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Upgrading Your Keypad to V5.010 – Code Load Only Java Loader

This Java Loader REQUIRES:

- GTOCP4 or GTOCP5 control box with version VCPx-P02-09 or later firmware (abbreviated GTOCP4/5)
- Keypad with v5.009 firmware. You must complete a full code and database load if you are upgrading from earlier versions. Refer to the Software Updates page of our website for the link.

Print this page for reference during the procedure.

Install Java and FTDI Drivers

The v5 Keypad loader can be used on any operating system that can run Java. At AP, we have tested Windows 10, Windows 7, Ubuntu 20, and Mac 10. To use it, you must first install the latest version of Java, and any USB-serial adapter drivers your computer needs.

Installing Java

Download Java from www.java.com and run the exe or dmg file. Installation takes just a few clicks. Be sure to use the latest version for your operating system.

Installing Drivers

Drivers should be installed BEFORE making the initial connection between the computer and the GTOCP4/5.

- USB port on the CP4. You must have the FTDI driver installed for your operating system. Download links can be found at www.astro-physics.com/software-updates.
- Keyspan USB-Serial adapter to connect over serial. Be sure the Keyspan driver is installed.

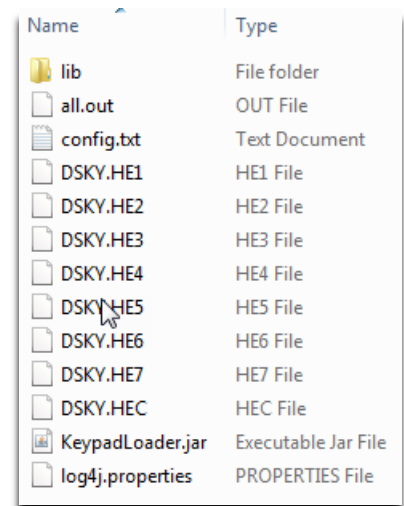
Download and Save Zip File

Windows

On Windows, download the keypad loader zip file. Extract the zip file to a new folder, by right clicking the zip file and selecting **Extract All**. You will be given the option to select a destination, with the default destination being your downloads folder. Simply click **Extract** and Windows will unzip the file.

Next, open the unzipped folder and find the file **KeypadLoader**. It will be labeled as an Executable Jar File.

Double click the executable to run the keypad loader program.

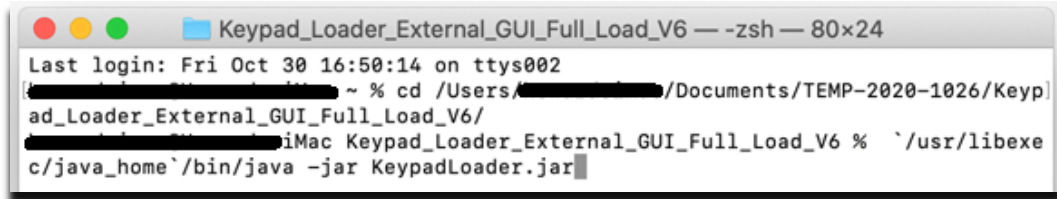


Name	Type
lib	File folder
all.out	OUT File
config.txt	Text Document
DSKY.HE1	HE1 File
DSKY.HE2	HE2 File
DSKY.HE3	HE3 File
DSKY.HE4	HE4 File
DSKY.HE5	HE5 File
DSKY.HE6	HE6 File
DSKY.HE7	HE7 File
DSKY.HEC	HEC File
KeypadLoader.jar	Executable Jar File
log4j.properties	PROPERTIES File

Mac

On Mac, download the keypad loader zip file. Extract the zip file to a new folder, by double clicking the zip file. This should create a folder of the same name in the directory.

Next, open the unzipped folder and find the executable **KeypadLoader**. It should be labeled as an Executable Jar File. Double click the file, and the program should open. If the program does not open, then you will need to run the executable from the command line, as shown below. First open terminal, then proceed to the folder that holds the **KeypadLoader** file with the `cd` command. Then, type `'/usr/libexec/java_home'/bin/java -jar KeypadLoader.jar` and the program should run.

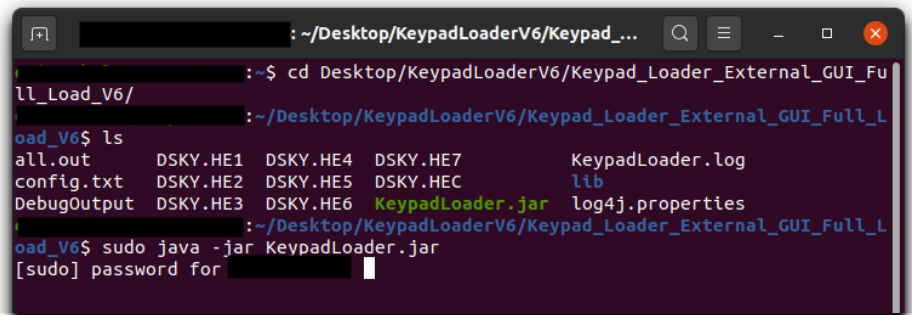


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Keypad_Loader_External_GUI_Full_Load_V6 — zsh — 80x24
Last login: Fri Oct 30 16:50:14 on ttys002
[redacted] ~ % cd /Users/[redacted]/Documents/TEMP-2020-1026/Keyp
ad_Loader_External_GUI_Full_Load_V6/
[redacted] iMac Keypad_Loader_External_GUI_Full_Load_V6 % `/usr/libexe
c/java_home`/bin/java -jar KeypadLoader.jar
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Linux

On Linux, download the keypad loader zip file. Extract the zip file to a new folder by clicking the zip file and then clicking **Extract** in the upper corner of the window.

Next, open Terminal and use the `cd` command to get into the extracted folder. Finally, type `sudo java -jar KeypadLoader.jar` to run the program, as shown in the screenshot. Enter your password if needed. The keypad loader must be run as root, to have access to the serial ports. Note the screen sample is from a different version of the keypad loader. The one that you are loading will be displayed.



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~/Desktop/KeypadLoaderV6/Keypad...
:~$ cd Desktop/KeypadLoaderV6/Keypad_Loader_External_GUI_Fu
ll_Load_V6/
~/Desktop/KeypadLoaderV6/Keypad_Loader_External_GUI_Full_L
oad_V6$ ls
all.out      DSKY.HE1  DSKY.HE4  DSKY.HE7      KeypadLoader.log
config.txt   DSKY.HE2  DSKY.HE5  DSKY.HEC      lib
DebugOutput  DSKY.HE3  DSKY.HE6  KeypadLoader.jar  log4j.properties
~/Desktop/KeypadLoaderV6/Keypad_Loader_External_GUI_Full_L
oad_V6$ sudo java -jar KeypadLoader.jar
[sudo] password for [redacted]
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Setup the System for the Upgrade

Each operating system will follow the same routine regardless of whether it is a Windows, Mac, or Linux.

1. Your GTOCP4/5 control box **MUST** have the version specified above or later to function properly. You may update your control box from the Software Updates page of our website. We recommend that you upgrade to the most recent version.
2. Your keypad must already have an earlier full load of version of the version specified above.
3. Connect the power cable to the GTO control box. Since the motor cables are not needed for the download, you can use just the GTO control box and a power supply or battery. You may wish to remove the control box from the mount for this procedure. The mount does not need to be present.
4. Connect your GTOCP4 or GTOCP5 to your computer with one of these options:
 - a. USB Cable. Remember that USB cables should be no longer than 15' (5 meters). To use the USB connection, make sure that you install the FTDI driver on your computer **BEFORE** connecting cables. The driver can be found at <http://www.ftdichip.com/Drivers/VCP.htm>. Once the driver is installed, simply

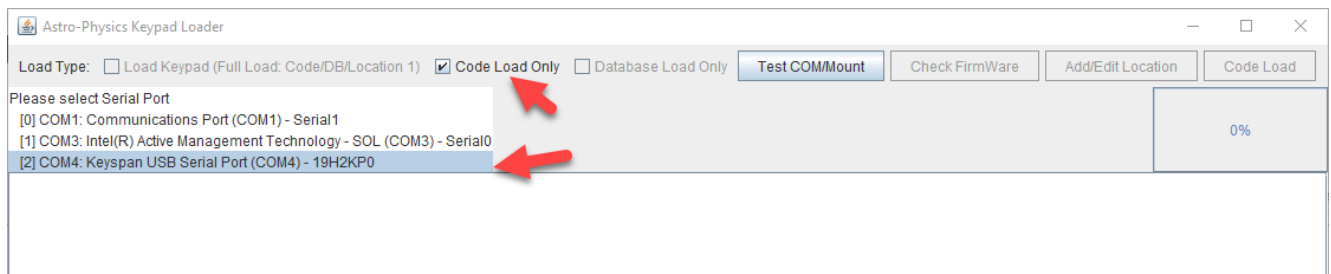
plug your computer into the GTOCP4 or GTOCP5 using a USB cable. The computer will take a moment to make sure it has the proper driver and designate a COM port.

- b. Straight-through serial cable. You may plug the cable into either of the two RS-232 ports on the control box. Your serial cable must be "straight-through" (as opposed to a "null modem or cross-wired"). We have 15' Straight-Through Serial Cables available for purchase if you do not already have one. Mounts shipped in recent years included one of these cables. If you require a USB-to-serial adapter, we recommend that you use one with an FTDI chip or the Keyspan adapters. We do NOT recommend USB-to-serial adapters with Prolific chips.

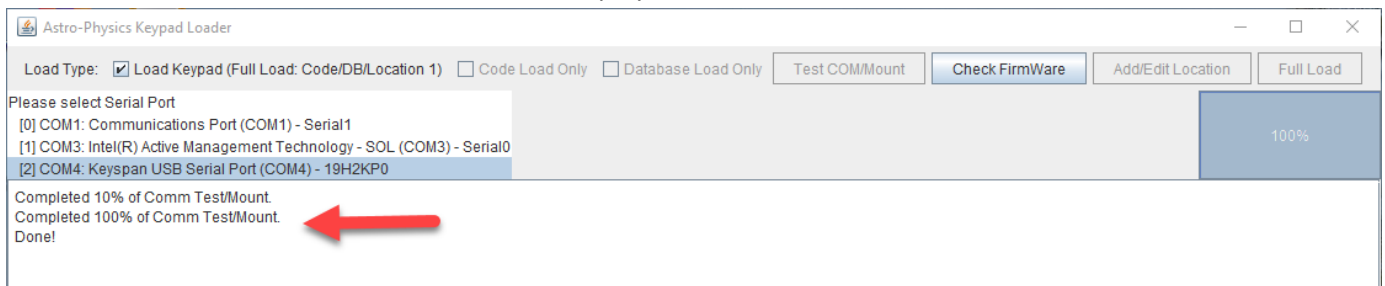
Mount and COM Port Test Procedure

You must follow these procedures **EXACTLY**. If you do, the process is quite easy. Pay particular attention to what is connected and powered on at various stages.

1. Double check to be sure your cables are connected: power and USB or serial cable. The keypad can be plugged in at this point, however it is not necessary since you will only be testing the mount firmware and COM port.
2. Turn on the power to your control box.
3. Locate and unzip the file that you downloaded onto your computer if you have not already done so. Refer to the instructions above for various computer systems.
4. Follow the directions above and click on the KeypadLoader.jar file.
5. The loader will display your download and COM port options.
 - a) Select Code Load Only to load just the program code.
 - b) Select the appropriate COM port.



6. Click Test/COM Mount button. Results should display as follows:



7. Click the Check Firmware button. The program will query the control box to be sure that it has a minimum version of firmware to work with the keypad correctly. If it detects the required firmware, the box will display a second "Done!" and offer the option to proceed with the upgrade.

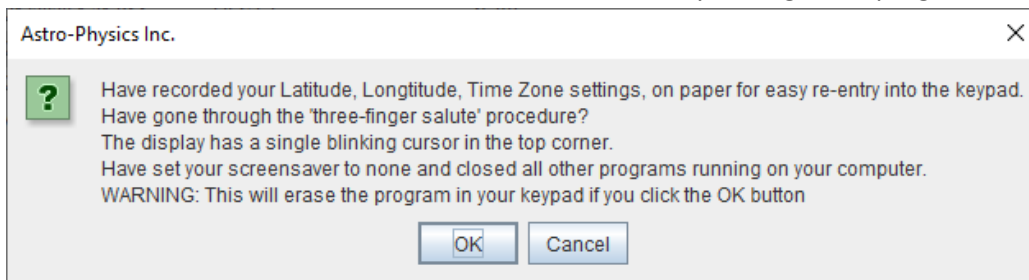
8. If successful, proceed to the Keypad Code Load section.
9. If you get an error message, check all cables and connections. Close the Keypad Loader program and start again.

Keypad Code Load

Do not try this procedure unless you have successfully completed the test above. Otherwise, you will erase the current program from your keypad. The screen will be blank, and you will not be able to use it.

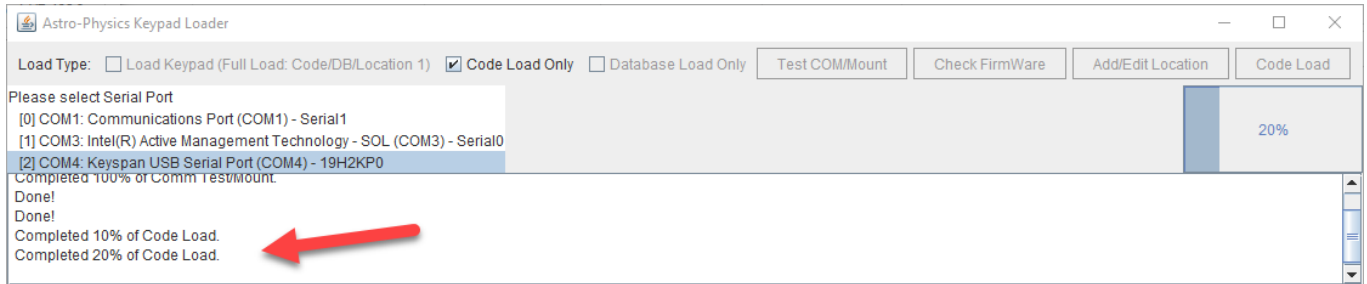
Please follow these steps in order. If the process is interrupted, close the loader and restart from step 1 above.

1. Turn off the power to the control box.
2. Plug in the keypad if not already done and be sure that the power cable is connected to the GTO control box and locked in place. The motor cables do not need to be attached.
3. Place the keypad on a solid surface and press any three buttons (except Stop) simultaneously and hold them down. The combination of <PREV, S and NEXT> work well for those of us with fat fingers! We call this a "three-finger salute". As you are holding these three keys, turn on the power to the control box.
4. A new display will appear on the window of the keypad. At this point, release the three buttons. Then, press the West button to indicate YES for the next four windows and press the E button to indicate NO for the window that displays "Test Flash". This will erase the current program. These are the screen displays and the responses (note, the display says "FN=No", however you will press the "E" button):
 - "Load defaults" - Choose Yes (West)
 - "Are you sure" - Choose Yes (West)
 - "Clear flash" - Choose Yes (West)
 - "Are you sure" - Choose Yes (West)
 - "Test flash" - Choose No (East)
5. Once you have completed the previous step, the keypad will be placed in a ready-to-receive mode. A blank window with the blinking cursor in the upper left corner of the screen will indicate this.
6. Look back to the Keypad Loader on your computer. Select the highlighted Code Load button. The following information screen will appear. Read and click OK. Note that in most cases, the programs running on your computer will not interfere. However, if the load is not successful, try closing other programs or audio files if any are open.

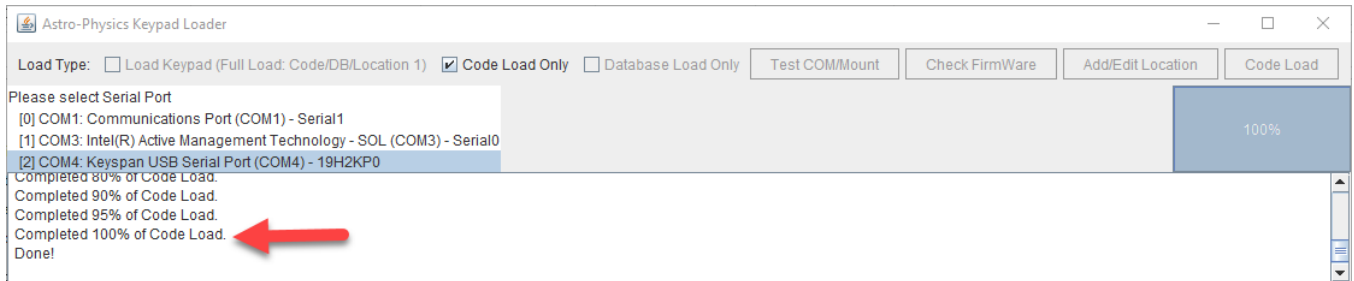


After a few seconds, you will hear a series of beeps from the keypad as uploading begins but will get no audible feedback during the remainder of the upload. At the beep, a "1" will appear in the upper left corner, and the blinking cursor will move to the second space of the second row. The load process is very slow due to the rate at which data can be downloaded into the keypad through the control box. Once you get it started it will take about 15 minutes for the code load to complete.

7. As the upload progresses, the white display box within the Keypad Loader will indicate the progress of the load.



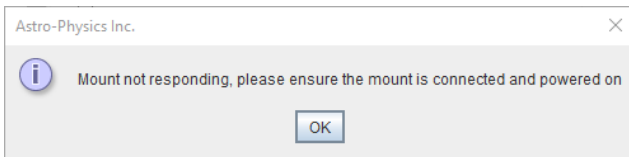
9. When the upload is complete, the Keypad will display “Cycle Mount Power”. The process is now complete, and you are ready to begin your session.



10. Consult the keypad manual for information pertaining to the software and have fun!

Error Messages

Mount not powered on, power cable not connected or serial cable not plugged in.



Submit Log Files to if You Have any Loading Issues

If the program does not load properly, please locate the log file in the same folder that you found the KeypadLoader.jar program. A log file is automatically created during the download process. Submit this log file to Astro-Physics for evaluation. If you attempt to load the keypad multiple times and wish to keep all of the information, please rename the log file before you try again. Otherwise, all information will be in a single log file, which makes analysis more difficult.

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