

User's Manual for

859

Fast universal 4x 48-pindrive concurrent multiprogramming system with ISP capability



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How to use this manual

This manual explains how to install the control program and how to use your programmer. It is assumed that the user has some experience with PCs and installation of software. Once you have installed the control program we recommend you consult the context sensitive HELP within the control program rather than the printed User's Manual. Revisions are implemented in the context sensitive help before the printed User's Manual.

Dear customer.

thank you for purchasing one of the **B+K PRECISION** programmer.



Conventions used in the manual

References to the control program functions are in bold, e.g. Load, File, Device, etc. References to control keys are written in brackets <>, e.g. <F1>.

Terminology used in the manual:

Device any kind of programmable integrated circuits or programmable devices **ZIF socket** Zero Insertion Force socket used for insertion of target device

ZIF socketZero Insertion Force socket used for insertion of target device part of memory or disk, used for temporary data storage

Printer port type of PC port (parallel), which is primarily dedicated for printer

connection.

USB port type of PC port (serial), which is dedicated for connecting portable and

peripheral devices.

HEX data format format of data file, which may be read with standard text viewers; e.g.

byte 5AH is stored as characters '5' and 'A', which mean bytes 35H and 41H. One line of this HEX file (one record) contains start address and

data bytes. All records are secured with checksum.

Products configuration

Before installing and using your programmer, please carefully check that your package includes all next mentioned parts. If you find any discrepancy with respective parts list and/or if any of these items are damaged, please contact your distributor immediately.

	programmer	USB cable	LPT cable	internal power supply	external power supply	adiagnostic POD	policy Description Poblem	ISP cable	ZIF anti-dust cover	software CD	User's manual on CD	re gistration card	shipping case
859	•	•	-	•	-	1x	1x	4x	4x	•	•	•	•
866B	•	•	*	•	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
844USB	•	•	-	-	•	•	-	•	•	•	•	•	•
848A	•	-	•	-	•	-	-	-	-	•	•	•	•

optional accessories

PC requirements

Minimal PC requirements

	698	866B	844USB	848A
OS - Windows	2000	98	98	95
CPU	P4	PIII	PIII	PII
RAM [MB]	256	128	128	64
free disk space [MB]	150	60	60	60
USB 2.0 high speed	•	-	-	-
USB 1.1	-	•	•	-
LPT	-	•	-	•
CDROM	•	•	•	•



Recommended PC requirements

	658	8998	844USB	848A
OS - Windows	XP	XP	XP	XP
CPU	Core2Duo	P4	P4	P4
RAM [MB]	1000	512	512	256
free disk space [MB]	250	150	150	150
USB 2.0 high speed	•	•	•	-
LPT IEEE1284	-	•	-	•
CDROM	•	•	•	•

These PC requirements are valid for 2.34/01.2007 version of control program for programmers. For other version see **Help / About control program**.

Note:

For convenience, we suggest that you use a supplementary multi I/O card to provide an additional printer port (LPT2 for example), in order to avoid sharing the same LPT port between printer and programmer.

Free disk space requirements depends also on used IC device size. For large devices the required free space on disk will be approximately 60MB + Device size.

Free additional services:

Why is it important to use the latest version of the control program?

- Semiconductor manufacturers continuously introduce new devices with new package types, manufactured by new technologies in order to support the need for flexibility, quality and speed in product design and manufacturing. To keep pace and to keep you up-to-date, we usually implement more than 5000 new devices into the control program within a year.
- Furthermore, a typical programmable device undergoes several changes during its lifetime in an effort to maintain or to improve its technical characteristics and process yields. These changes often impact with the programming algorithms, which need to be upgraded (the programming algorithm is a set of instructions that tells the programmer how to program data into a particular target device). Using the newest algorithms in the programming process is the key to obtaining high quality results. In many cases, while the older algorithm will still program the device, they may not provide the level of data retention that would be possible with an optimal algorithm. Failure to not use the most current algorithm can decrease your programming yields (more improper programmed target devices), and may often increase programming times, or even affect the long term reliability of the programmed device.
- We are making mistakes too

Our commitment is to implement support for these new or modified parts before or as soon as possible after their release, so that you can be sure that you are using latest and/or optimal programming algorithms that were created for this new device.

- free technical support (phone/fax/e-mail).
- free lifetime software update via Web site.

We also offer the following new services in our customer support program: Keep-Current and AlgOR.

- Keep-Current is a service by which B+K PRECISION ships to you the latest version of the
 control program for programmer and the updated user documentation. A Keep-Current
 service is your hassle-free guarantee that you always have access to the latest software
 and documentation, at minimal cost.
- AlgOR (Algorithm On Request) service allows you to receive from B+K PRECISION software support for programming devices not yet available in the current device list.

Installing programmer hardware

- connect the USB (or LPT) port of programmer to a USB (or printer) port of PC using supplied cable
- connect the connector of the power supply adapter to the programmer or turn on programmer by switch

Installing the programmer software

Run the installation program from the CD (Setup.exe) and follow the on-screen instructions. Please, for latest information about the programmer hardware and software see www.bkprecision.com.

Run the control program



After start, control program Pg4uw automatically scans all existing ports and searches for some connected B+K PRECISION programmer. Program Pg4uw is common for some B+K PRECISION's programmers, hence Pg4uw will try to find all supported programmers.

Menu **File** is used for source files manipulation, settings and viewing directory, changes drives, changes start and finish address of buffer for loading and saving files and loading and saving projects.

Menu **Buffer** is used for buffer manipulation, block operation, filling a part of buffer with string, erasing, checksum and of course editing and viewing with other items (find and replace string, printing...).

Menu **Device** is used for a work with selected programmable device: select, read, blank check, program, verify, erase and setting of programming process, serialization and associated file control.

Menu **Programmer** is used for work with programmer.

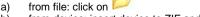
Menu Options is used to view and change various default settings.

Menu **Help** is used for view supported devices and programmers and information about program version.

Programming a device



- 1. select device: click on
- 2. load data into buffer:



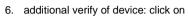
b) from device: insert device to ZIF and click

3. insert target device to ZIF





4. check, if the device is blank: click on
5. program device: click on







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Introduction

859 is extremely fast universal 4x 48-pindrive **concurrent multiprogramming system** designed for high volume production programming with minimal operator effort. The chips are programmed at near theoretical maximum programming speed.

859 consists of four independent isolated universal programming modules, based on the 866B programmer hardware. Therefore the sockets can run asynchronously (concurrent programming mode). Each programming module starts programming at the moment the chip is detected to be inserted in the socket properly - independently on the status of other programming modules. It result three programming modules works while you replace the programmed chip at the fourth.

Modular construction of hardware - the programming modules works independently - allows for continuing operation when a part of the circuit becomes inoperable. It also makes service quick and easy.

Hands-free operation: asynchronous and concurrent operation allows a chip to begin programming immediately upon insertion of a chip. The operator merely removes the finished chip and inserts a new chip. Operator training is therefore minimized..

859 supports all kinds of types and silicon technologies of today and tomorrow programmable devices without family-specific module. You can be sure the next devices support require the software update and (if necessary) simple package converter (programming adapter), therefore the ownership cost are minimized.

Using built-in in-circuit serial programming (ISP) connector, the programmer is able to program ISP capable chips in circuit.

859 provides very competitive price coupled with excellent hardware design for reliable programming. It has probably best "value for money" programmer in this class.

859 provides very fast programming due to high-speed FPGA driven hardware and execution of time-critical routines inside of the programmer. At least fast than competitors in this category, for many chips much faster than most competitors. As a result, when used in production this programmer waits for an operator, and not the other way round.

859 interfaces with the IBM PC/compatible, portable or desktop personal computers through **USB** (2.0) port.

859 provides a banana jack for ESD wrist straps connection to easy-to-implement the ESD protection control and also other banana jack for earth wire.

FPGA based totally reconfigurable 48 powerful TTL pindrivers provide H/L/pull_up/pull_down and read capability for each pin of socket. Advanced pindrivers incorporate high-quality high-speed circuitry to deliver signals without overshoot or ground bounce for all supported devices. Pin drivers operate down to 1.8V so you'll be ready to program the full range of today's advanced low-voltage devices.



859 performs on each programming module device **insertion test** (wrong or backward position) and **contact check** (poor contact pin-to-socket) before it programs each device. These capabilities, supported by **overcurrent protection** and **signature-byte check** help prevent chip damage due to operator error.

859 has the selftest capability, which allows run diagnostic part of software to thoroughly check the health of the each programming module.

859 has a built-in protection circuits for eliminate damage of programmer and/or programmed device due to environment or operator failure. All ZIF socket pins of 859 programmer are **protected against ESD** up to 15kV.

859 performs programming verification at the marginal level of supply voltage, which, obviously, improves programming yield, and guarantees long data retention.

Various **socket converters** are available to handle device in PLCC, SOIC, PSOP, SSOP, TSOP, TSOP, TQFP, QFN (MLF), SDIP, BGA and other packages.

859 programmer is driven by an **easy-to-use** control program with pull-down menu, hot keys and on-line help. Selecting of device is performed by its class, by manufacturer or simply by typing a fragment of vendor name and/or part number.

Standard device-related commands (read, blank check, program, verify, erase) are boosted by some **test functions** (insertion test, signature-byte check), and some **special functions** (autoincrement, production mode - start immediately after insertion of chip into socket).

All known data formats are supported. Automatic file format detection and conversion during load of file.

The rich-featured **autoincrement function** enables to assign individual serial numbers to each programmed device - or simply increments a serial number, or the function enables to read serial numbers or any programmed device identification signatures from a file.

The software also provides a many information about programmed device. As a special, the **drawings of all available packages**, explanation of **chip labeling** (the meaning of prefixes and suffixes at the chips) for each supported chip are provided.

The software provide a full information for ISP implementation: Description of ISP connector pins for currently selected chip, recommended target design around in-circuit programmed chip and other necessary information.

The **remote control** feature allows to be Pg4uw software flow controlled by other application – either using .BAT file commands or using DLL file. DLL file, examples (C/PAS/VBASIC/.NET) and manual are part of standard software delivery.

Jam files of JEDEC standard JESD-71 are interpreted by **Jam Player**. Jam files are generated by design software which is provided by manufacturer of respective programmable device. Chips are programmer in-ZIF or through ISP connector (IEEE 1149.1 Joint Test Action Group (JTAG) interface).

VME files are interpreted by VME Player. VME file is a compressed binary variation of SVF file and contains high-level IEEE 1149.1 bus operations. VME files are generated by design software which is provided by manufacturer of respective programmable device. Chips are programmer in-ZIF or through ISP connector (IEEE 1149.1 Joint Test Action Group (JTAG) interface).

Multiple devices are possible to program and test via JTAG chain: JTAG chain (ISP-Jam) or JTAG chain (ISP-VME).

It is important to remember that in most cases new devices require **only a software update** due to the 859 is truly universal programmer. With our prompt service you can have new devices can be added to the current list within hours!

Advanced design including protection circuits, original brand components and careful manufacturing and burning allows us to provide a **one-year warranty** on parts and labor for the 859 (limited 25,000-cycle warranty on ZIF socket).

859 elements

- 1) 48 pin ZIF socket
- 2) work result LEDs
- 3) power/sleep LED of site
- 4) YES! Button
- 5) ISP connector
- 6) LED indicator power



- 7) power supply connector
- 8) power switch
- 9) GND connector and connector for ESD wrist strap connection
- 10) temperature controlled fans
- 11) type B USB connector for PC ↔ 859 communication cable





Manipulation with the programmed device

After selection of desired device for your work, you can insert it into the open ZIF socket (the lever is up) and close socket (the lever is down). The correct orientation of the programmed device in ZIF socket is shown on the picture near ZIF socket on the programmer's cover. The programmed device is necessary to insert into the socket also to remove from the socket when LED BUSY light off.

Note: Programmer's protection electronics protect the target device and the programmer itself against either short or long-term power failures and, partly, also against a PC failure. However, it is not possible to grant the integrity of the target device due to incorrect, user-selected programming parameters. Target device may be not destroyed by forced interruption of the control program (reset or switch-off PC), by removing the physical connection to the programmer, but the content of actually programmed cell may remains undefined. Don't unplug the target device from the ZIF socket during work with devices (LED BUSY shine).

In-system serial programming by 859

Optimized advanced pindriver deliver programming performance without overshoot or ground bounce for all device technologies. Pin drivers operate down to 1.8V so you'll be ready to program the full range of today's advanced low- voltage devices.

The ISP programming solution performs programming verification at the marginal level of supply voltage, which, obviously, improves programming yield, and guarantees long data retention.

The ISP programming solution provides also the power supply for the target system.

This ISP programming solution provides very competitive price but excellent hardware design for reliable programming.

The software provide full information for ISP implementation: Description of ISP connector pins for currently selected chip, recommended target design around in-circuit programmed chip and other necessary information.

For general definition, recommendation and direction about ISP see section *Common notes* / *ISP* please.

Description of ISP connector

Front view at ISP connector.

Specification of ISP connector pins depends on the device, which you want to program. You can find it in the control SW for programmer (Pg4uw), menu **Device / Device Info (Ctrl+F1)**. Be aware, the ISP programming way of respective device must be selected. It is indicated by (ISP) suffix after name of selected device.

These specifications correspond with application notes published of device manufacturers.

Note: Pin no. 1 is signed by triangle scratch on ISP cable connectors.

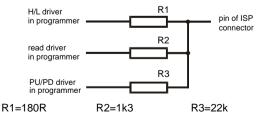


859 ISP cable

Warnings:

- Use only attached ISP cable. When you use other ISP cable (other material, length...), programming may occur unreliable.
- **859 can supply** programmed device (pin 1 of ISP connector) and target system (pin 19, 20 of ISP connector) with limitation (see Technical specification / ISP connector).
- 859 apply programming voltage to target device and checks his value (target system can modify programming voltage). If the programming voltage is different as expected, no action with target device will be executed.

Note: H/L/read driver





Selftest and calibration check

If you feel that your programmer does not react according to your expectation, please run the programmer (ISP connector) selftest using Diagnostic POD (Diagnostic POD for ISP connectors #2), enclosed with the standard delivery package.

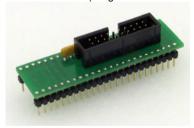
Selftest of programmer

- Insert 48 pins diagnostic POD type I into ZIF socket of the programmer. 48 pins diagnostic POD type I must be inserted as 48 pins device.
- Run selftest of programmer in PG4UW (Programmer / Selftest plus).



Selftest of ISP connector

- Insert Diagnostic POD for ISP connectors #2 into ZIF socket of the programmer. Diagnostic POD for ISP connectors #2 must be inserted as 48 pins device.
- Interconnect 20 pins connector of **Diagnostic POD for ISP connectors #2** with an ISP connector of the programmer with an ISP cable, included in delivery programmer package. Be sure that pins are interconnected properly (i.e. 1-1, 2-2, ..., 20-20).
- Run selftest of ISP connector in PG4UW (Programmer / Selftest ISP connector...).



Calibration test

For optimal results with programmer we recommend you also undertake every 6 months an extended test to check the calibration using **48 Pins Calibration test POD**, **Type I** (optional accessories, ord.no. 70-0438).

- Insert 48 Pins Calibration test POD, Type I into ZIF socket of the programmer. 48 Pins Calibration test POD, Type I must be inserted as 48 pins device.
- Run calibration test of programmer in PG4UW (Programmer / Calibration test).



Technical specification

Specification (859 multiprogramming system)

- 4x universal programming module (4x 48-pin DIL ZIF sockets)
- operation result LEDs, LED power
- USB 2.0 high-speed compatible port
- line power input 100-240VAC/60W max.
- banana jack for ESD wrist straps connection
- · banana jack for connection to ground

Specification (valid for each programming module)

HARDWARF

Base unit, DACs

- USB 2.0 high-speed compatible port, up to 480 Mbit/s transfer rate
- on-board intelligence: powerful microprocessor and FPGA based state machine
- three D/A converters for VCCP, VPP1, and VPP2, controllable rise and fall time
- VCCP range 0..8V/1A
- VPP1, VPP2 range 0..26V/1A
- selftest capability

ZIF sockets, pindriver

- 48-pin DIL ZIF (Zero Insertion Force) socket accepts both 300/600 mil devices up to 48-pin
- pindrivers: 48 universal
- VCCP/VPP1/VPP2 can be connected to each pin
- perfect ground for each pin
- FPGA based TTL driver provides H, L, CLK, pull-up, pull-down on all pindriver pins
- analog pindriver output level selectable from 1.8 V up to 26V
- current limitation, overcurrent shutdown, power failure shutdown
- ESD protection on each pin of socket (IEC1000-4-2: 15kV air, 8kV contact)
- continuity test: each pin is tested before every programming operation



ISP connector

- 20-pin male type with missinsertion lock
- 6 TTL pindrivers, provides H, L, CLK, pull-up, pull-down; level H selectable from 1.8V up to 5V to handle all (low-voltage including) devices.
- 1x VCCP voltage (range 2V..7V/100mA)
- programmed chip voltage (VCCP) with both source/sink capability and voltage sense
- 1x VPP voltage (range 2V..25V/50mA)
- target system supply voltage (range 2V..6V/250mA)
- ESD protection on each pin of ISP connector (IEC1000-4-2: 15kV air, 8kV contact)
- two output signals, which indicate state of work result = LED OK and LED Error (active level: min 1.8V)
- input signal, switch YES! equivalent (active level: max 0.8V)

DEVICE SUPPORT

Programmer, in ZIF socket

- EPROM: NMOS/CMOS, 27xxx and 27Cxxx series, with 8/16 bit data width, full support for LV series
- EEPROM: NMOS/CMOS, 28xxx, 28Cxxx, 27EExxx series, with 8/16 bit data width
- Flash EPROM: 28Fxxx, 29Cxxx, 29Fxxx, 29BVxxx, 29LVxxx, 29Wxxx, 49Fxxx series, from 256Kbit to 1Gbit, with 8/16 bit data width, full support for LV series
- Serial E(E)PROM: 24Cxxx, 24Fxxx, 25Cxxx, 45Dxxx, 59Cxxx, 25Fxxx, 25Pxxx, 85xxx, 93Cxxx, NVM3060, MDAxxx series, full support for LV series
- Configuration (EE)PROM: XCFxxx, XC17xxxx, XC18Vxxx, EPCxxx, AT17xxx, 37LVxx
- 1-Wire E(E)PROM: DS1xxx. DS2xxx
- PROM: AMD, Harris, National, Philips/Signetics, Tesla, TI
- NV RAM: Dallas DSxxx, SGS/Inmos MKxxx, SIMTEK STKxxx, XICOR 2xxx, ZMD U63x series
- PLD: Altera: MAX 3000A, MAX 7000A, MAX 7000B, MAX 7000S, MAX7000AE, MAX II
- PLD: Lattice: ispGAL22V10x, ispLSI1xxx, ispLSI1xxxEA, ispLSI2xxxA, ispLSI2xxxA, ispLSI2xxxV, ispLSI2xxxV, ispLSI2xxxVE, ispLSI2xxxVL, LC4xxxB/C/V/ZC, M4-xx/xx, M4A3-xx/xx, M4A5-xx/xx, M4LV-xx/xx
- PLD: Xilinx: XC9500, XC9500XL, XC9500XV, CoolRunner XPLA3, CoolRunner-II
- other PLD: SPLD/CPLD series: AMI, Atmel, AMD-Vantis, Gould, Cypress, ICT, Lattice, NS, Philips, STM, VLSI, TI
- Microcontrollers 48 series: 87x41, 87x42, 87x48, 87x49, 87x50 series
- Microcontrollers 51 series: 87xx, 87Cxxx, 87LVxx, 89Cxxx, 89Sxxx, 89LVxxx, all manufacturers, Philips LPC series
- Microcontrollers Intel 196 series: 87C196 KB/KC/KD/KT/KR/...
- Microcontrollers Atmel AVR: AT90Sxxxx, ATtiny, ATmega series
- Microcontrollers Cypress: CY7Cxxxxx, CY8Cxxxxx
- Microcontrollers ELAN: EM78Pxxx
- Microcontrollers MDT 1xxx and 2xxx series
- Microcontrollers Microchip PICmicro: PIC10xxx, PIC12xxx, PIC16xxx, PIC16xxx, PIC16xxx, PIC16xxx, PIC16xxx, DIC16xxx, DIC16x
- Microcontrollers Motorola (Freescale): 68HC05, 68HC08, 68HC11, HCS08, HCS12 series
- Microcontrollers Myson MTV2xx, 3xx, 4xx and 5xx series
- Microcontrollers National: COP8xxx series

- Microcontrollers NEC: uPD78Fxxx series
- Microcontrollers Novatek: NT68xxx series
- Microcontrollers Scenix (Ubicom): SXxxx series
- Microcontrollers SGS-Thomson: ST6xx, ST7xx, ST10xx, STR7xx series
- Microcontrollers TI: MSP430 and MSC121x series
- Microcontrollers ZILOG: Z86/Z89xxx and Z8xxx series
- Microcontrollers other: EM Microelectronic, Fujitsu, Goal Semiconductor, Hitachi, Holtek, Princeton, Macronix, Winbond, Infineon(Siemens), Samsung, Toshiba, ...

I.C. Tester

- TTL type: 54,74 S/LS/ALS/H/HC/HCT series
- CMOS type: 4000, 4500 series
- static RAM: 6116.. 624000
- user definable test pattern generation

Programmer, through ISP connector

- Serial E(E)PROM: IIC series, MW series, SPI series, KEELOQ series, serial data Flash, PLD configuration memories
- Microcontrollers Atmel: AT89Sxxx, AT90Sxxxx, ATtiny, ATmega series
- Microcontrollers Cypress: CY8C2xxxx
- Microcontrollers Elan: EM78Pxxx, EM6xxx series
- Microcontrollers EM Microelectronic: 4 and 8 bit series
- Microcontrollers Microchip PICmicro: PIC10xxx, PIC12xxx, PIC16xxx, PIC17xxx, PIC18xxx, PIC24xxx, dsPIC series
- Microcontrollers Motorola/Freescale: HC11 series, HC908 series (both 5-wire, All-wire), HCS08, HCS12
- Microcontrollers NEC: uPD7xxx series
- Microcontrollers Philips: LPC2xxx series. LPC series. 89xxx series
- Microcontrollers Scenix (Ubicom): SXxxx series
- Microcontrollers TI: MSP430 (both JTAG and BSL series), MSC12xxx series
- PLD: Lattice: ispGAL22xV10x, ispLSI1xxxEA, ispLSI2xxxE, ispLSI2xxxV, ispLSI2xxxVE, ispLSI2xxxVL, M4-xx/xx, M4LV-xx/xx, M4A3-xx/xx, M4A5-xx/xx, LC4xxxB/C/V/ZC
- Various PLD (also by JAM player/JTAG support):

 Altern MAY 2000A MAY 7000B MAY 700B MAY 7000B MAY 7000B MAY 7000B MAY 7000B MAY 700
- Altera: MAX 3000A, MAX 7000A, MAX 7000B, MAX 7000S, MAX 9000, MAX II
- Xilinx: XC9500, XC9500XL, XC9500XV, CoolRunner XPLA3, CoolRunner-II

Package support

- support all devices in DIP with default socket
- package support includes DIP, SDIP, PLCC, JLCC, SOIC, SOP, PSOP, SSOP, TSOP, TSOPII, TSSOP, QFP, PQFP, TQFP, VQFP, QFN (MLF), SON, BGA, EBGA, FBGA, VFBGA, UBGA, FTBGA, LAP, CSP, SCSP etc.
- support devices in non-DIP packages up to 48 pins with universal adapters
- programmer is compatible with third-party adapters for non-DIP support



Programming speed

Device	Size [bits]	Operation	Time
M50FW080 (parallel Flash)	100000Hx8 (8 Mega)	programming and verify	22 sec
MX28F640C3BT (parallel Flash)	400000Hx16 (64 Mega)	programming and verify	57 sec
K9F1G08U0M (parallel NAND Flash)	8400000Hx8 (1 Giga)	programming and verify	239 sec
AT45D081 (serial Flash)	108000Hx8 (16 Mega)	programming and verify	36 sec
AT89C51RD2 (microcontroller)	10000Hx8	programming and verify	15 sec
PIC18LF452 (microcontroller)	4000Hx16	programming and verify	4 sec

Conditions:

P4, 2.4GHz, 512MB RAM, USB2.0, Windows XP

SOFTWARE

- Algorithms: only manufacturer approved or certified algorithms are used.
- Algorithm updates: software updates are available regularly, approx. every 4 weeks, free of charge (Internet download). OnDemand version of software is available for highly needed chips support and/or bugs fixes. Available nearly daily.
- Main features: revision history, session logging, on-line help, device and algorithm information

Device operations

- standard:
 - intelligent device selection by device type, manufacturer or typed fragment of part name
 - automatic ID-based selection of EPROM/Flash EPROM
 - · blank check, read, verify
 - program
 - erase
 - configuration and security bit program
 - · illegal bit test
 - checksum
 - interpret the Jam Standard Test and Programming Language (STAPL), JEDEC standard JESD-71
 - interpret the VME files compressed binary variation of SVF files
- security
 - insertion test, reverse insertion check
 - · contact check
 - · ID byte check
- special
 - production mode (automatic start immediately after device insertion)
 - lot of serialization modes (more type of incremental modes, from-file mode, custom generator mode)
 - statistic
 - · count-down mode

Buffer operations

- view/edit, find/replace
- fill/copy, move, byte swap, word/dword split
- checksum (byte, word)
- print

File load/save

- no download time because programmer is PC controlled
- automatic file type identification/recognition

Supported file formats

- · unformatted (raw) binary
- HEX: Intel, Intel EXT, Motorola S-record, MOS, Exormax, Tektronix, ASCII-SPACE-HEX, ASCII HEX
- Altera POF, JEDEC (ver. 3.0.A), e.g. from ABEL, CUPL, PALASM, TANGO PLD, OrCAD PLD, PLD Designer ISDATA, etc.
- JAM (JEDEC STAPL Format), JBC (Jam STAPL Byte Code), STAPL (STAPL File)
 JEDEC standard JESD-71
- VME (ispVME file VME2.0/VME3.0)

GENERAL

- supply voltage AC 100-240V, max. 1.2A, 50-60Hz
- power consumption max. 60W active
- dimensions 361x234x56 mm (14.2x9.2x2.2 inch)
- weight (programmer) 3.5kg (7.7 lb)
- temperature 5°C ÷ 40°C (41°F ÷ 104°F)
- humidity 20%..80%, non condensing