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1. INTRODUCTION AND PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Mighty Mule R4211 is a replacement control board designed for various Mighty Mule automatic gate openers. This board serves as a crucial component for the proper functioning of your gate opener system, offering reliable control and compatibility with existing Mighty Mule accessories.

The R4211 control board is UL 325 6th Edition Compliant and incorporates Mighty Mule's exclusive Dual Sense Technology for enhanced protection and safety. It supports both single and dual gate installations and can be configured for push-to-open or pull-to-open settings. The board is capable of directing power from either a solar panel or an AC transformer.

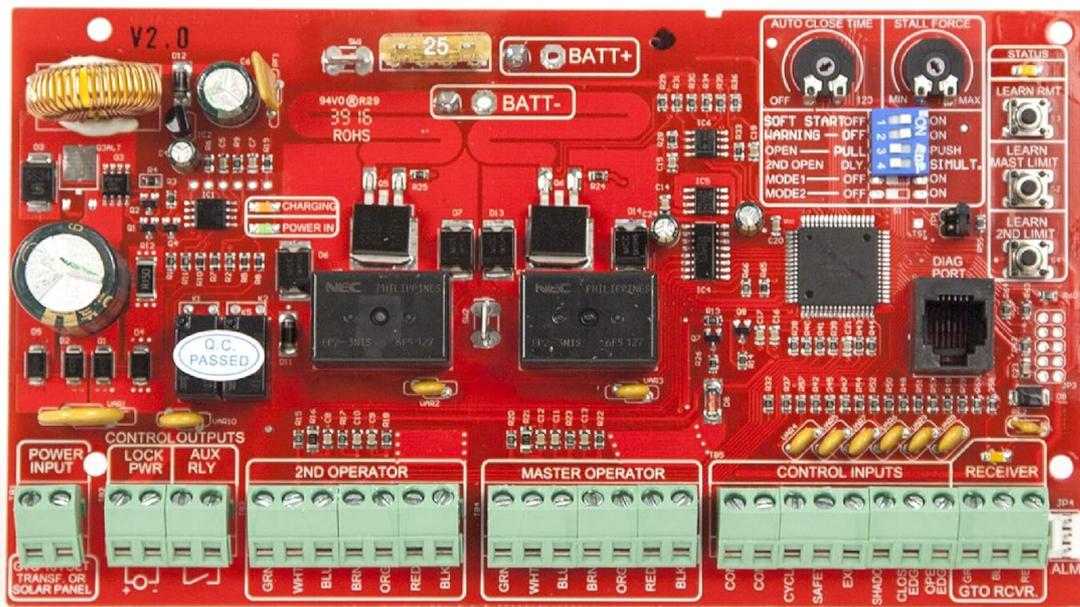


Image 1.1: Mighty Mule R4211 Replacement Control Board. This image displays the red circuit board with various connectors and components.

1.1. Compatibility

The R4211 control board is compatible with the following Mighty Mule automatic gate opener models:

- FM500 Series
- FM502 Series
- MM560 Series
- MM562 Series
- PRO-SW2500
- PRO-SW2502
- PRO-SW3000XL
- PRO-SW3200XL
- PRO-SW4000XL
- PRO-SW4200XL

Note: This control board is **not** compatible with the Mighty Mule FM200, MM260, FM350/352, and MM360 automatic gate openers.

1.2. What's in the Box

- One (1) R4211 Control Board

2. INSTALLATION

This section provides general guidelines for replacing your Mighty Mule control board. Always refer to the specific gate opener model's manual for detailed wiring diagrams and safety instructions.

2.1. Safety Precautions

- **Disconnect all power sources** (AC transformer and battery) to the gate opener system before beginning any installation or maintenance.
- Ensure the area around the gate is clear and the gate is secured to prevent accidental movement.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment.

2.2. Replacement Procedure

1. **Access the Control Box:** Open the control box housing the existing control board.
2. **Document Connections:** Before disconnecting any wires, take clear photos or make a detailed diagram of all existing wire connections to the old board. This will be crucial for correct re-connection.
3. **Disconnect Wires:** Carefully disconnect all wires from the old control board. Pay attention to the polarity of battery connections (red for positive, black for negative) to avoid damage to the new board.
4. **Remove Old Board:** Unmount the old control board from the control box.
5. **Install New Board:** Mount the R4211 replacement control board in the same position as the old board.
6. **Reconnect Wires:** Using your documentation, carefully reconnect all wires to the new R4211 board. Ensure all connections are secure.
7. **Special Note for Older Green Boards:** If replacing an older green control board, you may find that only one red wire was attached. The R4211 (red board) typically requires a second red wire to be connected to the center terminal for proper operation. Consult your gate opener's specific wiring diagram if unsure.
8. **Power Up:** Once all connections are verified, reconnect the battery and then the AC transformer.
9. **Test Operation:** Perform initial tests of the gate opener's functions (open, close, stop) using your remote or keypad.

Important: The replacement harness that comes with the board is fuse protected for the in-box battery. If using an auxiliary battery located outside the control box, ensure it is also properly fuse protected to prevent damage to the board from power surges or reversed wiring.

3. OPERATION

The R4211 control board facilitates the automatic operation of your Mighty Mule gate opener. After successful installation, the board manages the gate's movement based on inputs from various accessories.

3.1. Gate Settings

- **Single/Dual Gate Operation:** The board supports both single and dual gate configurations. Refer to your gate opener's manual for specific setup procedures for dual gates.
- **Push-to-Open/Pull-to-Open:** The R4211 can be configured for gates that open inward (pull-to-open) or outward (push-to-open).

3.2. Accessory Compatibility

The R4211 control board is designed to work seamlessly with all Mighty Mule accessories, including remote transmitters, keypads, vehicle sensors, and safety devices. Ensure accessories are wired and programmed according to their respective manuals.

4. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance helps ensure the longevity and reliable operation of your R4211 control board and gate opener system.

- **Inspect Wiring:** Periodically check all wire connections to the control board for corrosion, looseness, or damage. Ensure they are clean and secure.
- **Battery Health:** Monitor the health of your gate opener's battery. A weak or failing battery can cause erratic operation or damage to the control board.
- **Surge Protection:** While the board has some protection, consider additional surge protection for your AC power supply, especially in areas prone to lightning or power fluctuations.
- **Keep Dry:** Ensure the control box remains sealed and dry to protect the board from moisture and environmental elements.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your R4211 control board.

5.1. Board Not Functioning / No Power

- **Check Power Sources:** Verify that both the AC transformer and the battery are properly connected and supplying power. Ensure the battery is charged.
- **Inspect Fuses:** Check all fuses in the system, including those on the control board and in the power harness. Replace any blown fuses with the correct rating.
- **Verify Wiring:** Double-check all wiring connections against your installation documentation. Incorrect polarity, especially for battery connections, can damage the board.
- **Lightning/Surge Damage:** If the previous board failed due to a lightning strike or power surge, ensure all other components (like the gate operator arms) are also functional. A damaged operator arm can cause the new board to malfunction or blow fuses.

5.2. Gate Not Opening/Closing Correctly

- **Check Operator Arm Resistance:** If the gate operator arm is damaged (e.g., after a lightning strike), its internal resistance might be too low, causing the board to blow fuses or fail. Disconnect the arm and measure the resistance across its power lines. A very low resistance (e.g., 0.6 ohms) indicates a potential issue with the arm itself. Compare with a known good arm (e.g., 3.6 ohms).
- **Limit Switch Adjustment:** Ensure the gate opener's limit switches are correctly set for the desired open and close positions. Refer to your gate opener's manual for adjustment procedures.
- **Obstructions:** Check for any physical obstructions preventing the gate from moving freely.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	R4211
Product Dimensions	9 x 5.5 x 2.1 inches
Item Weight	12 ounces

Compatible Devices	FM500, FM502, MM560, MM562, MM Silver Series Single, MM Silver Series Dual, PRO-SW2500, PRO-SW2502, PRO-SW3000XL, PRO-SW3200XL, PRO-SW4000XL, PRO-SW4200XL
Max Number of Supported Devices	1 (Control Board)
Color	Red
Compliance	UL 325 6th Edition Compliant

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information regarding your Mighty Mule R4211 Replacement Control Board, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Mighty Mule website. Warranty terms typically cover manufacturing defects but may not cover damage caused by improper installation, power surges, lightning strikes, or reversed battery wiring.

For technical assistance, troubleshooting beyond this manual, or to inquire about warranty claims, please contact Mighty Mule customer support directly. Contact information can usually be found on the Mighty Mule website or in your original product packaging.