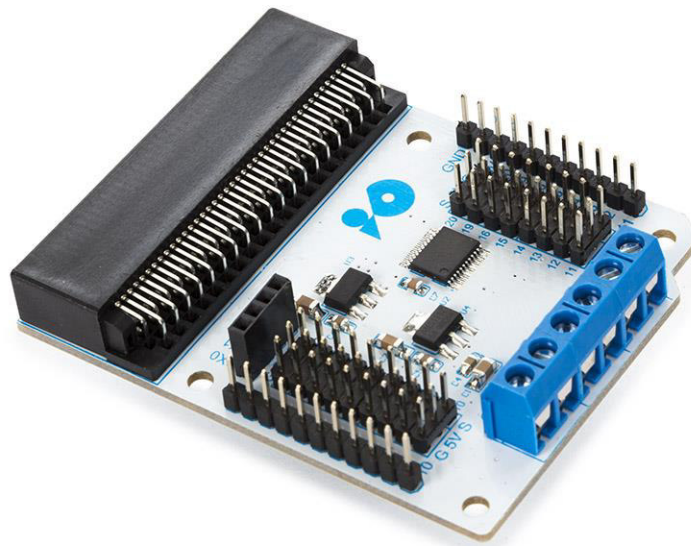


VMM403



USER MANUAL

1. Introduction



To all residents of the European Union

Important environmental information about this product

This symbol on the device or the package indicates that disposal of the device after its lifecycle could harm the environment. Do not dispose of the unit (or batteries) as unsorted municipal waste; it should be taken to a specialized company for recycling. This device should be returned to your distributor or to a local recycling service. Respect the local environmental rules.

If in doubt, contact your local waste disposal authorities.

Thank you for choosing Velleman! Please read the manual thoroughly before bringing this device into service. If the device was damaged in transit, do not install or use it and contact your dealer.

2. Safety Instructions



Read and understand this manual and all safety signs before using this appliance.



Indoor use only.

- This device can be used by children aged from 8 years and above, and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have been given supervision or instruction concerning the use of the device in a safe way and understand the hazards involved. Children shall not play with the device. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children without supervision.

3. General Guidelines

- Refer to the Velleman® Service and Quality Warranty on the last pages of this manual.
- All modifications of the device are forbidden for safety reasons. Damage caused by user modifications to the device is not covered by the warranty.
- Only use the device for its intended purpose. Using the device in an unauthorised way will void the warranty.
- Damage caused by disregard of certain guidelines in this manual is not covered by the warranty and the dealer will not accept responsibility for any ensuing defects or problems.
- Nor Velleman nv nor its dealers can be held responsible for any damage (extraordinary, incidental or indirect) – of any nature (financial, physical...) arising from the possession, use or failure of this product.
- Keep this manual for future reference.

4. Overview

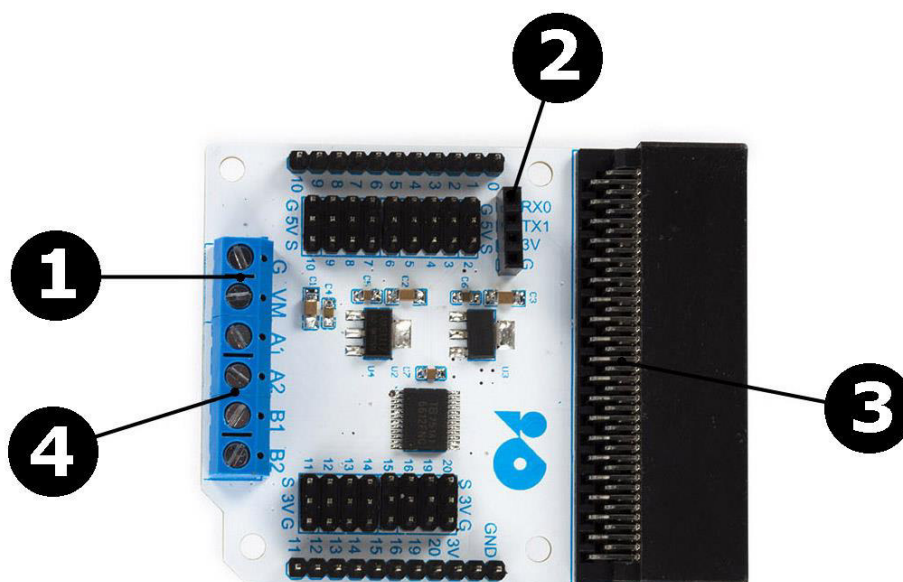
General

The VMM403 motor driver breakout board integrates the TB6612FNG chip and gives your micro:bit the ability to drive two channel DC motors. Each channel can output up to 1.2 A continuously with peak current up to 2 A. There are 4 motor control modes: forward, reverse, brake and stop. The PWM supporting frequency is up to 100 kHz. The micro:bit pins are broken out into 3-pin headers for easy access and the integrated voltage regulator provides 3.3 V and 5 V power output. This breakout board is ideal if you want to start with robot projects!

Specifications

input voltage.....	6-12 VDC
number of channels	2
interface working current.....	1.2 A (peak 2 A max.)
dimensions	70 x 58 mm (2.75 x 2.28")
chipset	TB6612FNG

Overview



1	6-12 V power input
2	serial port pins

3	micro:bit connector
4	motor interface

5. Connection

Connect the VMM403 to your micro:bit.

A1 + A2 → + and – of DC motor 1
 B1 + B2 → + and – of DC motor 2
 G + VM → 6-12 VDC power supply

Connect the micro:bit-VMM403 assembly to your computer (USB).

6. Test

Open MakeCode for micro:bit or go to <https://microbit.org/code/>. With this example both motors will run forward for 3 seconds, then backwards for 3 seconds and so on.

Code

```
led.enable(false)
pins.digitalWritePin(DigitalPin.P14, 1)
basic.forever(function () {
  pins.analogWritePin(AnalogPin.P1, 900)
  pins.digitalWritePin(DigitalPin.P13, 1)
  pins.digitalWritePin(DigitalPin.P12, 0)
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pins.analogWritePin(AnalogPin.P2, 900)
pins.digitalWritePin(DigitalPin.P15, 1)
pins.digitalWritePin(DigitalPin.P16, 0)
basic.pause(3000)
pins.analogWritePin(AnalogPin.P1, 500)
pins.digitalWritePin(DigitalPin.P13, 0)
pins.digitalWritePin(DigitalPin.P12, 1)
pins.analogWritePin(AnalogPin.P2, 500)
pins.digitalWritePin(DigitalPin.P15, 0)
pins.digitalWritePin(DigitalPin.P16, 1)
basic.pause(3000)
})

```

Explanation

Motor 1 forward:

P13 - HIGH

P12 - LOW

Speed PWM: P1

Motor 2 forward:

P15 - HIGH

P16 - LOW

Speed PWM: P2

Motor 1 backward:

P13 - LOW

P12 - HIGH

Speed PWM: P1

Motor 2 backward:

P15 - LOW

P16 - HIGH

Speed PWM: P2

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- Hint: In order to save on cost and time, please reread the manual and check if the flaw is caused by obvious causes prior to presenting the article for repair. Note that returning a non-defective article can also involve handling costs.
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