

Technical Info Doc: PIC16F876A Rotor Controller for USB & RS485 / 2.4GHZ

ST2 – USB / TTL Interface: BASIC CONCEPT:



Basic Concept:

ST2-USB-TTL Interface is developed for Yaesu G5400/5500 & homebrew Rotators. Kits are supplied in a PLC type plastic case.

Project uses PIC16F876A and is electronically identical to design of an <u>ST2-USB Kits</u>. It can be configured by changing headers for use as an USB interface or a TTL / 2.4GHZ controller.

ST2 controller uses a standard "Yeasu GS232" type instruction sets for communication with PC software, such as SatPC32, Nova, HRD etc.

ST2-USB/TTL may be used as:

- 1. A standard USB interface for Yaesu Controller
- 2. Remotely placed controller using a RS485 or 2.4GHZ adapters.

ST2-USB/TTL Kit do not include RS485 or 2.4GHZ modules which may be purchased from <u>aliexpress</u> or <u>ebay.</u>

USB section uses CH340 type chip whereas TTL IN/OUT are directly from the PIC16F876A.

ST2- USB / TTL Controller PLC Type Plastic Case:



ST2-TTL/USB:



Possible adapters for remote placement/operation of ST2-0522:

This controller may be remotely placed at antenna site and controlled by PC using following interfaces: (Not part of this kit)

- 1. RS485 Module
- 2. 2.4GHZ module

INFORMATION ON ADD-ON Modules (Not included with this kit)

Using an RS485 Module:

Economically available RS485 module connects to ST2-USB/TTL. Two data lines and 5V +, Ground are available at ST2-USB/TTL's screw terminals for this purpose.



Use this RS485 module at PC's USB Port:



Using 2.4GHZ modules for remote operation:

There are many ways that TTLdata from this controller is interfaced to PC. This can be achieved by using variety of 2.4GHZ (or any other RF modules) at controller and at PC.

We tested following 2.4GHZ module available for USD 5 or 7.





2.4GHz / 27dBm / 5000m

nRF24L01+ E34-2G4H27D

Note:

You require two identical modules: One at ST2 and another at your PC.

PIC BOARD SILK:



ST2 - 0522 - PIC Board Parts List:

| Quantity | Part ID | Details |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | U1 | PIC16F876A DIP28 |
| 2 | H6: Headers | Handshake control - Optional |
| 2 | PCB | ST2-0522-PIC DSPTH PCB |
| 1 | LCD | 2x16 LCD with BL |
| 1 Set | H5 - LCD Headers | 16PIN SIL male Headers |
| 4 | Board Headers | 8Pin Male headers for Inter-connect |
| 6 | D1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 | 1N4148 |
| 1 | BL Header | 2PIN Male + shorting pin |
| 1 | X1 | 4MHZ HC49US Crystal |
| 1 | FBX | RFC 10uH |
| 1 | P1 | LCD Contrast Preset 10K |

| Quantity | Part ID | Details |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 3 | R 2, 3, 4 | 1K 1/4w |
| 1 | R1 | 4.7K |
| 1 | R9 | 22 Ohms |
| 4 | R5, 6, 7, 8, | 100K |
| | | |
| 7 | C1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 | 1uf Tantalum |
| 4 | C8, 9 | 27 – 33pf Ceramic |
| 2 | C2, 3 | 0.001uf Poly |

PIC Board Schematic:



CTL BOARD SILK:



ST2-0522-CTL Board Parts List:

| Quantity | Part ID | Details |
|----------|--------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1 | U3 | ULN2803A DIP 18 |
| 1 | IC Sockets | DIP18 |
| 1 | U2 | 7805 TO220 |
| 1 | U1 | CH340G SO16 |
| 1 | D1 | 1N4007 |
| 1 | X1 | 12MHZ Crystal HC49US |
| 2 | S1 | 3PIN DATA / USB select header |
| 1 | POWER | USB / Rotor Power : Source Select |
| 1 | Q1 | 2N7000 TO92 |
| 4 | CONF BTN | 4mm Push Buttons |
| 4 | LED | 4 X LEDs 3mm |
| 3 | FBX1, 2, 3 | RFC 10uH - 47uH |
| 2 | RFC1, 2 | RFC 10-47uH |
| 4 | H1, 2, 3, 4, | 8PIN Female Headers (Board Interconnect) |
| 3 | C4, 5, 11 | Capacitor 0.1uF |
| 4 | C2, 3, 6, 7 | Capacitor 22pf Ceramic |
| 4 | C1, 8, 9, 10 | Capacitor 1uF Tantalum |
| 1 | J1 | 3.5mm SCREW TERMINAL 2 X 4 = 8 |

| 1 | J3 | 3.5mm SCREW TERMINAL 2 X 1 = 4 |
|---|----------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | J2 | USB PCB |
| 2 | R1, 2 | Resistor 22 Ohms |
| 5 | R3, 4, 5, 6, 8 | Resistor 100K 1/4w |
| 1 | R7 | Resistor 4.7K /14w |
| 1 | Case | Plastic PLC case |

CTL Board Schematic:



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For more details, please visit Project Page: http://www.foxdelta.com