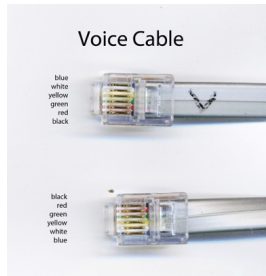


wifi-nSTEP Instructions

Hardware Connection

- 1) Connect Stepper motor to wifi-nSTEP using supplied **VOICE** cable. Do **not** use DATA cables. **VOICE** cables can be identified by looking at the ends of the cable. Color of wires are reversed comparing one end to the other.
- 2) Connect wifi-nSTEP to external 12V DC using supplied power cable -- steppers will not work without 12V DC connected
- 3) Connect wifi-nSTEP to PC usb port using supplied USB cable



- 4) **MANUAL OPERATION:** For **ALL** modes of operation, **12V must be supplied.** wifi-nSTEP can be operated from PC and manually.
 - For pc + manual operation, Slide mode switch **LEFT** to usb
 - For standalone manual operation, **unplug usb cable** and slide mode switch **RIGHT** to 12V.

Press button to move focus in a direction. Rotate **button speed knob** to vary speed from slow to fast.

High Speed mode. While holding the first button down press the second button to switch to high speed in that direction.



- 5) Optional temperature probe plugs into 2.5mm jack.



Before Installing Software

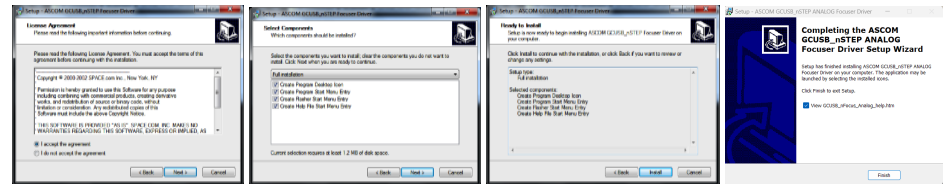
Make sure that your windows account has **ADMIN** privilege as **ADMIN** privilege is required to install drivers in Windows

Software Installation

- 1) Download and install the ASCOM platform from <http://ascom-standards.org/index.htm>
- 2) Go to rigelsystems.com web page, click on **wifi-nSTEP** link and at bottom of **wifi-nSTEP** page there is a link to download the **wifi-nSTEP** software, or go directly to http://www.astrogene1000.com/products/Firmware/nstep/GCUSB_NSTEP1/GCUSB_nSTEP1_Setup.exe
- 3) Double click on the "**GCUSB_nSTEP1_Setup.exe**" and run the exe. Note depending upon your version of Windows and AntiVirus you may have to go through the steps to approve running this exe.



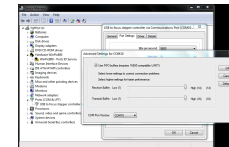
- 4) Accept license agreement and proceed



- 5) Plug the **wifi-nSTEP** hardware into a USB port and device driver should install. If it **doesn't** then you may have to manually download and install. Go to here: <https://www.silabs.com/developers/usb-to-uart-bridge-vcp-drivers>
Download: https://www.silabs.com/documents/public/software/CP210x_Universal_Windows_Driver.zip
Extract to someplace and execute the given EXE for X86 or X64

- 6) Select **PORTS (COM & LPT)** in the **Device Manager**. **USB to focus motor controller (COM#)** is displayed, with COM port assigned. You will need to know this COM port to setup the **wifi-nSTEP** application.

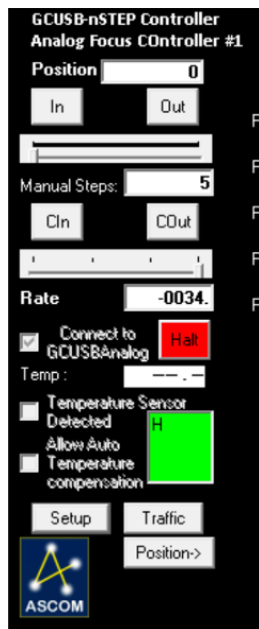
If desired, you **may** change the COM port assignment by clicking on the USB to focus controller, select the **Port Settings** tab, select **Advanced** and selecting a "**virgin**" COM Port Number (**one that doesn't say "in use"**) to avoid problems with settings from other applications.



- 7) If you are running 2 **nSTEPs** on the same PC download this installer and repeat the steps 3-7 for the 2nd **nSTEP**
http://www.astrogene1000.com/products/Firmware/nstep/GCUSB_NSTEP2/GCUSB_nSTEP2_Setup.exe
- 8) Ready to go © Use the shortcut on your desktop to activate the **wifi-nSTEP** application

wifi-nSTEP Instructions

Control Window



Position:

Where the driver thinks the focuser is. For nSTEP this is truly always relative to a point you set in the SETUP screen.

In/Out:

Press to move in or out the number of "steps" indicated by the 'sliders' setting.

Slider

Select number of steps to do for each press of an In/Out or C

CIn/COut

Equivalent to repeatedly pressing the In/Out buttons. nSTEP will continue to move until you release the button.

Manual Steps

Displays the value selected on 'slider', or you can manually enter the number of steps

Connect to nSTEP:

Check box to connect control software to usb-nSTEP hardware via the COM port selected in the setup screen (below).

Note: Once connected to the nSTEP you cannot disconnect without quitting program.

Note: An ASCOM application opening the driver

will force this connection when "Linked"

Halt: Press to stop if motor runs away.

Temp:

Displays the current temperature in degC or degF for the temperature probe is attached to the usb-nSTEP

Temperature Sensor Detected

The software will "check" this box if it detects that a temperature probe is connected to the usb-nSTEP. If temp probe detected then you can choose to allow automatic temperature compensation.

Temperature Compensation

Check box to enable temperature compensation but note that manual focusing is disabled while in temperature compensation mode.

Green Square: Park mouse pointer here to operate focus remotely from a Bluetooth/wireless presentation pointer connected to your PC.

Setup

Select to display usb-nSTEP setup window.

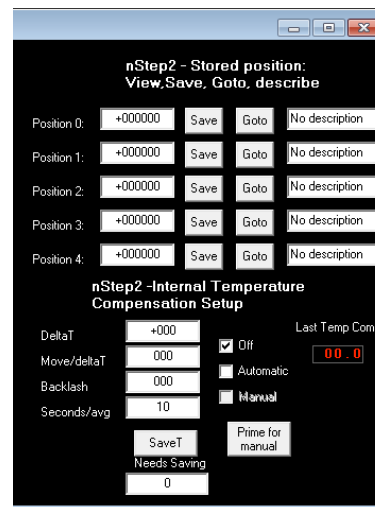
Traffic

Select to display ASCOM usb-nSTEP command traffic with usb-nSTEP hardware.

Position Button

Select to expand window to display the Stored Position / Internal Temperature Compensation features.

Stored Position



Lets user make change major elements with large differences in focal plane easily by focusing once and then saving the position with annotation for later 'GoTo' when this element is used (camera1 to camera2 to eyepiece type '1' to eyepiece type '2').

Save

Saves the current position

Goto

Moves the focuser to the saved position

Description

Lets the user label the position for ease of operation.

Internal Temp Comp

This function runs the temperature internally to the nSTEP so a user can actually configure it and then exit the ASCOM driver, the nSTEP will keep on 'auto' compensating.

This internal temperature compensation is -not- controlled by the higher level ASCOM API for temperature compensation, the higher level API uses the temp comp of the ASCOM driver. **The internal compensation should not be used if the higher level API's are used.**

DeltaT

This is the temperature change x10 to trigger a compensation. The nSTEP uses a fixed point value here which is 10X the real temperature

change desired. Examples: -005 = move in "-." direction when temp changes by 0.5C, +015 = +1.5C change must be detected before triggering a compensation. The values can range from -100 (-10.0C) to +100(+10.0C) in increments of 5(0.5C). The sign signifies whether to move + or - steps on the stage.

Move/DeltaT

Move this many steps for each Delta Temp change. Direction of movement controlled by sign of DeltaTemp

Backlash

Apply this number of steps in last move direction before reversing direction. Range 0 through 100 with 0 = no backlash takeup

Second/Avg

Temperature will be averaged over this number of seconds. Range 1 to 75 seconds. Set to a lower value for more immediate changes. A lower value may cause 'hunting' if the sensor is detecting a value that is just toggling slightly (e.g. from 17.5C to 18.0C to 17.5C).

Off

Internal compensation turned off.

Auto

Internal compensation runs all the time. Mutually exclusive with the ASCOM drivers temperature compensation.

Manual

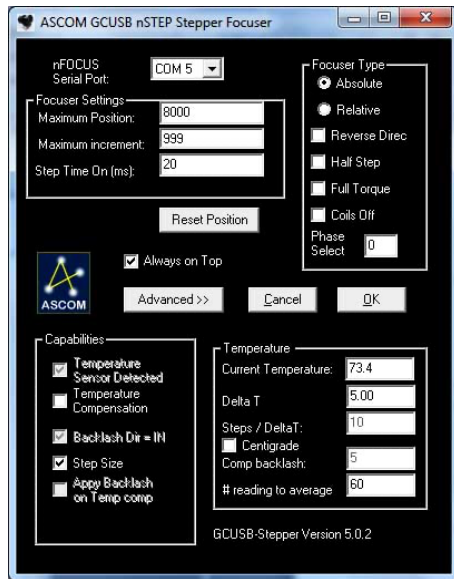
Temperature compensation done once on demand. Mutually exclusive with the ASCOM drivers temperature compensation.

Prime for manual

Must press 'Prime for Manual' then 'SaveT' to set the device's current temperature and position so it knows where to start from. After that, press SaveT while 'Manual' is set to force a compensation at the current temperature. Useful for focusers with backlash when you do not want compensation running in the middle of an exposure as taking up the backlash will throw image out of focus even more if direction of motion reverses.

wifi-nSTEP Instructions

Setup Window



nSTEP Serial Port:

Set to the COM port number assigned to the wifi-nSTEP hardware when first plugging it into a usb port on your computer. You can confirm/change the wifi-nSTEP hardware COM port number using the WINDOWS DEVICE MANAGER. For backwards compatibility, valid values are 1-16.

Focuser Settings

Maximum Position: Value is used by the **Absolute Focuser Type** (see below).

Maximum Increment: Maximum number of "steps" to send to the nSTEP at one time. Generally used to limits the number of "moves" an ASCOM autofocus application can execute during each call to the wifi-nSTEP ASCOM driver.

Step Time On (ms): Sets the duration of a "step". Valid range is 1-250 ms.

Focuser Type

Absolute: Select **Relative Focuser Type**, rack focuser all the way in (to 'Home') and then press **Reset Position**. The gcwifi-nSTEP software will set the racked-all-the-way-in position to 00000. **Now Select Absolute Focuser Type** which limits focuser position to between 00000 and **Maximum Position** in ASCOM applications. **Relative:** Does not enforce limits on focuser position. Uses **Maximum Position** value to set the current position to half the max position

value, when you press **Reset Position**.

Reverse Direc: OBSOLETE, see PHASE SELECT for reversing stepper direction.

Half Step: Energizes 1 or two coils at a time, doubling step resolution.

Full Torque: Highest power mode, two coils always energized.

Coils Off: Turn coils off after stepping to save power and reduce heating of the stepper motor. Only use with a gear-head stepper a non-gearhead stepper may slip lifting heavy loads

Phase Select: set in factory to 0. If you desire reverse direction, set to 3. Can be used for any possible the phase wirings. Allow a person to wire the phases in any order then chose one of 3 normal direction (0,1,2) and 3 reverse settings (3,4,5) settings in software to drive them.

Reset Position

Press to set the current focuser position to zero.

Basic/Advanced

Toggles between displaying the **Advanced** (full screen as shown at left) or **Basic** setup (only upper half of screen)

Cancel

Cancel setup changes and, return to the control window.

OK

Apply all changes to setup and return to control window.

Capabilities

Temperature Sensor Detected: If temperature probe is attached this box will be 'checked' and enable other menu items.

Temperature Compensation: Enable automatic temperature compensation. Manual movement is disabled If "Apply Backlash on Temp Comp" is checked then apply backlash if moving "IN", else if moving "OUT"

Temperature

Current Temperature: As read from temperature probe (if attached).

Delta T: For a change of Delta T, move "Steps/DeltaT"

Steps/DeltaT: Number of "steps" to move if "Delta T" temperature change is detected

Centigrade: Check box to report temperature in Centigrade, otherwise temperature will be

displayed in Farenheit.

Comp Backlash: Move this number of steps to compensate for backlash in DC motor gears.

readings to average: Read the temperature probe this number of times, average the readings, and display the result as the temperature and use when applying temperature compensation.

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wifi-nSTEP Instructions

Web Browser on PC, phone or tablet

Safari, Firefox, Chrome and other

FIRST TIME SETUP

- 1) In your pc/tablet/phone wifi menu, connect to the **astrogene1000-XXXX** access point using default password **1234567890**
- 2) Go to **LOGIN** page **192.168.200.1:8888** and log in with default username/password **admin/admin**



Setup Page

Astrogene1000 unit setup page

Update FIRMWARE: Be CAREFUL, only use firmware (.bin) supplied by Astrogene1000
Uploading wrong file will corrupt this unit requiring either factory repair or you to load a LOT of software on your PC(yes PC!)

Browse... No file selected. Update
progress: 0%

Wait for progress to reach 100%
All is not lost if progress never reaches 100%, just power cycle unit and try again!

Update units WEB PAGES: Use only HTML files provided by Astrogene1000.com

Browse... No file selected. Upload
progress: 0%

Wait for progress to reach 100%
All is not lost if progress never reaches 100%, just power cycle unit and try again!

Change WIFI AP password

WARNING do NOT enter blank/blank as that makes AP INSECURE

Enter new password : Confirm new password :

Enter and confirm => 8 CHAR Password

Confirmation page appears then press browser back (<) button

Reboot unit below or unplug/replug to take affect

Reset to factory defaults incl wifi password

Erase NVS flash

Reboot unit

Installing Firmware Update

- 1) Press **Browse**
- 2) Select **.bin** file
- 3) Press **Update**
- 4) Scroll down and press **Reboot Unit**

Installing Web Page Update

- 1) Press **Browse**
- 2) Select **html** file
- 3) Press **Update**
- 4) Scroll down and press **Reboot Unit**

Changing WIFI AP password

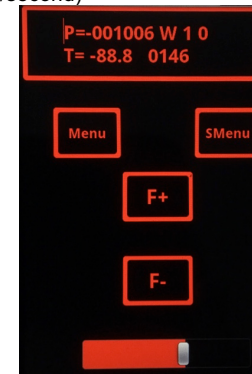
- 1) Scroll down to "Change wifi AP password"
- 2) Enter an => 8 Character password in both places
WARNING do NOT enter blank/blank as that will turn OFF wifi security
- 3) Press the gray button labeled "Enter and confirm => 8 Char Password".
- 4) Confirmation page appears, then press your browser's back (<) button to get back to setup page
- 5) Press gray "Reboot Unit" button at bottom of page or unplug/replug to cause wifi-nSTEP to reboot.
- 6) Go to your PC network/wifi settings and have it "forget" your **astrogene1000-XXXX** before logging in with the new password.

Operating from Web Browser

- 1) In your pc/tablet/phone wifi menu, connect to the **astrogene1000-XXXX** access point or through your external wifi AP.
- 2) Start your web browser
- 3) Goto CONTROL page **192.168.200.1:80**. if connecting using IP assigned by an external wifi AP, use that IP with **:80** appended

TOP LEVEL DISPLAY

- 1) Shows current position (P=)
- 2) Stepping type (Half, Wave, Full), Wave shown
- 3) Coils On, Off after move (0 or 1) 1 = Coils Off shown
- 4) Stepping phase selected (0, 1 or 2) to match motor wiring, 0 = phase select shown
- 5) Current Temperature reading
- 6) Current Speed selected on slider (=0146 steps/second)



Motor Controls

- 1) **Menu button**: press to cycle through the top level menus
- 2) **SMenu button**: Press to cycle through sub-menus for current top menu's
- 3) **F+ button**: Use for Focus on top level menu,
- 4) selections on sub menu's
- 5) **F- button**: used for focus on top level menu, selections on sub menu's
- 6) **Slider** – move left to go slower, right to go fast, will only go as fast as Max Speed allows (see below under Motor Setup)

NOTE

There is a "deadman" timer of 10 seconds on F+ and F- presses, so if wifi connection is lost, motor does not continue to move after 10 seconds.

wifi-nSTEP Instructions

From TOP LEVEL DISPLAY, press **Menu**
ONCE for

DISPLAY SETUP

P=-001006 W 1 0
Display Setup

While in DISPLAY SETUP press **S-Menu**
ONCE for

BRIGHTNESS

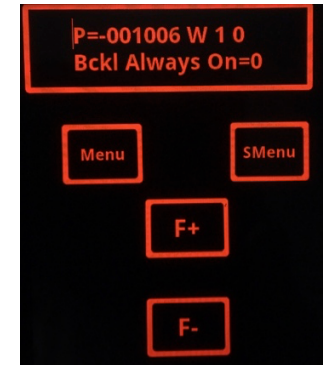
use F+ and F- to change screen brightness



While in DISPLAY SETUP press **S-Menu**
TWICE for

BACKLIGHT ALWAYS ON

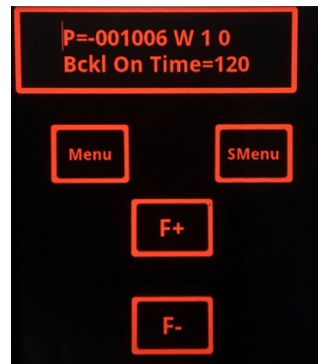
Press F+/F- to toggle backlight always on



While in DISPLAY SETUP press **S-Menu**
THRICE times for

BACKLIGHT ON TIME

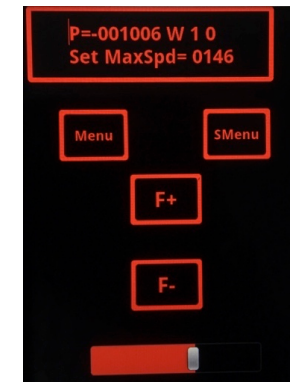
If Backlight Always On (=1) display will confirm,
otherwise
If Backlight Always On = 0 (No)
Press F+/F- to change, value is in seconds



While in DISPLAY SETUP press **S-Menu**
FOUR times to

SET SLIDER MAX SPEED

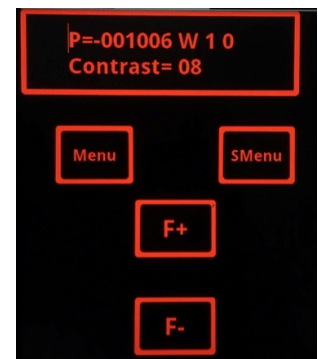
Use F+/F- keys to change the maximum
allowed speed choice on the slider



While in DISPLAY SETUP press **S-Menu** FIVE
times for

CONTRAST

not used in Android system, no affect if F+ or F-
pressed

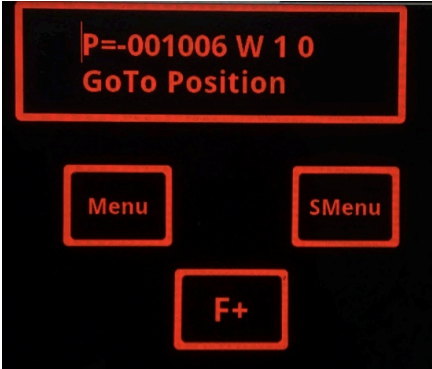


wifi-nSTEP Instructions

From TOP LEVEL DISPLAY, press **Menu** TWICE for

GOTO POSITION

Press **S-Menu** multiple times to select one of 5 stored positions to Goto then press F+ to force GoTo the position shown



From TOP LEVEL DISPLAY, press **Menu** THRICE for

SAVE POSITION

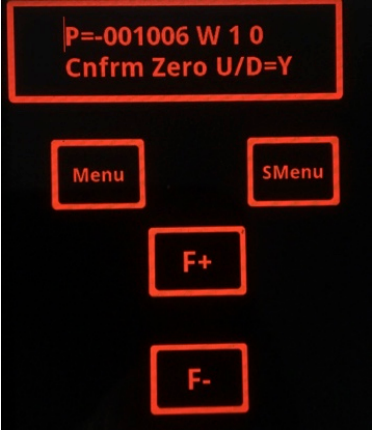
Press **S-Menu** multiple times to select slot 0 through 4 then press F+ to save current position in the selected slot.



While in SAVE POSITION press **S-Menu** ONCE to

CONFIRM ZERO

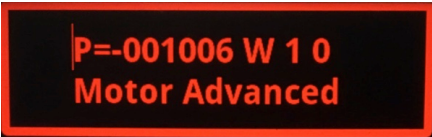
Confirm Zero U/D=Y
Press F+ to zero position
Any other Button will not force zero



wifi-nSTEP Instructions

From TOP LEVEL DISPLAY, press **Menu**
FOUR times for

MOTOR ADVANCED



While in MOTOR ADVANCED press **S-Menu**
ONCE to

SET STEPPING

Use F+/F- keys to change the stepping type
See 'W' in display, W=Wave, H=Half, F=Full



While in MOTOR ADVANCED press **S-Menu**
TWICE to

SET COILS ON/OFF

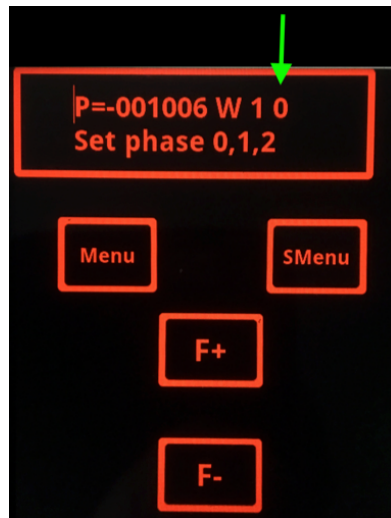
Use F+/F- keys to change the Coils On/Off
This is indicated by 0 (On) or 1 (Off) to the
right of the stepping type (to right of H below)



While in MOTOR SETUP press **S-Menu**
THRICE to

SET PHASE

Use F+/F- keys to change the phase select
This is indicated by 0,1,2,3,4,5 to the right of
the stepping type (to right of H below). Factory
setting is 0 for our steppers and most others.
To reverse direction set to 3.



wifi-nSTEP Instructions

From TOP LEVEL DISPLAY press **Menu**
FOUR times to enter

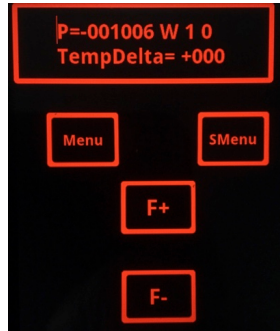
P=-001006 W 1 0
Temp Setup

TEMP SETUP

While in TEMP SETUP press **S-Menu** ONCE
for

DeltaTemp

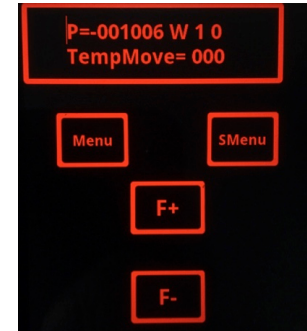
This is the temperature change x10 to trigger a compensation.
Use F+/F- keys to change the Delta Temp value



While in TEMP SETUP press **S-Menu** TWICE
for

TempMove

Move this many steps for each Delta Temp change. Direction of movement controlled by sign of DeltaTemp.
Use F+/F- keys to change the TempMove value
Range is 0 to 75



While in TEMP SETUP press **S-Menu** THRICE
for

TempBklsh

Apply this number of steps in last move direction before reversing direction.
Use F+/F- keys to change the Delta Temperature value
Usually not needed for Crayford focusers



While in TEMP SETUP press **S-Menu** FOUR
times for

Temperature Compensation Mode

Use F+/F- keys to change the internal temperature compensation mode between **Of** (off), **Ma** (Manual), **Au S** (Auto). Au(to) mode - must stay on this screen while auto temp compensating, leaving the screen turns off Au(to). Watch the position display or the 'S' or 'M' next to the Au to see movement. Entering MA or Au mode, the current temperature is used as the baseline. if in Au(to) mode, changing from this temp will force an Au(to) move.



While in TEMP SETUP press **S-Menu** FIVE
times for

DoTempComp

If Temperature Compensation Mode is **Ma** (Manual) then press F+ to set the "**Prime for Manual**" compensation using the current temperature and position as the starting point.
If Temperature Compensation Mode is **Of** (off) or **Au S** (Aut) displays **Frce Comp Disabl**. Do Temp Comp= S. Pressing either F+ or F- will take the base temperature versus currently display temp and move Delta steps base on Temp delta.

