

**MPR - Mote Processor
Radio Board**

**MIB - Mote Interface /
Programming Board
User's Manual**

MPR500CA, MPR510CA

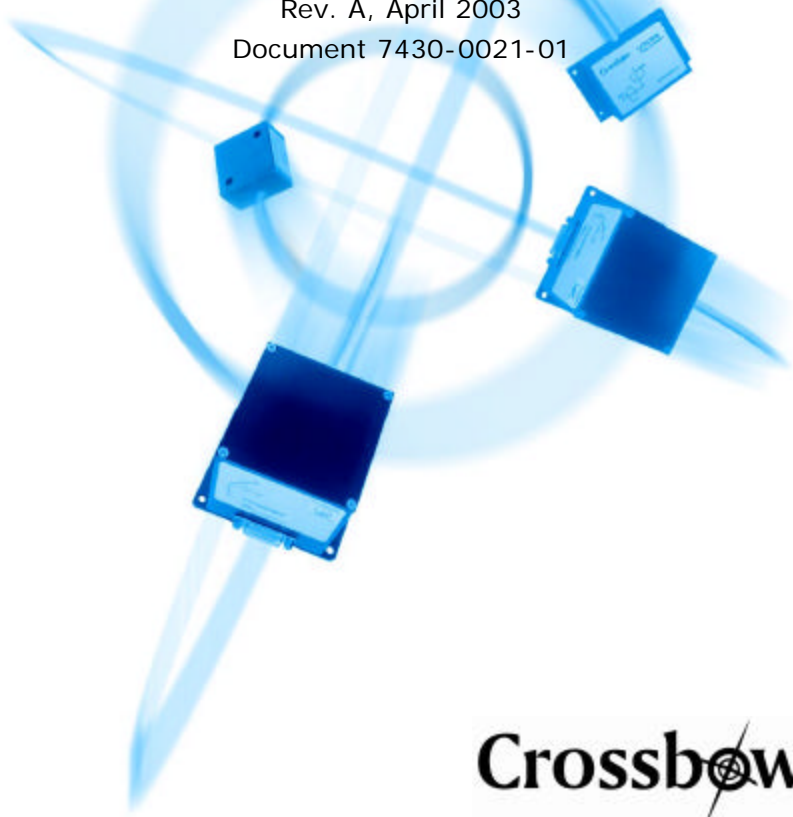
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1 Introduction

This User’s Manual describes the hardware features of the MICA and MICA2 Motes. It is intended for understanding and leveraging the Mote hardware design in real-world sensor network applications. This User’s Manual also describes and explains the Mote Interface Boards (MIB) for base station and programming requirements.

This manual is NOT a software guide to programming the Motes in TinyOS/nesC, nor is it a guide to pre-built software packages that run on top of the Motes. The following resources are available regarding software:

- TinyOS Getting Started Guide by Crossbow
- <http://webs.cs.berkeley.edu/tos>

Mote Hardware Feature	MICA2 MPR400/410	MICA2DOT MPR500/510	MICA MPR300/310
10-Bit ADC	✓	✓	✓
Digital I/O	✓	✓	✓
UART	✓	✓	
LEDS	3	3	1
AM Radio			✓
FM Tunable Radio	✓	✓	
Base Radio Frequency (Mhz)	916/433	916/433	916/433
Flash Data Logger Memory	✓	✓	✓
Antennae Connector	✓		
3.3V Booster			✓

2 MPR400/MPR410 (MICA2)

The MPR400 (916MHz) and MPR410 (433MHz) Series hardware is Crossbow's latest generation of Mote technology. Both the MPR400 and MPR500 units utilize a powerful Atmega128L micro-controller and a frequency tunable radio with extended range. The MPR400 and MPR500 radios are compatible and can communicate with each other.

2.1 Powering the Mote

The MPR400 is battery powered. The form factor of the MPR400 was designed to match up with two AA batteries; however any battery combination (AAA, C, D cells) can be used provided that the output is between 2.7 – 3.3VDC.

Care should be used in selecting the battery and its capacity to match the energy needs of the Motes and their deployment mission. Also make sure that the temperature range and associated capacity degradation are looked at prior to deployment. The section below provides some useful guidance on how to predict battery life. The spreadsheet can be found at <http://www.xbow.com> under the Support section.

SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS		
Currents	Example Duty Cycle	
Processor		
current (full operation)	8mA	1
current sleep	8uA	99
Radio		
current in receive	8mA	0.75
current transmit	12mA	0.25
current sleep	2uA	99
Logger Memory		
Write	15mA	0
Read	4mA	0
Sleep	2uA	100
Sensor Board		
current (full operation)	5mA	1
current sleep	5uA	99
Computed mA-hr used each hour		
Processor	0.0879	

Radio	0.0920
Logger Memory	0.0020
Sensor Board	0.0550
Total current (mA-hr) used	0.2369

Computed battery life vs. battery size

Battery Life (months)

Battery Capacity (mA-hr)

250	1.45
1000	5.78
3000	17.35

 **WARNING**

In most Mote applications, the processor and radio run for a brief period of time, followed by a sleep cycle. During sleep, current consumption is measured in micro amps as opposed to milliamps, and therefore battery life is significantly extended. The result is very low-current draw for the majority of the time, and short duration spikes while processing, receiving, and transmitting data. This method does result in extended battery life; however, due to the current surges, it also reduces specified battery capacity. Battery capacity is generally specified for a nominal current drawn constantly by the manufacturer.

2.2 Radio Antennae Considerations

Care should be taken to provide an antenna that provides proper coverage for the environment expected. Range and performance are strongly affected by choice of antenna and antenna placement within the environment. In addition, care must be taken to ensure compliance with FCC article 15 regulations for intentional radiators. An omni directional antenna such as a quarter wavelength whip should be sufficient to meet most user requirements.

Antenna lengths for quarter wavelength whip antennas:

Unit	Whip Antenna Length(inches)
MPR400 (916 Mhz)	3.2
MPR410(433Mhz)	6.8

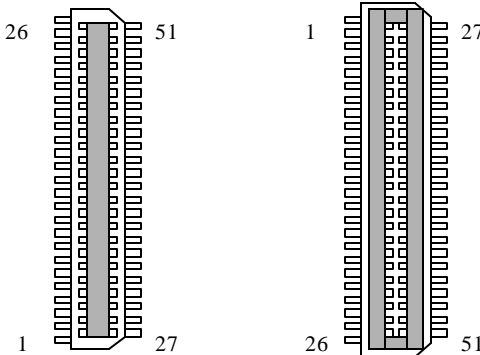
2.3 Data Logger and Other Features

The MICA2 Mote features a 4M-bit serial FLASH for storing data, measurements, and other user-defined information. TinyOS supports a micro file system that runs on top of this FLASH/Logger component. The serial flash device supports over 100,000 Measurement readings. Also on the MICA2 is a 64-bit serial ID chip.

2.4 Expansion Connector

The expansion connector provides a user interface for additional sensor boards. The connector includes interfaces for power and ground, power control of peripheral sensors, ADC inputs for reading sensor outputs, a UART interface, and I2C interface, general purpose digital I/O, and others.

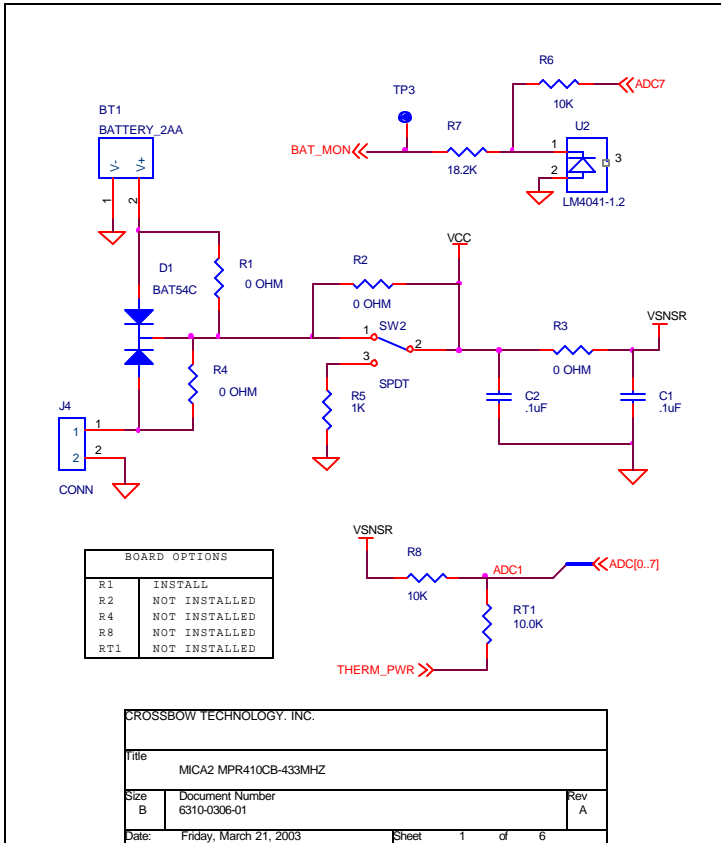
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2	VSNSR	28	UART_TXD0
3	INT3	29	PW0
4	INT2	30	PW1
5	INT1	31	PW2
6	INT0	32	PW3
7	BAT_MON	33	PW4
8	LED3	34	PW5
9	LED2	35	PW6
10	LED1	36	ADC7
11	RD	37	ADC6
12	WR	38	ADC5
13	ALE	39	ADC4
14	PW7	40	ADC3
15	USART1_CLK	41	ADC2
16	PROG_MOSI	42	ADC1
17	PROG_MISO	43	ADC0
18	SPI_CLK	44	THERM_PWR
19	USART1_RXD	45	THRU1
20	USART1_TXD	46	THRU2
21	I2C_CLK	47	THRU3
22	I2C_DATA	48	RESETN
23	PWM0	49	PWM1B
24	PWM1A	50	VCC
25	AC+	51	GND
26	AC-		

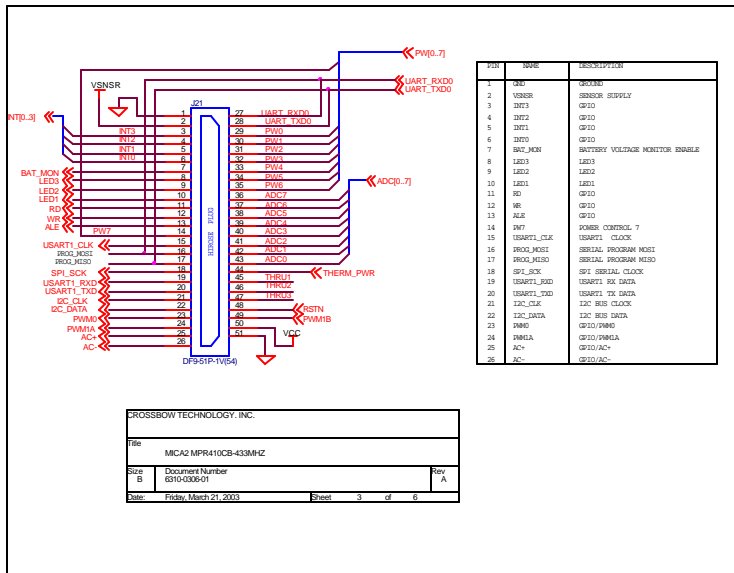
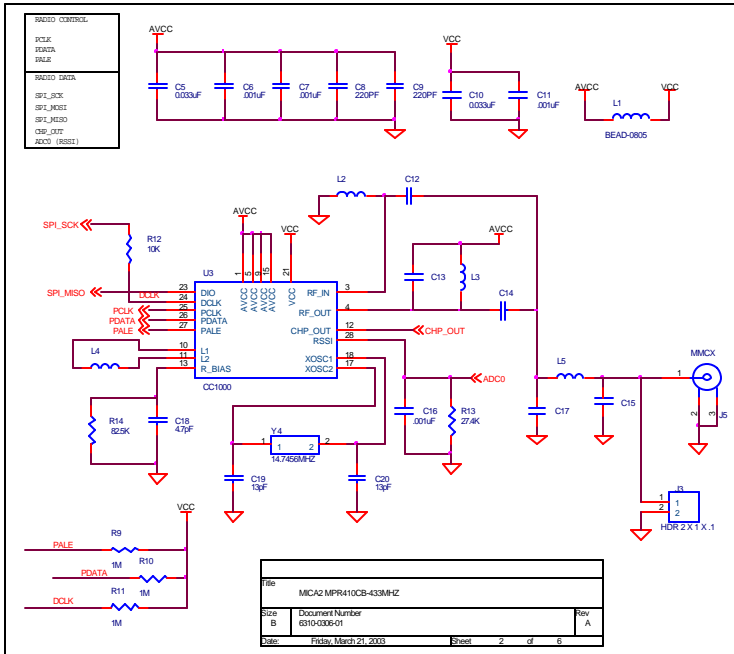


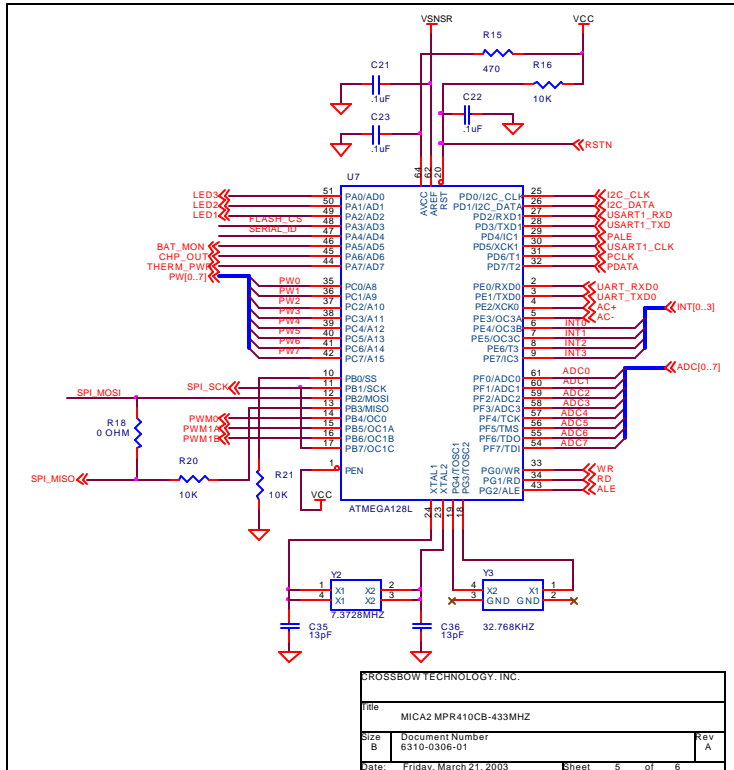
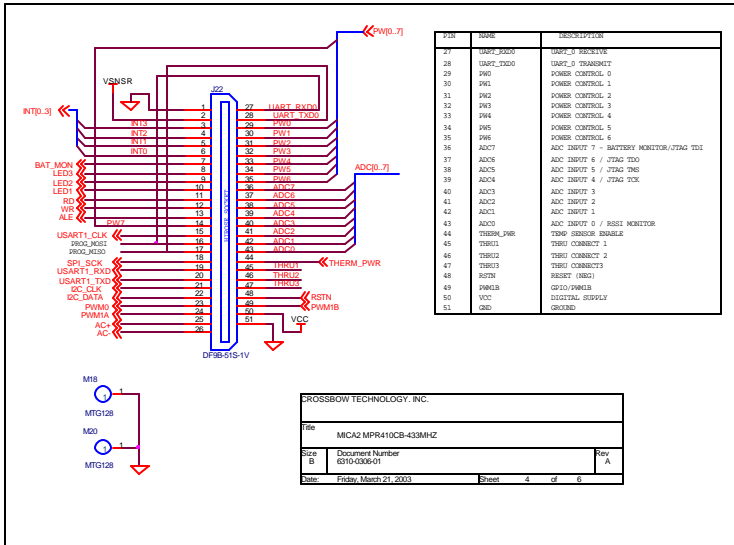
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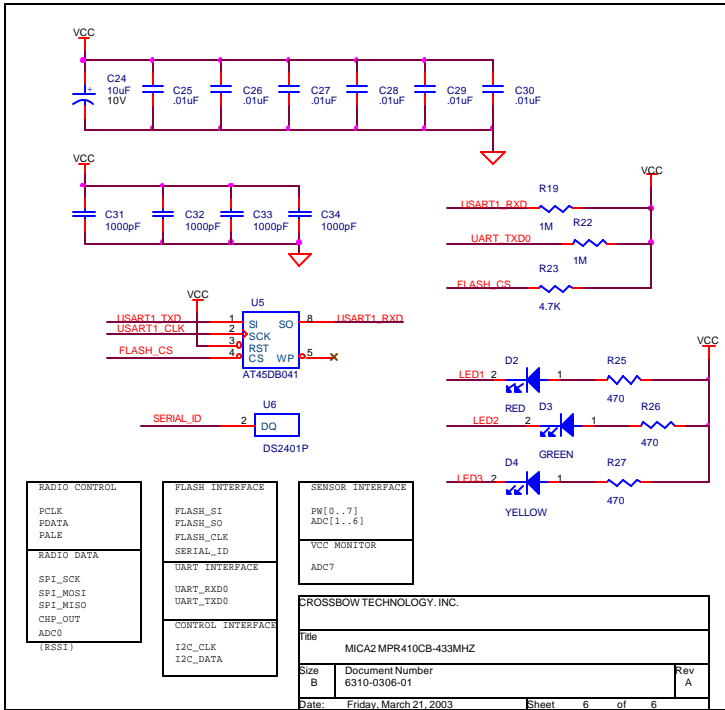
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2.5 Schematics









3 MPR500/MPR510 (MICA2DOT)

3.1 Powering the Mote

The MPR500 (916MHz) and MPR510 (433MHz) are battery powered. The form factor of the MPR500 was designed to match up with a single coin cell battery; however any battery combination (AAA, C, D cells) can be used provided that the output is between 2.7 – 3.3VDC.

Care should be used in selecting the battery and its capacity to match the energy needs of the Motes and their deployment mission. Also make sure that the temperature range and associated capacity degradation are looked at prior to deployment. The section below provides some useful guidance on how to predict battery life. The spreadsheet can be found at <http://www.xbow.com> under the Support section.

3.2 Radio/Antennae

Care should be taken to provide an antenna that provides proper coverage for the environment expected. Range and performance are strongly affected by choice of antenna and antenna placement within the environment. In addition, care must be taken to ensure compliance with FCC article 15 regulations for intentional radiators. Because of its small physical size, the usual antenna chosen is a length of insulated wire one-quarter wavelength long for the frequency of interest (~3.5 inches at 915 MHz, and ~8 inches at 433 MHz).

Antenna lengths for quarter wavelength whip antennas:

Unit	Whip Antenna Length (inches)
MPR400 (916 MHz)	3.2
MPR410 (433MHz)	6.8

3.3 Data Logger

The MICA2DOT Mote features a 4M-bit serial FLASH for storing data, measurements, and other user-defined information. TinyOS supports a micro file system that runs on top of this FLASH/Logger component. The serial flash device supports over 100,000 Measurement readings.

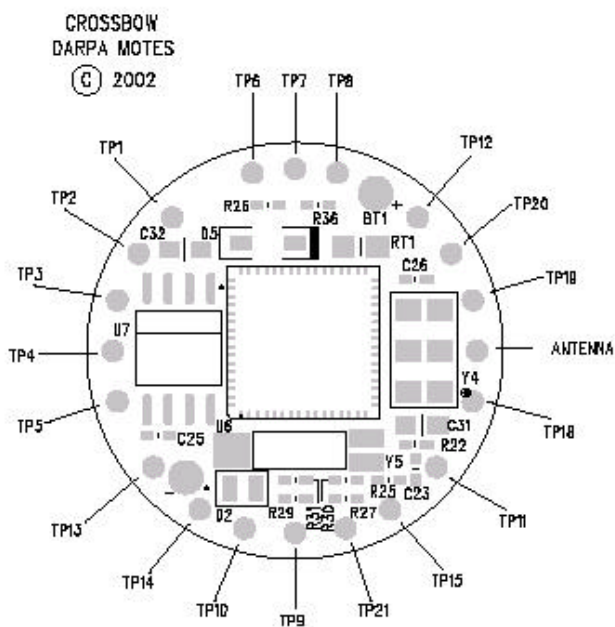
3.4 Expansion Connector

The interface to the MPR500 is through a series of 19 pins spaced around the circumference of the MPR500. They represent a subset of the pins available on the MPR400. They include a set of power control pins, ADC channels, power, ground, some general purpose digital IO, and the serial programming port. For applications with more digital IO, the ADC pins can be reconfigured as Digital Input/Output (but not both!).

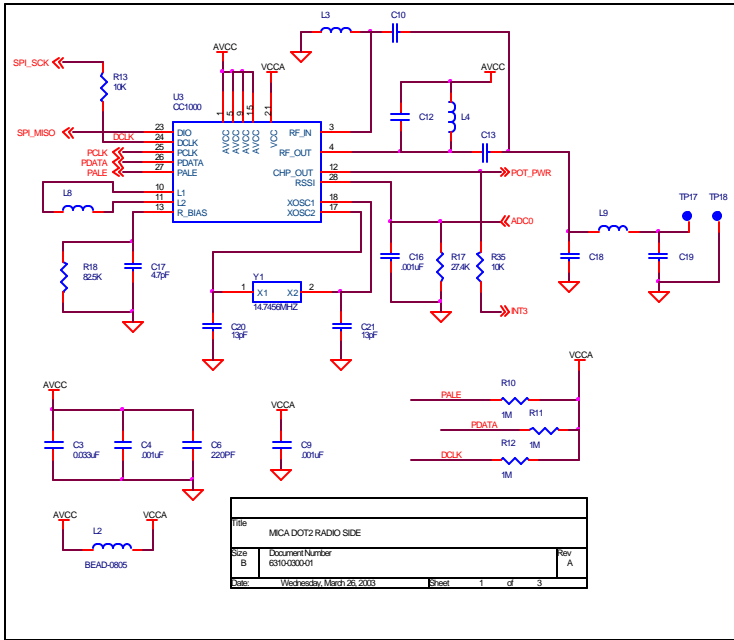
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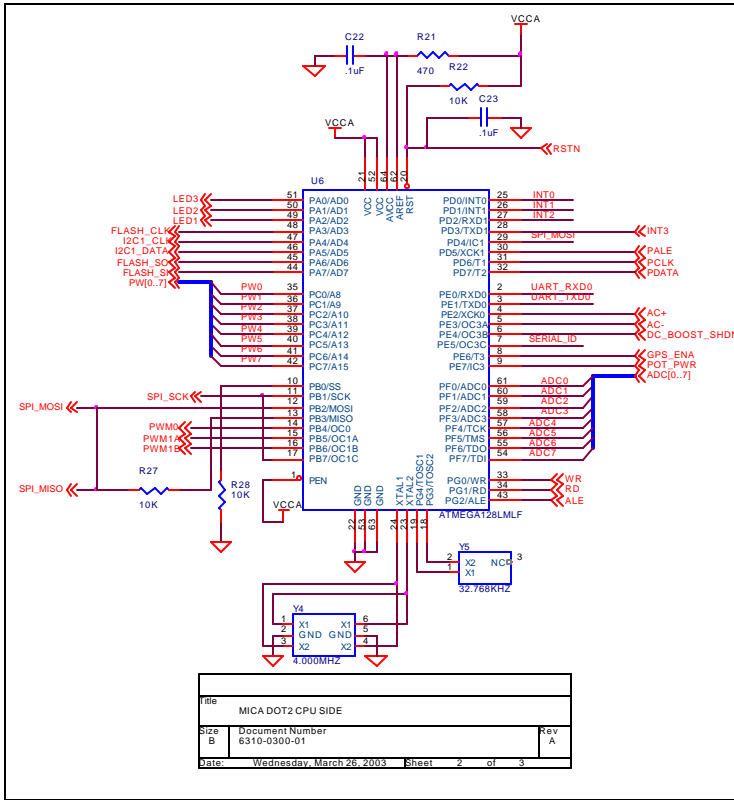
The TP12 SPI_CK Pin is controlled by the Radio. In the majority of applications it should not be used.

PIN	DESCRIPTION
TP1	GND
TP2	ADC7
TP3	ADC6
TP4	ADC5
TP5	ADC4
TP6	VCC
TP7	PW1
TP8	PW0
TP9	UART_TXD
TP10	UART_RXD
TP11	RESETN
TP12	SPI_CK
TP13	ADC3
TP14	ADC2
TP15	PWM1B
TP18	GND
TP19	INT1
TP20	INT0
TP21	THERM_PWR

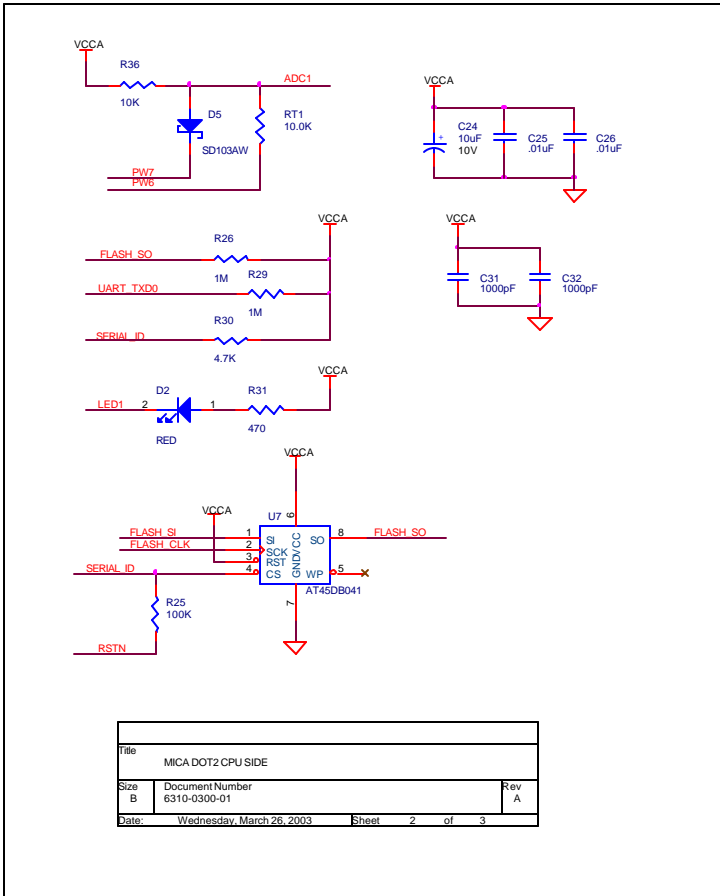


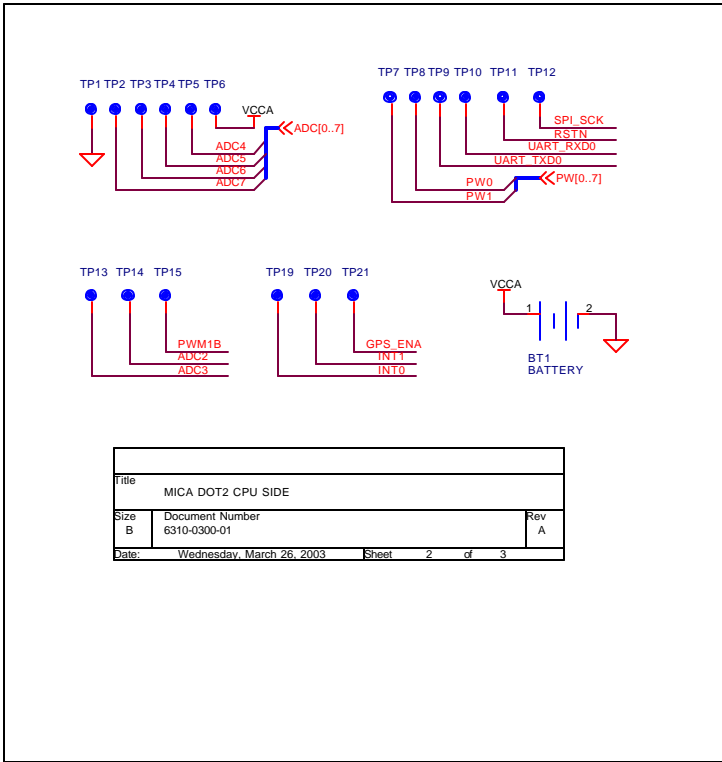
3.5 Schematics





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4 MPR300/MPR310 (MICA)

4.1 Powering the Mote

The MPR300/MPR310 is battery powered. The form factor of the MPR300 was designed to match up with two AA batteries; however any battery combination (AAA, C, D cells) can be used provided that the output is between 2.7 – 3.3VDC.

Care should be used in selecting the battery and its capacity to match the energy needs of the Motes and their deployment mission. Also make sure that the temperature range and associated capacity degradation are looked at prior to deployment. The section below provides some useful guidance on how to predict battery life. The spreadsheet can be found at <http://www.xbow.com> under the Support section.

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PIN	DESCRIPTION	PIN	DESCRIPTION
1	GND	27	UART_RXD0
2	VDD_ANALOG	28	UART_TXD0
3	INT3	29	PW0
4	INT2	30	PW1
5	INT1	31	PW2
6	INT0	32	PW3
7	DC_BOOST_SHDN	33	PW4
8	LED3	34	PW5
9	LED2	35	PW6
10	LED1	36	ADC7
11	RD	37	ADC6
12	WR	38	ADC5
13	ALE	39	ADC4
14	PW7	40	ADC3
15	FLASH_CLK	41	ADC2
16	UART_RXD0	42	ADC1
17	UART_TXD0	43	ADC0
18	SPI_CLK	44	LITTLE_GUY_RST
19	FLASH_SO	45	LITTLE_GUY_SPI_CLK
20	FLASH_SI	46	LITTLE_GUY_MISO
21	I2C_BUS1_CLK	47	UART_RXD0
22	I2C_BUS1_DATA	48	RESET
23	PWM0	49	PWM1B
24	PWM1A	50	VCC
25	AC+	51	GND
26	AC-		

4.5 Schematics

Schematics for this Mote design are found at:

<http://today.cs.berkeley.edu/tos/hardware/hardware.html>

5 MIB300 / MIB500 Interface Boards

5.1 Programming the Mote

The MIB300/MIB500 interface boards are multi-purpose interface boards used in conjunction with the MICA Family of products. They supply power to the devices through an external power adapter option, and provide interfaces for an RS232 serial port and reprogramming port (using the parallel printer interface). The MIB300 can only be used with an external 3V supply, or it can take advantage of the battery power supplied from the mote.

The MIB500 has an on-board regulator that will accept 5 to 15 VDC, and supply a regulated 3V to the MICA. The MIB500 is delivered with a wall power supply. It also has a monitor LEDs that mirror the LEDs on the MICA.

There is a built-in low voltage monitor that disables reprogramming if the power supply voltage is dangerously low. When the proper programming voltage exists – the Green LED adjacent the parallel port is lit – D6. If the voltage goes below 2.95V, the Green LED D6 will turn off, programming is disabled. See Warning on Programming Motes.

The MIB500 also has an interface connector for reprogramming the MICA2DOT.

Programming the mote is accomplished by connecting the MIB300/MIB500 to the parallel port of the computer, and executing the required programming software – UISP - supplied with the TinyOS install.

WARNING

When programming a MICA2 with the MIB500, turn off the battery switch. For a MICA2DOT, remove the battery before inserting into the MIB500. The MICA2s and MICA2DOTs do not have switching diodes to switch between external and battery power.

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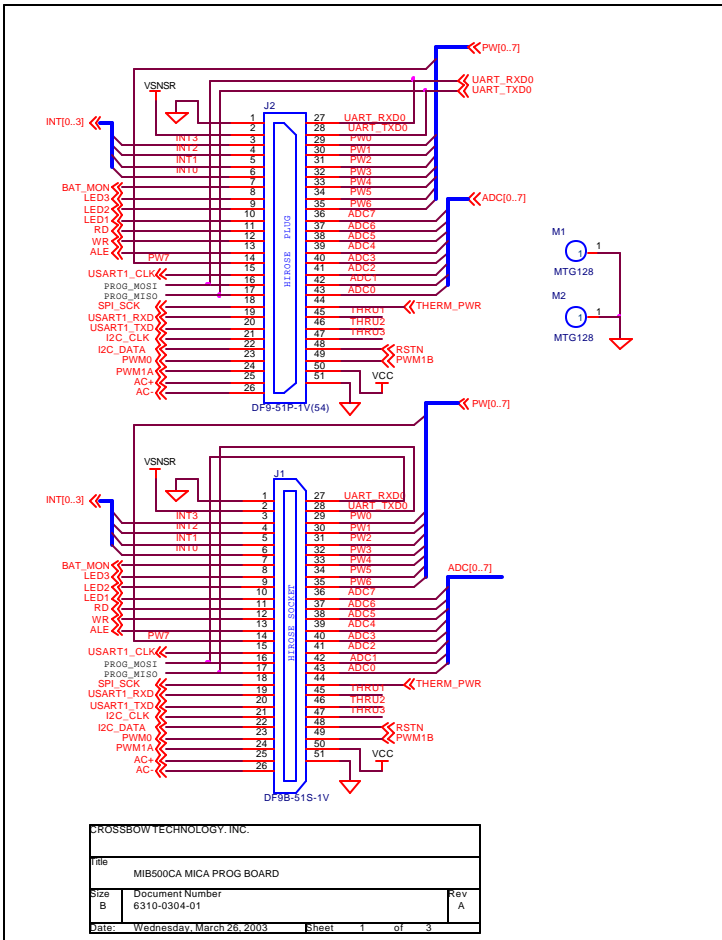
There have been numerous reported difficulties with programming Motes. These include program failure, flash verification errors, and dead Motes. The root cause of these problems is almost always one of two is sues – low

programming voltage or UISP problems on the Host PC. A detailed application note is posted at <http://www.xbow.com> under Support. Please review this application note, if you have trouble programming. Programming the Motes improperly or with a bad UISP install can result in permanent damage to the Mote CPU.

5.2 RS-232 Interface

The RS232 interface is a standard single channel bi-directional interface with a DB9 connector to interface to an external computer. It uses transmit and receive lines only.

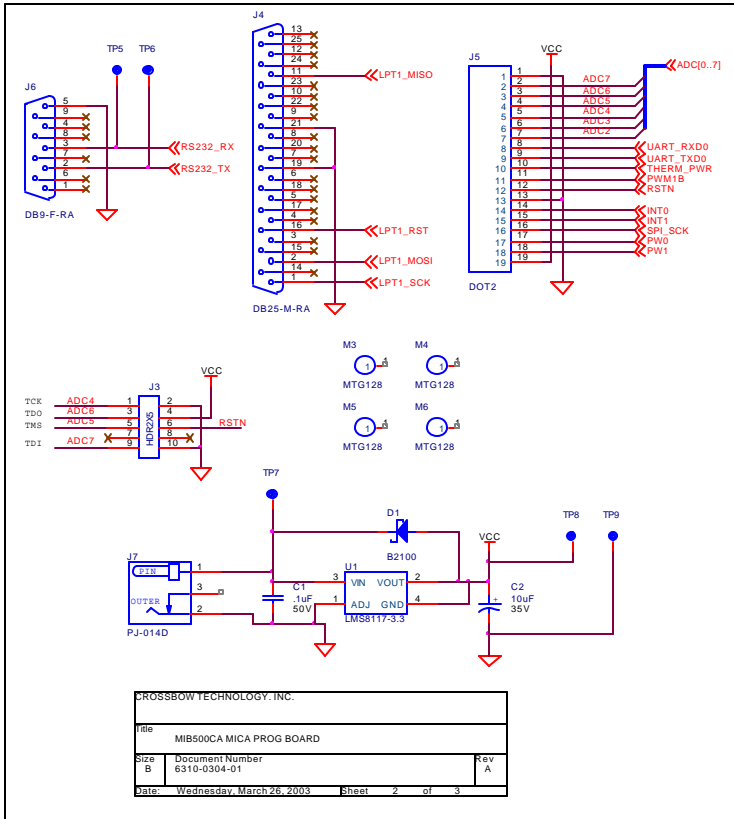
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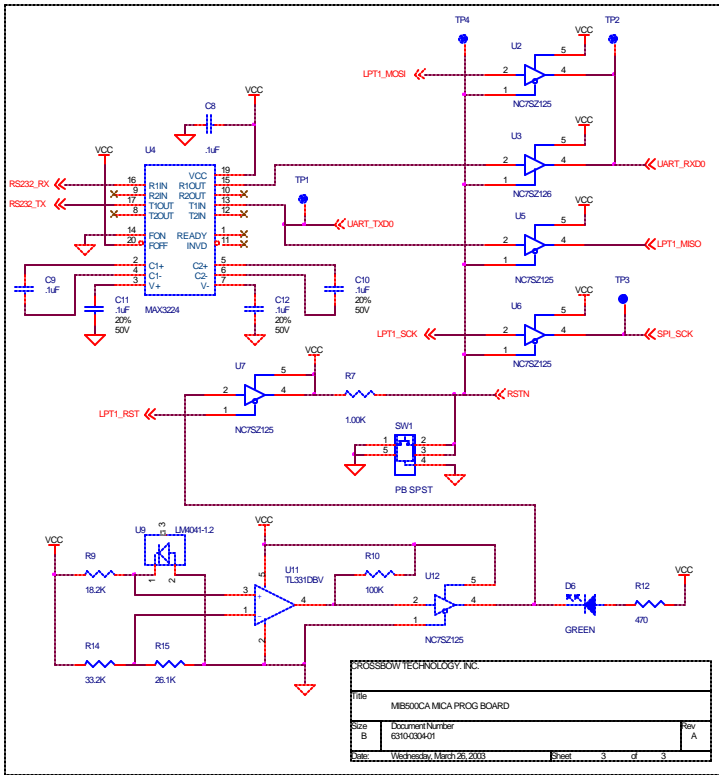
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1	GND	GROUND
2	VSENSOR	SENSOR SUPPLY
3	INT3	GPIO
4	INT2	GPIO
5	INT1	GPIO
6	INT0	GPIO
7	BAT_MON	BATTERY VOLTAGE MONITOR ENABLE
8	LED3	LED3
9	LED2	LED2
10	LED1	LED1
11	RD	GPIO
12	WR	GPIO
13	ALE	GPIO
14	PW7	POWER CONTROL 7
15	USART1_CLK	USART1 CLOCK
16	PROG_MOSI	SERIAL PROGRAM MOSI
17	PROG_MISO	SERIAL PROGRAM MISO
18	SPI_SCK	SPI SERIAL CLOCK
19	USART1_RXD	USART1 RX DATA
20	USART1_TXD	USART1 TX DATA
21	I2C_CLK	I2C BUS CLOCK
22	I2C_DATA	I2C BUS DATA
23	PWM0	GPIO/PWM0
24	PWM1A	GPIO/PWM1A
25	AC+	GPIO/AC+
26	AC-	GPIO/AC-

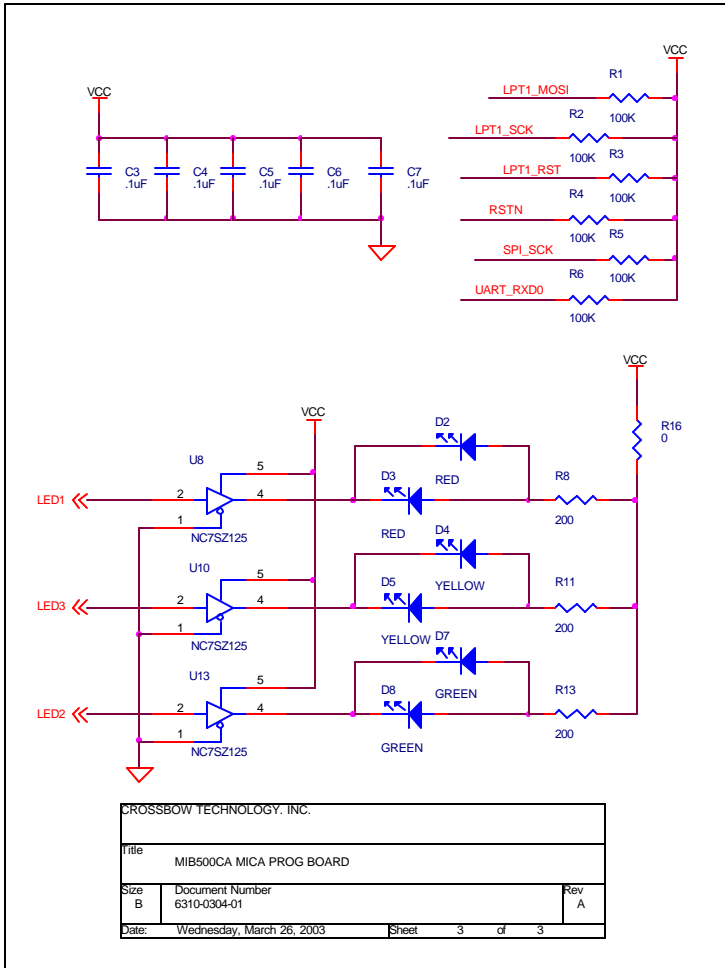
PIN	NAME	DESCRIPTION
27	UART_RXD0	UART_0 RECEIVE
28	UART_TXD0	UART_0 TRANSMIT
29	PW0	POWER CONTROL 0
30	PW1	POWER CONTROL 1
31	PW2	POWER CONTROL 2
32	PW3	POWER CONTROL 3
33	PW4	POWER CONTROL 4
34	PW5	POWER CONTROL 5
35	PW6	POWER CONTROL 6
36	ADC7	ADC INPUT 7 - BATTERY MONITOR/JTAG TDI
37	ADC6	ADC INPUT 6 / JTAG TDO
38	ADC5	ADC INPUT 5 / JTAG TMS
39	ADC4	ADC INPUT 4 / JTAG TCK
40	ADC3	ADC INPUT 3
41	ADC2	ADC INPUT 2
42	ADC1	ADC INPUT 1
43	ADC0	ADC INPUT 0 / RSSI MONITOR
44	THERM_PWR	TEMP SENSOR ENABLE
45	THRU1	THRU CONNECT 1
46	THRU2	THRU CONNECT 2
47	THRU3	THRU CONNECT3
48	RSTN	RESET (NEG)
49	PWMLB	GPIO/PWMLB
50	VCC	DIGITAL SUPPLY
51	GND	GROUND

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6 Warranty and Support Information

6.1 Customer Service

As a Crossbow Technology customer you have access to product support services, which include:

- Single-point return service
- Web-based support service
- Same day troubleshooting assistance
- Worldwide Crossbow representation
- Onsite and factory training available
- Preventative maintenance and repair programs
- Installation assistance available

6.2 Contact Directory

United States: Phone: 1-408-965-3300 (7 AM to 7 PM PST)
 Fax: 1-408-324-4840 (24 hours)
 Email: techsupport@xbow.com

Non-U.S.: refer to website www.xbow.com

6.3 Return Procedure

6.3.1 Authorization

Before returning any equipment, please contact Crossbow to obtain a Returned Material Authorization number (RMA).

Be ready to provide the following information when requesting a RMA:

- Name
- Address
- Telephone, Fax, Email
- Equipment Model Number
- Equipment Serial Number
- Installation Date
- Failure Date
- Fault Description

6.3.2 Identification and Protection

If the equipment is to be shipped to Crossbow for service or repair, please attach a tag **TO THE EQUIPMENT**, as well as the shipping container(s), identifying the owner. Also indicate the service or repair required, the problems encountered, and other information considered valuable to the service facility such as the list of information provided to request the RMA number.

Place the equipment in the original shipping container(s), making sure there is adequate packing around all sides of the equipment. If the original shipping containers were discarded, use heavy boxes with adequate padding and protection.

6.3.3 Sealing the Container

Seal the shipping container(s) with heavy tape or metal bands strong enough to handle the weight of the equipment and the container.

6.3.4 Marking

Please write the words, “**FRAGILE, DELICATE INSTRUMENT**” in several places on the outside of the shipping container(s). In all correspondence, please refer to the equipment by the model number, the serial number, and the RMA number.

6.3.5 Return Shipping Address

Use the following address for all returned products:

Crossbow Technology, Inc.
41 Daggett Drive
San Jose, CA 95134
Attn: RMA Number (XXXXXX)

6.4 Warranty

The Crossbow product warranty is one year from date of shipment.



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