



**ANALOG INTERFACE CONTROLLER
FOR SXGA, XGA, SVGA, VGA RESOLUTION TFT LVDS LCD**

Model: AL-1280

(Part number: 4169300-1X or up)

INSTRUCTIONS

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It is essential that the sections on Assembly Notes and Connectors, Pinouts & Jumpers is read and understood before connecting or powering up this controller.

INTRODUCTION

Designed for LCD monitor and other flat panel display applications, the AL-1280 controller provides easy to use interface controller for:

- TFT (active matrix) LCDs with LVDS interface of 1280x1024, 1024x768, 800x600, 640x480 resolution;
- Computer video signals of SXGA, XGA, SVGA, VGA standard
- Internal built-in LVDS Tx chips to support LVDS panel without using LVDS adaptor board

HOW TO PROCEED

- Ensure you have all parts and that they are correct, refer to:
 - ◆ Connection diagram (separate document for each panel)
 - ◆ Connector reference (in following section)
 - ◆ Assembly notes
- Check controller switch and jumper settings (errors may damage the panel)
- Prepare the PC
- Connect the parts
- Understand the operation and functions (in following section)

IMPORTANT USAGE NOTE

This product is for use by system developers and integrators, the manufacturer accepts no liability for damage or injury caused by the use of this product. It is the responsibility of the developer, integrators or other user of this product to:

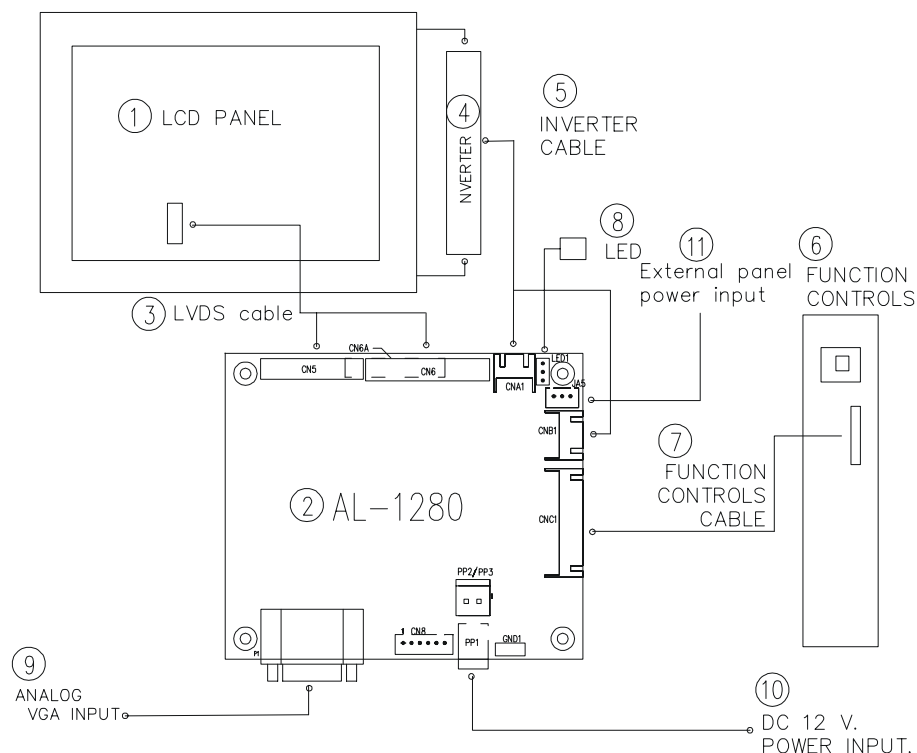
- Ensure that all necessary and appropriate safety measures are taken.
- Obtain suitable regulatory approvals as may be required.
- Check power settings to all component parts before connection.
- Understand the operation and connectivity requirements of this controller.

DISCLAIMER

There is no implied or expressed warranty regarding this material.

SYSTEM DESIGN

A typical LCD based display system is likely to comprise the following:



Summary:

1. LCD panel
2. LCD controller card, AL-1280
3. LVDS cable (for connection with LVDS panel)
4. Inverter for CCFT backlight (if not built into LCD)
5. Inverter cable
6. Function controls
7. Function controls cable
8. Status LED
9. PC VGA (analog) in
10. Power input (12VDC)
11. External panel power input (for 12V~18V panel power panel only)

Digital View offers a range of accessories such as listed above, to make up complete display solution.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

This controller is designed for monitor and custom display projects using 1280x1024, 1024x768, 800x600, 640x480 resolution TFT LVDS LCD's support. The following provides some guidelines for installation and preparation of finished display solution.

- **Preparation:** Before proceeding it is important to familiarize yourself with the parts making up a system and the various connectors, mounting holes and general layout of the controller. As much as possible connectors have been labeled. Guides to connectors and mounting holes are shown in the following relevant sections.
- **LCD Panel:** This controller is designed for typical LVDS interface TFT panels with panel voltage 3.3V or 5V or 12V, External for 12V~18V LVDS interface. Due to the variation between manufacturers of signal timing and other panel characteristics factory setup and confirmation should be obtained before connecting to a panel. **(NOTE: Check panel power jumper settings before connection)**
- **Controller card:** Handle the controller card with care as static charge may damage electronic components.
- **LVDS signal cable :** In order to provide a clean signal it is recommended that LVDS signal cables are no longer than 46cm (18 inches). If loose wire cabling is utilized these can be made into a harness with cable ties. Care should be taken when placing the cables to avoid signal interference. Additionally it may be necessary in some systems to add ferrite cores to the cables to minimize signal noise.
- **Inverter:** This will be required for the backlight of an LCD, some LCD panels have an inverter built in. As panels may have 1 or more backlight tubes and the power requirements for different panel models backlights may vary it is important to match the inverter in order to obtain optimum performance. See page 13 for the Application notes "Inverter connection section for more informations.
- **Inverter Cables:** Different inverter models require different cables and different pin assignment. Make sure correct cable pin out to match the inverter. Using wrong cable pin out may damage the inverter.
- **Function Controls:** The following section 'Operation' discusses the controls required and the section 'Connectors, jumpers & pinouts' provides the detail. The controls are minimal for ease of use: On/Off, Brightness (depends on inverter), OSD (5 momentary buttons).
- **Function controls cable:** The cables to the function switches should be of suitable quality and length so that impedance does not affect performance. Generally lengths up to 1 metre (3 feet) should be acceptable.
- **Status LED:** The pin direction of the LED should be corrected for right colour indication. Red colour stands for standby. Green colour stands for signal on. It is an optional part only, can be unconnected.
- **Analog VGA Input Cable:** As this may affect regulatory emission test results and the quality of the signal to the controller, a suitably shielded cable should be utilized.
- **Power Input:** 12V DC is required, this should be a regulated supply. Although the controller provides power regulation for the LCD power this does not relate to the power supplied to the backlight inverter. If an unregulated power supply is provided to an inverter any fluctuations in power may affect operation, performance and lifetime of the inverter and or backlight tubes.
- **Power Safety:** Note that although only 12VDC is supplied as 'power-in' a backlight inverter for panel backlighting produces significantly higher voltages (the inverter does not connect to the ground plane). We strongly advise appropriate insulation for all circuitry.
- **EMI:** Shielding will be required for passing certain regulatory emissions tests. Also the choice of external Controller to PC signal cable and power supply can affect the result.
- **Ground:** The various PCB mounting holes are connected to the ground plane.
- **Servicing:** The controller is not user serviceable or repairable. Warranty does not cover user error in connecting up to the controller and is invalidated by unauthorized modification or repairs.

- **Controller Mounting:** It is recommended that a clearance of at least 10mm is provided above and 5mm below the controller when mounted. Additionally consideration should be given to:
 - Electrical insulation
 - Grounding.
 - EMI shielding.
 - Cable management. **Note:** It is important to keep panel signal cables apart from the inverter & backlight cables to prevent signal interface.
 - Heat & ventilation: Heat generated from other sources, for example the backlight of a very high brightness panel may generate significant heat which could adversely affect the controller.
 - Other issues that may affect safety or performance.
- **PC Graphics Output:** A few guidelines:
 - Signal quality is very important, if there is noise or instability in the PC graphics output this may result in visible noise on the display.
 - Vertical refresh rate should be set to 60Hz preferable.
 - Non-interlaced is required.

IMPORTANT: Please read the **Application Notes** section for more information.

CONNECTION & OPERATION

CAUTION: Never connect or disconnect parts of the display system when the system is powered up as this may cause serious damage.

CONNECTION

Connection and usage is quite straight forward (it is useful to have the relevant connection diagram available at this time):

1. **LCD panel & Inverter:** Connect the inverter (if it is not built-in the panel) to the CCFT lead connector of the LCD panel.
LVDS type panels: Plug the LVDS signal cable direct to CN5, CN6 / CN6A (if necessary). Insert the panel end of the cable the LCD panel connector.
2. **Inverter & Controller:** Plug the inverter cable to CNB1 and CNA1 (if necessary). Plug another end to the connector on the inverter.
3. **Function switch & Controller:** Plug the OSD switch mount cable to CNC1 on the controller board and another to the OSD switch mount.
4. **LED & Controller:** Plug in a 3-way with dual colour LED to connector LED1 on the controller board.
5. **Jumpers :** Check all jumpers are set correctly. Details referring the connection diagram at <http://www.digitalview.com/controllers/csg.php>
6. **Jumpers & Inverter & Panel voltage:** Particularly pay attention to the settings of JA3, JB2, JB3, JA5. JB2 & JB3 are used for inverter control (read inverter specification and information on the jumper table to define the correct settings). JA3 & JA5 are used for panel voltage input (read panel specification and information on the jumper table to define the correct settings).
7. **VGA cable & Controller:** Plug the VGA cable to the connector P1 on the controller board.
8. **Power supply & Controller:** Plug the DC 12V power in to the connector PP1 or PP2/PP3
9. **Power on:** Switch on the controller board and panel by using the OSD switch mount.

The red LED will light up when power on with the presence of input signal. The LED will change to green.

General:

- If you are using supplied cables & connectors, ensure they are correct for the model of panel and controller.
- If you are making your own cables & connectors refer carefully to both the panel & inverter specifications and the section in this manual, "Connector, Pinouts & Jumpers" to ensure the correct pin to pin wiring.

PC SETTINGS

The controller has been designed to take a very wide range of input signals however to optimize the PC's graphics performance we recommend choosing 60Hz vertical refresh rate – this will not cause screen flicker.

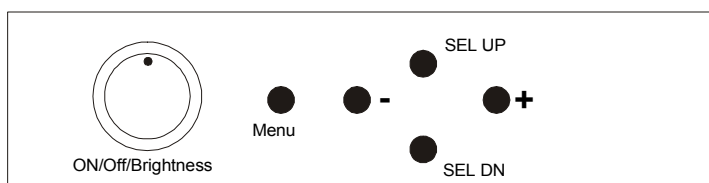
OPERATION

Once the system has been connected and switched on there are a number of functions available to adjust the display image as summarized in the following sections. The settings chosen will be saved for each mode independently.

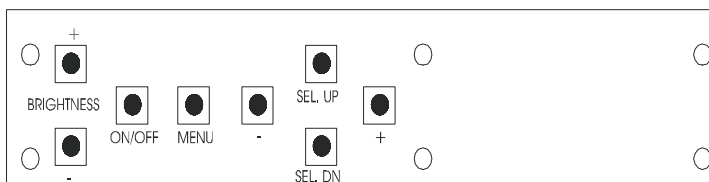
LCD DISPLAY SYSTEM SETTINGS

NOTE: By way of explanation the following refers to a set of sample buttons that may be obtained as an option. In addition to power on/off and connection for backlight brightness the controller provides an On Screen Display of certain functions which are controlled by 5 momentary type buttons (analog VR type) or 8 momentary type buttons (digital type):

Controls	Analog VR type	Digital type
On/Off – turns controller board power on	VR toggle switch	On/Off button
Brightness – controls backlight brightness	Rotary VR	Brightness +/- buttons
Menu – turns OSD menu On or Off (it will auto time off)	Menu button	Menu button
Select – Select function / Confirm	SEL DN	SEL DN
Move up to select individual RGB color level OSD page	SEL UP	SEL UP
+ – increase the setting / moves the selector to the next function	+	+
-- decrease the setting / moves the selector to the previous function	-	-



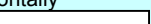
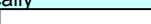
Analog VR type



Digital type

OSD Functions

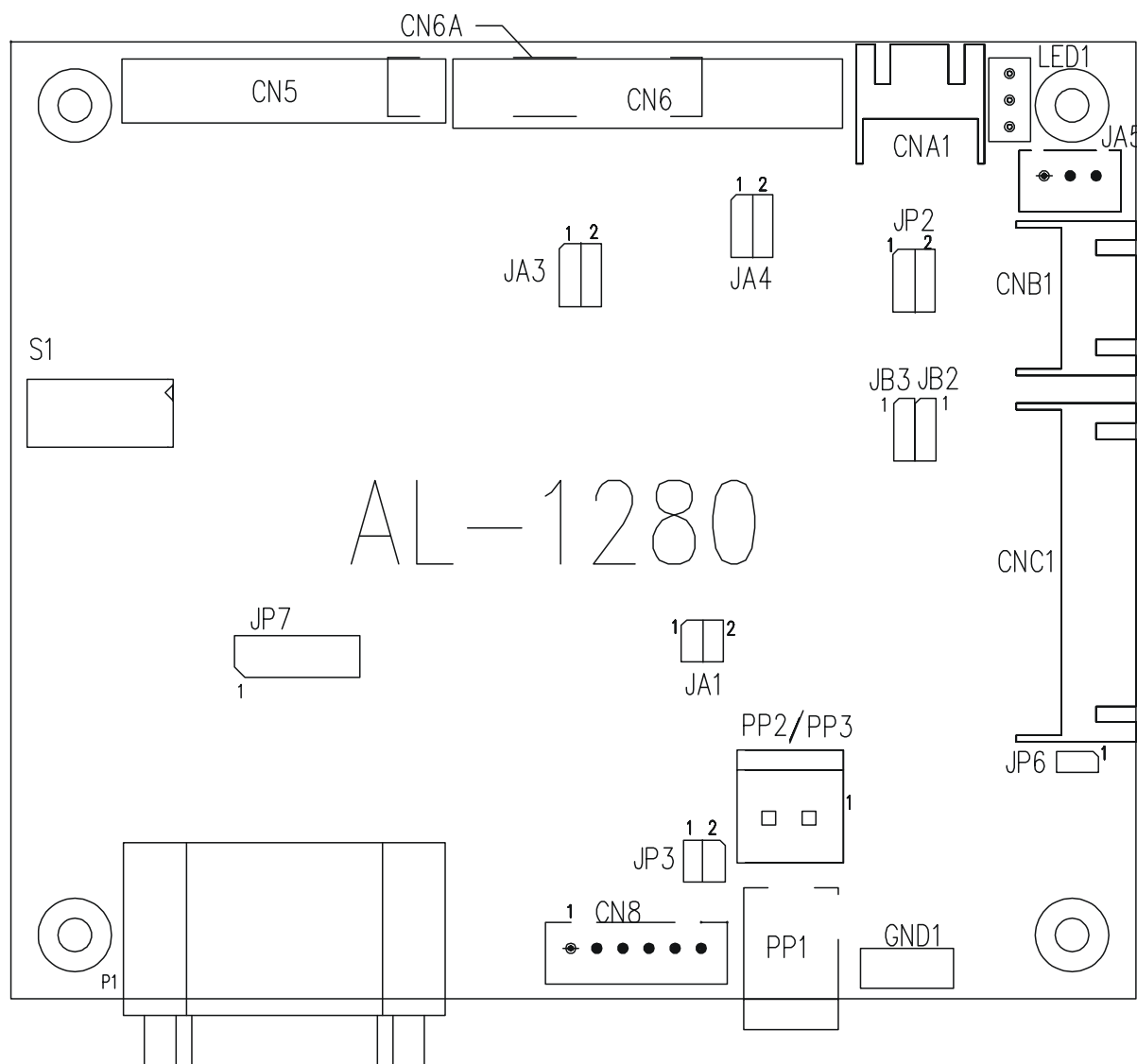
	Brightness and Contrast		
		Brightness	Increase/decrease brightness level. Press – or + (- +)
		Contrast	Increase/decrease panel contrast level. Press – or + (- +)
		Backlight	Increase/decrease inverter backlight level. Press – or + (- +)
		Exit	Exit the OSD menu and save the settings
	Color		
		Auto RGB Calibration	☒ Yes ☒ No
		Color Temperature Reset	Reset the color temperature to the default values ☒ Yes ☒ No
		Color Temperature ▶	(Adjust the warmth of the image displayed. The higher temperature the coolest image looks like. The lower temperature the warmest image looks like.)
			Adjust red color level Press – or + (- +) Adjust green color level Press – or + (- +) Adjust blue color level Press – or + (- +) Press SEL UP/DN button to select item
			4200K Set the color temperature to 4200K 5000K Set the color temperature to 5000K 6500K Set the color temperature to 6500K 7500K Set the color temperature to 7500K 9300K Set the color temperature to 9300K
		Exit	Exit the OSD menu and save the settings

	Position		
		Autosetup	Auto adjust the positions, phase, frequency ☒ Yes ☐ No
		Frequency	Adjust the image horizontal size
		Phase	Fine tune the data sampling position (adjust image quality)
		Image Horizontal Position	Use +/- to move the image horizontally Press – or + (-  +)
		Image Vertical Position	Use +/- to move the image vertically Press – or + (-  +)
		Exit	Exit the OSD menu
	Utilities		
		OSD setting ▶	
			OSD Timeout : 3 / 6 / 10 / 15 / 18 / 25 / 30 seconds Press – or + (-  +)
			OSD menu horizontal position Press – or + (-  +)
			OSD menu vertical position Press – or + (-  +)
		Load Factory Default	Initialize the setting stored in non-volatile memory
		Sharpness	Adjust sharpness level Press – or + (-  +)
		Exit	Exit the OSD menu
	Exit the OSD menu		

Items marked ▶ have sub menus.

Exit the OSD menu to save the setting chosen

CONNECTORS, PINOUTS & JUMPERS



The various connectors are:

Summary: Connectors

Ref	Purpose	Description
CN5	LVDS panel signal	Hirose 20-pin, DF14-20P-1.25H
CN6	LVDS panel signal	Hirose 25-pin, DF14-25P-1.25H
CN6A	LVDS panel signal	Hirose 20-pin, DF14-20P-1.25H
CN8	Serial control	JST 6-way, B6B-XH-A (Matching type : XHP-6)
CNA1	Auxiliary power output	JST 4-way, B4B-XH-A (Mating type : XHP-4)
CNB1	Backlight inverter	JST 5-way, B5B-XH-A (Mating type : XHP-5)
CNC1	Function controls	JST 12-way, B12B-XH-A (Mating type : XHP-12)
JA5	External panel power input	JST 3-way, B3B-XH-A (Matching type : XHP-3)
LED1	Dual color LED connector	Header pin 3x1
P1	VGA analog input	DB15-way DDC version (blue colour)
PP1	DC power in	DC power jack, 2.5mm contact pin diameter positive
PP2/PP3	DC power in (Alternate)	DC power Molex 2 pin 0.156" pitch

Summary: Jumpers setting

Ref	Purpose	Note
JA1	On board +5V logic power enable	1-3 & 2-4 closed, factory set, do not remove
JA3	Panel power voltage select	1-3 & 2-4 = +3.3V panel voltage supply 3-5 & 4-6 = +5V panel voltage supply CAUTION: Incorrect setting will cause panel damage
JA4	LVDS power select (Use for connection with LVDS panel only)	1-3 & 2-4 = +12V LVDS power (The voltage depends on JA5 setting) 3-5 & 4-6 = +3.3V / +5V (The voltage depends on JA3 setting)
JA5	+12V Panel power voltage select	Open = Disable +12V panel power 1-2 = +12V safe panel power on CN3 pin 3 2-3 = External panel power input CAUTION: Incorrect setting will cause panel damage
JB2	Backlight inverter on/off control – signal level	1-2 = On/Off control signal 'High' = +12V 2-3 = On/Off control signal 'High' = +5V Open = On/Off control signal 'High' = Open collector CAUTION: Incorrect setting can damage inverter.
JB3	Backlight inverter on/off control – polarity	1-2 = control signal 'high' = CCFT ON 2-3 = control signal 'low' = CCFT ON
JP2	Backlight control type selection	1-2 = VR/Digital switch mount control 3-4 = Inverter backlight control by OSD menu. 5-6 = PWM inverter backlight control
JP3	Reserved for internal use	Factory set to 1-3 & 2-4
JP6	Input power control	Short = External switch control Open = Switch mount control
JP7	Reserved	Reserved for internal use
S1	Panel selection	See table below

S1: Panel and function selection

Pos. #	Function	Description
1-6	Panel selection	Refer to table 1 – Panel selection
7	Panel pixel format	OFF : Single Pixel ON : Double Pixel
8	LVDS data mapping select (Refer to Table 2)	Mapping A : OFF Mapping B : ON
9	Reserved	Reserved for future use
10	Inverter backlight control by OSD menu – Brightness Increase/Decrease switch	Normal : ON Reverse : OFF

Table 1 - Panel selection

S1-Pos.#1	S1-Pos.#2	S1-Pos.#3	S1-Pos.#4	S1-Pos.#5	S1-Pos.#6	Description
ON	ON	ON	ON	ON	ON	VGA (AU)*
ON	ON	ON	ON	OFF	ON	SVGA (AU, Unipac)
ON	OFF	ON	ON	OFF	ON	SVGA (Sharp)**
OFF	ON	ON	ON	OFF	ON	SVGA (Samsung)**
ON	ON	ON	ON	ON	OFF	XGA (Fujitsu, LG, Samsung, Sharp)
OFF	ON	ON	ON	ON	OFF	XGA (NEC)*
ON	ON	ON	ON	OFF	OFF	SXGA (Fujitsu, Sharp)

* The panel support apply on P/N 4169300-11 or up version.

** The panel support apply on P/N 4169300-12 or up version.

Table 2 – S1 Position 8 - LVDS data mapping select

Panel model support for mapping A	Panels using LVDS board P/N 4162138-10, P/N 4162140-10, P/N 4162122-00 For example : - LG LM150X06 XGA - Samsung LTM150XH-L01 XGA - Samsung LTM170E6-L04 SXGA
Panel model support for mapping B	Panel using LVDS board P/N 4162150-00, P/N 4164702-10, P/N 4162135-10 For example : - Fujitsu FLC48SXC8V/10V SXGA - Sharp LQ181E1LW31 SXGA - Unipac UB084S01 SVGA

The most current list can be found the controller solution generator at <http://www.digitalview.com/controllers/csg.php>

PINOUTS

CN5 – LVDS panel connector: HIROSE 20-pin, DF14-20P-1.25H

PIN	SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
1	NC	No connection
2	GND	Ground
3	OUT03	Positive differential LVDS data 03
4	/OUT03	Negative differential LVDS data 03
5	GND	Ground
6	CLKOUT0	Positive LVDS clock
7	/CLKOUT0	Negative LVDS clock
8	GND	Ground
9	OUT02	Positive differential LVDS data 02
10	/OUT02	Negative differential LVDS data 02
11	GND	Ground
12	OUT01	Positive differential LVDS data 01
13	/OUT01	Negative differential LVDS data 01
14	GND	Ground
15	OUT00	Positive differential LVDS data 00
16	/OUT00	Negative differential LVDS data 00
17	GND	Ground
18	GND	Ground
19	VLCD	Panel power supply
20	VLCD	Panel power supply

CN6 – LVDS panel connector: HIROSE 25-pin, DF14-25P-1.25H

PIN	SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
1	VLCD	Panel power supply
2	VLCD	Panel power supply
3	VLCD	Panel power supply
4	GND	Ground
5	GND	Ground
6	GND	Ground
7	GND	Ground
8	OUTE03	Positive differential LVDS even data bit 03
9	/OUTE03	Negative differential LVDS even data bit 03
10	GND	Ground
11	CLKOUTE	Positive even LVDS clock
12	/CLKOUTE	Negative even LVDS clock
13	GND	Ground
14	OUTE02	Positive differential LVDS even data bit 02
15	/OUTE02	Negative differential LVDS even data bit 02
16	GND	Ground
17	OUTE01	Positive differential LVDS even data bit 01
18	/OUTE01	Negative differential LVDS even data bit 01
19	GND	Ground
20	OUTE00	Positive differential LVDS even data bit 00
21	/OUTE00	Negative differential LVDS even data bit 00
22	GND	Ground
23	GND	Ground
24	NC	No connection
25	NC	No connection

CN6A – LVDS panel connector: HIROSE 20-pin, DF14-20P-1.25H

PIN	SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
1	NC	No connection
2	GND	Ground
3	OUTE03	Positive differential LVDS even data bit 03
4	/OUTE03	Negative differential LVDS even data bit 03
5	GND	Ground
6	CLKOUTE	Positive even LVDS clock
7	/CLKOUTE	Negative even LVDS clock
8	GND	Ground
9	OUTE02	Positive differential LVDS even data bit 02
10	/OUTE02	Negative differential LVDS even data bit 02
11	GND	Ground
12	OUTE01	Positive differential LVDS even data bit 01
13	/OUTE01	Negative differential LVDS even data bit 01
14	GND	Ground
15	OUTE00	Positive differential LVDS even data bit 00
16	/OUTE00	Negative differential LVDS even data bit 00
17	GND	Ground
18	GND	Ground
19	VLCD	Panel power supply
20	VLCD	Panel power supply

CN8 – Serial Control In, JST B6B-XH-A (Reserved for factory use)

PIN	SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
1	SDATA	Reserved
2	SCLK	Reserved
3	Vcc	+5V
4	TXD	RS-232 Tx Data (for programming use)
5	GND	Ground
7	RXD	RS-232 Rx Data (for programming use)

CNA1 - Auxiliary power output, JST B4B-XH-A

PIN	SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
1	AUX_12V	+12V DC, 500mA max.
2	AUX_GND	Ground
3	AUX_GND	Ground
4	AUX_Vcc	+5V DC, 500mA max

CNB1 - To backlight inverter, JST B5B-XH-A

PIN	SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
1	GND	Ground
2	VBKL	Backlight power supply, +12VDC (switched)
3	BLCTRL	Backlight On/Off control signal (refer to JB2 & JB3)
4	BVR_WIP	Backlight brightness VR pin WIP
5	BVR_A	Backlight brightness VR pin A

CNC1 – Control switch, JST B12B-XH-A

PIN	SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
1	PSWIN	Power button A
2	SW_ON	Power button B
3	BVR_A	Backlight Brightness VR pin A
4	BVR_WIP	Backlight Brightness R pin WIP
5	BVR_B	Backlight Brightness VR pin B (470 ohm resistor to +5V Vcc)
6	GND	Ground
7	MENU	OSD menu
8	-/LEFT	OSD -/Left
9	+ /RIGHT	OSD +/Right
10	SEL_DN	OSD Select down
11	SEL_UP	OSD Select up
12	NC	No connection

JA5 - Auxiliary power output, JST B4B-XH-A

PIN	SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
1	PANEL_PWR_12V	Internal +12V panel power
2	PANEL_PWR_External	Panel power (12V~18 V use external power input cable)
3	GND	Ground (External power ground)

LED1 – Status LED connector: 3-pin header

PIN	DESCRIPTION
1	Green LED pin (anode)
2	LED pin common (cathode)
3	Red LED pin (anode)

P1 - ANALOG VGA INPUT - 15 way connector

PIN	SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
1	PCR	Red, analog
2	PCG	Green, analog
3	PCB	Blue analog
4	ID2	Reserved for monitor ID bit 2 (grounded)
5	AGND	Analog ground
6	AGND	Analog ground red
7	AGND	Analog ground green
8	AGND	Analog ground blue
9	DDC_5V	+5V power supply for DDC (optional)
10	AGND	Analog ground
11	ID0	Reserved for monitor ID bit 0 (grounded)
12	DDC_SDA	DDC serial data
13	CS/HS_IN	Horizontal sync input
14	VS_IN	Vertical sync, input
15	DDC_SCL	DDC serial clock

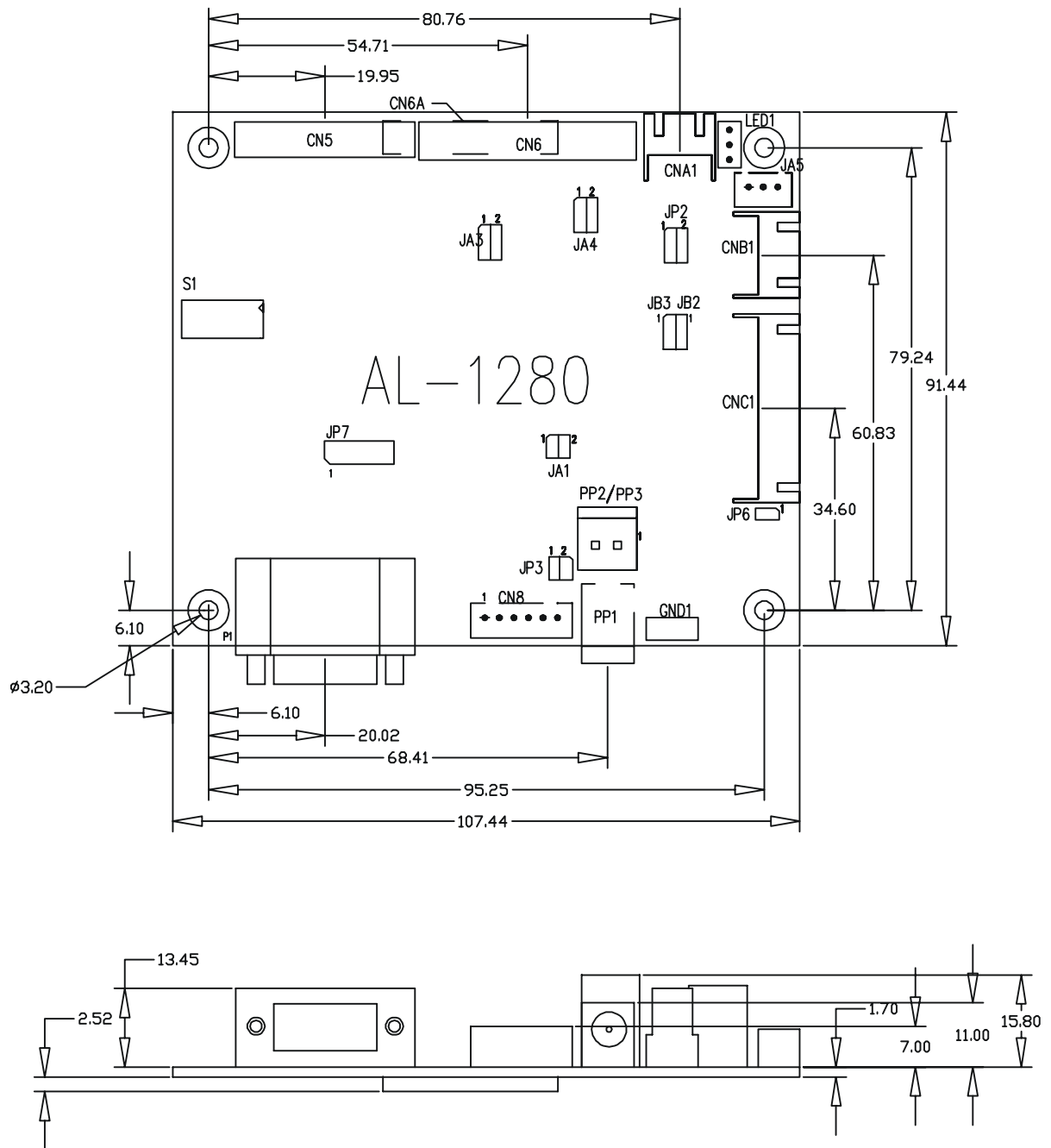
PP1 - 12VDC power supply - input

PIN	DESCRIPTION
1	+12VDC in center pin
2	Ground

PP2/3 – Alternate 12VDC power supply - input

PIN	DESCRIPTION
1	+12VDC
2	Ground

CONTROLLER DIMENSIONS



The maximum thickness of the controller is 16 mm (measured from bottom of PCB to top of components, including any underside components & leads). We recommend clearances of:

- 5mm from bottom of PCB - if mounting on a metal plate we also recommend a layer of suitable insulation material is added to the mounting plate surface.
- 10mm above the components
- 3~5mm around the edges

Any of the holes shown above can be used for mounting the PCB, they are 3.2mm in diameter. Other holes are used for mounting inverters supplied as fitted options.

CAUTION: Ensure adequate insulation is provided for all areas of the PCB with special attention to high voltage parts such as the inverter.

APPLICATION NOTES

USING THE CONTROLLER WITHOUT SWITCHES ATTACHED

This is very straightforward:

- With controls attached and display system active make any settings for colour and image position as required then switch everything off.
- Remove the control switches, the 12 way (CNC1) cables.
- Use a jumper or similar to connect pins 1 & 2 on CNC1, this will fix the board On.
- Refer to inverter specifications for details as to fixing brightness to a desired level, this may require a resistor, an open circuit or closed circuit depending on inverter.

Summary: On CNC1 the only functions that are used are for On/Off and Brightness (if controller mounted inverter is used). On CNC1 the pins are for momentary buttons so it doesn't matter that no buttons are attached.

INVERTER CONNECTION

There are potentially 3 issues to consider with inverter connection:

1. Power
2. Enable
3. Brightness

Please read the following sections for a guide to these issues.

Inverter Power: As per the table for CNB1 pin 1 is ground and pin 2 provides 12V DC. This should be matched with the inverter specification: see table.

CNB1

PIN	DESCRIPTION
1	ground
2	+12VDC

Enable: This is a pin provided on some inverters for On/Off function and is used by this panel controller for VESA DPMS compliance. If the inverter does not have an enable pin or the enable pin is not used then DPMS will not be operational. Pin 3 should be matched to the inverters specification for the 'enable' or 'disable' pin.

CNB1

PIN	DESCRIPTION
3	enable

Further, jumpers JB2 & JB3 should be set to match the inverters specification for the enable pin power and High or Low setting: see table.

Ref	Purpose	Note
JB2	inverter enable voltage	1-2 H=12V, 2-3 H=5V (Vcc), OPEN H=open collector
JB3	inverter control	1-2 H=On, 2-3 L=On

Brightness: There are various methods for brightness control and it is important to consider the specifications for the inverter to be used. Generally the situation is:

1. Brightness can be controlled by using a VR.
 2. Brightness controlled adding a circuit such as PWM (Pulse Width Modulation).
 3. No adjustment of brightness is possible.
- CNB1 pins 4 & 5 are available for connecting to an inverter or circuit where VR control is supported.

CNB1

PIN	DESCRIPTION
4	VR WIP
5	VR A

This can then be matched with function controls connected to CNB1 pins 3 & 4: see table.

CNB1

PIN	DESCRIPTION
3	VR A
4	VR WIP

TROUBLESHOOTING

General

A general guide to troubleshooting a flat panel display system it is worth considering the system as separate elements, such as:

- Controller (jumpers, PC settings)
- Panel (controller, cabling, connection, PC settings)
- Backlight (inverter, cabling, backlight tubes)
- Cabling
- Computer system (display settings, operating system)

Through step by step cross checking with instruction manuals and a process of elimination to isolate the problem it is usually possible to clearly identify the problem area.

No image:

- If the panel backlight is not working it may still be possible to just see some image on the display.
- A lack of image is most likely to be caused by incorrect connection, lack of power, failure to provide a signal or incorrect graphic card settings.

Image position:

- If it is impossible to position the image correctly, ie the image adjustment controls will not move the image far enough, then test using another graphics card. This situation can occur with a custom graphics card that is not close to standard timings or if something is in the graphics line that may be affecting the signal such as a signal splitter (please note that normally a signal splitter will not have any bad effect).

Image appearance:

- A faulty panel can have blank lines, failed sections, flickering or flashing display
- Incorrect graphics card refresh rate, resolution or interlaced mode will probably cause the image to be the wrong size, to scroll, flicker badly or possibly even no image.
- Incorrect jumper settings on the controller may cause everything from total failure to incorrect image. CAUTION: Do not set the panel power input incorrectly.
- Sparkling on the display: faulty panel signal cable.

Backlight:

Items to check include: Power input, Controls, Inverter and Tubes generally in this order. If half the screen is dimmer than the other half:

- Check cabling for the inverter.
- For a specific backlight tube check the AC pins orientation (CAUTION: never reverse any DC power pins).

Also:

- If adjusting brightness control has no effect the chances are that the VR rating or method of adjusting brightness is not compatible or correctly connected to the inverter.
- If system does not power down when there is a loss of signal.

Continued failure:

- If unit after unit keeps failing consider and investigate whether you are short circuiting the equipment or doing something else seriously wrong.

Generally after common sense issues have been resolved we recommend step by step substitution of known working parts to isolate the problem.

SPECIFICATIONS

Panel compatibility	1280x1024, 1024 x 768, 800x600, 640x480 TFT LVDS LCD's support.
No. of colours	Up to 3 x 8 bit providing 16.7 million colours.
Vertical refresh rate	SXGA resolution up to 60Hz, XGA resolution up to 75Hz, SVGA resolution up to 75Hz. VGA resolution up to 75Hz
Dot clock (pixel clock) maximum	120 MHz
Graphics formats	Standard SXGA, XGA,SVGA,VGA
Standard input at source	VGA analog (15-pin) standard with automatic detection of : Digital Separate Sync Sync-On-Green Composite Sync
Controls available	- On/Off - Brightness (inverter) - OSD menu, - OSD select - OSD setting + - OSD setting -
Control interface	- Buttons
Settings memory	Settings are stored in non volatile memory
Language OSD support	Graphics OSD icons
VESA DPMS implementation	Yes
Plug & Play	VESA DDC 1, 2/b compatible
Voltage output for LCD	+3.3V , +5V, +12V, +12~+18V (External voltage supply)
Input voltage	12VDC
Controller power consumption	Approx 4W (controller logic only, no panel and inverter are involved)
Controller dimensions	107mm x 92mm x 21mm
Storage temperature limits	-40°C to +70°C
Operating temperature limits	0°C to +65°C

NOTES

Please note the following:

- For specific panel setup a sample of an LCD may be required (this will be returned) and a copy of the full technical specifications for the panel from the manufacturer.
- Relayout and custom development services are available.

Graphic Mode Support Table

Mode	Resolution	Clk [MHz]	Horizontal freq [KHz]	Vertical freq [Hz]	Sync Mode
E1_70	640x350 70Hz	25.175	31.469	70.087	Digital Separate Sync
E2_70	640x400 70Hz	25.175	31.469	70.087	Digital Separate Sync
T_70	720x400 70Hz	28.322	31.469	70.087	Digital Separate Sync
T_70	720x400 70Hz	28.322	31.469	70.087	Sync On Green
V_60	640x480 60Hz	25.175	31.469	59.940	Digital Separate Sync
V_60	640x480 60Hz	25.175	31.469	59.940	Sync On Green
V_60	640x480 60Hz	25.175	31.469	59.940	Composite Sync
V_72	640x480 72Hz	31.500	37.861	72.809	Digital Separate Sync
V_72	640x480 72Hz	31.500	37.861	72.809	Sync On Green
V_72	640x480 72Hz	31.500	37.861	72.809	Composite Sync
V_75	640x480 75Hz	31.500	37.500	75.000	Digital Separate Sync
V_75	640x480 75Hz	31.500	37.500	75.000	Sync On Green
V_75	640x480 75Hz	31.500	37.500	75.000	Composite Sync
SV_56	800x600 56Hz	36.000	35.156	56.250	Digital Separate Sync
SV_56	800x600 56Hz	36.000	35.156	56.250	Sync On Green
SV_56	800x600 56Hz	36.000	35.156	56.250	Composite Sync
SV_60	800x600 60Hz	40.000	37.879	60.317	Digital Separate Sync
SV_60	800x600 60Hz	40.000	37.879	60.317	Sync On Green
SV_60	800x600 60Hz	40.000	37.879	60.317	Composite Sync
SV_72	800x600 72Hz	50.000	48.077	72.188	Digital Separate Sync
SV_72	800x600 72Hz	50.000	48.077	72.188	Sync On Green
SV_72	800x600 72Hz	50.000	48.077	72.188	Composite Sync
SV_75	800x600 75Hz	49.500	46.875	75.000	Digital Separate Sync
SV_75	800x600 75Hz	49.500	46.875	75.000	Sync On Green
SV_75	800x600 75Hz	49.500	46.875	75.000	Composite Sync
X_60	1024x768 60Hz	65.000	48.363	60.004	Digital Separate Sync
X_60	1024x768 60Hz	65.000	48.363	60.004	Sync On Green

X_60	1024x768 60Hz	65.000	48.363	60.004	Composite Sync
X_70	1024x768 70Hz	75.000	56.476	70.069	Digital Separate Sync
X_70	1024x768 70Hz	75.000	56.476	70.069	Sync On Green
X_70	1024x768 70Hz	75.000	56.476	70.069	Composite Sync
X_75	1024x768 75Hz	78.750	60.023	75.029	Digital Separate Sync
X_75	1024x768 75Hz	78.750	60.023	75.029	Sync On Green
X_75	1024x768 75Hz	78.750	60.023	75.029	Composite Sync
SX_60	1280x1024 60Hz	108	63.81	60.020	Digital Separate Sync
SX_60	1280x1024 60Hz	108	63.81	60.020	Sync On Green
SX_60	1280x1024 60Hz	108	63.81	60.020	Composite Sync

Remark :

The controller has been designed to take a very wide range of input signals however to optimize the PC's graphics performance we recommend choosing 60Hz vertical refresh rate. To support on higher refresh rate over 60Hz, the LCD panel may not support.

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