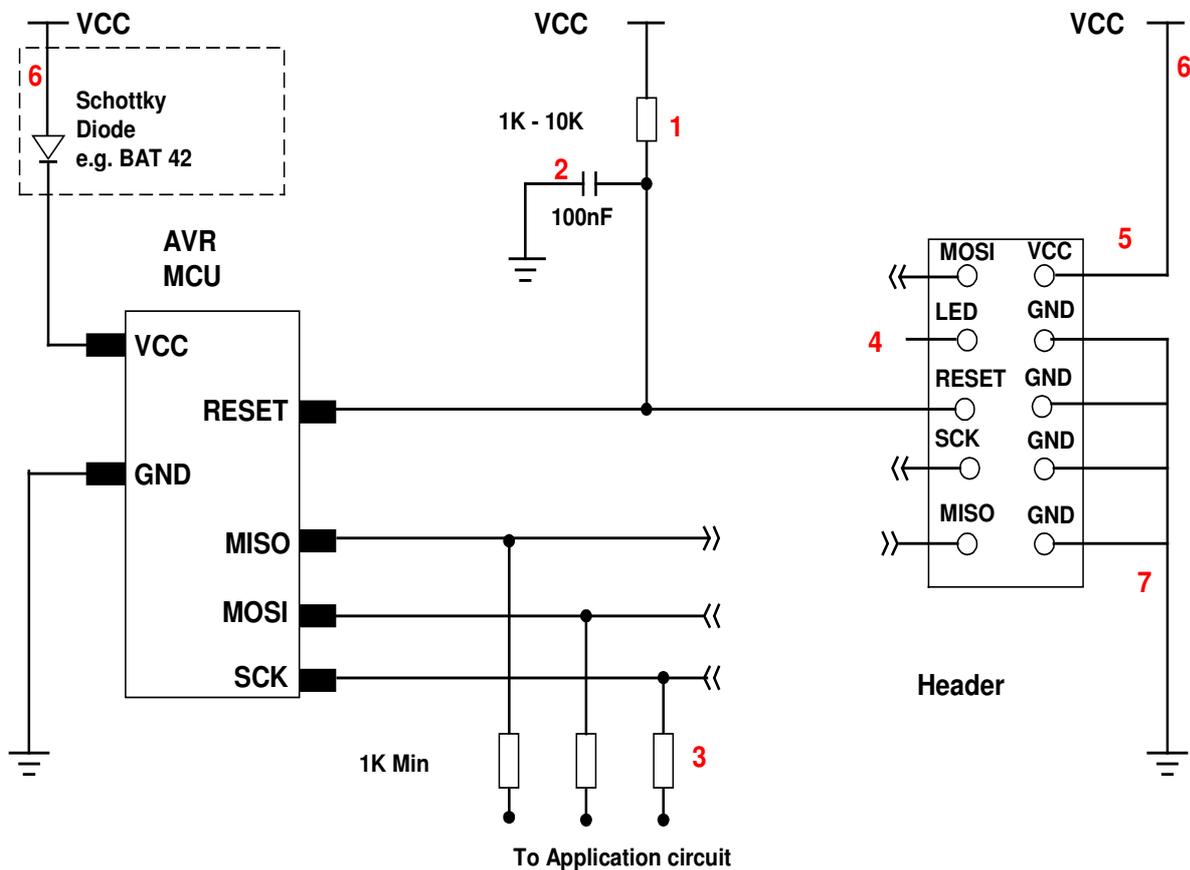
MOSI	1	2	VCC
LED OPTIONAL	3	4	GND
RESET	5	6	GND*
CLK	7	8	GND*
MISO	9	10	GND

### TOP VIEW OF THE CONNECTOR ON THE TARGET SYSTEM

0.1" PITCH 2\*5 BOXHEADER  
WITH POLARISING NOTCH

## Recommended ISP Circuit

This diagram shows a typical ISP circuit that will work with the Handheld Programmer. Please read the notes for more detail.



- 1) This resistor should be fitted. It can be larger than 10K if required, but not smaller than 1K
- 2) Again 100nF is a typical value. We suggest a minimum of 10nF.
- 3) Programming lines should be isolated from application circuit with series resistors, especially if application circuits force the state of the AVR pins. In exceptional cases, a multiplexer may be needed to isolate these lines. Capacitors on these lines may mean that a slower programming speed should be selected.
- 4) Optional LED line. This can be connected to an indicator LED if desired, or used to drive a multiplexer. It is LOW during programming

- 5) If Vcc is not connected to header, see **Power Options** section for programmer setup.
- 6) If the programmer is powering the target, it is current limited to 150mA. If the rest of your circuit draws too much current, then fit this diode, and connect VCC to header and AVR through it.
- 7) GND pins. We recommend that all GND pins are connected. If not, then either pin 4 or pin 10 MUST be connected – these are programmer Ground. Pin 6 is connected to programmer battery but can be omitted. Pin 8 MUST be connected as it is the mode pin. The programmer uses this pin to check if it is connected to a PC or a target.

**Note:** The 10-way lead is not wired Pin 1 to Pin 1, so the connector on the programmer is mirrored.

## 10-way Connector on Programmer

HAND HELD PROGRAMMER  
CONNECTOR (AVR)



TOP VIEW OF THE CONNECTOR ON  
THE PROGRAMMER

0.1" PITCH 2\*5 BOXHEADER  
WITH POLARISING NOTCH

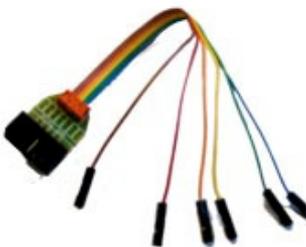
## SIX WAY ADAPTERS

Because of the need to connect more than 1 GND pin, the adapter should connect GND pins together. So, the adapter is not as straight forward as it first appears.

Adapters from the 10-way DIL interface to 6-way flying leads, 6-way DIL (3 x 2 0.1" pin header), and 6-way Micromatch connectors are available from Kanda.

### Order Codes are:

10FLEX6



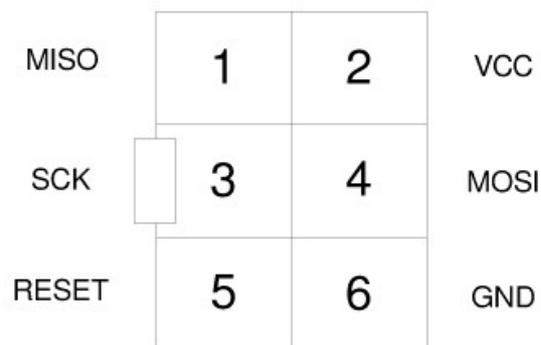
10DIL6



10MICR6



TARGET CONNECTOR FOR AVR PROGRAMMERS (ATMEL 6WAY)



TOP VIEW OF THE CONNECTOR ON THE TARGET SYSTEM

0.1" PITCH 2\*3 BOXHEADER WITH POLARISING NOTCH

## LED Codes

The programmer will give a brief green flash when plugged in to target. When button is pressed, LED will flicker green during programming. When programming has finished, these codes appear.

**Green Flashes**, 1 second interval: Programmed OK

**Solid Red**: Current limit (150mA) exceeded. Try powering the target. This can also be caused by large capacitance on target, contact Kanda support for advice.

**2 Red Flashes**: Failed to enter ISP or JTAG. Possible causes:

- No device connected
- Wrong programming method selected
- JTAGEN fuse disabled on JTAG
- No adapter or faulty adapter for JTAG
- Programmer speed too fast for target clock

**3 Red Flashes**: EEPROM did not verify

**4 Red Flashes**: Flash did not verify

**5 Red Flashes**: Fuses/Lockbits did not verify

**6 Red Flashes**: Program Limit reached

**7 Red Flashes**: Device ID did not match

**8 Red Flashes**: Empty slot selected

You can press button again to start programming when error codes are still flashing.

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## TROUBLESHOOTING

### Windows driver problems

If you get a driver error or FTDIxx.DLL not found, make sure that you have run the install software on CD and then plugged in programmer, NOT the other way round.

The driver should appear as a "USB Serial Converter" in USB section of Device Manager. Windows should do this automatically. If it does not, please follow this procedure.

- Plugin Programmer and ideally remove other USB devices
- Go to Control Panel > System > Hardware screen
- Click on Device Manager button
- Open USB section and select "USB Serial Converter"
- Right click on it, and select Update Driver
- Driver location is (default install path)  
C:\Program Files\Kanda\AVRHHP\driver\driver

**Error Message: "Programmer is not responding – check connections and battery power"**

- 1) Check dongle is attached to USB port
- 2) Check that programmer is connected to PC as shown on Page 1
- 3) Check battery or power supply to the programmer
- 4) Make sure you have a Handheld Programmer dongle, not a standard AVRISP-U/STK200 dongle. The unit will say "Dongle2" on it.

**Programming Errors – RED Flashes on LED when programming**

- 1) Ensure your target circuit is wired correctly as shown in connection diagrams
- 2) Check power options are correct – see Power
- 3) Slow down programmer speed in software – especially if you have capacitors on programming lines or other unusual circuitry.
- 4) Check battery voltage

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact [support@kanda.com](mailto:support@kanda.com) for technical support or go to our website support pages for latest software.

See [www.kanda.com/support](http://www.kanda.com/support)

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