



STSPIN250 CLICK

PID: MIKROE-3543

Weight: 25 g

STSPIN250 click is a brushed DC motor driver with the current limiting and current sensing. It is based on the STSPIN250, a low voltage DC brushed motor driver. It is optimized for portable and low voltage applications, featuring the lowest standby current available on the market (max 80nA). Thanks to the low ON resistance of the MOSFETs used for its output stage, the STSPIN250 represents a highly efficient DC motor driver, with a very small (3x3mm QFN) form factor. The device implements a PWM current control with the fixed OFF time, along with a full set of protection features. STSPIN250 click can be used with the step motor voltage ranging from 1.8V to 10V, and current up to 2.65A.

STSPIN250 click is supported by a mikroSDK compliant library, which includes functions that simplify software development. This Click board™ comes as a fully tested product, ready to be used on a system equipped with the mikroBUS™ socket.

This Click board™ is optimized for driving brushed DC motors using batteries. Therefore, the STSPIN250 integrates very efficient H-Bridges in a parallel configuration, with a total ON resistance (HS+LS) of approximately 200mΩ. The PWM current controller allows for a programmable OFF time. Also, the motor current limit can be set

by an onboard potentiometer. These features make STSPIN250 click perfectly suited for rapid development of various battery-powered and portable brushed DC motor applications, including home appliances (such as toothbrushes and shavers), toys, portable printers, mechatronics, and robotics-related applications, etc.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

STSPIN250 click is based on the [STSPIN250](#), a low voltage DC brushed motor driver by [STMicroelectronics](#). This device integrates two full-bridge MOSFET channels in a parallel configuration, which can sustain up to 2.65A. This IC is targeted towards battery-powered applications, featuring optimizations toward lowered power consumption. It has a PWM current controller that has a fixed OFF time, during which the current decay sequence is performed. This effectively limits the current through the connected load (motor). The OFF (decay) time is fixed to approximately 40 μ s on this Click board™.



The PWM current controller compares the voltage across the sense resistor (V_{SENS}) and the V_{REF} voltage, which is adjustable on STSPIN250 click. When V_{SENS} becomes greater than the V_{REF} voltage, the current limiting is triggered, and the OFF timer starts counting. The decay sequence is performed. By using a simple formula, the V_{REF} voltage can be determined, for a specific load current:

$$V_{REF} = R_{SENS} \cdot I_{LOAD}$$

Where:

- V_{REF} is the voltage on the REF pin of the STSPIN250, adjustable with the potentiometer;
- R_{SENS} is the resistance of the current sensing resistor, which is 150 m Ω ;
- I_{LOAD} is the peak current through the motor coils;

By knowing the RSENS, it can be easily calculated how much voltage should be applied to the REF pin of the STSPIN250, to limit the current according to ILOAD. For example, if there is 0.388V applied at the VREF pin, the current limit will be maxed out to 2.58A. The onboard potentiometer allows to simply adjust the VREF voltage, according to needs.

The connected motor can be controlled by using these pins: PWM, PH, RST, and EN/INT:

The PH pin determines the direction of the current. If set to a HIGH logic level, the current will flow in one direction, and vice-versa: when a LOW logic level is applied, the current will reverse its direction. This pin is routed to the AN pin of the mikroBUS™ and labeled as PH.

PWM pin can be used to regulate the speed of the rotation. When there is a LOW logic level on this pin, the current will start circulating through the low-side (LS) MOSFETs and the motor coil. When there is a HIGH logic level on this pin, the current will flow through the load, depending on the logic state of the PH pin. Higher duty cycle percentage will result in higher angular speed. While the current decay sequence is performed, the logic states on the input pins will be disregarded until the decay timer expires. The decay time is fixed to approximately 40 μ s on this Click board™.

The STBY/RESET (RST) pin of the STSPIN250 is used to set both bridge outputs in HIGH-Z mode, disconnecting the power supply from the output stage. This pin allows lower average power consumption as no current can flow from the power supply to the motor. This pin is routed to the RST pin of the mikroBUS™.

The EN/FAULT (EN) pin has a double purpose: when set to a high logic level, it acts as a chip enable, allowing the device to operate. In the case of a fault condition on the IC, it will be asserted to a LOW logic level, acting as an interrupt pin. After a timeout period defined by the external capacitor and resistor values, a restart attempt will be made. This pin is routed to both CS and INT pin of the mikroBUS™, allowing the host MCU to use both functions. These pins are labeled as EN and FLT on the Click board™, respectively.

The motor power supply can be connected to the input terminal labeled as VIN and should be within the range of 1.8V to 10V. The motor can be connected at the second terminal, between two poles labeled as A+ and A-. The Click board™ requires an external power supply for the motor in order to work. However, it also requires 3.3V from the mikroBUS™ rail.

SPECIFICATIONS

Type	DC
Applications	STSPIN250 click is perfectly suited for rapid development of various battery-powered and portable brushed DC motor applications, including home appliances (such as toothbrushes and shavers), toys, portable printers, mechatronics, and robotics-related applications, etc.
On-board modules	STSPIN250, a low voltage DC brushed motor driver by STMicroelectronics.
Key Features	The main IC features a set of protection features, allowing reliable performance. The current limit can be adjusted by an onboard potentiometer. It is optimized for a low-power and battery-operated applications, featuring very low ON resistance, and lowest standby current on the market.
Interface	GPIO,PWM
Input Voltage	3.3V,5V
Click board size	M (42.9 x 25.4 mm)

PINOUT DIAGRAM

This table shows how the pinout on **STSPIN250 click** corresponds to the pinout on the mikroBUS™ socket (the latter shown in the two middle columns).

Notes	Pin					Pin	Notes
Direction Control	PH	1	AN	PWM	16	PWM	PWM Speed Control

Chip Standby/Reset	RST	2	RST	INT	15	FLT	Flaut Reporting
Chip Enable	EN	3	CS	RX	14	NC	
	NC	4	SCK	TX	13	NC	
	NC	5	MISO	SCL	12	NC	
	NC	6	MOSI	SDA	11	NC	
Power Supply	3.3V	7	3.3V	5V	10	5V	Power Supply
Ground	GND	8	GND	GND	9	GND	Ground

STSPIN250 CLICK ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Description	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Input voltage	1.8		10	V
Current through the load	0		2.65	A

ONBOARD SETTINGS AND INDICATORS

Label	Name	Default	Description
PWR	PWR	-	Power LED Indicator
VR1	-	-	Potentiometer for current limiting

SOFTWARE SUPPORT

We provide a library for the **STSPIN250 click** on our [LibStock](#) page, as well as a demo application (example), developed using MikroElektronika [compilers](#). The demo can run on all the main MikroElektronika [development boards](#).

Library Description

Initializes and defines gpio driver and constant values witch can be used in example code, and also performs the chip enable.

Key functions:

- `void stspin250_enable(uint8_t state)` - Function for enable or disable device.
- `void stspin250_setPH(uint8_t state)` - Function for select the direction of rotation of the motor.

Examples description

The application is composed of the three sections :

- System Initialization - Sets AN,RST,CS and PWM pin as OUTPUT and INT pin as INPUT.
- Application Initialization - Initialization driver init, PWM init and enable device.
- Application Task - (code snippet) - Changes the PWM dutyCycle and controls the motor speed. You can change the direction of the motor rotation by setting PH to 0 or 1..
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```
void applicationTask()
{
// PWM DEMO EXAMPLE
    _dutyCycle += 250;
    stspin250_pwmSetDuty(_dutyCycle);
    if (_dutyCycle > 40000 )
    {
        _dutyCycle = 0;
        stspin250_pwmStop();
        Delay_ms(2000);
        stspin250_pwmStart();
    }
    stspin250_setPH(1);
    Delay_ms( 200 );
}
```

The full application code, and ready to use projects can be found on our [LibStock](#) page. Other mikroE Libraries used in the example:

- [GPIO](#)
- [PWM](#)

Additional notes and informations

Depending on the development board you are using, you may need [USB UART click](#), [USB UART 2 click](#) or [RS232 click](#) to connect to your PC, for development systems with no UART to USB interface available on the board. The terminal available in all MikroElektronika [compilers](#), or any other terminal application of your choice, can be used to read the message.

MIKROSDK

This click board is supported with [mikroSDK](#) - MikroElektronika Software Development Kit. To ensure proper operation of mikroSDK compliant click board demo applications, mikroSDK should be downloaded from the [LibStock](#) and installed for the compiler you are using.

For more information about mikroSDK, visit the [official page](#).



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