

LK204-7T-1U

Including the LK204-7T-1U-USB variant

Technical Manual

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1 Introduction

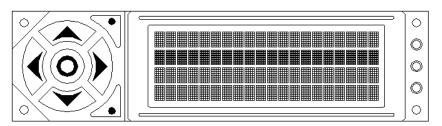


Figure 1: LK204-7T-1U Display

The LK204-7T-1U is an intelligent alphanumeric liquid crystal display designed to decrease development time by providing an instant solution to any project. In addition to the RS232, TTL and I2C protocols available in the standard model, the USB communication model allow the LK204-7T-1U to be connected to a wide variety of host controllers. Communication speeds of up to 115.2kbps for serial protocols and 100kbps for I²C ensure lightning fast text and graphic display.

The simple command structure permits easy software control of many settings including backlight brightness, screen contrast, and baud rate. On board memory provides up to forty custom characters which can be saved within the unit and recalled for start screens, bar graphs or larger numbers.

User input on the LK204-7T-1U is available through a built-in seven key tactile keypad**Error! Unknown document property name.**. Three bi-colour LEDs provide visual outputs on each model. In addition, the option of a Dallas One-Wire header provides a communication interface for up to thirty-two devices.

The versatile LK204-7T-1U, with all the features mentioned above, is available in a variety of colour, voltage, and temperature options to suit almost any application.

2 Quick Connect Guide

2.1 Available Headers

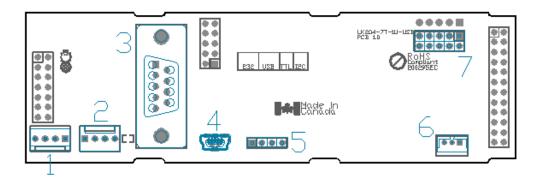


Figure 2: LK204-7T-1U Header Locations

Table 1: List of Available Headers

#	Header	Mate	Population
1	Alternate Power Connector	PCS	All Models
2	Communication/Power Connector	SCCPC5V/BBC	Standard Model Only
3	DB9 Serial Header	CSS1FT/CSS4FT	Standard Model Only
4	Mini USB Connector	EXTMUSB3FT/INTMUSB3FT	USB Model Only
5	Alternate USB	None Offered	By Custom Request Only
6	Dallas One-Wire	Temperature Probe	By Custom Request Only
7	GPO Header	None Offered	All Models

2.2 Standard Module

The standard version of the LK204-7T-1U allows for user configuration of three common communication protocols. First, the unit can communicate using serial protocol at either RS323 or TTL voltage levels. Second, it can communicate using the Inter-Integrated Circuit connect, or I²C protocol. Connections for each protocol can be accessed through the four pin Communication/Power Header as outlined in the Serial Connections and I²C Connections sections below.

Recommended Parts



Figure 3: Communication/Power Cable (SCCPC5V)

The most common cable choice for any alphanumeric Matrix Orbital Display, the Communication/ Power Cable offers a simple connection to the unit with familiar interfaces. DB9 and floppy power headers provide all necessary input to drive your display.



Figure 4: Breadboard Cable (BBC)

For a more flexible interface to the LK204-7T-1U a Breadboard Cable may be used. This provides a simple four wire connection that is popular among developers for its ease of use in a breadboard environment.

Serial Connections

A serial interface provides a classic connection to the LK204-7T-1U. The Communication/Power Cable is most commonly used for this set up as it provides connections for DB9 serial and floppy power cables. To place your board in Serial mode, adhere to the steps laid out below.

- 1. Set the Protocol Select jumpers.
 - RS232: Connect the three jumpers* in the 232 protocol box with the zero ohm jumper resistors provided or an alternate wire or solder solution.
 - TTL: Connect the two jumpers* in the TTL protocol box.

^{*}Note: Jumpers must be removed from all protocol boxes save for the one in use.

2. Make the connections.

- a. Connect the four pin female header of the Communication/Power Cable to the Communication/Power Header of your LK204-7T-1U.
- b. Insert the male end of your serial cable to the corresponding DB9 header of the Communication/Power Cable and the mate the female connector with the desired communication port of your computer.
- c. Select an unmodified floppy cable from a PC power supply and connect it to the power header of the Communication/Power Cable.

3. Create.

uProject or a terminal program will serve to get you started, and then move on with your own
development. Instructions for the former can be found below and a variety of application
notes are available for the latter at www.matrixorbital.ca/appnotes.

I²C Connections

A more advanced connection to the LK204-7T-1U is provided by the I^2C protocol setting. This is best accomplished using a breadboard and the Breadboard Cable. Power must be supplied from your breadboard or another external source. To dive right into your application and use the LK204-7T-1U in I^2C mode, get started with the guidelines below.

1. Set the Protocol Select switches.

• I²C: Ensure that the two I²C jumpers in the corresponding protocol box are connected while all others are open.

2. Make the connections.

- a. Connect the Breadboard Cable to the Communication/Power Header on your LK204-7T-1U and plug the four leads into your breadboard. The red lead will require power, while the black should be connected to ground, and the green and yellow should be connected to your controller clock and data lines respectively.
- b. Pull up the clock and data lines to five volts using a resistance between one and ten kilohms on your breadboard.

3. Create.

• This time you're on your own. While there are many examples within the Matrix Orbital AppNote section, www.matrixorbital.ca/appnotes, too many controllers and languages exist to cover them all. If you get stuck in development, it is possible to switch over to another protocol on the standard board, and fellow developers are always on our forums for additional support.

2.3 USB Module

The LK204-7T-1U-USB offers a single USB protocol for an easy connection to a host computer. This simple and widely available protocol can be accessed using the on board mini B style USB connector as outlined in the USB Connections section.

Recommended Parts



Figure 5: External Mini USB Cable (EXTMUSB3FT)

The External Mini USB cable is recommended for the LK204-7T-1U-USB display. It will connect to the miniB style header on the unit and provide a connection to a regular A style USB connector, commonly found on a PC.

USB Connections

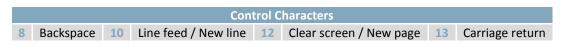
The USB connection is the quickest, easiest solution for PC development. After driver installation, the LK204-7T-1U-USB will be accessible through a virtual serial port, providing the same result as a serial setup without the cable hassle. To connect to your LK204-7T-1U-USB please follow the steps below.

- 1. Set the Protocol Select jumpers.
 - USB: The LK204-7T-1U-USB offers USB protocol only. Model specific hardware prevents this unit from operating in any other protocol, and does not allow other models to operate in USB. Protocol Select jumpers on the USB model cannot be moved.
- 2. Make the connections.
 - Plug the mini-B header of your External Mini USB cable into your LK204-7T-1U-USB and the regular USB header into your computer USB jack.
- 3. Install the drivers.
 - a. Download the latest drivers at www.matrixorbital.ca/drivers, and save them to a known location.
 - b. When prompted, install the USB bus controller driver automatically
 - c. If asked, continue anyway, even though the driver is not signed
 - d. When the driver install is complete, your display will turn on, but communication will not yet be possible.
 - e. At the second driver prompt, install the serial port driver automatically
 - f. Again, if asked, continue anyway
- 4. Create.
 - Use uProject or a terminal program to get started, and then move on with your own development. Instructions for the former can be found below and a number of application notes are available for the latter at www.matrixorbital.ca/appnotes.

3 Software

The multiple communication protocols available and simple command structure of the LVK204-25 means that a variety of applications can be used to communicate with the display. Text is sent to the display as a character string, for example, sending the decimal value 41 will result in an 'A' appearing on the screen. A number of control characters are also activated. Commands are merely values prefixed with a special command byte, 254 in decimal. While many software programs are available to communicate with the LVK204-25, a number of more common samples are detailed in depth below.

Table 2: Reserved Control Characters



Once the correct communication port is identified, the following communication settings can be applied to communicate correctly with the LK204-7T-1U.

Table 3: Communication Settings

BPS	Data Bits	Parity	Stop Bits	Flow Control
19200	8	None	1	None

Finally, with a communication port identified and correctly setup simple text strings or even command bytes can easily be transmitted to control your display.

3.1 uProject

The Matrix Orbital alphanumeric display tuner, or uProject, is offered as a free download from the www.matrixorbital.ca support site. It allows the basic functionality of any display* to be tested using a simple graphical user interface system.

While basic functionality can be tested using the GUI portion of the program, more advanced users will enjoy the scripting capability found in the uploader tab. Here commands can be stacked, run, and saved for later use. Although many commands are available to be dragged into the script dialog, perhaps the most powerful is the raw data command found in the other branch.

^{*}Note: The uProject AutoDetect function will not perform correctly when a USB display is connected. Please manually configure any USB display.

This command allows raw bytes to be sent to the display, permitting many different formats for entry and displaying in decimal notation. Any command from this manual may be entered in decimal notation separated by slashes.

/254/ /88/Figure 6: uProject Command

Again, the clear screen command is sent to a connected display, this time using uProject raw data command style. Scripts can be run as a whole using the execute command from the script menu, or as single commands by selecting execute once. Before issuing commands, it is a good idea to ensure communication with a display is successful using some of the more basic GUI functions in the main window.

This program provides scratch pad upon which a tome of display projects and ideas can be assembled.

3.2 Application Notes

Full demonstration programs and code are available for Matrix Orbital Displays in the C# language from Simple C# AppNote Pack in the Application Note section at www.matrixorbital.ca/appnotes. Difficulty increases from beginner, with the Hello World program, to advanced with the Dallas One-Wire temperature reading application.

Many additional applications are available in a number of different programming languages. These programs are meant to showcase the capability of the display and are not intended to be integrated into a final design. For additional information regarding code, please read the On Code document also found on the support site.

4 Hardware

4.1 Standard Model

Extended Communication/Power Header



Figure 7: Extended Communication/Power Header

Table 4: Communication/Power Pinout

Pin	Function
1	Vcc
2	Rx (SCL)
3	Tx (SDA)
4	Gnd

The Extended Communication/Power Header provides a standard connector for interfacing to the LK204-7T-1U. Voltage is applied through pins one and four of the six pin Extended Communication/Power Header. Please ensure the correct voltage input for your display by referencing Voltage Specifications before connecting power. Pins two and three are reserved for serial transmission, using either the RS-232/TTL or clocking data through the I²C protocol, depending on what has been selected by the Protocol Select Jumpers. Pins five and six can be used for serial transmission hardware flow control, and are ignored for I²C communications. The Molex 22-04-1061 style header used can be mated to a number of connectors, a 22-01-1062 for example.

Serial DB9 Connector

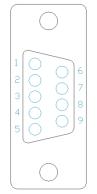


Figure 8: Serial DB9 Connector

Table 5: Serial DB9 Pinout

Pin	Function
2	Tx
3	Rx
5	Gnd
9	NC/Vcc*

The LK204-7T-1U provides a DB-9 Connector to readily interface with serial devices using EIA232 standard signal levels. It is also possible to communicate at TTL levels of 0 to +5V by setting the Protocol Select Jumpers to TTL. As an added feature it is also possible to apply power through pin 9 of the DB-9 Connector in order to reduce cable clutter. A standard male DB9 header will provide the perfect mate for this connector.

*Note: Do not apply voltage through pin 9 of the DB-9 Connector AND through the Communication/Power Header at the same time.

Power Through DB9 Jumper

In order to provide power through pin 9 of the DB-9 Connector you must connect the Power Through DB-9 Jumper labelled Resistor, as illustrated below. This connection can be made using a zero ohm resistor, recommended size 0603, or a solder bridge. The LK204-7T-1U allows all voltage models to use the power through DB-9 option, see the Voltage Specifications for power requirements.

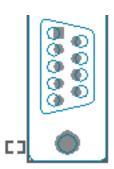


Figure 9: Power Through DB9 Jumper

Protocol Select Jumpers

The Protocol Select Jumpers provide the means necessary to toggle the LK204-7T-1U between RS-232, TTL and I²C protocols. As a default, the jumpers are set to RS-232 mode with solder jumps on the RS232 jumpers. In order to place the display module in I²C mode you must first remove the solder jumps from the RS232 jumpers and then place them on the I²C jumpers. The display will now be in I²C mode and have a default slave address of 80, unless changed with the appropriate command. Similarly, in order to change the display to TTL mode, simply remove the zero ohm resistors from the RS232 or I²C jumpers and solder them to the TTL jumpers.

4.2 USB Model

Mini USB Connector

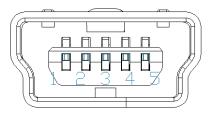


Figure 10: Mini USB Connector

Table 6: Mini USB Pinout

Pin	Function
1	Vcc
2	D-
3	D+
5	Gnd

The LK204-7T-1U-USB comes with a familiar Mini USB Connector to fulfill both communication and power needs. The standard MiniB style header can be connected to any other USB style using the appropriate cable. Most commonly used with a PC, this connection creates a virtual com port that offers a simple power solution with a familiar communication scheme.

Alternate USB Header

Some advanced applications may prefer the straight four pin connection offered through the Optional Alternate USB Header. This header offers power and communication access in a simple interface package. The Optional Alternate USB Header may be added to the LK204-7T-1U-USB for an added charge as part of a custom order. Please use the Contact section to request more information from the friendly Matrix Orbital sales team.

Alternate Power Connector



Figure 11: Alternate Power Connector

Table 7: Alternate Power Pinout

Pin	Function
1	Vcc
2	Gnd
3	Gnd
4	NC

The Alternate Power Connector provides the ability to power the LK204-7T-1U-USB using a second cable. The Tyco 171825-4 style header is particularly useful for connecting to an unmodified floppy power cable, a 171822-4 for example, from a PC power supply for a simple bench power solution.

4.3 Common Features

General Purpose Outputs

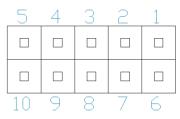


Figure 12: GPO Header

Table 8: GPO Pinout

Pin	Function	Pin	Function
1	GPO 1	6	Vcc
2	GPO 2	7	Vcc
3	GPO 3	8	Vcc
4	NC	9	Vcc
5	Gnd	10	Vcc

A unique feature of the LK204-7T-1U is the ability to control relays* and other external devices using either one or six General Purpose Outputs. Each can source up to 10mA of current at five volts when on or sink 20mA at zero volts when off. The two row, fourteen pin header can be interfaced to a number of female connectors to provide control to any peripheral devices required.

*Note: If connecting a relay, be sure that it is fully clamped using a diode and capacitor in order to absorb any electro-motive force (EMF) which will be generated.

Dallas One-Wire Connector

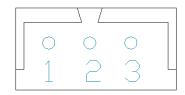


Figure 13: Dallas One-Wire Connector

Table 9: Dallas One-Wire Pinout

Pin	Function
1	Vcc
2	D
3	Gnd

In addition to the six general purpose outputs the LK204-7T-1U offers an Optional Dallas One-Wire bridge, to allow for an additional thirty two one-wire devices to be connected to the display. This header can be populated with a Tyco 173979 connector at an added cost by custom order only. Please use the Contact section to request more information from the Matrix Orbital sales team.

5 Troubleshooting

5.1 Power

In order for your Matrix Orbital Display to function correctly, it must be supplied with the appropriate power. If the backlight is not illuminated, power may not be applied correctly. Try the tips below.

- First, check the power cable which you are using for continuity. If you don't have an ohm meter, try using a different power cable, if this does not help try using a different power supply.
- If power is applied through the DB9 connector, ensure that the Power Through DB9 Jumper is connected.
- If changes have been made to the protocol select block, ensure all the appropriate protocol select jumpers are connected and all unused protocol jumpers are disconnected.
- The last step will be to check the interface connector in use on your display. If the power connections have become loose, or you are unable to resolve the issue, please Contact Matrix Orbital for more information.

5.2 Display

If your display is powered successfully, the Matrix Orbital logo, or user created screen should display on start up. If this is not the case, check out these tips.

- Ensure the contrast is not too high or too low. This can result in a darkened or blank screen respectively. See the Manual Override section to reset to default.
- Make sure that the start screen is not blank. It is possible to overwrite the Matrix Orbital logo start screen, if this happens the screen may be blank. Try writing to the display to ensure it is functional, after checking the contrast above.

5.3 Communication

When communication of either text or commands is interrupted, try the steps below.

- First, check the communication cable for continuity. If you don't have an ohm meter, try using a different communication cable. If you are using a PC try using a different Com/USB Port.
- Next, please ensure that the display module is set to communicate on the protocol that you are using, by checking the Protocol Select Jumpers.
- In serial and USB protocols, ensure that the host system and display module are both communicating on the same baud rate. The default rate for the display module is 19200 bps.
- Match Rx from your display to the transmitting pin from your host and the Tx pin to the receiving pin.
- If you are communicating to the display via I²C* please ensure that the data is being sent to the correct address. The default slave address for the display module is 80.
- In I²C mode, connect Rx to the clock line of your controller and Tx to the data output.
- Unlock the display. See the Set and Save Data Lock command for more info.
- Finally, you may reset the display to its default settings using the Manual Override procedure outlined below.

5.4 Manual Override

Should the settings of your display become altered in a way that dramatically impacts usability, the default settings can be temporarily restored. To override the display, please follow the steps below.

- 1. Disconnect power from your display.
- 2. Hold down the bottom left dot key.
- 3. Reconnect power to your unit, and wait for the start screen before releasing the key.
- 4. Settings will be temporarily** overridden to the defaults listed in the Manual Override Settings table. At this point any important settings, such as contrast, backlight, or baud rate, should not only be set but saved so they remain when the override is removed.

Parameter	Value
Backlight	255
Contrast	128
Baud Rate	19200
I ² C Address	80

Table 10: Manual Override Settings

^{*}Note: I²C communication will always require pull up resistors on SCL and SDA of one to ten kilohms.

^{**}Note: The display module will revert back to the old settings once turned off, unless desired settings are saved.

6 Commands

6.1 Communication

1.1 Char	nge	Dec	254 57	Speed	v5.0			
Baud Ra	te	Hex	FE 39	Speed				
		ASCII	■ 9	Speed				
Immedia manual		_	baud rate.	Not available in I2C. Baud rate can be temporarily forced to 19200 by a				
Speed Byte Valid settings shown below.								

Table 11: Accepted Baud Rate Values

Rate	1200	2400	4800	9600	19200	28800	38400	57600	*76800	*115200
Speed	83	41	207	103	51	34	25	16	12	8

^{*}Note: Baud rates 76800 and 115200 added after firmware revision 5.0 was released as per PCN 2006-08-2

1.2 Change I ² C	Dec	254 51	Address v5.	.0					
Slave Address	Hex	FE 33	Address						
	ASCII	3	Address						
Immediately char	nges the I ² C	C write add	dress. Only even values are permitted as the next odd address will become						
the read address									
Address Byte Even value.									

1.3 Transmission	Dec 254 160	Protocol v5.0							
Protocol Select	Hex FE A0	Protocol							
	ASCII ■ á	Protocol							
Selects the protoco	Selects the protocol used for data transmission from the display. Data transmission to the display is not affected.								
Must be set to the	Must be set to the protocol in use to receive data correctly.								
Protocol Byte	1 for Serial (RS232/	RS422/TTL/USB) or 0 for I ² C.							

1.4 Set a Non-Standard	Dec 254 164	Speed
Baud Rate	Hex FE A4	Speed
	ASCII ■ ñ	Speed

Immediately changes the baud rate to a non-standard value. Speed must be a whole number between 977 and 153800. Due to rounding, error increases with baud rate, actual baud must be within 3% of desired baud to ensure accurate communication. Not available in I2C. Can be temporarily forced to 19200 by a manual override.

Speed Word Calculations shown below, standard crystal speed is 16MHz.

$$Speed = \frac{CrystalSpeed}{(8 \times DesiredBaud)} - 1 \quad ActualBaud = \frac{CrystalSpeed}{\left(8 \times (Speed + 1)\right)}$$

$$Equation 1: Speed Byte Calculation \quad Equation 2: Actual Baud Rate Calculation$$

$$\frac{|DesiredBaud - ActualBaud|}{DesiredBaud} < 0.03$$

Equation 3: Baud Rate Error Calculation

6.2 Text

2.1 Clear	Dec	254 88
Screen	Hex	FE 58
	ASCII	■ X

Clears the contents of the screen.

2.2 Change the	Dec	254 64	Characters	v5.0
Start Up Screen	Hex	FE 40	Characters	
	ASCII	@	Characters	

Changes the message displayed on start up. Custom characters can be included by adding their decimal value (0-7). Characters will automatically wrap on the display.

Characters 80 bytes, space characters can be added as needed

The entire contents of screen are shifted up one line when the end of the screen is reached. Display default is on.

2.4 Auto	Dec 254 8	82
Scroll Off	Hex FE 5	52
	ASCII ■	ı R

New text is written over the top line when the end of the screen is reached. Display default is Auto Scroll on.

2.5 Set Auto	Dec	254 67
Line Wrap On	Hex	FE 43
	ASCII	■ C

Text will wrap to the next consecutive line once a row becomes full. Default is Auto Line Wrap on.

2.6 Set Auto	Dec	254 68
Line Wrap Off	Hex	FE 44
	ASCII	■ D

Text will skip one line when wrapping once a row becomes full. Writing order will be rows 1, 3, 2, and then 4. Default is Auto Line Wrap on.

2.7 Set Cu	irsor	Dec	254 71	Column Row	v5.0					
Position		Hex	FE 47	Column Row						
		ASCII	■ G	Column Row						
Sets the co	Sets the cursor to a specific cursor position where the next transmitted character is printed.									
Column	Byte	Value be	tween 1 an	d number of character columns.						
Row	Byte Value between 1 and number of character rows.									

2.8 Go	Dec	254 72
ome	Hex	FE 48
	ASCII	■ H
	ASCII	

Returns the cursor to the top left of the screen.

2.9 Move	Dec	254 76	
Cursor Back	Hex	FE 4C	
	ASCII	■ L	

Moves cursor one position to the left. Cursor will obey wrap settings.

2.10 Move	Dec 254 7
Cursor Forward	Hex FE 4I
	ASCII • N

Moves cursor one position to the right. Cursor will obey wrap settings.

2.11 Underline	Dec	254 74	
Cursor On	Hex	FE 4A	
	ASCII	■ J	

Displays a line under the current cursor position. Can be used with block cursor.

2.12 Underline	Dec	254 75	V
Cursor Off	Hex	FE 4B	
	ASCII	■ K	

Removes line under current cursor position.

2.13 Blinking	Dec	254 83
Block Cursor On	Hex	FE 53
DIOCK CUISOI OII		1 L 33
	ASCII	■ S

Displays a blinking block over the current cursor position. Can be used with underline.

2.14 Blinking	Dec 254 84
Block Cursor Off	Hex FE 54
	ASCII ■ T

Removes blinking block over current cursor position.

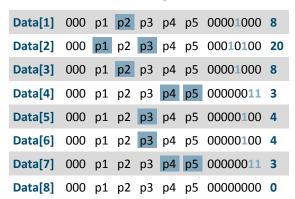
6.3 Special Characters

3.1 Create a Custom Character	Dec Hex ASCII	FE 4E	ID Data ID Data ID Data	0
			r is divided into 8 rows of 5 pixels; each data byte represents one row. wed by five bits representing each pixel state. A one represents an on	

condition while a zero is off. Characters are lost when a new memory bank is loaded, unless they are saved.

ID	Byte	Character ID, value between 0 and 7.
Data	Byte[8]	Character pixel data as shown below.

Table 12: Custom Degree Character



3.2 Save Custom	Dec	254 193	Bank ID Data v5.0
Characters	Hex	FE C1	Bank ID Data
	ASCII	■ñ	Bank ID Data
Provides access to	all memory	banks to	create and save custom characters, graph bars, and large digits. Any new
characters saved w	ill overwrit	e the old,	so care should be taken when writing to any bar or digit memory bank.

Bank structure is shown below.

Bank	Byte	1 byte, memory bank ID, value between 0 and 4, as below.
ID	Byte	1 byte, value between 0 and 7.
Data	Byte[8]	8 bytes, character pixel data as above.

Table 13: Custom Character Banks

0 Start-up Characters 1 Horizontal Bars 2 Vertical Bars 3 Medium Digits 4 Large Digits
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Loads a bank of custom characters into memory for use. Must be issued before using a bank of characters. Alternatively, an appropriate initialize command can be used.

Bank Byte Memory bank ID, value between 0 and 4, as above.

3.4 Save Start Up	Dec	254 194	ID Data v5.0		
Screen Custom	Hex	FE C2	ID Data		
Characters	ASCII	■⊤	ID Data		
Saves a custom character to memory for the start up screen or repeated use. Start up characters are displayed by					

Saves a custom character to memory for the start up screen or repeated use. Start up characters are displayed by sending their ID to the screen.

ID Byte Value between 0 and 7.

Data Byte[8] Character pixel data, see Custom Degree Character example.

3.5 Initialize	Dec	254 109			v5.0
Medium Numbers	Hex	FE 6D			
	ASCII	■ m			

Loads the medium number custom character bank into memory. Medium numbers must be initialized before use.

3.6 Place Medium	Dec	254 111	Row Column Digit	v5.0
Numbers	Hex	FE 6F	Row Column Digit	
	ASCII	■ 0	Row Column Digit	

Places a single medium decimal digit of 2 row height and 1 column width on the display at the position specified. Medium numbers must be initialized before being placed.

Row	Byte	Value between 1 and 20.
Column	Byte	Value between 1 and 4.
Digit	Byte	Single decimal digit to display.

3.7 Initialize	Dec	254 110
Large Numbers	Hex	FE 6E
	ASCII	■ n

Loads the large number custom character bank into memory. Large numbers must be initialized before use.

Loads the large number custom character bank into memory. Large numbers must be initialized before use.

3.9 Initialize	Dec	254 104
Horizontal Bar	Hex	FE 68
	ASCII	■ h

Loads the horizontal bar graph custom character bank into memory. Horizontal bar characters must be initialized before a graph is displayed.

3.10 Place	Horizo	ntal Dec	254 124	Column Row Direction Length	v5.0	
Bar Graph		Hex	FE 7C	Column Row Direction Length		
		ASCII	•	Column Row Direction Length		
Places a ho	Places a horizontal bar graph on the screen beginning at the column and row specified. The bar extends either					
right or lef	right or left to the length indicated. New bars will overwrite old.					
Column	Byte	1 byte, value k	1 byte, value between 1 and 20			
Row	Byte	1 byte, value b	1 byte, value between 1 and 4			
Direction	Byte	1 byte, 0 for right and 1 for left				
Length	Byte	1 byte, length	in pixels of t	the graph, value between 0 and 100		

3.11 Initialize	Dec	254 115
Narrow Vertical Bar	Hex	FE 73
rearrow vertical bar		1275
	ASCII	■ S

Loads the narrow horizontal bar graph custom character bank into memory. A narrow bar is 2 pixels wide. Horizontal bar characters must be initialized before a graph is displayed.

3.12 Initialize	Dec	254 118
Wide Vertical Bar	Hex	FE 76
	ASCII	■ V

Loads the wide horizontal bar graph custom character bank into memory. A wide bar is 5 pixels wide. Horizontal bar characters must be initialized before a graph is displayed.

3.13 Place	Dec	254 61	Column Length	v5.0		
Vertical Ba	r Hex	FE 3D	Column Length			
	ASC		Column Length			
	Places a vertical bar graph on the screen extending from the first row of the column specified. The bar extends upwards to the length indicated. A new bar will over write the old.					
Column	Byte	Value between	Value between 1 and 20.			
Length	Byte	Height in pixels	s of the graph, value between 0 and 32.			

6.4 General Purpose Output

4.1 General Purpose	Dec 254 87	Number v5.0				
Output On	Hex FE 57	Number				
	ASCII ■ W	Number				
Turns the specified G	Turns the specified GPO on, sourcing current from an output of five volts.					
Number Byte GF	GPO to be turned on.					

4.2 General Purpose	Dec 254 86	Number v5.0
Output Off	Hex FE 56	Number
	ASCII ■ V	Number
Turns the specified GP	O off, sinking current	to an output of zero volts.
Number Byte GPC	to be turned off.	

4.3 Set St	art Up	Dec	254 195	Number State v5.0
GPO State		Hex	FE C3	Number State
		ASCII	■ -	Number State
Sets and s	aves the	start up s	tate of the s	specified GPO in non volatile memory. Changes will be seen on start up.
Number	Byte	GPO to be	e controlled	d.
State	Byte	1 for on c	or 0 for off.	

LED Indicators

The LK204-7T-1U has 6 General Purpose Outputs which control 3 bi-colour LEDs. Red, green, and orange-yellow colours can be created using these software controlled GPOs. Odd numbered GPOs control red while even numbers switch the green aspects of the LEDs, as shown in the table below.

Table 14: LED Output

Colour	GPO _o	GPO _E
Yellow	0	0
Green	0	1
Red	1	0
Off	1	1

6.5 Dallas One-Wire

5.1 Search for a	Dec 254 200 2	v5.0
One-Wire Device	Hex FE C8 02	
	ASCII ■ L SOT	
Sends a search query	to each of the up to 32 devices	on the one wire bus. Any connected device will respond with

an identification packet.

Response Bytes [14] Dallas One-Wire identification packet as shown below.

Table 15: Dallas One-Wire Packet Information

Offset	Length	Value	Description
0	2	9002	Preamble
2	1	138	Another device packet will follow OR
2	1	10	Last device packet
3	1	49	Packet Type
4	1	0	Error Code (0 indicates success)
5	8		Device Address
13	1	0	CRC8 address check (0 indicates validity)

5.2 Dallas One	e-Wire	Dec	254 200 1	Flags Send Bits	Receive Bits	Data	v5.0
Transaction		Hex		Flags Send Bits			
		ASCII	■ L STX	Flags Send Bits	Receive Bits	Data	
Performs a sin	gle Dallas :	1-Wire trai	nsaction. Con	sult your device of	documentatio	n for informa	tion regarding device
specific protoc	cols. If an e	error is end	countered, a c	orresponding val	ue will be retu	irned by the o	device.
Flags	Byte	Flags for	transaction, s	ee below.			
Send Bits	Byte	Number	of bytes to be	sent to the device	e.		
Receive Bits	Byte	Number	of bytes exped	cted to be receive	ed from the de	evice.	
Data	Byte(s)	Data to b	e transmitted	LSB to MSB.			

Table 16: Dallas One-Wire Flags

Bit	Flag Description
7	
6	Unused
5	
4	0 (Future Compatibility)
3	Add CRC8 to transaction
2	0 (Future Compatibility)
1	Read CRC8 from transaction
0	Reset Bus prior to transaction

Table 17: Dallas One-Wire Errors

Code	Error Description
0	Success
1	Unknown Command
2	No Devices Found
3	Fatal Search Error

6.6 Keypad

6.1 Auto Transmit	ec 254 65
Key Presses On	ex FE 41
	SCII A

Key presses are automatically sent to the host when received by the display. Default is Auto Transmit on.

Key presses are held in the 10 key buffer to be polled by the host using the Poll Key Press command. Use this mode for I2C transactions. Default is Auto Transmit on.

6.	3 Poll Key	Dec	254 38	v5.0
Pr	ess	Hex	FE 26	
		ASCII	&	

Reads the last unread key press from the 10 key display buffer. If another key is stored in the buffer the MSB will be 1, the MSB will be 0 when the last key press is read. If there are no stored key presses a value of 0 will be returned. Auto transmit key presses must be turned off for this command to be successful.

Response Byte Value of key pressed (MSb determines additional keys to be read).

6.4 Clear Key	Dec	254 69
Buffer	Hex	FE 45
Dullel		
	ASCII	■ E

Clears all key presses from the key buffer.

6.5 Set Debounce	Dec 254 85	Time
Time	Hex FE 55	Time
	ASCII ■ U	Time

Sets the time between a key press and a key read by the display. Most switches will bounce when pressed; the debounce time allows the switch to settle for an accurate read. Default is 8 representing approximately 52ms.

Time Byte Debounce increment (debounce time = Time * 6.554ms).

6.6 Set Auto	ec 254 126	Mode
Repeat Mode	ex FE 7E	Mode

Sets key press repeat mode to typematic or hold. In typematic mode if a key press is held, the key value is transmitted immediately, then 5 times a second after a 1 second delay. In hold mode, the key down value is transmitted once when pressed, and then the key up value is sent when the key is released. Default is typematic.

Mode Byte 1 for hold mode or 0 for typematic.

6.7 Auto Repeat	Dec 254 96
Mode Off	Hex FE 60
	ASCII •

Turns auto repeat mode off. Default is on (typematic).

6.8 Assign Ke	eypad Dec	254 213	Key Down Key Up	v5.0
Codes	Hex	FE D5	Key Down Key Up	
	ASC	II ■ F	Key Down Key Up	
Assigns the k	ey down and	key up values se	ent to the host when a key press is detected. A key up and key down	า
value must b	e sent for eve	ery key, a value o	of 255 will leave the key unaltered. Defaults are shown below.	
Key Down	Bytes [25]	Key down valu	es.	
Key Up	Bytes [25]	Key up values.		

Table 18: Default Key Down Values

K	ey Dow	n
A(65)	B(66)	C(67)
D(68)	E(69)	N/A
G(71)	H(72)	N/A

Table 19: Default Key Up Values

	Key Up	
a(97)	b(98)	c(99)
d(100)	e(101)	N/A
g(103)	h(104)	N/A

6.9 Keypad	Dec	254 155
Backlight Off	Hex	FE 9B
	ASCII	■ ¢

6.10 Set Key	pad	Dec	254 156	Brightness	v5.0
Brightness		Hex	FE 9C	Brightness	
		ASCII	■ £	Brightness	
Immediately	sets the	e keypad b	rightness. (On time is set using the Backlight On command. Default is 255.	
Brightness	Byte	Brightne	ess level fror	n O(Dim) to 255(Bright).	

6.11 Set Auto	Dec	254 157	Setting		v5.0
Backlight	Hex	FE 9D	Setting		
	ASCII	■¥	Setting		

Set the way the display and keypad backlights respond when a key is pressed. The options in the tables below allow a keypress to turn on the display and/or keypad backlights after they have timed out or been turned off.

Setting Byte What portions of the unit light on a keypress, if any, and if that press is returned.

Table 20: AutoBacklight Settings

	Transmit First Keypress		Omit First Keypress
0	No Lighting Change	8	No Lighting Change
1	Light Keypad Backlight	9	Light Keypad Backlight
2	Light Display Backlight	10	Light Display Backlight
3	Light Keypad and Display	11	Light Keypad and Display

6.7 Display Functions

7.1 Backlight	Dec	254 66	Minutes	v 5
On	Hex	FE 42	Minutes	
	ASCII	■ B	Minutes	

Turns the display backlight on for a specified length of time. If an inverse display color is used this command will essentially turn on the text.

Minutes Byte Number of minutes to leave backlight on, a value of 0 leaves the display on indefinitely.

7.2 Backlight	Dec	254 70	
Off	Hex	FE 46	
	ASCII	■ F	

Turns the display backlight off. If an inverse display colour is used this command will turn off the text.

7.3 Set	Dec	254 153	Brightness	v5.0
Brightness	Hex	FE 99	Brightness	
	ASCII	■Ö	Brightness	

Immediately sets the backlight brightness. If an inverse display color is used this represents the text colour intensity instead. Default is 255.

Brightness Byte Brightness level from O(Dim) to 255(Bright).

7.4 Set and Save	Dec	254 152	Brightness	v5.0
Brightness	Hex	FE 98	Brightness	
	ASCII	■ÿ	Brightness	

Immediately sets and saves the backlight brightness. Although brightness can be changed using the set command, it is reset to this saved value on start up. Default is 255.

Brightness Byte Brightness level from O(Dim) to 255(Bright).

7.5 Set E	Backlight	Dec 254 130	Red Green Blue	v5.0
Colour		Hex FE 82	Red Green Blue	
		ASCII ■ é	Red Green Blue	
Set the o	colour of a	ri-colour backlight. Or	lly for tri-colour displays. Default is white (255, 255, 255).	
Red	Byte	Brightness level of Re	d from 0(Dim) to 255(Bright).	
Green	Byte	Brightness level of Gr	een from 0(Dim) to 255(Bright).	
Blue	Byte	Brightness level of Blu	ue from O(Dim) to 255(Bright).	

7.6 Set	Dec	254 80	Contrast v5.0
Contrast	Hex	FE 50	Contrast
	ASCII	■ P	Contrast

Immediately sets the contrast between background and text. If an inverse display color is used this also represents the text brightness. Default is 128.

Contrast Byte Contrast level from O(Light) to 255(Dark).

7.7 Set and Save	Dec	254 145	Contrast	v5.0
Contrast	Hex	FE 91	Contrast	
	ASCII	■ æ	Contrast	

Immediately sets and saves the contrast between background and text. Although contrast can be changed using the set command, it is reset to this saved value on start up. Default is 128.

Contrast Byte Contrast level from O(Light) to 255(Dark).

6.8 Data Security

8.1 Set	Dec	254 147	Switch	
Remember	Hex	FE 93	Switch	
	ASCII	■Ô	Switch	

Allows changes to specific settings to be saved to the display memory. Writing to non-volatile memory can be slow and each change consumes 1 write of at least 100,000 available. The Command Summary outlines which commands are saved always, never, and when this command is on only. Remember is off by default.

Switch Byte 1 for on or 0 for off.

8.2 Set Data	Dec	254 202 245 160	Level	v5.0
Lock	Hex	FE CA F5 A0	Level	
	ASCII	∎≝∫á	Level	

Temporarily locks certain aspects of the display to ensure no inadvertent changes are made. The lock is released after a power cycle. A new level overrides the old, and levels can be combined. Default is 0.

Level Byte Lock level, see Data Lock Bits table.

Table 21: Data Lock Bits

Display	Command	Reserved	Setting	Address	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Table 22: Lock Parameters

Reserved	Place holders only, should be 0
Address	Locks the Baud Rate and I2C address
Setting	Locks all settings from being saved
Command	Locks all commands, text can still be written
Display	Locks entire display, no new text can be displayed



Locks certain aspects of the display to ensure no inadvertent changes are made. The lock is not affected by a power cycle. A new level overrides the old, and levels can be combined. Default is 0.

Level Byte See Data Lock Bits table.

6.9 Miscellaneous

9.1 Write	Dec	254 52	Data v5	.0
Customer Data	Hex	FE 34	Data	
	ASCII	4	Data	
Saves a user defin	ned block	of data to	non-volatile memory. Useful for storing display information for later use	

Saves a user defined block of data to non-volatile memory. Useful for storing display information for later use.

Data Byte [16] User defined data.

9.2 Read	Dec	254 53
Customer Data	Hex	FE 35
	ASCII	■ 5

Reads data previously written to non-volatile memory. Data is only changed when written, surviving power cycles.

Response Byte [16] Previously saved user defined data.

9.3 Read Version	Dec	254 54	v5.0
Number	Hex	FE 36	
	ASCII	6	
Causes display to res	spond wit	h its firmwai	version number. Test.

Response Byte Convert to hexadecimal to view major and minor revision numbers.

9.4 Read	Dec	254 55	v5.0							
Module Type	Hex	FE 37								
	ASC	II ■ 7								
Causes display to respond with its module number.										
Response E	yte	Module number, s	ee Sample Module Type Responses for a partial list.							

Table 23: Sample Module Type Responses

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7 Appendix

7.1 Command Summary

Available commands below include identifying number, required parameters, the returned response and an indication of whether settings are remembered always, never, or with remember set to on.

Table 24: Communication Command Summary

Name	Dec	Hex	ASCII	Parameters	Response	Remembered
Change Baud Rate	57	39	9	Byte	None	Always
Change I ² C Slave Address	51	33	3	Byte	None	Always
Transmission Protocol Select	160	Α0	á	Byte	None	Remember On
Set a Non-Standard Baud Rate	164	A4	ñ	Byte	None	Always

Table 25: Text Command Summary

Name	Dec	Hex	ASCII	Parameters	Response	Remembered
Clear Screen	88	58	Χ	None	None	Never
Change the Start Up Screen	64	40	@	Byte[]	None	Always
Auto Scroll On	81	51	Q	None	None	Remember On
Auto Scroll Off	82	52	R	None	None	Remember On
Set Auto Line Wrap On	67	43	С	None	None	Remember On
Set Auto Line Wrap Off	68	44	D	None	None	Remember On
Set Cursor Position	71	47	G	Byte[2]	None	Never
Go Home	72	48	Н	None	None	Never
Move Cursor Back	76	4C	L	None	None	Never
Move Cursor Forward	77	4D	M	None	None	Never
Underline Cursor On	74	4A	J	None	None	Remember On
Underline Cursor Off	75	4B	K	None	None	Remember On
Blinking Block Cursor On	83	53	S	None	None	Remember On
Blinking Block Cursor Off	84	54	Т	None	None	Remember On

Table 26: Special Character Command Summary

Name	Dec	Hex	ASCII	Parameters	Response	Remembered
Create a Custom Character	78	4E	N	Byte[9]	None	Remember On
Save Custom Characters	193	C1	ñ	Byte[10]	None	Always
Load Custom Characters	192	C0	L	Byte	None	Never
Save Start Up Screen Custom Characters	194	C2	Т	Byte[9]	None	Always
Initialize Medium Numbers	109	6D	m	None	None	Never
Place Medium Numbers	111	6F	0	Row, Col, Digit	None	Never
Initialize Large Numbers	110	6E	n	None	None	Never
Initialize Large Numbers	35	23	#	Col, Digit	None	Never
Initialize Horizontal Bar	104	68	h	None	None	Never
Place Horizontal Bar Graph	124	7C		Col, Row, Dir, Length	None	Never
Initialize Narrow Vertical Bar	115	73	S	None	None	Never
Initialize Wide Vertical Bar	118	76	V	None	None	Never
Place Vertical Bar	61	3D	=	Col, Length	None	Never

Table 27: General Purpose Output Command Summary

Name	Dec	Hex	ASCII	Parameters	Response	Remembered
General Purpose Output On	86	56	V	Byte	None	Never
General Purpose Output Off	87	57	W	Byte	None	Never
Set Start Up GPO State	195	C3	-	Byte[2]	None	Always

Table 28: Dallas One-Wire Command Summary

Name	Dec	Hex	ASCII	Parameters	Response	Remembered
Search for a One-Wire Device	200, 2	C8, 02	^L , sot	None	Byte[14]	Never
Dallas One-Wire Transaction	200, 1	C8, 01	^L , STX	Byte[3], Byte[]	Byte[]	Never

Table 29: Keypad Command Summary

Name	Dec	Hex	ASCII	Parameters	Response	Remembered
Auto Transmit Key Presses On	65	41	Α	None	None	Remember On
Auto Transmit Key Presses Off	79	4F	`	None	None	Remember On
Poll Key Press	38	26	&	None	Byte	Never
Clear Key Buffer	69	45	Ε	None	None	Never
Set Debounce Time	85	55	U	Byte	None	Remember On
Set Auto Repeat Mode	126	7E	DEL	Mode	None	Remember On
Auto Repeat Mode Off	96	60	`	None	None	Remember On
Assign Keypad Codes	213	D5	Γ	Byte[25], Byte[25]	None	Always
Keypad Backlight Off	155	98	¢	None	None	Never
Set Keypad Brightness	156	9C	£	Byte	None	Remember On
Set Auto Backlight	157	9D	¥	Byte	None	Always

Table 30: Display Functions Command Summary

Name	Dec	Hex	ASCII	Parameters	Response	Remembered
Backlight On	66	42	В	Byte	None	Remember On
Backlight Off	70	46	F	None	None	Remember On
Set Brightness	153	99	Ö	Byte	None	Remember On
Set and Save Brightness	152	98	ÿ	Byte	None	Always
Set Backlight Colour	130	82	é	Byte[3]	None	Remember On
Set Contrast	80	50	Р	Byte	None	Remember On
Set and Save Contrast	145	91	æ	Byte	None	Always

Table 31: Data Security Command Summary

Name	Dec	Hex	ASCII	Parameters	Response	Remembered
Set Remember	147	93	ô	Byte	None	Always
Set Data Lock	202, 245, 160	CA, F5, A0	ٿ , ∫, á	Byte	None	Remember On
Set and Save Data Lock	203, 245, 160	CB, F5, A0	╦, , á	Byte	None	Always

Table 32: Miscellaneous Command Summary

Name	Dec	Hex	ASCII	Parameters	Response	Remembered
Write Customer Data	52	34	4	Byte[16]	None	Always
Read Customer Data	53	35	5	None	Byte[16]	Never
Read Version Number	54	36	6	None	Byte	Never
Read Module Type	55	37	7	None	Bvte	Never

7.2 Character Sets

		Higher 4-bit (D4 to D7) of Character Code (Hexadecimal)															
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Α	В	С	D	Е	F
	0	CG RAM (1)						٠.	<u></u>					9	≡.	O.	
	1	CG RAM (2)			1.			.=	-4			:::	F	Ţ	Ċ.,	ä	
	2	CG RAM (3)		11	2		R	b	r			i.	4	ij	×	E	
	3	CG RAM (4)		#			5	<u></u> .	:≣.			!	ņ	7	₩	≝.	603
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D3) of Ch	8	CG RAM (1)		ď.		-	X	ŀ	×			٠Ţ	7	#	Ņ	۳.	×
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	F	CG RAM (8)			?				÷			٠	U	٠.:	:::		

Figure 14: LK204-7T-1U Japanese Character Set

7.3 Environmental Specifications

Table 33: Environmental Limits

	Standard	Extended (-E)				
Operating Temperature	0°C to +50°C	-20°C to +70°C				
Storage Temperature	-10°C to +60°C	-30°C to +80°C				
Operating Relative Humidity	Maximum 90% non-condensing					
Thermal Shock	Maximum 10°C /min					

7.4 Electrical Tolerances

Current Consumption

Table 34: Current Consumption



Table 35: Backlight Current Draw

YG	GW & WB	TCI
100mA	50mA	200mA

Input Voltage Specifications

Table 36: Voltage Specifications

Low Voltage (-LV)	Standard*
3.3V	4.75-5.25V

7.5 Optical Characteristics

Table 37: Display Optics

	LCD Model	
Module Size	142.00 x 38.00 x 36.0	mm
Viewing Area	82.0 x 36.0	mm
Active Area	77.0 x 23.6	mm
Character Size	3.20 x 5.15	mm
Character Pitch	3.90 x 6.15	mm
Pixel Size	0.60 x 0.60	mm
Pixel Pitch	0.65 x 0.65	mm
Viewing Direction	12	O'clock
Viewing Angle	-30 to +30	0
Contrast Ratio	3	
Backlight Half-Life (YG)	50,000	Hours
Backlight Half-Life (GW & WB)	20,000	Hours
Backlight Half-Life (TCI)	10,000	Hours

7.6 Dimensional Drawings

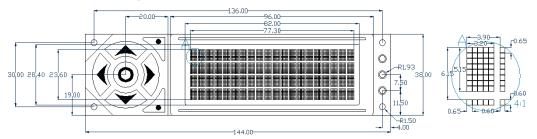


Figure 15: Display Dimensional Drawing

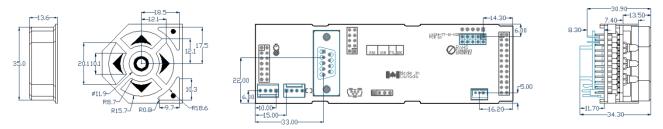


Figure 16: Standard Model Dimensional Drawing

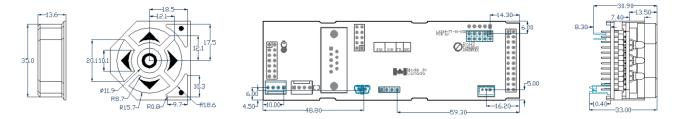


Figure 17: USB Model Dimensional Drawing

8 Ordering

8.1 Part Numbering Scheme

Table 38: Part Numbering Scheme

LK	-204	-7T	-1U	-USB	-TCI		-E
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

8.2 Options

Table 39: Display Options

#	Designator	Options
1	Product Type	LK: Liquid Crystal Display with Keypad Input
2	Display Size	-204: 20 Columns by 4 Rows
3	Keypad Size	-7T: Seven Integrated Tactile Keys
4	Form Factor	-1U: Fits a 1U Opening
5	Protocol	NP: Standard Model -USB: USB Only Model
6	Colour	-YG: Grey Text with Yellow-Green Background -GW: Grey Text with White Background -WB: White Text with Blue Background -TCI: Tricolour Text with Black Background
7	Voltage	-LV: Low Voltage (3.3V) NP: Standard Voltage (4.75-5.25V)
8	Temperature	NP: Standard -E: Extended Temperature

8.3 Accessories

Power

Table 40: Power Accessories

PCS Standard Power Cable

Communication

Table 41: Communication Accessories

	rable 12. communication recessories	
CSS4FT	4 ft. Serial Cable	
EXTMUSB3FT	Mini-USB Cable	
INTMUSB3FT	Internal Mini-USB Cable	
SCCPC5V	Serial Communication/5V Power Cable	
ВВС	Breadboard Cable	

Peripherals

Table 42: Peripheral Accessories



Mounting

Table 43: Mounting Accessories

B19264-BK

Black 7T-1U Mounting Bracket



9 Definitions

ASCII: American standard code for information interchange used to give standardized numeric codes to alphanumeric characters.

BPS: Bits per second, a measure of transmission speed.

DOW: Dallas One-Wire protocol, similar to I²C, provides reduced data rates at a greater distance. One wire carries data, while two others supply power and ground. Matrix Orbital tests non-parasitic devices only, those that do not draw power from the data line; however, some parasitic devices may work.

FFSTN: Double film super-twisted nematic in reference to an LCD. The addition of two layers of film between the STN display and polarizer improves contrast.

GPO: General purpose output, used to control peripheral devices from a display.

GUI: Graphical user interface.

Hexadecimal: A base 16 number system utilizing symbols 0 through F to represent the values 0-15.

Inter-integrated circuit protocol uses clock and data lines to communicate short distances at slow speeds from a master to up to 128 addressable slave devices. A display is a slave device.

LSB: Least significant bit or byte in a transmission, the rightmost when read.

MSB: Most significant bit or byte in a transmission, the leftmost when read.

RS232: Recommended standard 232, a common serial protocol. A low level is -30V, a high is +30V.

RS422: Recommended standard 422, a more robust differential pair serial protocol.

SDA: Serial data line used to transfer data in I^2C protocol. This open drain line should be pulled high through a resistor. Nominal values are between 1K and 10K Ω .

SCL: Serial clock line used to designate data bits in I^2C protocol. This open drain line should be pulled high through a resistor. Nominal values are between 1K and 10K Ω .

STN: Super-twisted nematic in reference to an LCD. In a relaxed or nematic state, crystals orientate themselves in the same direction and allow light to pass. In an excited state these crystals align to block light. Super-twisted crystals move from 180 to 270 degrees providing greater contrast than TN models.

TTL: Transistor-transistor logic applied to serial protocol. Low level is 0V while high logic is 5V.

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