

# **BLDCKS®** Atmel AVR® multiprogrammer system



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- Relevant software and hardware that allow you to use your E-blocks product better.
- Example files and programs.
- Ways to get technical support for your product, either via the forums or by contacting us directly.

### **Board layout**



- 1. Power connector 2.1mm
- 2. Bridge rectifier to accept any polarity from power connector
- 3. Output voltage screw terminals
- 4. Power indicator LED
- 5. 5 volt voltage regulator
- 6. 28-pin AVR programming header
- 7. 8-pin / 20-pin AVR programming header
- 8. 40-pin AVR programming header
- 9. Microcontroller reset switch
- 10. Removable crystal to drive the microcontroller clock
- 11. 28-pin AVR microcontroller socket
- 12. 20-pin AVR microcontroller socket
- 13. 8-pin AVR microcontroller socket
- 14. 40-pin AVR microcontroller socket
- 15. Expansion header containing the complete AVR microcontroller I/O
- 16. Port D I/O connector
- 17. Port C I/O connector
- 18. Port B I/O connector
- 19. Port A I/O connector

### General information

This new AVR<sup>®</sup> multiprogrammer system connects to your PC via an In-System Programmer (ISP) to provide you with one of the world's lowest cost and most flexible AVR microcontroller programmers. The board is fully compatible with the entire range of E-blocks allowing the investigation into many interesting and exciting projects.

The Atmel AVR multiprogrammer board allows serial programming of a large selection of 8, 20, 28 and 40 pin Atmel AVR devices. This board can be used with Atmel's AVR studio which is a free and comprehensive AVR programming utility. The board can be programmed using Assembly, C and Flowcode. It provides 'clean' access to all I/O lines on the relevant Atmel AVR devices.

In-circuit debug with Flowcode is available with the FlowKit device.

#### 1. Features

- Includes an E-block compatible development board
- Includes an AVR Programmer module (USB)
- Can be used as both a programmer and a development board
- Programs a wide range of 8, 20, 28 and 40 pin Atmel AVR devices
- Full suite of programming software included
- High speed crystal operation and internal RC operation
- No jumper settings required
- 4 full I/O E-blocks ports
- Flowcode compatible

### **Circuit description**



#### 1. Power supply

The board can be powered from an unregulated 14V supply. The regulation circuitry will withstand unregulated 20V as a maximum input voltage and 7V as a minimum. If you are using a DC power supply then you should use a 14V setting. Power can be connected using the 2.1mm power jack or the screw terminal connectors J1, J2. The two "+V OUT" screw terminals are supplied for powering other E-blocks with approximately +5V. The regulator will supply up to 400mA via all outputs. LED D3 will indicate that power is connected to the board and that the voltage regulation circuitry is fully functional.

Please note connector J4 is directly connected to the J1 screw terminal pin 1 labelled '+14V', therefore any voltage input to J4 will also be available direct from pin 1 of J1. This means that '+14V' will not necessarily be +14V.

Other E-blocks will have to receive +5V by placing a

connecting wire from the "+V Out" screw terminal of the multiprogrammer to the "+V" screw terminal of each E-block that requires a voltage.

#### 2. Programming hardware

The AVR<sup>®</sup> board connects to a personal computer via the AVR programmer device. This device requires +5V and ground connection these are all provided on the board via one of the programming headers - J3, J9 or J10.

The following diagram shows the pin-out of the connector J3. The pinout is the standard pinout as used by the AVR Programmer.



By default the pins RB5, RB6 and RB7 are used to program the slave AVR<sup>®</sup> device. These are the pins that provide the programming functions MOSI, MISO and SCK respectively.

If problems occur in the programming sequence we recommend completely removing any E-blocks or circuitry connected to PortB. This allows MISO, MOSI and

J9	Programmer on: J10	J3
28 Pin AVR	8 or 20 Pin AVR	40 Pin AVR

General guide for positioning the AVR programming header SCK to be completely clean whilst programming.

#### 3. DIL sockets and I/O ports

The slave AVR<sup>®</sup> DIL sockets are wired in parallel (see circuit diagram below) and the ports are fed out to 4 D-type sockets grouped in ports. These signals are also available on a 40-way header for expansion purposes. Some of the ports will be inactive. This reflects the pin outs of the various AVR<sup>®</sup> devices themselves. For example, the ATMEGA8 only has Port B, Port C and Port D, therefore Port A is inactive. Please refer to device datasheets for availability of port outputs on each device.

NOTE - only insert **ONE** Atmel AVR<sup>®</sup> device at a time.

4. Reset push button

PB1 provides a reset by pulling the /RESET pin low. PB1 is pulled normally high through a resistor so that the device will not be reset during normal operation. The programming software has control over the reset line during programming via the AVR ISP hardware.

#### 5. Frequency selection

By default the board is fitted with a 20MHz crystal. The crystal fits into a small socket, which allows the crystal to be easily changed. This frequency was chosen to allow the ATMEGA324P to run at its maximum speed therefore increasing the processing power and productivity available from the board.

#### 6. 3.3V operation

The EB194 AVR multiprogrammer system is not compatible with 3.3V systems.

#### 7. Supported devices

For an up to date list of supported devices please view the datasheet on the AVR Programmer which can be found on our website.

## Circuit diagram





THIS SYST	EM INCLUDES:
	→ B1 BAG ↓ L2 LABEL ↓ U1 ATMEGA324 ↓ J17XTAL SOCKET

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