

TPanel

Reference guide

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Introduction

TPanel is an emulation of some AMX G4 touch panels. The panels used to verify the proper communication protocol and the behavior were an *AMX MVP-5200i*, *AMX NXD-700Vi* and an *AMX MST-701*.

This manual describes the commands implemented and some specials of this program. **TPanel** was designed for *NIX desktops (Linux, BSD, ...) as well as Android and iOS operating systems. Currently there exists no Windows version and there probably never will.

The software uses internally the <u>Skia</u>¹ library for drawing all objects and the <u>Qt 6.x</u> library to display the objects. **TPanel** is written in C++. This makes it even on mobile platforms fast and reliable. It has the advantage to not drain the battery of any mobile device while running as fast as possible. Compared to commercial products the battery lasts up to 10 times longer.

Why does TPanel exist?

I'm a professional programmer and years ago I got in touch with AMX. I developed solutions for residential requirements in NetLinx with different AMX panels. With time the customers wanted to have the surface on their phone or a tablet and there was (is?) only one solution available on the market. While this software is very good and supports everything up to TP5 commands, the license is rather expensive. For me as a private person, too expensive. But I bought some used AMX NetLinx on the Internet and build my own smart home where I can control lights, hazard and my consumer electronics (TV, radio, audio, video, ...). I bought also some used AMX panels but had no luck with the batteries in them. To buy a new battery from AMX was too expensive and it didn't pay off for such old devices. Buying a license for the commercial version (TPControl) was also no option because I would need 4 of them. So I decided to program my own surface and it should behave as a real device from AMX.



Picture 1: Main window with my surface

¹ Skia is an open source 2D graphics library which provides common APIs that work across a variety of hardware and software platforms. It serves as the graphics engine for Google Chrome and Chrome OS, Android, Flutter, and many other products. Skia is sponsored and managed by Google, but is available for use by anyone under the BSD Free Software License. While engineering of the core components is done by the Skia development team, we consider contributions from any source.

Why AMX?

There are a lot of possibilities to build a smart home. Makers can use a Raspberry PI or an Arduino or something similar. You can create circuits to make serial ports, infrared control, I/O ports and relays. This is a lot of effort and you may spent up to several hundred Euros to build just a controller.

On the other side you can control your lights, the hazard and some modern TVs over Alexa and co. While this works it has the disadvantage to need an internet connection and there is a big cloud behind. If the internet is not available for whatever reason, you can't control anything. Beside that it exposes your devices to the Internet you never know who may access them. This is a security whole and you should take care of it.

For me some essential points are that I want to be absolutely independent of any internet connection and any cloud. I wanted to have a system which needs only a local network. Therefor I need a controller handling the smart home. It should be cheap and easy to handle. Since <u>AMX</u> offers all the necessary software to program without the need of a company account it is easy to get the knowledge to program an AMX <u>NetLinx</u>. Beside this it is really easy to get a used AMX NetLinx from eBay. I bought mine for about 50 Euros. Even some older equipment like volume controllers (AXB-VOL-3) are still available on eBay. With a *NI-3100* NetLinx you can do everything you need to make your home smart. If you like, you can try to find some G4 panels also on the internet and you *will* find them.

To make it short: AMX is a fast and cheap way to implement just the software to make a smart home if you buy used equipment. In most cases you need no additional hardware (beside a local network). On the other side you must be interested in programming and you must be willing to learn an easy 3rd generation language like <u>NetLinx</u> is. This are the reasons for me to use AMX.

Old discontinued equipment from AMX

Device	Description
NI-700	The AMX NI-700 was designed to meet the needs of single room requirements while keeping cost in mind all in a 1RU box. The unit can control a limited number of video players, projectors, lights, thermostats, and other electronic equipment. The NI-700 is ideal for classrooms, conference rooms, hotel rooms and so much more. Includes: 2-pin 3.5 mm mini-Phoenix female PWR connector, 4-pin 3.5 mm mini-Phoenix female connector, 6-pin 3.5 mm mini-Phoenix female I/O connector, CC-NIRC IR Emitter
NI-900	The AMX NI-900 was created to automate and control numerous items in 1 large room or several small rooms. The NI-900 is ideal since it can support several different devices with numerous different communication formats. Common applications include hotel rooms, home theaters, and other environments. The NI-900 is configured to to control a small number of lights, thermostats, flat panels, and other audio video equipment. Includes: 2-pin 3.5 mm mini-Phoenix female PWR connector, 6-pin 3.5 mm mini-Phoenix female I/O connector, Three CC-NIRC IR Emitters, Two 4-pin 3.5 mm mini-Phoenix female connectors.

Device	Description
NI-2100	The AMX NI-2100 was designed for the automation and control of medium sized rooms and multiple room applications. The unit features 64MB of RAM and 3 configurable RS-232 / RS-422 / RS-485 serial ports. Programming the NI-2100 is simple since it is device discovery enabled offering several functions definitions for standardizing devices as well as default touch panel button assignments, and control and feedback methods. Includes: 2-pin 3.5 mm mini-Phoenix (female) PWR connector, 4-pin 3.5 mm mini-Phoenix (female) AxLink connector, 6-pin 3.5 mm mini-Phoenix female I/O connector, 8-pin 3.5 mm mini-Phoenix female Relay connector, Two CC-NIRC IR Emitters, Two removable rack ears.
NI-3100	The AMX-3100 was designed for large rooms or even multiple rooms where you need the ultimate control and automation. The controller can control numerous items including audio/video conferencing, projectors, DVD and Blu-Ray players, lights, thermostats and other electronic equipment found in larger rooms. Not only can it accomplish what you need now it can also provide solutions for future needs with its easy expansion capabilities. Installation is easy with device discovery enabled and performance is top notch with the speedy processor and 64MB of RAM. Includes: 2-pin 3.5 mm mini-Phoenix (female) PWR connector, 4-pin 3.5 mm mini-Phoenix (female) AxLink connector, 10-pin 3.5 mm mini-Phoenix (female) I/O connector, Two 8-pin 3.5 mm mini-Phoenix female Relay connectors, Two CC-NIRC IR Emitters, Two removable rack ears.
NI-4100	The NI-4100, part of the NI Series of Master Controllers, is geared to meet the high-end control and automation requirements of the most sophisticated and complex commercial and residential installations. This controller integrates the largest number of devices including DVD players, projectors, lighting, thermostats and other electronic equipment. In technology-intensive environments, this solution can be used to accommodate the future addition of more devices and control capabilities
AXB-VOL-3	The AXB-VOL3 Three-Channel Volume Control provides three audio volume control channels. Each line-level channel, opto-isolated from system ground, can be configured for balanced or unbalanced line operation. The AXB-VOL3 is programmable for 128 steps of audio level, audio mute, variable ramp speed and level presets. The AXB-VOL3 connects to NetLinx control systems using the 4-wire AXlink data/power bus; it can be used for remote or rack mount applications.
NXC-VOL4	NXC-VOL4 by AMX offers four discrete volume control channels with LED feedback and is programmable for mono or stereo operation, and balanced or unbalanced audio connections.
	Programmed features such as audio levels, audio mute, variable ramp speeds and preset levels. Use the on-board jumpers to set the gain/attenuation (Unity, Pro level (+4 dBu) to Consumer level (-10 dBu) conversion, or Consumer level to Pro level on each channel). NetLinx Control Cards provide flexible, modular building blocks for creating advanced control applications.

Device	Description
EXB-COM2	ICSLan Device Control Boxes allow users to manage devices remotely from a Controller over an Ethernet network. This provides a beautifully simple method for a centralized control environment allowing users to share a controller among multiple smaller rooms versus controllers in every room. Ethernet has become the industry standard for connecting devices and the ICSLan Device Control Boxes make it easy to introduce control to equipment such as projectors located extended distances from a Controller. Additionally, the number of ports on an AMX Controller can be expanded when all ports are fully populated. Because they employ Native NetLinx technology, it is extremely simple to add an EXB to an AMX installation.

Programming

Overview

You can program **TPanel** using the commands in this section, to perform a wide variety of operations using Send_Commands and variable text commands.

A device must first be defined in the *NetLinx* programming language with values for the **Device: Port: System** (in all programming examples - Panel is used in place of these values and represents **TPanel** program).

Touch Gesture Recognition

TPanel supports currently the pinch gesture and the swipe gestures. With a pinch gesture it is possible to open the setup dialog. It can be used on any device with a touch screen. The swipe gestures are send as such to a NetLinx and it's up to you to do something with it.

Setup Dialog

The setup dialog allows the setting of different things. It's look and feel depends on the operating system. On a desktop it is a dialog box and consists of *tabs* on the top allowing to select the wanted page.

On iOS and Android the native setup dialogs are used. While on iOS the setup is separated into subpages, this is not supported on Android yet (although Android offers this possibility).

Currently 5 pages are available (sections on Android):

- Logging → Settings for the logfile.
- Controller → Everything about the AMX NetLinx.
- SIP → Session Initiation Protocol used for phone calls.
- View → Some settings about visual effects.
- Sound → Some sound settings.

The following sections show the setup dialog as it is on a desktop. The look differs on mobile devices but the possible selections are the same.

Logging

The logging is meant to be enabled in case of problems. For example if you find a situation where the program crashes. In such a case logging can help the developers to find the course for the crash.

On mobile devices logging is disabled by default. The reasons are, that a special permission to the disc is necessary and by default the logfile is in a place where the user have no access to it. Enabling logging means also to put the logfile somewhere on the disc where a user has access to it. This can easily be done with a file dialog. Defining the path and name of the logfile also asks for permissions in case they are not already granted.

Attention!

Enabling the option Trace or all log levels on a mobile device will create a huge file in a short time. It is possible that your device becomes unusable!



Picture 1: Log settings (desktop)

Log steps

The logging is based on states. This means that every stage of logging can be enabled or disabled independently of the other stages. There exists also two shortcuts: *Protocol* and *All*.

The *Protocol* stage is a combination of *Info*, *Warning* and *Error*.

The *All* stage enables all stages. This produces a lot of output and should not be used on a mobile device. When this is enabled everything is logged into a file. Because the program uses a lot of threads inside the content of the logfile may look funny sometimes. To be able to follow a thread, the thread ID is part of the logfile.

If you're not a developer I suggest to disable logging at all. Especially on a mobile device.

Log formats

Profiling

If this is enabled together with the *Trace* log option, a time stamp is printed at the end of each method.

```
TRC
       75,
                {entry TExpat::parse()
                 {entry TValidateFile::isValidFile(const string& file)
TRC
       34,
                }exit TValidateFile::isValidFile(const string& file) Elapsed
TRC
time: <mark>2508[ns] --> 0s 0ms</mark>
         , Parsing XML file /usr/share/tpanel/map.xma
TRC
TRC
                }exit TExpat::parse() Elapsed time: 43929457[ns] --> 0s 43ms
TRC
                {entry TExpat::getElementIndex(const string& name, int* depth)
TRC
               }exit TExpat::getElementIndex(const string& name, int* depth)
Elapsed time: 4511[ns] --> 0s 0ms
```

The elapsed time is printed in nanoseconds as well as in seconds and milliseconds.

Long format

This adds additional information like a time stamp. If *Trace* is enabled you'll see also the file name where the class is located along with the line number where the message was executed from.

```
2023-04-03 18:13:19 TRO
                                      tsipclient.cpp
                                                                  7ff6cf9169c0
                                                                                       {entry TSIPClient::TSIPClient()
2023-04-03 18:13:19 TRC
2023-04-03 18:13:19 TRC
                                970, tconfig.cpp
                                                                                       {entry TConfig::getSIPstatus()
}exit TConfig::getSIPstatus() Elapsed time: 417[ns] --> 0s 0ms
                                                                , 7ff6cf9169c0
                                      tconfig.cpp
                                                                  7ff6cf9169c0
2023-04-03 18:13:19 TRC
                                    , tsipclient.cpp
                                                                , 7ff6cf9169c0
                                                                                      }exit TSIPClient::TSIPClient() Elapsed time: 42598[ns] --> 0s
2023-04-03 18:13:19 TRC
2023-04-03 18:13:19 TRC
                                                               , 7ff6cf9169c0
, 7ff6cf9169c0
                                                                                      {entry TPageManager::runClickQueue()
}exit TPageManager::runClickQueue() Elapsed time: 76981[ns] -->
                               3969, tpagemanager.cpp
                                   , tpagemanager.cpp
2023-04-03 18:13:19 TRC
                                                                                      {entry TPageManager::runUpdateSubViewItem()
                               4017, tpagemanager.cpp
                                                               , 7ff6cf9169c0
                                                                  7ff6cf9136c0 Thread "TPageManager::runClickQueue()" was started.
7ff6cf9169c0 }exit TPageManager::runUpdateSubViewItem() Elapsed time:
2023-04-03 18:13:19 PRT 2023-04-03 18:13:19 TRC
                                                               , 7ff6cf9169c0
                                   , tpagemanager.cpp
50975[ns] --> 0s 0ms
2023-04-03 18:13:19 TRC
--> 4s 109ms
                                                               , 7ff6cf9169c0
                                    , tpagemanager.cpp
                                                                                    }exit TPageManager::TPageManager() Elapsed time: 4109395594[ns]
                                                               , 7ff6cf9169c0
2023-04-03 18:13:19 TRC
2023-04-03 18:13:19 TRC
                                94, tlock.cc
308, tlock.cc
                                                                                     {entry TLock<_TMutex>::~TLock()
                                                                  Tff6cf1126c0 {entry TLock<_TMutex>::removeLock(_LOCKLIST_t& e)
Tff6cf1126c0 Thread "TPageManager::runUpdateSubViewItem()" was started
2023-04-03 18:13:19 PRT
2023-04-03 18:13:19 DBG
                                                               , 7ff6cf9169c0 Lock for mutex handle 0x558c84eb2138 will be removed on file
tpagemanager.cpp at line 701.
2023-04-03 18:13:19 TRC
                                                               , 7ff6cf9169c0
                                   , tlock.cc
                                                                                    }exit TLock<_TMutex>::removeLock(__LOCKLIST_t& e) Elapsed time:
182171[ns] --> 0s 0ms
2023-04-03 18:13:19 TRC
                                  , tlock.cc
                                                               , 7ff6cf9169c0 }exit TLock<_TMutex>::~TLock() Elapsed time: 215103[ns] --> 0s
```

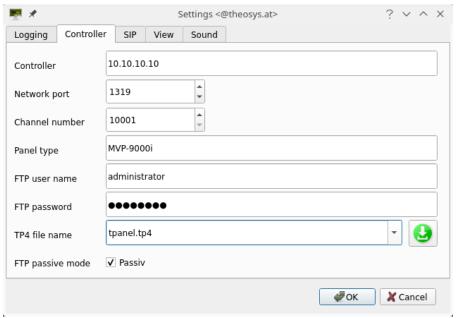
Logfile

This line defines where the log should be written. Select a path and name for the logfile. If you want to see some logs on a mobile device (phone, ...) you must make sure that the file is written somewhere in the user space. By default the log file is set to the internal directory where the program itself is stored. This directory is accessible only by the program!

Note: On mobile devices you should not activate Trace because this writes a lot of information in a very short time. The program is not only slowed down but it may fill up your memory in the phone very quick.

Controller (NetLinx)

The controller page let you set everything about the NetLinx. There is the IP address the controller is listening on and you may define the FTP credentials to download TP4 files directly from the NetLinx.



Picture 2: Controller (NetLinx) settings (desktop)

Downloading the surface from the NetLinx

From version 1.3.0 on it is possible to put one or more normal TP4 files on the disc of the NetLinx. The name of the files doesn't matter, because the settings dialog is reading the directory on the NetLinx and show all files found with an extension TP4. If no TP4 – file was found on the NetLinx, the default file tpanel.tp4 is set in the settings dialog. Of course this works only if a valid IP address or a network name was defined. Additionally the FTP access of the NetLinx must be enabled.

If **TPanel** is started and there is no surface found, it tries to connect to the NetLinx via FTP (File Transfer Protocol) with the credentials defined in the settings. If it succeeds and a file is found, then it downloads the file and unpacks it. Afterward **TPanel** loads the fresh surface and displays it.

If there is already a surface available and the name of the surface file in the settings dialog is changed, it tries to download this new file. If it succeeds it deletes the old surface and unpacks the new one. Afterward it restarts itself.

On a desktop as well as on Android this is working. On iOS the setup dialog doesn't support run time settings from outside. Therefor you must know the name of the TP4-file and write it into the input line. When the setup returns to the application, the surface will be downloaded as on any other platform.

Controller

Enter in this field either the network name of the NetLinx or the IP address. If this field contains no valid address the program is not able to connect the NetLinx. This is also necessary to enable **TPanel** to access the disc of the NetLinx to search for TP4 files.

Note: Currently only plain access is possible. TPanel doesn't allow encrypted access to a NetLinx!

Network port

Enter the network port number the NetLinx is listening on. If not changed in the setup of the NetLinx this is port 1319.

Channel number

Enter the channel number of the panel. This must be a number between 10000 and 19999. It must be a unique number. This means that no other panel should have this number.

Panel type

Enter here the description of the panel. This should be a name supported by *TPDesign4*. For example a valid name would be MVP-5200 or NXD-700V. Avoid a small "i" at the end because this would mean that the panel can communicate with another one. Currently the panel to panel communication is not implemented in **TPanel**!

FTP user name

This defines the user name of the FTP user. By default this is set to **administrator**. The user name is used to automatically login to the NetLinx and look for a TP4 file.

FTP password

This defines the password needed to logon to the NetLinx via FTP. By default this is set to **password**. Set this to the password the NetLinx expects.

TP4 file name

This defines the name of a TP4 file. Such a file can be downloaded automatically from **TPanel**. If the FTP credentials (user name and password) are correct and there is at least one TP4 file on the disc of the NetLinx, then **TPanel** downloads the file, unpacks it and installs it. After an automatic restart the new surface is visible.

This so called combo box is the combination of an edit line and a list. When the settings dialog is opened, **TPanel** tries to connect to the NetLinx with the given FTP credentials. If it succeeds it reads the root directory of the NetLinx. It puts each file with a file extension of TP4 into this element. When you click on the small arrow on the right end of the line, it opens up and shows the content, if any. While this is true for desktops, it works similar for Android. The look and feel depends on the flavor of your phone.

On iOS this doesn't work. There it is a simple input line where you can type the name of the file. File names are case sensitive. This means that you must take care about capital and small letters!

If there were no TP4 files found on the NetLinx then it contains only the default file name tpanel.tp4.

On the right end of this line is a button with a down arrow visible. If you click on it a dialog box opens (not true for Android and iOS!).



Picture 3: Question to download a file.

If you want to download this file click on YES. Otherwise NO. If you select YES, then the force button gets a red background. This means that the download starts at the moment the settings dialog is closed.

If you select another surface file and close the dialog, **TPanel** ask you if you want to download the new surface.



Picture 4: Install surface?

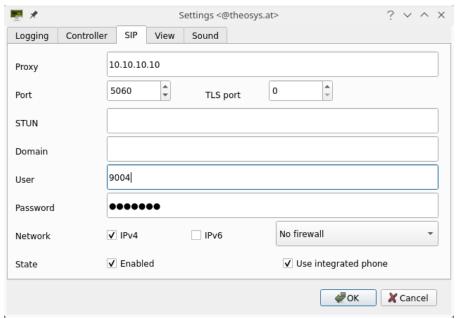
If you click on YES the download starts. Otherwise nothing happens.

FTP passive mode

The FTP protocol knows two different methods to establish a data channel to transfer data from a computer. The default mode is called *port* and requires that your client has full access to the computer. This works as long as there is no firewall in between who blocks the network port 20. To overcome any firewalls, the protocol knows a mode called *passive*. In this case the client connects to a second channel the same way as it did with the control channel. This makes sure that the client can connect even if there is a firewall between. In doubt check this option.

SIP

This is a protocol to connect **TPanel** to a digital phone. There is a full soft phone implemented into **TPanel**.



Picture 5: SIP settings

Proxy

The name or IP address of the SIP server.

Port

The network port the SIP server is listening on. By default this is set to port 5060.

TLSport

If this is other than 0, **TPanel** tries to connect for an encrypted SIP call over this network port. Otherwise it tries to use a random port number. If this is set the standard port number is 5061.

STUN

Sets the IP address for the STUN server.

Domain

Sets the realm for authentication. In most cases this is the same as the *proxy*. Therefore it is optional and mostly left empty.

User

Sets the user name for authentication with the SIP server (proxy address).

Password

Sets the user password so **TPanel** can connect to the SIP server (SIP proxy server).

Network

This defines the type of network to use. If **IPv4** is checked, then this network protocol is used.

If **IPv6** is checked then this protocol will be used. This is also the default protocol and will be used if both protocols are checked. It means also, that the device must be able to use **IPv6** and the network it is connected to must also be able to handle this protocol. In doubt disable **IPv6**.

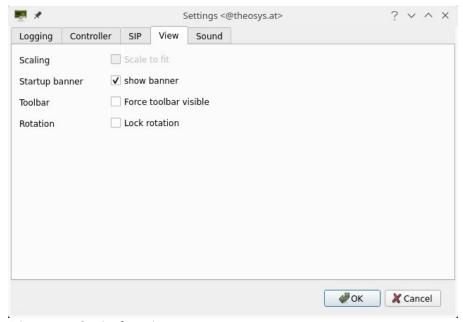
The *Combobox* let you choose the firewall type between your device and the SIP server, if any. By default no firewall is assumed. If there is a firewall and if you have problems to connect to the SIP server, you can choose between to use a *STUN server*, *ICE* or *UPNP*. Ask your local network administrator to find out the correct settings.

State

If this is checked, the SIP settings are enabled and TPanel tries to connect to the SIP proxy server.

View

This tab allows you to set some features of visibility. It allows to select scaling or to force a toolbar to be displayed.



Picture 6: Optical settings

Scaling

On a desktop this is disabled by default and if enabled has no effect.

On a mobile device this is enabled by default and makes sure that the surface fits the size of the display. **TPanel** maintains the aspect ratio which means that you may have a black bar on the left side or at bottom. It depends on the size of the display. If scaling is disabled the real size is used. It depends on the size of the simulated panel (NXD-700Vi has 800 x 480 pixels) and the number of pixels the mobile device offers. For this example we can assume that a mobile device has a higher resolution and therefor the surface would look very small.

Startup banner

This makes sense only on a desktop. Therefor it is disabled on a mobile device.

If this is checked, TPanel shows a small message on startup from the command line.

```
$ tpanel -c tpanel.cfg
tpanel v1.3.0
(C) Andreas Theofilu <andreas@theosys.at>
This program is under the terms of GPL version 3
```

Toolbar

The toolbar simulates some hard buttons of a real panel. If we take the panel type MVP-5200i for example, we have a round wheel on the right which is also 4 buttons. There is an additional button in the center of the wheel. This buttons are programmable with TPDesign4.



Picture 7: Navigation wheel on an MVP-5200i

Because such buttons are a practical shortcut for navigation, **TPanel** has a toolbar with some similar functions.



Picture 8: Toolbar of TPanel

As you can see, there are navigation buttons into 4 directions and a select button. Then the toolbar offers 2 buttons to control volume.

Under the volume buttons you find 3 more buttons:

This opens the settings dialog (look at Setup Dialog at page 12).

This opens an about dialog:



Picture 9: About dialog on a mobile device

This ends the program. If you press this button the application ends truly.

Rotation

If the box called *Lock rotation* is checked, then the screen is locked and will not rotate anymore.

If this is not checked, the surface will rotate without changing the orientation. This means: If the surface was made for landscape, for example, it will only rotate to normal landscape (landscape left) or inverse landscape (landscape right). It stays at one of this two landscape formats even if it is turned to portrait or inverse portrait.

This setting is independent of any system setting. Even if the system is set to lock screen, the surface will rotate when this is not checked.

Sound

This tab allows the setting of some sound oriented options. It is possible to select a touch sound, the beep sound and the double beep sound.



Picture 10: Sound settings (desktop)

System sound

This noise is played whenever a button was hit. It can be deactivated by removing the check. The drop down box offers some different noises. You can select one and by pressing the button with the green note on the right end of the selector the sound is played.

Single beep

This lets you select the sound of the single beep. This sound is played when **TPanel** receives either the command BEEP or ABEEP. It is possible to play the sound immediately by pressing on the button on the right side of the selector.

Double beep

This lets you select the sound of the double beep. This sound is played when **TPanel** receives the command **DBEEP** or **ADBEEP**. It is possible to play the sound immediately by pressing on the button on the right side of the selector.

System sound (play system sound)

If this is checked a sound is played on every button hit. The commends BEEP and DBEEP also play a sound.

If this is not checked, the button hits as well as the commands BEEP and DBEEP are silent. The commands ABEEP and ADBEEP are playing always a sound independently of the setting of this check box.

Volume

This slider sets the volume from **TPanel** only. The effective volume depends of the system (global) volume setting and the position of this slider. This slider does not change the system volume setting.

Gain

Currently not implemented.

Play test sound

This button plays a short melody to test the sound settings.

Using TPanel on a mobile device

TPanel is currently not available in the *Play Store* of *Android*. Therefor it must be downloaded from my page at https://www.theosys.at. Get the latest version (tpanel_android_vX.X.X.apk) and copy it to a location on your mobile device. The device must run with *Android 11* or newer to be able to use the application.

Enable APK installs on non Samsung devices

- 1. Go to your phones **Settings**
- 2. Go to Security & privacy > More settings.
- 3. Tap on **Install apps from external sources**.
- 4. Select the browser (e.g., Chrome or Firefox) you want to download the APK files from.
- 5. Toggle **Allow app installs** on.

Enable APK installs on Samsung devices

- 1. Go to your phone's **Settings**.
- 2. Go to Biometrics and security > Install unknown apps.
- 3. Select the browser (e.g., Chrome or Firefox) you want to download the APK files from.
- 4. Toggle **Allow app installs** on.

TPanel on iOS

Because of the restrictions from Apple it is not possible to offer a binary package for iOS. If you want to have this application on your iPhone or iPad, you must compile and install it yourself. You'll find the source and a description of how to do this at <u>Github</u>.

Starting TPanel

Once the application is installed, it can be started. On the first start it presents a small screen with some buttons. Press either on Setup, make a *pinch* gesture or push the *settings button* on the toolbar on right, if present, to get the settings dialog. Look at Setup Dialog on page 12 for detailed information.

If the setup is completed and the dialog is closed, it takes up to 30 seconds until **TPanel** connects to the NetLinx. Now two scenarios may happen:

• There is no TP4 file on the NetLinx.

After the restart the previous surface (the green one) reappears. Open *TPDesign4* and upload your surface to **TPanel** as you would do for a real panel. The transfer display occurs and shows the progress. At the moment the transfer finished, it takes up to 30 seconds until the new interface appears. Now you can use **TPanel** the same way as a real panel.

• TP4 file on the NetLinx.

Upload a TP4 file to the NetLinx via FTP. Open the setup dialog and enter the name of the file under the tab Controller in the field TP4 file name. Make sure the FTP user name and the FTP password is correct. Press the button Ok and wait. You'll see a busy dialog during the download and then the application restarts. When it reappears the new surface is visible.

In case of problems

TPanel is far from complete currently. Any command not documented here is not supported or may not work as expected. Therefor it may be that your *NetLinx* program sends commands who are ignored but are mandatory for your surface to work. It is also possible that some commands documented here are not working as expected. *In such cases please inform me!*

Please send an eMail to <u>andreas@theosys.at</u> and attach a short demo program together with a surface file which triggers the error or problem. I will try to fix **TPanel** as fast as possible. In your eMail put the following topics:

- · What have I done
- What was expected to happen
- What happened instead

Things who are not working

The following things will not work in the near future because they are proprietary or a secret of AMX. I'm not able to find out without help.

Passwords in resources

If you've defined a password for a resource, the access to a camera for example, the password is encrypted. Until now I was not able to find out the algorithm used to decrypt it. Therefor this will not work. A workaround could be to open the XML file prj.xma and search for the section resourceList. There you can find the definitions for the wanted resource. The section may look like:

```
<resource>
    <name>Camera 1</name>
    <protocol>HTTP</protocol>
    <user>user>user</user>
    <password encrypted="1">2312F21D0E2BA367</password>
    <host>8.8.8.8</host>
    <file>snapshot.cgi</file>
    <refresh>1</refresh>
</resource>
```

Change the line

```
<password encrypted="1">2312F21D0E2BA367</password>
into
```

<password encrypted="0">password</password>

Panel to panel communication

The codec used for communication between panels is proprietary. It is close to a standard but some mandatory parameters are different. I had not the time to investigate in this and my knowledge of this stuff is limited. Therefor this is not supported currently and may not be for a long time.

TakeNotes

I was not able to find out what it is. Because of this it is not supported.

Remote computer control

I plan to implement this for Linux desktops. Because I for myself don't need it, it has very low priority. So please be patient.

TP5 support

While it is trivial to support the commands (most of them) it is not so easy to read the configuration files. They are encrypted and until today I was not able to find out the algorithm to decrypt them. If I ever find this out, I will support TP5 files also and not only most of the commands.

In the mean time some of the G5 commands are supported. In short: All commands similar to one of the G4 commands are supported. Included is the command ^BMP which is the same as the G4 command but has some extensions. This should make it easier for integrators to use **TPanel** mostly the same way as a native G5 panel although the surface is still G4.

Page commands

Page Cor	mmands
@AFP	Flip to specified page (using the named animation).
^AFP	Syntax: "'^AFP- <page name="">,<animation>,<origin>,<duration>'"</duration></origin></animation></page>
	Variables:
	Page Name: If the page name is blank, flip to the previous page
	• Animation: If blank/invalid, the default animation is fade.
	 Origin: 1 - 5 Duration: Transition time in 10ths of a second. Range is 3-30 with 15 (1.5
	seconds) as the default
	Note : The animation is currently not implemented. The page will be visible at once and
	therefor the parameters Animation, Origin and Duration are ignored!
	Examples: SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^AFP-NextPage,slide,4,5'"
	Flip to NextPage sliding from the left for half a second.
	SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^AFP-,centerdoorfade,2,10'"
	Flip to NextPage center door fade from the top for a second.
@APG	Add a specific popup page to a specified popup group if it does not already exist. If the
	new popup is added to a group which has a popup displayed on the current page along
	with the new pop-up, the displayed popup will be hidden and the new popup will be displayed.
	Syntax:
	"'@APG- <popup name="" page="">;<popup group="" name="">'"</popup></popup>
	 Variable: popup page name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the popup page.
	 popup group name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the popup group.
	Example:
	SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'@APG-Popup1; Group1'" Adds the popup page 'Popup1' to the popup group 'Group1'.
@CDC	
@CPG	Clear all popup pages from specified popup group.
	Syntax:
	"'@CPG- <popup group="" name="">'"</popup>
	 Variable: popup group name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the popup group.
	Example:
	SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'@CPG-Group1'"
	Clears all popup pages from the popup group 'Group1'.
@DPG	Delete a specific popup page from specified popup group if it exists.
	Syntax: "'@DPG- <popup name="" page="">;<popup group="" name="">'"</popup></popup>
	Variable:
	• popup page name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the popup page.
	• popup group name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the popup group.
	Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'@DPG-Popup1;Group1'"
	Deletes the popup page 'Popup1' from the popup group 'Group1'.

Page Commands @PHE Set the hide effect for the specified popup page to the named hide effect. "'@PHE-<popup page name>;<hide effect name>'" Variable: popup page name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the page the popup is displayed On. hide effect name = Refers to the popup effect names being used. **Example:** SEND COMMAND Panel, "'@PHE-Popup1; Slide to Left'" Sets the Popup1 hide effect name to 'Slide to Left'. @PHP Set the hide effect position. Only 1 coordinate is ever needed for an effect; however, the command will specify both. This command sets the location at which the effect will end at. **Syntax:** "'@PHP-<popup page name>;<x coordinate>,<y coordinate>'" Variable: popup page name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the page the popup is displayed On. Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'@PHP-Popup1;75.0'" Sets the Popup1 hide effect x-coordinate value to 75 and the y-coordinate value to 0. @PHT Set the hide effect time for the specified popup page. $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Syntax:} \\ \texttt{"'@PHT-<popup page name>;<hide effect time>'"} \end{array}$ Variable: popup page name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the page the popup is displayed On. hide effect time = Given in 1/10ths of a second. **Example:** SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'@PHT-Popup1;50'" Sets the Popup1 hide effect time to 5 seconds. @PPA Close all popups on a specified page. If the page name is empty, the current page is used. ^PPA Same as the 'Clear Page' command in TPDesign4. Syntax: "'@PPA-<page name>'" Variable: page name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the page the popup is displayed

 page name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the page the popup is displayed On.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'@PPA-Page1'"

Close all pop-ups on Page1.

Page Commands

@PPF ^PPF

Deactivate a specific popup page on either a specified page or the current page. If the page name is empty, the current page is used (see example 2). If the popup page is part of a group, the whole group is deactivated. This command works in the same way as the 'Hide Popup' command in TPDesign4.

Syntax:
"'@PPF-<popup page name>;<page name>'"

Variable:

- popup page name = 1 50 ASCII characters. Name of the popup page.
- page name = 1 50 ASCII characters. Name of the page the popup is displayed On.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'@PPF-Popup1;Main'"

Example 2:

SEND COMMAND Panel, "'@PPF-Popup1'"

Deactivates the popup page 'Popup1' on the current page.

@PPG ^PPG

Toggle a specific popup page on either a specified page or the current page. If the page name is empty, the current page is used (see example 2). Toggling refers to the activating/deactivating (On/Off) of a popup page. This command works in the same way as the 'Toggle Popup' command in TPDesign4.

Syntax:
"'@PPG-<popup page name>;<page name>'"

Variable:

- popup page name = 1 50 ASCII characters. Name of the popup page.
- page name = 1 50 ASCII characters. Name of the page the popup is displayed

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'@PPG-Popup1;Main'"

Toggles the popup page 'Popup1' on the 'Main' page from one state to another (On/Off).

Example 2:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'@PPG-Popup1'"

Toggles the popup page 'Popup1' on the current page from one state to another (On/Off).

@PPK ^PPK

Kill refers to the deactivating (Off) of a popup window from all pages. If the pop-up page is part of a group, the whole group is deactivated. This command works in the same way as the 'Clear Group' command in TPDesign 4.

Syntax:
"'@PPK-<popup page name>'"

Variable:

popup page name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the popup page.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'@PPK-Popup1'"

Kills the popup page 'Popup1' on all pages.

Page Commands @PPM Set the modality of a specific popup page to Modal or NonModal. ΛPPM A Modal popup page, when active, only allows you to use the buttons and features on that popup page. All other buttons on the panel page are inactivated. Syntax: "'@PPM-<popup page name>;<mode>'" Variable: popup page name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the popup page. mode = • NONMODAL converts a previously Modal popup page to a NonModal. MODAL converts a previously NonModal popup page to Modal. modal = 1 and non-modal = 0Example: SEND COMMAND Panel, "'@PPM-Popup1; Modal'" Sets the popup page 'Popup1' to Modal. SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'@PPM-Popup1;1'" Sets the popup page 'Popup1' to Modal. @PPN Activate a specific popup page to launch on either a specified page or the current page. If ^PPN the page name is empty, the current page is used (see example 2). If the popup page is already on, do not re-draw it. This command works in the same way as the 'Show Popup' command in TPDesign4. **Syntax:** "'@PPN-<popup page name>;<page name>'" Variable: popup page name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the popup page. page name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the page the popup is displayed On. Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'@PPN-Popup1;Main'" Activates 'Popup1' on the 'Main' page. Example 2: SEND COMMAND Panel, "'@PPN-Popup1'" Activates the popup page 'Popup1' on the current page. @PPT Set a specific popup page to timeout within a specified time. If timeout is empty, popup ^PPT page will clear the timeout. Syntax: "'@PPT-<popup page name>;<timeout>'" Variable: popup page name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the popup page. timeout = Timeout duration in 1/10ths of a second. SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'@PPT-Popup1;30'" Sets the popup page 'Popup1' to timeout within 3 seconds.

@PPX $^{\text{PPX}}$

Close all popups on all pages. This command works in the same way as the 'Clear All' command in TPDesign 4.

Syntax: "'@PPX'"

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'@PPX'"

Close all popups on all pages.

Page Commands @PSE Set the show effect for the specified popup page to the named show effect. "'@PSE-<popup page name>;<show effect name>'" Variable: popup page name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the page the popup is displayed On. show effect name = Refers to the popup effect name being used. **Example:** SEND COMMAND Panel, "'@PSE-Popup1; Slide from Left'" Sets the Popup1 show effect name to 'Slide from Left'. @PSP Set the show effect position. Only 1 coordinate is ever needed for an effect; however, the command will specify both. This command sets the location at which the effect will begin. **Syntax:** "'@PSP-<popup page name>;<x coordinate>,<y coordinate>'" Variable: popup page name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the page the popup is displayed On. SEND COMMAND Panel, "'@PSP-Popup1;100,0'" Sets the Popup1 show effect x-coordinate value to 100 and the y-coordinate value to 0. @PST Set the show effect time for the specified popup page. Syntax: "'@PST-<popup page name>;<show effect time>'" Variable: popup page name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the page the popup is displayed On. show effect time = Given in 1/10ths of a second. **Example:** SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'@PST-Popup1;50'" Sets the Popup1 show effect time to 5 seconds. PAGE Flips to a page with a specified page name. If the page is currently active, it will not ^PGE redraw the page. Syntax: "'PAGE-<page name>'" Variable: page name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Name of the page the popup is displayed Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'PAGE-Page1'"

Flips to page 1.

Page Commands

PP0F

Deactivate a specific popup page on either a specified page or the current page. If the page name is empty, the current page is used (see example 2). If the popup page is part of a group, the whole group is deactivated. This command works in the same way as the 'Hide Popup' command in TPDesign4.

Syntax:
"'PPOF-<popup page name>;<page name>'"

Variable:

- popup page name = 1 50 ASCII characters. Name of the popup page.
- page name = 1 50 ASCII characters. Name of the page the popup is displayed On.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'PPOF-Popup1; Main'"

Deactivates the popup page 'Popup1' on the Main page.

Example 2:

SEND COMMAND Panel, "'PPOF-Popup1'"

Deactivates the popup page 'Popup1' on the current page.

PPOG

Toggle a specific popup page on either a specified page or the current page. If the page name is empty, the current page is used (see example 2). Toggling refers to the activating/deactivating (On/Off) of a popup page. This command works in the same way as the 'Toggle Popup' command in TPDesign4.

Syntax:
"'PPOG-<popup page name>;<page name>'"

Variable:

- popup page name = 1 50 ASCII characters. Name of the popup page.
- page name = 1 50 ASCII characters. Name of the page the popup is displayed On.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'PPOG-Popup1; Main'"

Toggles the popup page 'Popup1' on the Main page from one state to another (On/Off).

Example 2:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'PPOG-Popup1'"

Toggles the popup page 'Popup1' on the current page from one state to another (On/Off).

PPON

Activate a specific popup page to launch on either a specified page or the current page. If the page name is empty, the current page is used (see example 2). If the popup page is already On, do not re-draw it. This command works in the same way as the 'Show Popup' command in TPDesign4.

Syntax:
"'PPON-<popup page name>;<page name>'"

Variable:

- popup page name = 1 50 ASCII characters. Name of the popup page.
- page name = 1 50 ASCII characters. Name of the page the popup is displayed On.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'PPON-Popup1; Main'"

Activates the popup page 'Popup1' on the Main page.

Example 2:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'PPON-Popup1'"

Activates the popup page 'Popup1' on the current page.

Programming Numbers

The following information provides the programming numbers for colors, fonts, and borders.

Colors can be used to set the colors on buttons, sliders, and pages. The lowest color number represents the lightest color-specific display; the highest number represents the darkest display. For example, 0 represents light red, and 5 is dark red.

RGB Triplets and Names For Basic 88 Colors

Index No.	Name	Red	Green	Blue	Index No.	Name	Red	Green	Blue
0	Very Light Red	255	0	0	45	Medium Aqua	0	80	159
1	Light Red	223	0	0	46	Dark Aqua	0	64	127
2	Red	191	0	0	47	Very Dark Aqua	0	48	95
3	Medium Red	159	0	0	48	Very Light Blue	0	0	255
4	Dark Red	127	0	0	49	Light Blue	0	0	223
5	Very Dark Red	95	0	0	50	Blue	0	0	191
6	Very Light Orange	255	128	0	51	Medium Blue	0	0	159
7	Light Orange	223	112	0	52	Dark Blue	0	0	127
8	Orange	191	96	0	53	Very Dark Blue	0	0	95
9	Medium Orange	159	80	0	54	Very Light Purple	128	0	255
10	Dark Orange	127	64	0	55	Light Purple	112	0	223
11	Very Dark Orange	95	48	0	56	Purple	96	0	191
12	Very Light Yellow	255	255	0	57	Medium Purple	80	0	159
13	Light Yellow	223	223	0	58	Dark Purple	64	0	127
14	Yellow	191	191	0	59	Very Dark Purple	48	0	95
15	Medium Yellow	159	159	0	60	Very Light Magenta	255	0	255
16	Dark Yellow	127	127	0	61	Light Magenta	223	0	223
17	Very Dark Yellow	95	95	0	62	Magenta	191	0	191
18	Very Light Lime	128	255	0	63	Medium Magenta	159	0	159
19	Light Lime	112	223	0	64	Dark Magenta	127	0	127
20	Lime	96	191	0	65	Very Dark Magenta	95	0	95
21	Medium Lime	80	159	0	66	Very Light Pink	255	0	128
22	Dark Lime	64	127	0	67	Light Pink	223	0	112
23	Very Dark Lime	48	95	0	68	Pink	191	0	96
24	Very Light Green	0	255	0	69	Medium Pink	159	0	80
25	Light Green	0	223	0	70	Dark Pink	127	0	64
26	Green	0	191	0	71	Very Dark Pink	95	0	48
27	Medium Green	0	159	0	72	White	255	255	255
28	Dark Green	0	127	0	73	Grey1	238	238	238
29	Very Dark Green	0	95	0	74	Grey3	204	204	204
30	Very Light Mint	0	255	128	75	Grey5	170	170	170
31	Light Mint	0	223	112	76	Grey7	136	136	136
32	Mint	0	191	96	77	Grey9	102	102	102
33	Medium Mint	0	159	80	78	Grey4	187	187	187
34	Dark Mint	0	127	64	79	Grey6	153	153	153

RGB Values for all 88 Basic Colors										
Index No.	Name	Red	Green	Blue		Index No.	Name	Red	Green	Blue
35	Very Dark Mint	0	95	48		80	Grey8	119	119	119
36	Very Light Cyan	0	255	255		81	Grey10	85	85	85
37	Light Cyan	0	223	223		82	Grey12	51	51	51
38	Cyan	0	191	191		83	Grey13	34	34	34
39	Medium Cyan	0	159	159		84	Grey2	221	221	221
40	Dark Cyan	0	127	127		85	Grey11	68	68	68
41	Very Dark Cyan	0	95	95		86	Grey14	17	17	17
42	Very Light Aqua	0	128	255		87	Black	0	0	0
43	Light Aqua	0	112	223		255	TRANSPARENT	99	53	99
44	Aqua	0	96	161						

Font Styles And ID Numbers

Font styles can be used to program the text fonts on buttons, sliders, and pages. The following chart shows the default font type and their respective ID numbers generated by TPDesign4.

Default Font Styles and ID Numbers							
Font ID #	Font type	Size	Font ID #	Font type	Size		
1	Courier New	9	19	Arial	9		
2	Courier New	12	20	Arial	10		
3	Courier New	18	21	Arial	12		
4	Courier New	26	22	Arial	14		
5	Courier New	32	23	Arial	16		
6	Courier New	18	24	Arial	18		
7	Courier New	26	25	Arial	20		
8	Courier New	34	26	Arial	24		
9	AMX Bold	14	27	Arial	36		
10	AMX Bold	20	28	Arial Bold	10		
11	AMX Bold	36	29	Arial Bold	8		

NOTE: Fonts must be imported into a TPDesign4 project file. The font ID numbers are assigned by TPDesign4. These values are also listed in the Generate Programmer's Report.

Border Styles And Programming Numbers

Border styles can be used to program borders on buttons, sliders, and popup pages.

Border Styles and Programming Numbers					
No.	Border Styles	No.	Border Styles		
0 - 1	No border	10 - 11	Picture frame		
2	Single line	12	Double line		
3	Double line	20	Bevel-S		
4	Quad line	21	Bevel-M		
5 - 6	Circle 15	22 - 23	Circle 15		
7	Single line	24 - 27	Neon inactive-S		
8	Double line	40 - 41	Diamond 55		
9	Quad line				

Button Query Commands

Button Query commands reply back with a custom event. There will be one custom event for each button/state combination. Each query is assigned a unique custom event type. The following example is for debug purposes only:

```
NetLinx Example: CUSTOM_EVENT[device, Address, Custom event type]
DEFINE_EVENT
                                    // Text
     CUSTOM_EVENT[TP, 529, 1001]
                                    // Bitmap
     CUSTOM_EVENT[TP, 529, 1002]
     CUSTOM_EVENT[TP, 529, 1003]
                                    // Icon
     CUSTOM_EVENT[TP, 529, 1004]
                                    // Text Justification
     CUSTOM_EVENT[TP, 529, 1005]
                                    // Bitmap Justification
     CUSTOM_EVENT[TP, 529, 1006]
                                    // Icon Justification
     CUSTOM_EVENT[TP, 529, 1007]
                                     // Font
     CUSTOM_EVENT[TP, 529, 1008]
                                     // Text Effect Name
     CUSTOM_EVENT[TP, 529, 1009]
                                     // Text Effect Color
     CUSTOM_EVENT[TP, 529, 1010]
                                     // Word Wrap
     CUSTOM_EVENT[TP, 529, 1011]
                                    // ON state Border Color
     CUSTOM_EVENT[TP, 529, 1012]
                                    // ON state Fill Color
     CUSTOM_EVENT[TP, 529, 1013]
                                    // ON state Text Color
     CUSTOM_EVENT[TP, 529, 1014]
                                     // Border Name
     CUSTOM_EVENT[TP, 529, 1015]
                                    // Opacity
{
     Send_String 0,"'ButtonGet Id=',ITOA(CUSTOM.ID),' Type=',ITOA(CUSTOM.TYPE)"
     Send_String 0, "'Flag =', ITOA(CUSTOM.FLAG)"
     Send_String 0,"'VALUE1 =',ITOA(CUSTOM.VALUE1)"
     Send_String 0,"'VALUE2 =',ITOA(CUSTOM.VALUE2)"
     Send_String 0, "'VALUE3 =',ITOA(CUSTOM.VALUE3)"
     Send_String 0,"'TEXT =',CUSTOM.TEXT"
     Send_String 0,"'TEXT LENGTH =',ITOA(LENGTH_STRING(CUSTOM.TEXT))"
```

All custom events have the following 7 fields:

Custom Event Fields				
Uint Flag	0 means text is a standard string, 1 means Unicode encoded string			
slong value1	button state number			
slong value2	actual length of string (this is not encoded size)			
slong value3	index of first character (usually 1 or same as optional index)			
string text	the text from the button			
text length (string encode)	button text length			

These fields are populated differently for each query command. The text length (String Encode) field is not used in any command. These Button Commands are used in NetLinx Studio and are case insensitive:

^ANI

Run a button animation (in 1/10 second).

"'^ANI-<vt addr range>,<start state>,<end state>,<time>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- start state = Beginning of button state (0= current state).
- end state = End of button state.
- time = In 1/10 second intervals.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^ANI-500, 1, 25, 100'"

Runs a button animation at text range 500 from state 1 to state 25 for 10 second.

^APF

Add page flip action to a button if it does not already exist.

Syntax:

"\^APF-<vt addr range>,<page flip action>,<page name>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- page flip action =
 - **Stan**[dardPage] Flip to standard page
 - **Prev**[iousPage] Flip to previous page
 - **Show**[Popup] Show Popup page
 - **Hide**[Popup] Hide Popup page
 - **Togg**[lePopup] Toggle popup state
 - **ClearG**[roup] Clear popup page group from all pages
 - **ClearP**[age] Clear all popup pages from a page with the specified page name
 - **ClearA**[ll] Clear all popup pages from all pages
- page name = 1 50 ASCII characters.

Example:

SEND COMMAND Panel, "'^APF-400, Stan, Main Page'"

Assigns a button to a standard page flip with page name 'Main Page'.

^BAT

Append non-unicode text.

Syntax:
"'^BAT-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<new text>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- new text = 1 50 ASCII characters.

SEND COMMAND Panel, "'^BAT-520,1, Enter City'"

Appends the text 'Enter City' to the button's OFF state.

^BAU

Append unicode text. Same format as ^UNI.

Syntax:

"i^BAU-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<unicode text>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- unicode text = 1 50 ASCII characters. Unicode characters must be entered in Hex format.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^BAU-520, 1, 00770062'"

Appends Unicode text '00770062' to the button's OFF state.

^BCB

Set the border color to the specified color. Only if the specified border color is not the same as the current color.

Note: Color can be assigned by color name (without spaces), number or R,G,B value (RRGGBB or RRGGBBAA).

Syntax:

"'^BCB-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<color value>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- color value = Refer to the RGB Triplets and Names For Basic 88 Colors table on page 86 for details.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^BCB-500.504&510, 1, 12'"

Sets the Off state border color to 12 (Yellow). Colors can be set by Color Numbers, Color name, R,G,B,alpha colors

(RRGGBBAA) and R, G & B colors values (RRGGBB). Refer to the RGB Triplets and Names For Basic 88 Colors table on page 33.

?BCB

Get the current border color.

Syntax:

"'?BCB-<vt addr range>,<button states range>'"

Variable

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- custom event type **1011**:
 - Flag zero
 - Value1 Button state number
 - Value2 Actual length of string (should be 9)
 - o Value3 Zero
 - Text Hex encoded color value (ex: #000000FF)
 - Text length Color name length (should be 9)

Example:

SEND COMMAND Panel, "'?BCB-529,1'"

Gets the button 'OFF state' border color. information.

The result sent to the Master would be:

```
ButtonGet Id = 529 Type = 1011
Flag = 0
VALUE1 = 1
VALUE2 = 9
VALUE3 = 0
TEXT = #222222FF
TEXT LENGTH = 9
```

^BCF

Set the fill color to the specified color. Only if the specified fill color is not the same as the current color.

Note: Color can be assigned by color name (without spaces), number or R,G,B value (RRGGBB or RRGGBBAA).

Syntax:

"'^BCF-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<color value>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- color value = Refer to the RGB Triplets and Names For Basic 88 Colors table on page 33 for details.

Example:

```
SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BCF-500.504&510.515,1,12'"

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BCF-500.504&510.515,1,Yellow'"

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BCF-500.504&510.515,1,#F4EC0A63''"

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BCF-500.504&510.515,1,#F4EC0A'"
```

Sets the Off state fill color by color number. Colors can be set by Color Numbers, Color name, R,G,B,alpha colors (RRGGBBAA) and R, G & B colors values (RRGGBB).

?BCF

Get the current fill color.

Syntax:

"i'?BCF-<vt addr range>,<button states range>'"

Variable

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- custom event type 1012:
 - Flag Zero
 - Value1 Button state number
 - Value2 Actual length of string (should be 9)
 - Value3 Zero
 - Text Hex encoded color value (ex: #000000FF)
 - Text length Color name length (should be 9)

Example:

SEND COMMAND Panel,"'?BCF-529,1'"

Gets the button 'OFF state' fill color information.

The result sent to the Master would be:

```
ButtonGet Id = 529 Type = 1012

Flag = 0

VALUE1 = 1

VALUE2 = 9

VALUE3 = 0

TEXT = #FF8000FF

TEXT LENGTH = 9
```

^BCT

Set the text color to the specified color. Only if the specified text color is not the same as the current color.

Note: Color can be assigned by color name (without spaces), number or R,G,B value (RRGGBB or RRGGBBAA).

Syntax:

"i^BCT-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<color value>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- color value = Refer to the RGB Triplets and Names For Basic 88 Colors table on page 86 for details.

Example:

```
SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^BCT-500.504&510, 1, 12'"
```

Sets the Off state border color to 12 (Yellow). Colors can be set by Color Numbers, Color name, R,G,B,alpha colors (RRGGBBAA) and R, G & B colors values (RRGGBB).

?BCT

Get the current text color.

Syntax:

"'?BCT-<vt addr range>,<button states range>'"

Variable

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- custom event type 1013:
 - o Flag Zero
 - Value1 Button state number
 - Value2 Actual length of string (should be 9)
 - o Value3 Zero
 - Text Hex encoded color value (ex: #000000FF)
 - Text length Color name length (should be 9)

Example:

SEND COMMAND Panel, "'?BCT-529,1'"

Gets the button 'OFF state' text color information.

The result sent to Master would be:

```
ButtonGet Id = 529 Type = 1013
Flag = 0
VALUE1 = 1
VALUE2 = 9
VALUE3 = 0
TEXT = #FFFFFFFF
TEXT LENGTH = 9
```

^BD0

Set the button draw order - Determines what order each layer of the button is drawn.

Syntax:

"¹^BDO-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<1-5><1-5><1-5><1-5><1-5>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- layer assignments =
- Fill Layer = 1
- Image Layer = 2
- Icon Layer = 3
- Text Layer = 4
- Border Layer = 5

Note: The layer assignments are from bottom to top. The default draw order is 12345.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BDO-530,1&2,51432'"

Sets the button's variable text 530 ON/OFF state draw order (from bottom to top) to Border, Fill, Text, Icon, and Image.

Example 2:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BDO-1,0,12345'"

Sets all states of a button back to its default drawing order.

^BFB

Set the feedback type of the button. ONLY works on General-type buttons.

"i^BFB-<vt addr range>,<feedback type>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- feedback type = (None, Channel, Invert, On (Always on), Momentary, and Blink).

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BFB-500, Momentary'"

Sets the Feedback type of the button to 'Momentary'.

^BIM

Set the input mask for the specified address.

Syntax:
"'^BIM-<vt addr range>,<input mask>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- input mask = Refer to the Text Area Input Masking table on page 176 for character types.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BIM-500, AAAAAAAAAA'"

Sets the input mask to ten 'A' characters, that are required, to either a letter or digit (entry is required).

^BMC

Button copy command. Copy attributes of the source button to all the destination buttons. Note that the source is a single button state. Each state must be copied as a separate command. The <codes> section represents what attributes will be copied. All codes are 2 char pairs that can be separated by comma, space, percent or just ran together.

Syntax:

"¹^BMC-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<source port>,<source address>,<source state>,<codes>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- source port = 1 100.
- source address = 1 4000.
- source state = 1 256.
- codes:

BM – Picture/Bitmap

BR – Border

CB – Border Color

CF - Fill Color

CT - Text Color

EC – Text effect color

EF – Text effect

FT - Font

IC - Icon

JB – Bitmap alignment

JI – Icon alignment

JT – Text alignment

OP - Opacity

SO - Button Sound

TX – Text

VI – Video slot ID

WW – Word wrap on/off

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BMC-425,1,1,500,1,BR'"

or

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BMC-425,1,1,500,1,%BR'"

Copies the OFF state border of button with a variable text address of 500 onto the OFF state border of button with a variable text address of 425.

Example 2:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^BMC-150, 1, 1, 315, 1, %BR%FT%TX%BM%IC%CF%CT'" Copies the OFF state border, font, Text, bitmap, icon, fill color and text color of the button with a variable text address of 315 onto the OFF state border, font, Text, bitmap, icon, fill color and text color of the button with a variable text address of 150.

^BMF

Set any/all button parameters by sending embedded codes and data.

Syntax:

"'^BMF-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<data>'"

Variables:

- variable text address char array = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General

- buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- level range = 1 600 (level value is 1 65535).
- data:
 - '%**B**<boxder style>' = Set the border style name. See the Border Styles and Programming Numbers table on page 35.
 - '%B',<border 0-27,40,41> = Set the borer style number. See the Border Styles and Programming Numbers table on page 35.
 - '%**DO**<1-5><1-5><1-5><1-5><1-5>= Set the draw order. Listed from bottom to top. Refer to the $^{\circ}$ BDO command for more information.
 - '% \mathbf{F} ', = Set the font. See the Default Font Styles and ID Numbers table on page 35.
 - '% \mathbf{F} ' = Set the font. See the Default Font Styles and ID Numbers table on page 35.
 - '%MI<mask image>' = Set the mask image. Refer to the ^BMI command for more information.
 - '%**R** = Sets button location and also resizes the button. Takes four parameters: <left>, <top>, <right>, <bottom>.
 - '%T<text >' = Set the text using ASCII characters (empty is clear).
 - '%**P**<bitmap>' = Set the picture/bitmap filename (empty is clear).
 - '%**I**<icon 01-9900, 0-clear>' = Set the icon using values of 01 9900 (icon numbers are assigned in the TPDesign4 Resource Manager tab Slots section).
 - '%J',<alignment of text 1-9> = As shown the following telephone keypad alignment chart:

0		
1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

Zero can be used for an absolute position.

- '%JT<alignment of text 0-9>' = As shown the above telephone keypad alignment chart, BUT the 0 (zero) is absolute and followed by ',<left>,<top>'
- '%**JB**<alignment of bitmap/picture 0-9>' = As shown the above telephone keypad alignment chart BUT the 0 (zero) is absolute and followed by ',<left>,<top>'
- '%**JI**<alignment of icon 0-9>' = As shown the above telephone keypad alignment chart, BUT the 0 (zero) is absolute and followed by ',<left>,<top>'

For some of these commands and values, refer to the RGB Triplets and Names For Basic 88 Colors table on page 33.

- '%**CF**<on fill color>' = Set Fill Color.
- '%**CB**<on border color>' = Set Border Color.
- '%CT<on text color>' = Set Text Color.
- **'%SW**<1 or 0>' = Show/hide a button.
- '%**SO**<sound>' = Set the button sound.
- '**%EN**<1 or 0>' = Enable/disable a button.
- '%WW<1 or 0>' = Word wrap ON/OFF.
- '%**GH**
bargraph hi>' = Set the bargraph upper limit.
- '%**GL**
bargraph low>' = Set the bargraph lower limit.
- '%**GN**
bargraph slider name>' = Set the bargraph slider name/Joystick cursor name.

- '%**GC**
bargraph slider color>' = Set the bargraph slider color/Joystick cursor color.
- '%**OT**<feedback type>' = Set the Feedback (Output) Type to one of the following: None, Channel, Invert, ON (Always ON), Momentary, or Blink.
- '**%OP**<0-255>' = Set the button opacity to either Invisible (value=0) or Opaque (value=255).
- '%**OP**#<00-FF>' = Set the button opacity to either Invisible (value=00) or Opaque (value=FF).
- '%**UN**<Unicode text>' = Set the Unicode text. See the ^UNI section for the text format.
- '%**EF**<text effect name>' = Set the text effect.
- '%EC<text effect color>' = Set the text effect color.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^BMF-500,1,%B10%CFRed%CB Blue %CTBlack%Ptest.png'" Sets the button OFF state as well as the Border, Fill Color, Border Color, Text Color, and Bitmap.

^BML

Set the maximum length of the text area button. If this value is set to zero (0), the text area has no max length. The maximum length available is 2000. This is only for a Text area input button and not for a Text area input masking button.

Syntax

"i^BML-<vt addr range>,<max length>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- \max length = 2000 (0=no max length).

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BML-500,20'"

Sets the maximum length of the text area input button to 20 characters.

^BMP

Assign a picture to those buttons with a defined address range.

Syntax:

"index], [optional justification]'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- name of bitmap/picture = 1 50 ASCII characters.
- Optional bitmap index = 0 5, the state bitmap index to assign the bitmap. The indexes are defined as:
 - 0 Chameleon Image (if present)
 - 1 Bitmap 1 (Bitmap)
 - 2 Bitmap 2 (Icon)
 - 3 Bitmap 3 (Bitmap)
 - 4 Bitmap 4 (Bitmap)
 - 5 Bitmap 5 (Bitmap)
- Optional justification = 0-10 where:
 - 0 Absolute position: If absolute justification is set, the next two parameters are the X and Y offset of the bitmap for the referenced index.
 - 1 top left
 - o 2 top center
 - 3 top right
 - 4 middle left
 - o 5 middle center
 - o 6 middle right
 - o 7 bottom left
 - o 8 bottom center
 - o 9 bottom right
 - 10 scale to fit
 - If no justification is specified, the current justification is used.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BMP-500.504&510.515,1,bitmap.png'"

Sets the OFF state picture for the buttons with variable text ranges of 500-504 & 510-515.

?BMP

Get the current bitmap name.

Syntax

"i?BMP-<vt addr range>,<button states range>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 custom event type **1002**:
 - o Flag Zero
 - Value1 Button state number
 - Value2 Actual length of string
 - o Value3 Zero
 - Text String that represents the bitmap name
 - Text length Bitmap name text length (should be 9)

Example:

SEND COMMAND Panel,"'?BMP-529,1'"

Gets the button 'OFF state' bitmap information.

The result sent to the Master would be:

```
ButtonGet Id = 529 Type = 1002
Flag = 0
VALUE1 = 1
VALUE2 = 9
VALUE3 = 0
TEXT = Buggs.png
TEXT LENGTH = 9
```

^B0P

Set the button opacity. The button opacity can be specified as a decimal between 0 - 255, where zero (0) is invisible and 255 is opaque, or as a HEX code, as used in the color commands by preceding the HEX code with the # sign. In this case, #00 becomes invisible and #FF becomes opaque. If the opacity is set to zero (0), this does not make the button inactive, only invisible.

Syntax:

"i^BOP-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<button opacity>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- button opacity = 0 (invisible) 255 (opaque).

Example:

```
SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BOP-500.504&510.515,1,200'"
SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BOP-500.504&510.515,1,#C8'"
```

Both examples set the opacity of the buttons with the variable text range of 500-504 and 510-515 to 200.

?B0P

Get the overall button opacity.

Syntax

"'?BOP-<vt addr range>,<button states range>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- custom event type 1015:
- Flag Zero
- Value1 Button state number
- Value2 Opacity
- Value3 Zero
- Text Blank
- Text length Zero

Example:

SEND COMMAND Panel,"'?BOP-529,1'"

Gets the button 'OFF state' opacity information.

The result sent to the Master would be:

```
ButtonGet Id = 529 Type = 1015
Flag = 0
VALUE1 = 1
VALUE2 = 200
VALUE3 = 0
TEXT =
TEXT LENGTH = 0
```

^B0R

Set a border to a specific border style associated with a border value for those buttons with a defined address range. Refer to the Border Styles and Programming Numbers table on page 35 for more information.

Syntax:

"i^BOR-<vt addr range>,<border style name or border value>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- border style name = Refer to the Border Styles and Programming Numbers table on page 87.
- border value = 0 41.

Examples:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BOR-500.504&510.515,10'"

Sets the border by number (#10) to those buttons with the variable text range of 500-504 & 510-515.

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BOR-500.504&510,AMX Elite -M'"

Sets the border by name (AMX Elite) to those buttons with the variable text range of 500-504 & 510-515.

The border style is available through the TPDesign4 border-style drop-down list. Refer to the TPD4 Border Styles by Name table on page 35 for more information.

^B0S

Set the button to display either a Video or Non-Video window.

Syntax:

"i^BOS-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<video state>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- video state = Video Off = 0 and Video On = 1.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^BOS-500, 1, 1'"

Sets the button to display video.

^BRD

Set the border of a button state/states. Only if the specified border is not the same as the current border. The border names are available through the TPDesign4 border-name drop-down list.

Syntax:

"i^BRD-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<border name>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- border name = Refer to the Border Styles and Programming Numbers table on page 35.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^BRD-500.504&510.515, 1&2, Quad Line'"
Sets the border by name (Quad Line) to those buttons with the variable text range of 500-504 & 510-515. Refer to the TPD4 Border Styles by Name table on page 35.

?BRD

Get the current border name.

Syntax:

"'?BRD-<vt addr range>,<button states range>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- custom event type 1014:
- Flag Zero
- Value1 Button state number
- Value2 Actual length of string
- Value3 Zero
- Text String that represents border name
- Text length Border name length

Example:

SEND COMMAND Panel, "'?BRD-529,1'"

Gets the button 'OFF state' border information.

The result sent to the Master would be:

```
ButtonGet Id = 529 Type = 1014
Flag = 0
VALUE1 = 1
VALUE2 = 22
VALUE3 = 0
TEXT = Double Bevel Raised -L
TEXT LENGTH = 22
```

^BSM

Submit text for text area buttons. This command causes the text areas to send their text as strings to the NetLinx Master.

Syntax:

"i^BSM-<vt addr range>'"

Variable:

• variable text address range = 1 - 4000.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BSM-500'"

Submits the text of the text area button.

^BS0

Set the sound played when a button is pressed. If the sound name is blank the sound is then cleared. If the sound name is not matched, the button sound is not changed.

Syntax:

"i^BSO-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<sound name>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- sound name = (blank sound cleared, not matched button sound not changed).

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BSO-500,1&2, music.wav'"

Assigns the sound 'music.wav' to the button Off/On states.

^BSP

Set the button size and its position on the page.

Syntax:

"'^BSP-<vt addr range>,<left>,<top>,<right>,<bottom>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- left = left side of page.
- top = top of page.
- right = right side of page.
- bottom = bottom of page.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^BSP-530, left, top'"

Sets the button with variable text 530 in the left side top of page.

^BWW

Set the button word wrap feature to those buttons with a defined address range. By default, word-wrap is Off.

Syntax:

"'^BWW-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<word wrap>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- word wrap = (0=Off and 1=On). Default is Off.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^BWW-500,1,1'"

Sets the word wrap on for the button's Off state.

?BWW

Get the current word wrap flag status.

Syntax:

"i'?BWW-<vt addr range>,<button states range>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- custom event type 1010:
- Flag Zero
- Value1 Button state number
- Value2 0 = no word wrap, 1 = word wrap
- Value3 Zero
- Text Blank
- Text length Zero

Example:

SEND COMMAND Panel, "'?BWW-529,1'"

Gets the button 'OFF state' word wrap flag status information.

The result sent to the Master would be:

TEXT LENGTH = 0

```
ButtonGet Id = 529 Type = 1010
Flag = 0
VALUE1 = 1
VALUE2 = 1
VALUE3 = 0
TEXT =
```

Button	utton Commands		
^CPF	Clear all page flips from a button. Syntax: "'^CPF- <vt addr="" range="">'"</vt>		
	Variable:		
	• variable text address range = 1 - 4000.		
	Example:		
	SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^CPF-500'"		
	Clears all page flips from the button.		
^DPF	Delete page flips from button if it already exists.		
	Syntax:		
	" ^DFP- <vt addr="" range="">,<actions>,<page name="">'"</page></actions></vt>		
	Variable:		
	• variable text address range = 1 - 4000.		
	• actions =		
	Stan[dardPage] - Flip to standard page Browlings Page Flip to provings page		
	 Prev[iousPage] - Flip to previous page Show[Popup] - Show Popup page 		
	Show[Popup] - Show Popup pageHide[Popup] - Hide Popup page		
	Togg[lePopup] - Toggle popup state		
	ClearG[roup] - Toggle popup stateClearG[roup] - Clear popup page group from all pages		
	• Clear G [roup] - Clear popup page group from an pages • ClearP [age] - Clear all popup pages from a page with the specified page name		
	ClearA[ll] - Clear all popup pages from all pages		
	• page name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters.		
	Example:		
	SEND COMMAND Panel,"'^DPF-409,Prev'"		
	Deletes the assignment of a button from flipping to a previous page.		
^ENA	Enable or disable buttons with a set variable text range.		
	Syntax: "'^ENA- <vt addr="" range="">,<command value=""/>'"</vt>		
	Variable:		
	• variable text address range = 1 - 4000.		
	• command value = (0= disable, 1= enable)		
	Example:		
	SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^ENA-500.504&510.515,0'"		
	Disables button pushes on buttons with variable text range 500-504 & 510-515.		

^FON

Set a font to a specific Font ID value for those buttons with a defined address range. Font ID numbers are generated by the TPDesign4 programmers report.

Syntax

"i^FON-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- font value = range = 1 XXX. Refer to the Default Font Styles and ID Numbers section on page 87.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^FON-500.504&510.515, 1&2, 4'"

Sets the font size to font ID #4 for the On and Off states of buttons with the variable text range of 500-504 & 510-515.

Note: The Font ID is generated by TPD4 and is located in TPD4 through the Main menu. Panel > Generate Programmer's Report > Text Only Format > Readme.txt.

?FON

Get the current font index.

Syntax:

"i?FON-<vt addr range>,<button states range>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- custom event type 1007:
- Flag Zero
- Value1 Button state number
- Value2 Font index
- Value3 Zero
- Text Blank
- Text length Zero

Example:

SEND COMMAND Panel, "'?FON-529,1'"

Gets the button 'OFF state' font type index information.

The result sent to the Master would be:

```
ButtonGet Id = 529 Type = 1007
Flag = 0
VALUE1 = 1
VALUE2 = 72
VALUE3 = 0
TEXT =
TEXT LENGTH = 0
```

^GLH

Change the bargraph upper limit.

Syntax:

"i^GLH-<vt addr range>,<bargraph hi>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- bargraph limit range = 1 65535 (bargraph upper limit range).

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^GLH-500,1000'"

Changes the bargraph upper limit to 1000.

^GLL

Change the bargraph lower limit.

Syntax

"i^GLL-<vt addr range>,<bargraph low>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- bargraph limit range = 1 65535 (bargraph lower limit range).

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^GLL-500,150'"

Changes the bargraph lower limit to 150.

^GSC

Change the bargraph slider color or joystick cursor color. A user can also assign the color by Name and R,G,B value (RRGGBB or RRGGBBAA).

Syntax

"i^GSC-<vt addr range>,<color value>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- color value = Refer to the RGB Triplets and Names For Basic 88 Colors table on page 33.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^GSC-500, 12'"

Changes the bargraph or joystick slider color to Yellow.

^GSN

Change the bargraph slider name or joystick cursor name. Slider names and cursor names can be found in the TPDesign4 slider name and cursor drop-down list.

Syntax:

"i^GSN-<vt addr range>,<bargraph slider name>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- bargraph slider name = See table below.

Bargraph Slider Names:		
None	Ball	Circle -L
Circle -M	Circle -S	Precision
Rectangle -L	Rectangle -M	Rectangle -S
Windows	Windows Active	
Joystick Cursor Names		
None	Arrow	Ball
Circle	Crosshairs	Gunsight
Hand	Metal	Spiral
Target	View Finder	

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^GSN-500,Ball'"

Changes the bargraph slider name or the Joystick cursor name to 'Ball'.

^ICO

Set the icon to a button.

Syntax:

"i^ICO-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<icon index>'"

Variable

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- icon index range = 0 9900 (a value of 0 is clear).

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^ICO-500.504&510.515, 1&2, 1'"

Sets the icon for On and Off states for buttons with variable text ranges of 500-504 & 510-515.

?ICO

Get the current icon index.

Syntax:

"i?ICO-<vt addr range>,<button states range>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- custom event type **1003**:
- Flag Zero
- Value1 Button state number
- Value2 Icon Index
- Value3 Zero
- · Text Blank
- Text length Zero

Example:

SEND COMMAND Panel, "'?ICO-529, 1&2'"

Gets the button 'OFF state' icon index information.

The result sent to the Master would be:

```
ButtonGet Id = 529 Type = 1003
```

Flag = 0

VALUE1 = 2

VALUE2 = 12

VALUE3 = 0

TEXT =

TEXT LENGTH = 0

^JSB

Set bitmap/picture alignment using a numeric keypad layout for those buttons with a defined address range. The alignment of 0 is followed by ',<left>,<top>'. The left and top coordinates are relative to the upper left corner of the button.

Syntax

"'^JSB-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<new text alignment>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- new text alignment = Value of 1- 9 corresponds to the following locations: 0 (zero can be used for an absolute position)

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^JSB-500.504&510.515,1&2,1'"

Sets the off/on state picture alignment to upper left corner for those buttons with variable text ranges of 500-504 & 510-515.

?JSB

Get the current bitmap justification.

Syntax:

"i?JSB-<vt addr range>,<button states range>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- custom event type **1005**:
- Flag Zero
- Value1 Button state number
- Value2 1 9 justify
- Value3 Zero
- Text Blank
- Text length Zero

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'?JSB-529,1'"

Gets the button 'OFF state' bitmap justification information.

The result sent to the Master would be:

```
ButtonGet Id = 529 Type = 1005
Flag = 0
VALUE1 = 1
VALUE2 = 5
VALUE3 = 0
TEXT =
TEXT LENGTH = 0
```

^JSI

Set icon alignment using a numeric keypad layout for those buttons with a defined address range. The alignment of 0 is followed by ',<left>,<top>'. The left and top coordinates are relative to the upper left corner of the button.

Syntax

"'^JSI-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<new icon alignment>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- new icon alignment = Value of 1 9 corresponds to the following locations: 0 (zero can be used for an absolute position)

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^JSI-500.504&510.515, 1&2, 1'"

Sets the Off/On state icon alignment to upper left corner for those buttons with variable text range of 500-504 & 510-515.

?JSI

Get the current icon justification.

Syntax:

"i?JSI-<vt addr range>,<button states range>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- custom event type 1006:
- Flag Zero
- Value1 Button state number
- Value 2 1 9 justify
- Value3 Zero
- Text Blank
- Text length Zero

Example:

SEND COMMAND Panel, "'?JSI-529,1'"

Gets the button 'OFF state' icon justification information.

The result sent to the Master would be:

```
ButtonGet Id = 529 Type = 1006
Flag = 0
VALUE1 = 1
VALUE2 = 6
VALUE3 = 0
TEXT =
TEXT LENGTH = 0
```

^JST

Set text alignment using a numeric keypad layout for those buttons with a defined address range. The alignment of 0 is followed by ',<left>,<top>'. The left and top coordinates are relative to the upper left corner of the button.

Syntax

"'^JST-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<new text alignment>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- new text alignment = Value of 1 9 corresponds to the following locations: 0 (zero can be used for an absolute position)

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^JST-500.504&510.515,1&2,1'"

Sets the text alignment to the upper left corner for those buttons with variable text ranges of 500-504 & 510-515.

?JST

Get the current text justification.

Syntax:

"i?JST-<vt addr range>,<button states range>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- custom event type 1004:
- Flag Zero
- Value1 Button state number
- Value2 1 9 justify
- Value3 Zero
- Text Blank
- Text length Zero

Example:

SEND COMMAND Panel, "'?JST-529,1'"

Gets the button 'OFF state' text justification information.

The result sent to the Master would be:

```
ButtonGet Id = 529 Type = 1004
Flag = 0
VALUE1 = 1
VALUE2 = 1
VALUE3 = 0
TEXT =
TEXT LENGTH = 0
```

^SHO

Show or hide a button with a set variable text range.

Syntax

"i^SHO-<vt addr range>,<command value>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- command value = (0= hide, 1= show).

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^SHO-500.504&510.515,0'"

Hides buttons with variable text address range 500-504 & 510-515.

^TEC

Set the text effect color for the specified addresses/states to the specified color. The Text Effect is specified by name and can be found in TPD4. You can also assign the color by name or RGB value (RRGGBB or RRGGBBAA).

Syntax:

"'^TEC-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<color value>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- color value = Refer to the RGB Triplets and Names For Basic 88 Colors table on page 33.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^TEC-500.504&510.515, 1&2, 12'"

Sets the text effect color to Very Light Yellow on buttons with variable text 500-504 and 510-515.

?TEC

Get the current text effect color.

Syntax:

"i?TEC-<vt addr range>,<button states range>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- custom event type **1009**:
- Flag Zero
- Value1 Button state number
- Value2 Actual length of string (should be 9)
- Value3 Zero
- Text Hex encoded color value (ex: #000000FF)
- Text length Color name length

Example:

SEND COMMAND Panel, "'?TEC-529,1'"

Gets the button 'OFF state' text effect color information.

The result sent to the Master would be:

```
ButtonGet Id = 529 Type = 1009
```

Flag = 0

VALUE1 = 1

VALUE2 = 9

VALUE3 = 0

TEXT = #5088F2AE

TEXT LENGTH = 9

^TEF

Set the text effect. The Text Effect is specified by name and can be found in TPD4.

Syntax:

"inter-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<text effect name>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- text effect name = Refer to the Text Effects table on page Fehler: Verweis nicht gefunden for a listing of text effect names.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^TEF-500.504&510.515, 1&2, Soft Drop Shadow 3'" Sets the text effect to Soft Drop Shadow 3 for the button with variable text range 500-504 and 510-515.

?TEF

Get the current text effect name.

Syntax:

"i?TEF-<vt addr range>,<button states range>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- custom event type 1008:
 - o Flag Zero
 - Value1 Button state number
 - Value2 Actual length of string
 - Value3 Zero
 - Text String that represents the text effect name
 - Text length Text effect name length

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'?TEF-529,1'"

Gets the button 'OFF state' text effect name information.

The result sent to the Master would be:

```
ButtonGet Id = 529 Type = 1008
Flag = 0
VALUE1 = 1
VALUE2 = 18
VALUE3 = 0
TEXT = Hard Drop Shadow 3
TEXT LENGTH = 18
```

^TXT

Assign a text string to those buttons with a defined address range. Sets Non-Unicode text. **Syntax**:

"i^TXT-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<new text>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- new text = 1 50 ASCII characters.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^TXT-500.504&510.515, 1&2, Test Only'"

Sets the On and Off state text for buttons with the variable text ranges of 500-504 & 510-515.

?TXT

Get the current text information.

Syntax:

"¹?TXT-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<optional index>'"

Variable:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- optional index = This is used if a string was too long to get back in one command. The reply will start at this index.
- custom event type **1001**:
 - o Flag Zero
 - o Value1 Button state number
 - Value2 Actual length of string
 - o Value3 Index
 - Text Text from the button
 - Text length Button text length

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'?TXT-529,1'"

Gets the button 'OFF state' text information.

The result sent to the Master would be:

```
ButtonGet Id = 529 Type = 1001
Flag = 0
VALUE1 = 1
VALUE2 = 14
VALUE3 = 1
TEXT = This is a test
TEXT LENGTH = 14
```

^UNI

Set Unicode text in the legacy G4 format. For the ^UNI command, the Unicode text is sent as ASCII-HEX nibbles.

Note: In the legacy format, Unicode text is always represented in a HEX value. Refer to the TPDesign Instruction Manual for more information.

Syntax:

"i^UNI-<addr range>,<button states range>,<unicode text>'"

Variables:

- address range: Address codes of buttons to affect. A '.' between addresses includes the range, and & between addresses includes each address.
- button states range: 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons, 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- unicode text: Unicode HEX value.

Example:

```
SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^UNI-500,1,0041'"
```

Sets the button's unicode character to 'A'.

```
SEND_COMMAND TP,"'^UNI-1,0,0041'"
```

Send the variable text 'A' in unicode to all states of the variable text button 1, (for which the character code is 0041 Hex).

^UTF

Set button state text using UTF-8 text command - Set State Text Command using UTF-8. Assign a text string encoded with UTF-8 (which is ASCII-compatible) to those buttons with a defined address range.

While UTF-8 is ASCII compatible, extended ASCII characters in the range 128-255 will be encoded differently based on UTF-8. This command also supports Unicode characters using UTF-8 (which is the encoding method used in >80% of web servers), making the old AMX Hex quad Unicode encoding obsolete.

Syntax:

"i^UTF-<vt addr range>,<button states range>,<new text>'"

Variables:

- variable text address range = 1 4000.
- Button states range = 1 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state).
- unicode text: Unicode UTF-8 text.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^UTF-500.504&510.515,1&2, ASCII ExtendedASCIIÇüéâäàâç Unicode 動き始めました'"
Sets the On and Off state text for buttons with the variable text ranges of 500-504 & 510-515.

^VTP

Simulates a touch/release/pulse at the given coordinate. If the push event is less then 0 or grater than 2 the command is ignored. It is also ignored if the x and y coordinate is out of range. The range must be between 0 and the maximum with and height.

Syntax

"'^VTP-<push>, <x>, <y>'"

Variables:

- push = Push type where 0 = push, 1 = release and 2 = pulse
- x =the x coordinate
- y =the ycoordinate

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^VTP-2,32,64'"

Sends a pulse at coordinate 32, 64.

Text Effect Names

The following is a listing of text effects names associated with the ^TEF command.

Text Effects		
Glow -S	Medium Drop Shadow 1	Hard Drop Shadow 1
Glow -M	Medium Drop Shadow 2	Hard Drop Shadow 2
Glow -L	Medium Drop Shadow 3	Hard Drop Shadow 3
Glow -X	Medium Drop Shadow 4	Hard Drop Shadow 4
Outline -S	Medium Drop Shadow 5	Hard Drop Shadow 5
Outline -M	Medium Drop Shadow 6	Hard Drop Shadow 6
Outline -L	Medium Drop Shadow 7	Hard Drop Shadow 7
Outline -X	Medium Drop Shadow 8	Hard Drop Shadow 8
Soft Drop Shadow 1	Medium Drop Shadow 1 with outline	Hard Drop Shadow 1 with outline
Soft Drop Shadow 2	Medium Drop Shadow 2 with outline	Hard Drop Shadow 2 with outline
Soft Drop Shadow 3	Medium Drop Shadow 3 with outline	Hard Drop Shadow 3 with outline
Soft Drop Shadow 4	Medium Drop Shadow 4 with outline	Hard Drop Shadow 4 with outline
Soft Drop Shadow 5	Medium Drop Shadow 5 with outline	Hard Drop Shadow 5 with outline
Soft Drop Shadow 6	Medium Drop Shadow 6 with outline	Hard Drop Shadow 6 with outline
Soft Drop Shadow 7	Medium Drop Shadow 7 with outline	Hard Drop Shadow 7 with outline
Soft Drop Shadow 8	Medium Drop Shadow 8 with outline	Hard Drop Shadow 8 with outline
Soft Drop Shadow 1 with outline		
Soft Drop Shadow 2 with outline		
Soft Drop Shadow 3 with outline		
Soft Drop Shadow 4 with outline		
Soft Drop Shadow 5 with outline		
Soft Drop Shadow 6 with outline		
Soft Drop Shadow 7 with outline		
Soft Drop Shadow 8 with outline		

Panel Runtime Operations

Serial Commands are used in Terminal Emulator mode. These commands are case insensitive.

Panel Ru	intime Operation Commands
@AKB	Pop up the keyboard icon and initialize the text string to that specified. Keyboard string is set to null on start up and is stored until the program ends. The Prompt Text is optional. Syntax: "'@AKB- <initial text="">;<prompt text="">'"</prompt></initial>
	Variables: • initial text = 1 - 50 ASCII characters.
	• prompt text = 1 - 50 ASCII characters.
	Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'@AKB-Texas;Enter State'" Pops up the Keyboard and initializes the text string 'Texas' with prompt text 'Enter
	State'.
AKEYB	Pop up the keyboard icon and initialize the text string to that specified. Keyboard string is set to null on start up and is stored until the program ends. Syntax:
	" [*] AKEYB- <initial text="">'"</initial>
	Variables: initial text = 1 - 50 ASCII characters.
	Example:
	SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'AKEYB-This is a Test'" Pops up the Keyboard and initializes the text string 'This is a Test'.
AKEYP	Pop up the keypad icon and initialize the text string to that specified. The keypad string is set to null on start up and is stored until the program ends.
	<pre>Syntax: "'AKEYP-<number string="">'"</number></pre>
	Variables:
	• number string = 0 - 9999. Example :
	SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'AKEP-12345'"
	Pops up the Keypad and initializes the text string '12345'.
AKEYR	Remove the Keyboard/Keypad.Remove keyboard or keypad that was displayed using 'AKEYB', 'AKEYP', 'PKEYP', @AKB, @AKP, @PKP, @EKP, or @TKP commands.
	Syntax: "'AKEYR'"
	Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'AKEYR'"
	Removes the Keyboard/Keypad.

Panel Ru	ntime Operation Commands
@AKP	Pop up the keypad icon and initialize the text string to that specified. Keypad string is set to null on start up and is stored until the program ends. The Prompt Text is optional. Syntax: "'@AKP- <initial text="">;<prompt text="">'" Variables: • initial text = 1 - 50 ASCII characters.</prompt></initial>
	 prompt text = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'@AKP-12345678; ENTER PASSWORD'" Pops up the Keypad and initializes the text string '12345678' with prompt text 'ENTER PASSWORD'.
@AKR	Remove keyboard or keypad that was displayed using 'AKEYB', 'AKEYP', 'PKEYP', @AKB, @AKP, @PKP, @EKP, or @TKP commands. Syntax: "'@AKR'" Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'@AKR'" Removes the Keyboard/Keypad.
ABEEP	Output a single beep even if beep is Off. Syntax: "'ABEEP'" Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'ABEEP'" Outputs a beep of duration 1 beep even if beep is Off.
ADBEEP	Output a double beep even if beep is Off. Syntax: "'ADBEEP'" Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'ADBEEP'" Outputs a double beep even if beep is Off.
BEEP ^ABP	Output a beep. Syntax: "'BEEP'" Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'BEEP'" Outputs a beep.
DBEEP ^ADB	Output a double beep. Syntax: "'DBEEP'" Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'DBEEP'" Outputs a double beep.

Panel Ru	untime Operation Commands
@EKP	Extend the Keypad - Pops up the keypad icon and initializes the text string to that specified. The Prompt Text is optional. Syntax: "'@EKP- <initial text="">;<prompt text="">'" Variables: • initial text = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. • prompt text = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'@EKP-33333333; Enter Password'" Pops up the Keypad and initializes the text string '33333333' with prompt text 'Enter</prompt></initial>
	Password'.
^MUT	Mute or unmute a panel volume. Syntax: "'^MUT- <mute value="">'" Variables:</mute>
	mute value: 0 for not muted, 1 for muted.
	Examples: SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^MUT-1'" Mute the master volume. SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^MUT-0'" Unmute the master volume.
PKEYP	Present a private keypad - Pops up the keypad icon and initializes the text string to that specified. Keypad displays a '*' instead of the numbers typed. The Prompt Text is optional. Syntax: "'PKEYP- <initial text="">'"</initial>
	Variables:initial text = 1 - 50 ASCII characters.
	Example: SEND COMMAND Panel, "'PKEYP-123456789'" Pops up the Keypad and initializes the text string '123456789' in '*'.
@PKP	Present a private keypad - Pops up the keypad icon and initializes the text string to that specified. Keypad displays a '*' instead of the numbers typed. The Prompt Text is optional. Syntax:
	<pre>"'@PKP-<initial text="">;<pre>rompt text>'" Variables: initial text = 1 - 50 ASCII characters.</pre></initial></pre>
	 prompt text = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Example: SEND COMMAND Panel, "'@PKP-1234567; ENTER PASSWORD'" Pops up the Keypad and initializes the text string 'ENTER PASSWORD' in '*'.
SETUP ^STP	Send panel to SETUP page. Syntax: "'SETUP'"
	Example: SEND COMMAND Panel, "'SETUP'" Sends the panel to the Setup Page.

Panel Runtime Operation Commands		
SHUTDOWN	Shut down the program. Syntax: "'SHUTDOWN'" Example: SEND COMMAND Panel, "'SHUTDOWN'" Ends the application.	
@SOU ^SOU	Play a sound file. Syntax: "'@SOU- <sound name="">'" Variables: • sound name = Name of the sound file. Supported sound file formats are: WAV & MP3. Example: SEND COMMAND Panel, "'@SOU-Music.wav'" Plays the 'Music.wav' file.</sound>	
@TKP ^TKP	Present a telephone keypad - Pops up the keypad icon and initializes the text string to that specified. The Prompt Text is optional. Syntax: "'@TKP- <initial text="">;<prompt text="">'" Variables: • initial text = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. • prompt text = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Example: SEND COMMAND Panel, "'@TKP-999.222.1211; Enter Phone Number'" Pops-up the Keypad and initializes the text string '999.222.1211' with prompt text 'Enter Phone Number'.</prompt></initial>	
@VKB	Popup the virtual keyboard. Syntax: "'@VKB'" Example: SEND COMMAND Panel,"'@VKB'" Pops-up the virtual keyboard.	

Input Commands

These Send Commands are case insensitive.

Input C	ommands
^KPS	Set the keyboard passthru.
	Syntax: "'^KPS- <pass data="">'"</pass>
	Variable:
	pass data:
	 <blank empty=""> = Disables the keyboard.</blank>
	• 0 = Pass data to G4 application (default). This can be used with VPC or
	text areas.
	• 1 - 4 = Not used.
	• 5 = Sends out data to the Master.
	Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^KPS-5'"
	Sets the keyboard passthru to the Master. Option 5 sends keystrokes directly to the
	Master via the Send Output String mechanism. This process sends a virtual keystroke
	command (^VKS) to the Master.
	Example 2:
	SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^KPS-0'"
	Disables the keyboard passthru to the Master.
^VKS	Send one or more virtual key strokes to the G4 application. Key presses and key releases are not distinguished except in the case of CTRL, ALT, and SHIFT. Refer to the Embedded Codes table on page 115 that defines special characters which can be included with the string but may not be represented by the ASCII character set.
	<pre>Syntax: "'^VKS-<string>'"</string></pre>
	Variable:
	 string = Only 1 string per command/only one stroke per command.
	Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^VKS-'8"
	Sends out the keystroke 'backspace' to the G4 application.

Daynamic Image Commands

The following table describes Dynamic Image Commands.

Dynami	ic Image Commands
^BBR	Set the bitmap of a button to use a particular resource. Syntax: "'^BBR- <vt addr="" range="">, <button range="" states="">, <resource name="">'" Variable: • variable text address range = 1 - 4000. • button states range = 1 - 256 for multi-state buttons (0 = All states, for General buttons 1 = Off state and 2 = On state). • resource name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^BBR-700, 1, Sports_Image'" Sets the resource name of the button to 'Sports_Image'.</resource></button></vt>
^RAF	Add new resources - Adds any and all resource parameters by sending embedded codes and data. Since the embedded codes are preceded by a '%' character, any '%' character contained in the URL must be escaped with a second '%' character (see example). The file name field (indicated by a %F embedded code) may contain special escape sequences as shown in the ^RAF, ^RMF - Embedded Codes table below. Syntax: "'^RAF- <resource name="">, <data>'" Variables: • resource name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. • data = Refers to the embedded codes, see the ^RAF, ^RMF Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^RAF-New Image, %PO%HAMX.COM%Alab/Test/file%Ftest.jpg'" Adds a new resource. The resource name is 'New Image' %P (protocol) is an HTTP %H (host name) is AMX.COM %A (file path) is Lab/Test_file %F (file name) is test.jpg.</data></resource>
^RFR	Force a refresh for a given resource. Syntax: "'^RFR- <resource name="">'" Variable: • resource name = 1 - 50 ASCII characters. Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^RFR-Sports_Image'" Forces a refresh on 'Sports_Image'.</resource>

Dynamic Image Commands

^RMF

Modify an existing resource - Modifies any and all resource parameters by sending embedded codes and data. Since the embedded codes are preceded by a '%' character, any '%' character contained in the URL must be escaped with a second '%' character (see example).

The file name field (indicated by a %F embedded code) may contain special escape sequences as shown in the ^RAF, ^RMF

Syntax:

"'^RMF-<resource name>,<data>'"

Variables:

- resource name = 1 50 ASCII characters
- data = Refers to the embedded codes, see the ^RAF, ^RMF

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^RMF-Sports_Image, %ALab/Test/Images%Ftest.jpg'" Changes the resource 'Sports_Image' file name to 'test.jpg' and the path to 'Lab Test/Images'.

^RSR

Change the refresh rate for a given resource.

Syntax:

"'^RSR-<resource name>,<refresh rate>'"

Variable:

- resource name = 1 50 ASCII characters.
- refresh rate = Measured in seconds.

Example:

SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^RSR-Sports_Image,5'"

Sets the refresh rate to 5 seconds for the given resource ('Sports Image').

Subpages commands

Subpages commands

∆EPR

Execute Push on Release.

Syntax:

^EPR-<addressArray>, <state>

This sets the subpage viewer in a mode where a push will not be sent to the master until a touch release is received. Any movement of the finger during the screen press will cause neither the press nor the release to be sent.

State 0 is off, State 1 is on.

Example:

△SCE

Configures subpage custom events.

Syntax:

"IASCE-<vt addr range>,<optional anchor event num>,<optional onscreen event num>,<optionaloffscreen event num>,<optional reorder event num>'"

This command can be used to enable or disable the transmission of custom events to the master whenever certain operations occur. For example, the system programmer may want to be notified whenever a subpage enters the anchor position. The notification mechanism is a custom event.

The ^SCE command takes the form of a vt addr range specifying one or more subpage viewer buttons followed by a comma separated list of custom event numbers. If the number is 0 or blank for a given event type then no custom event will be transmitted when that event occurs. If a number is specified, then it is used as the EVENTID value for the custom event. The range of 32001 to 65535 has been reserved in the panel for user custom event numbers. A different value could be used but might collide with other AMX event numbers.

Event configuration is not permanent and all event numbers revert to the default of 0 when the panel restarts.

Events:

- Anchor a new subpage has docked in the anchor position
- Onscreen a docking operation has been completed and the subpages in the list are now onscreen. This list will include the anchor along with any subpages that may be partially onscreen.
- Offscreen a docking operation has been completed and the subpages in the list are now offscreen.
- Reorder the user has reordered the subpages in the set and the list contains all subpages in the new order without regard to onscreen or offscreen state.

In response to any or all of the above events, the panel will create a string which is a list of subpage names separated by a

pipe (|) character. The string for the anchor event is a single subpage name. If this string is too long to be transmitted in a single custom event, then multiple custom events will be created and transmitted.

The format of the custom event transmitted to the master is as follows:

CUSTOM.TYPE = EVENTID = the non-zero event number in the ^SCE command CUSTOM.ID = ADDRESS = the address of the viewer button which generated the event

CUSTOM.FLAG = 0

Subpages commands CUSTOM. VALUE1 = which one of possible multiple events this is (1 based) CUSTOM. VALUE2 = total number of events needed to send the entire string CUSTOM. VALUE3 = the total size of the original string in bytes **CUSTOM.TEXT** = pipe character separated list of subpage names As an example, if the subpage named TV_Favorite_SyFy enters the anchor position on a subpage viewer button with an address of 200, the following event would betransmitted to the master when the user had sent this command to the panel: ^SCE-200,32001,0,0,0 CUSTOM.TYPE = EVENTID = 32001 CUSTOM.ID = ADDRESS = 200 CUSTOM.FLAG = 0 CUSTOM. VALUE1 = 1 CUSTOM. VALUE2 = 1 CUSTOM. VALUE3 = 16 CUSTOM.TEXT = TV_Favorite_SyFy If defined, the events are sent in this order when a docking operation completes on a given viewer button: anchor, onscreen, offscreen. If reorder is defined and occurs, it is sent first: reorder, anchor, onscreen, offscreen **ASDR** Enabling subpage dynamic reordering. Syntax: "'^SDR-<vt addr range>,<enable state>,<optional hold time>'" This command can be used to enable or disable dynamic reordering for a given viewer button or set of viewer buttons. It can also be used to set the amount of time to wait before initiating the single finger reorder time. **Variables:** • enable state - This value can be either "on" or "ON" or "1" to enable dynamic reordering for the specified viewer button(s). Any other value will disable dynamic reordering for the specified viewer button(s). • hold time - This value is in tenths of a second. The value will be rounded up to the next highest quarter of a second. This is the amount of time that the user must press and hold a subpage with a single finger to trigger a dynamic reordering operation. ^SHD Hides subpage Syntax: ^SHD-<vt addr range>,<name>,<optional time>'" This command will hide named subpage and relocate the surrounding subpages as necessary to close the gap. If the subpage to be hidden is currently offscreen then it is removed without any other motion on the subpage viewer button. Parameter definitions are the same as for the subpage show command. ^SSH Subpage show command. **Syntax:** "i^SSH-<vt addr range>,<name>,<optional position>,<optional time>'" This command will perform one of three different operations based on the following conditions: 1. If the named subpage is hidden in the set associated with the viewer button it will be shown in the anchor position. 2. If the named subpage is not present in the set it will be added to the set and

3. If the named subpage is already present in the set and is not hidden then the

shown in the anchor position.

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viewer button will move it to the anchor position. The anchor position is the location on the subpage viewer button specified by its weighting. This will either be left, center or right for horizontal subpage viewer buttons or top, center or bottom for vertical subpage viewer buttons. Surrounding subpages are relocated on the viewer button as needed to accommodate the described operations.

Variables:

- vt addr range Specifies the address(es) of the subpage viewer button to be modified.
- name Specifies the name of the subpage to be shown or added.
- position Specifies where to add (or show) the named subpage in the set with 0 representing the beginning of the set. If this value is left out (or set to 65535) then the weighting value for the viewer button is used to place the new subpage, i.e. left/top, center or right/bottom. When using the weighting locations, set insertion positions can vary based on the current onscreen locations of existing subpages.
- time Can range from 0 to 30 and represents tenths of a second. This is the amount of time used to move the subpages around when subpages are added or removed from a button.

^Subpage toggle command

Syntax:

"'^STG-<vt addr range>,<name>,<optional position>,<optional time>'"

If the named subpage is hidden, then this command activates a subpage show command. If the named subpage is present, then a subpage hide command is activated. Parameter definitions are the same as for the subpage show command.

SIP Commands

Panel to Master

The following table lists and describes SIP commands that are generated from the touch panel.

SIP Commands – Pa	nel to Master
^PHN-AUTOANSWER	SIP auto answer status - Provides the state of the auto-answer feature. Syntax: "'^PHN-AUTOANSWER, <state>'" Variable: • state = 0 or 1 (off or on) Example: ^PHN-AUTOANSWER, 1 The panel sent a command status to the master indicating the auto-answer is on.</state>
^PHN-CALL	SIP call progress status - Provides call progress notification for a call. Syntax: "'^PHN-CALL, <status>, <connection id="">'" Variables • status = CONNECTED, DISCONNECTED, TRYING, RINGING, or HOLD. • connection id = The identifying number of the connection. Example: ^PHN-CALL, CONNECTED, 1 Notifies that the call is connected.</connection></status>
^PHN-IM	SIP instant message — Provides incoming instant message. Syntax: "'^PHN-IN, <from>, <msg>'" Variables: • from = The SIP URI of the device the message is coming from. • msg = A short message. The message is limited to 256 bytes. Any longer message is cut off. Example: ^PHN-IM, 9001@127.0.0.1, A short message The panel received the message "A short message" from 9001@127.0.0.1.</msg></from>
^PHN-INCOMING	SIP incoming call status - Provides incoming call notification and the connection ID used for all future commands related to this call. The connection id will be 0 or 1. Syntax: "'^PHN-INCOMING, <caller number="">,<caller name="">,<connection id="">, <timestamp>'" Variables: • caller number = The phone number of the incoming call • caller name = The name associated with the caller number • connection id = The identifying number of the connection • timestamp = The current time in MM/DD/YY HH:MM:SS format Example: ^PHN-INCOMING, "1235556789", MAIN, 1, 01/01/2011 11:11:11</timestamp></connection></caller></caller>

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	The panel sent a command status to the master indicating an incoming call from number 1235556789 named MAIN at Jan 1, 2011 at 11:11:11.
^PHN-LINESTATE	SIP call linestate status - Indicates the current state of each of the available connections used to manage calls. Syntax: "'^PHN-LINESTATE, <connection id="">, <state>, <connection id="">, <state>,, SIP, <extn>'" Variables: • connection id = The identifying number of the connection. • state = IDLE, HOLD, or CONNECTED • extn = The local extension of this panel (see Example) Example: ^PHN-LINESTATE, 1, IDLE, 2, CONNECTED, SIP, 1234 The panel sent a command status to the master indicating line 1 is idle and line 2 is connected and this is extension 1234.</extn></state></connection></state></connection>
^PHN-MSGWAITING	SIP call message waiting status - Indicates the number of messages waiting the user's voice mail box. Syntax: "'^PHN-MSGWAITING, <messages>, <new count="" message="">, <old count="" message="">, <new count="" message="" urgent="">, <new count="" message="" urgent=""> '" Variables: • messages = 0 or 1 (1 indicates new messages) • new message count = The number of new messages. • old message count = The number of old messages. • new urgent message count = The number of new messages marked urgent. • old urgent message count = The number of old messages marked urgent. Example: ^PHN-MSGWAITING, 1, 1, 2, 1, 0 The panel sent a command status to the master indicating there are calls waiting (1 new, 2 old, 1 new urgent, 0 old urgent).</new></new></old></new></messages>
^PHN-PRIVACY	SIP call privacy status - Indicates the state of the privacy feature. Syntax: "'^PHN-PRIVACY, <state>'" Variables: • state = 0 (Disable) or 1 (Enable) • new message count = The number of new messages. • old message count = The number of old messages. • new urgent message count = The number of new messages marked urgent. • old urgent message count = The number of old messages marked urgent. Example: ^PHN-PRIVACY, 0 The panel sent a command status to the master indicating there the call privacy is disabled.</state>
^PHN-REDIAL	SIP call redial status - Indicates the panel is redialing the number. Syntax: "'^PHN-REDIAL, <number>'"</number>

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	Variable:
	 number = The phone number to dial.
	Example: ^PHN-REDIAL,2125551000
	The panel sent a command status to the master indicating the number 2125551000 is being redialed.
^PHN-TRANSFERRED	SIP call transferred status - Indicates a call has been transferred.
	Syntax: "'^PHN-TRANSFERRED, <connection id="">'"</connection>
	Variable:
	 connection id: The identifying number of the connection.
	Example: ^PHN-TRANSFERRED,1
	The panel sent a command status to the master indicating call 1 was transferred.

Master to Panel

The following table lists and describes SIP commands that are sent to the touch panel to manage calls.

SIP Commands - Master to Panel		
^PHN-ANSWER	SIP call answer command - Answers the call. Syntax: "'^PHN-ANSWER, <connection id="">'" Variable: • connection id = The identifying number of the connection Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^PHN-ANSWER, 1'" Answer call 1.</connection>	
^PHN-AUTOANSWER	SIP set auto-answer state command - Enables (1) or disables (0) the auto-answer feature on the phone. Syntax: "'^PHN-AUTOANSWER, <state>'" Variable: • state = 0 (Disable) or 1 (Enable) Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^PHN-AUTOANSWER, 1'" Enable the auto-answer feature.</state>	
?PHN-AUTOANSWER	Get SIP auto-answer state command - Queries the state of the auto-answer feature. The panel responds with the ^PHN-AUTOANSWER, <state> message. Syntax: "'?PHN-AUTOANSWER'" Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'?PHN-AUTOANSWER'" Get the auto-answer status.</state>	

SIP Commands - Master to Panel		
^PHN-CALL	SIP call command - Calls the provided number. Syntax: "'^PHN-CALL, <number>'" Variable: • number = The provided phone number Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^PHN-CALL, 2125551000'"</number>	
	Call the number 2125551000.	
^PHN-DECLINE	Decline (send to voice mail if configured) the incoming call on <callid> as indicated from the previous PHN-INCOMING message. CallID should be 0 or 1. Syntax: "'^PHN-DECLINE, <callid>'"</callid></callid>	
	Variable:	
	• CallID = The identifying number of the connection.	
	Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^PHN-DECLINE,0'" Decline the call with ID of 0.	
^PHN-DTMF	SIP send DTMF tone command - Sends DTMF codes to an existing call. Syntax: "'^PHN-DTMF, <dtmf code="">'" Variable: • DTMF code = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, POUND, or ASTERISK. Example:</dtmf>	
	SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^PHN-DTMF,5'" Send the DTMF tone for 5.	
^PHN-HANGUP	SIP hangup call command - Hangs up the call. Syntax: "'^PHN-HANGUP, <connection id="">'" Variable: • connection id = The identifying number of the connection Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^PHN-HANGUP, 1'"</connection>	
	Hangup the call with ID of 1.	
^PHN-HOLD	SIP put call on hold command - Places the call on hold. Syntax: "'^PHN-HOLD, <connection id="">'" Variable:</connection>	
	 connection id = The identifying number of the connection Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^PHN-HOLD, 1'" Put the call with ID of 1 on hold. 	

SIP Commands - Master to Panel		
^PHN-IM	SIP send instant message — Sends an instant message to anothet SIP device. Syntax: "'^PHN-IM, <target>, <msg>'" Variables: • target = The number or name of the SIP device the message should be send. • msg = A short message no longer than 256 bytes. Example: ^PHN-IM, 9002, A short message Sends the message "A short message" to the device with the number 9002.</msg></target>	
?PHN-LINESTATE	Get SIP linestate command - Queries the state of each of the connections used by the SIP device. The panel responds with the ^PHN-LINESTATE message. Syntax: "'?PHN-LINESTATE'" Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'?PHN-LINESTATE'" Get the current line states.	
^PHN-PRIVACY	SIP set privacy state command - Enables or disables the privacy feature on the phone (do not disturb). Syntax: "'^PHN-PRIVACY, <state>'" Variable: • state = 0 (Disable) or 1 (Enable) Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^PHN-PRIVACY, 1'" Enables the privacy feature.</state>	
?PHN-PRIVACY	Get SIP privacy state command - Queries the state of the privacy feature. The panel responds with the ^PHN-PRIVACY, <state> message. Syntax: "'?PHN-PRIVACY'" Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'?PHN-PRIVACY'" Get the current SIP privacy status.</state>	
^PHN-REDIAL	SIP call redial command - Redials the last number. Syntax: "'^PHN-REDIAL'" Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^PHN-REDIAL'" Redial the last number.	

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^PHN-TRANSFER	SIP call transfer message - Transfers the call to the provided number. Syntax: "'^PHN-TRANSFER, <connection id="">, <number>'" Variables: • connection id: The identifying number of the connection • number: The number to which you want to transfer the call. Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^PHN-TRANSFER, 1, 2125551000'" Transfer call with ID 1 to 2125551000.</number></connection>	
^PHN-SETUP-DOMAIN	Set SIP domain name command - Set the domain name for the SIP server. Syntax: "'^PHN-SETUP-DOMAIN, <domain name="">'" Variables: domain name: The domain name to use for the sip connection. Example SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^PHN-SETUP-DOMAIN, sip.domain'" Set the SIP domain to sip.domain</domain>	
^PHN-SETUP-ENABLE	Enable SIP setup command - Registers a new user. Once the configuration has been updated, the ENABLE command should be run to re-register the new user. Syntax: "'^PHN-SETUP-ENABLE'"	
^PHN-SETUP-PASSWORD	Setup SIP password command - Sets the user password so this extension can connect to the SIP server (SIP proxy server). Syntax: "'^PHN-SETUP-PASSWORD, <password>'" Variable: • password: The password for the user name Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^PHN-SETUP-PASSWORD, 6003'" Setup the password for this extension to 6003.</password>	
^PHN-SETUP-PORT	Setup port for SIP Server connection command - Sets the port number for the proxy server. Syntax: "'^PHN-SETUP-PORT, <port>'" Variable: • port: The port for the proxy server Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^PHN-SETUP-PORT, 5060'" Set this extension to connect to the SIP server (SIP proxy address) to port 5060.</port>	

SIP Commands - Master to Panel		
^PHN-SETUP-PROXYADDR	Setup SIP server address command - Sets the IP address for the SIP server (SIP proxy address). Syntax:	
	"'^PHN-SETUP-PROXYADDR, <ip>'"</ip>	
	Variable:	
	IP: The IP address for the proxy server	
	Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel, "'^PHN-SETUP-PROXYADDR, 192.168.223.111'" Set the extension to try the SIP server (SIP proxy address) at the IP of 192.168.223.111.	
^PHN-SETUP-USERNAME	Setup SIP username command - Sets the user name for authentication with the SIP server (SIP proxy address). Syntax: "'^PHN-SETUP-USERNAME, <username>'"</username>	
	Variable:	
	 username: The user name (usually the phone extension) 	
	Example: SEND_COMMAND Panel,"'^PHN-SETUP-USERNAME,6003'"	
	Set the extension to authenticate to the SIP server with the username of 6003.	

Commands similar to TPControl

The following resources are provided to document some special commands unique for **TPControl** and implemented in **TPanel**. The commands support features not available with the standard command set as defined by *AMX*.

All commands are case insensitive.

Commands similar to TPControl	
TPCCMD-LocalHost	Set the NetLinx Master Connection IP/URL. Syntax: TPCCMD-LocalHost, <ipaddress>[:PortNumber] Variable: • IPAddress: The name or IP address of the AMX controller (NetLinx). • PortNumber: The optional network port number. Example: TPCCMD-LocalHost, 192.168.10.11:1319 Sets the network address of the controller to 192.168.10.11 and the network port number to 1319.</ipaddress>
TPCCMD-LocalPort	Set the ICSP port number value (default port value is: 1319). Syntax: TPCCMD-LocalPort, <portnumber> Variable: • PortNumber: The network port number. Example: TPCCMD-LocalPort, 1319 Sets the network port number to 1319.</portnumber>

Commands similar to TPControl		
TPCCMD-DeviceID	Set the Device ID number used upon connection to the NetLinx master. Syntax: TPCCMD-DeviceID, <value> Variable: value: A value in the range 10000 to 29999. Example: TPCCMD-DeviceID, 11001 Sets the channel of the panel to 11001.</value>	
TPCCMD-ApplyProfile	Provides the ability to recall the Settings stored. If the profile is different from the current active profile, TPanel will disconnect the active connection, and attempt to connect using the new profile settings. Syntax: TPCCMD-ApplyProfile Example: TPCCMD-ApplyProfile	
TPCCMD-QueryDeviceInfo	Returns a STRING including related device identification information. Syntax: TPCCMD-QueryDeviceInfo Example: DeviceInfo-Tpanel, Androidi; HostName, MyLinux; uuid, <uuid></uuid>	
TPCCMD-LockRotation	Enable or disable screen rotation. If screen rotation is not locked, the screen rotates only with the same orientation. This means: If the surface is set to portrait, for example, the screen can rotate only between normal portrait and reverse portrait (top down). Syntax: TPCCMD-LockRotation, <true false> Variable: • true false: if this is true the screen is locked and will not rotate. Otherwise the screen will rotate. Example: TPCCMD-LockRotation, false Unlocks screen rotation.</true false>	
TPCCMD-ButtonHit	When enabled, Button Hit produces a "Beep" sound when a valid button area is pressed within the touch panel design file. Syntax: TPCCMD-ButtonHit, <true false>; Variable: • true false: If this is set to true, a beep is played, otherwise not. Example: TPCCMD-ButtonHit, true Enables the button beep.</true false>	

Commands similar to TPControl	
TPCCMD-ReprocessTP4	Clears any caching, and reprocesses the installed TP4 file. This is the same process that runs whenever a file is transferred to the device. Syntax: TPCCMD-ReprocessTP4 Example: TPCCMD-ReprocessTP4
TPCACC	Used to return device orientation data, parsed to the controller in string format on Port 1. This command returns the screen orientation received from an orientation sensor in the device. This is independent from any set orientation in the TP4 surface file or the actual visible screen orientation of the surface. Syntax: TPCACC- <enable disable query> Variables: ENABLE: orientation data will be actively returned upon change of device orientation. DISABLE: orientation data will stop being actively issued. QUERY: returns the current device orientation. Response: TPCACC-<orientation> Where <orientation> can be: DeviceOrientationPortrait DeviceOrientationPortraitUpsideDown DeviceOrientationLandscapeLeft DeviceOrientationLandscapeRight Example: TPCACC-ENABLE Enables the transmission of device orientation data and sends the actual screen orientation to the controller.</orientation></orientation></enable disable query>

Appendix A

Text area input masking

Text Area Input Masking may be used to limit the allowed/correct characters that are entered into a text area. For example, in working with a zip code, a user could limit the entry to a max length of only 5 characters; with input masking, this limit could be changed to 5 mandatory numerical digits and 4 optional numerical digits. A possible use for this feature is to enter information into form fields. The purpose of this feature is to:

- Force the use of correct type of characters (i.e. numbers vs. characters)
- Limit the number of characters in a text area
- Suggest proper format with fixed characters
- Right to Left
- Required or Optional
- Change/Force a Case
- Create multiple logical fields
- Specify range of characters/number for each field

With this feature, it is not necessary to:

- Limit the user to a choice of selections
- Handle complex input tasks such as names, days of the week, or month by name
- Perform complex validation such as Subnet Mask validation

Input mask character types

These character types define what information is allowed to be entered in any specific instance. The following table lists what characters in an input mask will define what characters are allowed in any given position.