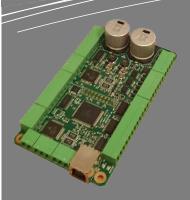


# **BLC-4TC** 4 Axis Pulse/Dir Controller



#### **CUSTOM CONTROLLERS**

Define Axis Count

Define Motor Types

Define Feedback Types

Define Analog & Digital I/O

Define Board Shape

Define Connectors / Cables

Define LED Lights/Locations

Further Customization Available

#### FLEXIBLE HARDWARE

Removable Connectors

Configurable Digital/Analog I/O

Multiple Encoder Types

High Speed Capture

Integrated Amplifier Options

Din-Rail Ready

#### POWERFUL SOFTWARE

Inspired by MIT's "Scratch"
Simple Drag, Drop, & Edit
Create & Save Custom Blocks
Up to 16 Concurrent Threads
Parameter Test & I/O Viewer
Integrated HMI Console Builder
Customizable Test Scopes



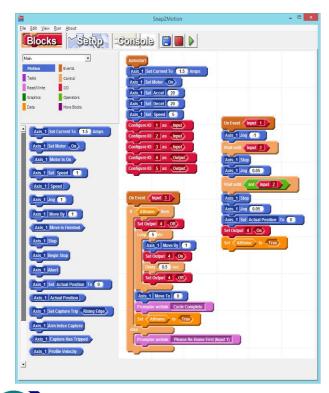
The BLC-2TC is a 4 Axis Modular Controller for controlling 2 Digital Servo Drives or 2 External Stepper Drives.

The BLC family of controllers were designed to be a Cost Effective OEM solution for Motion & Machine Control. Each Module has 2x2-axes that are internally coordinated; but with the dual RS- 232 serial ports, multiple units can be daisy chained together for higher axis count applications. All axes are detected and their resources are available during programming without needing to connect to each unit individually.

ModuSystems Snap2Motion™ software was inspired by MIT Media Labs "Scratch" software that was developed to teach the fundamentals and structure of programming

#### **KEY FEATURES:**

- 4-Axis Pulse/Dir or Quadrature Controller
- 12-24Vdc Input
- Control (4) Digital Servo or External Stepper Drives
- (16) Digital Inputs (24V PNP or NPN)
- (12) Digital Outputs (24V PNP)
- (6) 16-bit Analog Inputs
- (2) 12-bit Analog Output
- Flexible Encoder Inputs (Single, Quad, Serial, etc.)
- USB for Snap2Motion Programming
- (4) RS-232 Ports for Remote Connections
- DIN Rail Mountable
- Removable Screw Terminal Plugs



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# Specifications

# **Controller Power**

Description	Value	Units
Logic Input Voltage Range	12-24	volts DC
Logic Input Power, no outputs active, no 5V load, single module	3	watts
5V Out	750	milliamps

## **Motion System**

Property	Value
Microcontroller	Arm Cortex
Sample Rates	Configurable from 1 kHz to 8 kHz
Native Motion Capabilities	Concurrent Motion Coordinated Vector Motion
Application Motion Capabilities	Electronic Gearing Electronic Camming Encoder-Replaces-Time PVT Kinematics Conveyor Tracking Arbitrary Closed Form Equations
Position Range	32 bit
Maximum Encoder Count Rate post quadrature	2 MHz
Maximum Step Rate	2 MHz
Hardware Position Capture	Accurate to an individual count

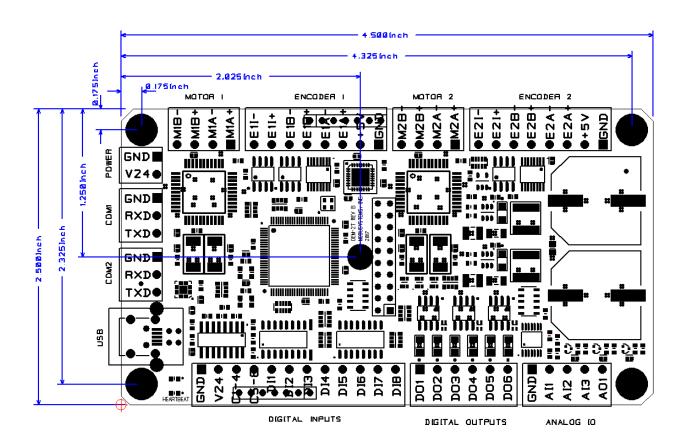
# **Communication Ports**

Description	Туре	Connector
Programming Port	USB	USB Standard B
General Purpose Serial	2x RS232	3 pin 3.81 mm Euro Screw terminal

### **Inputs and Outputs**

Resource	Number	Voltage	Description
Digital Inputs	16	5-24	Inputs can be configured as PNP or NPN in groups of 4
Digital Ouputs	12	5-24	Outputs are PNP and can source up to 2A per
Analog Inputs	6	0-20	0-20 volt measurement range. 16 bit resolution
Analog Output	2	0-5	12 bit resolution
Encoder Inputs RS422 Differential Receivers	12	5-24	A, B, and Index channels can be used for encoder input or general purpose inputs

### Mechanical



#### **Power Connector - Left Side 2 Position**

Power can be connected to the BLC either from the 2-pin Connector on the Left Side of the Unit or on the first 2 pins of the 12-pin Digital Input Connector

Signal	Description
Gnd	Provides Gnd to snapped-together modules. May be used as a general purpose Gnd connection position
V24	12-24VDC Input - Provides Power for Motor & Logic Control

### **Serial Connectors - Left Side 3 Position Plugs**

The serial connectors support RS-232 and can be used to connect to daisy chain additional BLC controllers. They can also be used to connect other peripheral RS-232 devices or receive ASCII commands from a PC or o

Signal	Description
Gnd	Common to all Gnd positions on controller this is used to provide a common Gnd to the serial device
Rx/+	RS232 receive signal should be connected to transmitter of serial device. When configured for RS485 this is the Data+ signal
Tx/-	RS232 transmit signal should be connected to receiver of serial device. When configured for RS485 this is the Data- signal.

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### **LED Indicators**

LED	Description
Green Heartbeat	During normal operation this LED should blink at a rate between 1 Hz and several Hz reflecting the controller sample rate. A hesitation or disruption of the steady heartbeat pattern reflects a possible hardware or software issue. The first diagnostic question support will ask is "Is the Heartbeat LED blinking?".
Green Application	This indicator is under application program control and has no intrinsic meaning. The Intermodule Slave program, loaded onto controllers that snap onto a left-most master controller, rapidly blink the Green Application LED several times during program startup when the controller is isolated. This pattern indicates that the controller is prepared to communicate to another module.

# **Top Connectors**

### **Motor Connectors – 4 Position**

Signal	Description
Mtr A+	Differential Output Pulse +
Mtr A-	Differential Output Pulse -
Mtr B+	Differential Output Dir +
Mtr B-	Differential Output Dir -

### **Encoder Connector – 8 Position**

Signal	Description
Gnd	Used to power encoder
5V Out	Used to power encoder. If external drive is providing signals this signal might not be required
Enc A+	Encoder A+ channel if differential or A channel if single ended
Enc A-	Encoder A- channel if differential or disconnected if encoder is single ended. Internally pulled to 2V. Do not connect to Gnd
Enc B+	Encoder B+ channel if differential or B channel if single ended
Enc B-	Encoder B- channel if differential or disconnected if encoder is single ended. Internally pulled to 2V. Do not connect to Gnd
Enc I+	Encoder Index+ channel if differential or Index channel if single ended
Enc I-	Encoder Index- channel if differential or disconnected if encoder is single ended. Internally pulled to 2V. Do not connect to Gnd

### **Inputs Connector – 12 Position**

Signal	Description
Gnd	Same as Power Supply Gnd
V24	Same as Power Supply V24
C1-4	Input Common for inputs 1-4. This should be connected to Gnd if inputs switch to power and should be connected to V24 if inputs switch to Gnd.
C5-8	Input Common for inputs 5-8. This should be connected to Gnd if inputs switch to power and should be connected to V24 if inputs switch to Gnd.
DI1	Digital Input 1
DI2	Digital Input 2
DI3	Digital Input 3
DI4	Digital Input 4
DI5	Digital Input 5
DI6	Digital Input 6
DI7	Digital Input 7
DI8	Digital Input 8

## **Outputs Connector – 6 Position**

Signal	Description	
DO1	Digital Output 1 Sources Power	
DO2	Digital Output 2 Sources Power	1920
DO3	Digital Output 3 Sources Power	
DO4	Digital Output 4 Sources Power	
DO5	Digital Output 5 Sources Power	
DO6	Digital Output 6 Sources Power	

## **Analog Connector – 5 Position**

Signal	Description
Gnd	Same as Power Supply Gnd
Al1	Analog Input 1
Al2	Analog Input 2
Al3	Analog Input 3
AO1	Analog Output 1