

1 This version (DD\_SYNTH v2.30) for the EME85 or EME170, is designed to be used with  
2 a 4x4 keypad and the EME159 control board.  
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4 It will also detect if a 3x4 keypad and the EME129 control board are in use.  
5 This version will not work with the old version 1.xx button wiring. (use ver 2.10)  
6 It is a minor modification to DD\_SYNTH v2.20 to support the EME170 / EME167 boards  
7 an extra setup screen has been added to allow for the use of a divider on the  
8 EME167 board. (AD9851 DDS board with I/Q outputs)  
9 The number of memories available for storing frequencies has been more than doubled.  
10 The software now remembers if memory mode was in use when the power is removed. When  
11 powered up again memory mode will be selected, and the correct memory will be used.  
12 Reduced the sensitivity of the rotary encoder, now works better with different low  
13 cost mechanical encoders.  
14 Also fixed a bug that prevented the display of RIT or RPT on the LCD in memory mode.  
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16 It now uses the internal 4MHz clock.  
17 So the 4MHz crystal and the 2 x 22pF capacitors on the EME85 DDS board  
18 are not required but may be left on the board as they causes no problems.

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21 It provides the following features,  
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- 23 1) This version is for the PIC 16F648A, no changes to the  
24 circuit board are required to use these PICs.
- 25 2) The software allows 2 modes of operation,
  - 26 a) VFO (variable frequency oscillator) mode, where the encoder is used to  
27 adjust the frequency, is the default mode. This is the only mode  
28 that was available in previous versions of DD\_Synth.  
29 While in this mode, VFO is displayed on the top line of the LCD.
  - 30 b) MEM (memory) mode, where the encoder is used to select a previously  
31 saved frequency.  
32 While in this mode, MEM is displayed on the top line of the LCD.
- 33 3) Setup screens have been added for enabling/disabling the repeater  
34 function, selecting the DDS ref multiplier, and selecting what is saved to  
35 memory by the SAVE function.
- 36 4) The DDS 10MHz cal setup screen has been simplified.
- 37 5) All settings can now be made in the setup screens, except the DDS chip type.  
38 There are separate hex files for use with the AD9850 and AD9851.

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42 \*\* Using the new 4x4 keypad. \*\*  
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44 In early versions of DD\_Synth (ver 1.xx), 5 press buttons were used.  
45 See the Ver\_1.pdf file. (This wiring is no longer supported)

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48 This version of software, allows 2 different keypad layouts.  
49 A) It can be used with a 4x4 keypad and the EME159 control board.  
50 See the Ver\_3.pdf file.  
51 B) It can also be used with 7 press buttons and an optional 3x4 numeric keypad.  
52 (3x4 keypad and the EME129 control board) See the Ver\_2.pdf file.

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54 If using the EME159 control board and 4x4 keypad the A, B, C, D and \* buttons  
55 are assigned as follows.

56  
57 A = MEM.  
58 B = CAL.  
59 C = RIT.  
60 D = RPT.  
61 \* = Step Size.  
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63 If using the EME129 control board and optional 3x4 keypad the buttons are  
64 assigned as follows.

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66 Top left hand button = Step Size.  
67 Middle left hand button = CAL.  
68 Bottom left hand button = MEM.  
69 Top right hand button = RIT.  
70 Middle right hand button = RPT.  
71 Bottom right hand button = unused.  
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73 No setup screen is needed to select the keypad wiring, when the power is  
74 turned on, the software determines what version of wiring is fitted.  
75 (it looks for the diode between SWITCH A and LCD E on the EME129 control board)  
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77 The keypad can be used to quickly enter any frequency in the setup  
78 screens, or the RX, TX or RPT frequency on the VFO display. (not RIT)  
79 Frequencies are entered in MHz, the \* is used to enter a decimal point,  
80 the # is used to ENTER the completed frequency.  
81 If the first digit entered is the #, the number entered will be negative.  
82 (only allowed in some setup screens where negative frequencies are valid)  
83  
84 If using the 4x4 keypad, the first button press cannot be the \* as this  
85 would be interpreted as setting the STEP SIZE. You can get round this conflict  
86 by pressing 0 then \* to enter frequencies below 1MHz.  
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88 As an aid to verifying that keypad entry has been started, the MHz on the  
89 second line of the LCD is changed to #, this is also a reminder that # must  
90 be used to enter the number after it has been typed in.  
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92 The keypads tested have a contact resistance of 100-150 ohms, but keypad with  
93 a contact resistance as high as 1K ohm should work ok. If your keypad has a  
94 higher contact resistance, changing the pullup resistors on SWITCH A,  
95 SWITCH B, ENCODER A & ENCODER B on the DDS board to 10K ohms should help.  
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98       \*\* Memory function. \*\*  
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100 A memory function is used to save and recall RX frequencies to EEPROM.  
101 The number of frequencies that can be saved depends upon the memory mode you  
102 elect to use. There are 7 modes to choose from, (described below)  
103  
104 Mode 1 "52x RX"           Allows 52 (RX FREQUENCIES) to be saved and  
105                            recalled. The TX OFFSET FREQUENCY, RX DDS LIMITS,  
106                            OFFSETS, MULTIPLIER, etc, remain unchanged.  
107  
108 Mode 2 "26x RX,TX"       Allows 26 pairs of (RX/TX OFFSET) to be  
109                            saved and recalled. (other settings unchanged)  
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111 Mode 3 "17x RX,TX,RPT"   Allows 17 sets of (RX/TX/RPT OFFSETS) to be  
112                            saved and recalled. (other settings unchanged)  
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114 Mode 4 "17x RX,LIM"      Allows 17 sets of (RX/RX DDS LIMITS) to be  
115                            saved and recalled. (other settings unchanged)  
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117 Mode 5 "13x RX,TX,LIM"   Allows 13 sets of (RX/TX/RX DDS LIMITS) to be  
118                            saved and recalled. (other settings unchanged)  
119  
120 Mode 6 "9x RX,TX,RPT,LIM" Allows 9 sets of (RX/TX/RPT/RX DDS LIMITS) to be  
121                            saved and recalled. (other settings unchanged)  
122  
123 Mode 7 "7x ALL SETTINGS" Allows 7 sets of (RX & all setup freq's, limits,  
124                            offsets, multiplier etc) to be saved and recalled.  
125                            (not the first 4 setup screens, ENABLE RPT,  
126                            DDS CHIP TYPE, DDS SYSTEM CLK or DDS MAX FREQ)  
127  
128 Modes 1 to 3 are probably the most useful, the others have been included  
129 for people who use the same DDS board in different setups.  
130 Mode 1 is the default, but it can be changed in the memory mode setup screen.  
131  
132 To enter the memory setup screen, make sure you are in VFO mode before turning  
133 off the power, then press the MEM button, while turning on the power.  
134 After the version number display, the current memory mode will be displayed.  
135 Use the rotary encoder to make a selection, then briefly press the MEM button.  
136 If you have selected a different memory mode, You will be prompted to confirm  
137 your selection. \*\*Warning\*\* All frequencies currently saved in the memories  
138 will be destroyed. If you are sure you want to change modes, use the rotary  
139 encoder to select YES, then press the MEM button briefly. (all memories will  
140 be filled with the same default info from the setup screens)  
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142 It is advisable to make sure that all the setting screens have been set  
143 correctly before selecting or changing the memory mode. This will prevent  
144 invalid info being placed into the memories.

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147       \*\* Saving to the memories \*\*  
148  
149 To SAVE the current VFO RX frequency, (and other settings if using modes 2-7)  
150 hold down the MEM button for 1 second, use the rotary encoder to select the  
151 memory number you want to save to.  
152 As an aid to selecting a memory location that is no longer wanted, the  
153 bottom line of the LCD displays the RX frequency of the selected memory.  
154 Then press the MEM button again for 1 second to complete the SAVE.  
155 A message, "SAVING" will be displayed briefly, before returning you to the VFO  
156 display.  
157 If you decide that you want to return to the VFO display without proceeding  
158 with the SAVE, briefly press the MEM button, or wait for the 10 second timeout.  
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160 It is advisable to make sure that all the setting screens have been set  
161 correctly before using the SAVE function. This will prevent invalid info being  
162 placed into the memories.  
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165       \*\* Using the saved memories \*\*  
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167 To switch from the default VFO (variable frequency oscillator) mode,  
168 (where the encoder is used to adjust the frequency) to the MEM mode,  
169 where the encoder is used to select a previously saved RX frequency,  
170 (and other settings if using modes 2-7) briefly press the MEM button.  
171 "MEM 1" will be displayed on the top line of the LCD, you can use the rotary  
172 encoder to select the memory number you want to use. While in the MEM mode  
173 the TX and RPT buttons function normally, but you can't use the encoder to  
174 adjust the frequency, the RIT function operates normally. (the encoder can be  
175 used to adjust the RIT frequency)  
176 While in the MEM mode, you cannot use the setup screens or the memory  
177 save function.  
178 The program uses the info in the setup screens to check that the memory is  
179 valid. If it finds that the memory contains invalid info, the "MEM" display  
180 is change to "---", this is caused when you change something in one of the  
181 setup screens, then try to use a memory that was saved before the change.  
182 (for example, assume 30 MHz RX freq is saved in MEM 1, if you then lower the  
183 MAX RX DDS FREQ in the setup screen, to 29 MHz. When you try to use MEM 1,  
184 the checks made with the setup screens will find that the 30 MHz RX freq is  
185 invalid because it is to high) So it is advisable to make sure that all the  
186 setting screens have been set correctly before using the SAVE function.  
187 There are two ways to exit the MEM mode, and go back to the VFO mode,  
188 1) Briefly pressing the MEM button, ignores the memory you were using and  
189 returns the frequency you were using prior to entering the MEM mode.  
190 2) Pressing the MEM button for 1 second, copies the memory you were using into  
191 the setup screens, so it is available in the VFO mode.  
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194       \*\* Changes to the 10 MHz CAL screen. \*\*  
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196 The DDS calibration screen has been simplified, it is still set to produce  
197 a 10MHz output. But it now displays the DDS SYSTEM CLK frequency, not  
198 the more complicated, calibration constant which was  $= 2^{56}/\text{DDS SYSTEM CLK}$ .  
199 The DDS SYSTEM CLK should be set to the DDS crystal frequency for the  
200 AD9850 and AD9851 (using the x1 REFCLK option), and to 6 times the DDS  
201 crystal frequency for the AD9851 (using the x6 REFCLK option).  
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204       \*\* Changes to when the setup screen saves to EEPROM. \*\*  
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206 The checks made in the setup screens have been improved, and if you do make  
207 any changes, they will only be saved to EEPROM after stepping out of the  
208 MULTIPLIER setup screen. A message, "SAVING" will be displayed before  
209 returning to the VFO display screen.  
210 (the RIT function will be cancelled, if any changes were made)  
211 On all setup screens, (except DDS REF FREQ screen) if the buttons, keypad  
212 and rotary encoder are left idle for 10 seconds, any changes made in any of  
213 the screens will be ignored and you will be returned to the VFO display.  
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216       \*\* Program version display. \*\*

218 The meaning of the last digit of the version number, displayed at power up  
219 has been changed.  
220 If you are using the 4x4 keypad and EME159 control board, the last digit  
221 has the following meaning.  
222  
223 ver x.xO for AD9850. ( DDS SYSTEM CLK = DDS crystal freq)  
224 ver x.x1 for AD9851, 1x REFCLK. ( DDS SYSTEM CLK = DDS crystal freq)  
225 ver x.x2 for AD9851, 6x REFCLK. ( DDS SYSTEM CLK = 6 x DDS crystal freq)  
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227 If you are using the 3x4 keypad and EME129 control board, the last digit is  
228 increased by 3.  
229 This allows you to verify that the software has correctly identified  
230 the button wiring.  
231  
232 ver x.x3 for AD9850. ( DDS SYSTEM CLK = DDS crystal freq)  
233 ver x.x4 for AD9851, 1x REFCLK. ( DDS SYSTEM CLK = DDS crystal freq)  
234 ver x.x5 for AD9851, 6x REFCLK. ( DDS SYSTEM CLK = 6 x DDS crystal freq)  
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237 \*\* General info \*\*  
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239 When first turned on, the software name and version number is displayed.  
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241 After 1 second the VFO screen is displayed.  
242 The frequency displayed is the same as the frequency displayed on the VFO  
243 screen before the power was turned off.  
244 This version remembers if memory mode was in use before power was removed  
245 and will restart in memory mode using the correct memory.  
246 If the TX button is pressed "TX" is displayed, and the DDS is set to  
247 produce the TX frequency, (RX frequency + TX offset)  
248 Otherwise RX is displayed, and the DDS is set to produce the RX frequency.  
249 Any changes to the frequency are saved to EEPROM 2 seconds after the rotary  
250 encoder stops moving.  
251  
252 If the RIT (receive incremental tuning) button is pressed briefly, RIT is  
253 displayed on the LCD. The TX frequency cannot be changed. But the RIT  
254 frequency can be changed as long as it does not go to far away from the RX  
255 frequency. (the range is RX freq +/-MAX\_RIT\_OFFSET)  
256 Pressing the RIT button again, removes the RIT display and the RX frequency  
257 reverts to its pre RIT value.  
258  
259 If the RPT (REPEATER TX offset for use with FM) function is enabled in the  
260 first setup screen. Briefly pressing the RPT button will display -RPT on the  
261 the LCD and an extra offset (RPT OFFSET) is subtracted from the TX frequency.  
262 Briefly pressing RPT again will remove the offset.  
263 Pressing RPT for 1 sec will display +RPT and the RPT offset will be added to  
264 the TX frequency. Briefly pressing RPT again will remove the offset.  
265 The default REPEATER TX OFFSET is 0 KHz, but it can be changed in the  
266 RPT OFFSET setup screen. Range = 0 to 10 MHz.  
267 (also limited, so that the DDS remains within 0 to MAX DDS FREQ)  
268 If the RPT function is disabled, the RPT setup screen will not be available,  
269 and the RPT offset will be set to 0 Hz.  
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272 \*\* Calibration setup screens \*\*  
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274 To enter the setup screens, make sure you are in VFO mode before turning  
275 off the power, then press the CAL button while turning on the power.  
276 After the version number is displayed the first calibration setup  
277 screen, for enabling the RPT function, will be displayed.  
278 Use the rotary encoder to make the selection, then briefly press the CAL  
279 button to step to the next screen.  
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281 The second screen is used to allow for the use of a post DDS divider as used on  
282 the EME167 AD9851 DDS board with I/Q outputs. This setting multiplies the  
283 DDS output frequency by 2 to compensate for the divider on the output of the DDS.  
284 Use the rotary encoder to make the selection, then briefly press the CAL  
285 button to step to the next screen.  
286  
287 If using the AD9851 DDS chip there is an extra screen for selecting the  
288 AD9851 REF CLOCK multiplier. (x1 REFCLK. or x6 REFCLK)

289 Use the rotary encoder to make the selection, then briefly press the CAL  
290 button to step to the next screen.  
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292 This screen is for calibrating the DDS reference frequency.  
293 It sets the DDS to produce 10MHz, and displays the DDS SYSTEM CLOCK frequency.  
294 This should be set to the DDS crystal freq for the AD9850 and AD9851 x1 REFCLK,  
295 and to 6 times the DDS crystal frequency for the AD9851 x6 REFCLK.  
296 This can be modified to set the boards O/P frequency to exactly 10 MHz.  
297 (using a frequency counter)  
298  
299 This screen will continue to be displayed until the CAL button is pressed  
300 briefly.  
301 Again, pressing the CAL button will display the next setup screen. etc.  
302 On all setup screens except the DDS SYSTEM CLK screen, if the buttons and  
303 rotary encoder are left idle for 10 seconds, any changes made in any of the  
304 screens will be ignored and you will be returned to the VFO display screen.  
305 The changes made in the screens will be saved after stepping out of the  
306 MULTIPLIER screen, back to the VFO display screen.  
307  
308 Once in the VFO screen, pressing the CAL button for 1 sec will take you to  
309 the MIN RX DDS FREQ setup screen. (the first few screens rarely need changing)  
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311 All setup screens limit the range of the changes, to make sure they are valid.  
312 eg. The TX offset cannot be set to a value that when added to the RX frequency,  
313 results in a frequency outside the range of the DDS.  
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315 If the adjust step size button is pressed, a cursor is displayed under one  
316 digit of the frequency display. This can be changed using the rotary encoder.  
317 If for example it is under the 1 KHz digit, when the (adjust step size button)  
318 is released, rotating the encoder will change the frequency in 1 KHz steps.  
319 There is also a small amount of variable rate tuning. (the faster the encoder  
320 is rotated, the greater the step size) Due to 4mS software debouncing, if the  
321 encoder is rotated to fast, no change in frequency will occur.  
322 Any changes to the step size, while in the VFO screen, are saved to EEPROM.  
323 (changes to the step size, while in the setup screens or RIT are not saved)  
324  
325 The frequency displayed on the LCD, is calculated as shown below.  
326  $RX = MULTIPLIER \times (RX\_DDS\_FREQ + OFFSET\_FREQ)$   
327  $TX = MULTIPLIER \times (RX\_DDS\_FREQ + OFFSET\_FREQ + TX\_OFFSET\_FREQ)$   
328  
329 The frequency programmed into the DDS, is calculated as shown below.  
330  $RX = ABS(RX\_DDS\_FREQ)$   
331  $TX = ABS(RX\_DDS\_FREQ + TX\_OFFSET\_FREQ)$   
332  
333  $RX\_DDS\_FREQ$ ,  $MIN\_RX\_DDS\_FREQ$ ,  $MAX\_RX\_DDS\_FREQ$ ,  $TX\_OFFSET\_FREQ$  &  $OFFSET\_FREQ$   
334 may be positive or negative values. (as long as the resulting display  
335 frequency is positive, and the DDS remains within limits)  
336  
337 Below are examples of using offsets to produce different display frequencies.  
338 In each example the DDS output frequency range is 30 MHz to 40 MHz.  
339  
340  $MIN\_RX\_DDS\_FREQ$   $MAX\_RX\_DDS\_FREQ$   $OFFSET\_FREQ$  RX Frequency display range.  
341  
342 30 MHz      40 MHz      100 MHz = 130 MHz to 140 MHz. \ Note 1  
343 30 MHz      40 MHz      -10 MHz = 20 MHz to 30 MHz. /  
344 -40 MHz     -30 MHz      170 MHz = 140 MHz to 130 MHz. \ Note 2  
345 -40 MHz     -30 MHz      60 MHz = 30 MHz to 20 MHz. /  
346  
347 Note 1. CW rotation of the rotary encoder increase both the DDS O/P  
348 frequency and display frequency.  
349 Note 2. CW rotation of the rotary encoder decrease the DDS O/P frequency  
350 but increases the display frequency.  
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352 The software is designed to use a 16x2 LCD with or without R/W pin.  
353 (it uses delays rather than busy checks)  
354 If the LCD has a R/W pin it can be tied GND pin.  
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356  
357 \*\* Setting the TX OFFSET, RIT OFFSET or RPT OFFSET \*\*  
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359 If you are having trouble setting the TX OFFSET, RIT OFFSET or RPT OFFSET to  
360 the value you require, it is probably because you have set MIN RX DDS FREQ to low,

361 or MAX RX DDS FREQ to high.

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363 For example, to set a TX OFFSET of 1 MHz, there has to be at least 1MHz between

364 MAX DDS FREQ and MAX DDS RX FREQ. Because MAX RX DDS FREQ + TX OFFSET must be less  
365 than MAX DDS FREQ.

366 If you wanted a TX OFFSET of -1 MHz, MIN DDS RX FREQ has to be greater than 1 MHz.

367 Because MIN RX DDS FREQ + TX OFFSET must be greater than 0 Hz.

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