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1 Introduction

This document defines the pHAT-RV Remote Vehicle module and describes the hardware interface that is connected to the customers Raspberry-Pi application.

This document can help customers quickly understand module interface specifications, electrical and mechanical details, as well as other related information of the module. Associated with the quick start guide and demo software, customers can use this document to easily set up the module.



2 Product Concept

2.1 General Description

The Designer Systems pHAT-RV is a fully featured remote vehicle driver solution with four [4] unipolar stepper motor drivers, four [4] servo motor drivers and Lithium battery power control features. Specifically designed for the Raspberry-Pi Zero (other Raspberry-Pi boards fully supported) the pHAT-RV features Lithium battery power regulation, a battery charging system and high speed I2C communication for easy project integration.

pHAT-RV supports the majority of analogue servos and unipolar stepper motors (selectable 1 or 2 phase) and also provides global activation of new motor positions & movement complete registers for superior control. Motors can be fully speed controlled, reversed, started/stopped and stepper motors stepped with up to 65535 steps.

pHAT-RV provides a 5V @ 1A power supply (link selectable) to power the connected R-Pi Zero and features an on-board Lithium Polymer charge controller that can charge the battery at 1A (2000mAh min capacity) from an external 9-12VDC power adaptor (not supplied).

Due to compact form factor, ultra-low power consumption and extended temperature range, pHAT-RV is a best choice for a wide range of robotic applications.

The module fully complies with the RoHS directive of the European Union



2.2 Key Features

The following table describes the key features of the pHAT-RV.

Table 1: Key Features

Features	Details	
Servo motor	4 x Analogue (standard)	
Servo Voltage	6.0 ~ 7.4V	
Servo Power	2 Amps (stalled)	
Servo Control	 Enable/Disable/Reverse Soft Start Position with speed control Position complete flag 	
Servo Connection	4 x 3pin header (standard)	
Stepper motor	4 x Unipolar stepper	
Stepper Voltage	5.0 ~ 7.4V	
Stepper Power	600mA per phase max.	
Stepper Control	 Enable/Disable/Reverse/Stop with/without holding torque Full/half step selection Continuous step with speed control Step 1-65535 with speed control 	
Stepper Connection	4 x 5pin JST ZHR 1.5mm pitch	
Lithium Battery Voltage	7.4VDC nom.	
Lithium Battery Capacity	2000mA/h (2A/h) min.	
Lithium Battery Charge	1A @ 8.4V max.	
R-Pi Output Voltage	5.0VDC ± 0.1V	
R-Pi Output Power	1A max.	
I ² C Speed	400kHz max.	
Environmental	Operating Temperature -10°C to 50°C	
Dimensions	65 x 30 x 8.5mm	
Weight	14g approx.	



3 Application

3.1 Stepper Motor Connection

The stepper motor connections are marked 'MOTOR 1' to 'MOTOR 4' and consist of a five (5) pin JST ZHR 1.5mm pitch connector, see section 3.4.3 for pinning.

This connection is standard for most 24mmD stepper motors, such as the DS-STMOT1, but there is also a pre-made 200mm JST ZHR cable available, DS-STCAB1, and the JST ZHR mating receptacle and pins are also available from Farnell electronics as items 2078162 and 1830898 respectively.

Most unipolar stepper motor phases are wired as follows:



It is recommended that you double check your motor phase connections before power application. Six wire stepper motors are also supported by connecting the two centre taps both to MOTOR +.

3.2 Servo Motor Connection

The servo motor connections are marked 'SERVOS' from 1 to 4 and consist of three pins marked 'GND', 'V+' and 'SV'. Analogue servos should be connected to these pins, noting polarity, BLACK is normally GND, see section 3.4.4 for pinning.

3.3 Raspberry-Pi Board Support

The RV supports all of the current Raspberry-Pi board versions. However, when powering a Raspberry-Pi from the RV there is a 1A power limitation on the 5V supply from the RV. This means that some Raspberry-Pi boards such as the newer Model 3 B & B+ may struggle to operate correctly especially when other peripherals such as USB keyboards/mice/drives are connected. The RV is not designed for these types of applications and the 5V supply will shutdown if overloaded.

3.4 Operation

When the Lithium Battery is connected to the XT60 connector 5V power will be delivered to the connected Raspberry-Pi board and it will boot normally.



3.5 Pin Assignment

3.5.1 Raspberry-Pi Header

The RV module connects to the Raspberry-Pi 40pin header, pinout as follows:



3.5.2 Lithium Battery Dean XT60 Socket

The Lithium Battery input connector is a Deans XT60 socket, pinout as follows:



3.5.3 Stepper Motor Header

The 4 x Stepper motor headers are 5way JST ZHR 1.5mm pitch, pinout as follows:





3.5.4 Servo Header

The 4 x Servo motor headers are 3way 2.54mm pitch, pinout as follows:



3.5.5 Charger Input Socket

The Charger input is a 2.5mm centre pin coaxial power socket, pinout as follows:





3.6 Power Supply

3.6.1 Lithium Battery

The RV provides a Deans XT60 socket to connect to a 7.4V Lithium-Ion battery pack with a minimum capacity of 2000mA/h (2A/h).

WARNING: A Lithium-Ion or Lithium-Polymer battery is capable of delivering very high levels of power to the servo and stepper motors. This can cause a significant amount of heat to be generated in the motor which may cause the motor to fail if the motor is stalled.

To help to prevent motor damage fuse resistors R1, R4 and R5 have been included that will go open circuit if significant levels of current are drawn by the motors. These can be replaced with zero ohm (0R0) 0805 size resistors if damaged

3.6.2 Charger Input

The Charger Input requires a 9.0 \sim 12VDC @ 2Amp min. supply from an external power adaptor to charger the Lithium-Ion battery. NOTE: Charging should be undertaken during no motor activity for best results.

3.6.3 Raspberry-Pi Power

The RV provides a 5.0V supply output to provide the Raspberry-Pi board with power. The table below describes the module output supply and ground pins.

Table 2: Power Supply Pins

Pin Name	Pin No	Description	Min	Тур.	Max	Unit
5V	2, 4	Power Supply Output @ 1A		5.0		V
Ground	6,9,14,20, 25,30,34, 39	Power Ground				

If Raspberry-Pi power is not required jumper link JP1 may be removed with a soldering iron. Note however that this will invalidate the warranty.



3.7 I²C Interface

3.7.1 I²C Interface Pins

The RV provides I²C data (SDA) and clock (SCL) connections on the 20+20 header that connect to the SDA and SCL on the Raspberry-Pi board. The table below describes the module I²C pins.

Table 3: I²C Interface Pins

Pin Name	Pin No	I/O	Description	Comment
SDA	3	DIO	I2C Data	3.3V level
SCL	5	СО	I2C Clock	3.3V level

The RV does NOT have I²C pullups but relies on the pullups present on the Raspberry-Pi board. When not connecting to a Raspberry-Pi board external pullups of 4.7Kohms should be connected on SDA and SCL to a 3.3V supply.

3.7.2 I²C Communication

Up to four RV modules may be connected to the same Raspberry-Pi board or I²C bus and accessed individually using their own individual address.

The following table shows how the pads are soldered for the different binary addresses.

Table 4: I²C Address Settings

Address (xx)	A0	A1
00	OPEN	OPEN
01	SHORT	OPEN
10	OPEN	SHORT
11	SHORT	SHORT

The binary address (xx) above is used in conjunction with the device ID 11101xxD ($0xE8_{hex}$) to form the complete device address i.e. if both jumpers are left unconnected (default) then the device address would be 1110100D_{binary}.

The 'D' bit determines if a read or a write to the RV is to be performed. If the 'D' bit is set '1' then a register read is performed or if clear '0' a register write.





3.7.3 I²C Registers

To write individual registers a device write must be undertaken by the Raspberry-Pi which consists of a Start condition, device ID ('D' bit cleared), register to start write, one or more bytes of data to be written and a stop condition (see Figure 2 for I^2C write protocol).

To read individual data and status registers a device write then read must be undertaken by the Raspberry-Pi which consists of a Start condition, device ID ('D' bit clear), register to start read and a Stop condition.

This is followed by a read, which consists of a Start condition, device ID ('D' bit set), followed by data from the register specified and terminated with a Stop condition. The RV also auto increments the register specified for every additional read requested by the Master I^2C device, which allows more than one register to be read in one transaction. This allows for example Register 0 to Register 5, current UTC time, to be read in one transaction (see Figure 3 for I^2C read protocol).

There are 25 individual registers that can be written and 8 registers that can be read within the RV as follows:

Pogistor namo	Typo	Register address		Description
Register name	туре	Hex	Binary	Description
Register address	W	00	00000000	Start register to write to
Stepper 1 control	W	01	00000001	Stepper motor 1 control U U U E D C B A A = Operate (0 - Stepper disabled) B = Reverse (0 - Stepper normal 1 - Stepper reversed) C = Rotate (0 - Single step 1 - Constant rotation) D = Step (0 - Normal step 1 - Half step) E = Hold (0 - No hold on stop 1 - Hold on stop) U = Unused
Stepper 1 steps MSB	W	02	00000010	Number of steps MSB
Stepper 1 steps LSB	W	03	00000011	Number of steps LSB
Stepper 1 speed	W	04	00000100	Step speed in quarter mS (0.25mS)

Table 5: I²C Registers



Register name	Туре	Regist Hex	er address Binary	Description
Stepper 2 control	W	05	00000101	Stepper motor 2 control U U U E D C B A A = Operate (0 - Stepper disabled)B = Reverse (0 - Stepper normal 1 - Stepper reversed)C = Rotate (0 - Single step 1 - Constant rotation)D = Step (0 - Normal step 1 - Half step)E = Hold (0 - No hold on stop 1 - Hold on stop)U = Unused
Stepper 2 steps MSB	W	06	00000110	Number of steps MSB
Stepper 2 steps LSB	W	07	00000111	Number of steps LSB
Stepper 2 speed	W	08	00001000	Step speed in quarter mS (0.25mS)
Stepper 3 control	W	09	00001001	Stepper motor 3 control U U U E D C B A A = Operate (0 - Stepper disabled 1- Stepper enabled)B = Reverse (0 - Stepper normal 1 -Stepper reversed)C = Rotate (0 - Single step 1 -Constant rotation)D = Step (0 - Normal step 1 - Halfstep)E = Hold (0 - No hold on stop 1 -Hold on stop)U = Unused
Stepper 3 steps MSB	W	0A	00001010	Number of steps MSB
Stepper 3 steps LSB	W	OB	00001011	Number of steps LSB
Stepper 3 speed	W	OC	00001100	Step speed in quarter mS



Pogistor namo	Type	Registe	er address	Description	
Register name	Type	Нех	Binary	Description	
Stepper 4 control	W	OD	00001101	Stepper motor 3 control U U U E D C B A A = Operate (0 - Stepper disabled 1- Stepper enabled)B = Reverse (0 - Stepper normal 1 -Stepper reversed)C = Rotate (0 - Single step 1 -Constant rotation)D = Step (0 - Normal step 1 - Halfstep)E = Hold (0 - No hold on stop 1 -Hold on stop)U = Unused	
Stepper 4 steps MSB	W	0E	00001110	Number of steps MSB	
Stepper 4 steps LSB	W	OF	00001111	Number of steps LSB	
Stepper 4 speed	W	10	00010000	Step speed in quarter mS (0.25mS)	
Servo 1 position	W	11	00010001	Servo position (8uS resolution)	
Servo 1 control	W	12	00010010	Servo 1 controlABCDSSSA = Operate (0 – Servo disabled 1 – Servo enabled)B = Reverse (0 – Servo normal 1 – Servo reversed)C = Soft-start control (0 – Disabled 1 – Enabled)D = Speed control (0 – Disabled 1 – 	
Servo 2 position	W	13	00010011	Servo position (8uS resolution)	
Servo 2 control	W	14	00010100	Servo 2 controlABCDSSSA = Operate (0 – Servo disabled 1 – Servo enabled)B = Reverse (0 – Servo normal 1 – Servo reversed)C = Soft-start control (0 – Disabled 1 – Enabled)D = Speed control (0 – Disabled 1 – Enabled)SS = Servo speed value 0 to 15 (0 = slowest)	



Pogistor namo	Register address		Description	
Register name	туре	Нех	Binary	Description
Servo 3 position	W	15	00010101	Servo position (8uS resolution)
Servo 3 control	W	16	00010110	Servo 3 control A B C D S S S S A = Operate (0 – Servo disabled 1 – Servo enabled) B = Reverse (0 – Servo normal 1 – Servo reversed) C = Soft-start control (0 – Disabled 1 – Enabled) D = Speed control (0 – Disabled 1 – Enabled) SS = Servo speed value 0 to 15 (0 = slowest)
Servo 4 position	W	17	00010111	Servo position (8uS resolution)
Servo 4 control	W	18	00011000	Servo 4 controlABCDSSSA = Operate (0 – Servo disabled 1 – Servo enabled)B = Reverse (0 – Servo normal 1 – Servo reversed)C = Soft-start control (0 – Disabled 1 – Enabled)D = Speed control (0 – Disabled 1 – Enabled)SS = Servo speed value 0 to 15 (0 = slowest)
Global update	W	19	00011001	Global update control
Stepper 1 status	r	00	00000000	Stepper motor 1 statusA000000A = Movement (0 – Complete 1 –In-progress)
Stepper 2 status	r	01	00000001	Stepper motor 2 statusA000000A = Movement (0 - Complete 1 -In-progress)
Stepper 3 status	r	02	00000010	Stepper motor 3 statusA000000A = Movement (0 - Complete 1 -In-progress)



Dogistor namo	Tuno	Register address		Description	
Register name	Hex Binary		Binary		
Stepper 4 status	r	03	00000011	Stepper motor 4 statusA000000A = Movement (0 - Complete 1 -In-progress)	
Servo 1 status	r	04	00000100	Servo 1 statusABCD0000A = Operation (0 – Servo disabled 1 – Servo enabled)B = Reverse (0 – Servo normal 1 – Servo reversed)C = Soft-start (0 – Complete 1 – In- progress)D = Movement (0 – Complete 1 – In-progress)	
Servo 2 status	r	05	00000101	Servo 2 status A B C D 0 0 0 0 A = Operation (0 – Servo disabled 1 – Servo enabled) B = Reverse (0 – Servo normal 1 – Servo reversed) C = Soft-start (0 – Complete 1 – In- progress) D = Movement (0 – Complete 1 – In-progress)	
Servo 3 status	r	06	00000110	Servo 3 status A B C D 0 0 0 0 A = Operation (0 – Servo disabled 1 – Servo enabled) B = Reverse (0 – Servo normal 1 – Servo reversed) C = Soft-start (0 – Complete 1 – In- progress) D = Movement (0 – Complete 1 – In-progress)	
Servo 4 status	r	07	00000111	Servo 4 statusABCD000A = Operation (0 – Servo disabled 1 – Servo enabled)B = Reverse (0 – Servo normal 1 – Servo reversed)C = Soft-start (0 – Complete 1 – In- progress)D = Movement (0 – Complete 1 – In-progress)	



Pogistor namo	Туре	Register address		Description	
Register name		Hex	Binary	Description	
Firmware version	r	08	01001000	Firmware (Bit 0-3 = minor version, Bit 4-5 = major version)	

3.7.4 I²C Stepper Control Register Format

Each stepper control register consists of five control bits defined as follows:

Table 6: I²C Stepper Control Register Format

Bit	Bit value	Function	Description
А	1 (0x01)	Operate bit	When set activates the stepper motor being controlled
В	2 (0x02)	Reverse bit	When set reverses the direction of the stepper motor being controlled
С	4 (0x04)	Rotate bit	When set makes the stepper motor constantly rotate rather than step the number of steps defined in the step number register
D	8 (0x08)	Step bit	When set allows the stepper motor to be configured for half-step rather than full step operation
E	16 (0x10)	Hold bit	When set the stepper motor will hold its position (holding torque) once the number of steps have been made rather than go free (no holding torque).

3.7.5 I²C Stepper Status Register Format

Each stepper status register consists of one status bit defined as follows:

 Table 7: I²C Stepper Status Register Format

Bit	Bit value	Function	Description
А	128 (0x80)	Movement bit	Set when stepper movement is in-progress



3.7.6 I²C Servo Control Register Format

Each servo control register consists of four control bits and a four bit speed control value defined as follows:

Table 8: I ² C Servo Control R	Register Format
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Bit	Bit value	Function	Description
А	128 (0x80)	Operate bit	When set activates the servo being controlled
В	64 (0x40)	Reverse bit	When set reverses the position value for the servo being controlled
С	32 (0x20)	SoftStart bit	When set on servo first activation, see operate bit above, feeds position pulses to the servo in a ramping manner until position is attained
D	16 (0x10)	Speed bit	When set applies the speed value 0 to 15
SSSS	0 – 15 (0x00 – 0x0F)	Speed value	Speed value 0 to 15

3.7.7 I²C Servo Status Register Format

Each servo status register consists of four status bits defined as follows:

Bit	Bit value	Function	Description
А	128 (0x80)	Operation bit	Set when servo is operational
В	64 (0x40)	Reverse bit	Set when servo is in reverse operation
С	32 (0x20)	SoftStart bit	Set when SoftStart is in operation
D	16 (0x10)	Movement bit	Set when servo movement is in-progress

Table 9: I²C Servo Status Register Format

3.7.8 Servo Movement Complete Determination

Servo status register Bit (D) 16_{decimal} are cleared to indicate if the current servo movement has completed.

This indication is not derived from mechanical or electrical feedback from the servo being controlled but is a function of the current servo speed selected and position.

When the slowest servo speed (0) is selected the determination of movement completion is at its best. This is because the positional change of the servo between its current and final position has been split into many sub-positions which must be attained before the final



position is reached. These many sub-positions ensure that the mechanical position closely relates to the position requested by the pulse width and therefore the determination of final position (movement complete) will closely relate to mechanical position. As servo speed is increased the error between mechanical position and pulse width position increases and movement completion accuracy is degraded.

3.7.9 I²C Global Update Register

Once all the required position & control registers have been set a write to the $0x19_{hex}$ (Global update) must be made to activate all the new positions.

3.7.10 I²C Write Example

To step stepper motor 1 500 half-steps clockwise at 3mS per step and then hold in that position and servo 1 to position 30 running at speed 0 write:

11101000 _{binary}
0 _{decimal}
25 _{decimal} , 19 _{hex}
1 _{decimal} , 01 _{hex}
232 _{decimal} , E8 _{hex}
12 _{decimal} , 0C _{hex}

Then write:

Byte 1 (RV Adr)	11101000 _{binary}
Byte 2 (Register 0)	17 _{decimal}
Byte 3 (Register 17)	30decimal, 1E _{hex}
Byte 4 (Register 18)	144 _{decimal} , 90 _{hex}

Then to activate write:

Byte 1 (RV Adr)	11101000 _{binary}
Byte 2 (Register 0)	25 _{decimal}
Byte 3 (Register 25)	0 _{decimal}

3.8 Application Software

3.8.1 Demonstration Software

Raspberry-Pi demonstration software written in Python is available to download from the website <u>www.designersystems.co.uk/robotics</u>



4 Electrical Characteristics

4.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Absolute maximum ratings for power supply and voltage on digital pins of the module are listed in the following table.

Table 10: Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Min.	Max.	Unit
Lithium Battery Voltage (V+)	-0.3	12.0	V
Input Voltage on SDA and SCL	-0.3	3.6	V
5V Output Current		1.2	А
Storage temperature	-20	85	٥C

4.2 **Operating Conditions**

Normal operational conditions are listed in the following table.

Table 11: Normal Operating Conditions

Parameter	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
Lithium Battery Voltage (V+)	6.0	7.4	9.0	V
Input voltage on SDA and SCL		3.3		V
5V Output Current		200	1000	mA
Lithium Battery Charge Current		1.0		А
Peak Lithium Battery Current			3	А
Stepper Motor Phase Current			600	mA
Operating Temperature	-10	25	50	°C



4.3 Current Consumption

Normal values for current consumption are listed in the following table.

Table 12: Current Consumption

Parameter	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Unit
Battery Current – No R-Pi connected		4		mA
Battery Current – Powering R-Pi Zero (no peripherals)		100		mA
Battery Current – Powering R-Pi Zero (HDMI + USB keyboard)		250		mA
Battery Current – All steppers and servos running			3	А



5 Mechanical

5.1 Dimensions

Mechanical drawing - all dimensions in millimetres.

Figure 1: Dimensions



65mm





6 References

6.1 I²C protocols

Figure 2: I²C Write protocol



Multiple bytes may be written before the 'STOP' condition. Data is written into registers starting at 'REGISTER ADDRESS', then 'REGISTER ADDRESS' +1, then 'REGISTER ADDRESS' +2 etc.

Each byte transfer is acknowledged 'ACK' by the RV until the 'STOP' condition.

Figure 3: I²C Read protocol



'DATA BYTE 1 & 2' are register values returned from the RV. Each byte written is acknowledged 'ACK' by the RV, every byte read is acknowledged 'ACK' by the I2C Master. A Not-acknowledge 'NACK' condition is generated by the I2C Master when it has finished reading.



7 Appendix

Table 13: Related Documents

Document Name	Remark
DS-STMOT1_Stepper motor.pdf	24mmD Stepper motor for use with the RV

Table 14: Terms and Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
RV	Remote Vehicle
ESD	Electrostatic Discharge
I ² C	Inter-Integrated Circuit



8 Compliance



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