

## File extensions used to identify each gerber file

When you generate the Gerber output a series of files are created, each one corresponding to one of the layers enabled in the Gerber setup. These files are then loaded into a Gerber photoplotter, which produces the necessary phototools for PCB manufacture.

Each Gerber file is given the name of the PCB document, with a unique extension that identifies that layer and plot type. For example, the Top layer Gerber file for a PCB called MyDesign will be saved as MyDeisgn.GTL, to indicate "Gerber Top Layer". Because each design normally generates numerous Gerber files, these extensions help identify each file.

We recommend that you follow this convention which conforms to general industry practice. The following table shows the extensions that are used:

Top Overlay	.GTO	
Bottom Overlay	.GBO	
Top Layer	.GTL	
Bottom Layer	.GBL	
Mid Layer 1, etc.	.G1, .G2, etc	
Power Plane 1, etc.	.GP1, GP2, etc	
Mechanical Layer 1, etc.	.GM1, .GM2, etc	
Top Solder Mask	.GTS	
Bottom Solder Mask	.GBS	
Top Paste Mask	.GTP	
Bottom Paste Mask	.GBP	
Drill Drawing	.GDD	
Drill Drawing; Top to Mid 1, Mid2 to Mid 3, etc.	.GD1, GD2, GD3, etc.	
Drill Guide	.GDG	
Drill Guide; Top to Mid 1, Mid 2 to Mid 3, etc	.GG1, GG2, GG3, etc.	
Pad Master, Top	.GPT	
Pad Master, Bottom	.GPB	
Keep Out Layer	.GKO	
Gerber Panels	.P01, .P02, etc.	