

chipKIT™ Motor Shield™ Reference Manual

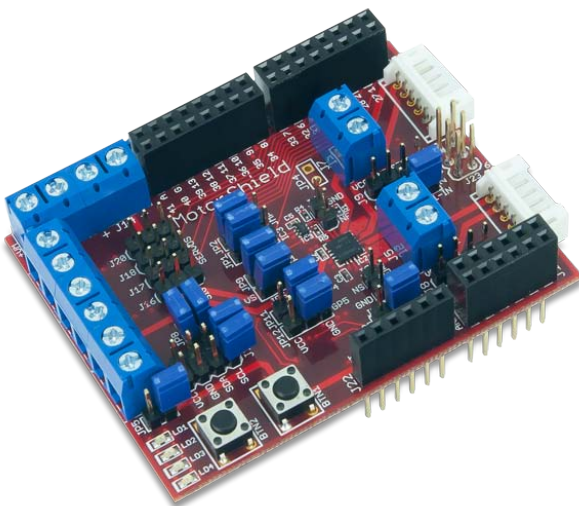
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Overview

The chipKIT™ Motor Shield is an expansion board for use with the chipKIT Uno32 and chipKIT uC32. It provides additional circuitry and connectors for the Uno32 and uC32 to drive various motors types.

The chipKIT Motor Shield is designed to drive DC motors, servo motors, and stepper motors. It also provides additional I/O via an I²C I/O extender.



The chipKIT Motor Shield.

Features include:

- Two DC motor driver channels, accessible with either a JST 6-pin connector or a terminal block.
- Two DC motor encoder input signals for each DC motor channel.
- Four servo motor channels.
- I²C General purpose I/O expander with 4 LEDs 2 push buttons and 2 user settable jumpers.
- One 4-wire unipolar stepper motor channel.
- Standard chipKIT Shield connectors.

1 Functional Description

The chipKIT Motor Shield is designed to be used with the chipKIT Uno32 or chipKIT uC32 board. When used with these boards, the microcontroller and shield provide the necessary supporting hardware and connectors to control most types of small motors. The rest of this document will only reference the Uno32; however, the shield can also be used with the chipKIT uC32.

The chipKIT Motor Shield has the following connectors:

J1: Power Supply for the DC motor driver

This connector provides power to the DVR8833RTY motor driver for the DC motors. Motor supply voltage range is 2.7-10.8 V.

J3 & J6: DC motor 6-pin JST connector

These connections provide power and feedback signals for DC motors. The pin-outs are compatible with the Digilent DC gear-motors.

J5 & J7: DC motor terminal block connector

These connections provide the power supply pin-out for most two wire DC motors.

J2: DC motor driver disable

Shorting these two pins (or driving the NS signal pin low) will put the DC motor driver into sleep mode. This disables the motor driver and therefore reduces power consumption. This option is useful for low power applications.

J4: DC motor driver fault indicator

The NF signal will be driven low when there is a fault detected within the DC motor driver. Possible reasons for fault include overcurrent, overheat, and low voltage.

J8 & J9: DC motor feedback signal headers

Headers for connecting DC motor feedback signals.

J10: Power Supply for Stepper motor

This connector provides power for driving the stepper motor.

J12 & J13: Stepper motor terminal block connectors

These connections are used for driving a stepper motor.

J14: Power Supply for servo motors

This connector provides external power for driving the servo motors. If using this header remove JP6 to ensure that servo power supply is not shorted to the 5 Volt Uno32 power supply.

J11 & J15: Digital Signal Pass-Through Connectors

This connector passes the digital I/O pins on the Uno32 through to the chipKIT Motor Shield.

J21: I²C #1 Daisy Chain Connector

This is a 2x4 pin header connector that provides access to the I²C signals SDA and SCL as well as power from the 3.3V power bus and ground. This can be used to extend the I²C bus off of the board and to power external I²C devices. Digilent has cables and a selection of I²C peripheral modules that can be accessed using this connector.

J19: Analog Signal Pass-Through Connector

This connector passes the analog input pins on the Uno32 through the chipKIT Motor Shield.

J22: Power Pass-Through Connector

This connector passes the power connector from the Uno32 through the chipKIT Motor Shield, and powers the chipKIT Motor Shield from the Uno32.

2 DC Motor Controller

The Motor Shield provides a means to control 2 independent DC motors via a DRV883 dual H-bridge motor driver. The motor driver must be powered via J1 to operate, voltages between 2.7 and 10.8 volts are acceptable. Each channel is controlled by an “enable” and “direction” signal.

Uno32 Pin #	PIC32 Pin #	Signal	Notes
3	46	Enable1: OC1/RD0	
4	59	Direction1: RF1	
3/5	46/49	Enable2: OC1/RD0 or OC2/RD1	Select with JP1
4/34	59/53	Direction2: RF1 or PMRD/CN14/RD5	Select with JP2

Channel 2 can be set up for identical or independent operation from channel 1 using JP1 and JP2.

PWM levels on enable pins will regulate the speed of the motors. Logic levels on direction pins will determine the motors rotation direction of the attached DC motors. The chipKIT Uno32 uses a demultiplexer and pull-down resistors on the inputs to the DRV8833 H-Bridge pins to ensure that the H-Bridge only works in fast decay mode.

Table 1 lists the motor responses that result from various input combinations.

DIR1	EN1	Result
0	0	Stop
0	1/PWM	Forward
1	0	Stop
1	1/PWM	Reverse
DIR2	EN2	Result
0	0	Stop
0	1/PWM	Forward
1	0	Stop
1	1/PWM	Reverse

The DRV8833 chip provides overcurrent protection on the motor drive circuits. Each internal drive FET is independently monitored for an overcurrent condition and will be shut down internally to protect the chip. When an overcurrent condition is sensed the chip will shut down the FET with the fault and then set the NFAULT pin low signaling a fault condition on the chip. The remaining FETs will continue to operate as normal. When the fault condition is over, the chip will self-reset and return the NFAULT logic level to logic high. (See Table 2 for connector descriptions.)

There are two Schmitt trigger buffered inputs on connectors J3, J6, J8 and J9 that bring motor speed feedback signals to the controlling system board. The Digilent motor and gearbox have hall-effect sensors arranged in a quadrature encoder format. These buffers have 5V tolerant inputs, when operated at 3.3V.

The quadrature encoder signals are a pair of square waves whose frequency is proportional to motor rotation speed and with the pulses 90° out of phase. You can determine the motor speed with the frequency and motor rotation direction by the phase relationship between the two signals.

3 Stepper Motor Controller

The stepper motor controller has 4 output signals. It is composed of 4 open-drain transistor amplifiers.

Uno32 Pin #	PIC32 Pin #	Signal	Notes
26	60	A: PMD0/RE0	
27	61	B: PMD1/RE1	
28	62	C: PMD2/RE2	
29	63	D: PMD3/RE3	

The stepper motor driver can be powered by either VIN, or an external power source connected to J10. If connecting an external power source, JP5 should be removed to prevent shorting the stepper motor voltages to the input voltage of the chipKIT board.

4 Servo Motors

The Motor Shield has 4 servo motor connections. They can be powered from VCC5V0 or an external power source connected to J14. If connecting an external power source, JP6 should be removed. The voltage of the power source can be measured on analog pin A11 via a resistor divider network (see the schematic for more details).

Uno32 Pin #	PIC32 Pin #	Signal	Notes
30	64	Servo1: PMD4/RE4	J16
31	1	Servo2: PMD5/RE5	J17
32	2	Servo3: PMD6/RE6	J18
33	3	Servo4: PMD7/RE7	J20

5 I²C Bus and Connectors

The Inter-Integrated Circuit (I²C) Interface provides a medium speed (100K or 400K bps) synchronous serial communications bus. The I²C interface provides master and slave operation using either 7 bit or 10 bit device addressing. Each device is given a unique address, and the protocol provides the ability to address packets to a specific device or to broadcast packets to all devices on the bus. Refer to the Microchip PIC32MX3XX data sheet and the *PIC32 Family Reference Manual* for detailed information on configuring and using the I²C interface.

The PIC32MX320 microcontroller on the Uno32 provides for two independent I²C interfaces. The Motor Shield is designed to provide access to one of these interfaces, I²C #1 (SCL1, SDA1). I²C #1 is accessed through the standard chipKIT Wire library. Connector J21 provides access to I²C port #1.

Connector J21 can be used to extend the I²C bus off of the board to connect to external I²C devices. This is a standard 2x4 pin header connector with 0.100" spaced pins. It provides access to the I²C signals, SCL1 and SDA1, plus VCC3V3 and ground. The VCC3V3 can be used to power external I²C devices.

The I²C bus uses open collector drivers to allow multiple devices to drive the bus signals. This means that pull-up resistors must be provided to supply the logic high state for the signals. The Motor Shield provides 2.2Kohm pull-up resistors on I²C #1.

Generally, only one set of pull-ups are used on the bus. Jumpers JP7 and JP8 can be used to disable the on-board pull-ups on I²C #1 if a different value is needed or some other device on the bus is providing the pull-ups or if I²C #1 isn't being used and the pull-ups are interfering with the use of the pins. The on-board pull-ups are enabled by install shorting blocks on JP7 and JP8. Removing the shorting blocks disables the pull-ups.

Digilent has several small I/O modules available that can be connected using the I²C connector. These include a 3-axis accelerometer, 4-channel, 12-bit A/D converter, serial character LCD panel, 3-axis gyroscope, and a real-time clock/calendar. The on-board I/O expander is also controlled via I²C #1.

6 I/O Expander

The Motor Shield contains an I/O expander module that gives access to 4 LEDs, 2 pushbuttons, and 2 jumper-switches. The I/O expander is controlled via I²C #1. The outputs can be easily controlled using the Motor Shield MPIDE library.

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Appendix: chipKIT Motor Shield Pin-out Tables

J1 Pins

Uno32 Pin #	PIC32 Pin #	Pin	Signal	Notes
		J1-01	VM (motor driver power supply)	2.7-10.8 V
		J1-02	GND	

J2 Pins

Uno32 Pin #	PIC32 Pin #	Pin	Signal	Notes
		J2-01	Motor Driver NSLEEP	Pull low to sleep
		J2-02	GND	

J4 Pins

Uno32 Pin #	PIC32 Pin #	Pin	Signal	Notes
		J4-01	Motor Driver NFAULT	Goes low on error
		J4-02	GND	

J3 Pins

Uno32 Pin #	PIC32 Pin #	Pin	Signal	Notes
		J3-01	SB1-IN	
		J3-02	SA1-IN	
		J3-03	GND	
		J3-04	VCC3V3	
		J3-05	M1+	
		J3-06	M1-	

J6 Pins

Uno32 Pin #	PIC32 Pin #	Pin	Signal	Notes
		J6-01	SB2-IN	
		J6-02	SA2-IN	
		J6-03	GND	
		J6-04	VCC3V3	
		J6-05	M2+	

		J6-06	M2-	
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J5 Pins

Uno32 Pin #	PIC32 Pin #	Pin	Signal	Notes
		J5-01	M1+	
		J5-02	M1+	

J7 Pins

Uno32 Pin #	PIC32 Pin #	Pin	Signal	Notes
		J7-01	M2+	
		J7-02	M2-	

J8 Pins

Uno32 Pin #	PIC32 Pin #	Pin	Signal	Notes
		J8-01	SA1-IN/ Jumper#3	See JP3
20/A6	13	J8-02	SB1-IN/A6	
		J8-03	GND	
		J8-04	VCC3V3	

J9 Pins

Uno32 Pin #	PIC32 Pin #	Pin	Signal	Notes
7	43	J9-01	SA2-IN/IC2/INT2/RD9	
37	55	J9-02	SB1-IN/CN16/RD7	
		J9-03	GND	
		J9-04	VCC3V3	

JP3 Pins

Uno32 Pin #	PIC32 Pin #	Pin	Signal	Notes
2	42	JP3-01	IC1/INT1/RD8	
		JP3-02	SB1-IN	Select with jumper
35	45	JP3-03	IC4/PMCS1/PMAI4/INT4/R11	

J10, J12, J13 Pins (Stepper Motor Connections)

Uno32 Pin #	PIC32 Pin #	Pin	Signal	Notes
		J10-01	External V+/VIN	Select with JP5
		J10-02	External V-/GND	
26	60	J12-01	StepperA/PMD0/RE0	
27	61	J12-02	StepperB/PMD1/RE1	
28	62	J13-01	StepperC/PMD2/RE2	
29	63	J13-02	StepperD/PMD3/RE3	

J14, J16, J17, J18, J20 Pins (Servo Motor Connections)

Uno32 Pin #	PIC32 Pin #	Pin	Signal	Notes
		J14-01	External Vs+/VCC5V0	Select with JP6
		J14-02	GND	
30	64	J16-01	PMD4/RE4	
		J16-02	External Vs+/VCC5V0	
		J16-03	GND	
31	1	J17-01	PMD5/RE5	
		J17-02	External Vs+/VCC5V0	
		J17-03	GND	
32	2	J18-01	PMD6/RE6	
		J18-02	External Vs+/VCC5V0	
		J18-03	GND	
33	3	J19-01	PMD7/RE7	
		J19-02	External Vs+/VCC5V0	
		J19-03	GND	

J21 Pins (I²C)

Uno32 Pin #	PIC32 Pin #	Pin	Signal	Notes
46	37	J21-01	SCL1/RG2	
46	37	J21-02	SCL1/RG2	
45	36	J21-03	SDA1/RG3	
45	36	J21-04	SDA1/RG3	
		J21-05	GND	
		J21-06	GND	
		J21-07	VCC3V3	
		J21-08	VCC3V3	