

## waveshare RP2350 MCU Board Plus

# Waveshare RP2350 MCU Board Plus: User Manual

Model: RP2350 MCU Board Plus | Brand: Waveshare

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Waveshare RP2350 MCU Board Plus is a low-cost, high-performance microcontroller development board. It is designed around the Raspberry Pi RP2350A dual-core and dual-architecture microcontroller chip, offering compatibility with most Raspberry Pi Pico add-on modules. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, and maintaining your RP2350 MCU Board Plus.

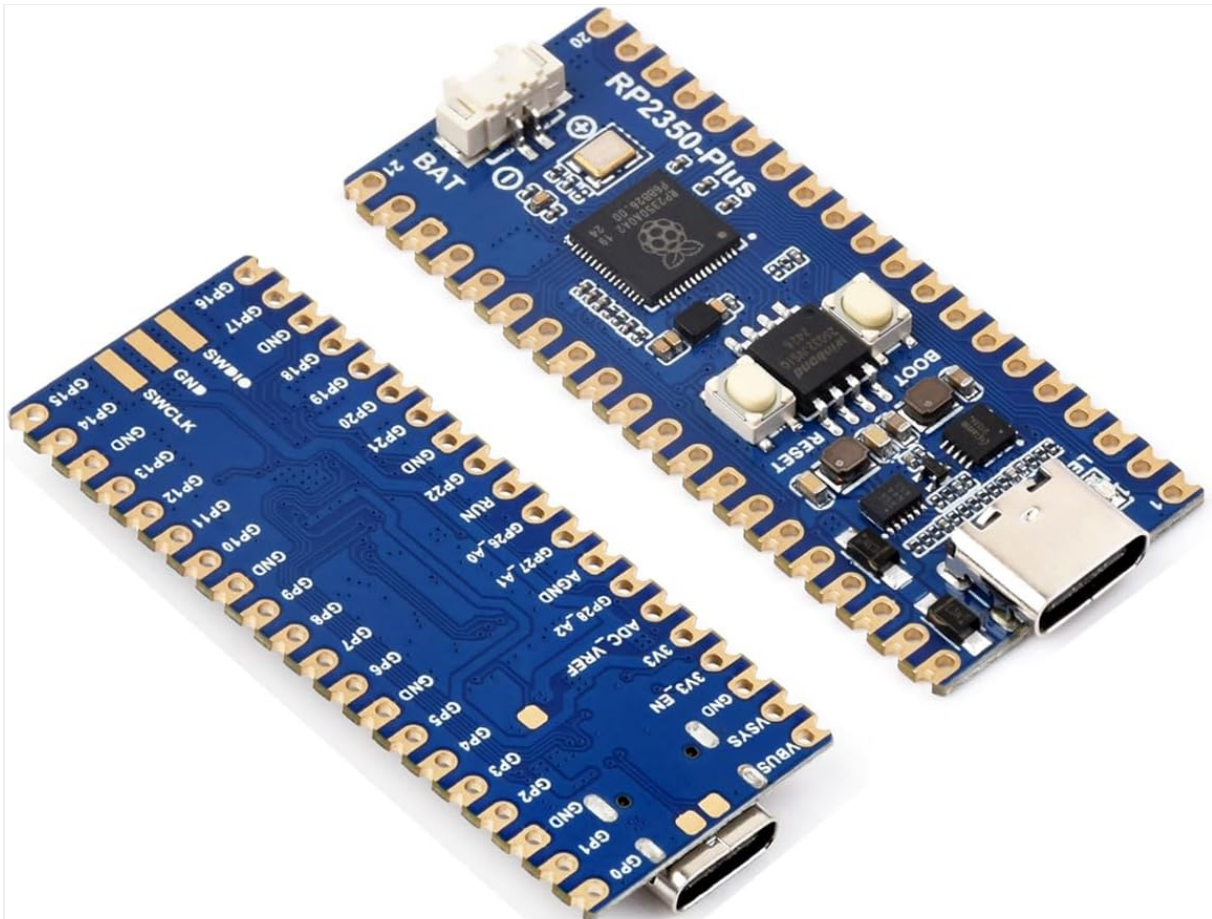


Image 1: Top-down view of two RP2350 MCU Board Plus units, showcasing their compact design and pin headers.

## 2. KEY FEATURES AND SPECIFICATIONS

The RP2350 MCU Board Plus incorporates advanced features for versatile development:

- **Microcontroller:** RP2350A chip by Raspberry Pi, featuring a dual-core Arm Cortex-M33 processor and a dual-core RISC-V processor, with a flexible clock running up to 150 MHz.
- **Memory:** 520KB Static Random-Access Memory (SRAM) and 4MB of on-board Flash memory.
- **Connectivity:** Type-C USB connector for modern compatibility and ease of use.
- **Power Management:** Onboard recharge/discharge header for mobile applications and an MP28164 DC-DC buck-boost chip with a maximum 2A load current.
- **GPIO Pins:** 26 multi-function GPIO pins, configurable for various peripheral functions.
- **Peripherals:** 2 × SPI, 2 × I2C, 2 × UART, 4 × 12-bit ADC, 16 × controllable PWM channels.
- **Advanced Features:** Accurate on-chip clock and timer, temperature sensor, accelerated floating-point libraries, and 12 × Programmable I/O (PIO) state machines for custom peripheral support.
- **Form Factor:** Castellated module design allows direct soldering to carrier boards.
- **USB:** USB 1.1 with device and host support.
- **Power Modes:** Low-power sleep and dormant modes.
- **Programming:** Drag-and-drop programming using mass storage over USB.



Image 2: The RP2350 MCU Board Plus with visual callouts for its compact size, dual-core architecture, high operating performance, and multi-function GPIO pins.

## Dual-Core, Dual-Architecture

Adopts Dual-Core Arm Cortex-M33 Processor And Dual-Core Hazard 3 RISC-V Processor,  
Flexible Clock Running Up To 150 MHz

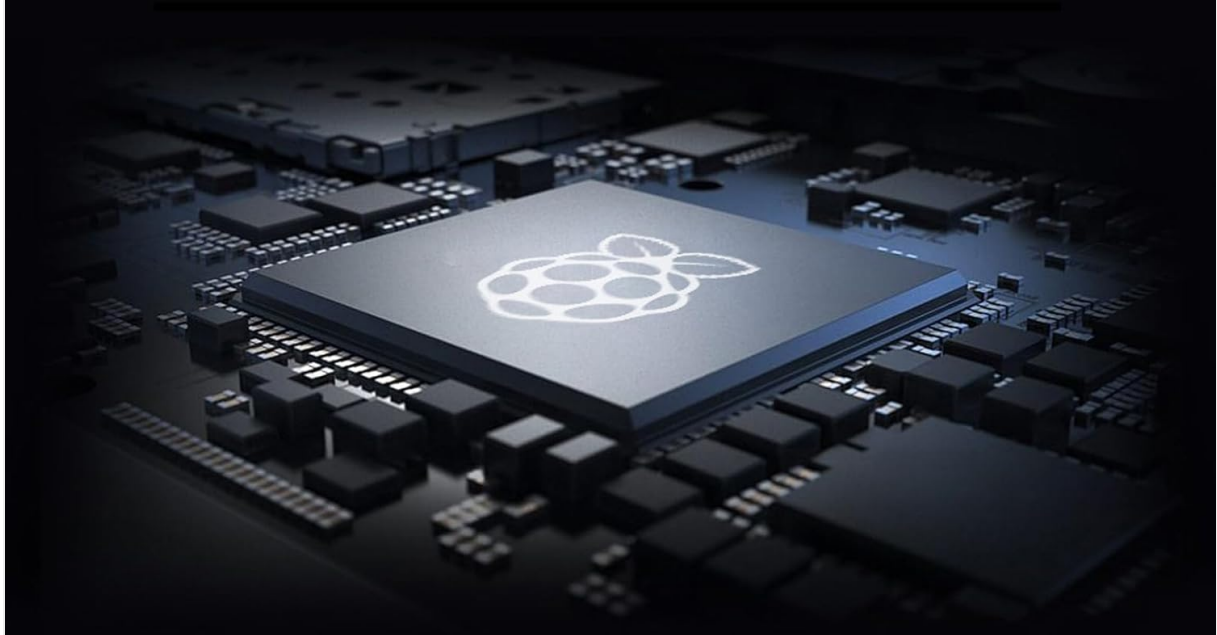


Image 3: A detailed view of the RP2350A microcontroller chip, illustrating its dual-core and dual-architecture design for flexible clock speeds up to 150 MHz.

### 3. PINOUT DIAGRAM

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The RP2350 MCU Board Plus features 26 multi-function GPIO pins. Refer to the diagram below for a detailed pinout configuration, which allows for flexible development and integration with various peripherals.

## 26 × Multi-Function GPIO Pins

Configurable Pin Function, Allows Flexible Development And Integration

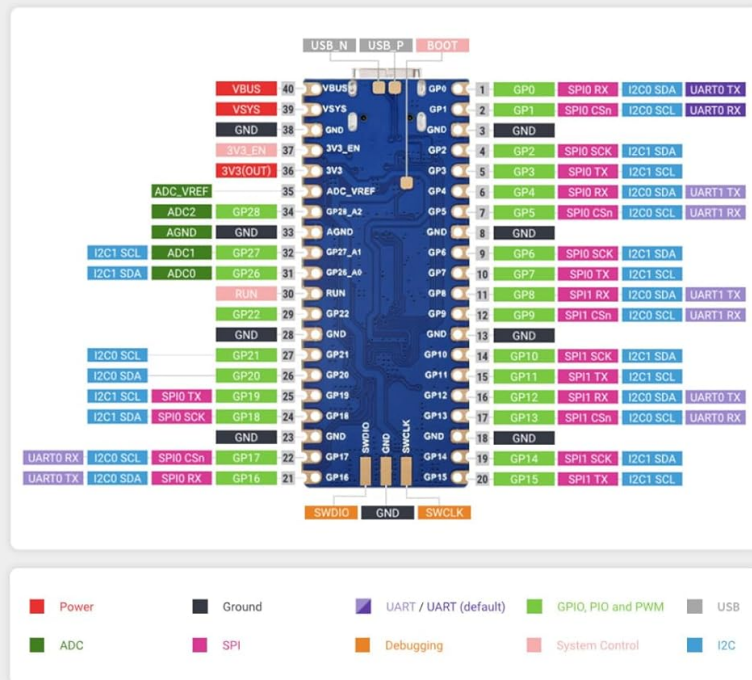


Image 4: Comprehensive pinout diagram for the RP2350 MCU Board Plus, indicating the function of each of the 26 multi-function GPIO pins, including SPI, I2C, UART, ADC, and PWM channels.

## 4. BOARD COMPONENTS OVERVIEW

Familiarize yourself with the main components of the RP2350 MCU Board Plus using the labeled diagram below:

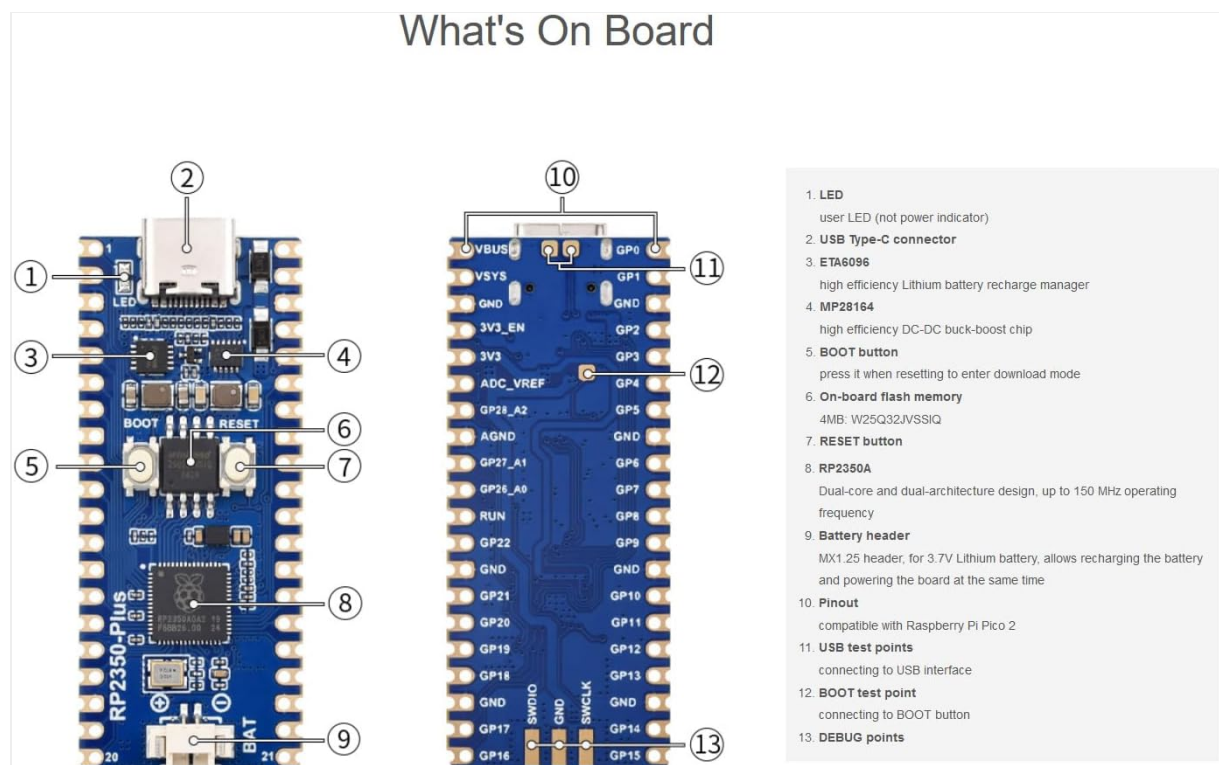


Image 5: An annotated diagram of the RP2350 MCU Board Plus, identifying key components such as the LED, USB Type-



C connector, BOOT and RESET buttons, the RP2350A microcontroller, and the battery header for mobile applications.

1. LED (not power indicator)
2. USB Type-C connector
3. ETA6096 (high efficiency Lithium battery recharge manager)
4. MP28164 (high efficiency DC-DC buck-boost chip)
5. BOOT button (press it when resetting to enter download mode)
6. On-board flash memory (4MB: W25Q32JVSSIQ)
7. RESET button
8. RP2350A (dual-core and dual-architecture design, up to 150 MHz operating frequency)
9. Battery header (MX1.25 header, for 3.7V Lithium battery, allows recharging the battery and powering the board at the same time)
10. Pinout (compatible with Raspberry Pi Pico 2)
11. USB test points (connecting to USB interface)
12. BOOT test point (connecting to BOOT button)
13. DEBUG points

## 5. SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT


The RP2350 MCU Board Plus supports various development environments and programming languages, including C/C++ and MicroPython. Waveshare provides comprehensive SDKs, development resources, and tutorials to assist users in getting started quickly.

### Board Specifications

- RP2350A microcontroller chip designed by Raspberry Pi in the United Kingdom
- Adopts unique dual-core and dual-architecture design: dual-core Arm Cortex-M33 processor and dual-core Hazard 3 RISC-V processor, flexible clock running up to 150 MHz
- 520KB of SRAM, and 4MB of on-board Flash memory
- Type-C connector, keeps it up to date, easier to use
- Lithium battery recharge/discharge header, suitable for mobile devices
- Onboard DC-DC chip MP28164, high efficiency DC-DC buck-boost chip, maximum 2A load current
- Castellated module allows soldering directly to carrier boards
- USB 1.1 with device and host support
- Low-power sleep and dormant modes
- Drag-and-drop programming using mass storage over USB
- 26 × multi-function GPIO pins
- 2 × SPI, 2 × I2C, 2 × UART, 4 × 12-bit ADC, 16 × controllable PWM channels
- Accurate clock and timer on-chip
- Temperature sensor
- Accelerated floating-point libraries on-chip
- 12 × Programmable I/O (PIO) state machines for custom peripheral support


### C/C++, MicroPython Support

Comprehensive SDK, Dev Resources, Tutorials To Help You Easily Get Started



#### Pico C/C++ SDK

The Raspberry Pi official C SDK can be used from the command line, or from popular integrated development environments like Visual Studio Code and Eclipse.



#### MicroPython

Micropython is a full implementation of the Python 3 programming language that runs directly on embedded hardware like Raspberry Pi Pico.

Image 6: Visual representation of the software development support for the RP2350 MCU Board Plus, highlighting compatibility with Pico C/C++ SDK and MicroPython.

## Official Product Video: RP2350 Pi Zero Overview

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Video 1: An official Waveshare video providing an overview of the RP2350 Pi Zero, demonstrating its features, architecture, storage, interfaces, and development environment support. This video is relevant for understanding the RP2350 series.

## 6. PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS

The compact design of the RP2350 MCU Board Plus makes it suitable for integration into various projects. Below are the outline dimensions for reference (Unit: mm).

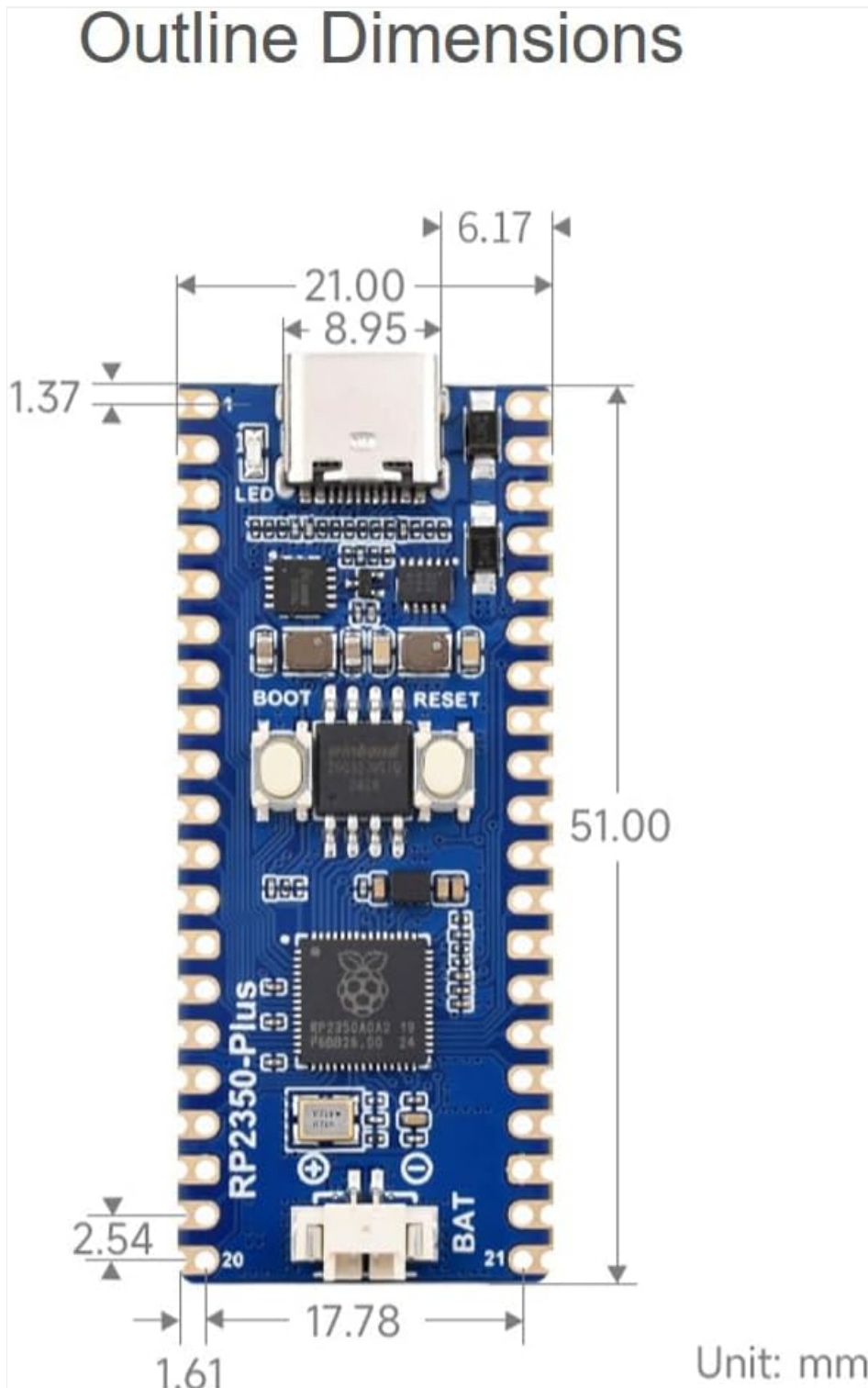


Image 7: Technical drawing illustrating the precise dimensions of the RP2350 MCU Board Plus, with measurements provided in millimeters for accurate project planning and integration.

## 7. SETUP

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To begin using your WaveShare RP2350 MCU Board Plus, follow these general setup steps:

1. **Connect to Computer:** Use a Type-C USB cable to connect the RP2350 MCU Board Plus to your computer.
2. **Install Drivers (if necessary):** Your operating system may automatically install necessary drivers. If not, refer to the official WaveShare documentation for driver installation instructions.
3. **Install Development Environment:** Download and install your preferred development environment (e.g., Thonny IDE for MicroPython, or a C/C++ IDE with the Pico SDK).
4. **Firmware Upload:** For initial use or firmware updates, you may need to put the board into bootloader mode. Typically, this involves holding down the BOOT button while connecting the USB cable or pressing BOOT and then RESET. Follow the specific instructions in the WaveShare online resources for your chosen programming language.
5. **First Program:** Load a simple "blink" program or a "hello world" example to verify the board's functionality.

## 8. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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Once set up, the RP2350 MCU Board Plus can be operated for various applications:

- **Programming:** Write your code in C/C++ or MicroPython using the installed IDE.
- **Uploading Code:** Compile your code and upload it to the board via the USB connection. The drag-and-drop mass storage programming method simplifies this process.
- **GPIO Usage:** Utilize the 26 multi-function GPIO pins to interface with sensors, actuators, displays, and other electronic components. Refer to the pinout diagram for specific pin functions.
- **Powering External Devices:** The onboard DC-DC chip and battery header allow for powering and managing external devices, making it suitable for mobile and embedded projects.
- **Debugging:** Use the provided debug points and your development environment's debugging tools to troubleshoot your programs.

## 9. MAINTENANCE

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To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your RP2350 MCU Board Plus, consider the following maintenance guidelines:

- **Handle with Care:** Avoid dropping the board or subjecting it to excessive physical stress.
- **Static Discharge:** Always handle the board in an anti-static environment to prevent damage from electrostatic discharge.
- **Keep Dry:** Protect the board from moisture and humidity.
- **Cleanliness:** Keep the board free from dust and debris. Use a soft, dry brush or compressed air for cleaning.
- **Power Supply:** Use a stable and appropriate power supply. Avoid over-voltage or reverse polarity connections.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the board in its original packaging or an anti-static bag in a cool, dry place.

## 10. TROUBLESHOOTING

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If you encounter issues with your RP2350 MCU Board Plus, try the following troubleshooting steps:

- **Board Not Powering On:**

- Check USB cable connection and power source.
- Ensure the USB port on your computer is functional.
- If using a battery, ensure it is charged and correctly connected to the battery header.

- **Computer Not Recognizing Board:**

- Try a different USB port or cable.
- Ensure the board is in the correct mode (e.g., bootloader mode for firmware upload).
- Check device manager for driver issues and install/update drivers if needed.

- **Code Not Uploading/Running:**

- Verify your code for syntax errors.
- Ensure the correct board and port are selected in your IDE.
- Try re-uploading the firmware.
- Consult online forums and the Waveshare documentation for common issues related to your specific development environment.

- **Peripheral Not Working:**

- Double-check wiring connections to the GPIO pins.
- Verify the pin assignments in your code match the hardware connections.
- Ensure the peripheral itself is functional and correctly configured.

## 11. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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For warranty information, technical support, and additional resources, please visit the official Waveshare website or contact their customer service. Online development resources and technical support are provided to assist you with any problems.

You can find more information and support at the [Waveshare Store on Amazon](#).

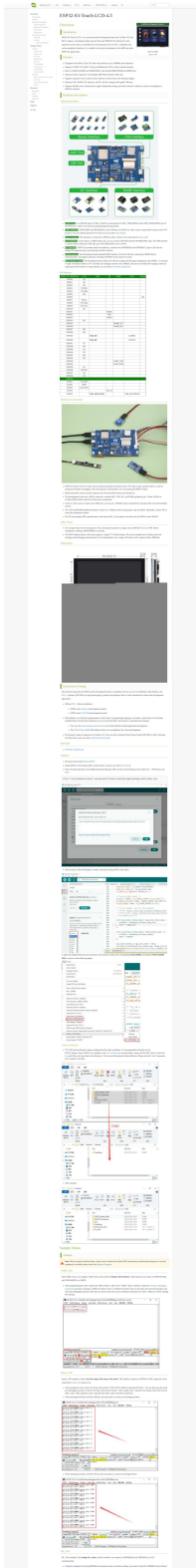
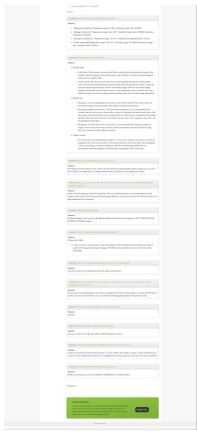
### Related Documents - RP2350 MCU Board Plus







[Waveshare Pico e-Paper 2.13inch EPD Module for Raspberry Pi Pico: Development Guide & API](#)  
Detailed development guide for the Waveshare Pico e-Paper 2.13inch EPD module with Raspberry Pi Pico. Features include 250x122 resolution, SPI interface, C/C++ & MicroPython demo codes, and comprehensive API documentation.



[Waveshare ESP32-S3-Touch-LCD-4.3 Development Board: Features & Guide](#)

Explore the Waveshare ESP32-S3-Touch-LCD-4.3, a powerful microcontroller development board featuring a 4.3-inch capacitive touch display, WiFi, BLE 5, and multiple interfaces like CAN, RS485, and I2C. Learn about its hardware, setup, and sample demos for HMI development.



[Raspberry Pi Pico Dual-Mode Bluetooth Module \(Pico-BLE\) User Manual](#)

User manual for the Waveshare Pico-BLE, a dual-mode Bluetooth 5.1 module designed for Raspberry Pi Pico, supporting SPP and BLE protocols. Features header compatibility and onboard antenna.

