Medium Voltage Digital Motor Control Kit for Stellaris® Microcontrollers (DK-LM3S-DRV8312)

The Medium Voltage Digital Motor Control (DMC) kit (DK-LM3S-DRV8312), shown in Figure 1, provides a great way to learn and experiment with digital control of medium voltage brushless motors to increase efficiency of operation. This document describes the DRV8312 hardware, and explains the functions and locations of jumpers and connectors present on the board.

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It is the user’s responsibility to confirm that the voltages and isolation requirements are identified and understood, prior to powering the board and or simulation. If powered with a supply other than the one included in the kit, do not touch the EVM or components connected to the EVM.
Kit Features

The kit has the following features:

- Three-Phase Power Stage, DRV8312 capable of driving three-phase brushless DC motors and Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motors
  - 52.5 V DC max input voltage
  - 6.5 A peak with a 3.5 A max continuous output current per phase
  - Up to 500 kHz driver switching frequency
- 24 V switching power supply with on-board regulation for powering other analog and digital circuitry
- Isolated CAN and SPI communication (controlCARD support-dependent)
- Closed-loop digital control with feedback using the Stellaris microcontroller’s on-chip PWM and ADC peripherals
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- JTAG connector for external emulators (not used with Stellaris microcontrollers)
- Quadrature Encoder Interface (QEI) available for speed and position measurement
- Hall-Sensor Interface for sensored three-phase motor control
- High precision, low-side current sensing using the Stellaris microcontroller’s high-performance ADC, Texas Instruments’ OPA365A high-speed op-amps, and Texas Instruments’ REF3025 high precision voltage reference chip
- Three PWM DACs generated by low-pass filtering the PWM signals to observe the system variables on an oscilloscope to enable easy debug of control algorithms
- Over-current protection on the inverter stage, DRV8312

The software available with the kit is pre-optimized for the motors that are available with the kit. The software is open source, and therefore, can be easily modified to tune and run a different motor. The following motor is available with the kit:

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WARNING: Low-Switching Frequencies on the DRV8312

When the DRV8312 runs at a low switching frequency (for example, less than 20 kHz with 47 nF bootstrap capacitor), the bootstrap capacitor voltage might not be able to maintain a proper voltage level for the high-side gate driver. A bootstrap capacitor under voltage protection circuit (BST_UVP) will start under this circumstance to prevent the potential failure of the high-side MOSFET.

In this circumstance, both the FAULT and OTW pins should pull low and the device should self-protect itself. The motor’s inductance and the inverter’s bootstrap capacitance will allow the DRV8312 to run efficiently until approximately 10 kHz (with margin). Setting the PWM switching frequency below 10 kHz may cause issues on the inverter output and is not recommended. See the DRV8312 data sheet for more information.

Hardware Overview

Figure 3 shows a typical motor drive system running from either a laboratory power supply or the 24 V supply delivered with the kit. The DRV8312-C2-KIT’s motor control board has all the power and control blocks that constitute a typical motor drive system for a step motor or two brushed DC motors (Figure 5).
Macro Blocks

The motor control board is divided into functional groups that enable a complete motor drive system. These functional groups are called macro blocks. This list describes the macro blocks that are present on the board and their functions:

- ISO controlCARD socket – Socket for a Stellaris or C2000 MCU-based controlCARD
- DC Bus Connection
  - J9 power entry jack - Connect the supplied +24 V power supply here
  - “PVDD/GND” Terminals – Connect an external lab supply here making sure to observe correct polarity
- Aux-12 V Control Power Entry – Connectors to optionally provide an external 12 V supply for logic and gate drive power. The 12 V supply can also be regulated on-board from the DC bus depending on the setting of JP1. Set to the “VR1” position to use the on-board regulator. Set to position “+12 V” to use the external regulator.
- DRV8312 – This module includes the DRV8312 Three-Phase PWM Motor Driver and all of the necessary external passive components.
- Current Sense – Low-side shunt current sensing on each half-bridge.
- Reset Switch – Individual reset for each half-bridge. Reset can be forced manually from the three-position switch or through a GPIO from the MCU. Setting switch in the down position, “RESET” disables the half-bridge outputs. Setting the switch in the middle position will allow control through a GPIO on the MCU. Setting the switch in the up position, “NORMAL OP” disables control from the MCU and enables the half-bridge outputs.
- Mode Jumper “M1” – DRV8312 mode can be set to select between cycle-by-cycle current limit or latched over-current.
- Quadrature Encoder Connections – Connections are available for an optional shaft encoder to interface to the MCU’s QEP peripheral.
- Hall Effect Sensor Connections – Connections are available for optional Hall Effect Sensors.

Figure 4 shows the position of the macro blocks on the board. All the PWMs and ADC signals which are the actuation and sense signals have designated test points on the board, which makes it easy for an application developer to try out new algorithms and strategies.
Board Power

The board is separated into two power domains*: (1) the low voltage Controller Power domain powers the controller and the logic circuit present on the board, and (2) the medium voltage power delivery line that is used to carry the medium voltage and current such as the DC power for the Inverter (also referred to as DC Bus).

1) **Controller Power** comprised of the 12 V, 5 V, and 3.3 V that the board uses to power the controller and the logic and sensing circuit present on the board. This power can be sourced from two places (Jumper JP1 selects between the two):

- **+12V DC control power entry**: Connect an external bench supply with 1A current limit here
- **On board regulator, VR1**: +12V is regulated from DC bus power via an on-board buck regulator

2) **DC Bus Power** is the medium voltage line – up to 52.5V - that provides the voltage to the inverter stage to generate three phases to control the motor(s). Connect supplied 24 V regulator to J9.

For step-by-step instructions on configuring the DRV8312 baseboard for use with a Stellaris controlCARD, see the *DK-LM3S-DRV8312 Read Me First* document.

**DRV8312 Functional Block Diagram**

![Figure 5. DRV8312 Functional Diagram](image)
References
In addition to this document, the following references are included on the Stellaris controlCARD Development Kit CD and are also available for download at www.ti.com/stellaris:

- Stellaris® LM3S818 controlCARD Module (MDL-LM3S818CNCD) README First, publication MDL-LM3S818CNCD-RMF
- Stellaris® Development and Evaluation Kits for Code Composer Studio™ Quickstart Guide
- Stellaris® LM3S818 Microcontroller Data Sheet, publication DS-LM3S818
- StellarisWare Driver Library
- StellarisWare Driver Library User’s Manual, publication SW-DRL-UG
- Stellaris® DK-LM3S-DRV8312 InstaSPIN™-BLDC README First, publication DK-LM3S-DRV8312-RMF
- Three-Phase PWM Motor Driver (DRV8312) Data Sheet, publication SLES256
- Sensorless Trapezoidal Control of BLDC Motors Using BEMF Integration (InstaSPIN™-BLDC) on Stellaris® Microcontrollers Application Note, publication AN01289

Additional references include:
- The GUI and corresponding Stellaris code were developed by D3 Engineering. The GUI was created using Crosshairs Interface Designer from Crosshairs Embedded. There are links to each of the companies’ web sites within the GUI. There is also information for downloading Crosshairs Interface Designer so that you can modify the GUI that comes with this kit. The More… tab gives a brief overview of the Interface Designer software.
  - Crosshairs Embedded: www.crosshairse embedded.com
  - D3 Engineering: www.d3engineering.com

Schematics
This section contains the schematics for the DK-LM3S-DRV8312 evaluation board:

- DRV8312 Evaluation Board (sheets 1 and 2)
- Power Inputs and Supplies (sheet 3)
- Isolation Circuit (sheet 4)
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4. DELETED PVDD, GND, +12V AND GND(GND2).  
5. ADDED POWER CONNECTOR, VIN.  
6. CONNECTED VIN-4 TO C1-1.  
7. CONNECTED VIN-2,3 TO GND.  
8. CONNECTED VIN-1 TO +12V.  
9. ADDED TESTPOINTS TO IA-FB, IB-FB, IC-FB AND I-TOTAL.  
10. ADDED 2 PIN HEADERS J2 AND J3 FOR USER POWER ACCESS.  
11. CONNECTED J2-1,2 TO +5V AND GND.  
12. CONNECTED J3-1,2 TO +3.3V AND GND.  
14. ADDED 3 PIN HEADER, JP3, LABELED TACH/SPEED INPUT.  
15. CONNECTED JP3-1,2,3 TO +3.3V, J1-7 AND GND, RESPECTIVELY.  
16. RENAMED S1 TO RSTA.  
17. SWAPPED U1-29 AND U1-30.  
18. ADDED 40 PIN HEADER, J5 AND CONNECTED PINS TO ACTIVE PINS OF J1.  
19. ADDED SWITCHES, S1 AND S2 TO U1-76 AND U1-78.  
20. COPIED DAC1 CIRCUIT, CALLED DAC3, AND CONNECTED TO J1-28.  
21. CHANGED R24-R27 TO 33.0K OHMS.  
22. CHANGED R28-R35, R56-R61 TO 1.00K OHMS.  
23. CHANGED R48, R49, R54 AND R55 TO 49.9K OHMS.  
24. ADDED ISOLATION CIRCUITS.  
25. ADDED 12V CONNECTOR, J9.  
26. CHANGED C4 TO 22UFD/100V.  
27. CHANGED C5 AND C6 TO 100V. | MARCH 23, 2011 | RK       |
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