

# User's Manual

## ELI101-CPW



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## 1.0 Introduction

### About ELI (the Easy LCD Interface)

ELI® is Future Designs, Inc.'s family of long-life, plug-and-play embedded displays. ELI products are true modular embedded display solutions that require no engineering or lead-time. All ELI products are compatible with a wide range of single board computers including Raspberry Pi, BeagleBone Black and Windows-based units. FDI designed ELI as an embedded display option that requires minimal development time to help customers reach production quickly. Once a product is in production, FDI's 10-15 year ELI product availability guarantee helps ensure production schedules without the risk of expensive or time consuming redesigns. Learn more about ELI at [TeamFDI.com/ELI](https://www.teamfdi.com/ELI).

### ELI Compatibility

ELI products are compatible with most Single Board Computers, PCs and operating systems. See <https://www.teamfdi.com/product-details/eli101-cpw#compatibility> for the results of FDI's compatibility tests with popular operating systems and platforms. Our results, as indicated in the table, demonstrate ELI versatility but the table is not exhaustive. ELI products are designed to work with any single board computer that has an HDMI output. To submit a question about ELI compatibility with a platform or operating system that is not included in the table, contact a member of the FDI support team at [Support@teamfdi.com](mailto:Support@teamfdi.com).

### Your ELI Experience

Share your experience connecting ELI devices to various (single board) computers at: <https://www.teamfdi.com/edid/#edidform>.

## 2.0 Recommended Accessories (Purchased Separately)

- 12V DC (+/- 5%) 2A Power Supply with a center positive barrel plug
  - 2.1mm I.D. x 5.5mm O.D. x 9.5mm
  - All ELI units operate from +12V DC so this is the recommended power supply input voltage for the entire Family.
  - See Section 8, Power Details, for more info
- USB Type A to Mini Type B Cable (For touch)
- HDMI Cable (Type A Male)
- Lengths for the USB and HDMI cables will be determined by the ELI mounting location and position in each user application.



### 3.0 Touchscreen Precaution

When the ELI101-CPW is powering up and initializing, please refrain from touching the front of the display or lying it face down on a surface. This can interfere with proper touchscreen initialization and calibration and may cause temporary issues with the touch screen operation. If this condition occurs, please reset or power up the unit correctly and normal touchscreen operation will resume.

### 4.0 ESD Warning



Figure 1. Electrostatic Sensitive Device

Our ELI units are shipped in a protective anti-static package. Do not subject the module to high electrostatic potentials. Exposure to high electrostatic potentials may cause damage to the boards that will not be covered under warranty. General practice for working with static sensitive devices should be followed when working with this device.

### 5.0 Determining the Revision of your ELI

All ELI devices have a label placed on the board to identify the part number and revision of the unit. This label will help you quickly and correctly identify your ELI unit's part number and revision number. An example of an ELI label is shown below.



ELI Part Number

Revision Number



## 6.1 Technical Specifications

Table 1. Technical Specifications

<b>Screen Size (inches):</b>	10.1
<b>Display Technology:</b>	IPS a-Si TFT LCD
<b>Resolution:</b>	1280 x 800 (WXGA)
<b>Brightness (nits typical):</b>	240
<b>Contrast Ratio (typical):</b>	800:1
<b>Aspect Ratio:</b>	16:10
<b>Interface Input Mode:</b>	HDMI
<b>Colors:</b>	16.7M (24 bit)
<b>Horizontal Viewing Angle:</b>	85/85°
<b>Vertical Viewing Angle:</b>	85/85°
<b>Surface:</b>	Anti-Glare
<b>Touch Screen:</b>	Projected Capacitive
<b>Touch Screen Interface (mA typical/max):</b>	USB Device
<b>Touch Panel Hardness:</b>	≥ 7H
<b>Active Area (in mm W x H):</b>	216.96 x 135.60
<b>Response Time (ms):</b>	10 Tr/15 Tf
<b>Backlight:</b>	30 LEDs
<b>Backlight Life (K hours typical):</b>	30K (at 25° C)
<b>Backlight Power Consumption (W Typical):</b>	4.5
<b>Operating Temperature:</b>	0° to 50° C
<b>Storage Temperature:</b>	-20° to 60° C
<b>Input Voltage:</b>	+5 to 17 VDC <u>+5%</u>
<b>Power Consumption:</b>	450mA (typ) / 550mA (max) @ 12VDC
<b>Backlight Power Consumption:</b>	Up to 58% of Power Consumption
<b>USB Power Consumption:</b>	50mA (typ) / 100mA (max) @ 5.0VDC
<b>RoHS Compliant:</b>	Yes
<b>Dimensions (in mm W x H x D)</b>	257.10 x 159.66 x 19.0
<b>Mounting:</b>	3M 300LSE tape or other 3M tape
<b>Weight (grams)</b>	368



## 7.1 Mechanical and Mounting Details

A 2D Mechanical Drawing of the unit is available on our website under the Documentation tab <https://www.teamfdi.com/product-details/eli101-cpw>

3D Mechanical Models (in both STEP and EASM format) are available from our website after completing a simple fillable NDA or Non-Disclosure Agreement. <https://www.teamfdi.com/mechanicalmodelrequest>

The PCAP touch screen is bonded to the display in an industry standard and highly reliable manner. However, it is not designed to carry the weight of the entire unit (plus stress from cable pull) when the ELI101-CPW is mounted in a flat or downward mounting configuration. It is critical that the end user provide some type of backside mounting support to carry the weight of the assembly and improve mounting stability and reliability. Two examples of backside mounting are shown below for reference: **green (backside post)** and **pink (backside edge)**. Each user application will be unique. The backside mounting points should provide support but should not create unnecessary contact force or stress on specific points, since this can result in damage to the backlight guide plates on the rear of the LCD.

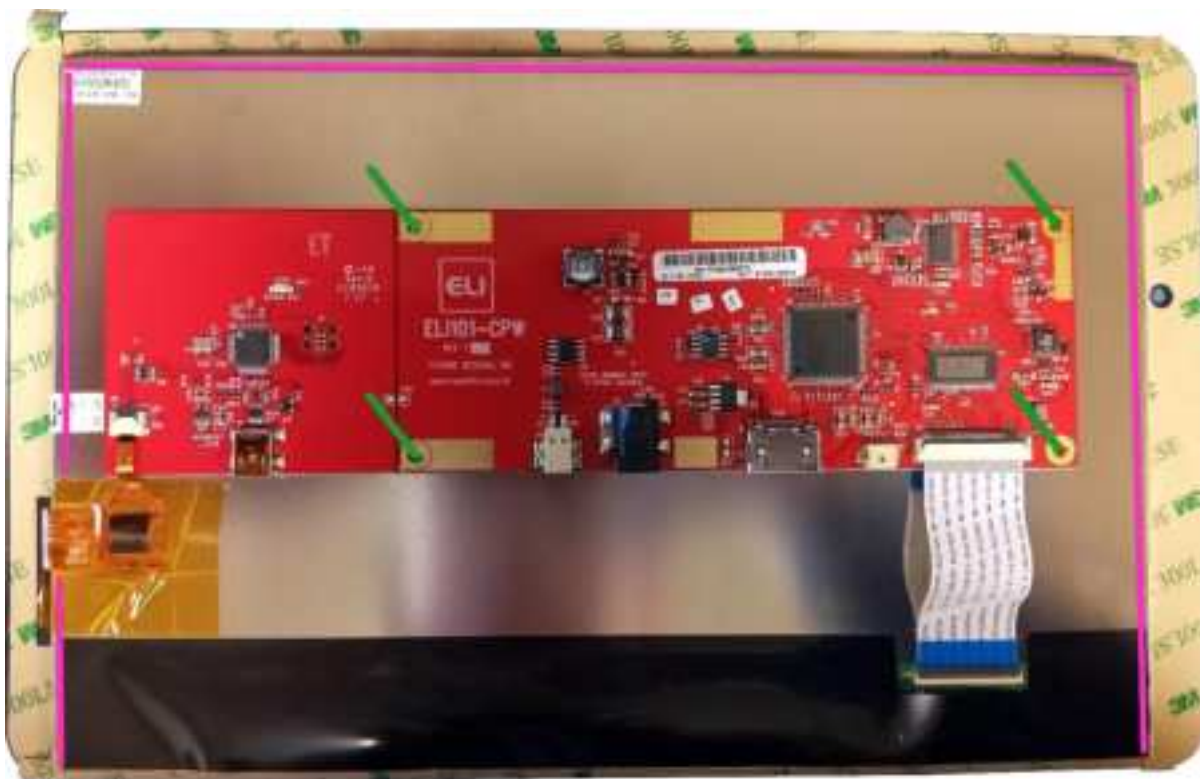
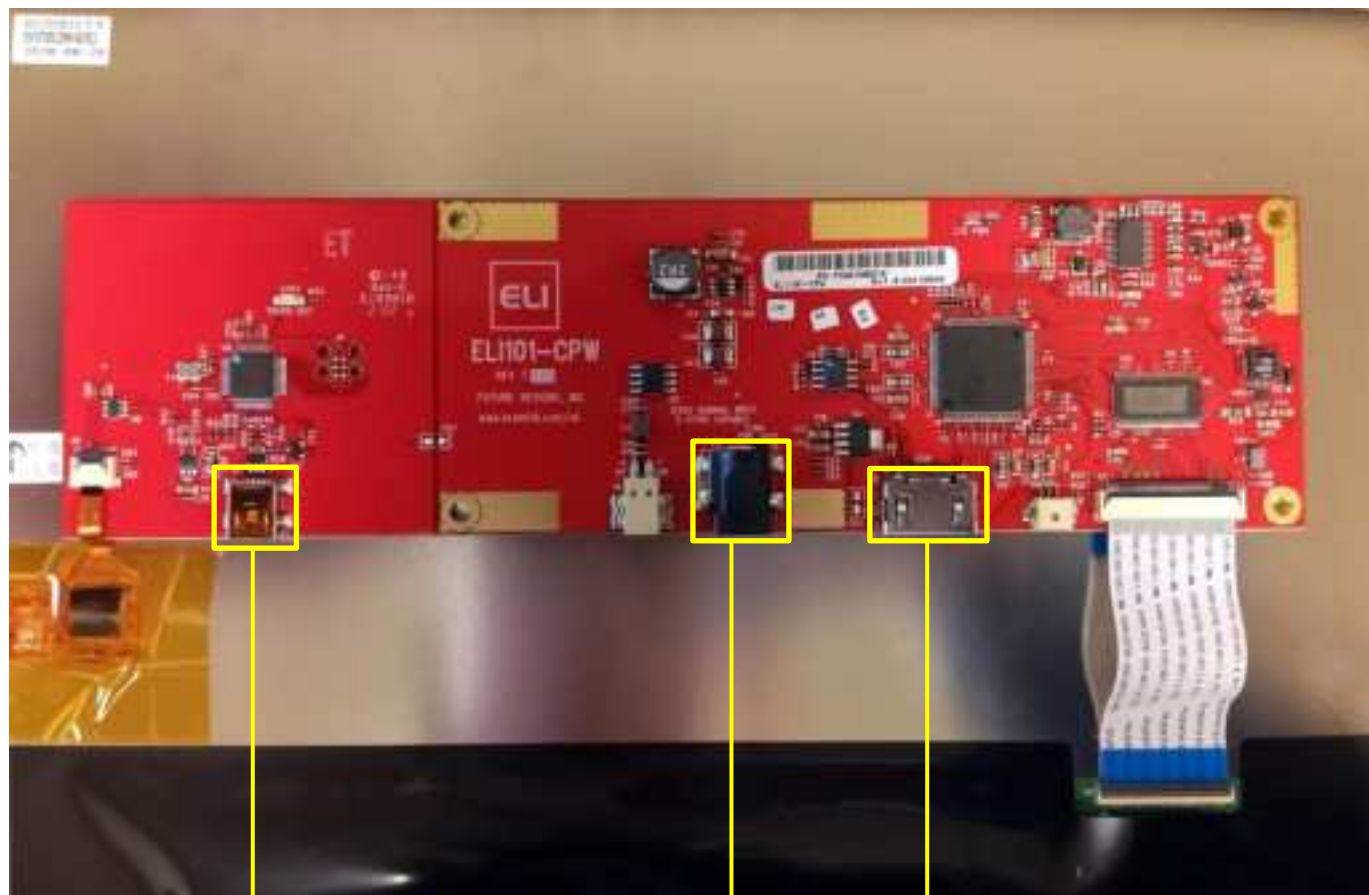


Figure 2. ELI101-CPW Backside Mounting Examples





## 8.1 Connectors



USB Touch (P1)

DC Power In (P2 &amp; J6)

HDMI In (J1)

Figure 3. ELI101-CPW Connectors

## 9.1 Power Details

A 12VDC +/- 5% power supply with a 2.0A output will power any board from the ELI Family. This allows a common, off-the-shelf power supply such as the [T1071-P5P-ND](#) to be used for quick demos or prototyping across the entire ELI Family. In general, any 12VDC power supply with a 2.1mm center positive plug will be acceptable if it can provide enough current to power the particular ELI unit being used. On the ELI101-CPW plug power into the (P2) connector.



LED1 is the “LCD Power” indicator. When DC input power is applied to the unit (via P2 or J6) and an HDMI input signal is present at J1, *LED1* will turn ON and remain solid red. This LCD Power indicator only confirms that a DC input voltage and an HDMI signal are “present” at the ELI101-CPW inputs, but it does not mean that the input signals are necessarily valid or correct.



Figure 4. ELI101-CPW LCD Power LED1

ELI101-CPW units can use power supplies ranging from +5.0 to +17.0 V DC  $\pm$  5% (2.0A).

For volume production applications, the input power can be optimized for your ELI unit and lower capacity power supplies can be used.

In cases where the P2 barrel connector is not desired, you can use the alternate power input connector (J6) which supports directly plugging in 20-26 AWG wire with maximum 5A current per contact. The datasheet for this J6 connector (PCB terminal block - PTSM 0,5/ 2-2,5-H SMD WH R24 – 1814634) can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/1814634>.

To verify that the ELI101-CPW unit is correctly powered you may check the input voltage with a Fluke multi-meter or scope by probing the +12V and GND contacts shown below. Please verify that the input voltage is present, and within the  $\pm$  5% tolerance and is free from excessive noise or AC ripple.

**Note: If using an input that is within the acceptable range of an ELI101-CPW, 5.0 to 17.0 VDC ( $\pm$  5%), please keep in mind that the 12V Test points should be at the voltage of your chosen power supply (5-17VDC).**

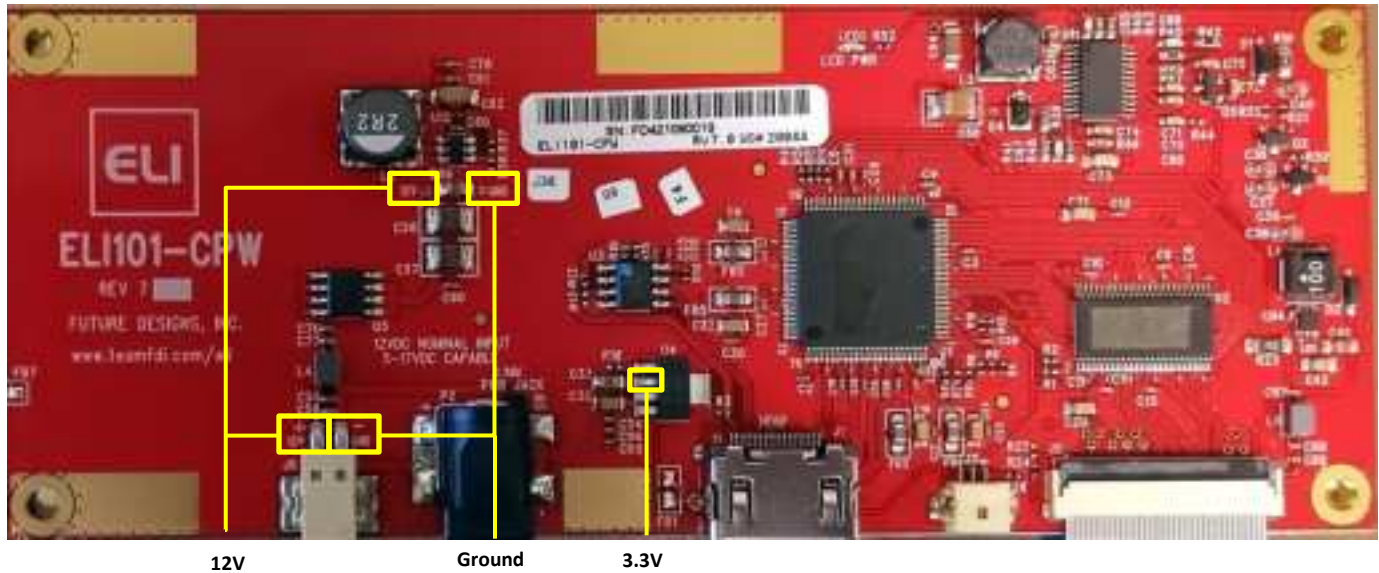


Figure 5. ELI101-CPW Power Test Points

## 10.1 Touch Activity LED

ELI101-CPW units, starting with Rev 7.0, have a touchscreen activity LED (*LED3*) located near the USB touch connector (P1):

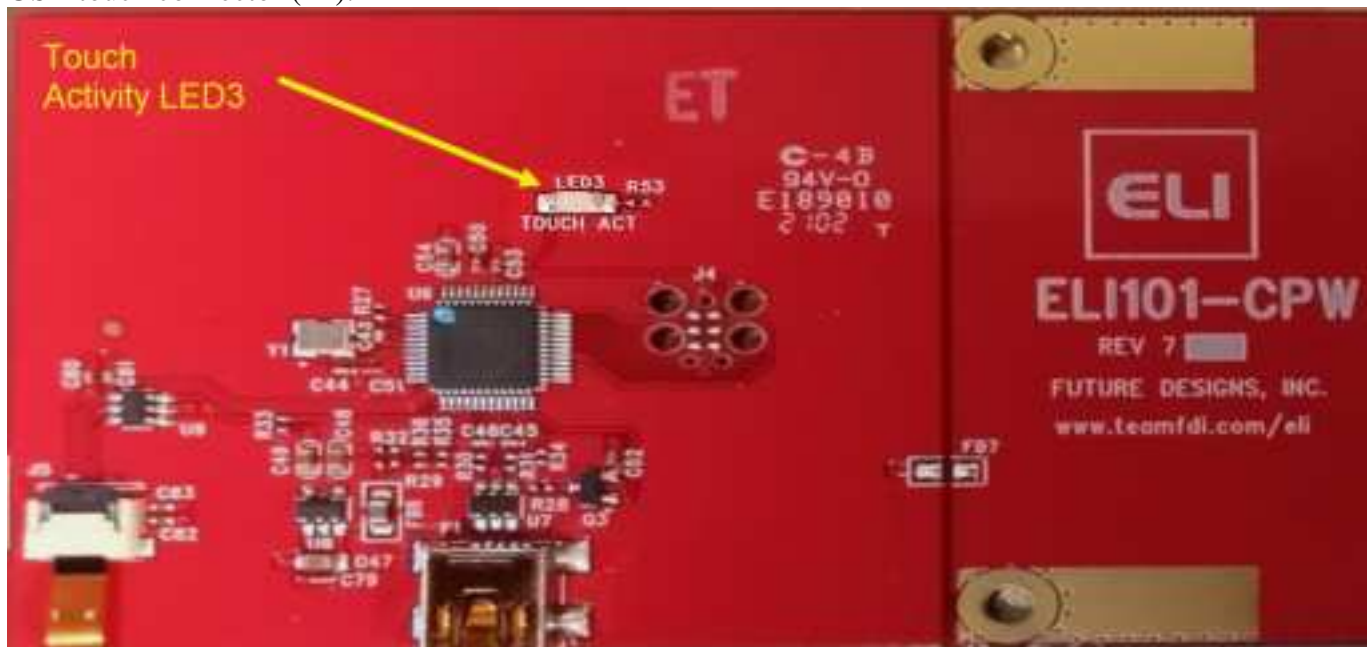


Figure 6. ELI101-CPW – Touch Activity LED

This Green LED will turn ON whenever any touchscreen input is detected, allowing for verification of the touch response even without a connected display.

## 11.1 Extended Display Information Data (EDID)

ELI uses Extended Display Identification Data (EDID) for automatic configuration with many operating systems. You can find out more on our website at <https://www.teamfdi.com/edid/>.

## 12.1 PWM Control of Backlight

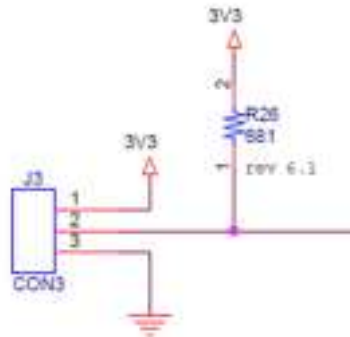


Figure 7. PWM Backlight Control

J5 mating connector housing information:

- Manufacturer: Hirose
- Part Number: DF12-3S-1.25C
- Digi-Key Link: <https://www.digikey.com/products/en?keywords=H2180-ND>
- Pre-terminated wires <https://www.digikey.com/products/en?PPV=1811-9-566967>

ELI provides an input, so an external processor or SBC can control the backlight to vary the display brightness or to reduce power consumption (the display backlight is typically one of the larger sources of power consumption in the unit). PWM dimming is an input with a 0 to 3.3 VDC range and the user should drive this with a push-pull type output or a suitable open collector output.

To control the display, backlight the user should connect an externally generated Pulse Width Modulated (PWM) signal to J5 pin 2 along with a common ground to J5 pin 3. The frequency range for this signal is from 5KHz to 100KHz. Each ELI unit's display backlight properties will vary, so the user should test their version for an acceptable range of brightness control. For example, your 0 to 100% brightness range may be 40% to 90% of the PWM range. In certain installations, a series resistor on J5 pin 2 may be required to ensure a clean PWM signal is provided to the ELI. The suggested value for the resistor is 100ohms. See Figure 9 below, for example of connectivity. Actual testing in your installation may require this resistor to be changed, or possibly not required at all.

On the ELI unit, the PWM dimming signal is pulled up to LCD\_VDD providing 100% backlight power when no PWM signal is applied at pin 2 of J5. If nothing is connected to J5 the ELI will drive the display at 100% brightness (default).

The LCD\_VDD output at pin 1 of J5 is a 3.3VDC  $\pm$  5%. If the external system is capable of directly driving the PWM dimming signal at 3.3VDC, there is no need to connect pin 1 to the cable. ELI provides the 3.3 VDC signal, called LCD\_VDD, for the external system in case this voltage is needed to generate the correct levels on the PWM dimming input.



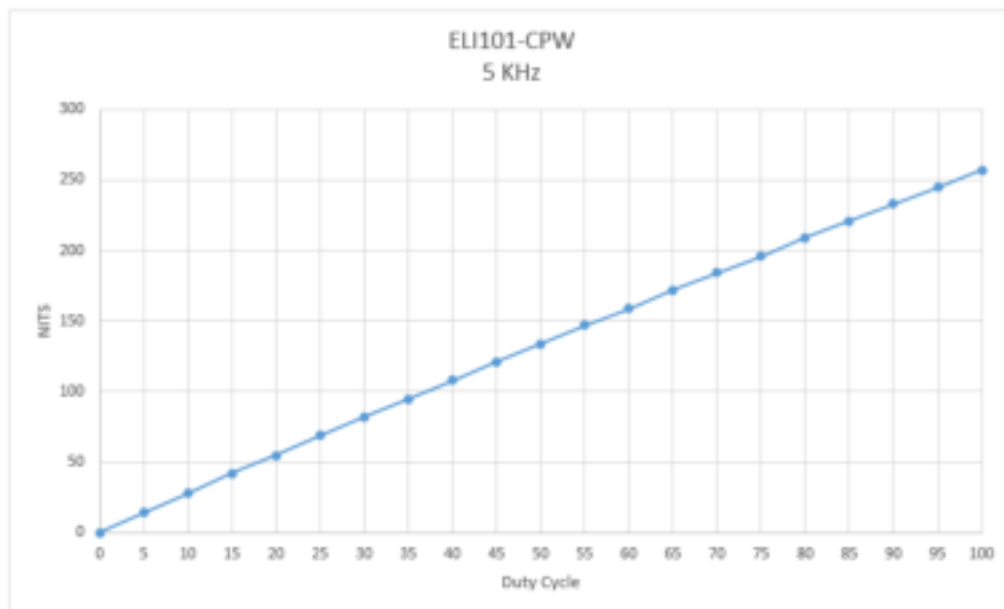


Figure 8. ELI101-CPW Backlight Curve in Nits

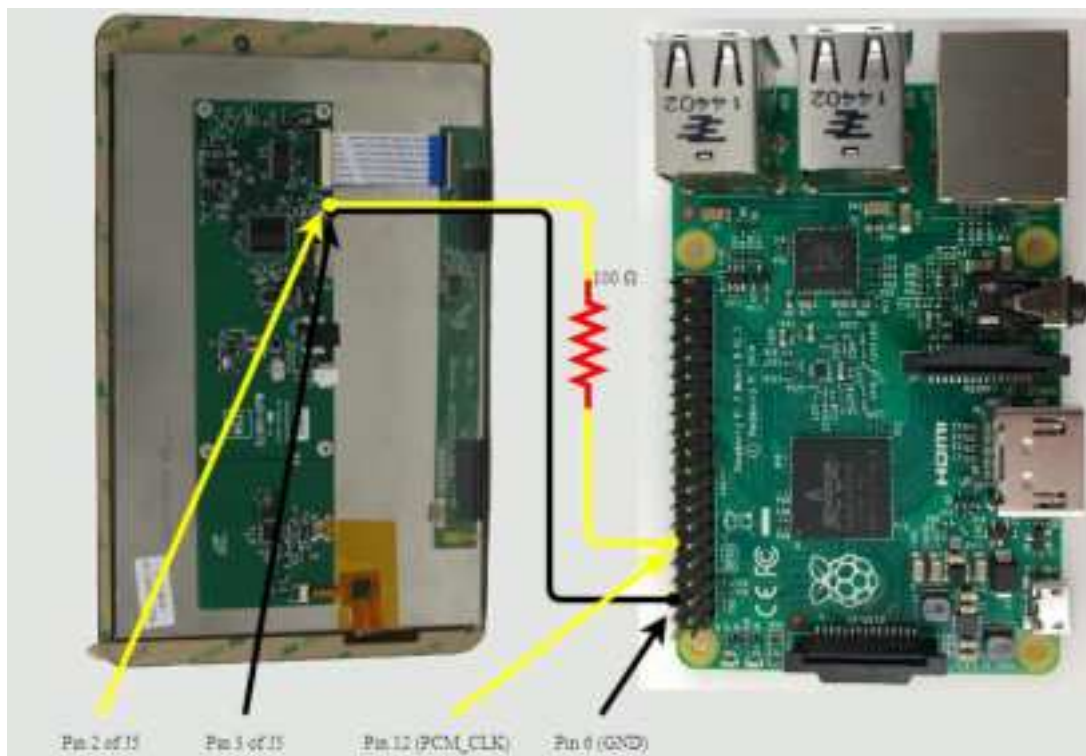


Figure 9. Raspberry Pi Signal and Ground

The ELI backlight can be easily controlled from a Raspberry Pi. See Figure 9 for a wiring diagram. Our



software is available on the website at <https://www.teamfdi.com/product-details/eli101-cpw#software> or you may copy the code from here, if using a Raspberry Pi 4 Model B or older. An alternative method, which works on Raspberry Pi 5, can be found after.

```
/* Changes brightness of ELI backlight given a command line argument between 0 and
the set range. Uses bcm2835 header file provided by Broadcom at
https://www.airspayce.com/mikem/bcm2835/bcm2835-1.52.tar.gz This source code must be
compiled using "g++ brightness.cpp -o brightness -l bcm2835" in order to properly
link the header file. Must be run using sudo, accessing GPIO pins requires root
permissions. After compiling, you may add executable to "/usr/bin" which allows you
to type "sudo brightness <value>" to change brightness anywhere in terminal ("sudo
brightness 20" is full brightness). The "/boot/config.txt" file must also be
changed by adding a "#" before the line "dtparam=audio=on". This disables audio
output from the Raspberry Pi. If this is not disabled then anytime sound is output
the screen will return to 100% brightness.
*/
```

```
#include<iostream>
#include<bcm2835.h>
#include<string>

using namespace std;

#define LED_RPI_GPIO_P1_12 // PWM pin number for backlight control
#define RANGE 20 // Range for PWM steps
#define CLOCK 192 // Clock rate

int main(int argc, char *argv[]){

    int data = 0; // Brightness level

    if(argc != 2){ // Give user correct usage if ran incorrectly
        cout << "Error: correct usage, brightness <value>" << endl;
        return 1;
    }

    data = stoi(argv[1]);

    if(data > RANGE || data < 0){
        cout << "Error: brightness value must be between 0 and " << RANGE << endl;
        return 1;
    }

    if(!bcm2835_init())
        return 1;

    bcm2835_gpio_set_pad(BCM2835_PAD_GROUP_GPIO_0_27, BCM2835_PAD_DRIVE_2mA); //
Sets the drive current to 2mA
    bcm2835_gpio_fsel(LED, BCM2835_GPIO_FSEL_ALT5); // Sets up pin 18 for alt5 pwm
mode

    bcm2835_pwm_set_clock(CLOCK); // Sets pwm clock to 19.2 MHz / CLOCK
```



```
bcm2835_pwm_set_mode(0,1,1); // Sets mode to markspace
bcm2835_pwm_set_range(0,RANGE); // Sets range
bcm2835_pwm_set_data(0,data); // Sets data rate to argument value

bcm2835_close();
return 0;
}
```

Figure 10. Backlight Control for Raspberry Pi

The GPIO pinout on Raspberry Pi 5 is identical to Raspberry Pi 4, but it uses a different hardware GPIO configuration, so the above method will not work. Instead, you will need to install the gpiozero python module.

```
sudo apt-get install python3-gpiozero
```

An example python script using gpiozero to control backlight PWM can be found on the FDI website at <https://www.teamfdi.com/product-details/eli101-cpw#software>. You can also copy the code from below.





```
try:
    from gpiozero import PWMOutputDevice
except ImportError:
    print("Failed to import gpiozero module.")
    print("try entering this into the console:")
    print("sudo apt-get install python3-gpiozero")
    exit(0)
import time

cycles = 50

# gpiozero uses Broadcom pin numbering. Any pin labelled as GPIO in the RPI header
# pinout can be used.
# GPIO18 is 'PCM_CLK'
# When using 'PWMOutputDevice':
#     '0.0 = off,
#     0.5 = 50% on,
#     1.0 = fully on'''
pin = PWMOutputDevice(18, frequency = 5000)

# Gradually increases/decreases backlight intensity [cycles] times
while cycles > 0:
    # Fade in
    for dc in range(0, 100, 1):
        pin.value = dc / 100
        time.sleep(0.01)
    # Fade out
    for dc in range(100, 0, -1):
        pin.value = dc / 100
        time.sleep(0.01)
    cycles -= 1

# Gpiozero automatically clears GPIO pins upon completion,
# so the screen will always go back to max brightness when this script finishes
exit(0)
```



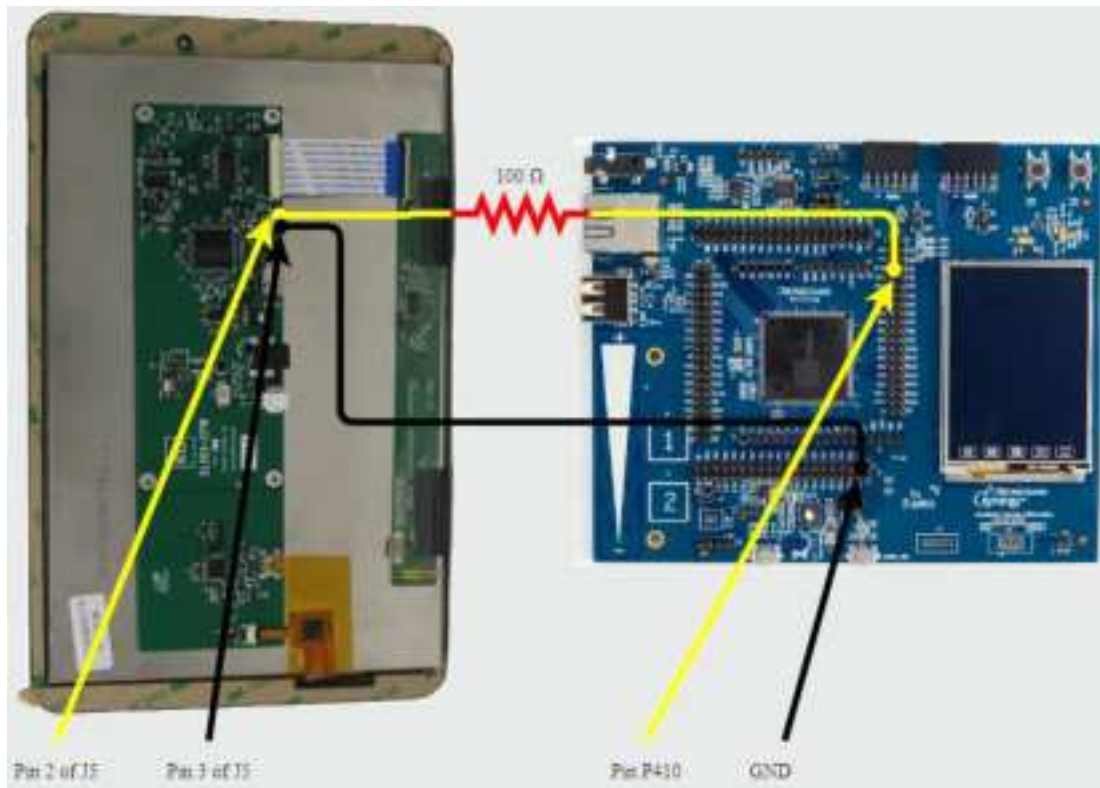


Figure 11. Renesas Synergy S7G2 Signal and Ground

The ELI backlight can also be controlled from a Renesas Synergy S7G2 wired as shown in Figure 11. The software for Synergy can be found on our website at <https://www.teamfdi.com/product-details/eli101-cpw#software>.

## 13.0 Support

### 13.1 Where to Get Help

Online technical support is available at <https://www.teamfdi.com/support/>

### 13.2 Useful Links

- Future Designs, Inc. Forums: <https://www.teamfdi.com/forum>
- ELI101-CPW Product Page: <https://www.teamfdi.com/product-details/eli101-cpw>
- ELI Software User's Manual: <https://fdiwebdocs.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/2024/wp-content/uploads/ELI-Software-Users-Manual.pdf>
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