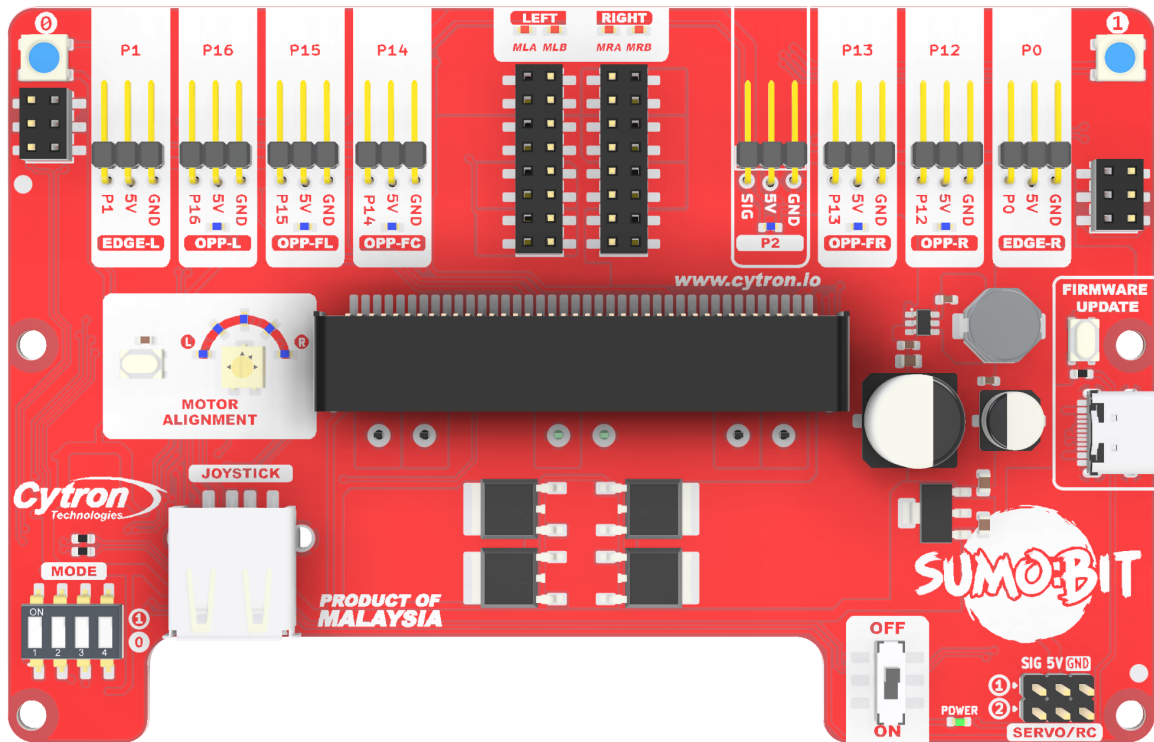




SUMO:BIT



Datasheet

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1. INTRODUCTION

SUMO:BIT is a sumo robot expansion board designed for the BBC micro:bit. This board leverages the educational focus and user-friendly coding environment of the micro:bit to simplify sumo robot projects or competition for learners of all ages.

This board is designed to be used with external motor driver boards ([MD13S](#)). The motor drivers can be easily stacked into the board and removed in case of failure.

Feature summary:

- A micro:bit based sumo robot board
- VBAT input range: 7V to 25V, with reverse polarity protection
- Vibration proof on/off switch with MOSFET latching circuit.
- Battery voltage can be monitored programmatically
- 5x Opponent sensor input ports pulled up to 5V with status LEDS
- 2 Edge sensor input ports
- 1x General Purpose input output port (Analog/Digital)
- 2x sockets for external MD13S motor driver boards
- **13A continuous, 30A peak (<10 second)***
- 2x motor current sensors, one for each motor channel
- 4x Motor Status LEDs
- USB-A port for wireless joystick connection
- Motor Alignment Module for balancing the relative speed of the motors
- 1x 4-Ways DIP switch for mode selection
- 2x Servo Ports that can also be as RC pins
- 2x RGB LEDs

** The current ratings are based on the assumption that the SUMO:BIT is connected to the [MD13S](#)*

2. BOARD LAYOUT AND FUNCTION

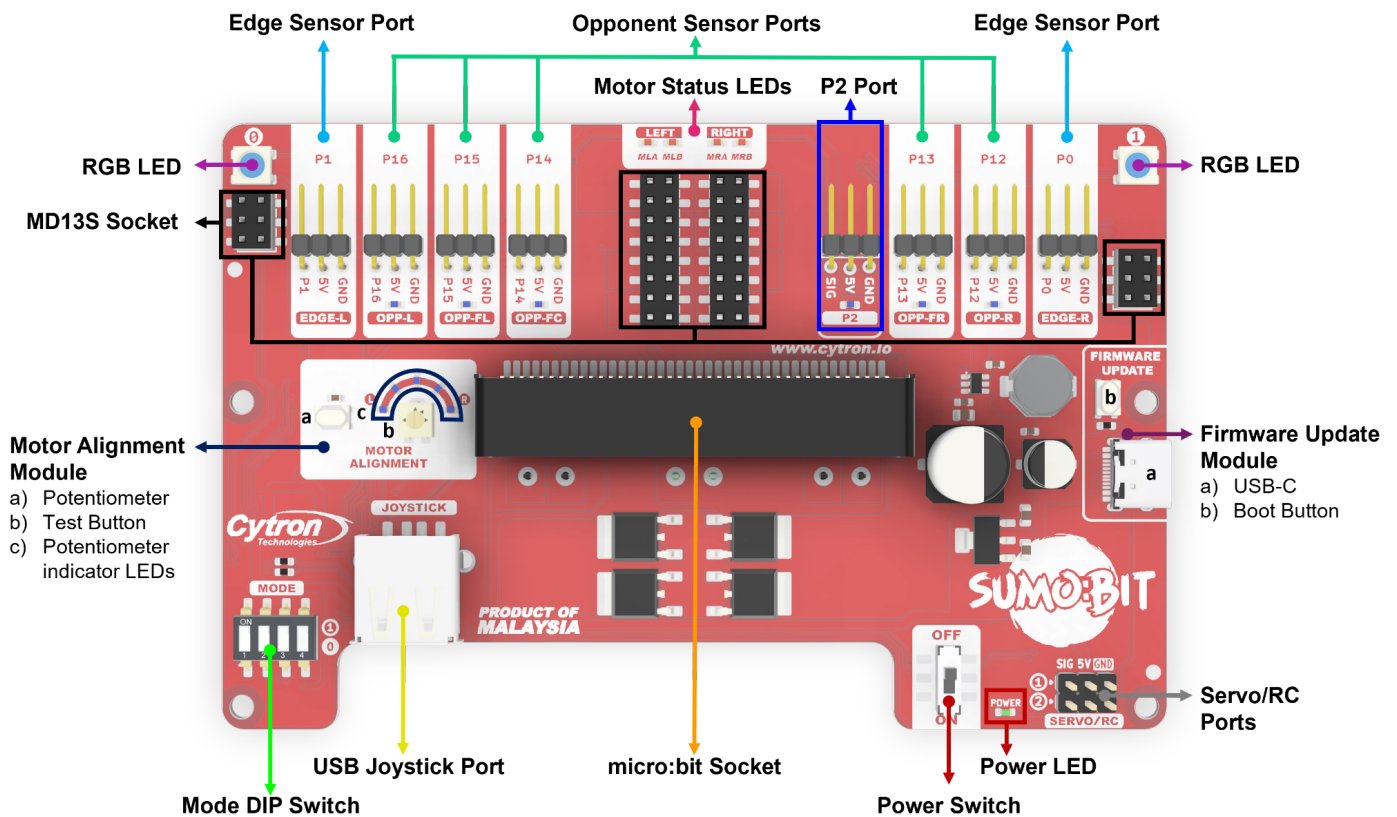


Figure 1: SUMO-BIT Board Functions (TOP VIEW)

Function	Description
Power Switch	- Slide switch with MOSFET latching circuit - Turn on/off the power to the board and motor drivers
Power LED	- Green LED to indicate power status - Turns on when the board is powered up
micro:bit socket	- Vertical micro:bit edge connector - Plug in the micro:bit here ⚠ <i>Make sure that the micro:bit is inserted with the LED matrices facing upwards</i>
USB Joystick Port	USB-A Port used to plug in the Joystick Receiver
Mode DIP Switch	4-Ways DIP switch provides up to 16 configuration - Can be used to select different tactic/mode for competition

Function	Description
Opponent Sensor Ports	- Male headers with +5V internal pull-ups for Maker Object sensors connection. (or any other digital sensors) - Internally connected to the micro:bit digital pins - Equipped with voltage divider to protect the micro:bit pins
Opponent Sensor Status LEDs	- LEDs to indicate the status of opponent sensors - Turn on when the signal is low (active low) - For MAKER-OBJECT, LEDs turn on when opponent is detected
Edge Sensor Ports	- Male headers for Maker Reflect connection (or any other analog sensors) - Internally connected to the micro:bit digital pins - Equipped with voltage divider to adjust the output Voltage
P2 Port	- Male header for general purpose input/output connection - Connected to P2 pin of the micro:bit and can be used as a digital input/output or analog input - Equipped with active low status LED - Signal pin is connected to a voltage divider circuit to reduce from 5V to ~3V
Motor Alignment Module	
a) Potentiometer	- Variable resistor used to modify the relative speed of the left and right motor - Use this feature when the motors used have unbalanced speeds, causing the robot to be unable to move in a straight line
b) Test Button	- Push button used to test the motor alignment modification. - Press this button after adjusting the potentiometer; the motor will move forward for 1 seconds. Observe whether the robot moves in a straight line
c) Potentiometer indicator LEDs	Group of LEDs used to indicate the current potentiometer position
Firmware Update Module	
USB-C port	Use a USB-C cable to connect to a computer for uploading new firmware to the board ⚠ <i>This port is not intended to be used for programming</i>
Boot Button	Button used to enter bootloader mode
RGB LEDs	User programmable WS2812B RGB LED.

Function	Description				
Motor Status LEDs	- Red LEDs to indicate which motor is running - Turn on when the motor is running <table border="1"> <tr> <td>MLA/MRA</td><td>Forward</td></tr> <tr> <td>MLB/MRB</td><td>Backward</td></tr> </table>	MLA/MRA	Forward	MLB/MRB	Backward
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MLB/MRB	Backward				
Servo/RC Ports	Male headers for servos or RC receiver connection				
MD13S Socket	Female socket for the MD13S board connection  <i>The MD13S should be inserted from the bottom side of the PCB, NOT THE FRONT.</i>				

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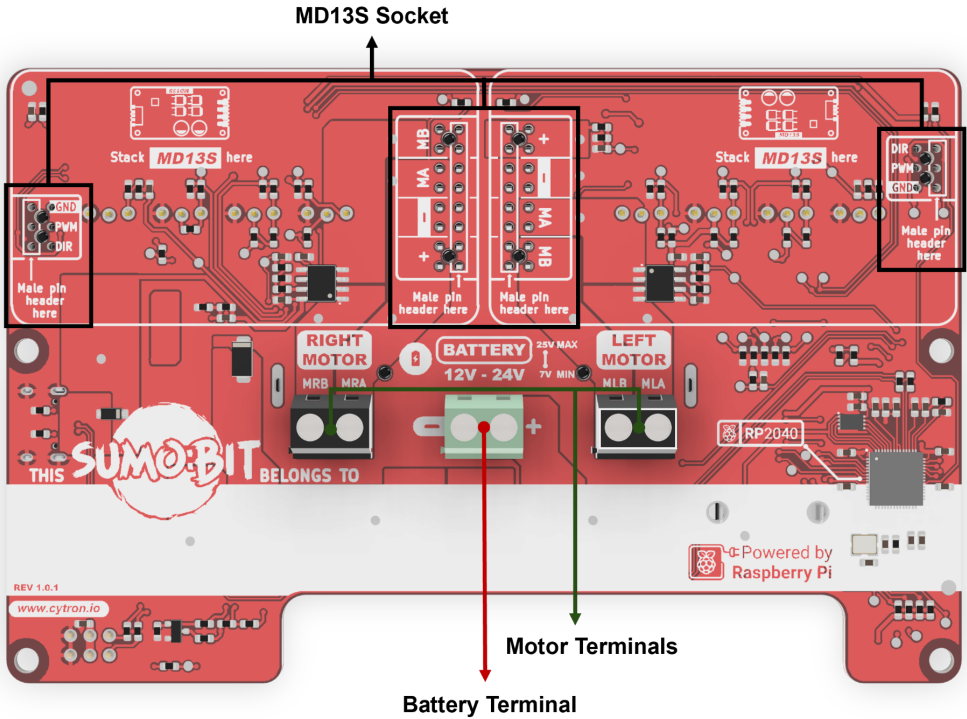


Figure 2: SUMO:BIT (Bottom view)

Function	Description				
Battery Terminal	- Terminal block for Battery connection - The positive terminal is connected to analog input via voltage and the voltage can be read by the microcontroller <table><tr><td>+</td><td>: Positive</td></tr><tr><td>-</td><td>: Negative/ground</td></tr></table>	+	: Positive	-	: Negative/ground
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Motor Terminals	Terminal block for Motor connection Please refer to subtopic connection guide for further information on how to connect the motors				
MD13S Socket	Socket to stack/plug in the MD13S ⚠ Please make sure that the MD13S is connected accordingly Please refer to subtopic connection guide for further information				

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3. SPECIFICATION

No	Parameters	Min	Max	Unit
1	Power Input Voltage (LiPo Battery)	7	25	V
2	Motor PWM Frequency* when connected with MD13S	-	20	KHz
3	Maximum DC Motor Current each Channel* when connected with MD13S	-	13	A
4	Peak Motor Current each Channel* when connected with MD13S  must not exceed 10 seconds 	-	30	A
5	USB Host Output Voltage	-	5	V
6	USB Host Output Current	-	600	mA
7	Servo Voltage	-	5	V
8	+5V Output Maximum Current (Total)	-	600	mA

Table 4: SUMO-BIT Absolute Maximum Ratings

*Note:

This board is designed to be used with the MD13S motor driver. *These maximum ratings are based on the assumption that the SUMO:BIT is connected to the MD13S motor driver boards.* You may refer to the [MD13S motor driver user manual](#) for further information.

4. DIMENSION

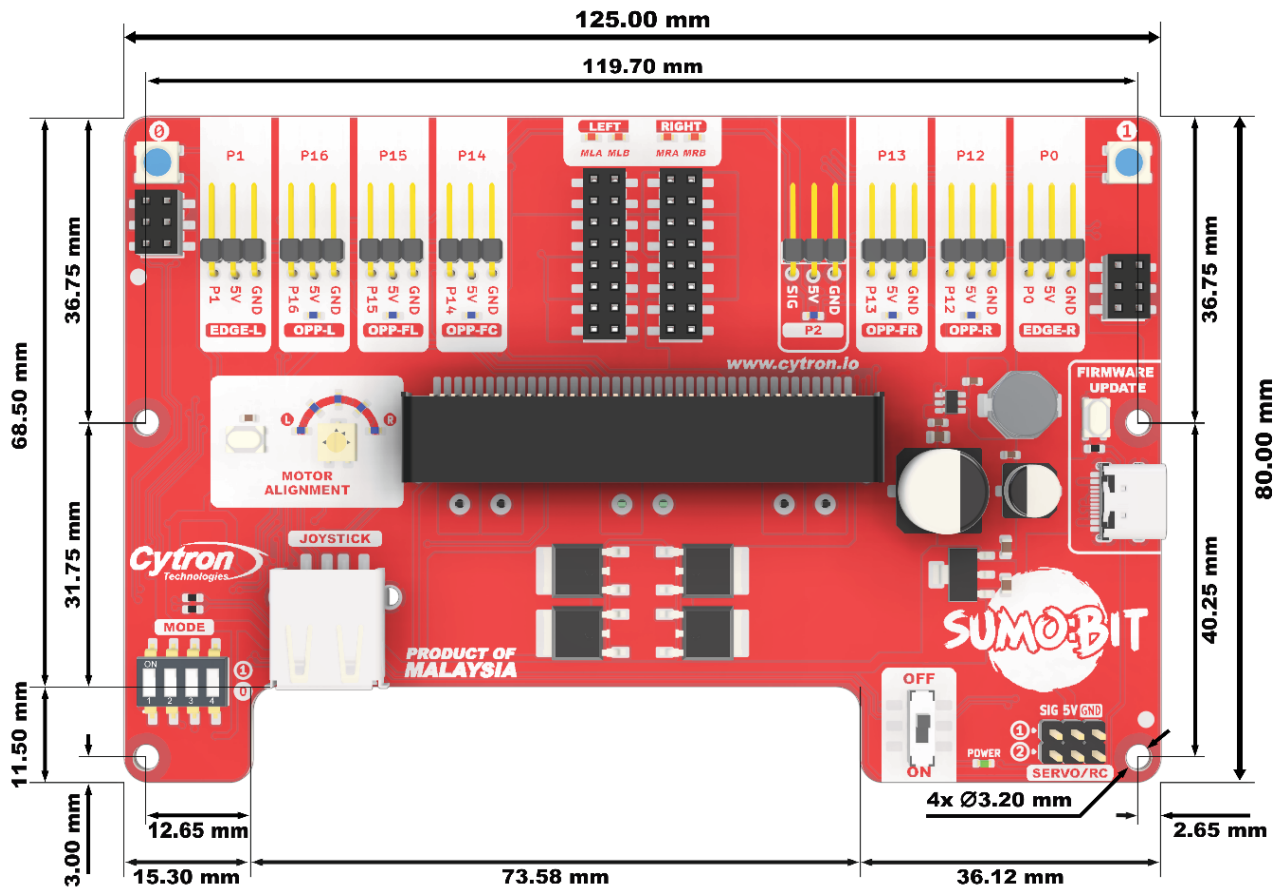


Figure 4: SUMO-BIT Dimension (Top View)

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