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1 INTRODUCTION

This document describes the operation, connections, mounting, communications, cooling, and how to get started with and use the Prohelion WaveSculptor 22 Motor Controller.



This product processes and uses potentially lethal voltages and currents. Do not provide power or operate with the cover removed.

To be opened and connected to by authorised personnel only.

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2 <u>GETTING STARTED</u>

Work through this manual in sequence, using this checklist as you go.

- [] Items arrived in good condition
- [] Read and understood the datasheet
- [] Read and understood this document
- [] A good mounting location chosen
- [] Cooling system designed
- [] Controller mounted into place
- [] CAN Bus & 12V supply wiring installed
- [] PC software installed
- [] 12V supply and CAN communications functioning
- [] Motor sense connections completed
- [] Motor phase cables connected
- [] Precharge system working
- [] HV DC cables connected
- [] PhasorSense routines run and saved
- [] Motor test at low voltage, wheels off ground, using PC software
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3 UNPACKING & PREPARATION

Check that all items on the packing list are in the box and undamaged. Contact the shipping company and Prohelion if there is obvious outer box damage during transport. Contact Prohelion immediately if there is a discrepancy with the items or other damage.

You will require the following specialised tools for installing the WaveSculptor motor controller:

- Allen (hex) keys
- Molex MicroFit crimp tool
- Cable cutters
- Hex lug or hydraulic crimp tool
- Various electronics hand tools for low power cable cutting & stripping

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4 <u>CONTROLLER FUNCTION</u>

4.1 OVERVIEW

As a high-level description, the WaveSculptor takes high voltage DC from a battery pack, and converts it to a lower voltage 3-phase AC to drive a motor.

Power flow is bi-directional, so it can also perform regenerative braking (regen) where power flows from the motor back into the batteries. It is a four-quadrant device, which means that it can drive or regen in both forwards and reverse directions.

Ignoring the losses in the system (refer to the datasheet for efficiency curves for the WaveSculptor), total power through the motor controller is conserved. It does not create energy, it just converts it from one form (DC) to another (AC).

4.2 A NOTE ON MOTOR AND BATTERY CURRENTS

Motor current is proportional to torque, whereas battery current is proportional to power. Power = Torque x speed. The effect of this is that battery current will only approach motor current as the motor speed approaches 100%. At low motor speeds, the *battery* current will also be low, regardless of what the *motor* current is.

This applies to most motor controllers, but with DC motor systems (where efficiency is much more variable) the effect is not usually as noticeable. So, when reading this document (and the datasheet) make sure to note if the specification is talking about motor current or battery current. They are very different quantities.

5 <u>MOUNTING</u>

5.1 CHOOSING A LOCATION

Careful attention should be paid to positioning the WaveSculptor correctly, to ensure optimum performance.

The main criteria for choosing a good mounting location are environment, heatsinking, and cable positioning.

The WaveSculptor may be mounted in any orientation including upside-down.

Tool access (2mm hex key) is required at both ends of the motor controller to be able to remove the lid and make the high power bolt connections.

5.2 ENVIRONMENTAL

The WaveSculptor is not rated to withstand water spray or drips. Mount it in a dry location. A good location will probably also have some ambient airflow, to help with heatsinking.

5.3 HEATSINKING

The WaveSculptor22 does not contain any internal fans or active cooling components. For most uses, external cooling will have to be provided. Refer to the Cooling chapter later in this document for details.

5.4 CABLE POSITIONING

The WaveSculptor has been designed with all cables and connections to the device at the front edge, to allow simplified positioning in your vehicle. The DC bus and motor phase cables can be quite stiff, make sure to allow enough room in front of the controller so that they can bend at greater than minimum radius.

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6 <u>ACCESSING THE CONTROLLER</u>

6.1 SAFETY

Opening the cover on the WaveSculptor will expose the high power terminals for battery and motor phase connections. High voltages may be present inside this cover. Before opening, make sure that the battery contactors are dis-engaged, so that high voltage is not present at the motor controller. Allow one minute for the internal capacitors to discharge before working on the controller.

6.2 INSPECTION COVER

The lid of the controller is held closed against the base with stainless steel M3 button hex head screws, two at each end of the controller. Use a 2mm allen (hex) key to loosen and remove all four screws.

Lift off the lid and set it aside. Use a multimeter to check across the battery connection terminals for high voltage. If more than a few volts are present, wait additional time for the capacitors to discharge to a safe level.

To avoid damage due to static discharge, touch the controller body before working inside the controller and touching any internal circuit boards.

Be extremely careful to not drop loose fasteners into the motor controller, as they may move around while driving and short out the battery or motor phase connections.

When finished working inside the WaveSculptor, replace the lid and insert and tighten all four screws.

7 <u>COOLING</u>

7.1 OVERVIEW

The WaveSculptor22 will usually require some form of external heatsinking. The extent of this will depend on the ambient operating temperature, the motor current and duty cycle, and operating voltage. Once these are known, the heat that is required to be removed from the controller can be calculated from its efficiency.

There will be a wide variety of possible cooling solutions, which is why the WaveSculptor22 has been designed for technically qualified users to choose their own optimal solution for their exact vehicle and use scenario.

The aim of the cooling solution provided by the end user is to keep the WaveSculptor cold plate temperature below the limit specified in the datasheet. Above this point, the motor controller will automatically reduce the motor output current to protect itself, resulting in reduced performance for your vehicle.

7.2 EFFICIENCY

7.2.1 Background

The power electronic switching devices in the WaveSculptor22 are MOSFETs, and the majority of loss in the motor controller comes from these devices.

Losses in a MOSFET are split into conduction and switching loss. Conduction loss is easy to characterise and model, but there are many MOSFET switching mechanisms that create loss. To simplify analysis, and covering the bulk of the loss in any case, this summary considers the four major switching loss types: off switching, on switching, reverse recovery, and capacitive switching loss.



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All of these losses have a very strong relationship to input voltage and output current, and only a weak relationship (via ripple current) to output voltage. This is an extremely useful observation for those wanting to produce a simple model of the losses in a MOSFET based motor controller.

7.2.2 Test Methodology

To produce the efficiency curves in the datasheet, and the modelling information in this document, the switching losses in the WaveSculptor were measured directly, by analysing the current and voltage switching waveforms.

Conduction losses were simply derived from the measured phase to phase resistance of the WaveSculptor.

A high bandwidth system was used to acquire the switching waveforms, and data showing switching loss versus load current was then extracted. Semiconductor parameters were then calculated from this data, producing best fit curves and hence functions that can be used to create an efficiency map over the entire operating area of the controller.

7.2.3 **Power Loss**

The power loss of the WaveScuptor22 operating with 160V DC bus voltage is shown in the diagram below:



WaveSculptor22 expected power loss versus motor current

7.2.4 **Predicting Loss**

To allow solar racing teams to predict the WaveSculptor power loss, both for heatsink calculations and for race strategy algorithms, the following estimate of controller losses can be used:

$$P_{loss} = R_{eq}I_o^2 + (\alpha I_o + \beta)V_{bus} + Cf_{eq}V_{bus}^2$$

where

 I_o is the output current of the controller in Arms

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 V_{bus} is the bus voltage (battery voltage) of the controller R_{eq} is the equivalent resistance of the entire controller α is the linear component of the switching loss (per unit of bus voltage) β is the constant component of the switching loss (per unit of bus voltage) Cf_{eq} is the equivalent capacitance*frequency product of the entire controller

The table below gives the constants for WaveSculptor22:

Constant	WaveSculptor22 MOSFETs
R _{eq}	1.0800E-2
α	3.3450E-3
β	1.8153E-2
Cf _{eq}	1.5625E-4

7.3 HEATSINK REQUIREMENTS

Once the total motor controller loss can be calculated, an expected motor current and duty cycle is required to be able to calculate the heatsinking requirements of the controller. This will depend on such things as the mass of the vehicle, rolling and aero resistance, and expected speeds and accelerations. The more accurately this information is known, the more optimal the heatsink can be.

Two scenarios are outlined below: the continuous use case; and the short term peak power case.

7.3.1 Continuous Use

Say your vehicle uses a 160V DC bus, and requires 30A motor current continuously to maintain cruising speed on the highway. The ambient temperature is high, at 40°C, and the maximum cold plate temperature specified in the datasheet is 70° C – please check the datasheet for the correct value.

The graph above shows that at this voltage and current, the motor controller will be producing around 35W of loss.

To maintain the cold plate of the motor controller at or below the specified temperature, a cooling solution with a total thermal resistance to ambient of at least $(70^{\circ} - 40^{\circ}) / 35W = 0.85^{\circ}C/W$ is required.

Assuming 0.05°C/W for thermal grease between the cold plate and heatsink, this means that a heatsink with a thermal resistance of at least 0.80°C/W is required.

This could be provided using an off-the-shelf comb section extruded aluminium heatsink with base dimensions approximately the same as the cold plate, and a 40mm fin depth, weighing around 1.5kg, using convection airflow only.

However, significant weight savings are possible by using a smaller fin depth, and force cooling with a fan. Careful placement of the motor controller in the vehicle so that there is ambient airflow could mean that the fan is not required to run continuously, therefore saving considerable power.

Further improved alternatives are also available, requiring more integration with the vehicle. An example would be an aluminium plate laminated into the skin of the vehicle, such that the



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outside is flush with the rest of the skin (to avoid turbulence), and having the motor controller fastened to the inside surface. A plate of at least 2mm thick means that standard hex drive countersunk M4 screws can be used to fasten to the WaveSculptor, and remain flush with the outside surface. The size of this plate can be chosen to give the required thermal resistance, with heat rejected directly to ambient air outside, flowing past at vehicle speed. A solution like this can provide a very low mass cooling method.

Note that the above calculations are the <u>minimum</u> requirement. Allowance should be made for higher than expected ambient temperatures, higher than expected power use, and an amount of thermal headroom before the motor controller's thermal protection activates.

7.3.2 Short Term Peak Power Use

As a further example, say that your vehicle uses a 160V DC bus, and requires 80A motor current for two minutes to do a fast qualifying time. The graph above shows that the motor controller will be producing around 120W of loss at this power level. Ambient temperature is high, at 40°C, and the maximum cold plate temperature specified in the datasheet is 70° C – please check the datasheet for the correct value. Assume that the vehicle begins the qualifying lap with a heatsink at ambient temperature.

Heat from the controller in this type of scenario could possibly be stored, rather than immediately rejected to ambient. In the situation above, the total energy required to be adsorbed by the heatsink is 120W * 120 seconds = 14.4kJ. Using an aluminium block (specific heat = $0.897J/g^{\circ}C$) and a 30°C temperature rise would require a mass of m = $Q/\Delta T.c$ = 14.4kJ/30°C*0.897 = 535g. Using a thin aluminium case containing water (specific heat = 4.186J/g°C, almost 5x better than aluminium) would reduce this mass to 115g.

Combining this type of heat storage device with the continuous use heatsink to ambient air will result in a cooling solution suitable both for constant lower power operation, and with the heat capacity to absorb peaks of high current operation.

A combined system could be made with an all aluminium system, with a \sim 535g block mounted into the skin of the vehicle. This provides a low-risk option.

Alternatively, other types of system such as one using a small volume of circulating water are possible, with the water providing both heat transport from the motor controller to an ambient cooling plate in the skin of the car, and also thermal mass to absorb short term high power use.

7.4 MECHANICAL INTERFACE

The WaveSculptor22 provides a large flat surface to attach to your cooling solution. Refer to the mechanical drawing available on the WaveSculptor22 page on the Prohelion website for dimensions and details.

Use a thin layer of thermal grease or conformable thermal gap filler pad to fill any air gaps between the WaveSculptor22 cold plate and your heatsink, and provide the best thermal path between the two. This material is not required to be electrically insulating.

Attach the heatsink to the cold plate using eight M4 screws threading into the tapped inserts in the motor controller base, <u>making certain to note the maximum screw depth specified in the datasheet</u>. Exceeding this depth will force the screw into internal components of the motor controller, almost certainly damaging it.

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8 <u>CAN BUS AND LOW VOLTAGE</u>

8.1 CAN NETWORK TOPOLOGY

The CAN bus is structured as a linear network, with short stubs branching from 'T' connectors on the main bus backbone to each device. The CAN bus data lines must be terminated at each end of the main bus with 120 ohm resistors between the CAN-H and CAN-L signals.

In the range of Prohelion EV products, including the WaveSculptor 22, EV Driver Controls, and BMS Pack Master, the CAN connections are implemented with an 'in' and an 'out' connector, therefore placing the 'T' on the device, resulting in a very short fixed-length stub on the circuit board of each device. This is ideal from a signal integrity and network performance point of view.



The WaveSculptor motor controller uses the CAN bus to receive commands and transmit telemetry, as well as to provide low-voltage DC power to operate the controller electronics.

Therefore, a basic system consists of three major components:

- 1. WaveSculptor motor controller
- 2. Driver controls interface to pedals, switches & gauges
- 3. Power supply (nominally 12V DC) to operate the system

Other components can also be added to the network. Items typically found in a solar electric vehicle would include:

- 4. LCD and other driver information displays
- 5. Battery management system
- 6. Multiple motor controllers
- 7. Datalogging and RF telemetry

8.2 CAN WIRING

The CAN data lines (CAN-H and CAN-L) must be implemented with twisted-pair wire for proper data integrity. The wire should have a characteristic impedance of 120 ohms.

Power should also be provided along the CAN cable, ideally with another twisted pair to minimise noise pickup. An overall shield can also be advantageous.

From a performance perspective, the optimal choice of cable is 7mm Devicenet CANbus 'thin' cable, with 24AWG (data) + 22AWG (power) twisted pairs and a braided shield. Using this cable will result in a robust installation.

8.3 CAN CONNECTOR

The connector used on the WaveSculptor22 and other Prohelion devices is a 6-way 3mm pitch Molex MicroFit connector. The pinout is shown below, as viewed from the wire side – as you

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would look at it while inserting crimps. The colours shown match those in the standard DeviceNet CAN cabling pairs. Please refer to Appendix B for an overview of correct crimping technique, as poor crimps will cause unreliable operation.



8.4 CAN SHIELDING

If the recommended braided shield is used in the cable, then terminate it to the SHIELD pin (lower-left corner on the connector) on both CAN IN and CAN OUT connectors on each device.

On **one device only** in the network, instead of using the SHIELD pin, terminate the shield to the SHIELD GROUND pin (upper-left corner on the connector) on both CAN IN and CAN OUT connectors, to ground the shield for the entire network at this single point. The usual place to do this is where power is fed into the network, typically at Prohelion 's EV Driver Controls product.

8.5 CAN TERMINATION

To implement the required 120 Ohm termination resistor at each end of the CAN bus, plug a connector into the unused CAN connector on the last device at each end of the network with a resistor crimped into the appropriate locations. Leave the power, ground and shield pins unconnected.

8.6 COMMUNICATIONS

The CAN standard does not specify high-level message protocols. Prohelion devices use a custom protocol, outlined in the communication specification document for each device.

By default, each device operates at 500 kbits/second, one step below the maximum possible data rate of 1 Mbit/second, and comes programmed from the factory with a CAN base address that will allow it to work without problems with other Prohelion devices. Using the Windows PC interface program and the Prohelion CAN-Ethernet bridge, both the data rate and the base address can be programmed to suit your network.

WaveSculptor controllers also have a second programmable base address that they watch for command messages. This should be set to whatever base address is used by the driver controls node on the network.

The WaveSculptor motor controller expects regular messages from the driver controls device. If



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a message is not received within a set timeout period (refer to the communications specification in Appendix A for the exact value) then the controller will change to a safe mode and will stop driving the motor until a valid message is received again. This protects against faults where either a connector is loose or broken, the cable has been damaged, or the driver controls have failed.

8.7 POWER SUPPLY

Each Prohelion device expects a DC supply on the CAN bus connection of between 9 and 15V. 13.8V from a small lead-acid battery charged by your vehicle's DC/DC converter is ideal. Refer to each device's datasheet for CAN bus current consumption values, and make sure that the total is less than the rating on your chosen cable.

Prohelion 's EV Driver Controls product provides a means to connect power from the battery into the CAN bus, to power other devices on the network. It can switch power to the CAN bus based on the state of the ignition key.

8.8 DRIVER CONTROLS

Prohelion can provide a CAN bus driver controls device. This interfaces to pedals and switches, and provides the messages required to operate a WaveSculptor controller. The firmware for this device is open-source, allowing it to be easily customized to suit your vehicle.

As the communications specification is open, the WaveSculptor can also be operated from custom driver controls hardware specific to your vehicle, or from a Windows PC running either the provided Prohelion software, or custom software of your choice.

Please refer to the driver controls datasheet and user's manual on our website for further details.

8.9 SYSTEM EXPANSION

Prohelion can provide a CAN bus LCD display capable of showing up to four different telemetry values (one at a time) on a 3.5 digit sunlight-readable screen. Multiple displays can be used if desired.

8.10 MULTIPLE MOTORS

Multiple motors/controllers are accommodated easily with the CAN bus system. All that is required is for each WaveSculptor controller to be programmed to receive messages from the same *driver controls* base address, and then to run the vehicle in current-control mode (the default setup). Each motor will now operate at the same current, thus giving automatic wheel speed differences for cornering, with the system acting as an electronic differential.

The base address of each WaveSculptor controller should be programmed to a different value. This allows viewing of separate telemetry data from each controller on the LCD displays or other telemetry systems in the vehicle.

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9 <u>PC SOFTWARE</u>

9.1 ETHERNET BRIDGE INSTALLATION

Refer to the CAN-Ethernet bridge User's Manual for installation and setup of this piece of hardware.

Connect the Ethernet bridge via a CAN bus cable to the WaveSculptor. Use 120 ohm termination resistors between the CAN-H and CAN-L lines at both items.



9.2 PC SOFTWARE

Refer to the Software Download section on the WaveSculptor 22 product page for the Configuration & Setup software tool download.

Refer to the Software User's Manual for installation and usage instructions.

9.3 LOW VOLTAGE & CAN BUS TESTING

Provide 12V DC to the CAN bus adapter at the CAN-Ethernet Bridge, to power up both the Ethernet Bridge and the WaveSculptor control electronics.

If everything is connected correctly, you should see telemetry values appearing and updating several times per second in the PC software window.

10 EV DRIVER CONTROLS

Wire and install the hardware driver controls as described in the EV Driver Controls User's Manual.

Test the driver controls as described in the EV Driver Controls User's Manual.

11 MOTOR SENSE CONNECTIONS

11.1 OVERVIEW

The WaveSculptor22 requires a position sensor to be able to control the motor. It can also measure the temperature of the motor, and gradually reduce the motor current if this temperature rises towards a user-programmable threshold.

Since there are a large variety of possible combinations of position and temperature sensors, Prohelion has implemented the interface on the motor controller in a generic manner. Small adapter circuit boards, suitable for mounting directly inside the motor terminal box, are used to adapt the sensors in that motor to the interface required by the WaveSculptor22. This also provides a robust signalling mechanism (isolated, differential) for the longest length of cable



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possible. The WaveSculptor provides isolated, regulated +5V and +12V DC to power the external adapter. Refer to the datasheet for specifications on these supplies.

The WaveSculptor provides four isolated differential inputs for information from the motor. Three of these are routed to timer/capture peripherals in the main processor, and are normally used for three Hall-effect position sensors. The fourth channel is routed to a UART serial receiver, and expects digital data. Depending on the adapter board, this data may contain temperature, position, velocity, or a combination of all three.

A brief datasheet for each adapter option is available on the Prohelion website. If your motor requires an adapter that is not yet available, please contact Prohelion to enquire about development, as new adapters are simple and low-cost to design.

11.2 CONNECTOR PINOUT

The connector used on the WaveSculptor22 for motor sense signals is a 14-way 3mm pitch Molex MicroFit connector. The pinout is shown below, as viewed from the wire side – as you would look at it while inserting crimps. Please refer to Appendix B for an overview of correct crimping technique, as poor crimps will cause unreliable operation.



The wiring for this connector should be implemented with twisted pairs, as the signal inputs are differential. Prohelion recommends using Belden 9506 type cable (shielded 6 pair) for this connection, with suggested cable colours shown above.

11.3 MOTOR POSITION SENSE

For operating Brushless DC (BLDC) and Permanent Magnet Synchronous (PMSM) type motors, the WaveSculptor requires three motor position sensing inputs, commonly provided using Hall-effect switches embedded in the motor.

Please note that the relation between each Hall-effect input and a motor output phase, as well as the polarity of the Hall-effect input signal, does not matter. The WaveSculptor will detect these relationships when running its initial setup and configuration routine (PhasorSense). The only requirement for these signals is that they have a fixed alignment (ideally, a 0° offset) with the zero-crossing point of the back-EMF waveform of the motor, and that the signals are offset from each other by 120°. This is where most motors will be configured by default. Use an oscilloscope to check that this angle is close to 0° for your motor.

11.4 MOTOR TEMPERATURE SENSE

Prohelion 's motor adapters are currently available for use with NTC thermistor and Pt100 temperature sensor elements. Variations are possible to accommodate thermocouple and LM35-type semiconductor sensors also.

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12 <u>HIGH POWER CONNECTIONS</u>

It is important to correctly terminate the high power wiring for successful long-term operation of the controller. DC battery and AC motor phase connections should be crimped to bolt lug crimp terminals. The bolts in the WaveSculptor22 have a metric M6 thread, so use a lug designed for this size bolt, with a 6.5mm hole.

High power connections should not be soldered for vehicle applications, as the solder wicks up inside the copper strands and creates a stress point, which can fatigue and break due to the vibration present in a vehicle.

For a guide to good quality crimping of the high power connections, please read Appendix B of this document.

Copper oxidation is a threat to the long-term reliability of both the crimp and the bolted joint to the controller. Use a <u>thin</u> smear of anti-oxidation electrical jointing compound on the contact surface of the crimp lug when bolting the cable to the controller, as shown in the diagram below.



The bolts are permanently assembled into the motor controller, and are prevented from rotating by a nylon holder. To assemble the bolted joint follow these steps:

- Route the cable in through the rubber grommet and locate the crimp lug down over the stud. It is easiest to push the cable through with the lug vertical, and rotate it down over the top of the bolt.
- Place a plain washer on top of the lug
- Place a spring washer on top of the lug
- Thread a nut over the stud
- Use a torque wrench to tighten the nut to no more than 6Nm.

12.1 CABLE

The cable used to connect to the high-power terminals must be rated for the full DC battery voltage as a minimum.

The current rating of the cable will depend on your expected load and duty cycle for your driving habits in your vehicle. The WaveSculptor bolt terminal area is designed to accept up to 16mm² cable with an outside diameter of up to 10mm. Prohelion suggests the use of at least 110°C rated PVC cable (note that standard PVC is 90°C rated) to allow a longer duration of peak power output without exceeding the cable temperature rating – this may allow the use of a smaller cross-section cable, saving some weight.

The cable should have orange coloured insulation. This is required by the NCOP14 standard



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for EV conversions in Australia, but is a good idea in any case. This is what is used in the Prius and other hybrid vehicles, and emergency response personnel are trained to not cut through orange cables. Use a short piece of red or black insulation at the ends of the orange cable to indicate polarity.

Use of flexible cable with a high number of fine strands is advised, to help with cable routing and reduce strain and fatigue on the terminations. Prohelion recommends using "ZDFX" double-insulated 0.6/1kV 110°C rated cable from Tycab Australia, which is made with a high number of 0.2mm strands, resulting in a flexible cable. It is available in orange insulation. Similar cable will be available from alternative suppliers in other countries.

12.2 MOTOR INDUCTANCE

The WaveSculptor requires a minimum of 50μ H inductance (phase – neutral) per phase to operate correctly. Please ensure that sufficient external inductance has been added if your motor does not have at least this amount of inductance already. External inductors will most likely only be required on ultra-high efficiency ironless BLDC type motors.

These external inductors must be rated to the full motor current and have windings insulated to the full DC bus voltage.

12.3 HIGH POWER CONNECTIONS

The positions of the various connections are shown on the front panel of the controller, and also labelled next to the bolt terminal on the PCB. Make certain that the DC+ and DC- connections are the correct polarity.

12.4 TESTING

At this point, do not connect the other end of the high power DC NEG and DC POS cables to your precharge circuit or batteries. You will need to connect them to a low-voltage supply of power for initial testing, which is detailed in the "Motor Setup & Testing" section of this document.

12.5 PRECHARGE

The WaveSculptor22 has 270μ F of *extremely* low-impedance capacitance across the DC bus input connections. An external precharge circuit is <u>mandatory</u>.

When not driving a motor, the WaveSculptor draws minimal power from the DC bus, with only a high-value discharge resistor to bleed charge. Therefore, careful attention should be given when working on the controller to ensure that the capacitors have been discharged first. Note that these capacitors hold around 3 Joules of energy and take around one minute to discharge to safe levels.

Prohelion can provide a circuit to implement the precharge function, as part of our BMS system. Please refer to the product webpage for more information. There are a variety of other ways to implement precharge but many do not automatically check for faults and may overheat themselves in the event of a problem.

12.6 FUSING

At least one appropriately rated fuse must be installed in the high voltage DC circuit. This fuse must be rated to the highest expected DC voltage. AC rated fuses are not appropriate, unless they have a DC rating as well.

Choosing the current rating of the fuse depends on your expected load, the maximum fault current in the battery system, duration of loads, cable sizes, and several other factors. It is beyond the scope of this document to detail fuse selection for your vehicle.

Note that the WaveSculptor can be programmed to limit the current it draws from the DC bus



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connection, which may simplify fuse, contactor and wiring selection. However, this will also have the effect of limiting total system power throughput, so be aware that when setting it to less than 100% that you may compromise your vehicle performance.

12.7 HV ISOLATION

The WaveSculptor has an isolation barrier rated to 1kV continuously between the CAN bus, the DC bus, and the Motor position connection. This helps minimise damage in the event of a fault, and also allows safe connection of the high voltage battery pack.

Prohelion recommends that the CAN bus be operated at the system ground potential, with CAN Ground connected to the vehicle chassis at some point in your system.

The battery ground, high-voltage DC connections, and motor phases should be isolated from the vehicle chassis. This is so that a single fault anywhere in the high voltage system will not result in a high voltage potential being present between any wiring and the chassis of the vehicle.

Please refer to any relevant regulations governing this type of connection.

13 MOTOR SETUP & TESTING

13.1 LOW POWER SETUP

At this stage, put the car on a vehicle lift, or use a secure method to lift the drive wheels from the ground.

A low voltage supply should be connected to perform the next stage of testing. Note that if it is necessary to run these tests again later, they may be run from the high voltage pack – it is not necessary to disconnect everything and use a low voltage setup. At this point however, the low voltage supply should be used as a safer option until it is known that everything in the system is working correctly.

A suitable low voltage supply is a pair of 12V batteries in series. Make sure to fuse them correctly, and use your precharge circuit. A power supply with current limiting is the best option if one is available.

Run the PC software, and provide 12V along the CAN cable to power up the motor controller electronics. You should see telemetry values updating on the PC. Connect the 24V to the high power section of the motor controller. You should see the reported battery voltage on the PC show the correct value.

13.2 PHASORSENSE – BLDC MOTORS

If you are using a BLDC or other permanent magnet motor, **refer to the software user's manual for the procedure to run PhasorSense**. This routine identifies the relationship between motor phases and hall position sensors.

Next, run the parameter extraction routine, which calculates motor parameters. Save the results into one of the ten available motor configuration slots. In the general configuration screen, set this motor slot as the "Active Motor".

For bench testing with an unloaded motor, set the vehicle mass in the config screen to 30kg. Using the actual vehicle mass when running with an unloaded motor will cause the velocity control loop to overshoot and oscillate around the setpoint.

13.3 LOW POWER TESTING – PC CONTROL

This test will check that the motor spins and is configured correctly.

Open the controls screen in the PC software (View \rightarrow Controls). There are three sliders, setting

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Motor Current, Motor Velocity, and Bus (battery) current respectively. The motor controller will use up to whatever motor current you have set to try and achieve the requested velocity. The motor current will be limited if the battery current reaches the bus current setpoint.

If using batteries as the power source, regenerative braking (regen) can also be tested. Do NOT test regen braking if using a power supply for the 24V source, as you will force current back into the supply and damage it.

The motor controller will regen if the velocity is set to a lower speed than the motor is actually moving, and motor current is above zero.

To stop <u>without</u> regen braking:

- 1. Zero the motor current, then
- 2. Zero the velocity

To stop <u>with</u> regen braking:

- 1. Set motor current to your desired regen current, then
- 2. Zero the velocity

Now that the motor is configured correctly, set the Bus Current to 100%, if it is not already. Change the Velocity slider to around 10%. Now, gradually increase the Motor Current slider, and the motor should smoothly accelerate to a moderate speed.

Zero the motor current, then zero the velocity, and the motor should smoothly coast to a stop.

Now set the velocity slider to 100%. Once again, gradually increase the motor current. The motor should smoothly accelerate to a faster speed than before. Zero the motor current, then zero the velocity.

If using batteries, now test regen braking. Set velocity to 100%. Gradually increase motor current. Now, with the motor spinning, set motor current to around 10%. Zero the velocity. The motor will regen brake to a halt. Since it does not have the mass of a vehicle to damp the system, it may then oscillate slightly forwards and backwards – this should be relatively minimal if the vehicle mass was set to 30kg as outlined in the previous section. Zero the motor current when near zero speed to stop this happening.

13.4 LOW POWER TESTING – DRIVER CONTROLS HARDWARE

Remove the CAN cable and termination resistor from the CAN-Ethernet bridge, and connect them both to the EV Driver Controls hardware.

Provide 12V power to the driver controls. Go through the startup sequence as described in the Driver Controls User's Manual. Depending on the exact firmware you have this will usually involve turning the key to the start position, and selecting forward gear in the driver controls.

Use the accelerator (gas) pedal to run the motor. Complete the following checks:

- [] Driving forwards
- [] Car coasts to a stop when accelerator pedal is lifted
- [] Driving in reverse
- [] Car coasts to a stop when accelerator pedal is lifted
- [] Appropriate action happens when brake pedal is pushed
- [] If your driver controls is configured to use regen, it works correctly in forwards
- [] If your driver controls is configured to use regen, it works correctly in reverse
- [] Selecting Neutral on the driver controls makes the car coast to a stop
- [] Turning off the key makes the car coast to a stop

14 <u>HIGH POWER TESTING</u>

14.1 CONNECTIONS

Make sure your precharge circuit, contactors, and fusing are in place. Check the polarity of the supply cables to the WaveSculptor. Take all appropriate safety precautions when working on the HV circuitry. Depending on the legislation in your country, you may require a licensed electrician to work on the high voltage parts of the system.

Making sure that all contactors are off, in the safe state, make the bolt connections to the DC POS and DC NEG terminals of the WaveSculptor.

14.2 PC SOFTWARE CONTROL

Move the CAN cable and termination resistor from the hardware driver controls and reconnect it to the CAN-Ethernet bridge. Run the PC software. Run through the same checks as outlined in the previous 24V low voltage testing section.

14.3 DRIVER CONTROLS

Reconnect the CAN cable and termination resistor to the hardware driver controls. Run through the same checks as listed above in the 24V driver controls hardware testing.

Test at least the following functionality:

- [] Driving forwards
- [] Car coasts to a stop when accelerator pedal is lifted
- [] Driving in reverse
- [] Car coasts to a stop when accelerator pedal is lifted
- [] Appropriate action happens when brake pedal is pushed
- [] If your driver controls is configured to use regen, it works correctly in forwards
- [] If your driver controls is configured to use regen, it works correctly in reverse
- [] Selecting Neutral on the driver controls makes the car coast to a stop
- [] Turning off the key makes the car coast to a stop

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15 <u>DRIVING</u>

15.1 WARNINGS

Perform the following tests in a location off public roads, in an area free of obstructions. Take all appropriate safety precautions when performing this testing.

Using the Windows configuration software, set the vehicle mass to the actual mass of the vehicle, so that the velocity control loop will be tuned optimally.

15.2 PROCEDURE

Perform the same checks that were performed with the vehicle off the ground.

- [] Driving forwards
- [] Car coasts to a stop when accelerator pedal is lifted
- [] Driving in reverse
- [] Car coasts to a stop when accelerator pedal is lifted
- [] Appropriate action happens when brake pedal is pushed
- [] If your driver controls is configured to use regen, it works correctly in forwards
- [] If your driver controls is configured to use regen, it works correctly in reverse
- [] Selecting Neutral on the driver controls makes the car coast to a stop
- [] Turning off the key makes the car coast to a stop

15.3 ON ROAD TESTING

After meeting all the relevant regulations in your country for vehicle registration and safety checks, you should be ready to drive your car out in the real world! We suggest gradually building up your confidence in the new drive system with a series of tests, at increasing speeds and power levels.

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16 APPENDIX A – RECOMMENDED COMPONENT SOURCES

Part Description			
Manufacturer	Manufacturer Part Number		
Suggested Supplier	Supplier Part Number		

16.1 CAN CABLING & LOW VOLTAGE CONNECTORS

DeviceNet Cable (per metre)		
Lapp Cable	2170343	
Farnell	161-7915	

6 way MicroFit connector housing (CAN connectors)			
Molex	43025-0600		
Digikey	WM1785-ND		

14 way MicroFit connector housing (Motor Sense connector)		
Molex	43025-1400	
Digikey	WM2489-ND	

MicroFit crimps (20-24 AWG)		
Molex	43030-0007	
Digikey	WM1837-ND	

16.2 HIGH POWER CABLING & CONNECTORS

Motor Temperature Sensor – 100k 25°C NTC thermistor BethTherm 10KD6A3721 Farnell 970-7298

High power 16mm ² M6 bolt lug connections			
Cabac	CAA 16-6		
Local electrical supplier	-		

High power cabling – 16mm² high temp orange			
Tycab Australia	ZDFX151102-OR		
Local electrical supplier	-		

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17 <u>APPENDIX B – GUIDE TO SUCCESSFUL CRIMPING</u>

17.1 MOLEX MICROFIT 3.0

At the bare minimum, use a quality hand crimp tool such as Molex part number 0638111000, available at a reasonable price from Digikey, part WM9999-ND. The tool must be shaped to fold the crimp ears around and down through the centre of the wire conductor bundle – crimping with pliers or an 'automotive' barrel type crimp tool will <u>not</u> give a satisfactory result.

Refer to the Molex "Quality Crimping Handbook":

http://www.molex.com/pdm_docs/ats/TM-638000029.pdf

Note the pictures in the "Troubleshooting" section for the visual differences between a good and a bad crimp.

For higher volumes or critical applications such as racing, the extra expense of a dedicated MicroFit hand tool such as Molex part number 63819-0000 may be appropriate. This tool is available from Digikey, part WM9022-ND. Be aware that this tool does provide far superior results compared to the generic crimp tool.

17.2 HIGH POWER BOLT LUGS

It is important to crimp the high power connections properly so that they remain reliable and low-resistance for a long time. High power connections should not be soldered for vehicle applications, as the solder wicks up inside the copper strands and creates a stress point, which can fatigue and break due to the vibration present in a vehicle.

Follow the steps below for a successful crimp

Step 1 – Cut the cable square and neatly, with no loose strands. The best tool to use is a parrotbeak cable cutter, available at electricians supply stores.



Step 2 – Strip the insulation to the correct distance for the crimp you are using. When inserted into the crimp, the insulation should touch the barrel of the crimp with no large gaps and you should be able to see the ends of the copper strands through the inspection hole next to the lug of the crimp.



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Step 3 – Put a small blob (6mm or 1/4'' diameter) of electrical jointing compound into the barrel of the crimp. This compound prevents oxygen and moisture from getting into the crimp later on, and keeps it in good condition for a long time.



Step 4 – Insert the wire into the crimp. Hold your finger over the inspection hole to stop the jointing compound coming out, therefore forcing it up between the wire strands. Push the wire all the way into the crimp barrel, so that the wire insulation touches the end of the barrel with no large gaps.



Step 5 – Set your hex crimp tool to the same size as the crimp lug. In the example photos here, we have used 35mm^2 cable, lugs, and crimp tool. To crimp with the proper force, you will need either a 'bolt cutter' type crimp tool, as shown in the photo above, with handles around 600mm (2') long, or a hydraulic tool with an appropriate crimp die set.

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Step 6 – Crimp the barrel of the crimp. For the tool used in these photos, it can be crimped three times along the length of the barrel. A hydraulic tool may be similar. A high volume tool will probably only require a single action.

Step 7 - Heatshrink both ends of the orange cable with red or black heatshrink to indicate DC polarity. Red and Black cable should be reserved for low voltage (12V) wiring in the car. Use other colour heatshrink for the motor phases.



18 <u>APPENDIX C – CAN COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL</u>

18.1 OVERVIEW

18.1.1 Hardware

The CAN hardware interface used is compatible with the CAN 2.0B standard. The supported bit rates (bits per second) are 1 Mbps, 500 kbps (default), 250 kbps, 125 kbps, 100 kbps and 50 kbps.

18.1.2 Software

The CAN protocol uses data frames for most communication. Remote frames are also enabled. The identifier field uses the standard frame definition length of 11 bits, with identifiers 0x7F0 to 0x7FF reserved for use by the WaveSculptor bootloader. The bootloader will send a message with identifier 0x7F1 at 500kbit after a system reset. All measurement data is transmitted using IEEE single-precision 32-bit format (IEEE 754) with most significant byte (MSB) sent first.

Bit Length	1	11	6	8 Bytes	16	2	7
	Start	Identifier	Control	Data Field	CRC	Ack	End



18.1.3 Identifier

The identifier field has been split into two sections for Prohelion devices. Bits 10-5 contain the device identifier and bits 4-0 contains the message identifier associated with that device, as shown in Figure 2. This means that there is a maximum of 63 Prohelion device that can be on the CAN bus at any one time. The 64th location is reserved for the bootloader. Each Prohelion device can have 31 different types of messages. The first message identifier is used by the device identification message. Two device slots could be used if more messages per device were required, however this has not been required yet.

The term Base Address is used instead of Device Identifier in the Windows configuration program. Base Address is simply the Device Identifier multiplied by 32. Using this term makes it more obvious what range of CAN identifiers have been used. As an example, there may be a Prohelion driver controls at base address 0x400, a left wheel WaveSculptor motor controller at 0x420 and a right wheel WaveSculptor motor controller at 0x440. So, address range 0x400 – 0x45F would be used by this Prohelion system.

10 5	4 0
DEVICE IDENTIFIER	MESSAGE IDENTIFIER

Figure 2. CAN device identifier address format

18.1.4 Data Field

The data field in all frames is fixed at 8 bytes (64 bits) which allows space for two IEEE 754 32bit floating point variables as shown in Figure 3. The data field is sent and expected to be received least significant byte first. This allows a direct overlay of a float[2] array and char[8] array on a little endian processor, such as an Intel x86, the TI DSP in the WaveSculptor, or the MSP430 micro in the driver controls product.

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High float	Low float
s eeeeeee mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm	s eeeeeeee mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm
63 62 55 54 32	31 30 23 22 0

Figure 3. Format of the data field in a data frame

18.1.5 Units

Please note that variables described in the following packets with units of percent "%" should be sent with a minimum floating-point value of 0.0 and a maximum value of 1.0. Do not send 100.0 as the maximum value.

18.2 DRIVE COMMANDS

These are data frames broadcast from the driver controls to any listening motor controller. These commands contain desired set points for the control software to operate the controller. The commands are sent as required, however there is a maximum permissible delay between consecutive Motor Drive commands.

The identifier of a received command will contain the base address of the device from which the message was sent and a message identifier offset. The base address of the sending device is a preset value stored in internal memory, which can be set during initial configuration of the motor controller using the configuration utility.

18.2.1 Motor Drive Command

ID:

Driver Controls Base Address + 0x01

Variable	Bits	Units	Description
Motor Current	63 32	%	Desired motor current set point as a percentage of maximum current setting.
Motor Velocity	31 0	rpm	Desired motor velocity set point in rpm

The WaveSculptor motor controller must receive a Motor Drive Command frame at least once every 250ms. If this does not occur, the controller will assume that communications have failed and will halt all motor control functions, placing the system into neutral and coasting until another valid command is received.

18.2.2 Motor Power Command

Driver Controls Base Address + 0x02

Variable	Bits	Units	Description
Bus Current	63 32	%	Desired set point of current drawn from the bus by the controller as a percentage of absolute bus current limit.
Reserved	31 0	-	-

18.2.3 Reset Command ID: Driv

ID:

Driver Controls Base Address + 0x03

Variable	Bits	Units	Description
Unused	63 32	-	-
Unused	31 0	-	-

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Send a command from this address to reset the software in the WaveSculptor.

18.3 DRIVE COMMAND EXAMPLES

Ignoring the added complexity of bus and thermal limiting, the WaveSculptor operates such that it will use the maximum available current (torque) to try and achieve the desired velocity. This is true for both accelerating and decelerating operation, i.e. the WaveSculptor will automatically regneratively brake if a setpoint velocity is provided that is slower than the current speed.

Two main drive modes will be used in a normal vehicle setup: torque control; and velocity (cruise) control. A conventional vehicle runs in torque control mode, where the position of the accelerator (gas) pedal controls the amount of torque produced by the engine. In an electric system, the motor current is proportional to torque, and can be easily regulated, as can the velocity.

To run the motor in torque control mode, set the velocity to an unobtainable value such as 20000rpm. Set the current to a value that is proportional to your accelerator pedal position. If you wish to drive in reverse, set the velocity to -20000rpm. The motor will operate the same as a normal car, and will coast down to a stop if the driver removes their foot from the pedal.

To run the motor in velocity (cruise) control mode, set the current to your maximum desired acceleration force (usually 100%), and set the velocity to the desired speed. The WaveSculptor will use the setpoint current to keep the vehicle at the setpoint speed, and will use both drive and regenerative braking to do so. Use this mode to regeneratively brake to a halt by setting current to your desired braking force, and setting velocity to zero.

18.4 MOTOR CONTROLLER BROADCAST MESSAGES

Data frames containing telemetry values are periodically broadcast onto the bus by the WaveSculptor. Broadcast of these values can be individually enabled and disabled via the Windows configuration software.

Any of these telemetry values can be requested at any time (no matter if enabled or disabled) by sending the appropriate RTR packet on the CAN bus. For example, with a WaveSculptor22 configured at base address 0x400, your device should send an empty packet onto the CAN bus with an ID of 0x402 and the RTR bit set. The WaveSculptor22 will reply immediately with a packet from ID 0x402 containing the latest bus voltage and current readings.

18.4.1 Identification Information

ID: Motor Controller Base Address + 0x00

Interval: 1 second

Variable	Bits	Туре	Description
Serial Number	63 32	Uint32	Device serial number, allocated at manufacture.
Prohelion ID	31 0	Uint32	Device identifier. 0x00004003

The periodic broadcast of this message cannot be disabled. It is needed to find the motor controller on the network if the base address is lost or mis-configured.

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18.4.2 **Status Information**

Motor Controller Base Address + 0x01 ID:

Interval:200 ms

Variable	Bits	Туре	Description	
Receive error count	6356	Uint8	The DSP CAI	N receive error counter (CAN 2.0)
Transmit error count	55 48	Uint8	The DSP CAI	N transmission error counter (CAN 2.0)
Active Motor	47 32	Uint16	The index of	the active motor currently being used.
Error Flags	31 16	Uint16	Flags indicat	e errors:
			Bits	Parameter
			159	Reserved
			8	Motor Over Speed (15% overshoot above max RPM)
			7	Desaturation fault (IGBT desaturation, IGBT driver UVLO)
			6	15V rail under voltage lock out (UVLO)
			5	Config read error (some values may be reset to defaults)
			4	Watchdog caused last reset
			3	Bad motor position hall sequence
			2	DC Bus over voltage
			1	Software over current
			0	Hardware over current
Limit Flags	15 0	0 Uint16	Flags indicat the motor co	e which control loop is limiting the output current of ntroller:
			Bits	Parameter
			15 7	Reserved
			6	IPM Temperature or Motor Temperature
			5	Bus Voltage Lower Limit
		4	Bus Voltage Upper Limit	
		3	Bus Current	
			2	Velocity
			1	Motor Current
			0	Output Voltage PWM
1	1	1		

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18.4.3 Bus Measurement

ID: Motor Controller Base Address + 0x02

Interval:200 ms

Variable	Bits	Units	Description
Bus Current	63 32	A	Current drawn from the DC bus by the controller.
Bus Voltage	31 0	V	DC bus voltage at the controller.

18.4.4 Velocity Measurement

ID: Motor Controller Base Address + 0x03

Interval:200 ms

Variable	Bits	Units	Description
Vehicle Velocity	63 32	m/s	Vehicle velocity in metres / second.
Motor Velocity	310	rpm	Motor angular frequency in revolutions per minute.

18.4.5 Phase Current Measurement

ID: Motor Controller Base Address + 0x04

Interval:200 ms

Variable	Bits	Units	Description
Phase C Current	63 32	A _{rms}	RMS current in motor Phase C.
Phase B Current	31 0	A _{rms}	RMS current in motor Phase B.

While the motor is rotating at speed these two currents should be equal. At extremely low commutation speeds these two currents will only match in one third of the motor position, the other two thirds will involve current also flowing in Phase A.

18.4.6 Motor Voltage Vector Measurement

ID: Motor Controller Base Address + 0x05

Interval:200 ms

Variable	Bits	Units	Description
Vd	63 32	V	Real component of the applied non-rotating voltage vector to the motor.
Vq	31 0	V	Imaginary component of the applied non-rotating voltage vector to the motor.

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18.4.7 Motor Current Vector Measurement

ID: Motor Controller Base Address + 0x06

Interval:200 ms

Variable	Bits	Туре	Description
ld	63 32	A	Real component of the applied non-rotating current vector to the motor. This vector represents the field current of the motor.
lq	31 0	A	Imaginary component of the applied non-rotating current vector to the motor. This current produces torque in the motor and should be in phase with the back-EMF of the motor.

18.4.8 Motor BackEMF Measurement / Prediction

ID: Motor Controller Base Address + 0x07

Interval:200 ms

Variable	Bits	Type Description	
BEMFd	63 32	V	By definition this value is always OV.
BEMFq	31 0	V	The peak of the phase to neutral motor voltage.

18.4.9 15V Voltage Rail Measurement

ID: Motor Controller Base Address + 0x08

Interval: 1 second

Variable	Bits	Туре	Description
15V supply	63 32	V	Actual voltage level of the 15V power rail.
Reserved	31 0	-	-

18.4.10 3.3V & 1.9V Voltage Rail Measurement

ID: Motor Controller Base Address + 0x09

Interval:1 second

Variable	Bits	Туре	Description
3.3V supply	63 32	V	Actual voltage level of the 3.3V power rail.
1.9V supply	31 0	V	Actual voltage level of the 1.9V DSP power rail.

18.4.11 Reserved

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ID: Motor Controller Base Address + 0x0A

Interval:-

Variable	Bits	Туре	Description
Reserved	63 32	-	-
Reserved	31 0	-	-

18.4.12 Heat-sink & Motor Temperature Measurement

ID: Motor Controller Base Address + 0x0B

Interval:1 second

Variable	Bits	Туре	Description
Heat-sink Temp	63 32	°C	Internal temperature of Heat-sink.(case)
Motor Temp	310	°C	Internal temperature of the motor.

18.4.13 DSP Board Temperature Measurement

ID: Motor Controller Base Address + 0x0C

Interval: 1 second

Variable	Bits	Туре	Description
Reserved	63 32	-	-
DSP Board Temp	310	°C	Temperature of the DSP board.

18.4.14 RESERVED

ID: Motor Controller Base Address + 0x0D

Interval:1 second

Variable	Bits	Туре	Description
Reserved	63 32	-	-
Reserved	310	-	-

18.4.15 Odometer & Bus AmpHours Measurement

ID: Motor Controller Base Address + 0x0E

Interval: 1 second

Variable	Bits	Туре	Description
DC Bus AmpHours	63 32	Ah	Charge flow into the controller DC bus from the time of reset.
Odometer	31 0	m	Distance the vehicle has travelled since reset.

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18.4.16 Slip Speed Measurement

ID: Motor Controller Base Address + 0x17

Interval:200 ms

Variable	Bits	Туре	Description
Slip Speed	63 32	Hz	Slip speed when driving an induction motor.
Reserved	31 0	°C	-

18.5 CONFIGURATION COMMANDS

18.5.1 Active motor change

ID: Motor Controller Base Address + 0x12

Variable	Bits	Units	Description
Active Motor	63 48	WORD	Desired active motor (0 to 9)
Configuration Access Key	47 0	ASCII	Must spell "ACTMOT" in ASCII (0x54 4F 4D 54 43 41)

Send this command to change the active motor. Note that the controller will save the active motor to the EEPROM config memory, so what you send will survive a reset. This has a downside that you don't want to be sending it constantly, as you'll wear out the EEPROM.

Example	to	set	the	active	motor	to	motor	slot	5:
CAN ID =	0x412,[Data = C	x00 05 5	54 4F 4D 54	4 43 41				





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