

GRBLDuino Mega Integrated is a GRBL v1.1 compatible 3-axis CNC Controller based on the Arduino Mega (atmega2560) platform. The GRBLDuino Mega Integrated comes pre-programmed with GRBL Mega v1.1 and is compatible with the Arduino IDE for updates. GRBLDuino Mega Integrated will appear as a USB serial port and requires Silicon Labs VCP drivers available for Mac, Linux, Windows, and Android.

GRBLDuino Mega Integrated is designed to provide easy access to the pins required for complete machine control through terminal blocks for easy connections to control buttons and dual-axis limit switches.

GRBLDuino Mega Integrated is designed around user replaceable Pololu DRV8825 stepper drivers.

Input voltage range for GRBLDuino Mega Integrated is up to 45 volts DC and should be selected based on your stepper motor specifications and requirements. The Pololu DRV8825 drivers have a maximum input voltage of 45 volts and A4988 drivers have a maximum input voltage of 35 volts – anything higher will damage the drivers. Be sure to select a power supply appropriate to the stepper drivers you have chosen. The device itself uses power from the USB connection. There is no reverse voltage protection on GRBLDuino so take care when connecting the power wires.

Bill of Materials

1 GRBLDuino Mega Integrated PCB 1 1uF capacitor (C8) 4 2x3 male pin headers 1 ATMega2560 (U1) green LED (D1) 6mm tactile switch (SW1) 1 1 CP2102 (U2) 1 9 short shunts 1 680 ohm resistor array (RN1) 16MHz crystal (Y1) 1 1 long shunt 5 10k ohm resistors (R1, R2, R4, R5, R6) micro B USB jack 1 1 1k ohm resistor (R3) 18 2 position screw terminal blocks 3 100uF capacitors (C1, C2, C3) 6 1x8 female pin headers 22pF capacitors (C11, C12, C13) 3 1 1x3 male pin headers 0.15uF capacitors (C4, C5, C6, C7) 4 3 1x4 male pin headers 6 0.1uF caps (C9, C10, C14, C15, C16, C17)

USB Connection

GRBLDuino Mega Integrated is connected to the computer via a mini B USB connection and a user supplied cable. The device will show up as a Silicon Labs USB port though you may need to install the VCP drivers first. Drivers are available through Silicon Labs and are available for Mac, Linux, Windows, and Android.

Stepper Driver Connections

GRBLDuino Mega Integrated is designed to be used with Pololu DRV8825 stepper drivers though other pin compatible drivers such as DRV8880, DRV8834, and A4899 will also work.

The Stepper Driver Enable Pin is the upper left pin in each axis socket and is marked with the axis letter and EN. Pay attention to orientation when inserting stepper drivers as incorrect orientation will destroy the drivers (and possibly the GRBLDuino Mega Integrated as well as the host computer).



GRBLDuino Mega Integrated allows for connection of 11 machine functions: Resume, Hold, Abort, Emergency Stop, Door Safety, Flood Coolant, Mist Coolant, Spindle Enabled, Spindle Direction, Spindle Speed, and Probe. Screw terminal blocks are provided to allow for easy connections to the control buttons and machine functions. All input are activated by connecting the two terminals together so wire polarity into the terminal blocks does not matter. Control pins are marked with either text or + on the top of the board and are circle on the bottom of the board.

The two pin screw terminal blocks for E-Stop, Abort, Hold, Door Safety, Resume, Coolant (flood and mist), and Probe are located along the bottom edge of the board. The active pin for coolant and probe are marked with +.

The limit switch and Spindle (enabled, direction, and speed) screw terminals are located along the top edge of the board. Spindle Speed is GRBL PWM spindle speed control ready to connect to a spindle motor driver PWM input and the active pin is marked with PWM.



Limit Switch Settings

GRBLDuino Mega Integrated allows for connection of 6 limit switches: two (+ and –) per X, Y, and Z axis. Two pin screw terminal blocks are provided to allow for easy connections to each limit switch. Because each switch is on an independent terminal block, either switch wire can go into either terminal without regard to polarity.

GRBL default is for limit switch activation through a normally-open switch connecting the limit switch pin to ground. This mode is picked by using the Limit Hi/Lo jumper to select the center and right points. If you prefer to have high activated limit switches, use the Limit Hi/Lo jumper to select the center and left pins.



GRBLDuino Mega Integrated stepper motor connections are located near the upper right corner of the board and are labelled as X Motor, Y Motor, and Z Motor.

All motor headers have the same pin outs. From left to right the motor connections are B2, B1, A1, and A2.







Microstep Settings

DRV8825 Microstepping Settings

Resolution	M0	M1	M2
Full Step	Low	Low	Low
1/2 Step	High	Low	Low
1/4 Step	Low	High	Low
1/8 Step	High	High	Low
1/16 Step	Low	Low	High
1/32 Step	High	Low	High
1/32 Step	Low	High	High
1/32 Step	High	High	High

A4988 Microstepping Settings

Resolution	M0	M1	M2
Full Step	Low	Low	Low
1/2 Step	High	Low	Low
1/4 Step	Low	High	Low
1/8 Step	High	High	Low
1/16 Step	High	High	High

GRBLDuino Mega Integrated microstep settings are located within the sockets for each stepper motor driver and are only adjustable with power disconnected and the stepper driver removed.

All microstep headers have the same pin outs. From left to right, the pins are M0, M1, M2.

The initial batch of prototype boards were incorrect and have these pins unlabeled and reversed: M2, M1, M0 from left to right.



Prototype Board Microstep Settings:



