

CatTouch v2.39

4th April 2024

- **CFG**
 - Added **Start up screen**:
 - Press button to cycle through each option
 - Options are: **WiFi > MIC > SPK > MTR > CLK > BAR**
- Unified title bars for CFG, WiFi & CLK; optimized initialization for each.

CatTouch v2.38

1st April 2024

- **BAR**
 - fixed clock updating & mode button (thanks F4DYK)
 - still need to detect what screen user has left CatTouch on (MTR or BAR), save this to config so it starts up on correct screen next power up

CatTouch v2.37

31st March 2024

- **BAR**
 - Created new bar display (suggested by Robert HF2R)

CatTouch v2.36

19th March 2024

- Internal version, not released
- **SPK**
 - Added Volume, Squelch & monitor levels.
 - Tried adding AESS level & CF for FT-710 but could not get Yaesu AESS CAT commands to work with latest FT-710 firmware (main V01-12)
- Enabled monitor button when in DIG mode (thanks NG9W)

CatTouch v2.35

18th March 2024

- Changed startup graphic to galaxy
- **SPK**
 - Fixed HCUT being stuck at 6dB (thanks NG9W)

CatTouch v2.34

11th February 2024

- **MIC**
 - Corrected reversed Bell curve - Q factor (bandwidth)
 - Stopped erratic “PRC” being drawn on chart
 - Enabled MEQ button for FM (PROC is not valid for FM)
 - Added “PRMTRC”, “P PRMTRC”, “MEQ ON”, “MEQ OFF” to clarify what is being displayed
 - Changed program flow to reflect what is displayed when MEQ or PROC is on/off on transceiver.

CatTouch v2.33

23rd January 2024

- Widened touch screen range check for latest displays
- **CFG** - Added ability to offset display backlight brightness.
 - Adjustable backlight brightness only works for latest PCB v9 or greater
 - PCB earlier than this require a modification. Refer v2.19 firmware notes
 - With CatTouch is in MTR screen, adjust transceiver brightness to the desired level. Wait up to 1 minute for CatTouch to register the change. Then select CFG and adjust brightness by pressing +/- until it reaches the level you want. Click SAVE to store the change.

CatTouch v2.32

30th December 2023

- **MTR** – Fixed 200W range for FTdx101MP

- Widened touch screen range check to cater for latest displays

CatTouch v2.31 – internal, not released

CatTouch v2.30

20th November 2023

- **MTR** – fixed TNR button not working with FT-710.
 - For all models, the tuner button top right of SWR meter now displays:
 - **TNR** in OFF state when off (white text, no border or background)
 - **TNR** in ON state when on (white text, green background & border)
 - **TNG** when transceiver is tuning
 - if tuning not valid (FT991 in V/U mode), button shows TNR in disabled state (grayed out)
- **MTR** – reworked how PROC level is displayed in upper right of CMP meter.

CatTouch v2.29 – internal, not released

CatTouch v2.28

24th October 2023

- **MTR** – modified TNR button in SWR meter to activate internal tuner
 - The tuner button on CatTouch can display:
 - **OFF** – transceiver tuner is OFF
 - **TNR** - transceiver tuner is ON
 - **TNG** - transceiver is tuning
 - Press OFF on CatTouch to turn transceiver internal tuner on
 - Press TNR on CatTouch to make transceiver start tuning
 - Press TNG on CatTouch to stop tuning
 - Use the transceiver to turn the internal tuner off

CatTouch v2.28

17th October 2023

- **MTR** – added memory number to VFO/MEM/MT flag

CatTouch v2.27

22nd September 2023

- Adjusted low brightness level so screen slightly brighter on lowest transceiver brightness setting.
Refer firmware v2.19 notes for the required HW modification to enable backlight control on CatTouch PCB's earlier than v8.
- CatTouch starts up at maximum brightness. Then it can only be changed by changing the brightness on the transceiver and CatTouch must be set to MTR screen when doing this. Some transceivers have multiple settings for brightness. CatTouch sets its brightness from the CAT command DA; which is generally the transceiver TFT / Display brightness.

CatTouch v2.26

22nd August 2023

- **MIC**
 - Current levels are displayed for MIC (Microphone Gain), PRC (processor Level) & AMC (Automatic Microphone Gain Control) in lower RH corner of microphone equalizer chart.
 - MIC, PRC & AMC is now saved & loaded with equalizer settings.
 - AMC only shows and works with transceivers that have AMC ie, not applicable for FT991/A
- Changed the way touch works on both parametric screens, MIC & SPK. Its now more of a tap where you want to go as opposed to a drag. Its still a bit of a pain but seems more reliable.

CatTouch v2.25 – internal, not released

CatTouch v2.24

3rd August 2023

- **MTR** – Fixed S Meter activity bar - plotting in a very dark gray. Now using light gray which provides much better contrast across all brightness levels.

CatTouch v2.23

27th July 2023

- **SWR** – Fixed ‘Reading xxx’ overwriting itself on SWR screen.
- **SWR** – Occasionally FT-991a would not correctly restore mode after SWR test. Increased delay after SWR CAT commands sent resolved issue.

CatTouch v2.22

26th July 2023

- **SWR** – If SWR selected when rig in a MEM mode, it would turn off any split in that memory. So now if you select SWR while in MEM, it forces transceiver into VFO A at the currently tuned frequency & removes any split. When test complete, transceiver will remain in VFO A. User will need to manually select memory again.
- **General Performance Note** - A key issue with Yaesu RS232 connected CAT is it does not support automatic updating. This means to get data from the transceiver you must continually ask it to send each bit of information required, all the time (in case operator has changed something). Yaesu USB connected CAT however supports automatic updating so CAT traffic only occurs when the operator makes a change on the transceiver. CatTouch is taxing the capacity of the Yaesu CAT system which is why I have had to slow some requests down. In general, everything starts happening in the Meter screen and can take several minutes before CatTouch & transceiver are in sync. This is why CatTouch will restart if you try to access the CLK screen just after you power it on.

CatTouch v2.21

20th July 2023

- **SWR** – fixed coding issue causing only 160m band to be selected

CatTouch v2.20

19th July 2023

- **CLK** – added missing font so digital time is shown again on CLK screen

CatTouch v2.19

19th July 2023

- **CLK** - fixed seconds to update correctly
- **SWR** – now detects if a repeater offset has been set. If it has, it is turned off before testing SWR and restored when complete
- **Future Hardware Change** – added code to support PWM backlight control in next PCB run. To modify existing hardware:
 - cut track from VSS to BL pin on display
 - connect 2k2 resistor from pad D3 on ESP8266 to pad BL on display
 - with this modification, CatTouch backlight level is now set from transceiver DIMMER setting (TFT Display Brightness Level)
 - without this hardware modification, backlight will remain at maximum brightness, regardless of transceiver setting

CatTouch v2.17 & v2.18

Internal testing only. No public release

CatTouch v2.16 Firmware Release Notes

10th May 2023

- **SWR**
 - Reworked SWR loop to prevent corruption data in swr.csv file (thanks KF5WGB)
 - Optimized SWR history loop
 - Added file line count to show CatTouch is working when reading large history files

CatTouch v2.15 Firmware Release Notes

9th May 2023

- **SWR**
 - swr.csv file updated to include transceiver name. File format now:
Band,F(kHz),SWR(0~255),YYYY-MM-DD,HHMM,RIG
20m,14000000,98,2023-05-08,01:38,FT991A
 - If SWR history cannot be found for current band OR no SD card inserted & current SWR not requested, now shows “No SWR history found!” rather than not showing anything

- Fixed a bug in restoring modulation modes greater than 9 (i.e. A ~ F)
- Added missing '4m' to band array causing 2m & 70cm name issues on chart & in file (thanks KF5WGB)
- Added check to ensure date has loaded in MTR screen before allowing SWR test. This ensures all internal data is loaded for accurate SWR display and history file save (thanks KF5WGB)
- Added IARU Region 1, 2 & 3 band data so SWR tests correct frequency based on what region is set in CFG screen. Bands are:

	160m	80m	60m	40m	30m	20m	17m	15m	12m	11m	10m	6m	4m	2m	70cm
Region 1 Start:	1.810	3.500	5.351	7.000	10.100	14.000	18.068	21.000	24.890	25.615	28.000	50.000	70.000	144.000	430.000
Stop:	2.000	3.880	5.366	7.200	10.150	14.350	18.168	21.450	24.990	27.999	29.700	54.000	70.500	146.000	440.000
Region 2 Start:	1.800	3.500	5.351	7.000	10.100	14.000	18.068	21.000	24.890	25.615	28.000	50.000	70.000	144.000	420.000
Stop:	2.000	4.000	5.366	7.300	10.150	14.350	18.168	21.450	24.990	27.999	29.700	54.000	70.500	148.000	450.000
Region 3 Start:	1.810	3.500	5.250	7.000	10.100	14.000	18.068	21.000	24.890	25.615	28.000	50.000	70.000	144.000	430.000
Stop:	2.000	3.900	5.450	7.300	10.150	14.350	18.168	21.450	24.990	27.999	29.700	54.000	70.500	148.000	440.000

- This is region & not country data - some will not be correct (i.e some regions/countries don't have 60m, 11m, 4m, Etc)
- It is the data CatTouch uses to check & work out SWR steps - there is no MARS / OPEN option
- Not all compatible transceivers support all bands
- If your transceiver does not support a band or frequency, it will report a high SWR when CatTouch tries to transmit
- It is up to the operator to make sure you only transmit within your license limitations

• OTHER

– More work on Calibration screen to now tighten it back up. With v2.14, reports indicated calibration passed but bottom buttons would not work, or only worked if touched at the very top edges. This is because button touch coordinates were outside what CatTouch was informed was a valid touch area. So put your glasses back on, we're back to stricter touch calibration.

CatTouch screen uses a resistive touch panel and requires an appropriate stylus.
This was purposely selected to prevent accidental changes to any connected transceiver.

- **CFG** – added IARU region for SWR testing – default is 2
- **MTR** – disabled ATT, BW, IPO & TNR for FT991/A when above 60MHz
- **JPG** – no changes
- **CLK** – no changes
- **SPK** – no changes
- **MIC** – no changes
- **WiFi** – no changes

Thank you for supporting CatTouch. If you have any comments please feel free to send me an email.

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