iPigeon V8 Version V8.42 Introduction

Dear TOPigeon agents,

Thank you for supporting the TOPigeon iPigeon V8 users in your region. iPigeon V8 launched (FCI approved) in early 2015. It has been over 2 years and around 1,000 clocks have been sold worldwide. In the past two years, iPigeon V8 has enhanced the pigeon racing community around the world with many new features. Because numerous iPigeon V8 clocks were sold over this long period of time, the different clocks used around the world have been packaged with numerous different versions of our firmware.

TOPigeon would like to unify the iPigeon clocks in the global pigeon racing community and have proudly announced the release of a major new firmware version – V8.42.

The V8.42 release will include all of the latest features available on our platform, including any currently supported features included in existing firmware packages. In order to maintain a unified clock ecosystem, we highly recommend that all users update their firmware to V8.42 immediately. While support for existing versions will not be dropped currently, we will not guarantee that they will continue to function with future updates of the system. An expedient transition to V8.42 will ensure that your users' devices will be ready for any future updates as we move forward.

There are versions for V8.42 – new and old. The new and old are separate by end of the 2016 delivery iPigeon. It is also fine if you don't know which upgrade version should be use, because there will be a message to tell you that your OS do not match.

For the SD card, we suggest using the HP disk format tool to format your SD card before you upgrade this version. Just run the HPUSBFW.EXE directly and use the default setting. You can also click on the Quick Format to save your time.
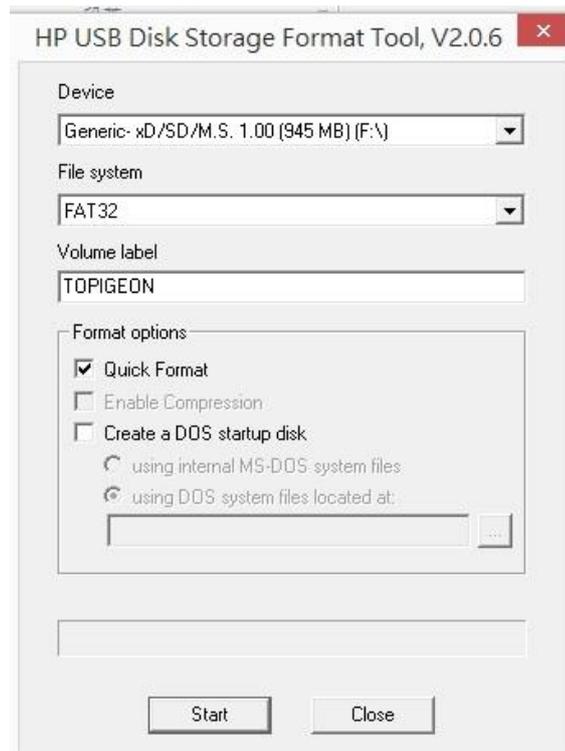
The new and old version upgrade procedure is quite different describe as follows,

New Version

New Version upgrade is very straight forward, just like the previous version. After you insert the SD card and power on or restart, the new version will upgrade automatically. The clock will back to main menu and prompt the message "Update successfully!". The upgrade won't change any data existing in the clock. Please don't forget to remove your SD after upgrade.

Old Version

After you insert the SD card and power on or restart, the screen will prompt in blue words "Kernel updating… ".   The old version upgrade will take longer time than new version, about 30 seconds to 1 minute. The screen will showing "Kernel updating… "all the time and just watch the RED LED light on the panel. After the LED light off that means upgrade completed. Please unplug the power and restart the clock again. Then the screen will prompt you "Update successfully!". Then you should see the screen "Connecting", because this version will reset all data in the clock Then you will need to Initialize the clock to make the clock back to work.

Thanks for your attention!

Best Regards,
Austin,