

C-programmable Motion Controller

VME/DSP

- C-programmable using MEI standard C function libraries (over 250 functions)
- Single-slot VME card supports 2, 4, 6, or 8 axes
- Fast host communication across VME bus at 1.2 MB/sec
- Supports both servos and steppers
- Up to 44 user I/O lines
- 16-bit servo output resolution
- 375 kHz step/direction output
- Point-to-point and coordinated motion
- Supports DOS, Windows 3.X, Windows NT, Windows95, Lynx/OS, VxWorks, QNX, VRTX, and OS/9
- Flexible DSP architecture allows on-thefly changes to many motion parameters



The VME/DSP combines MEI's extensive C function libraries with DSP-based architecture for the industrial VME bus.

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The VME/DSP motion controller uses a powerful Analog Devices 40 MHz DSP to provide up to 8 axes of servo or stepper control in a single VME bus slot. Hardware features include 16-bit servo outputs, encoder inputs to 5 MHz, 8 channels of 12-bit analog inputs, and up to 44 lines of user I/O.

You program the VME/DSP using MEI's flexible C function libraries, with over 250 motion control functions. MEI C libraries combine with compilers from Microsoft, Borland, Watcom, Symantec, and others to speed development of complex motion applications.

The VME/DSP provides a rich set of software algorithms, including a sophisticated second-order PID control algorithm with velocity, acceleration, and friction feed-forward.

Advanced features include electronic gearing and camming, dual-loop control, circular and linear interpolation, and trapezoidal, S-curve, parabolic, and custom motion profiles.

The VME/DSP controller allows motion control programs to share execution between the on-board DSP (for numerically-intensive real-time functions) and the host (for non-real-time functions). This results in an ideal division of labor with minimal host intervention.

Software Features

Powerful C-programming Libraries The VME/DSP

draws both its power and flexibility from MEI's

C function libraries. These libraries enable applications developed on the VME/DSP to run on any MEI motion controller.

set_move_speed(speed); set move accel(accel); start point list(); move 2(x1,y1); move_2(x2,y2); end_point_list(); Sample coordinated motion routine

The MEI C libraries contain over 250 functions you can use to create motion control programs from simple point-to-point motion to complex multi-axis coordinated motion. Along with source code, MEI provides hundreds of sample applications to help speed development.

Development Environment MEI controllers support most popular compilers and operating systems, including those with true multitasking.

Operating Systems			Compilers			
DOS			Microsoft Visual C/C++			
	Windows 3.x		Borland C/C++			
	Windows NT		Watcom C/C++			
	Windows95		Symantec C/C++			
	Lynx/OS		Visual BASIC for Windows			
		VxWorks	GNU			
		QNX				
		OS/9				

PID and Notch Filters The VME/DSP uses a software PID control algorithm optimized for high performance. This PID algorithm delivers quick update rates, stable operation, and easy tuning. An optional post-PID

system.

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notch filter is while (! done)
                { printf("Set SlavingRatio? ") ;
available to
                  gets(buffer)
                 done=scanf(buffer,"%lf",&ratio)!=1;
eliminate me-
                  if (! done)
                    endlink (SLAVE);
chanical reso-
                     set_position(3,0) ;
                     set_position(1,0) ;
nances in a
                     link(3,1, ratio, ACTUAL) ;
closed-loop
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Sample coordinated motion routine

Powerful Frame Architecture To create a motion sequence, the DSP executes a series of "frames" that are generated by MEI C library functions and sent from the host. Each frame is an array of 20 words that contain position, velocity, acceleration, jerk, I/O status, and trigger information.

With up to 600 frames stored on-board, the VME/DSP can buffer complex motion sequences in memory for minimal host involvement. The host downloads frames and the VME/DSP executes them. For additional frames, either the host polls

the board's buffer status or the VME/ DSP sends an interrupt to the host.



Variety of Motion Profiles With a single C function, you can program independent or simultaneous point-to-point motion for up to eight axes (with your choice of trapezoidal, parabolic, S-curve, or user-defined profiles). You can trigger I/O bits on-the-fly for specified positions, velocities, or times.

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Advanced Motion Features

- electronic gearing & camming
- coordinated motion with acceleration blending, cubic splining, or circular interpolation
- feed-speed override with pause-on-path
- tangential following and laser power control
- position latching (under 4 microseconds) •
- analog and encoder-based jogging
- sinusoidal commutation •
- dual-loop control
- multiple coordinate systems •
- helical and linear interpolation
- analog scale interpolation
- high-speed registration
- direct data acquisition (A/D and D/A)

Hardware Features



High-Performance DSP Architecture The VME/DSP

uses a high-performance 40 MHz DSP to execute real-time motion control algorithms, offloading non-real-time functions to the host. The VME/DSP buffers commands from the host and stores motion and I/O sequences on-board.

This efficient division of labor frees the host from real-time requirements and enables fast host-to-DSP communication across the VME bus. Even complex functions require virtually no CPU time once motion starts.

Fast Communications The host compiles C functions and transmits them as binary strings across the VME bus at speeds up to 1.2 MB/sec. While the DSP can interrupt the host to request data or initiate other actions, no host involvement is required once compiled commands are downloaded.

The host CPU can access all on-board peripheral functions (such as digital I/O and analog inputs)

without interrupting the real-time control loop calculations of the DSP.



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Fast bus communications also allow the VME/DSP to take full advantage of ever-expanding host CPU performance by leveraging the multitasking capabilities of the newest operating systems.

Position and Analog Feedback Up to eight encoder inputs accept position feedback at up to 5 MHz. With MEI's unique Encoder Integrity Checking (EIC) feature, on-board encoder inputs can detect broken or shorted encoder wires, detect an illegal state, and digitally filter serious noise. EIC ensures that problems with either the encoder or its wiring won't result in a runaway condition.

Hardware features

- 16-bit servo output resolution
- 32-bit or 48-bit accuracy in all kinematic functions (position, velocity, and acceleration)
- no arcane proprietary command languages
- support for servo and steppers on one board
- step output rates up to 375 kHz
- optional support for Temposonics sensors

Motor/Encoder Pin-outs

<i>Pin</i> 1 3 5 7 9 11 13	Signal GND Encoder A+ Encoder B+ Encoder Index + ±10 V Analog Out Step Pulse - * Direction - *	Pin 2 4 6 8 10 12 * Cloc	Signal 5V Encoder A- Encoder B- Encoder Index - Step Pulse + * Direction + * & up/down optional					
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nalog Input/Counter-Timer Pin-outs								
<i>Pin</i> 1 3 5 7 9 11 13 15 17 19	Signal GND Clock 0 -12V +12V +5V Gate 0 Out 0 Out 1 Out 2 GND	<i>Pin</i> 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20	Signal GND Analog In 0 Analog In 1 Analog In 2 Analog In 3 Analog In 4 Analog In 5 Analog In 6 Analog In 7 GND					

VME/DSP Specifications

Processor

• Analog Devices, 40 MHz DSP

Computer Interface

- VME compatible:A16, D16/D08 (EO) DTB slave interrupter I(1) - I(7) RORA, vector D08 (0)
- 8 or 16 bit data transfers
- Switch-selectable address

Software Development Tools

- MEI standard C function libraries (over 250 functions)
- Compilers: Microsoft, Borland, Watcom, Symantec, GNU
- Operating system support: DOS, Windows 3.X, Windows NT, Windows95, Lynx/OS, VxWorks, QNX, VRTX, OS/9

Servo Loop Update Rate

- User-programmable rate
- Maximum: 10 kHz (1 axis), 3.0 kHz (4 axes), 1.6 kHz (8 axes)
- Default: 1.25 kHz

Servo Output

- $\pm 10V$ DC at 16-bit resolution
- ±18 mA current
- 100 ppm long-term velocity accuracy

Step Output

- Pulse rate ranges (16-bit resolution): 0 to 375 kHz 0 to 93.75 kHz
 - 0 to 23 kHz
- RS-422 line driver outputs
- ±20 mA current
- Step/direction or clock up/clock down*
- Pulse width: 50% duty cycle

Position Feedback

- Incremental encoder: 5 MHz, single-ended or differential
- RS-422 line receivers/digital filtering
- Analog position feedback
- Encoder checking: broken wire and illegal state detection
- Temposonics support: direct connection*

Dedicated I/O (per axis)

- TTL compatible, 4.0 mA drive
- Inputs: positive and negative limits, home, amp-fault (SCR clamp protected)
- Outputs: in-position, amp-enable

User I/O (per board)

- 2/4 axis models: 44 lines 6/8 axis models: 24 lines
- TTL compatible, 4.0 mA drive
- Direct access from host CPU

Analog Inputs (per board)

- 8 channels, 12-bit A/D
- Configurable for 4-channel differential mode
- 75 kHz sampling rate
- Unipolar (0-5V) or bipolar (± 2.5V)
- Direct access from host processor

Kinematic Ranges

- Position: 32-bit (±2.15 billion counts)
- Velocity: 48-bit (±65 million counts/sec at 2 kHz sampling)
- Acceleration: 32-bit (±131 billion counts/sec² at 2 kHz sampling)
- Jerk: 48-bit (262 trillion counts/sec³ at 2 kHz sampling)

Motion Control Features

- Point-to-point motion
- Coordinated motion
- Cubic spline motion
- Electronic gearing and camming
- · Feed speed override
- Dual-loop control
- High inertia compensation
- High-speed registration
- Tangential following*
- Laser power*
- Sinusoidal commutation*
- Sinusoidal encoder interpolation*

Motion Profiles

- Trapezoidal profile
- S-curve profile
- Parabolic profile
- Custom (user-defined)

Power Requirements

- +5V Icc = 0.9A max
- +12V Icc = 10 mA max
- -12V Icc = 20 mA max

Environmental Conditions

- Operating temperature: 0-50 degrees C
- Humidity: 20-95% RH, non-condensing

Construction

- Full SMT; 4-layer PCB
- 100% bed of nails and fully functionally tested with 24-hour burn-in
- UL and CE compliant



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