

DRUM INSTRUCTION PROGRAMMING



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Introduction

Purpose

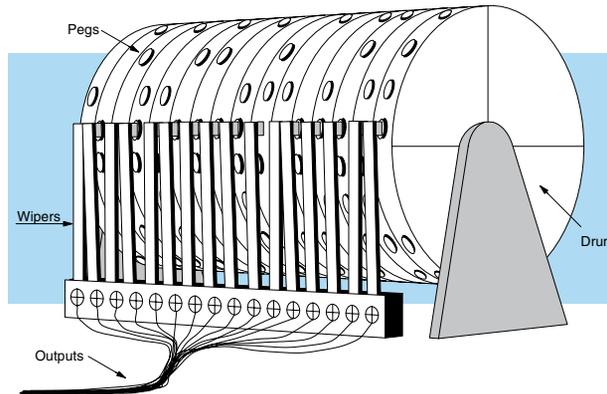
The four drum instructions in the D4-454 CPU electronically stimulate an electro-mechanical drum sequencer. The instruction offers enhancements to the basic principle, which we describe first.

Drum Terminology

Drum instructions are best suited for repetitive processes that consist of a finite number of steps. They can do the work of many rungs of ladder logic with elegant simplicity. Therefore, drums can save a lot of programming and debugging time.

We introduce some terminology associated with the drum instruction by describing the original mechanical drum shown below. The mechanical drum generally has pegs on its curved surface. The pegs are populated in a particular pattern, representing a set of desired actions for machine control. A motor or solenoid rotates the drum a precise amount at specific times. During rotation, stationary wipers sense the presence of pegs (present = on, absent = off). This interaction makes or breaks electrical contact with the wipers, creating electrical outputs from the drum. The outputs are wired to devices on a machine for On/Off control.

Drums usually have a finite number of positions within one rotation, called steps. Each step represents some process step. At power up, the drum resets to a particular step. The drum rotates from one step to the next based on a timer, or on some external event. During special conditions, a machine operator can manually increment the drum step using a jog control on the drum's drive mechanism. The contact closure of each wiper generates a unique on/off pattern called a sequence, designed for controlling a specific machine. Because the drum is circular, it automatically repeats the sequence once per rotation. Applications vary greatly, and a particular drum may rotate once per second, or as slowly as once per week.



Electronic drums provide the benefits of mechanical drums and more. For example, they have a preset feature that is impossible for mechanical drums: The preset function lets you move from the present step directly to any other step on command!

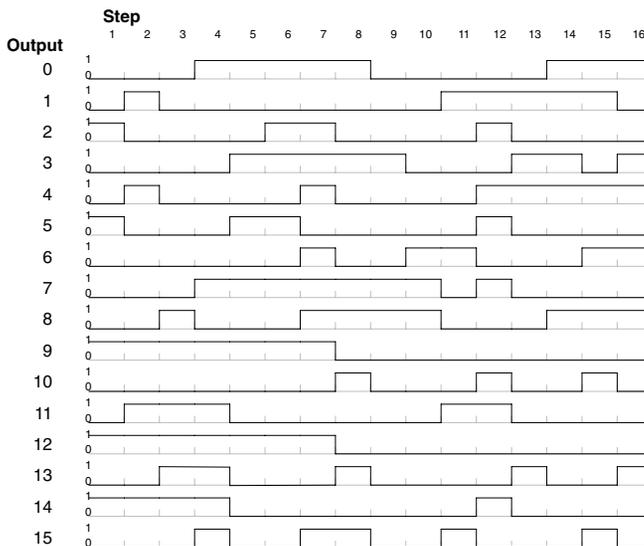
Drum Chart Representation

For editing purposes, the electronic drum is presented in chart form in DirectSOFT and in this manual. Imagine slicing the surface of a hollow drum cylinder between two rows of pegs, then pressing it flat. Now you can view the drum as a chart as shown below. Each row represents a step, numbered 1 through 16. Each column represents an output, numbered 0 through 15 (to match word bit numbering). The solid circles in the chart represent pegs (On state) in the mechanical drum, and the open circles are empty peg sites (Off state).

STEP	OUTPUTS															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
1	○	●	○	●	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
2	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
3	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
4	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
5	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
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7	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
8	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
9	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
10	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
11	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
12	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
13	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
14	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
15	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
16	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Output Sequences

The mechanical drum sequencer derives its name from sequences of control changes on its electrical outputs. The following figure shows the sequence of On/Off controls generated by the drum pattern above. Compare the two, and you will find that they are equivalent. If you can see their equivalence, you are well on your way to understanding drum instruction operation.



Step Transitions

Drum Instruction Types

There are four types of Drum instructions in the D4-454 CPU:

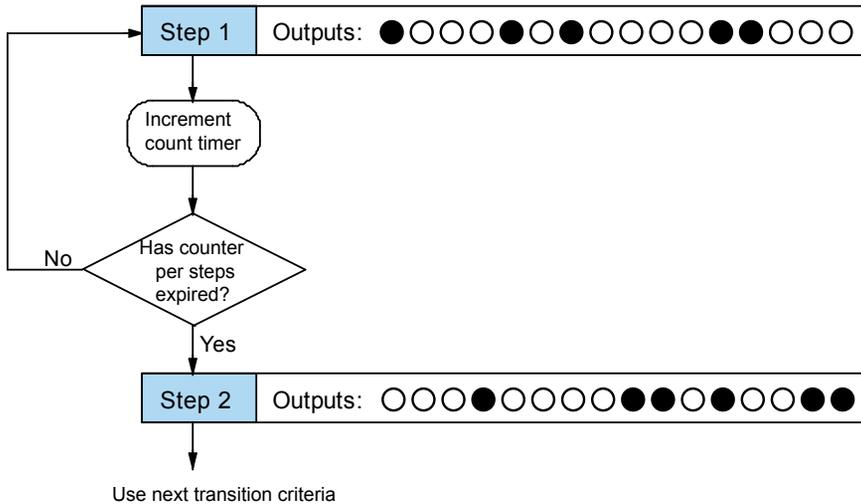
- Timed Drum with Discrete Outputs (DRUM)
- Time and Event Drum with Discrete Outputs (EDRUM)
- Masked Even Drum with Discrete Outputs (MDRMD)
- Masked Event Drum with Word Output (MDRMW)

The four drum instructions include time-based step transitions, and three include event-based transitions as well. Other options include outputs defined as a single word or as individual bits, and an output mask (individual output disable/enable).

Timer-Only Transitions

Drums move from one step to another based on time. Each step has its own transition condition which you assign during the drum instruction entry. The figure below shows how timer-only transitions work.

The drum stays in Step 1 for a specific duration (user-programmable). The timebase of the timer is programmable, from 0.01 seconds to 99.99 seconds. This establishes the resolution, or the duration of each “tick of the clock.” Each step uses the same timebase, but has its



own unique counts per step, which you program. When the counts for Step 1 have expired, then the drum moves to Step 2. The outputs change immediately to match the new pattern for Step 2.

The drum spends a specific amount of time in each step, given by the formula:

$$\text{Time in step} = 0.01 \text{ seconds} \times \text{Timebase} \times \text{Counts per step}$$

For example, if you program a 5 second time base and 12 counts for Step 1, then the drum will spend 60 seconds in Step 1. The maximum time for any step is given by the formula:

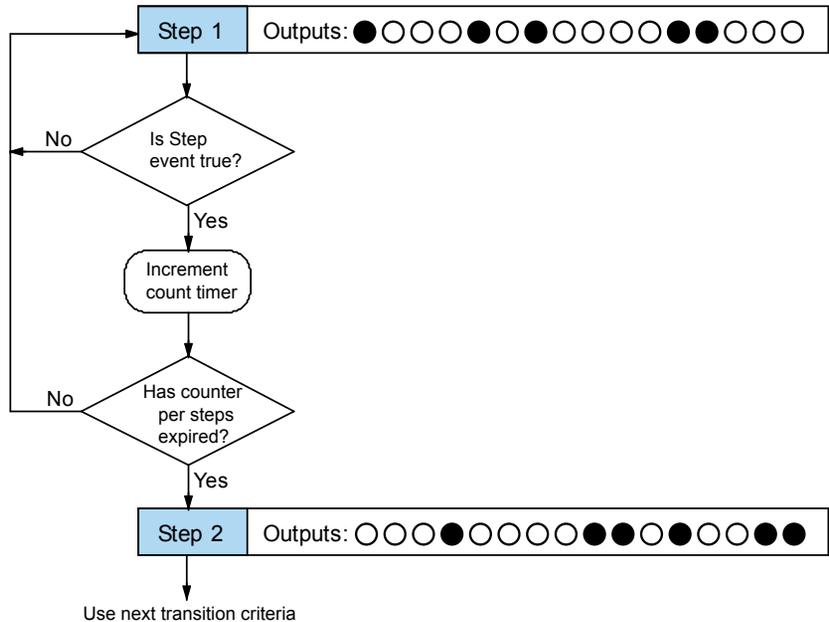
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Max Time per step} &= 0.01 \text{ seconds} \times 9999 \times 9999 \\ &= 999,800 \text{ seconds} = 277.7 \text{ hours} = 11.6 \text{ days} \end{aligned}$$



NOTE: When first choosing the timebase resolution, a good rule of thumb is to make it about 1/10 the duration of the shortest step in your drum. Then you will be able to optimize the duration of that step in 10% increments. Other steps with longer durations allow optimizing by even smaller increments (percentage-wise). Also, note that the drum instruction executes once per CPU scan. Therefore, it is pointless to specify a drum timebase that is much faster than the CPU scan time.

Timer and Event Transitions

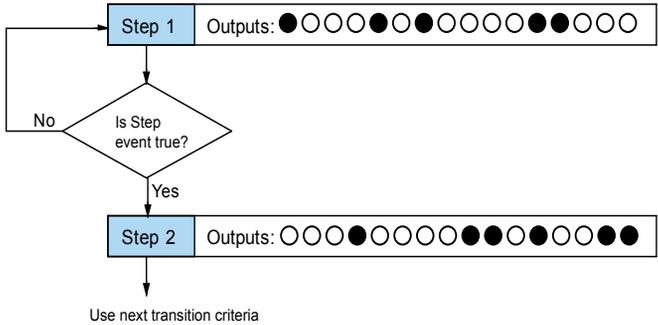
Step transitions may also occur based on time and/or external events. The figure below shows how step transitions work in these cases.



When the drum enters Step 1, it sets the output pattern as shown. Then it begins polling the external input programmed for that step. You can define event inputs as X, Y, or C discrete point types. Suppose we select X0 for the Step 1 event input. If X0 is off, then the drum remains in Step 1. When X0 is On, the event criteria is met and the timer increments. The timer increments as long as the event (X0) remains true. When the counts for Step 1 have expired, then the drum moves to Step 2. The outputs change immediately to match the new pattern for Step 2.

Event-Only Transitions

Step transitions do not require both the event and the timer criteria programmed for each step. You have the option of programming just one of the two, and even mixing transition types among all the steps of the drum. For example, you might want Step 1 to transition on an event, Step 2 to transition on time only, and Step 3 to transition on both time and an event. Furthermore, you may elect to use only part of the 16 steps, and only part of the 16 outputs.



Counter Assignments

When programming the drum instruction, you select the first counter number. The drum also uses the next three counters automatically. The counter bit associated with the first counter turns on when the drum has completed its cycle, going off when the drum is reset. These counter values and the counter bit precisely indicate the progress of the drum instruction, and can be monitored by your ladder program.



NOTE: Each drum instruction uses the resources of four counters in the CPU.

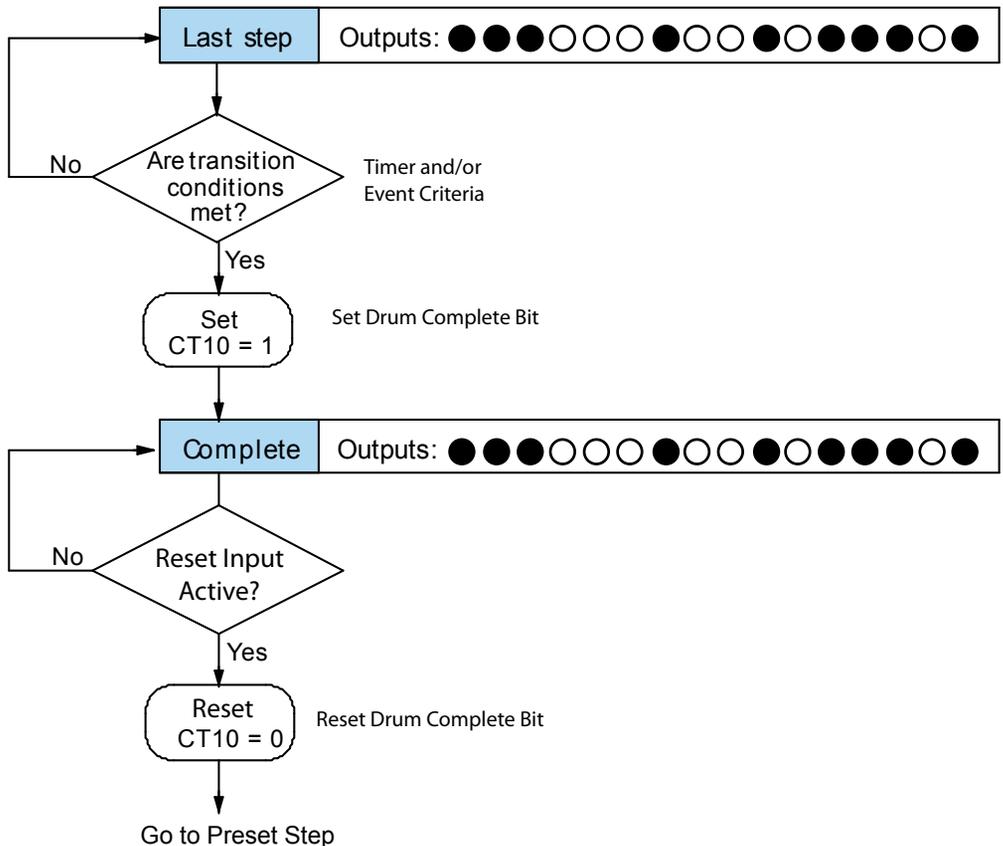
Suppose we program a timer drum to have 8 steps, and we select CT10 for the counter number (remember, counter numbering is in octal). Counter usage is shown to the right. The right column holds typical values, interpreted below.

Counter Assignments			
CT10	Counts in step	V1010	1528
CT11	Timer Value	V1011	0200
CT12	Preset Step	V1012	0001
CT13	Current Step	V1013	0004

CT10 shows that we are at the 1528th count in the current step, which is step 4 (shown in CT13). If we have programmed step 4 to have 3000 counts, then the step is just over half completed. CT11 is the count timer, shown in units of 0.01 seconds. So, each least-significant-digit change represents 0.01 seconds. The value of 200 means that we have been in the current count (1528) for 2 seconds (0.01 x 200). Finally, CT12 holds the preset step value which was programmed into the drum instruction. When the drum's Reset input is active, it presets to step 1 in this case. The value of CT12 changes only if the ladder program writes to it, or the drum instruction is edited and the program is restarted. Counter bit CT10 turns on when the drum cycle is complete, and turns off when the drum is reset.

Last Step Completion

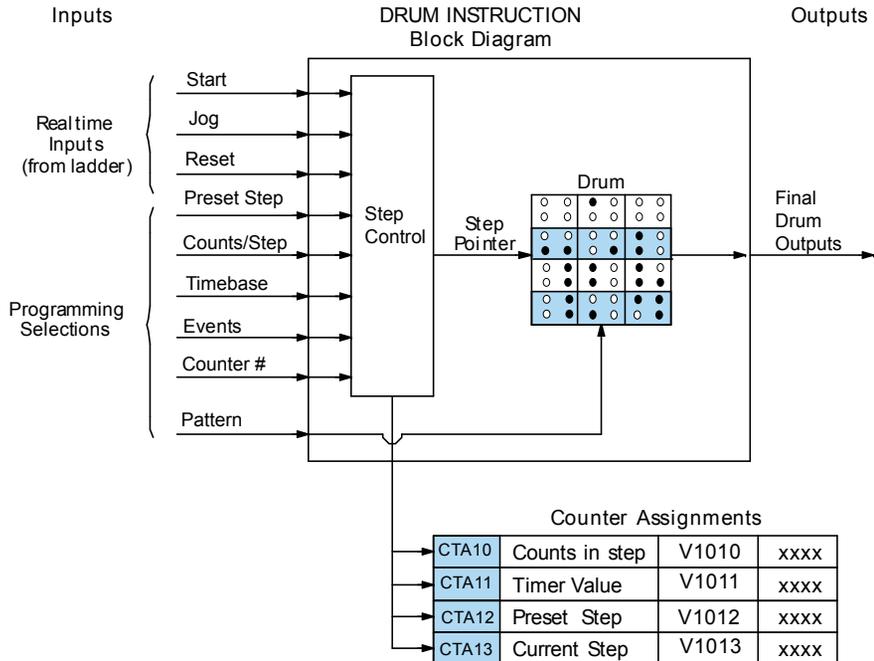
The last step in a drum sequence may be any step number, since partial drums are valid. Refer to the following figure. When the transition conditions of the last step are met, the drum sets the counter bit corresponding to the counter named in the drum instruction box (such as CT10). Then it moves to a final "drum complete" state. The drum outputs remain in the pattern defined for the last step. Having finished a drum cycle, the Start and Jog inputs have no effect at this point. The drum leaves the "drum complete" state when the Reset input becomes active (or on a program-to-run mode transition). It resets the drum complete bit (such as CT10), and then goes directly to the appropriate step number defined as the preset step.



Overview of Drum Operation

Drum Instruction Block Diagram

The drum instruction utilizes various inputs and outputs in addition to the drum pattern itself. Refer to the figure below.



The drum instruction accepts several inputs for step control, the main control of the drum. The inputs and their functions are:

- **Start** – The Start input is effective only when Reset is off. When Start is on, the drum timer runs if it is in a timed transition, and the drum looks for the input event during event transitions. When Start is off, the drum freezes in its current state (Reset must remain off), and the drum outputs maintain their current on/off pattern.
- **Jog** – The jog input is only effective when Reset is off (Start may be either on or off). The jog input increments the drum to the next step on each off-to-on transition (only EDRUM supports the jog input).
- **Reset** – The Reset input has priority over the Start input. When Reset is on, the drum moves to its preset step. When Reset is off, then the Start input operates normally.
- **Preset Step** – A step number from 1 to 16 that you define (typically is step 1). The drum moves to this step whenever Reset is on, and whenever the CPU first enters run mode.

- Counts/Step – The number of timer counts the drum spends in each step. Each step has its own counts parameter. However, programming the counts/step is optional.
- Timer Value – the current value of the counts/step timer.
- Counter # – The counter number specifies the first of four consecutive counters which the drum uses for step control. You can monitor these to determine the drum's progress through its control cycle. The D4-454 has 256 counters (CT0 – CT377 in octal).
- Events – Either an X, Y, C, GX, GY, S, CT, or SP type discrete point serves as step transition inputs. Each step has its own event. However, programming the event is optional.



WARNING: The outputs of a drum are enabled any time the CPU is in Run Mode. The Start Input does not have to be on, and the Reset input does not disable the outputs. Upon entering Run Mode, drum outputs automatically turn on or off according to the pattern of the current step of the drum. This initial step number depends on the counter memory configuration: non-retentive versus retentive.

Power Up State of Drum Registers

The choice of the starting step on power up and program-to-run mode transitions are important to consider for your application. Please refer to the following chart. If the counter memory is configured as non-retentive, the drum is initialized the same way on every power up or program-to-run mode transition. However, if the counter memory is configured to be retentive, the drum will stay in its previous state.

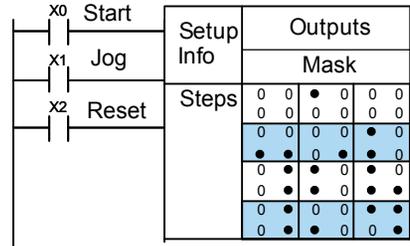
Counter Number	Function	Initialization on Power UP	
		Non-Retentive Case	Retentive Case
CTA(n)	Current Step Count	Initialize = 0	Use Previous (no change)
CTA(n + 1)	Counter Timer Value	Initialize = 0	Use Previous (no change)
CTA(n + 2)	Preset Step	Initialize = Preset Step #	Use Previous (no change)
CTA(n + 3)	Current Step #	Initialize = Preset Step #	Use Previous (no change)

Applications with relatively fast drum cycle times typically will need to be reset on power up, using the non-retentive option. Applications with relatively long drum cycle times may need to resume at the previous point where operations stopped, using the retentive case. The default option is the retentive case. This means that if you initialize scratchpad V-memory, the memory will be retentive.

Drum Control Techniques

Drum Control Inputs

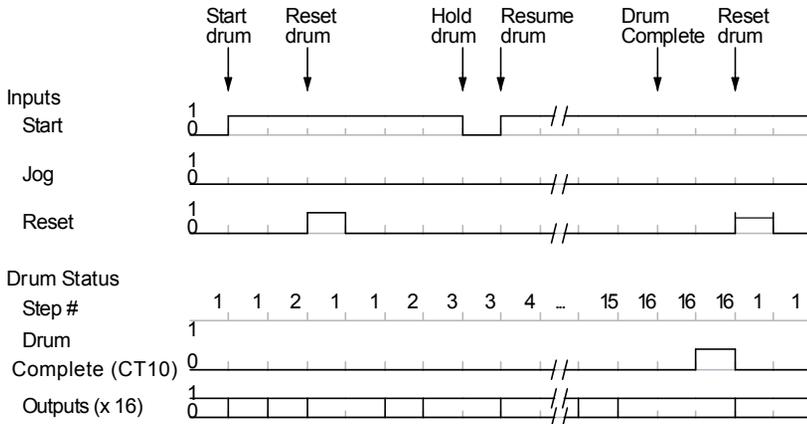
Now we are ready to put together the concepts on the previous pages and demonstrate general control of the drum instruction box. The drawing to the right shows a simplified generic drum instruction. Inputs from ladder logic control the Start, Jog, and Reset Inputs (only the EDRUM instruction supports the Jog Input). The first counter bit of the drum (CT10, for example) indicates the drum cycle is done.



The timing diagram below shows an arbitrary timer drum input sequence and how the drum responds. As the CPU enters Run mode it initializes the step number to the preset step number (typically it is Step 1). When the Start input turns on the drum begins running, waiting for an event and/or running the timer (depends on the setup).

After the drum enters Step 2, Reset turns On while Start is still On. Since Reset has priority over Start, the drum goes to the preset step (Step 1). Note that the drum is held in the preset step during Reset, and that step does not run (respond to events or run the timer) until Reset turns off.

After the drum has entered step 3, the Start input goes off momentarily, halting the drum's timer until Start turns on again.



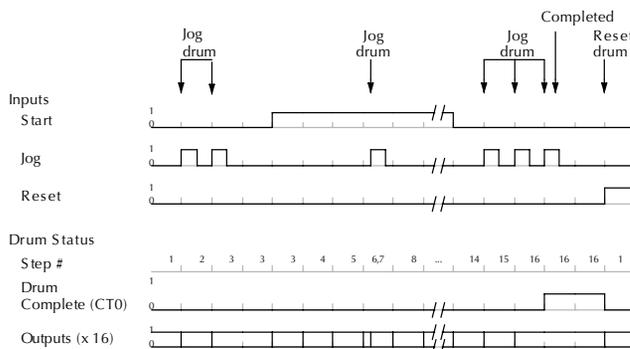
When the drum completes the last step (Step 16 in this example), the Drum Complete bit (CT10) turns on, and the step number remains at 16. When the Reset input turns on, it turns off the Drum Complete bit (CT10), and forces the drum to enter the preset step.



NOTE: The timing diagram shows all steps using equal time durations. Step times can vary greatly, depending on the counts/step programmed.

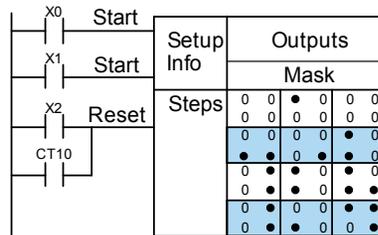
In the figure below, we focus on how the Jog input works on event drums. To the left of the diagram, note that the off-to-on transitions of the Jog input increments the step. Start may be either on or off (however, Reset must be off). Two jogs takes the drum to step three. Next, the Start input turns on, and the drum begins running normally. During step 6 another Jog input signal occurs. This increments the drum to step 7, setting the timer to 0. The drum begins running immediately in step 7, because Start is already on. The drum advances to step 8 normally.

As the drum enters step 14, the Start input turns off. Two more Jog signals moves the drum to step 16. However, note that a third Jog signal is required to move the drum through step 16 to "drum complete". Finally, a Reset input signal arrives which forces the drum into the preset step and turns off the drum complete bit.



Self-Resetting Drum

Applications often require drums that automatically start over once they complete a cycle. This is easily accomplished, using the drum complete bit. In the figure to the right, the drum instruction setup is for CT10, so we logically OR the drum complete bit (CT10) with the Reset input. When the last step is done, the drum turns on CT10 which resets itself to the preset step, also resetting CT10. Contact X2 still works as a manual reset.



Initializing Drum Outputs

The outputs of a drum are enabled any time the CPU is in run mode. On program-to-run mode transitions, the drum goes to the preset step, and the outputs energize according to the pattern of that step. If your application requires all outputs to be off at power up, make the preset step in the drum a "reset step", with all outputs off.

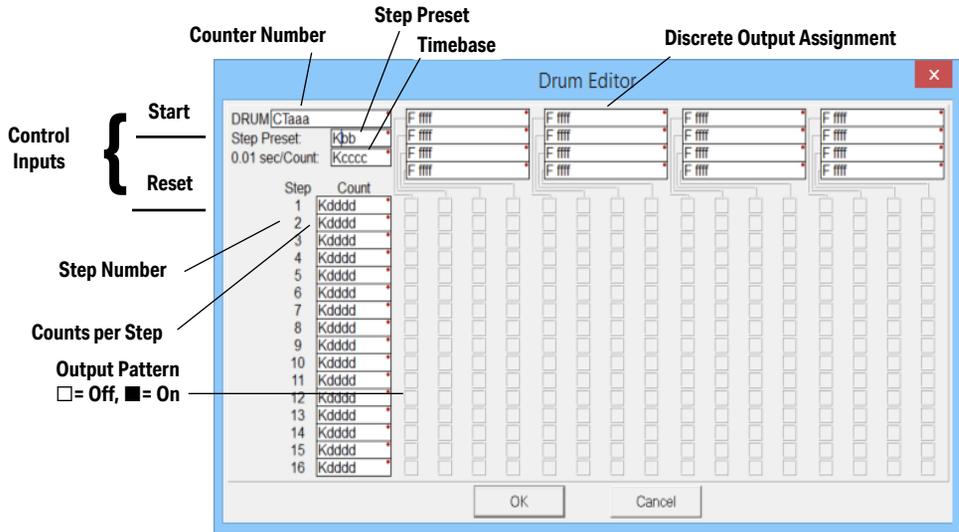
Using Complex Event Step Transitions

Each event-based transition accepts only one contact reference for the event. However, this does not limit events to just one contact. Just use a control relay contact such as C0 for the step transition event. Elsewhere in ladder logic, you may use C0 as an output coil, making it dependent on many other events (contacts).

Drum Instructions

Timed Drum with Discrete Outputs (DRUM)

The Timed Drum with Discrete Outputs is the most basic of the D4-454's drum instructions. It operates according to the principles covered on the previous pages. Below is the instruction in chart form as displayed by DirectSOFT.



The Timed Drum features 16 steps and 16 outputs. Step transitions occur only on a timed basis, specified in counts per step. Unused steps must be programmed with “counts per step” = 0 (this is the default entry). The discrete output points may be individually assigned as X, Y, C, GX or GY types, or may be left unused. The output pattern may be edited graphically with DirectSOFT.

Whenever the Start input is energized, the drum’s timer is enabled. It stops when the last step is complete, or when the Reset input is energized. The drum enters the preset step chosen upon a CPU program-to-run mode transition, and whenever the Reset input is energized.

Drum Parameters	Field	Data Types	Ranges
Counter Number	CTaaa	0 – 174	0 – 377
Preset Step	Kbbb	K	1 – 16
Timer base	Kcccc	K	0 – 99.99 seconds
Counts per step	Kdddd	K	0 – 9999
Discrete Outputs	Ffff	X, Y, C, GX, GY	See memory map

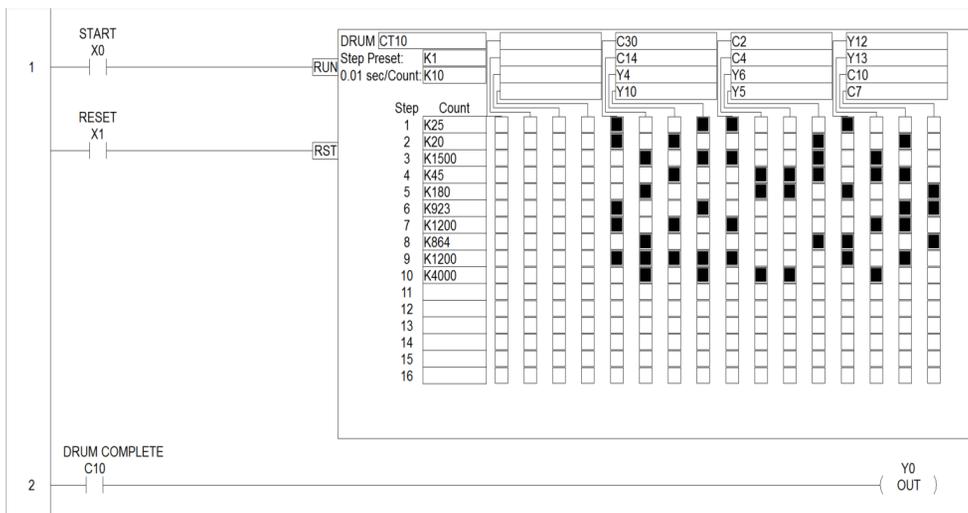
Chapter 6: Drum Instruction Programming

Drum instructions use four counters in the CPU. The ladder program can read the counter values for the drum's status. The ladder program may write a new preset step number to CTA(n+2) at any time. However, the other counters are for monitoring purposes only.

The following ladder program shows the DRUM instruction in a typical ladder program.

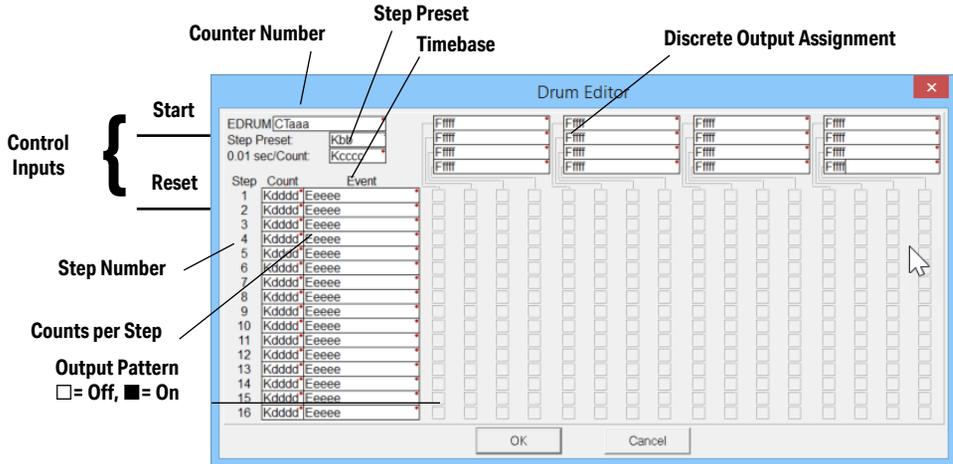
Counter Number	Ranges of (n)	Function	Counter Bit Function
CTA(n)	0 – 374	Counts in step	CT(n) = Drum Complete
CTA(n+1)	1 – 375	Timer value	CT(n+1) = (not used)
CTA(n+2)	2 – 376	Preset Step	CT(n+2) = (not used)
CTA(n+3)	3 – 377	Current Step	CT(n+3) = (not used)

as shown by DirectSOFT. Steps 1 through 10 are used, and twelve of the sixteen output points are used. The preset step is step 1. The timebase runs at $(K10 \times 0.01) = 0.1$ second per count. Therefore, the duration of step 1 is $(25 \times 0.1) = 2.5$ seconds. In the last rung, the Drum Complete bit (CT10) turns on output Y0 upon completion of the last step (step 10). A drum reset also resets CT10.



Event Drum (EDRUM)

The Event Drum (EDRUM) features time-based and event-based step transitions. It operates according to the general principles of drum operation covered in the beginning of this chapter. Below is the instruction as displayed by DirectSOFT programming software.



The Event Drum features 16 steps and 16 discrete outputs. Step transitions occur on timed and/or event basis. The jog input also advances the step on each off-to-on transition. Time is specified in counts per step, and events are specified as discrete contacts. Unused steps and events must be left blank. The discrete output points may be individually assigned.

Whenever the Start input is energized, the drum's timer is enabled. As long as the event is true for the current step, the timer runs during that step. When the step count equals the counts per step, the drum transitions to the next step. This process stops when the last step is complete, or when the Reset input is energized. The drum enters the preset step chosen upon a CPU program-to-run mode transition, and whenever the Reset input is energized.

Drum Parameters	Field	Data Types	Ranges
Counter Number	CTaaa	–	0 – 377
Preset Step	Kbb	K	1 – 16
Timer base	Kcccc	K	0 – 99.99 seconds
Counts per step	Kdddd	K	0 – 9999
Event	Eeeee	X, Y, C, GX, GY, S, T, CT, SP	See memory map
Discrete Outputs	Ffff	X, Y, C, GX, GY	See memory map

Masked Event Drum with Discrete Outputs (MDRMD)

The Masked Event Drum with Discrete Outputs has all the features of the basic Event Drum plus final output control for each step. It operates according to the general principles of drum operation covered in the beginning of this section. Below is the instruction in chart form as displayed by DirectSOFT programming software.

The Masked Event Drum with Discrete Outputs features sixteen steps and sixteen outputs.

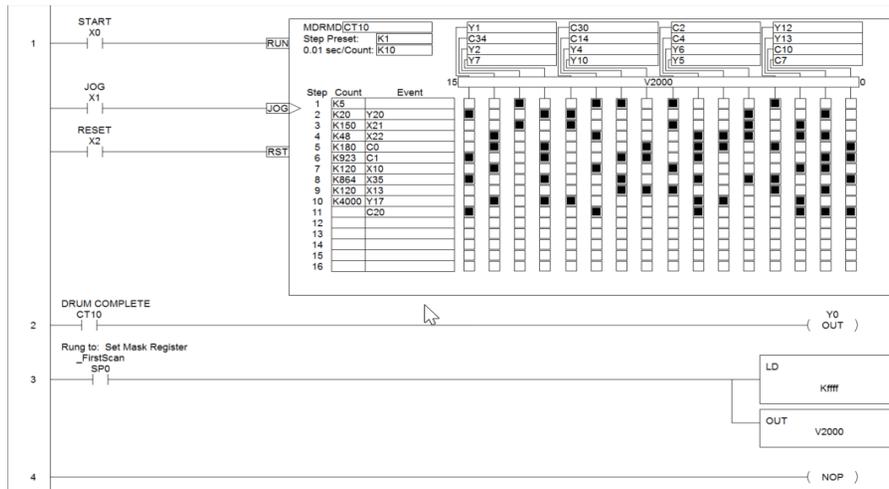
Drum outputs are logically ANDed bit-by-bit with an output mask word for each step. The Ggggg field specifies the beginning location of the 16 mask words. Step transitions occur on timed and/or event basis. The jog input also advances the step on each off-to-on transition. Time is specified in counts per step, and events are specified as discrete contacts. Unused steps and events can be left blank (this is the default entry). Whenever the Start input is energized, the drum's timer is enabled. As long as the event is true for the current step, the timer runs during that step. When the step count equals the counts per step, the drum transitions to the next step. This process stops when the last step is complete, or when the Reset input is energized. The drum enters the preset step chosen upon a CPU program-to-run mode transition, and whenever the Reset input is energized.

Drum Parameters	Field	Data Types	Ranges
Counter Number	CTaaa	-	0 – 377
Preset Step	Kbb	K	1 – 16
Timer base	Kcccc	K	0 – 99.99 seconds
Counts per step	Kdddd	K	0 – 9999
Event	Eeeee	X, Y, C, GX, GY, S, T, CT, SP	See memory map
Discrete Outputs	Fffff	X, Y, C, GX, GY	
Output Mask	Ggggg	V	

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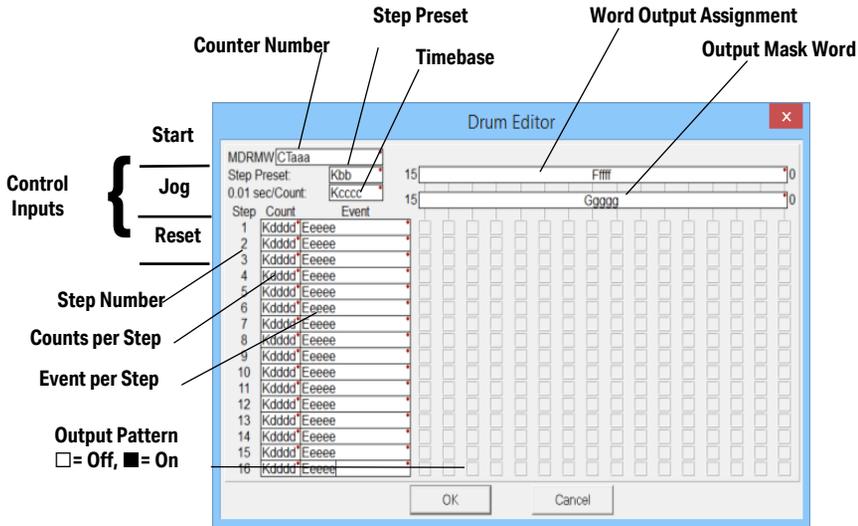
The following ladder program shows the MDRMD instruction in a typical ladder program, as shown by DirectSOFT. Steps 1 through 11 are used, and all 16 output points are used. The output mask word is at V2000. The final drum outputs are shown above the mask word as individual bits. The data bits in V2000 are logically ANDed with the output pattern of the current step in the drum. If you want all drum outputs to be off after power up, write zeros to V2000 on the first scan. Ladder logic may update the output mask at any time to enable or disable the drum outputs. The preset step is step 1. The timebase runs at $(K10 \times 0.01) = 0.1$ second per count. Therefore, the duration of step 1 is $(5 \times 0.1) = 0.5$ seconds. Note that step 1 is time-based only (event is left blank). In the last rung, the Drum Complete bit (CT10) turns on output Y0 upon completion of the last step (step 10). A drum reset also resets CT10.



NOTE: The ladder program must load constants in V2000 through V2012 to cover all mask registers for the eleven steps used in this drum.

Masked Event Drum with Word Output (MDRMW)

The Masked Event Drum with Word Output features outputs organized as bits of a single word, rather than discrete points. It operates according to the general principles of drum operation covered in the beginning of this section. Below is the instruction in chart form as displayed by DirectSOFT.



The Masked Event Drum with Word Output features sixteen steps and sixteen outputs. Drum outputs are logically ANDed bit-by-bit with an output mask word for each step. The Ggggg field specifies the beginning location of the 16 mask words, creating the final output (Ffff field). Step transitions occur on timed and/or event basis. The jog input also advances the step on each off-to-on transition. Time is specified in counts per step, and events are specified as discrete contacts. Unused steps and events can be left blank (this is the default entry).

Whenever the Start input is energized, the drum's timer is enabled. As long as the event is true for the current step, the timer runs during that step. When the step count equals the counts per step, the drum transitions to the next step. This process stops when the last step is complete, or when the Reset input is energized. The drum enters the preset step chosen upon a CPU program-to-run mode transition, and whenever the Reset input is energized.

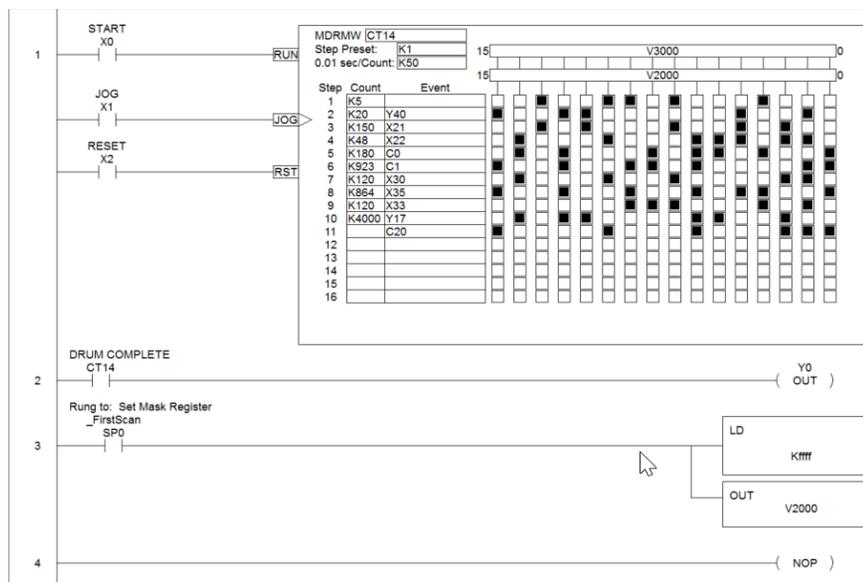
Drum Parameters	Field	Data Types	Ranges
Counter Number	CTaaa	-	0 – 377
Preset Step	Kbb	K	1 – 16
Timer base	Kcccc	K	0 – 99.99 seconds
Counts per step	Kdddd	K	0 – 9999
Event	Eeeee	X, Y, C, GX, GY, S, T, CT, CP	see memory map
Word Output	Ffff	V	see memory map
Output Mask	Ggggg	V	see memory map

Drum instructions use four counters in the CPU. The ladder program can read the counter values for the drum's status. The ladder program may write a new preset step number to

Counter Number	Ranges of (n)	Function	Counter Bit Function
CTA(n)	0–374	Counts in step	CT(n) = Drum Complete
CTA(n+1)	1–375	Timer value	CT(n+1) = (not used)
CTA(n+2)	2–376	Preset Step	CT(n+2) = (not used)
CTA(n+3)	3–377	Current Step	CT(n+3) = (not used)

CTA(n+2) at any time. However, the other counters are for monitoring purposes only.

The following ladder program shows the MDRMD instruction in a typical ladder program, as shown by DirectSOFT. Steps 1 through 11 are used, and all sixteen output points are used. The output mask word is at V2000. The final drum outputs are shown above the mask word as a word at V3000. The data bits in V2000 are logically ANDed with the output pattern of the current step in the drum, generating the contents of V3000. If you want all drum outputs to be off after power up, write zeros to V2000 on the first scan. Ladder logic may update the output mask at any time to enable or disable the drum outputs. The preset step is step 1. The timebase runs at $(K50 \times 0.01) = 0.5$ seconds per count. Therefore, the duration of step 1 is $(5 \times 0.5) = 2.5$ seconds. Note that step 1 is time-based only (event is left blank). In the last rung, the Drum Complete bit (CT14) turns on output Y0 upon completion of the last step (step 10). A drum reset also resets CT14.



NOTE: The ladder program must load constants in V2000 through V2012 to cover all mask registers for the eleven steps used in this drum.