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		Advantages	Disadvantages
Timing Console	Omega Ares 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptop interface • Laptop interface software included with Ares 21 • Interfaces with Omega scoreboards with native Galactica system • Interfaces with Venus 7000 scoreboard controller and other advanced Alpha scoreboards • State of the art design and functionality • Rugged Tuchel connections that screw in place • Stand alone thermal printer for chatter splits • End of race reports available on any attached printer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires Laptop or PC interface
	Daktronics Omni 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptop interface (OmniPro) • Interfaces with Venus 7000 scoreboard controller and other advanced Alpha scoreboards • Good, stable performance • Thermal printer for chatter splits • End of race reports available on any attached printer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires Laptop or PC interface • OmniPro software additional \$1900 • OmniPro license limited to 3 laptops – each requiring unlock code • Built in thermal printer as opposed to Stand Alone
	Daktronics Omni 6000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interfaces with Venus 7000 scoreboard controller and other advanced Alpha scoreboards • Good, stable performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports only onboard LCD display • Chatter splits only on dot matrix printer – No thermal
	Colorado 6000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unstable, updates required • Slow, unstable connection to Meet Manager software 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports only onboard LCD display • Chatter splits only on dot matrix printer – No thermal
	Colorado 5000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good, stable performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports only onboard LCD display • No longer in production • Chatter splits only on dot matrix printer – No thermal
Touchpads	Omega	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light and durable 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All parts easily replaceable – never needs to be sent back to factory Interchangeable with Daktronics and Colorado harnesses FINA sizes available without special order Stainless steel mounting brackets 	
	Daktronics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stainless steel mounting brackets More durable than Colorado 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heavy and stiff Not repairable without shipping to factory FINA sizes require special order Non compatible with other manufacturers
	Colorado		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heavy and stiff Very sensitive to weather and prone to warping Sensitive altitude changes and prone to filling with air which causes floating Not repairable without shipping to factory FINA sizes require special order Uses flimsy plastic hangers with Velcro to secure touchpads
Starting Platform/ Starting Blocks	Omega	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of the art takeoff and relay exchange timing mechanism All stainless steel construction Used at Olympics, World Championships, NCAA's, All USA Swimming National Events 	
	Daktronics		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not available
	Colorado		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available but unreliable at best
Buttons	Omega	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spare pushbuttons available for self repair 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Molded, waterproof casing 	
	Daktronics		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spare pushbuttons not available for self repair Button mechanism not water tight
	Colorado		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spare pushbuttons not available for self repair Button mechanism not water tight
Speakers	Omega	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completely water resistant on handsome self contained stand Uses rugged Tuchel connections 	
	Daktronics		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses cheap banana plugs
	Colorado		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses cheap banana plugs
Harness	Omega	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lightweight but durable Rugged but easy to use Tuchel connections. All stainless steel banana connectors 	
	Daktronics		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heavy and bulky Centronics connections on Timing console Uses cheap banana plugs
	Colorado		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heavy and bulky Centronics connections on Timing console Uses cheap banana plugs and plastic centronics connections
Deck Plates	Omega	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All stainless banana connectors 	
	Daktronics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available 	
	Colorado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available 	
Start Unit	Omega	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ready signal to microphone via Ares 21 Tuchel connections throughout Can start a Daktronics or Colorado Start Unit Strobe built into unit – additional strobe easily added 	

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	Daktronics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strobe built into unit – additional strobe easily added 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banana plug connections • No ready signal from Timing console
	Colorado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Onboard strobe available on latest unit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banana plug connections • No ready signal from Timing console • Many early start units relied on exposed mother boards for connections