MAXv

Intelligent 8-Axis Motion Controller for VME Bus

FEATURES

PID update rate of 122 μs on all 8 axes
- Delivers exceptional servo control on multi-axis applications.
- Identical outcomes when utilizing one or all axes of motion.
- Configurable PID filter with feed forward coefficients.

266 MHz, 32-bit RISC processor
- Updates all signals and data points providing superior application control.

4032 Bytes of Dual Port RAM
- Permits rapid data transfer to & from controller.
- Large size accommodates expandability to unique and custom applications.

VME64 Specification
- The 160-pin P1/P2 connectors provide high density connectivity on the back plane.
- VME and VME64 compliant

Controller I/O Capabilities
- 6 Channels of general purpose analog input with 16 bit, +/-10 VDC input
- 2 Channels of general purpose analog output with 16-bit +/-10 VDC output.

Motion Feedback
- Support Quadrature Encoder Feed back up to 16 MHz on up to 10 encoder inputs.

Sophisticated Control Functionality
- 16 bit DAC analog resolution.
- Step pulses from 0 to 4,176,000 steps per second (+/- 0 steps).
- Backlash compensation.
- Custom, parabolic, “S”-Curve & linear trajectory profiles.
- Real time encoder position capture.
- S-Curve with 4-quadrant jerk parameters.

Control signals
- Two 68-pin SCSI3 and one 50-pin SCSI2 connectors for high density signal connection on the front panel.
- 16 “user definable” digital I/O.
- P2 connector is 160-pins and supports most of the signals available on the front panel.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES
- Consumes a single VME (6U) slot
- Interface port VME P1 and P2 supports both 96 Pin and 160 pin connectors.
- Supports A16, A24 and A32 Addressing modes.
- Non-Volatile Macro Storage
- VME64bus specification ISO/IEC 15776:2001(E).
- Motion parameters continuously available in shared RAM for real time profile status.
- Electronic “mailbox” in shared RAM for priority commands, i.e. abort
- Patented technology to minimize torque ripple and velocity modulation
- Internal Watchdog timer for safety
- Slip & Stall detection with encoder feedback
- Linear/Circular interpolation
- Constant and variable velocity contouring (all axes)
- Axis control signals are also on P1 & P2 connector.
- Output is +/-10V, or Step & Direction per Axis
- Independent home and plus / minus over-travel inputs for each axis
- Commands are intuitive for programming ease.
- Over 150 ASCII character commands, “universal” to current and previous OMS controllers
- Capable of conversion to “user” defined units i.e. inches/ revolutions if desired.
- Person to person toll-free tech support: 800-707-8111

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DESCRIPTION

The MAXv family of Motion Controllers brings the Oregon Micro Systems, Inc. (OMS) intelligent motion control technology to a new level of servo applications as well as stepping motors. A much more powerful 266 MHz 32 Bit RISC processor (PowerPC) provides the capability and power for better and more sophisticated application control. This new generation of motion control products provides up to 8 axes of motion control on a single card to VME bus compatible computers. Each axis can be selected by the user to be an open or closed stepper or a high capability servo axis. In addition, independent analog inputs are provided to enable integration of analog parameters such as velocity override, temperature, pressure, etc., under the control of the running application. Two additional encoder inputs are available for increased precision and control. Two additional general purpose analog outputs are available.

Outputs are provided for 16 bit analog servo output as well as step and direction for stepper system applications. The servo loop is a PID filter with feed-forward coefficients and an update rate of 122 μs on all 8 axes. Independent plus and minus limits, a home switch input, and an auxiliary output provided for each of the 8 axes so that the state of any of them can be monitored by the system at any time. An additional 16 User definable I/O is available for synchronization and control of other events. The voltage range of limit and home circuits has been extended for operation in the 3 to 30 VDC range. Incremental encoder feedback, differential or single ended, is used for all servo axes and is available for position feedback and may also be used for slip or stall detection.

The bus interface uses Shared Memory technology for communication of commands from the host and feedback of motion control parameters. Commands may be written to this Shared Memory by the host, eliminating the communication bottlenecks of single address port-based communications.

The MAXv uses the PowerPC’s Message unit including the door-bell technology to alert and flag the host or the Controller. Interrupt control and other data are available through reserved storage regions in the common memory area. These include the interrupt vector, interrupt control and status done flag data, over travel and home switch status, Command Error, an ASCII Command and an ASCII Response Ring Buffer, slip flag for each axis as well as the user definable I/O. Some commands may be passed to the MAXv, by passing the communication channel using the mailbox system. These commands cause an immediate interrupt and may be used for critical commands such as abort. Each axis may perform individual unrelated moves or they can be coordinated as required by the application.

PROGRAMMING

The MAXv motion controllers are easily programmed with character ASCII commands through an extensive command structure. The commands are combined into character strings to create sophisticated motion profiles, with features such as IO and other functionality. A separate FIFO command queue for each axis is used to store the commands once they are parsed in the MAXv. These commands are then executed sequentially, allowing the host to send a complex command sequence and attend to other tasks, while the MAXv manages the motion process. These command queues can store 2559 command values and can include a loop counter that allows multiple execution of any command string. All commands are sent to the controller as two or three character strings. Some of these commands expect one or more numerical operands to follow. These commands are identified with “#” after the command. The “#” indicates a signed integer input parameter, or a signed fixed point number of the format ##.# when User Units are enabled. User Units define distances, Velocity and acceleration parameters, and represent the input in Inches, millimeters, revolution, etc.

Synchronized moves may be made by entering the AA or AM command mode. This form of the command performs a context switch that allows entering commands in the format MRx#,y#;z#;t#,u#,v#,r#,s#; Numbers are entered for each axis commanded to move. An axis may be skipped by entering a comma {,} at the appropriate axis position, with no value parameter. The command may be prematurely terminated with a semicolon (;) i.e. a move requiring only the X and Y axes to move would use the command MRx#,y#; followed by the GO command. Each axis programmed to move will start together upon execution of the GO command. The MAXv can be switched back to independent-axis mode by entering the desire single axis command, such as AX.

PROGRAMMING EXAMPLES

In a typical move requirement where it is desired to home the stage and then move to a specified position, the following will demonstrate the programming for a single axis:

Initialize the velocity and acceleration parameters to a suitable value. Set the PID filter gain values. Perform the homing operation initializing the position counter to zero. Perform a motion to the absolute position of 10,000 and set the done flag for that axis when the move is finished.

AX;
VL5000;
AC50000;
KP20;
KI1;
KD45;
HN;
HM0;
MA10000;
GO;
ID;
In a move requiring a three axis coordinated move to a position, the following could be used:

AX;
KP2;
KD6;
HN;
AY;
KP2;
KD6;
HN;
AZ;
KP 2;
KD6;
HN;
AM;
VL5000,5000,5000;
AC50000,50000,50000;
MA1000,2000,3000;
GO;
ID;

The controller would calculate the relative velocities required to perform a straight line move from the current position to the desired position.

**SPECIFICATIONS**

**Velocity**
0 to 4,176,000 pulses per second simultaneous on each axis

**Acceleration**
0 to 8,000,000 pulses per second per second

**Position range**
± 2,147,487,647

**Accuracy**
Position accuracy and repeatability ±0 counts for point to point moves
Velocity accuracy ±0.01% of peak velocity in jog mode.

**Environmental**
Operating temperature range: 0 to 50 degrees centigrade
Storage temperature range: -20 to 85 degrees centigrade
Humidity: 0 to 90% non-condensing

**Power**
+5VDC +/-5% at 1 amp typical
+12VDC at 0.1 amp typical = +/-5%
-12VDC at 0.1 amp typical = +/-10%

**Dimensions**
6.4” x 9.2” x 0.7”

**Limit switch inputs**
Input levels 3-30 VDC Input sense (low or high true) selectable by command input for each axis.

**Connector**
Two shielded 68-Pin SCSI3 connectors for all motor control, one 50-Pin SCSI2 connector for I/O signals on front panel, and a 160-pin P2 connector for back plane interconnect.

**Home switch inputs**
Input levels 3-30 VDC input sense (low or high true) selectable by command input for each axis.

**User definable I/O**
Up to 16 bits of user definable digital I/O. The 16 bits are user configurable and are configured as 8 inputs and 8 outputs as defaults from the factory. NOTE: 6 general purpose inputs are shared with two auxiliary encoder channels.

**Analog inputs**
Six independent analog inputs, 16 Bit resolution

**Analog outputs (servo)**
+/-10V and 0 to +10V, max. One per axis plus two general purposes.

**Step pulse output**
Pulse width 50% duty cycle. Open collector level signal (TTL).

**Direction output**
Open collector level signal (TTL).

**Encoder feedback**
Maximum 16 MHz after 4x quadrature detection. Differential signal.

**Reference**
VME64bus Specification ISO/IEC 15776:2001(E)
VME64x Specification ANSI/VITA 1.1-1997

**Software**
High level expertise not required.
Over 250 ASCII character commands, expanded from current OMS command set.
## Ordering Information

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