

High Power 2 x 180A or 1 x 360A Variable Frequency Drive for AC Induction Motors



Roboteq's GIM26xx is a feature-packed, high-current, dual or single channel controller for AC Induction Asynchronous motors. The controller uses the motor's Encoders to capture the Rotor speed and measure traveled distance. The motors may be operated in open or closed loop speed or torque modes. The GIM26xx features several Analog, Pulse and Digital I/Os which can be remapped as command or feedback inputs, limit switches, or many other functions. The GIM26xx accepts commands received from an RC radio, Analog Joystick, wireless modem, or microcomputer. For mobile robot applications, the controller's two motor channels can either be operated independently or mixed to move and steer a vehicle. Using CAN bus, up to 127 controllers can be networked at up to 1Mbit/s on a single twisted pair. An optional Ethernet port with PC allows the connection to PLCs and TCP/IP networks.

Numerous safety features are incorporated into the controller to ensure reliable and safe operation. The controller's operation can be extensively automated and customized using Basic Language scripts. The controller can be configured, monitored and tuned in real-time using a Roboteq's free PC utility. The controller can also be reprogrammed in the field with the latest features by downloading new operating software from Roboteq.

Applications

- Automatic Guided Vehicles
- Small Electric Vehicles, Electric Bikes
- Terrestrial and Underwater Robotic Vehicles
- Police and Military Robots
- Hazardous Material Handling Robots
- Balancing Robots
- Telepresence Systems
- Animatronics

Key Features

- USB, Serial, 0-5V Analog, or Pulse (RC radio) command modes
- One serial port
- CAN bus interface up to 1Mbit/s with multiple protocol support
- Optional RS485 interface
- Optional 10/100 Ethernet
- Auto switch between Serial, USB, CAN, Analog, or Pulse based on user-defined priority
- Built-in dual 3-phase high-power drivers for AC Induction motor at up to 180A
- Output channels can be paralleled in order to drive a single motor at up to 360A
- Multiple Motor Operating mode
 - Open Loop Volts per Hertz
 - Fixed Slip Control
 - FOC Torque Mode
 - FOC Speed Mode
- Support for quadrature encoder
- Full forward & reverse motor control. Four quadrant operation. Supports regeneration
- Operates from a single 10V to 60V (120V otional) power source
- STO Safe Torque Off support Certification Pending
- Programmable current limit up to 180A (360A on single channel version) per motor for protecting controller, motor, wiring and battery.
- Separate connector for Encoders
- Accurate speed and Odometry measurement using Encoder data



- Up to eight Analog Inputs for use as command and/or feedback
- Up to eight Pulse Length, Duty Cycle or Frequency Inputs for use as command and/or feedback
- Up to 10 Digital Inputs for use as Deadman Switch, Limit Switch, Emergency stop or user inputs
- Inputs for up to 3 Quadrature Encoders
- 4 general purpose 1.5A output for brake release or accessories
- Selectable min, max, center and deadband in Pulse and Analog modes
- Selectable exponentiation factors for each command inputs
- Trigger action if Analog, Pulse or Hall counter capture are outside user selectable range (soft limit switches)
- Open loop or closed loop speed control operation
- Closed loop position control with encoder, hall sensors, analog or pulse/frequency feedback
- Torque mode
- PID control loop
- Built-in Battery Voltage and Temperature sensors
- Optional 12V backup power input for powering safely the controller if the main motor batteries are discharged
- Power Control wire for turning On or Off the controller from external microcomputer or switch
- No consumption by output stage when motors stopped
- Regulated 5V output for powering RC radio, RF Modem, sensors or microcomputer

- Separate Programmable acceleration and deceleration for each motor
- Ultra-efficient 1.2 mOhm ON resistance MOSFETs (0.6 mOhm on Single Channel)
- Stall detection and selectable triggered action if Amps is outside user-selected range
- Short circuit protection
- Overvoltage and Undervoltage protection
- Watchdog for automatic motor shutdown in case of command loss
- Overtemperature protection
- Diagnostic LED indicators
- ABS plastic enclosure with heat conducting bottom plate
- Efficient heat sinking. Operates without a fan in most applications.
- Built-in conduits for liquid cooling
- Dustproof and weather resistant. IP51 NEMA rating
- Power wiring using High Current M6 screw terminals
- 210mm x 145mm x 60mm
- -40° to +85° C operating environment
- Weight: 6.5 lbs (2940g)
- Easy configuration, tuning and monitoring using provided PC utility
- Field upgradeable software for installing latest features via the Internet Orderable Product References

Orderable Product References

Reference	Number of Channels	Amps/Channel	Volts	Ethernet
GIM2360	2	180	60	No
GIM2360E	2	180	60	Yes
GIM2360S	1	360	60	No
GIM2360ES	1	360	60	Yes



Important Safety Disclaimer

Dangerous uncontrolled motor runaway condition can occur for a number of reasons, including, but not limited to: command or feedback wiring failure, configuration error, faulty firmware, errors in user script or user program, or controller hardware failure.

The user must assume that such failures can occur and must make his/her system safe in all conditions. Roboteq will not be liable in case of damage or injury as a result of product misuse or failure.

Power Wires Identifications and Connection

Power connections are made by means of high amperage power terminals located at the top of the controller, as shown in Figure 1:.

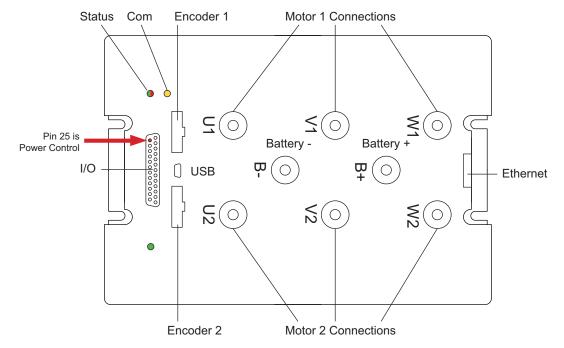


FIGURE 1. GIM23xx Top View



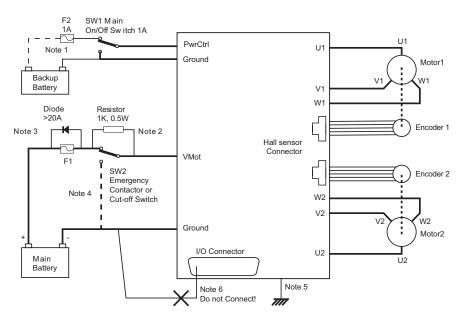


FIGURE 2. Powering the Controller. Thick lines identify MANDATORY connections

Important Warning

Carefully follow the wiring instructions provided in the Power Connection section of the User Manual. The information on this datasheet is only a summary.

Mandatory Connections

It is imperative that the controller is connected as shown in Figure 2, above, in order to ensure a safe and trouble-free operation. All connections shown as thick black lines line are mandatory. The controller must be powered On/Off using switch SW1on the Pwr Ctrl tab. Use a suitable high-current fuse F1 as a safety measure to prevent damage to the wiring in case of major controller malfunction.

Emergency Switch or Contactor

The battery must be connected in permanence to the controller's VMot tabs via a high-power emergency switch or contactor SW2 as additional safety measure. The user must be able to deactivate the switch or contactor at any time, independently of the controller state.

Electrostatic Discharge Protection

In accordance with IEC 61000-6-4, Roboteq Motor Controllers are designed to withstand ESD up to 4kV touch and 8kV air gap. This protection is implemented without any additional external connections required.

Some specifications, such as EN12895, require a higher level of protection. To maximize ESD protection, up to 8kV touch and 15kV air gap, you may connect the metallic heatsink of the controller to your battery negative terminal. See App Note 062918 for example connections.



Precautions and Optional Connections

Note 1: Backup battery to ensure motor operation with weak or discharged batteries, connect a second battery to the Power Control wire/terminal via the SW1 switch.

Note 2: Use precharge 1K, 0.5W Resistor to prevent switch arcing.

Note 3: Insert a high-current diode to ensure a return path to the battery during regeneration in case the fuse is blown.

Note 4: Optionally ground the VMot tabs when the controller is Off if there is any concern that the motors could be made to spin and generate voltage in excess of 60V.

Note 5: Connect the controller's bottom plate to a wire connected to the Earth while the charger is plugged in the AC main, or if the controller is powered by an AC power supply.

Note 6: Beware not to create a path from the ground pins on the I/O connector and the battery minus terminal.

Single Channel Wiring

On the Single Channel GIM23XXS, the each of the motor wire must be connected to both output tabs of the same letter, as shown in Figure 3, below. Use the Encoders and/or Hall sensors of Channel 1 for operation.

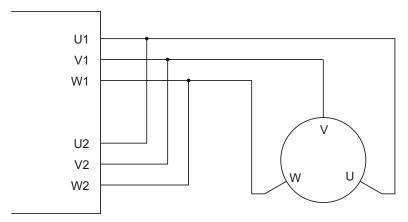


FIGURE 3. Single Channel Wiring Diagram

Important Warning

This wiring must be done only on the single channel version of the controller. Paralleling the wires on a dual channel product will cause permanent damage. Verify that your controller is an GIM26XXS before you wire in this manner.

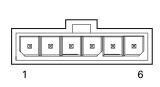
Controller Mounting

During motor operation, the controller will generate heat that must be evacuated. The published amps rating can only be fully achieved if adequate cooling is provided. Good conduction cooling can be achieved by having the bottom surface of the case making contact with a metallic surface (chassis, cabinet).



Encoder Connection

Connection to Encoders is done using a special connector on the front side of the controller. The Encoder connector is a 6-pin Molex Microfit 3.0, ref. 43645. Pin assignment are in Table 1, below.



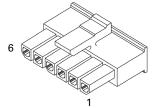


FIGURE 4. Encoder Connector

TABLE 1.

Pin Number	1	2	3	4	5	6
Signal	5V			Enc B	Enc A	Ground

Commands and I/O Connections

Connection to RC Radio, Microcomputer, Joystick and other low current sensors and actuators is done via the 25 connector. The functions of many pins vary depending on controller model and user configuration. Pin assignments are found in Table 2, below.

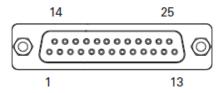


FIGURE 5. Main Connector Pin Locations

TABLE 2.

Connector Pin	Power	Dout	Com	Pulse	Ana	Dinput	Default Config
1	GND						
14	5VOut						
2			RS TxD				RS232Tx
15				RC1	ANA1	DIN1/STO1(2)	RCRadio1
3			RS RxD				RS232Rx
16				RC2	ANA2	DIN2/STO2(2)	RCRadio2
4				RC3	ANA3	DIN3	AnaCmd1 (1)



TABLE 2.

Connector Pin	Power	Dout	Com	Pulse	Ana	Dinput	Default Config
17				RC4	ANA4	DIN4	AnaCmd2 (1)
5	GND						
18		DOUT1					Motor Brake 1
6		DOUT2					Motor Brake 2
19		DOUT3					Contactor
7		DOUT4					Unused
20			CANH				Unused
8			CANL				Unused
21				RC5	ANA5	DIN5	Unused
9						DIN9(3)	Unused
22				RC6	ANA6	DIN6	Unused
10						DIN10(3)	Unused
23			485+				RS485+
11			485-				RS485-
24				RC7	ANA7	DIN7	Unused
12				RC8	ANA8	DIN8	Unused
25	PwrCtrl						
13	GND						

Note 1: Analog command is disabled in factory default configuration.

Note 2: STO available in version 2.2 and newer of GIM23xx.

Note 3: From v2.0a and above.

Default I/O Configuration

While the controller can be configured so that practically any Digital, Analog and RC pin can be used for any purpose, the controller's factory default configuration provides an assignment that is suitable for most applications. The figure below shows how to wire the controller to two analog potentiometers, an RC radio, and the RS232 port. It also shows how to connect two outputs to motor brake solenoids and another output to an external status LED. You may omit any connection that is not required in your application. The controller automatically arbitrates the command priorities depending on the presence of a valid command signal in the following order: 1-RS232, 2-RC Pulse, 3-None. If needed, use the Roborun+ PC Utility to change the pin assignments and the command priority order.



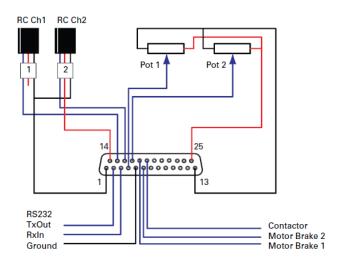


FIGURE 6. Factory Default Pin Assignment

Enabling Analog Commands

For safety reasons, the Analog command mode is disabled by default. To enable the Analog mode, use the PC utility and set Analog in Command Priority 2 or 3 (leave Serial as priority 1). Note that by default the additional securities are enabled and will prevent the motor from starting unless the potentiometer is centered, or if the voltage is below 0.25V or above 4.75V. The drawing shows suggested assignment of Pot 1 to ANA1 and Pot 2 to ANA4. Use the PC utility to enable and assign analog inputs.

USB communication

Use USB only for configuration, monitoring and troubleshooting. USB is not a reliable communication method when used in a electrically noisy environments and communication will not always recover after it is lost without unplugging and replugging the connector, or restarting the controller. Always prefer RS232 communication when interfacing to a computer. USB and CAN can operate at the same time on the GIM2660. Plugging USB to a computer will not disable the CAN interface.

RS485 Communication

The FBL2360 has a half-duplex RS485 interface. Two signals are present on the 25-pin DSub connector for connecting to RS485 networks. Connecting these two wires with the correct polarity is all that is needed to establish a connection. The RS485+ is the positive signal and RS485- is the inverted signal. Once enabled, the RS485 can be used to communicate data under the Modbus protocol, or Roboteq's native serial commands.



Ethernet Communication

Ethernet communication is only available on the E versions of the controller. The connection port is located on the top of the unit for easy and rapid access. Communication occurs via TCP/IP. Commands can be in Serial over TCP and Modbus TCP. Serial over TCP is the preferred method to access all native commands.

Two LEDs are present on the Ethernet jack, as shown in Figure 7. The left Yellow LED will be On when operating as 100 Mbps connection and Off when as 10 Mbps. The right Green LED will blink when data activity is present.

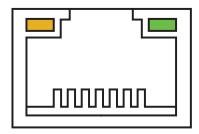


FIGURE 7. Ethernet LED Configuration

Status LED Flashing Patterns

After the controller is powered on, the Power LED will tun on, indicating that the controller is On. The Status LED will be flashing at a 2 second interval. The flashing pattern and color provides operating or exception status information.

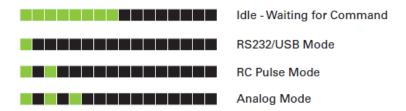


FIGURE 8. Normal Operation Flashing Patterns



FIGURE 9. Exception or Fault Flashing Patterns

Additional status information may be obtained by monitoring the controller with the PC utility.



Battery Backed Clock and Variables

The controller includes a real-time clock/calendar and RAM storage for user variables. Both the clock and the RAM storage require a battery to continue running and for the stored data not to be lost while the controller is powered down. The battery is not installed by Roboteq. Users who wish to use the clock and/or battery backed RAM variables must install a battery themselves. The battery socket can be reached by removing the 6 screws that are holding the cover. Lift the cover to reach the board and insert a 3V, 12.5mm coinstyle battery. Use battery type CR1225 or equivalent.

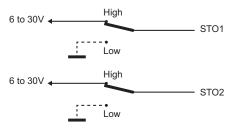
Measured Amps

The controller includes Amps sensors in line with the motor terminals and on the battery ground terminals. Both Motor Amps and Battery Amps are therefore measured with precision.

Safe Torque Off - STO (Certification Pending)

Safe Torque Off is a secure method for stopping the motor, regardless whether the controller is operating normally or is faulty. STO is Hardware-based, meaning that the MCU does not need to be processing the inputs or drive the motor outputs. When STO is enabled, two digital inputs, DIN1 and DIN2 are remapped as STO1 and STO2. The inputs are redundant and both must have a 6V to 30V signal present at the same time in order for the Power MOSFETs to be energized. The controller will perform a self-check of the STO circuit at every power on and every time the STO inputs go from any state to both high. Once the STO hardware is verified to work, the controller will safely allow the motors to be energized. If either input is below 1V, the controller's outputs will be disabled, even in the case where any one component inside the controller is damaged. The STO circuit is verified and validated by TUV (certification pending) and can therefore be trusted in lieu of external relays.

By factory default STO is disabled. It must be enabled by removing the jumper located on the controller's PCB. STO functionality is only available in the T version of the controller.



STO1	STO2	Motors Output
Low	Low	Disabled
High	Low	Disabled/Fault
Low	High	Disabled/Fault
High	High	Enabled

Figure 10. STO input levels effects on controller output



Electrical Specifications

Absolute Maximum Values

The values Table 6, below, should never be exceeded, permanent damage to the controller may result.

TABLE 3.

Parameter	Measure point	Min	Тур	Max	Units
Battery Leads Voltage	Ground to VBat			63	Volts
Reverse Voltage on Battery Leads	Ground to VBat	-1			Volts
Power Control Voltage	Ground to Pwr Control wire			63	Volts
Motor Leads Voltage	Ground to U, V, W wires			63 (1)	Volts
Digital Output Voltage	Ground to Output pins			60	Volts
Analog and Digital Inputs Voltage	Ground to any signal pin on 15-pin & Hall inputs			30	Volts
RS232 I/O pins Voltage	External voltage applied to Rx/ Tx pins			30(2)	Volts
Case Temperature	Case	-40		85	°C
Humidity	Case			100 (2)	%

Note 1: Maximum regeneration voltage in normal operation. Never inject a DC voltage from a battery or other fixed source

Note 2: No voltage must be injected on TxD pin

Power Stage Electrical Specifications (at 25°C ambient)

TABLE 4.

Continuous Max						
Current per channel	Measure point	Model	Min	Тур	Max	Units
Battery Leads Voltage	Ground to VBat	All	0 (1)		63	Volts
Motor Leads Voltage	Ground to U, V, W wires	All	0 (1)		63 (2)	Volts
Power Control Voltage	Ground to Power Control wire	All	0 (1)		65	Volts
Minimum Operating Voltage	VBat or Pwr Ctrl wires	All	9 (3)			Volts
Over Voltage protection range	Ground to VBat	All	5	60 (4)	63	Volts
Under Voltage protection range	Ground to VBat	All	0	5 (4)	63	Volts
Idle Current Consumption	VBat or Pwr Ctrl wires	All	50	100 (5)	150	mA
ON Resistance (Excluding	VBat to U, V or W.	GIM2660		1.2		mOhm
wire resistance)	Ground to U, V or W	GIM2660S		0.6		mOhm
		GIM26120		2.4		mOhm
		GIM26120S		1.2		mOhm



TABLE 4.

Continuous Max Current per channel	Measure point	Model	Min	Тур	Max	Units
Max Current for 30s	Motor current	GIM2660			180	Amps
		GIM2660S			360	Amps
		GIM26120			135	Amps
		GIM26120S			270	Amps
Continuous Max Current per	Motor current	GIM2660			120 (6)	Amps
channel		GIM2660S			240 (6)	Amps
		GIM26120			100	Amps
		GIM26120S			200	Amps
Current Limit range	Motor current	GIM2660	10	120 (7)	180	Amps
		GIM2660S	20	240 (7)	360	Amps
		GIM26120	10	100(7)	135	Amps
		GIM26120S	20	200(7)	270	Amps
Stall Detection Amps range	Motor current	GIM2660	10	180 (7)	180	Amps
		GIM2660S	20	360 (7)	360	Amps
		GIM26120	10	135(7)	135	Amps
		GIM26120S	20	270(7)	270	Amps
Stall Detection timeout range	Motor current	All	1	500 (8)	65000	milli- seconds
Short Circuit Detection threshold (9)	Between Motor wires or Between	GIM26XX			500 (10)	Amps
tirestiola (5)	Motor wires and round	GIM26XXS			1000 (10)	Amps
Short Circuit Detection threshold	Between Motor wires and VBat	All	No Pro will re	otection. F sult	ermanent	damage
Motor Acceleration/ Deceleration range	Motor Output	All	100	500 (11)	65000	milli- seconds

Note 1: Negative voltage will cause a large surge current. Protection fuse needed if battery polarity inversion is possible

- Note 2: Maximum regeneration voltage in normal operation. Never inject a DC voltage from a battery or other fixed source
- Note 3: Minimum voltage must be present on VBat or Power Control wire
- Note 4: Factory default value. Adjustable in 0.1V increments
- Note 5: Current consumption is lower when higher voltage is applied to the controller's VBat or PwrCtrl wires
- Note 6: Estimate. Limited by case temperature. Current may be higher with better cooling
- Note 7: Factory default value. Adjustable in 0.1A increments
- Note 8: Factory default value. Time in ms that Stall current must be exceeded for detection
- Note 9: Controller will stop until restarted in case of short circuit detection
- Note 10: Approximate value
- Note 11: Factory default value. Time in ms for power to go from 0 to 100%



Command, I/O and Sensor Signals Specifications

TABLE 5.

Parameter	Measure point	Min	Тур	Max	Units
Main 5V Output Voltage	Ground to 5V pins on	4.6	4.75	4.9	Volts
5V Output Current	5V pins on RJ45 and DSub15			200 (1)	mA
Digital Output Voltage	Ground to Output pins			60	Volts
Output On resistance	Output pin to ground		0.25	0.5	Ohm
Output Short circuit threshold	Output pin	1.7		3.5	Amps
Digital Output Current	Output pins, sink current			1.5	Amps
Input Impedances	AIN/DIN Input to Ground		53		kOhm
Digital Input 0 Level	Ground to Input pins	-1		1	Volts
Digital Input 1 Level	Ground to Input pins	3		30	Volts
Analog Input Range	Ground to Input pins	0		5.1	Volts
Analog Input Precision	Ground to Input pins		0.5		%
Analog Input Resolution	Ground to Input pins		1		mV
Pulse durations	Pulse inputs	20000		10	us
Pulse repeat rate	Pulse inputs	50		250	Hz
Pulse Capture Resolution	Pulse inputs		1		us
Frequency Capture	Pulse inputs	100		1000	Hz
Note 1: Sum of all 5V Out output	ts				

Operating & Timing Specifications

TABLE 6.

Parameter	Measure Point	Min	Typical	Max	Units
Command Latency	Command to output change	0	0.5	1	ms
PWM Frequency	Motor Output	10	18	20	kHz
Closed Loop update rate	Internal		1000		Hz
RS232 baud rate	Rx & Tx pins		115200 (1)		Bits/s
RS232 Watchdog timeout	Rx pin	1 (2)		65000	ms
Note 1: 115200, 8-bit, no pari	ty, 1 stop bit, no flow control				
Note 2: May be disabled with	value 0				

Scripting

TABLE 7.

Parameter	Measure Point	Min	Typical	Мах	Units
Scripting Flash Memory	Internal		32000		Bytes
Max Basic Language programs	Internal	2000		3000	Lines
Integer Variables	Internal		4096		Words (1)
Boolean Variables	Internal		8192		Symbols
Execution Speed	Internal	50 000	100 000		Lines/s
Note 1: 32-bit words	•			•	



Thermal Specifications

TABLE 8.

Parameter	Measure Point	Min	Typical	Max	Units		
Case Temperature	Case	-40		85 (1)	°C		
Thermal Protection range	Case	80		90 (2)	°C		
Power Dissipation	Case			70	Watts		
Thermal resistance	Power MOSFETs to case			0.6	°C/W		
Humidity	Case			100(3)	%		
Note 1: Thermal protection will protect the controller power							
Note 2: Max allowed power or	ut starts lowering at minimum of	range do	wn to 0 at m	ax of ranc	1e		

Mechanical Specifications

TABLE 9.

Parameter	Measure Point	Min	Typical	Max	Units
Weight	Board		2940 (6.5)		g (lbs)
Power Terminals	Terminal		M6		

