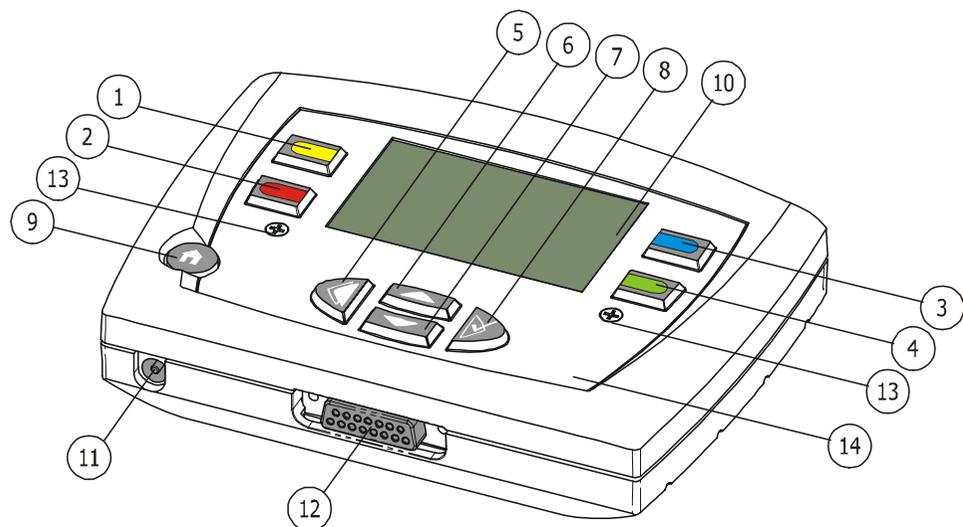
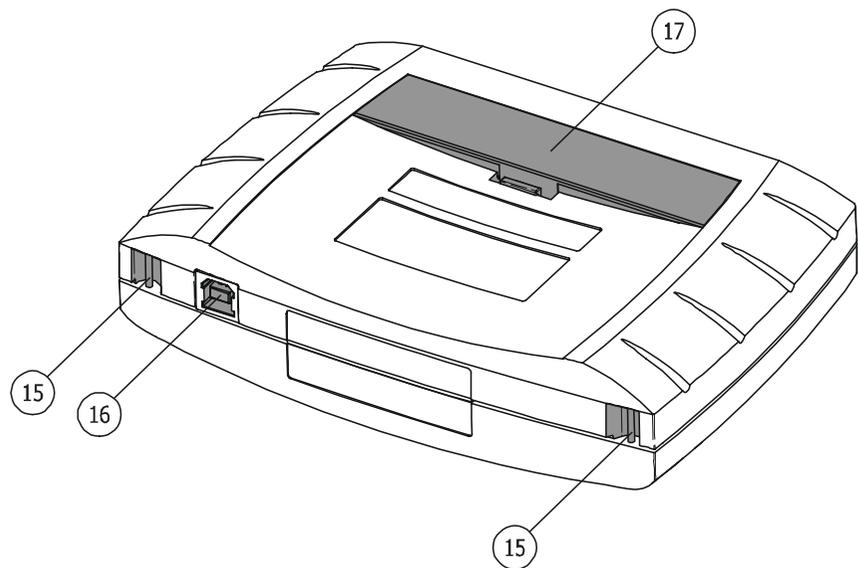


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- ⑤ ... Cursor Key "Backwards"
- ⑥ ... Cursor Key "Up"
- ⑦ ... Cursor Key "Down"
- ⑧ ... Cursor Key "Forwards" resp. "OK"
- ⑨ ... Function Key "Start"
- ⑩ ... Display
- ⑪ ... Electrical Socket
- ⑫ ... Antenna Connection
- ⑬ ... Allen Screws
- ⑭ ... Front Panel and Foil
- ⑮ ... Belt Fastener
- ⑯ ... USB Interface
- ⑰ ... Battery Case



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1. INTRODUCTION

Dear Customer

By purchasing this electronic registration device BENZING M1 you have chosen a reliable and high-quality system, offering considerable advantages in the practice and sport of racing pigeons.

After unpacking the different components it is of utmost importance that you read this manual carefully, as it contains important information on how to install, operate and maintain the complete system BENZING M1 quickly, safely and efficiently in your loft. We ask you to observe in particular the general advice and safety instructions on pages 3 and 4.

1.1 Protection Against Manipulation

The device BENZING M1 offers various technical precautions and protective measures against manipulation.

- Safety label (hologram). When attempting to remove the safety label or open the case the safety label is destroyed.
- When trying to open the BENZING M1 visible damage is done to the case. This does not apply if the front label has to be exchanged (see section 3.6).
- Important electronic components in the BENZING M1 are cast and are thus either not accessible or cannot be manipulated.



Despite all possible precautions manipulation can never be entirely ruled out. It is explicitly stated here that the manufacturer cannot guarantee complete protection against manipulation.

1.2 No Liability for Device Failures

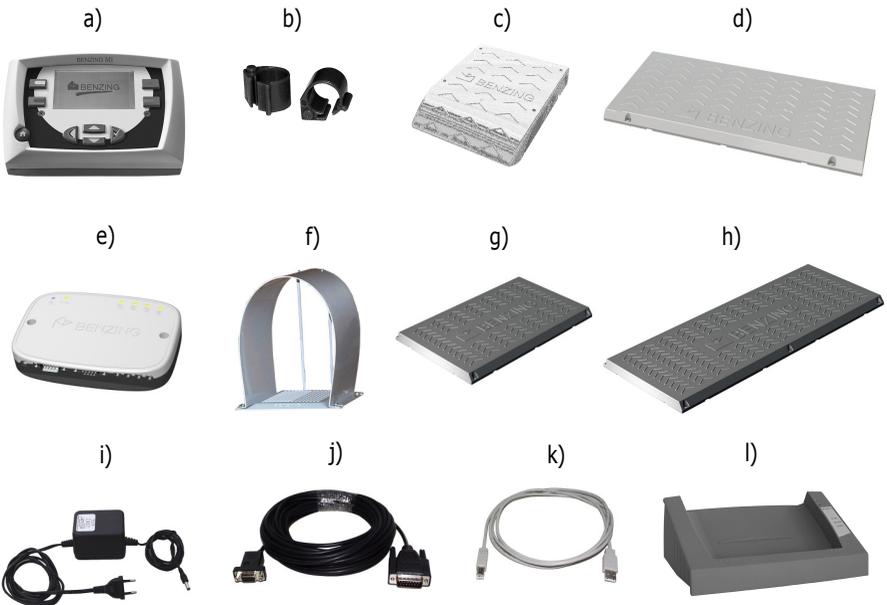
For device failures which occur due to improperly use of the BENZING M1 no liability will be assumed by GANTNER Pigeon Systems GmbH. See chapter 6 - Guarantee and Liability.

2. SYSTEM

2.1 System Components

To operate the device BENZING M1 in a loft the following components are available.

- a) BENZING M1
- b) BENZING pigeon rings
- c) 1-field G2 Antenna
- d) 4-field G2 Antenna
- e) BENZING Antenna Controller
- f) EFA EXPRESS antenna (picture shows the antenna with the tunnel set)
- g) 8-field Antenna PLB 475 (Lazer 3), 475 x 300 x 27.5 mm (= 18.7 x 11.8 x 1.08 inch)
- h) 12-field Antenna PLB 765 (Lazer 4), 765 x 300 x 27.5 mm (= 30.1 x 11.8 x 1.08 inch)
- i) Power supply unit (1.5 A)
- j) M1 fancier cable for connection of loft antennas to the BENZING M1 (length 10 meters)
- k) USB cable
- l) BENZING Station



2.2 BENZING M1



The BENZING M1 is the main device (the clock) of the complete system. All data that is entered or electronically registered is saved internally by the BENZING M1. When basketing a pigeon, all data like ring number, secret number etc. is saved in what is like a 'data safe'. This data remains stored until the race has been evaluated. During races or training sessions the arrival times of the pigeons in the loft are measured and saved in the BENZING M1.

2.3 G2 Antennas



1-field G2 Antenna



4-field G2 Antenna

The G2 Antennas are the new loft antennas used to register the arriving pigeons at the fancier's loft. The pigeons land on the G2 Antennas and the number of the electronic pigeon ring is read by the BENZING M1 via the Antennas.

One loft antenna is connected with the provided connecting cable to the BENZING M1. Up to 4 further antennas can be connected to the first antenna.

The difference between the two antennas are the number of fields where the pigeons can be registered. The 4-field antenna is wider and has 4 fields next to each other, where the pigeons are registered.

2.4 EFA EXPRESS Antenna



The EFA EXPRESS Antenna can also be used to register the arriving pigeons at the fancier's loft. For connecting the EFA EXPRESS Antennas to the BENZING M1 a BENZING Antenna Controller is required.

The antenna can be equipped with a tunnel to guide the pigeons when they land at the antenna.

2.5 BENZING Antenna Controller



The BENZING Antenna Controller is used to connect up to 4 EFA EXPRESS Antennas to a BENZING M1. It is possible to connect two Antenna Controllers for a total of 8 EFA EXPRESS Antennas per BENZING M1.

2.6 PLB Antennas



8-field Antenna PLB 475
("Lazer 3")



12-field Antenna PLB 765
("Lazer 4")

The Antennas PLB are offered in two different sizes:

- PLB 475 with 8-fields (also called "Lazer 3")
- PLB 765 with 12-fields (also called "Lazer 4").

The PLB Antennas are used to register the arriving pigeons in the loft. The pigeons land on the antennas and the number of the electronic pigeon ring is read by the BENZING M1 via the antennas.

One PLB Antenna is connected with the provided connecting cable to the BENZING M1. Several PLB Antennas can be connected to the first antenna.

Also PLB antennas of the older SAN type can be connected to the BENZING M1. The loft antenna SAN is the preceding version of the PLB Antenna, which is much faster in registering the arriving pigeons than the older SAN antenna could be.

2.7 Power Supply Unit (1.5 A)



The power supply unit is used to supply the BENZING M1 and the loft antennas (PLB, G2, EFA) with power. It is connected with the corresponding socket on the plug of the antenna connection cable (see also 3.2).

Note: If the BENZING M1 is supplied with power by means of the M1 Fancier Cable a maximum of three PLB 476 Antennas or six PLB 475 Antennas can be connected. To use more PLB Antennas at one BENZING M1 please contact your sales agent.

2.8 M1 Fancier Cable for Loft Antenna Connection



This cable, provided in a length of 10 m (30 ft), connects the PLB Antennas, the G2 Antennas and the BENZING Antenna Controller with EFA antennas to the BENZING M1. Moreover, the power supply unit is connected to this cable in order to supply the loft antennas and the BENZING M1 with power.

Note: To connect the cable at the G2 antennas a short adapter cable is needed. This cable is included in the package of the G2 antennas.

2.9 USB Cable



This cable connects the BENZING M1 via the USB interface to a PC. This makes it possible to evaluate data of the BENZING M1 on the PC or to load an update program into the BENZING M1.

2.10 BENZING Pigeon Rings

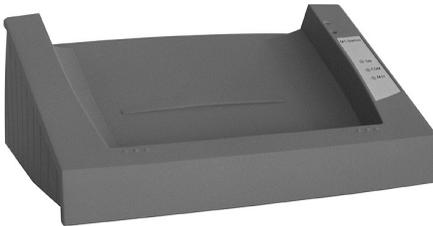


For the electronic pigeon rings the BENZING M1 supports the BENZING Pro chip rings.

The BENZING pigeon ring contains an electronic chip provided with a code number and is used to identify the pigeons. The ring is not provided with a battery and is only activated, if it is located within reach of the club antenna or the loft antenna. The ring is provided with a snap lock and can be used for old pigeons as well as young ones. It is attached around the leg of the pigeon which is not ringed. The ring is locked by pressing the snap lock together- flat pliers might be useful- until it engages with a click.

The BENZING pigeon rings are available in three different colours (red, green and blue).

2.11 BENZING Station



The BENZING Station is the ideal addition to the BENZING M1. It gives the fancier the security of a second clock, because all data in the BENZING M1 will also be stored in the BENZING Station.

In order to connect the two devices the BENZING M1 clock is simply placed in the dish portion of the BENZING Station and slid downward until the BENZING M1 fully connects to the connection plug. The following functions are available in combination with the BENZING Station:

- Security of a second clock whereby all flight data is stored in the internal memory of the BENZING Station, thus complete backup data is always available. Backup data can be downloaded at the club.
- Allows integrated continuous clocking which can handle up to 1,000 pigeons and communicate with 64 G2 Antennas, 8 EFA Antennas, 64 PLB Antennas or 8 SAN Antennas. Thus the fancier always has the information on all arrived pigeons, even while he or she is away from the loft with the BENZING M1.
- Allowance for direct connections to the loft antennas, thereby making additional connection interfaces superfluous.
- Allows for direct connectivity to conventional matrix or laser printers.
- Online printing of all arriving pigeons (only with BENZING M1).
- Allows pigeon arrival information to be sent to a connected mobile telephone or modem, by SMS.
- A new and very loud integrated beeper gives broad notice of the arrival of pigeons, detectable even from great distances.

3. INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

3.1 Conditions of Use

The BENZING M1 is an electronic device running at low voltage. It should only be used inside. Direct contact with water (drops or splashes of water, stagnant water etc), dirt, or when in operation with direct sunlight should be avoided.

During operation the surrounding temperature for the BENZING M1 must be between 0°C and +60°C (+32°F and +140°F) and for the loft antennas (PLB, G2, EFA) -10°C and +70°C (+14°F and +158°F). If the temperature drops to less than 0°C (+32°F) (which means that possibly condensed water is formed) the equipment has to be dried for approx 1 hour at a room temperature of approx +20°C (+68°F). Afterwards all devices can be used again without further problems. The storage temperature for the BENZING M1 ranges between -25°C and +70°C (-13°F and +158°F).

If the BENZING M1 and the loft antennas are operated near a power line, the registration of the arriving pigeons and in general the operation of the BENZING M1 can be susceptible to interference.

3.2 Installation of the Fancier System

In a loft first the provided M1 Fancier Cable will be connected to one loft antenna (PLB or G2 Antenna) and then the remaining loft antennas will be connected (see figures 3.1 to 3.3). Another possibility is to connect the cable to a BENZING Antenna Controller where EFA loft antennas are then connected to.

Next the power supply unit is connected to the corresponding jack at the M1 Fancier Cable. This jack is located on the back of the connection cable's DB-9 antenna plug (see also chapter "2.8 - M1 Fancier Cable for Loft Antenna Connection"). This will supply the antennas with voltage. At last the BENZING M1 can be connected by plugging-in the M1 Fancier Cable at the BENZING M1.



It is of utmost importance that you observe the instructions on the leaflets inside the antenna packages (PLB, G2, EFA) when installing the loft antennas.

The build-up of a fancier system with the BENZING M1 and loft antennas can be seen in the following figures.

3.2.1 Installation with 1-field G2 Antennas

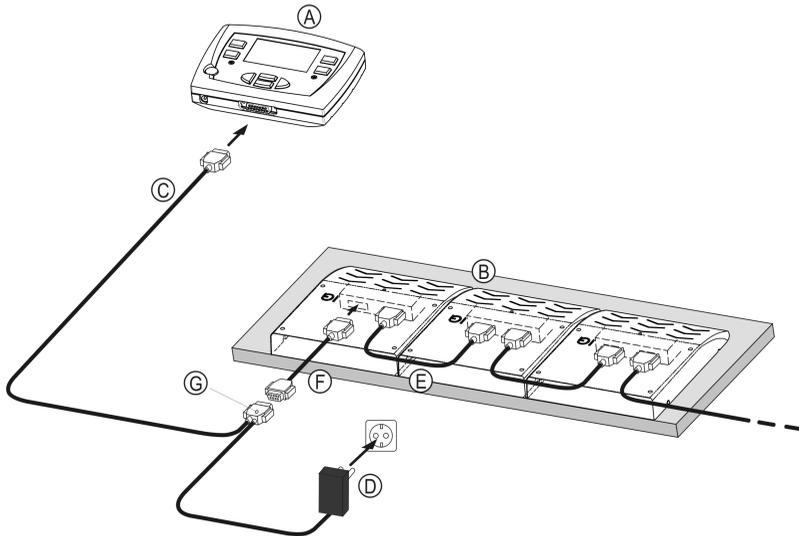


Figure 3.1 – Fancier system BENZING M1 with 1-field G2 Antennas

To set-up the system, follow these steps:

1. If the system has more than one 1-field G2 Antenna, connect all the 1-field G2 Antennas (B) together by using the 25 cm BENZING G2 Cables (E), which are included in the package of the antennas.
2. Plug-in the cable of the BENZING M1 Power Supply Unit at the DB-9 plug of the M1 Fancier Cable (G).
3. Connect the BENZING M1 (A) with the supplied M1 Fancier Cable (C) to the first 1-field G2 Antenna by using the supplied adapter cable (F).
4. Connect the power supply to mains (D). The green LED "Power Supply" (G) on the DB-9 plug will light up and the BENZING M1 will start-up.



The following must be observed during installation:

- In a fancier's system the power supply unit must always be plugged into the corresponding jack of the M1 Fancier Cable. The socket 11 on the BENZING M1 will not be used in this case, as power supply of the loft antennas would be impossible.
- After having plugged in the power supply unit, the green LED display "Power supply" on the plug of the M1 Fancier Cable must light up (see (G) in figure 3.1). This indicates that the power supply is correctly provided.
- Connection to the power mains should always be provided near the antennas.
- For power supply the included M1 Power Supply Unit should always be used or a similar power supply unit of an equivalent type.
- Before plugging in the power supply unit please check if the installation corresponds to figure 3.1. Make sure that before connecting the BENZING M1 to the mains humidity has not found its way into the case of the BENZING M1 and that the device is being operated according to the conditions of use mentioned in section 3.1.
- When operated in battery mode the BENZING M1 cannot be used with a fancier system (which means with connected loft antennas), as the power supply for the antennas would not be sufficient.
- The plugs of the connection cable must be fitted tightly into the sockets. If interference with the antennas occurs, check these connections!

3.2.2 Installation with PLB Antennas or the 4-field G2 Antenna

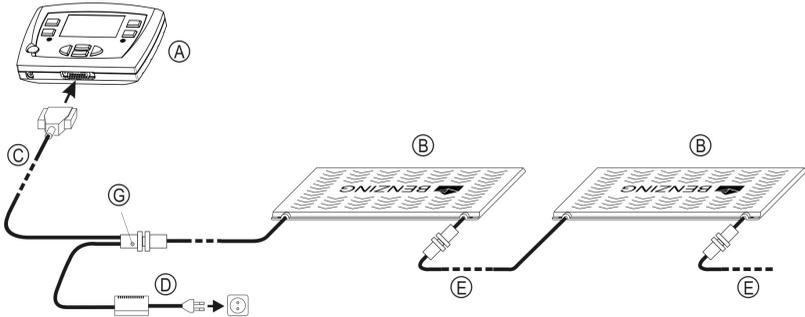


Figure 3.2 – Fancier system BENZING M1 with PLB Antennas

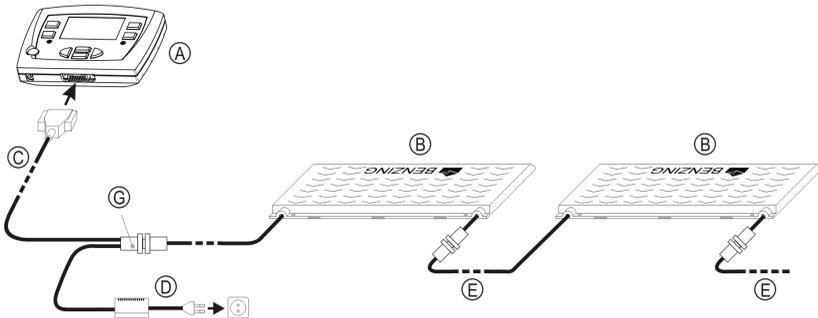


Figure 3.3 – Fancier system BENZING M1 with 4-field G2 Antennas

To set-up the system, follow these steps:

1. Connect the PLB Antennas or the 4-field G2 Antennas (B) together by using the pre-installed connection cables of the antennas (E).
2. Plug-in the cable of the BENZING M1 Power Supply Unit at the DB-9 plug of the M1 Fancier Cable (G).
3. Connect the supplied M1 Fancier Cable (C) to the first PLB or G2 Antenna.
4. Connect the power supply to mains. The green LED "Power Supply" (G) on the DB-9 plug will light up and the BENZING M1 will start-up.
5. Connect the BENZING M1 (A) to the M1 Fancier Cable.



The following must be observed during installation:

- First the PLB or 4-field G2 Antennas must be supplied with power. After this the BENZING M1 will be connected.
- In a fancier's system the power supply unit must always be plugged into the corresponding jack of the M1 Fancier Cable. The socket ⁽¹¹⁾ on the BENZING M1 will not be used in this case, as power supply of the loft antennas would be impossible.
- After having plugged in the power supply unit the green LED display "Power supply ON" on the plug of the M1 Fancier Cable must light up (see (G) in figure 3.2 and 3.3). This indicates that the power supply is correctly provided.
- Connection to the power mains should always be provided near the antennas.
- For power supply the included M1 Power Supply Unit should always be used or a similar power supply unit of an equivalent type.
- When using the provided power supply unit only up to 3 PLB 765 Antennas, 6 PLB 475 can be supplied with that power supply unit. For information concerning the connection of more antennas please contact your sales agent.
- Before plugging in the power supply unit please check, if the installation corresponds to the figures 3.2 or 3.3 respectively. Make sure that before connecting the BENZING M1 to the mains humidity has not found its way into the case of the BENZING M1 and that the device is being operated according to the conditions of use mentioned in section 3.1.
- When operated in battery mode the BENZING M1 cannot be used with a fancier system (which means with connected loft antennas), as the power supply for the antennas would not be sufficient.
- The plugs of the connection cable must be fitted tightly into the sockets. If interference with the antennas occurs, check these connections!

Note: Also loft antennas of the SAN type can be connected to the BENZING M1. The loft antenna SAN is the preceding version of the PLB Antennas.

3.2.3 Installation with EFA EXPRESS Antennas and the BENZING Antenna Controller

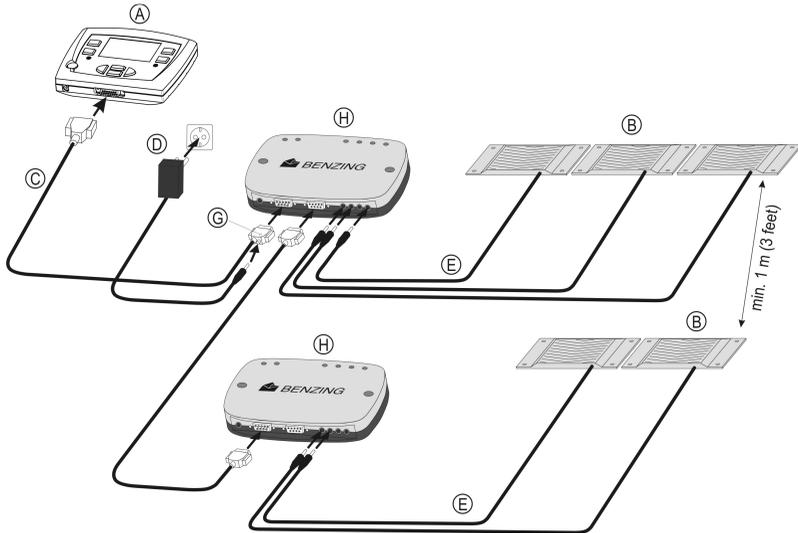


Figure 3.4 – Fancier system BENZING M1 with EFA EXPRESS Antennas

To set-up the system, follow these steps:

1. Connect all EFA EXPRESS Antennas EFA (B) into the corresponding jack sockets of the BENZING Antenna Controller (H).
2. If you want to use more than 4 EFA EXPRESS Antennas, a second Antenna Controller with 4 more EFA EXPRESS Antennas can be connected to the first one.
Attention: Between the antennas on two different Antenna Controllers there must be a minimum distance of 1 m (3 feet).
3. Plug-in the cable of the BENZING M1 Power Supply Unit (D) at the DB-9 plug of the M1 Fancier Cable (C).
4. Connect the BENZING M1 (A) with the supplied M1 Fancier Cable (C) to the first BENZING Antenna Controller (H).
5. Connect the power supply to mains. The green LED "Power Supply" (G) on the DB-9 plug will light up and the BENZING M1 will start-up.



The following must be observed during installation:

- In a fancier's system with BENZING Antenna Controllers the Power Supply Unit must always be plugged into the corresponding jack of the M1 Fancier Cable. The socket ⁽¹¹⁾ on the BENZING M1 will not be used in this case, as power supply of the Antenna Controllers and the EFA EXPRESS Antennas would be impossible.
- After having plugged-in the power supply unit, the green display "Power supply ON" on the plug of the M1 Fancier Cable must light up (see (G) in figure 3.4) and also the blue LED 'Power' on the Antenna Controller(s) must light up. This indicates that the power supply is correctly provided.
- For power supply the included BENZING M1 Power Supply Unit should always be used or a similar power supply unit of an equivalent type.
- Before plugging in the power supply unit please check if the installation corresponds to the figure 3.4. Make sure that before connecting the BENZING M1 to the mains humidity has not found its way into the case of the BENZING M1 and that the device is being operated according to the conditions of use mentioned in section 3.1.
- When operated in battery mode the BENZING M1 cannot be used with a fancier system (which means with connected Antenna Controller and loft antennas), as the power supply would not be sufficient.
- The plugs of the connection cable must be fitted tightly into the sockets. If interference with the antennas occurs, check these connections!

3.2.4 Using the **BENZING Station** in the **Fancier System**

The **BENZING M1** can also be connected to the fancier system via a **BENZING Station**. In this case all devices of the fancier system like the loft antennas, printer etc. will be connected directly to the **BENZING Station**.

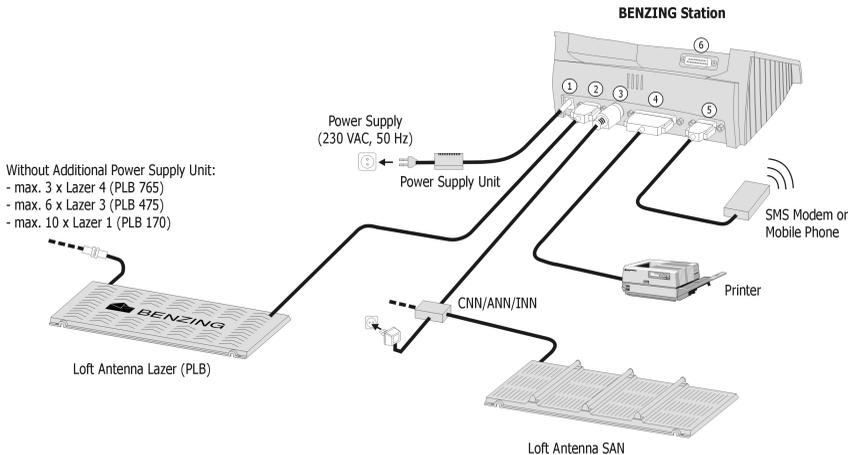


Figure 3.5 - Connection of the **BENZING Station** in the **Fancier System**

The **BENZING Station** provides the following connectors:

- ① Additional Power Supply. But it is recommended to apply power as near to the loft antennas as possible (see previous section with figure 3.1 to 3.4).
- ② DB-9 socket for connection of the PLB Antennas, the G2 Antennas or the **BENZING** Antenna Controller with EFA Antennas.
- ③ PMDIN socket for existing (older) components (SAN, INN, CNN, ANN etc.).
- ④ Parallel printer port for connection of conventional printers.
- ⑤ DB-9 socket for connecting a mobile phone or GSM modem.
- ⑥ DB-15 socket for connection with the **BENZING M1**. The **BENZING M1** is plugged into the **BENZING Station** as shown in figure 3.6.

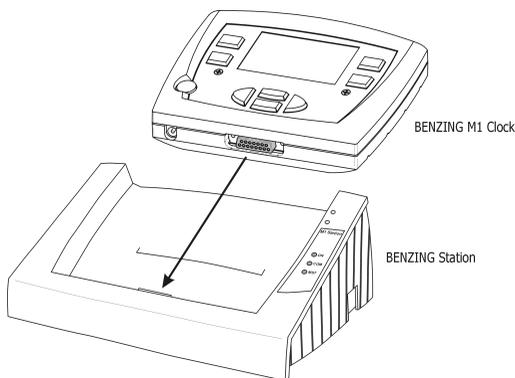


Figure 3.6 - Plugging the BENZING M1 into the BENZING Station

Note: Also read the short description of the BENZING Station and follow the instructions on this description!

3.3 Using the BENZING M1 in a Club

At the club the BENZING M1 is connected to a BENZING ClubSystem, or for older systems to a BENZING clubPOINT or a network node CNN, by using the BENZING M1 club cable. Subsequently, other devices like the power supply unit, the Club Antenna CAN (not needed if the BENZING ClubSystem is used) or the printer etc. are connected to the BENZING ClubSystem or the BENZING clubPOINT. After having connected all parts of the system the power supply unit is connected to mains power.

Power supply of the BENZING M1 at the club is always provided with the BENZING M1 club cable.



When installing the system in a club it is of utmost importance that you also observe the instructions in the BENZING M1 club manual and the indications of the enclosed package leaflets which come with the corresponding system components.

The way the system is installed at the club is displayed in figures 3.7 and 3.8.

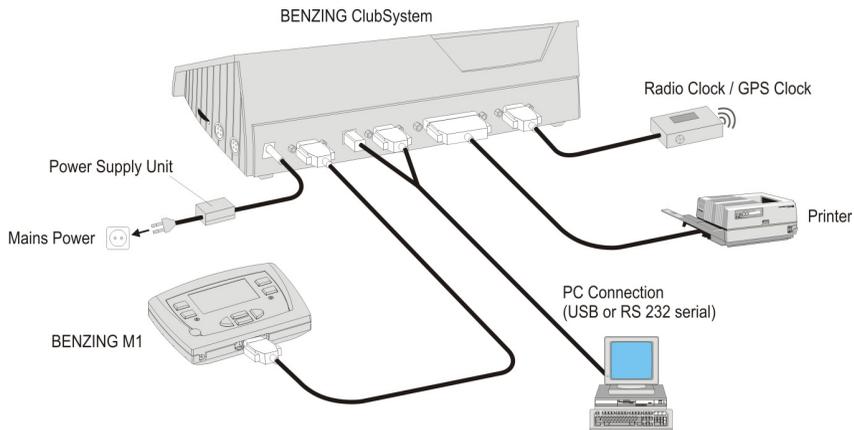


Figure 3.7 - Connection of the BENZING M1 in a Club by using the BENZING ClubSystem

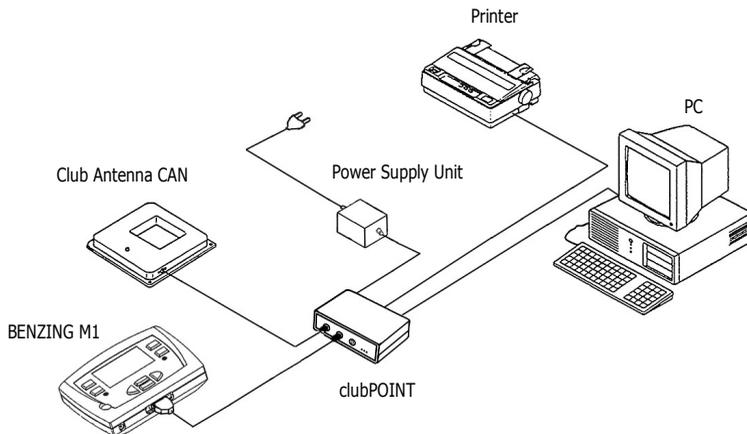


Figure 3.8 - Connection of the BENZING M1 in a Club by using the clubPOINT

3.4 Power Supply of the BENZING M1 in the Fancier's Loft

The power supply of the BENZING M1 can be provided in various ways.

Power Supply via M1 Fancier Cable for Loft Antennas:

The power supply for the BENZING M1 at the loft is provided by connecting the BENZING M1 Power Supply Unit to the DB-9 plug of the M1 Fancier Cable. See also figures 3.1 to 3.4.

Socket at the BENZING M1:

The provided BENZING M1 Power Supply Unit can be connected to the socket ⑪ of the BENZING M1 to supply the BENZING M1 with power.



If you use BENZING M1 with hardware before Version 5 no loft antennas can be used when the socket of the BENZING M1 is used for power supply. The power supply to the antennas by means of the BENZING M1 is impossible.

Power Supply via the BENZING Station:

When using a BENZING Station, the station will supply the BENZING M1 with power as soon as the BENZING M1 is plugged into the station. The BENZING Station itself is supplied with power with the power supply unit of the BENZING M1.

Battery Mode:

The BENZING M1 can be operated with two 1.5 V AA batteries (alkali). Use only leak proof batteries!

In battery mode the BENZING M1 is independent of an external power supply. Yet, several functions cannot be realized in the battery mode. The nomination of pigeons and the display of various lists are possible, but loft antennas cannot be connected, or respectively operated. Thus, also the registration of arriving pigeons is impossible in battery mode.

To turn on the BENZING M1 the 'Start' key ⑨ has to be pressed. If the batteries are almost empty, a request for changing the batteries will be indicated directly after the BENZING M1 is turned on. Although the BENZING M1 can still be operated for a short time you should exchange the batteries as fast as possible.

To turn off the device the 'Start' key has to be kept pressed for 3 seconds.

3.5 Initial Operation of the BENZING M1

3.5.1 Without BENZING Station

When operating the BENZING M1 with the connected G2 Antennas, the PLB Antennas or the EFA EXPRESS Antennas for the first time, these steps have to be followed.

- Make sure that all cables are connected correctly.
- When the power supply unit is connected to mains power the green LED display at the plug of the M1 Fancier Cable will light up.
- The BENZING M1 starts up. The display ^⑩ shows the BENZING logo and a start-up display with information on the device and its versions.
- The BENZING M1 will search for connected loft antennas and shows the number of antennas found on the display.
- After approx 10 seconds the start-up procedure is finished and the BENZING M1 is in the initial status.

Note: The BENZING M1 memorizes the found loft antennas. This means that those antennas don't have to be searched again at the next start-up of the BENZING M1, which reduces the time needed for starting the BENZING M1.



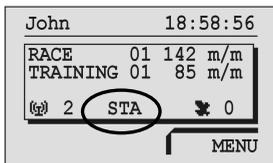
The BENZING M1 recognizes automatically the connected loft antennas when being turned on. In case another loft antenna is connected, the BENZING M1 **must be started anew** (disconnect and then reconnect power) as in this way the antenna will be recognized.

3.5.2 With the BENZING Station

When connecting the BENZING M1 with the BENZING Station for the first time, the message "Wrong BENZING Station" appears on the display of the BENZING M1. In order to use the BENZING M1 with a BENZING Station, both devices must be linked first. Therefore perform the following steps:

-  Open the menu of the BENZING M1 with the green button ^④ "MENU".
-  Press the red button ^② "SYSTEM" to open the system menu.
- Choose the entry "BENZING Station" in the system menu and next the menu item "Link Station" and confirm it with the button "YES."

The BENZING M1 and the BENZING Station are now linked. Now the signal "STA" is displayed on the BENZING M1 as soon as it is plugged into the BENZING Station.



Note: Linking the BENZING M1 with the BENZING Station is only possible if no training or race is in progress.

3.6 Front Label

The BENZING M1 is delivered with a standard front label. It can be substituted by a different one. In this case you have to do the following:

- Unscrew both allen screws (13) on the front.
- Remove the front panel and the label (14).
- Place the new label.
- Re-insert the new label (14).
- Fix the front panel again with both allen screws (13).

3.7 Cleaning

For cleaning the BENZING M1 always use a light moist but never soppo towel and never use aggressive detergents.



Never hold the BENZING M1 under flowing water and never dip it into water or liquid. Else the BENZING M1 can be damaged or destroyed which means that any kind of guarantee expires.

4. OPERATION

4.1 Procedure

The BENZING M1 is the main component during a race, from registering and basketing the pigeons to evaluating and releasing them for a new race. For this procedure the BENZING M1 is used in the loft of the fancier as well as in the club. The BENZING M1 operates therefore either in the fancier mode, which is described in this manual, or in the club mode, which is described in the club manual.

The following diagram depicts the procedure of a race.

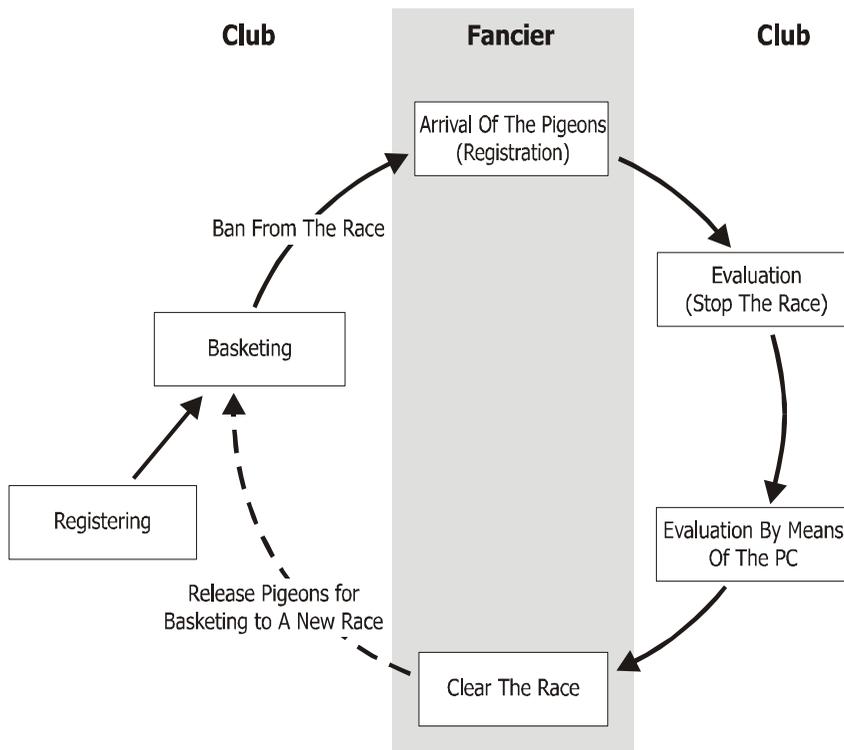


Figure 4.1 - Sequence of a Race

The pigeons are registered in the club according to their pigeon rings. As an option a season map can be generated and loaded into BENZING M1. To start a race the pigeons are basketed for the race. Then the fancier takes the BENZING M1 to his loft. The arriving pigeons register on the loft antennas. The evaluation takes place in the club. The fancier clears the race so that he can use the basketed pigeons again for another race.

4.1.1 Registering

The registration and coupling of an electronic ring number with the corresponding pigeon data can be made with the club software on a PC and saved in the BENZING M1. Or the pigeons can only be registered in the BENZING M1 and then a ring is coupled with the pigeon data at the club using the BENZING ClubSystem or the Club Antenna CAN.

Training

If a training starts, all pigeons are automatically registered for this training, except for those that have been basketed for a race, that were nominated or that bets have been placed on.

4.1.2 Basketing

Before loading the pigeons into the transporter, they have to be basketed for a race. Changes concerning the data of the basketed pigeons can only be made after a particular race has finished.

When basketing the pigeon, the secret number is saved on the ring as well as in the BENZING M1. When evaluating the race, the stored secret numbers are compared and the result is shown on the evaluation of the race. Thus, several methods of manipulation are ruled out.

4.1.3 Arrival of the Pigeons in the Loft (Registration)

As soon as the fancier has connected his BENZING M1 in his loft with the loft antennas to the power mains after basketing, the device is ready to register the arriving pigeons. If a pigeon lands on a loft antenna, the pigeon number and the secret number are read from the pigeon's ring and saved in the BENZING M1 together with the exact time of arrival. The list of the arrived and missing pigeons can be recalled on the display as well as printed at any time.

If you have a BENZING Station, you can also unplug the BENZING M1 from the station and take it with you. The station will continue register the arriving pigeons autonomously. After the BENZING M1 is plugged into the station again, the registered pigeons in the station will be transferred to the BENZING M1.

Average Velocity Calculation

By entering the distance and release time the BENZING M1 is able to calculate the average velocity of each pigeon automatically.

4.1.4 Evaluation at the Club

Evaluation at the club takes place in three steps:

1. The race is stopped:
 - comparison of the clocks
 - pigeons arriving later are marked as 'non-evaluated' pigeons
2. The race data is printed out on the printer
3. The race data is read by the PC and is then converted by the software (such as WINSPEED) in such a way that the prize lists can be generated by a computer.

At any time it is possible to print a stopped (not cleared) race later or read the race data on the PC.

4.1.5 Clear a Race (Release Pigeons for a New Race)

The pigeons that are basketed for a race can only be basketed for another race after the first race is finished. It is possible to clear (finish) a race either in the fancier's mode or in the club before basketing anew. In the club the evaluation must be finished too (see club manual).

4.2 Multi-Fancier Mode

This manual describes the operation of the BENZING M1 as a device for one fancier. Also available is the BENZING M1 multi-fancier device. It features the option of saving up to four fanciers. Thus, several fanciers who share one loft are able to carry out races with the same BENZING M1. The menu guide of the multi-fancier function varies only in a few steps from that of the device for one fancier.

At the multi-fancier device a differentiation between the individual fanciers is necessary. Therefore a menu for the fancier selection will be displayed. All the following menus will indicate the respective active fancier using a number (1-4) on the display at the above left. Each finished procedure corresponds only to the active fancier and has no influence whatsoever on the other fanciers.

Selection of the fancier has to take place at the following:

- *Display of Arriving and Missing Pigeons (See Section 5.1.3)*

[MENU] -> [RACE] -> [LIST]

In the arriving list and the list of missing pigeons only the pigeons of the selected fancier will be displayed.

- *Pigeons (See Section 5.3)*

[MENU] -> [PIGEONS]

Displaying the registration list of the pigeons, editing the pre-registration list and deleting pigeons is fancier dependent and applies only to the actual fancier.

- *Enter the Name of the Fancier (See Section 5.4.6)*

[MENU] -> [Settings] -> [Fancier Name]

For each of the 4 possible fanciers a name can be entered.

- *Input phone number for Sending SMS and Sending Test-SMS (See Section 5.4.10)*

[MENU] -> [Settings] -> [Benzing STATION] -> [SMS]

For each of the four possible fancier a unique phone number can be defined. A Test-SMS can be sent directly to a selected fancier.

Selection of the fancier is not required with the following steps:

- *Training (See Section 5.2)*

When starting the training all free pigeons of **all** fanciers will be basketed for the training.

- *Discharge Pigeons (Finish the Race) (See Section 5.1.4)*

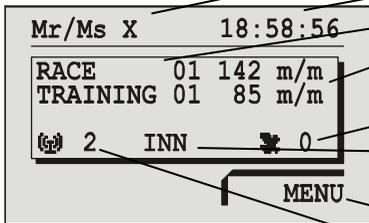
For **all** fanciers the pigeons which were basketed for the race will be discharged.

- *Calculation of Velocity for the Races (See Section 5.1.5)*

By entering the distance between the place where the race starts and a pigeon loft the velocity of the pigeons can be calculated. This setting is only possible for **all** fanciers at once.

4.3 Initial Status Display

No pigeon has arrived yet:



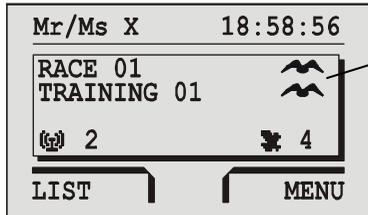
Name of the fancier (the first 11 letters)
 Current time
 Active races (the first 3 races are indicated)
 Velocity countdown (in case release data has been entered)
 Number of the arrived and registered pigeons
 Is indicated if the INN (constant registration module) is connected
 Menu key (green) to recall the main menu
 Number of the connected loft antennas (PLB)

If one or more pigeons have arrived:



Number of the pigeon (the last one to arrive)
 Name of the race of the last arriving pigeon
 Time of arrival and velocity
 Symbol indicates that a bet has been made for this pigeon (nomination, money game)
 Will be shown if the BENZING M1 is connected and linked to a BENZING Station
 Menu key (red) to recall the list(s) of the arrived pigeon(s) (active list(s))

If any key is pressed the display returns to the initial status:



Symbol for active races

4.4 Keys

4.4.1 Menu Keys

The 'menu keys' ① ② ③ ④ are the 4 coloured keys on the left and the right side of the display.

Within the menu all functions of the BENZING M1 can be selected with the 4 coloured menu keys. The functions of the menu keys change according to their current position within the menu and are shown on the display with a plain text.

4.4.2 General Keys

In addition to the 4 menu keys next to the display the BENZING M1 is provided with further general keys ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨.

 This key takes you from wherever you are within the menu back to the initial status.

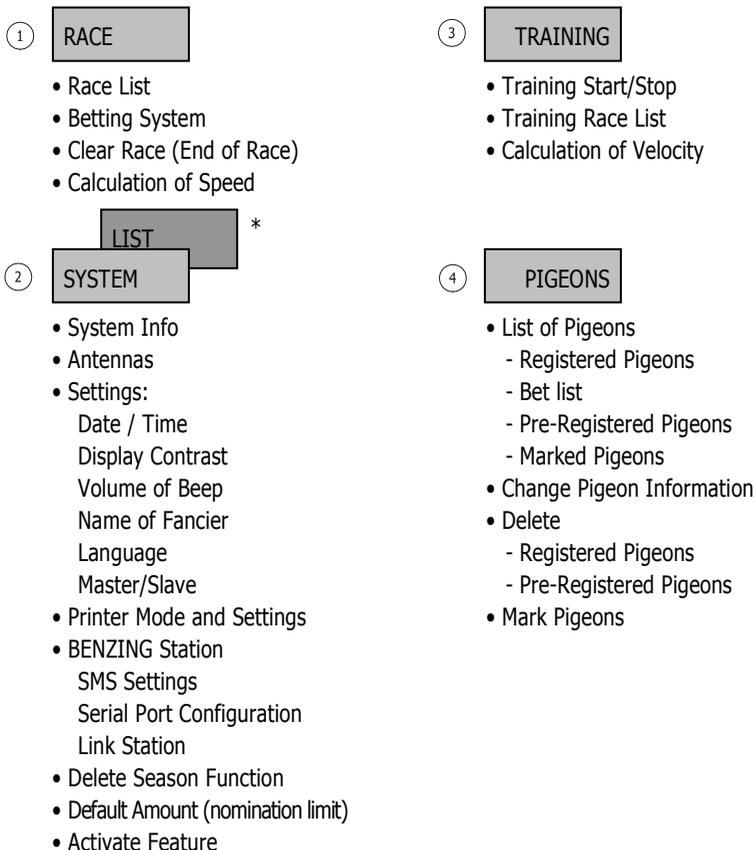
 The cursor keys let you leaf through a list or when entering a name or a number the corresponding letters, numbers and symbols can be selected.

 With the 'Backwards' key you keep going backwards one level within the menu. At the same time changed settings are cancelled.
If data has to be entered, the cursor used for entering can be moved one step back (to the left) with this key.

 The 'OK' key is used to confirm selections or inputs.
If data has to be entered , the cursor used for entering can be moved one step ahead (to the right) with this key.

4.5 Menu Structure

The following flow chart shows the build-up of the BENZING M1 menu. This menu is accessed by pressing the key ④ "MENU" in the initial status display.



* ... The menu item "LIST" will only be displayed in the initial status display (see 4.3 - Initial Status Display), if race or training is in progress and arrived pigeons have been registered.

[RACE]

- ↳[LIST]List of races (display of all races of the season, listing all pigeons arrived and missing)
- ↳[BET]Betting system, association, money game (country-specific)
- ↳[CLEAR]Discharge pigeons (finish the race)
- ↳[SPEED]Calculation of speed of the pigeons

[TRAINING]

- ↳[START] Start training race
- ↳[STOP] Finish training race
- ↳[LIST] List of training race (arrived and missing pigeons)
- ↳[SPEED] Calculation of speed of the pigeons

[PIGEONS]

- ↳[LIST] Registration list, bet list, pre-registration list, list of marked pigeons
- ↳[DELETE] Delete pigeons
- ↳[MARK] Marking pigeons
- ↳[CHANGE] Change the colour and gender of pigeons
 - ↳[COUPLING] Coupling of pigeons at the loft
 - ↳[SEX/COL] Change the colour and gender of pigeons
 - ↳[PRE-REG] Pre-registration of pigeons at the loft
 - ↳[DELETE] Delete the coupling of pigeons

[SYSTEM]

- ↳[System Info] Information on the M1 device, periphery and supply voltage.
- ↳[Antenna] Information on connected loft antennas, testing of the antennas or rings respectively, update software of the antennas
- ↳[Settings] Sub-menu with the following settings for the BENZING M1:
 - ↳[Date/Time] Setting date and time of the BENZING M1; only displayed if no training or race is in progress
 - ↳[Display Contrast] Adjust the contrast of the display
 - ↳[Beeper Volume] Adjust the volume of the built-in beep
 - ↳[Fancier Name] Enter the name of the fancier
 - ↳[Language] Select the language of the display
 - ↳[Master/Slave] Activation of the master function, in order to use an atis TOP with master/slave software with the BENZING M1
- ↳[Printer] Printer type and paper; automatic printing via BENZING Station
- ↳[Benzing STATION] Sub-menu with the following settings for a connected BENZING Station:
 - ↳[SMS] Settings for sending SMS via a connected BENZING Station
 - ↳[CONFIG] Serial port settings (Modem or PC)
 - ↳[Link STATION] Assigning the BENZING M1 to a certain BENZING Station. This menu item is only displayed, if the BENZING M1 is connected with a BENZING Station.
- ↳[Delete Season Map] Delete an active season map
- ↳[Default Amount] Turn on/off the automatic check of the nomination limit. This is only used in case betting on pigeons is possible, which depends on the corresponding country and club rules.
- ↳[Activate Feature] For activating coming new features

5. MENU FUNCTIONS

5.1 Race

5.1.1 *List of Races*

During one season several races take place. The list of races depicts all races and provides information about the current state of each race by means of symbols (see below). You can scroll through the list of races and for each race the pigeons, which are basketed for the race, can be displayed.

In order to display the list of races select "MENU" ^④ in the initial status display in order to call-up the main menu of the BENZING M1. In this menu select "RACE" ^① and then "LIST" ^①. If one or more races are active, they will also be displayed in the initial status display of the BENZING M1.

Beside the races various symbols are displayed which refer to the state of the races:

(empty) .. Race has not been selected (no pigeon has been basketed for this race).



... Race is active (basketed pigeons are registered when arriving).



..... Basketing is not finished (basketed pigeons are **not** registered when arriving).



..... Race is stopped/evaluated. Basketed pigeons, which had not been registered at the time the race was stopped, are marked as 'non-evaluated pigeons' when arriving (Symbol "Ø").



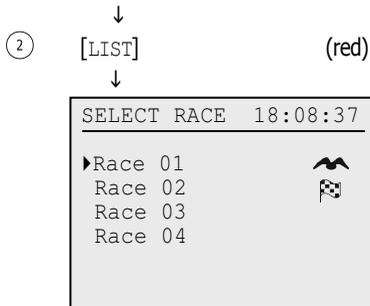
..... Race is cleared (the pigeons have been released and can thus be basketed again).

If the season map is active, it is not possible to basket pigeons again for the cleared race. First the season map has to be cancelled.

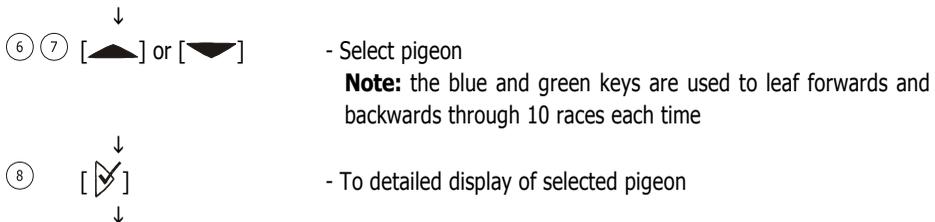
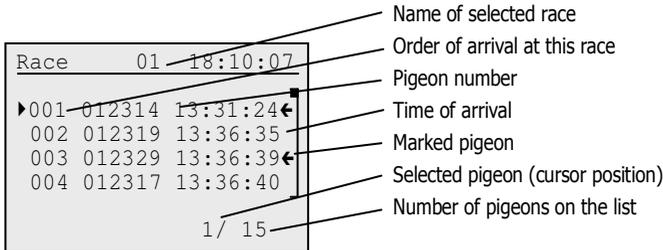
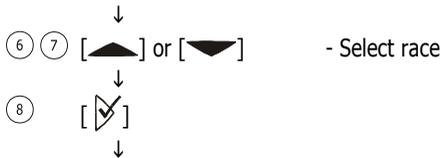
5.1.2 Display of Active Race Lists

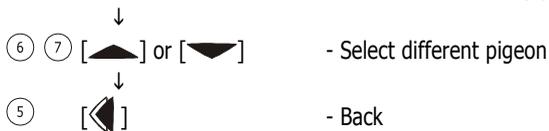
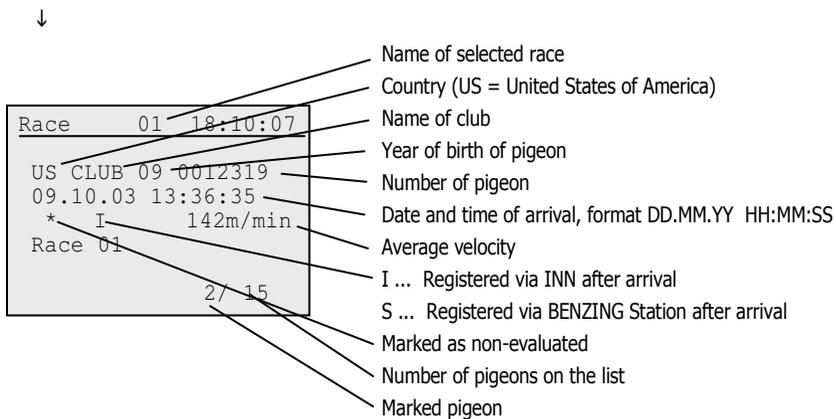
If active or stopped races or training races are in the BENZING M1 the display indicates [LIST] in the initial status at the bottom on the left (see '4.3. - Initial Status Display'). With this menu item you can directly display the race lists.

Initial Status Display



... All active and stopped races are displayed. If only one race is in the list then this list is skipped.





5.1.3 Display and Printing the Arrival Lists

The list of arrived pigeons can be displayed and printed as follows.

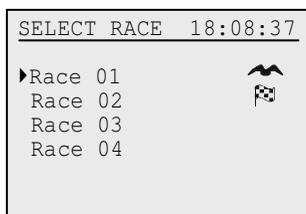
④ [MENU] (green)



① [RACE] (yellow)



① [LIST] (yellow)



... all active races are displayed



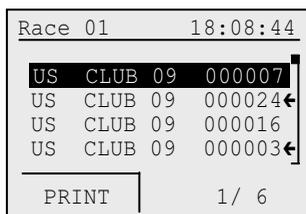
⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼] - Select race



⑧ [✓]



① [ARRIVED] (yellow)



... Display of the arrived pigeons



② [PRINT] (red) - The arrival list will be printed



Back to the race selection

5.1.4 Display and Printing of Missing Pigeons

All pigeons that have been basketed for a race, but have not yet arrived are entered on the missing list. This list can be displayed and printed as follows:

- ④ [MENU] (green)
- ↓
- ① [RACE] (yellow)
- ↓
- ① [LIST] (yellow)
- ↓

SELECT RACE		18:08:37
▶Race	01	
Race	02	
Race	03	
Race	04	

... All active races are displayed

- ↓
- ⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼] - Select race
- ↓
- ⑧ [✓]
- ↓
- ③ [MISSING] (blue)
- ↓

Race 01		18:08:44
US	CLUB 09	000007
US	CLUB 09	000024 ←
US	CLUB 09	000016
US	CLUB 09	000003 ←
PRINT		1 / 6

... Display of the missing pigeons

- ↓
- ② [PRINT] (red) - The missing list will be printed
- ↓
- Back to the race selection

5.1.5 Clear Race (Release Pigeons)

If a pigeon has been basketed for a race it will not be allowed into other races or trainings.
To release a pigeon the corresponding race must be cleared first.

④ [MENU] (green)



① [RACE] (yellow)



② [CLEAR] (red)



List of races: Only finished races are displayed



⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼] - Select race



⑧ [✓]



Race 01	18:21:17
Clear race 01 and release pigeons?	
NO	YES



④ [YES] (green) - Clears the race, releases the basketed pigeons

or

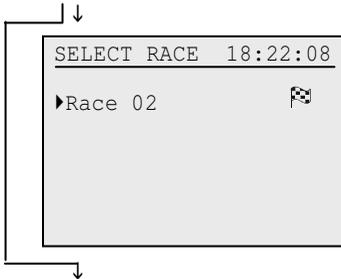
② [NO] (red) - Back to selection of race



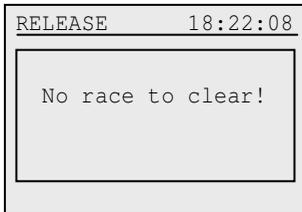
Race 01	18:21:17
Pigeons have been released!	

... Info display (displayed for approx 3 seconds)





... Further stopped races exist



... No further stopped races exist

5.1.6 Calculation of Speed for the Races

After entering the release data the velocity can be calculated. It is displayed (as a countdown) in the main menu, on the detailed pigeon list and on the printouts of the lists of arrival. The velocity must be less than 10.000 yards per minute.

To turn off the display for velocity a distance of 0 miles must be entered.

④ [MENU] (green)



① [RACE] (yellow)



④ [SPEED] (green)



List of races: all races are displayed except for the stopped races



⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼] - Select race



⑧ [✓]



Race 01	18:21:17
Release Time:	
DD.MM.YY hh:mm:ss	
10.16.03 14:32:57	
■ _ _ _ _	
QUIT	OK

... Enter the point of time of the release



⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼] - Reduce / increase the number at the position of the cursor



⑤ ⑧ [◀] or [▶] - Place cursor one step to the left / right



④ [OK] (green) - saves entered data



Race 01	18:21:17
Distance:	
0000,000 miles	
■ _ _ _ _	
QUIT	OK

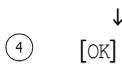
... Enter distance between release and loft



- Reduce / increase the number at the position of the cursor



- Place cursor one step to the left / right



(green) - saves the entered data

5.2 Training Race

If a training race is started all pigeons that have not been selected at this point of time are basketed for the training. Please note that these pigeons cannot be basketed for another race until the training is stopped.

After the training has been started the 'basketed pigeons' are registered when arriving as soon as they are within reach of the loft antennas.

5.2.1 Start Training Race

Attention: When the start of the training is in progress registration of arriving pigeons is impossible.

- ④ [MENU] (green)
↓
- ③ [TRAINING] (blue)
↓
- ③ [START] (blue)
↓

Display: 'Training with XXX pigeons is starting!'

Now all pigeons that have not been selected for a race are basketed for the training. The amount of basketed pigeons is displayed (-> XXX).
(for how long this information is shown on the display depends on the number of pigeons that have not been selected)

↓

Display: 'Training started!'

Basketing has finished. Training is active.
(is shown on the display for approx 3 seconds)

↓

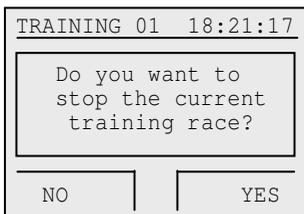
BENZING M1 automatically returns to the initial status.

5.2.2 Stopping the Training

By stopping the training the pigeons basketed for the training are discharged.

Attention: When the stopping procedure is in progress registration of arriving pigeons is impossible.

- ④ [MENU] (green)
- ↓
- ③ [TRAINING] (blue)
- ↓
- ① [STOP] (yellow)
- ↓



... Confirmation that the training shall really be stopped.

- ↓
- ④ [MENU] (green) - Confirmation for stopping the training
- ↓

Display: 'Training is stopping!'

All basketed pigeons are discharged.

(For how long this information is shown on the display depends on the number of pigeons)

↓

Display: 'Training is stopped'

Discharge of the pigeons is finished. The training has stopped.

(shown on the display for approx 3 seconds)

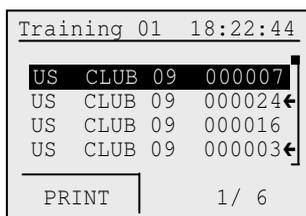
↓

BENZING M1 automatically returns to the initial status.

5.2.3 List of Trainings

• Display and Printing Arrived Pigeons

- ④ [MENU] (green)
- ↓
- ③ [TRAINING] (blue)
- ↓
- ② [LIST] (red)
- ↓
- ① [ARRIVED] (yellow)
- ↓



... Display of the arrived pigeons

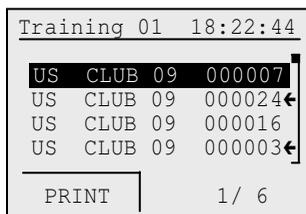
- ↓
- ② [PRINT] (red) - The arrived pigeons list will be printed
- ↓
- ④ [YES] (green) - Start printing
- ↓
- Back to the training selection

Attention: When printing is in progress timing of arriving pigeons is impossible.

● **Display and Printing Missing Pigeons**

In the list of missing pigeons all pigeons are displayed that have been basketed for a training (which is automatically done when the training is started), but have not arrived yet. The list of missing pigeons can be printed if a printer is connected to the BENZING M1 and if the BENZING M1 is not running in battery mode.

- ④ [MENU] (green)
↓
- ③ [TRAINING] (blue)
↓
- ② [LIST] (red)
↓
- ③ [MISSING] (blue)
↓



... Display of the missing pigeons

- ↓
 - ② [PRINT] (red) - The missing pigeons list will be printed
↓
 - ④ [YES] (green) - Start printing
↓
- Back to the training selection

Attention: When printing is in progress timing of arriving pigeons is impossible.

• **Calculation of Speed for the Training Toss**

After entering the release data the speed of the pigeons is calculated. It is displayed (as a countdown) in the main menu, the detailed pigeon list and on the printouts of the lists of arrival. The speed has to be less than 10.000 yards per minute.

To turn off the speed display a distance of 0 miles must be entered.

④ [MENU] (green)



③ [TRAINING] (blue)



④ [SPEED] (green)



For details see 'Race'

5.3 Pigeons

In this menu different pigeon lists can be displayed. Possible lists are the registration list (all pigeons which are stored in the BENZING M1 and which are registered, i.e. which have a ring assigned) the pre-registration list (pigeons to which no ring was assigned yet) the bet list (if bet system is active) and the marking list (all pigeons that have been marked).

Certain Pigeons can be marked and these marked pigeons will be collected in the marking list. The marked pigeons will also be indicated (with an arrow) in the other lists.

It is also possible to delete pigeons which are stored in the memory of the BENZING M1.

5.3.1 Set or Remove Marking for Pigeons

It is possible to mark certain important pigeons in order to recognize them faster in different lists where the pigeons are included. Furthermore all marked pigeons will be collected in the marking list.

- ④ [MENU] (green)
- ↓
- ④ [PIGEONS] (green)
- ↓
- ④ [MARK] (green)
- ↓

MARK		11:10:33	
US	CLUB 09	000007	←
US	CLUB 09	000046	←
US	CLUB 09	000047	←
US	CLUB 09	000048	
		1 / 2	

Symbol for "marked pigeon"

... List of all pigeons in the BENZING M1.

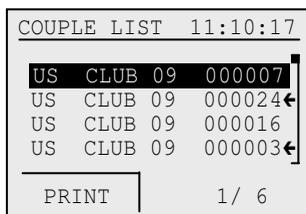
- ↓
- ⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼] - Select the pigeon that shall be marked.
Note: The blue and green keys can be used to leaf forwards and backwards through 5 lines at a time.
- ↓
- ⑧ [✓] - Mark the selected pigeon. If the pigeon has already been marked this will be reset so that the pigeon is no longer marked.
- ↓
- ⑤ [◀] - Go back. Changes to the markings of the pigeons will be saved.

5.3.2 Lists

• Display Coupling List

The coupling list shows all pigeons that are provided with an electronic ring and that are saved in the BENZING M1. The coupling list can be printed if a printer is connected to the BENZING M1 and if the BENZING M1 is not running in battery mode.

- ④ [MENU] (green)
- ↓
- ④ [PIGEONS] (green)
- ↓
- ① [LIST] (yellow)
- ↓
- ① [COUPLE] (yellow)
- ↓



... Display of the coupled pigeons.

- ↓
- ② [PRINT] (red) - The registration list will be printed.
- ↓

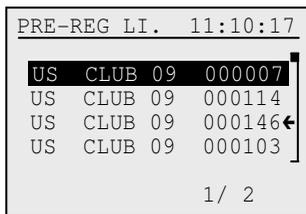
- ⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼]
- Leafing through the list
- Note:** The blue and green keys can be used to leaf forwards and backwards through 5 lines at a time.

- ↓
- ⑤ [◀] - Go back

● **Display Pre-Registration List**

The pre-registration list displays those pigeons that are not registered with an electronic ring. Using a Club Antenna the pigeons can be registered later. For this procedure no PC is required. See the Club Manual for further information.

- ④ [MENU] (green)
- ↓
- ④ [PIGEONS] (green)
- ↓
- ① [LIST] (yellow)
- ↓
- ③ [PRE-REG] (blue)
- ↓



... Display of all pre-registered pigeons.

- ⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼]

- Leafing through the list

Note: The blue and green keys can be used to leaf forwards and backwards through 5 lines at a time.

- ⑤ [◀]

- Go back

● **Display Bet list**

The bet list shows information about pigeons which a bet has been placed on. The bet list is only shown in case betting on pigeons is possible. This depends on the corresponding country and club rules.

- ④ [MENU] (green)
- ↓
- ④ [PIGEONS] (green)
- ↓
- ① [LIST] (yellow)
- ↓
- ② [BET LI] (red)
- ↓



Symbol shows, that for this pigeon
a money bet is running

Displayed pigeon

Number of pigeons in the list

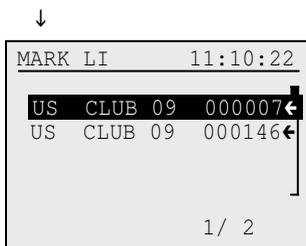
- ↓
- ⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼] - Select another pigeon
- ↓
- ⑤ [◀] - Go back

• Display Marking List

All marked pigeons are accommodated into the marking list. This is important, for example, if you want to accumulate certain or important pigeons so that they can be displayed at once without the need for searching them manually.

Pigeons can be marked in the pigeon menu (see 5.3.1 - Set or Remove Marking for Pigeons).

- ④ [MENU] (green)
- ↓
- ④ [PIGEONS] (green)
- ↓
- ① [LIST] (yellow)
- ↓
- ④ [MARK] (green)
- ↓

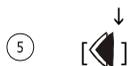


... Display of the marked pigeons



- Leafing through the list

Note: The blue and green keys can be used to leaf forwards and backwards through 5 lines at a time.



- Go back

5.3.3 Coupling a New Pigeon

It is possible to couple a new pigeon with the BENZING M1. To select a pigeon it must be registered in the BENZING M1 first. When the pigeon is held over the loft antenna, the number of the electronic chip ring will be coupled to the selected pigeon.

- ④ [MENU] (green)
↓
- ④ [PIGEONS] (green)
↓
- ③ [CHANGE] (blue)
↓
- ① [COUPLING] (yellow)
↓
- ③ [NEW] (blue)
↓

COUPLE		11:10:17	
US	CLUB 09	000207	
US	CLUB 09	000314	
US	CLUB 09	000346	←
US	CLUB 09	000303	
		1 / 2	

... List of registered, but not yet coupled pigeons.

- ↓
- ⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼] - Select pigeon
- ⑧ [✓] - Confirm selected pigeon

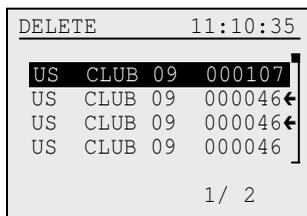
Hold the pigeon or pigeon's ring resp. over the loft antenna. When the ring is read successfully, it will be coupled to the selected pigeon.

↓
The list of pigeons will be shown again.

5.3.4 Delete Coupling of a Pigeon

If the coupling of a pigeon is deleted, the pigeon remains saved in the BENZING M1, but it will get the status "pre-registered pigeon". This pigeon can be registered again in the club.

- ④ [MENU] (green)
- ↓
- ④ [PIGEONS] (green)
- ↓
- ③ [CHANGE] (blue)
- ↓
- ① [COUPLING] (yellow)
- ↓
- ① [DELETE] (yellow)
- ↓



... List of all pigeons in the BENZING M1.

- ↓
- ⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼] - Select pigeon
- ↓
- ⑧ [✓] - Confirm selected pigeon

Confirmation: 'Delete coupling for NL CLUB 03 0000114?'

- ↓
- ② ④ [NO] or [YES] (red) or (green) - Back to the list of arrivals or confirm deletion
- ↓

2. Confirmation: 'Really delete coupling for NL CLUB 03 0000114?'

- ↓
- ② ④ [NO] or [YES] (red) or (green) - Back to the list of arrivals or confirm deletion
- ↓

Information on display: 'Coupling deleted'

Back to the list of pigeons

5.3.5 Change Details of Pigeons

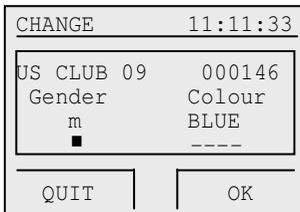
For every pigeon the BENZING M1 stores its gender and color. It is possible to change these details for every pigeon separately.

- ④ [MENU] (green)
- ↓
- ④ [PIGEONS] (green)
- ↓
- ③ [CHANGE] (blue)
- ↓
- ② [SEX/COL] (red)
- ↓



... List of all pigeons in the BENZING M1.

- ↓
- ⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼] - Select pigeon
- ↓
- ⑧ [✓] - Confirm selected pigeon



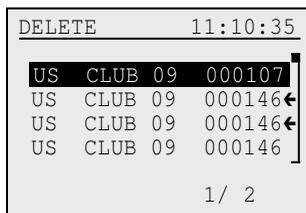
... Changing gender and colour of a pigeon

- ↓
- ⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼] - Change gender/character at cursor position
- ↓
- ⑤ ⑧ [◀] oder [▶] - Place cursor one step to the left/right
- ↓
- ④ [OK] (green) - saves entered data

5.3.6 Delete Pigeon

Note that only pigeons that have not been selected can be deleted, which means only those pigeons that have not been registered for a race or training. If no pigeons are available, check if a race or training is active.

- ④ [MENU] (green)
- ↓
- ④ [PIGEONS] (green)
- ↓
- ③ [CHANGE] (blue)
- ↓
- ④ [DELETE] (green)
- ↓



... List of all pigeons in the BENZING M1.

- ⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼]

- Select pigeon

Note: The blue and green keys can be used to leaf forwards and backwards through 10 pigeons at a time.

- ⑧ [✓]

- Confirm selected pigeon

Confirmation: 'Delete pigeon NL CLUB 03 0000114?'

- ② ④ [NO] or [YES]

(red) or (green) - Back to the list of arrivals or confirm deletion

2. Confirmation: 'Really delete pigeon NL CLUB 03 0000114?'

- ② ④ [NO] or [YES]

(red) or (green) - Back to the list of arrivals or confirm deletion

Information on display: 'Pigeon has been deleted'

Back to the list of pigeons

5.4 System Menu

The system menu can be opened by first pressing the green key "MENU" ④ in the initial status display. The main menu of the BENZING M1 appears. From here the system menu can be opened by pressing the red key "SYSTEM" ②. In the system menu many general setting/adjustment possibilities concerning the system BENZING M1 are to be found. The adjustment possibilities are described as follows.

5.4.1 Information on the BENZING M1

[System Info] -> [M1 INFO]

[System Info] -> [VOLTAGE]

With the menu item "M1 INFO" in the SYSTEM menu information concerning the system of the BENZING M1 is displayed (installed software version, version of the device, serial number).

With the menu item "VOLTAGE" in the SYSTEM menu the battery voltage and the external supply voltage of the BENZING M1 will be displayed, if the BENZING M1 is not connected with a BENZING Station. If a BENZING Station is connected, the serial number and software version of this station will be shown on the display.

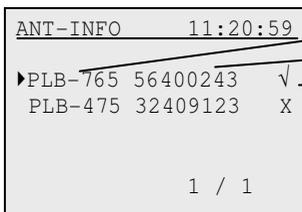
5.4.2 Information and Test on the Connected Loft Antennas

[Antenna]

Select the menu item [Antenna] in the system menu and press the key . The antenna menu appears. Select the desired function in this menu:

• Display Antenna Information

Select the menu item [LIST] ①. A list of all connected loft antennas will be displayed.



ANT-INFO	11:20:59
▶ PLB-765 56400243	√
PLB-475 32409123	X
1 / 1	

Type of antenna (in this case PLB 765)

Identification number of the antenna

Status: √ ... OK

X ... error

⑥ ⑦  or 

- Select antenna

⑧ 

- Display information about the selected antenna (software version, hardware version etc.)

● **Test Loft Antenna or Pigeon Ring**

With the menu item [TEST] ③ it is possible to test pigeon rings and the loft antennas connected to the BENZING M1. After selecting the menu item, the information to hold a ring over a connected antenna will be displayed. Do so, and as soon as the ring is read by the antenna you will see the following display.

TEST	11:22:34									
((♦)) PLB-765	12345678									
✚ CB19978D										
<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;"></td> <td style="width: 25px; height: 25px; text-align: center;">○</td> <td style="width: 25px; height: 25px; text-align: center;">○</td> <td style="width: 25px; height: 25px; text-align: center;">●</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;"></td> <td style="width: 25px; height: 25px;"></td> <td style="width: 25px; height: 25px; text-align: center;">○</td> <td style="width: 25px; height: 25px; text-align: center;">○</td> </tr> </table>		○	○	●			○	○		
	○	○	●							
		○	○							

Type of antenna (here PLB 765)

Identification number of the antenna

Electronic ring number

Actual position of the ring on the antenna

Antenna field where the ring was read. This field is tested and functioning.

If all fields have been tested successfully, the antenna is ready for use.

If no field is indicated then either the loft antenna is out of order, the ring is defective or it has not been used a BENZING ring.

● **Update Software of Loft Antennas**

With the BENZING M1 it is possible to update the software of the Loft Antennas to the actual version. Therefore select the menu item [UPDATE] ④. The type, serial number and software version of the selected loft antenna will be indicated.

UPDATE	18:21:17
PLB 170	01000343
SWV-old	SWV-new
1.7	1.9
update	
NO	YES

↓
② ④ [NO] or [YES] (red) or (green) - Cancel or confirm the update

Message: "Update started - please wait – don't unplug PLB "

Wait until the counter on the bottom of the display has counted up to 100%. Pay attention that during this time the connection to the lazer loft antenna (PLB) is not interrupted!

↓
Message: "Update successfull"

↓
Back to the initial status display

5.4.3 Settings -> Adjusting Date and Time of the BENZING M1

[Settings] -> [Date/Time]

Date and Time of the BENZING M1 don't have to be set manually. When the pigeons are basketed in the club, the internal clock of the BENZING M1 is set automatically to the time and date of the club (either the Club Antenna CAN or a connected radio clock).

But it is also possible to set date and time of the BENZING M1 manually. This is particularly useful if, for example, no automatic clock set has been performed in a club over a longer time period (approx. 1 month or longer). For setting date and time manually select the menu item [Date/Time] in the system menu and set date and time with the cursor keys. With the keys ◀ and ▶ you can move the cursor left and right. With the keys ▲ and ▼ you can change the number on the cursor position. Finally confirm with [OK].

Note: Date and time cannot be set or changed while a race or training is in progress. In such case the menu item [Date/Time] will not be displayed.

5.4.4 Settings -> Adjusting the Contrast of the Display

[Settings] -> [Display Contrast]

In the case of varying lighting conditions adjustment of the display contrast might be useful. If you select this menu item, a bar will be shown in the middle of the display. With the keys ◀ and ▶ you can move the cursor below the bar to the left or right. To the left means lower contrast and to the right means higher contrast. After adjustment confirm with [OK] ④.

5.4.5 Settings -> Adjusting the Volume of the Beep

[Settings] -> [Beeper Volume]

The volume of the beep built into the BENZING M1 can be adjusted. Therefore select this menu item. A bar will be shown in the middle of the display. With the keys ◀ and ▶ you can move the cursor below the bar to the left or right. To the left means lower volume and to the right means higher volume. While moving the cursor you hear a tone in the corresponding volume of the actual setting. After finishing the setting confirm with [OK] ④.

5.4.6 Settings -> Enter the Name of the Fancier

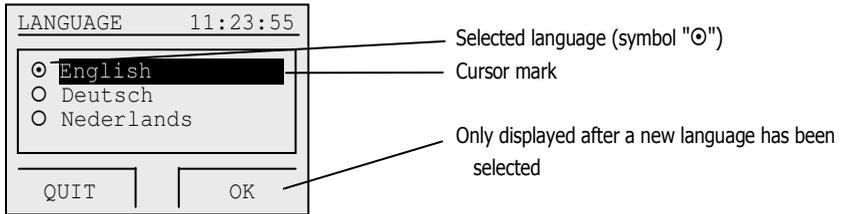
[Settings] -> [Fancier Name]

This menu facilitates the entering of a fancier's name without a PC. Capital letters, lower case letters, numbers and special characters can be entered.

5.4.7 Settings -> Select a Language

[Settings] -> [Language]

Here the language of the display and the printouts can be selected. Therefore select the menu item [Language] in the system menu and press the key . A list of the available languages will be displayed.



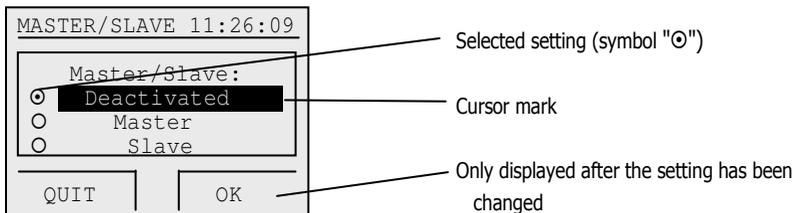
- 6 7  or  - Move cursor mark to the desired language
- 8  - Select the marked language -> marker "O" will be set (auf "⊙")
- 4  - Confirmation of the language selection. **Only after this step the BENZING M1 will be changed to the selected language!**

5.4.8 Settings -> Master/Slave Function

[Settings] -> [Master/Slave]

If you have a second BENZING M1 or an atis TOP device with master/slave software, you can use this with a BENZING M1. When connecting the devices the BENZING M1 will be the main device ("master") and the atis TOP or the second BENZING M1 will be the "slave". This means that the BENZING M1 scans the left antennas and registers the arriving pigeons during a race or training flight. The atis TOP or second BENZING M1 "listens" to the BENZING M1 and also registers the pigeons which are basketed in the atis TOP or second BENZING M1.

In order to set the master function select the menu items [Settings] -> [Master/Slave] from the service menu and press the button .



- ⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼] - Move cursor mark to the desired setting
- ⑧ [✓] - Select the marked setting -> marker "O" will be set (to "⊙")
- ④ [OK] - Confirmation of the selection. **Only after this step the new setting will be saved!**

Notes: When set to "Deactivated", the Master/Slave Function will not be used. If "Master" or "Slave" is selected, the BENZING M1 is set to the corresponding functionality.

When using two devices, always one of the devices has to be set to Master.

Master/Slave is used for example with multi-clock systems, where two clocks for two different clubs are used in a fancier system.

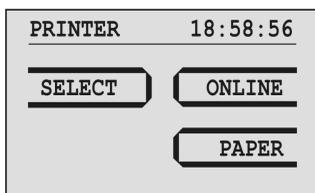
Master/Slave does work also if two BENZING Stations are used.

5.4.9 Printer Settings

[Settings] -> [Printer]

To ensure correct functioning of the printer connected to the BENZING M1 system the printer mode has to be set correctly. This setting is made in the fancier system and the club independently from each other.

When selecting "Printer" in the Settings menu, the following PRINTER menu will be opened.

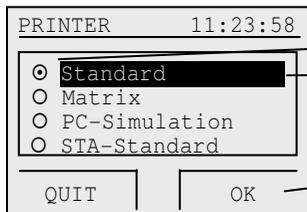


The possible settings are described below.

• **Selecting the Printer**

[Settings] -> [Printer] -> [SELECT]

A list of the available printers will be displayed.



Selected printer (symbol "O")
Cursor mark
The printers "STA-Standard" and "STA-Matrix" are settings for the BENZING Station
Only displayed after a new printer has been selected

⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼]

- Move cursor mark to the desired printer

⑧ [↵]

- Select the marked printer -> marker "O" will be set (to "⊙")

④ [OK]

- Confirmation of the printer selection. **Only after this step the printer selection will be saved!**

With the selection "PC-Simulation" you have the possibility to display the print-out on a connected PC before it is printed. Therefore the software "PrtSim.exe" has to be installed and started on the PC. If you then print with the BENZING M1, the print-out will be shown on the PC screen. From the PC you can then send the print-out to a printer that is connected to the PC.

• **Online Mode of Printer**

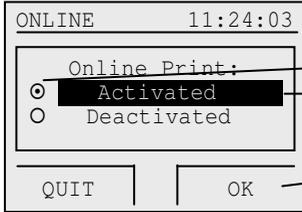
[Settings] -> [Printer] -> [ONLINE]

With the BENZING Station it is possible to print arriving pigeons automatically. Therefore the following points must be fulfilled:

- A loft antenna must be connected at the BENZING Station.
- A printer must be connected at the BENZING Station.
- STA-Standard or STA-Matrix must be set for the printer mode (see above).
- Online printing must be activated (will be described below).

If those conditions are fulfilled and a pigeon lands on a loft antenna (i.e. a pigeon ring is read), the BENZING Station will send a text line with arrival and pigeon data to the connected printer.

The online printing can be activated in the PRINTER menu. Therefore select the menu item [ONLINE] in the PRINTER menu.



Selected setting (symbol "⊙")
Cursor mark
Only displayed after a new setting has been selected

⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼]

- Move cursor mark to the desired setting

⑧ [✔]

- Select the marked setting -> marker "O" will be set (to "⊙")

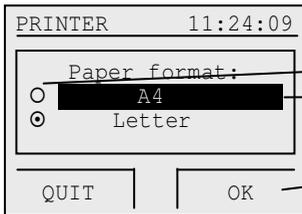
④ [OK]

- Confirmation of the changes. **Only after this step the new setting will be saved!**

● Paper Format for Print

[Settings] -> [Printer] -> [PAPER]

Select the green key [PAPER] in the PRINTER menu to define the paper format to be used for printing.



Selected paper format (symbol "⊙")
Cursor mark
Only displayed after a new paper format has been selected

⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼]

- Move cursor mark to the desired paper format

⑧ [✔]

- Select the marked format -> marker "O" will be set (to "⊙")

④ [OK]

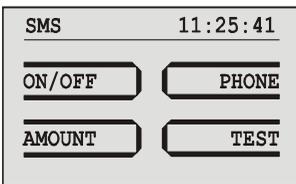
- Confirmation of the changes. **Only after this step the changed paper format will be saved!**

5.4.10 BENZING Station -> Send SMS with the BENZING Station

[Settings] -> [Benzing STATION] -> [SMS]

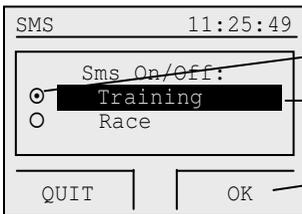
A GSM modem or mobile phone can be connected to the BENZING Station. It is then possible to send an SMS to your mobile phone every time a pigeon arrives in the loft. This keeps you informed about the arrivals of your pigeons even if you are not in the loft.

The necessary settings to send SMS are defined in the SMS menu. To open this menu select the menu items [Settings] -> [Benzing STATION] -> [SMS] in the system menu. The SMS menu, where all SMS settings are selectable, will be displayed.



● **Switch SMS Function On/Off**

In order to make the BENZING Station send SMS the SMS function must first be activated. This can be done for trainings and races separately. Select the menu item [ON/OFF] in the SMS menu.



Selected setting (symbol "⊙")

Cursor mark

Only displayed after the setting has been changed

6 7 [▲] or [▼]

- Move cursor mark to "Training" or "Race", depending on whether you want to activate/deactivate the sending of SMS for trainings or races.

8 [↵]

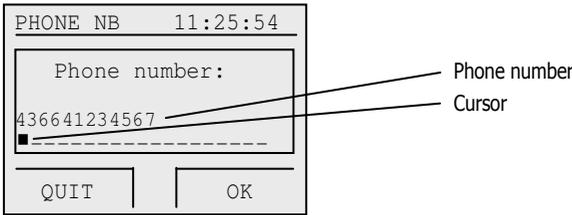
- Switch sending of SMS on (marker "⊙") or off (marker "○")

4 [OK]

- Confirmation of the selection. **Only after this step the new sms setting will be saved!**

• **Enter the phone number for sending SMS**

Enter the number of the mobile phone, to which the SMS shall be sent. At a BENZING M1 with multi-fancier mode it is possible to enter a different phone number for every single fancier. Select the menu item [PHONE] in the SMS menu and after that select the desired fancier (in case of multi-fancier mode).

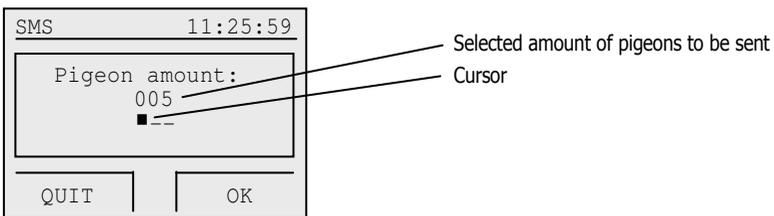


- ⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼] - Increase/decrease number at cursor position
- ⑤ ⑧ [◀] oder [▶] - Place cursor one step to the left/right
- ④ [OK] (green) - saves entered data

The mobile number must be entered with all prefixes (country and net code). The number must not contain spaces or leading zeros (see display above for an example of a valid input).

• **Set number of SMS (pigeons) to be sent**

You can define how many SMS shall be sent (e.g. only for the first five arriving pigeons of each race). In this way it is possible to prevent that too many SMS are sent (-> costs). To input the number of pigeons select the menu item [AMOUNT] in the SMS menu.



- ⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼] - Increase/decrease number at cursor position
- ⑤ ⑧ [◀] oder [▶] - Place cursor one step to the left/right

- ↓
 ④ [OK] (green) - saves entered data

The counting of sent SMS starts after the SMS function is activated or after the BENZING M1 is switched on.

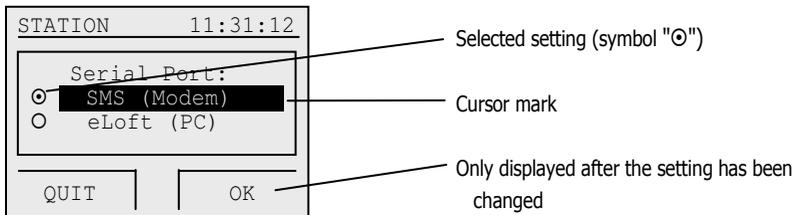
• **Send SMS test message**

With a test SMS it is possible to check if the GSM modem or mobile phone has been connected correctly to the BENZING Station and the phone number has been entered correctly. The sending of test SMS can be set with the menu item [TEST] in the SMS menu.

5.4.11 Configure BENZING Station

[SYSTEM] -> [Benzing STATION] -> [CONFIG]

When the BENZING M1 is used with a BENZING Station, you must configure what the serial port of the BENZING Station is used for.



- ↓
 ⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼] - Move cursor mark to "SMS (Modem)" or "eLoft (PC)", depending if an SMS modem or the PC is connected at the serial port of the BENZING Station.

- ↓
 ⑧ [↵] - Set the selected option -> marker "O" will be set (to "⊙")

- ↓
 ④ [OK] - Confirmation of the selection. **Only after this step the new setting will be saved!**

5.4.12 Assign BENZING M1 to a BENZING Station

[SYSTEM] -> [Benzing STATION] -> [LINK]

In order that a BENZING M1 can be used with a BENZING Station, both devices must first be assigned to each other ("linked together"). After that, only the linked BENZING M1 can be used with the BENZING Station. If another BENZING M1 is plugged into the BENZING Station "Wrong Station" will be displayed on the screen of the BENZING M1 and the BENZING M1 cannot be used with the station.

In order to link a BENZING M1 to a BENZING Station first plug the BENZING M1 into the station. The message "Wrong Station" will be shown on the display of the BENZING M1. Then select the menu item [LINK] in the Benzing STATION menu. Confirm the next display with the green button [YES]. From now on the BENZING M1 and the BENZING Station are linked together and on the basic display of the BENZING M1 the information "STA" will be shown, every time it is plugged into the BENZING Station.

Note: The linking of BENZING M1 and BENZING Station is only possible if now training or race is in progress.

5.4.13 Delete the Season Map

[Delete Season Map]

This menu item is only shown if the BENZING M1 is in club mode and if the season map is active.

With the season map a season plan is active which includes all races of the season. To clear the races (normally at the end of a season) the season map must be deleted. Thus, the names of races and the release data are deleted. Only stopped races can be deleted.

Saison plans can be generated, edited and loaded into the BENZING M1 with the PideXX software from GANTNER Pigeon Systems GmbH.

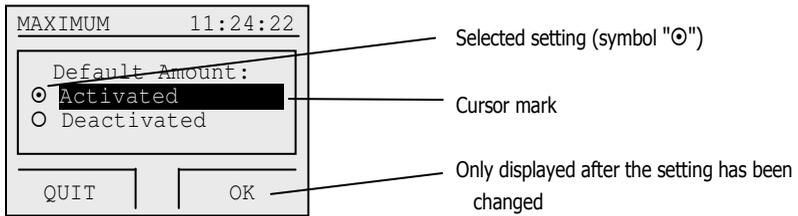
5.4.14 Automatic Control Function of the Associate Maximum (default Amount of Pigeons)

[Default Amount]

The default amount is only possible with certain country versions of the BENZING M1 (for example in germany). It is important in the bet system, when associating pigeons. A central institution will determine a default amount, which means a maximum number of pigeons for the different types of associations. A fancier may only associate this amount of pigeons, but not more.

If the default amount is activated, the BENZING M1 prohibits automatically that the maximum amount of pigeons are associated. But you can also deactivate this function, for example for times when another associate maximum is valid.

Select the menu item [Default Amount] in the system menu and press the key \checkmark .

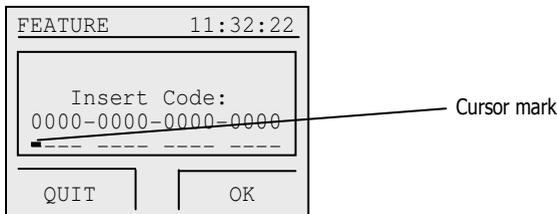


- ↓
- ⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼] - Move cursor mark to the desired setting
- ↓
- ⑧ [\checkmark] - Select the marked setting -> marker "O" will be set (to "O")
- ↓
- ④ [OK] - Confirmation of the selection. **Only after this step the new setting will be saved!**

5.4.15 Activate Feature

[SYSTEM] -> [Activate Feature]

This menu item is used to activate new features which may be available in the future. When selecting this menu item, a code must be entered to activate a certain feature.



- ↓
- ⑥ ⑦ [▲] or [▼] - Reduce / increase the number at the position of the cursor
- ↓
- ⑤ ⑧ [◀] or [▶] - Place cursor one step to the left / right
- ↓
- ④ [OK] (green) - confirms the entered code

6. GUARANTEE AND LIABILITY

For the BENZING M1 we provide

a two-year limited warranty

concerning perfect material and performance. This means that all parts which prove to be useless or defective during this period of time as a result of defective material or poor workmanship will be exchanged or replaced free of charge.

The warranty does neither include the fees charged for the delivery of the exchanged or replaced parts, nor wear and tear, nor damages that have been generated by careless and improper use.

The warranty does not apply if components of the system are opened by persons who are not explicitly authorized by us, except for the removal of the front panel and the exchange of the front label as described in chapter 3.6.

It is of utmost importance that only the battery types indicated in this manual are used. Make sure to use leakage-free batteries. The warranty does not apply to damages that are caused by leaking batteries.

The operating instructions are to be followed carefully. No guarantee or liability whatsoever will be provided regarding safety against manipulation, loss and correctness of the displayed, printed or transferred data and results.

All relevant system components of the BENZING M1 were examined according to the CE regulations, certified according to EN 60950 (IEC 950) and correspond to the DIN/VDE 0850 guidelines. In addition, the BENZING M1 system meets the requirements set up by the ETSI (European Telecommunication Standard Institute).

GANTNER Pigeon Systems GmbH checks all devices thoroughly due to hardware or software failures. But failures can never be entirely excluded and will be corrected or repaired according to the guarantee definitions. GANTNER Pigeon Systems GmbH cannot be called to account for damages or disadvantages (e.g. profit loss from bets) which occur due to those failures.

7. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

This part deals with several important as well as frequently asked questions concerning the BENZING M1. In case you still have questions on the operation or function of the BENZING M1 after having read this manual and cannot find an answer to your question in the following please contact your sales agent.

- **The BENZING M1 does not recognize the connected loft antennas.**
 - Make sure that all connection cables are correctly plugged in and fit tightly.
 - Check if the power supply is active via the DB-9 plug of the connection cable to the loft antennas. The green LED display at the plug has to light up.
 - The power supply must not be connected directly to the BENZING M1 and the BENZING M1 must not be in the battery mode, as in such a case no power is supplied to the loft antennas and thus, they are not recognized.

- **I would like to basket pigeons for a race. BENZING M1 shows the display 'Pigeon is basketed.'**
 - The pigeons have been basketed for a race that has not finished yet.

- **The BENZING M1 clock is not synchronized when basketing and has a difference compared with the radio clock (resp. the internal clock of the CAN).**
 - Not all races have been finished.

- **I cannot find the menu 'Date/Time'.**
 - Not all races or training races have been finished. Date/Time cannot be changed.

- **'Delete all pigeons' by means of the PC does not work.**
 - Not all races or training races have been finished.

- **Nomination: 'Pigeon list empty' or pigeons are missing.**
 - Not all races or training races have been finished.

- **During the training race not all arrived pigeons have been registered.**
 - The training race was started before the pigeons had been registered.
 - Pigeons were not basketed as bets were placed on them.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

8.1 Power Supply

Voltage Supplied By

- The Power Supply Unit: 10 to 15 VDC (plus pole on the inside)
- Battery: 2 x 1.5 V / type AA - LR16 (alkaline batteries)

Current of the BENZING M1: Typically a maximum of 100/130 mA at 12 VDC

8.2 Internal Clock

Real-Time-Clock (RTC):

Quartz-operated

Precision:

< ±0.25 seconds per day at +25°C (+77°F)

8.3 Memory

Program Memory:

2 MByte Flash

Pigeon Memory:

256 kByte Flash for 1000 pigeons

Memory:

16 MByte SDRAM

8.4 Operating Tools

Keys:

4 function keys with a description of the function on the display with a text in clear

2 cursor keys

1 key 'Start'

1 key 'OK'

1 key 'Backwards'

Display:

Monochrome LED display with graphics capabilities and background lighting, 128 x 64 pixel

Acoustic Signal:

Built-in beep

8.5 Interface

USB Interface:

Standard 1.1, plug type B to connect to a PC

DB-15 Interface:

RS 485 to connect to antennas (loft or club) and to connect to a docking station

8.6 Case

Material:	Plastic
Dimensions (L x W x H):	150 x 104 x 34 mm (5.9 x 4.1 x 1.3 inch)
Protective System:	IP 50
Weight:	260 g

8.7 Conditions of Surroundings

Operating Temperature:	0 to +60°C (+32°F to +140°F)
Storage Temperature:	-25°C to +70°C (-13°F to +158°F)
Relative Humidity:	0 to 90% at +25°C (+77°F), not condensing

8.8 Power Supply Unit

Primary Voltage:	230 VAC, 50 Hz
Primary Output:	22 VA
Secondary Rated Voltage:	12 VDC
Secondary Current:	Max. 1500 mA

Note:

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