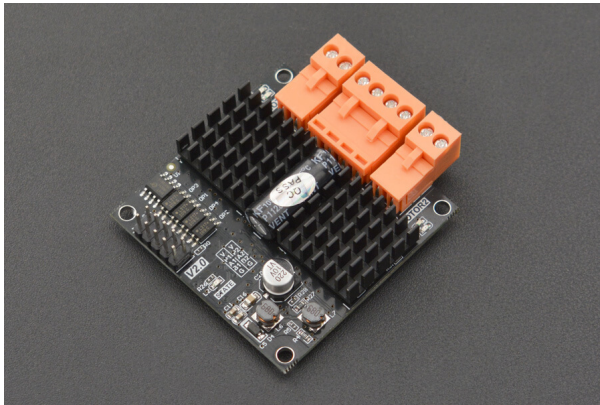


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## Introduction

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This is a dual channel DC motor driver with an extremely small size of of 1.97"×1.97"×0.49". The module comes with two motor channels that can drive two motors simultaneously, and each channel employs an indicator to show the rotation direction of the motor: blue is forward rotation, red is reverse rotation. Support motor voltage ranges from 6.5V to 37V. Each motor channel can output 12A current continuously and the max power of the DC motor the module supports is up to 290W. The momentary peak current can reach up to 70A and last about 100ms. At the same time, the highly timing optimization of the units inside the driver makes the minimum pulse width of PWM input as narrow as 2us, which fully ensured its dynamic adjustment range and greatly improved the quality of controlling motors.

The module integrated over-voltage, under-voltage, and overheat protection circuit that will be triggered when facing with the these situations. There is an on-board STATE indicator to indicate protection state: ON->Work properly; Flashing quickly->Over-voltage; Flashing slowly->Under-voltage; Double flashing->Overheat. The latter three situations will turn off the output, which can efficiently reduce the possibility of device damage in abnormal operating conditions.

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Combining dual channel DC motor driver together with Arduino controller to easily realize motor controlling. The module can be applied to automatic robot, mechatronic, equipment manufacture, scientific production, electronics competition and so on.

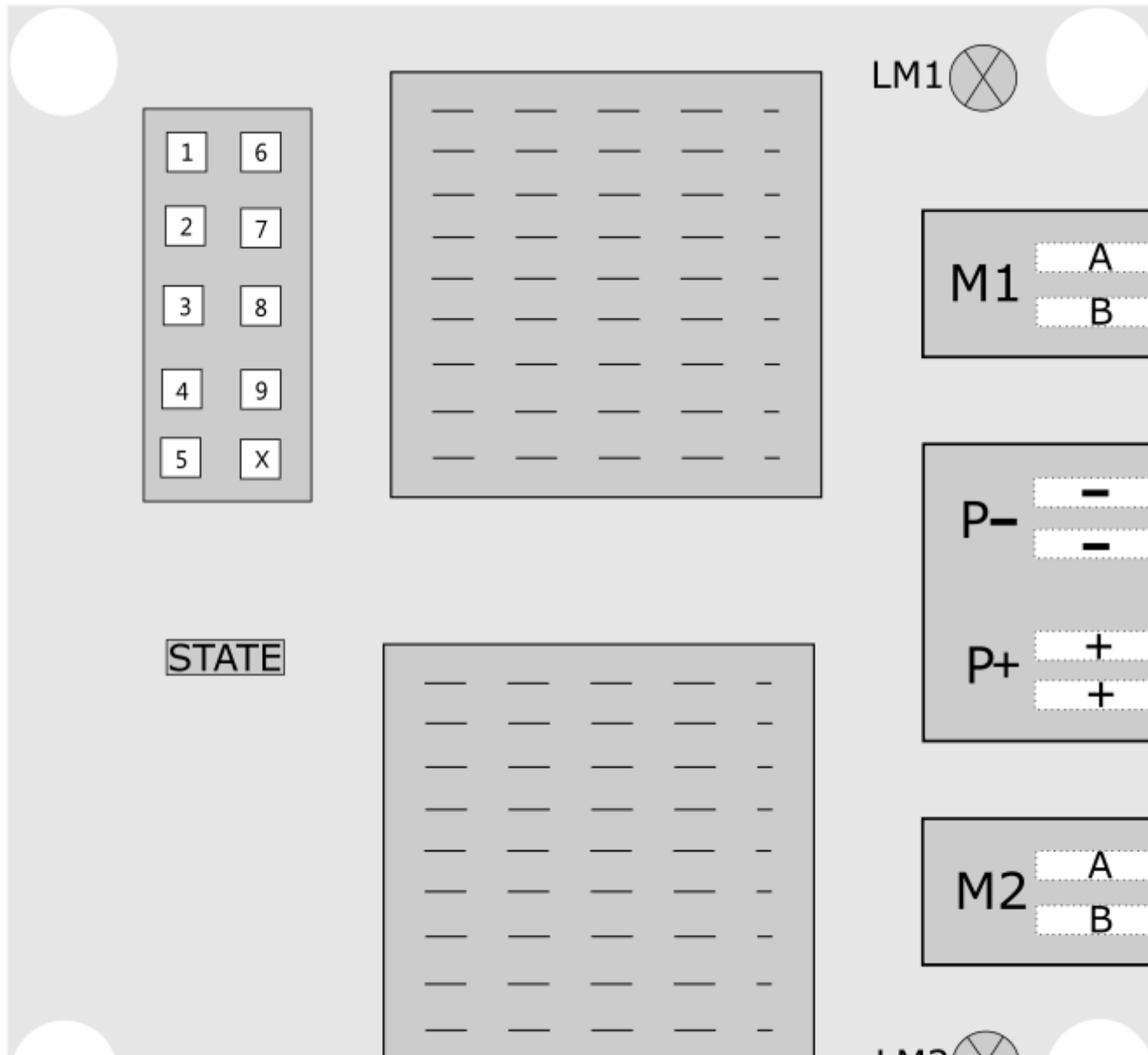
## Specification

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- Motor Channel: 2
- Input Voltage: 6.5-37V DC
- Signal Control Voltage: 3V-5V compatible
- Signal Control Current: 15mA (at 5V signal control voltage)
- PWM Input Frequency: 18-60KHz
- Minimum Pulse Width: 2us
- Peak Current: 70A(100ms), the current will be limited as the temperature increases.
- Continuous Current: each channel can output 12A current continuously
- Operating Temperature: -25-85°C
- Overheat Temperature: 85°C-95°C
- Over-voltage: 37.5V
- Under-voltage: 6.3V
- Dimension: 50mm×50mm×12.5mm/1.97"×1.97"×0.49"
- Built-in over-voltage, under-voltage and overheat protection circuit, onboard STATE indicator to show the present work state.

## Board Overview

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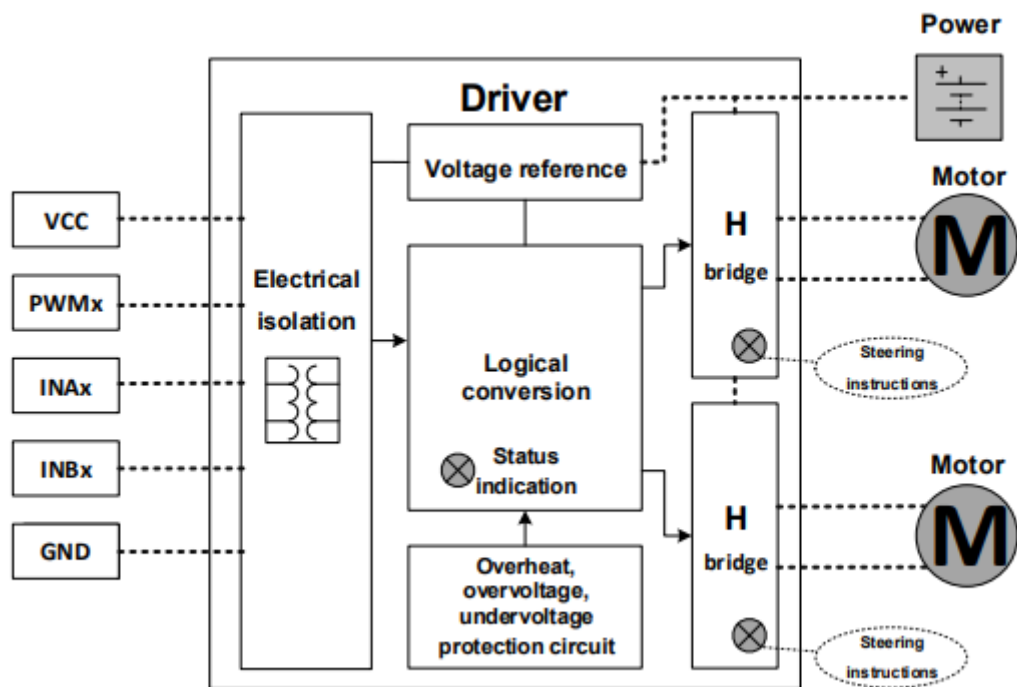


No.	Name	Description
1	VCC	Power input, 3.3V, 5V
2	PWM1	M1 Channel duty cycle modulation input, bandwidth 50MHz
3	INA1	M1 Channel control logic input A
4	INB1	M1 Channel control logic input B
5	GND	Ground
6	VCC	Power input, 3.3V, 5V
7	PWM2	M2 Channel duty cycle modulation input, bandwidth 50MHz
8	INA2	M2 Channel control logic input A
9	INB2	M2 Channel control logic input B
10	X	Ground
11	M1_A	Output PIN A of motor channel 1
12	M1_B	Output PIN B of motor channel 1
13	M2_A	Output PIN A of motor channel 2
14	M2_B	Output PIN B of motor channel 2
15	P-	Negative pole of external power input
16	P+	Positive pole of external power input

17	LM1	Motor channel 1 rotation indication, blue for forward, red for backward
18	LM2	Motor channel 2 rotation indication, blue for forward, red for backward

No.	Name	Description
19	STATE	On: work properly; Quick blink: over-voltage, output close; Slow blink: under-voltage, output close; Double blink: driver overheat, output close

### Schematics Diagram



### Operating Logic

Signal Input			Power Output		
INAx	INBx	PWMx	Mx_A	Mx_B	Motor Status

Signal Input			Power Output		
L	L	X	L	L	Stop
L	H	PWM	PWM	L	Forward rotation
H	L	PWM	L	PWM	Backward rotation
H	H	X	Z	Z	Floating
Over/under voltage, overheat protection happened on Driver			Z	Z	Floating

#### Note:

1. x in INAx, INBx, PWMx, Mx\_A, Mx\_B is the channel number, 1 or 2.
2. H for high level, L for low level, X is irrelevant to level, Z is high-impedance state.
3. Don't switch the motor direction if it is still in high speed, adjust the speed to 0% gradually by PWM before switching, otherwise, the driver may be damaged.
4. Note: it is in High level when the signal input pin is floating.

## Tutorial

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The tutorial presents how to control motor driver board by Arduino UNO and drive two motors simultaneously.

## Requirements

- **Hardware**

- DFRduino UNO R3 (<https://www.dfrobot.com/product-838.html>) (or similar) x 1

- [DF Robot CNC Kit \(https://www.dfrobot.com/product-333.html\)](https://www.dfrobot.com/product-333.html) (or similar) x 1

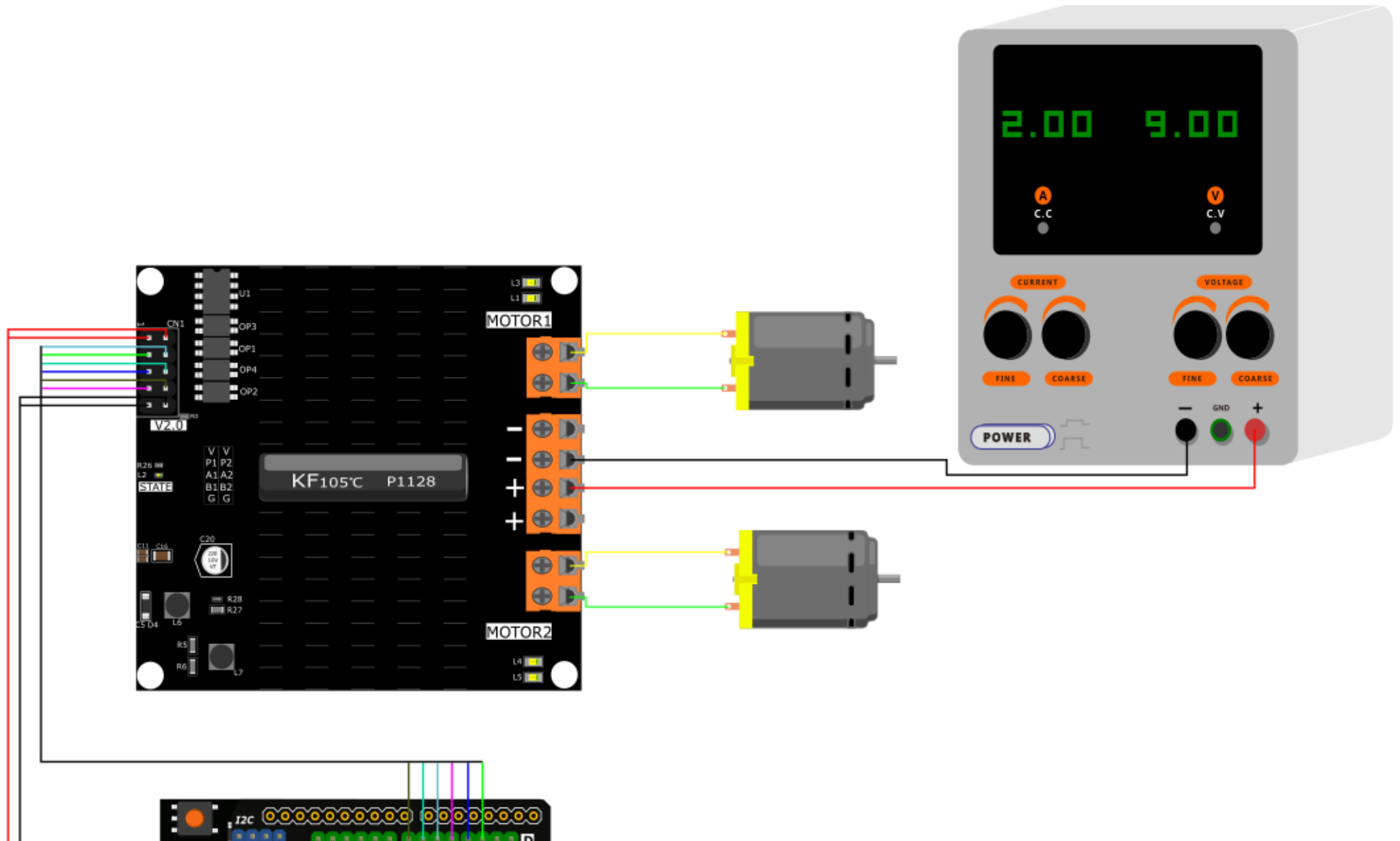
- Dual-Channel DC Motor Driver-12A x1
- Wires

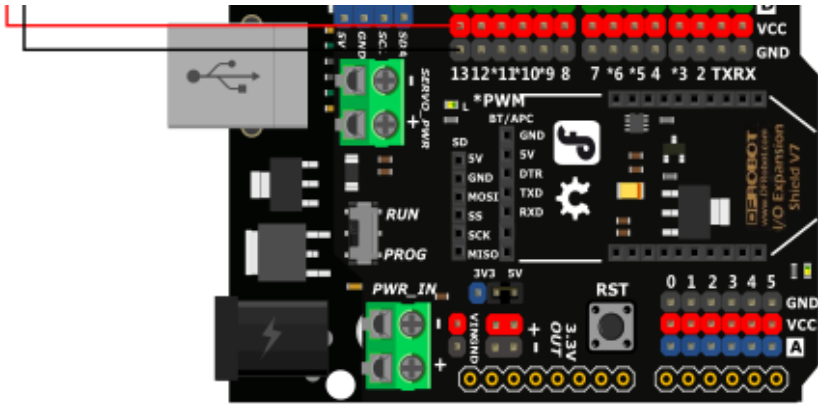
- **Software**

- Arduino IDE (<https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Software>)



## Connection Diagram





Connection						
Motor Driver Board	2	3	4	7	8	9
UNO Board	2	3	4	5	6	7

## Sample Code

```
/*
   This sample code is for testing the 2 stepper motors
   The rotation velocity can be adjusted by the code switch
   Microcontroller: Arduino UNO
*/
int PWM1 = 2;
int INA1 = 3;
int INB1 = 4;
int PWM2 = 5;
int INA2 = 6;
int INB2 = 7;
void setup()
{
  pinMode(PWM1, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(INA1, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(INB1, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(PWM2, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(INA2, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(INB2, OUTPUT);
}
void loop()
{
  digitalWrite(INA1, LOW);
  digitalWrite(INA2, LOW);
  digitalWrite(INB1, HIGH);
  digitalWrite(INB2, HIGH);
  analogWrite(PWM1, 255); //PWM adjust speed
  analogWrite(PWM2, 255); //PWM adjust speed
  delay(1000);
}
```

```
delay(1000);  
digitalWrite(INA1, LOW);  
digitalWrite(INB1, HIGH); //Motor 1 rotate forward  
digitalWrite(INA2, HIGH);  
digitalWrite(INB2, LOW); //Motor 2 rotate backward  
  
analogWrite(PWM1, 255); //PWM adjust speed  
analogWrite(PWM2, 255); //PWM adjust speed  
delay(1000);  
digitalWrite(INA1, LOW);  
digitalWrite(INB1, LOW); //Motor 1 stop  
digitalWrite(INA2, LOW);  
digitalWrite(INB2, LOW); //Motor 2 stop  
analogWrite(PWM1, 255);  
analogWrite(PWM2, 255);  
delay(1000);  
}
```

## Expected Results

Result: two motors rotate forward simultaneously; one rotate forward, the other rotate backward; stop rotating.

## FAQ

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For any questions, advice or cool ideas to share, please visit the **DFRobot Forum** (<https://www.dfrobot.com/forum/>).

## More Documents

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Get **Dual-Channel DC Motor Driver-12A** (<https://www.dfrobot.com/product-1861.html>) from DFRobot Store or **DFRobot Distributor**.  
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