Quick Assembly Guide

USB+RTCC Add-on Card

The USB add-on card makes your NUE-PSK Digital Modem more flexible and useful with its ability to record the QSO text (for both receive and transmit) to a USB flash memory stick for archival and remote printing. The USB card also provides a serial connection to a PC, and a real-time clock/calendar function (RTCC) to display time and date on the modem LCD and timestamp the QSOs in REC mode. The latest modem software contains the keyboard commands used for controlling the USB card functions, plus a comprehensive set of text editing commands. The USB card fits into the existing modem enclosure with minimal mods; a replacement bottom chassis with pre-drilled holes for the connectors is optionally available.

See full details online at http://www.nue-psk/usb

Assembly Instructions

1) Attach U1 and U4. Use care to ensure they are aligned. Use desolder braid (supplied) to remove excess solder between pins, if needed.
2) Attach all parts from the SMT card. C10, R12, R13, R14, R15 and R16 should be mounted on bottom of board. (Their outlines are shown on top.)
3) Attach crystals X1 and X2 slightly elevated so they touch no other parts.
4) Attach all remaining parts. J1 mounts on bottom side, and P3 mounts on top. Check photos for proper placement. Ensure that P1, P2, LED1 and LED2 are mounted flat and straight.
5) J4 is used as a socket for the battery. Snip off the inner three pins, leaving the outer two, and solder it in place at the battery position.
6) Attach two nylon standoffs with screws.
7) Create the 3-wire Control cable with ribbon cable and J2. Solder one end of cable to J2. On modem board, remove screws and lift up LCD. Solder the connector to J3.
8) Add 5V jumper on modem board at Field Programming port P4. First cut the ‘x’ trace connecting the two pads near the lower-left LCD standoff. (Make sure this 3.3V trace is thoroughly cut.) Next add a short jumper from the leftmost ‘X’ pad down to the pad above the Select pushbutton. This jumper will supply 5V to the USB card. (See photo 2.)
9) Add pull-up resistor R17 between U3 pins 1 and 5 on the bottom side of the board.
10) Insert the programmed PIC controller U3 into the IC socket.
11) Battery preparation & insertion: With needle nose pliers, twist each lead 90-degrees so the flats of the leads are in-line with each other. Orient the battery with the top tab (positive) in the hole closer to U3 and insert the battery. The battery should measure between 2.7V and 3.1V. Using a clip lead, quickly short U3 pin 4 to ground to reset the PIC.
12) Battery power: Power up modem.

Final Assembly

1) Use template from website to make holes in existing bottom chassis for USB connectors and LEDs, or use the optionally-purchased pre-drilled chassis.
2) Plug in the USB card to the Field Programming port P4 along the modem board’s left edge and attach the Control cable to P3. Ensure that the wire from pin 1 goes to the modem pad ‘a’.
3) Insert board assembly to new/modified chassis and screw into place. (Proper clearance for modem board controls can be achieved by biasing board to lower left while tightening top and bottom screws.)

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Designator | QTY | Description
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C2, C12 | 2 | Capacitor, SMD, 0805, 0.1 uF
C4, C10 | 2 | Capacitor, SMD, 0805, 0.1 uF
R11 | 1 | Resistor, SMD, 0805, 0.003 uF
C5, C7, C13, C14 | 4 | Capacitor, SMD, 0805, 47 pF
C8, C9 | 2 | Capacitor, SMD, 0805, 68 pF
R1, R2, R3, R4 | 4 | Resistor, SMD, 0805, 47K ohms
R9 | 1 | Resistor, SMD, 0805, 10K ohms
R7 | 1 | Resistor, SMD, 0805, 180 ohms
R5, R26 | 2 | Resistor, SMD, 0805, 330 ohms
R12, R13 | 2 | Resistor, SMD, 0805, 100K ohms
R14, R15 | 2 | Resistor, SMD, 0805, 1K ohms
P2 | 1 | USB connector, Type A
P1 | 1 | USB connector, Type B
J1 | 1 | SP receptical, 0.1", 1x4, 90-deg
J2 | 1 | SP receptical, 0.1", 1x3
W1 | 1 | Ribbon cable, 3-wire, 4" long
P3 | 1 | Pinheader, 1x3, 0.1", R/A
LED1, LED2 | 2 | LED, 90-deg, green
U1 | 1 | Voltage regulator, 3.3V, LP2950 (TO-92)
U2 | 1 | PIC16F688, DIP-14
U4 | 1 | CMOS switch, FST3126
J4 | 1 | SIP receptical, 0.1", 1x5
J3 | 1 | IC socket, 14-pin DIP
J5 | 1 | SP socket, 1x5
X1 | 1 | Crystal, 12.0 MHz, 20 pF
C1, C3 | 2 | Capacitor, SMD, 1.0 uF
C8, C9 | 2 | Capacitor, SMD, 0805, 68 pF
C6, C7, C13, C14 | 4 | Capacitor, SMD, 0805, 47 pF
C11 | 1 | Capacitor, SMD, 0805, 0.001 uF
C4, C10 | 2 | Capacitor, SMD, 0805, 0.01 uF
C2, C12 | 2 | Capacitor, SMD, 0805, 0.1 uF

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Photo 1: Control Cable
(See Assy step 8)

Photo 2: Adding 5V to P4
(See Assy step 8)

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