Aardvark™
I2C/SPI Host Adapter

Key Features
USB to I2C/SPI Interface
• Master or slave emulation
• EEPROM/Flash programming
• I2C speeds up to 800 kHz
• SPI speeds up to 8 MHz
• GPIOs available
• In-system or stand-alone programming

Control Center Software
• Simplified transmission of I2C and SPI messages
• Automate tasks with XML-based batch scripts

Flash Center™ Software
• Extensible XML-based parts library with built-in support for EEPROMs and Flash memory

Aardvark API
• Create custom software applications
• Example files included
• Cross-platform support for Windows, Linux, Mac OS X

USB Bus-Powered
• Portable
• No extra power adapters needed

Quality
• CE, REACH, RoHS
• Manufacturing: ISO 9001, ISO 13485, AS9100C, ITAR
• One year warranty

An ever-wider array of devices and the increasing pressure to minimize costs means that you need to get the most out of your embedded systems interface tools - and the Aardvark™ I2C/SPI Host Adapter is expressly designed to enable your competitive edge.

Our most popular product, the Aardvark I2C/SPI Host Adapter, is a fast and powerful USB-to-I2C/SPI bus host adapter. It helps you to focus on your core competencies by deploying customized solutions with minimal engineering overhead. With its ability to emulate a master or slave, communicate in I2C or SPI, the Aardvark I2C/SPI Host Adapter is a versatile tool well-suited to a variety of applications.

Prototyping
• Emulate a master or slave to quickly create a prototype embedded system
• Evaluate peripherals such as sensors and memory chips, quickly and easily

Production and Testing
• Program firmware and other data in production environment
• Run automated tests

Bundling
• Provide end-customers with easy access to I2C/SPI lines of your device

Prototyping Use Case
Create working prototypes quickly and easily with the Aardvark I2C/SPI adapter. As a master, it can emulate an MCU to actively poll sensors, write and read from EEPROMs, and control the bus.

Production Use Case
Seamlessly integrate the Aardvark I2C/SPI adapter into your production environment. Using the API or LabVIEW VIs allows the user to build software applications customized for their production line. For example, the Aardvark I2C/SPI adapter can be configured to program firmware onto EEPROMs, read data from specific registers, and run automated tests scripts.
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Specifications

Software

The Control Center Software provides quick and easy access to all features of the Aardvark I2C/SPI Host Adapter. The Flash Center software enable users to easily read and write to I2C- and SPI-based memory.

Control Center Software Features
- Streamlined user interface for configuration of I2C, SPI, and GPIOs at the click of a button
- I2C and SPI messages can be saved and loaded from binary files
- XML-based batch scripting for automating repetitive read and write commands with built-in help system

Flash Center Software Features
- Easily program, read, and write to I2C and SPI EEPROMs and flash memory

Aardvark API and LabVIEW Support
- Create custom applications using the flexible, powerful, and well-documented Aardvark API
- 32- and 64-bit support for C/C++/C#, Python, .NET, VB.Net, VB 6
- LabVIEW Instrument drivers

Operating Systems Supported (32-bit and 64-bit)
- Windows: 7, 8, 8.1, 10
- Linux: Red Hat, Ubuntu, Fedora, SuSE
- Mac OS X: 10.7 - 10.14

Hardware

Bit Rate
- I2C Master: 1kHz - 800kHz
- SPI Master: 125kHz - 8MHz
- SPI Slave: 0.1MHz - 4MHz

Target Bus Interface
- I2C Master/Slave
- SPI Master/Slave
- Up to 6 GPIO pins

Host Bus Interface
- USB 1.1
- Type B receptacle

Target Bus Cable
- 10-pin ribbon cable
- 1.27 mm (0.05") pitch
- 130.175 mm (5 1/8") length

Target Bus Connector
- Type: 2x5 IDC female, 2.54 mm (0.10") pitch
- Pinout
  - Power Pins: GND (Pins 2, 10), NC/+5V (Pins 4, 6)
  - I2C Pins: SCL (Pin 1), SDA (Pin 3)
  - SPI Pins: MISO (Pin 5), SCLK (Pin 7), MOSI (Pin 8), SS (Pin 9)
- GPIO Pins: 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9

DC Characteristics
- Target Power: +5V, 25mA max
- I2C/SPI Signal: 3.3V, 10mA

Dimensions (W x D x L)
- 55.6 x 22.2 x 89 mm (2.19” x 0.87” x 3.5”)

Weight
- 64 g (0.14 lbs)

Operating Temperature
- 10 to 35 °C (50 to 95 °F)

Ordering information

Aardvark I2C/SPI Host Adapter
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Country of Origin: USA
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