

Autonomous Vehicle Hardware Wiring Guide

Complete wiring instructions for Arduino-based self-driving car with Raspberry Pi AI

Project Overview

This guide provides detailed wiring instructions for building an autonomous self-driving car using Arduino Uno for motor control and Raspberry Pi 4 for AI processing with computer vision.

Required Components

Microcontrollers

Arduino Uno R3 ×1

Raspberry Pi 4 (4GB+) ×1

USB Cable A to B ×1

MicroSD Card (32GB+) ×1

Vision & Sensors

Raspberry Pi Camera V2 ×1

HC-SR04 Ultrasonic Sensor ×1

IR Infrared Sensors ×2

MPU-6050 Gyroscope ×1

Motors & Control

DC Gear Motors ×2

L298N Motor Driver ×1

SG90 Servo Motor ×1

Motor Wheels ×2

Power & Chassis

Li-ion Battery Pack (12V) ×1

USB-C Power Bank (5V) ×1

Robot Car Chassis ×1

Jumper Wires (Various)

Complete System Architecture

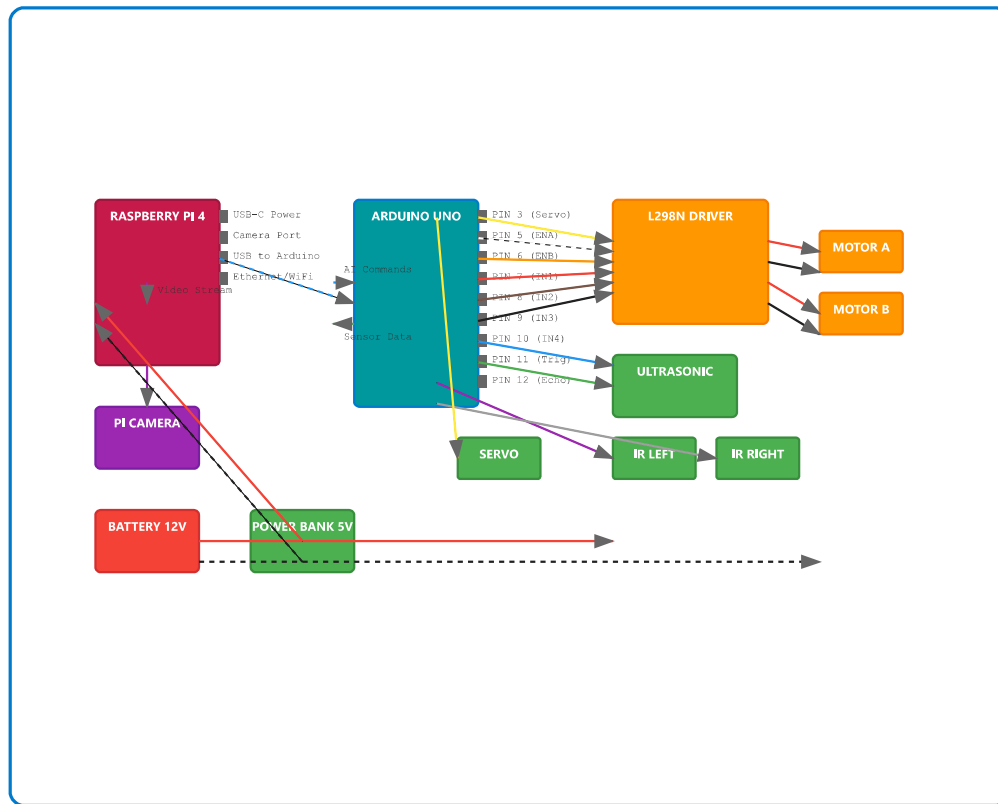


Figure 1: Complete system architecture with Raspberry Pi and camera integration

Detailed Pin Connections

Raspberry Pi 4 Connections

Component	Raspberry Pi Port	Description	Cable Type
Camera Module	Camera CSI Port	15-pin ribbon cable connection	CSI Ribbon Cable

Component	Raspberry Pi Port	Description	Cable Type
Arduino Uno	USB 2.0/3.0 Port	Serial communication for motor control	USB A to B Cable
Power Supply	USB-C Power	5V 3A power input	USB-C Cable
Network	Ethernet / WiFi	Internet connectivity for AI models	Ethernet Cable

Arduino to Motor Driver (L298N)

Component	Arduino Pin	Description	Wire Color
Motor A Enable	PIN 5 (PWM)	Left motor speed control	○ Yellow
Motor B Enable	PIN 6 (PWM)	Right motor speed control	○ White
Motor A Input 1	PIN 7	Left motor direction forward	○ Orange
Motor A Input 2	PIN 8	Left motor direction reverse	○ Red
Motor B Input 1	PIN 9	Right motor direction forward	○ Brown
Motor B Input 2	PIN 10	Right motor direction reverse	○ Black

Sensor Connections to Arduino

Sensor	Arduino Pin	Description	Wire Color
Ultrasonic Trig	PIN 11	Trigger pulse output	○ Blue
Ultrasonic Echo	PIN 12	Echo pulse input	○ Green
IR Sensor Left	A0	Left line detection analog	○ Purple
IR Sensor Right	A1	Right line detection analog	○ Gray

Sensor	Arduino Pin	Description	Wire Color
Servo Motor Signal	PIN 3 (PWM)	Steering control signal	○ Yellow

Camera Installation Guide

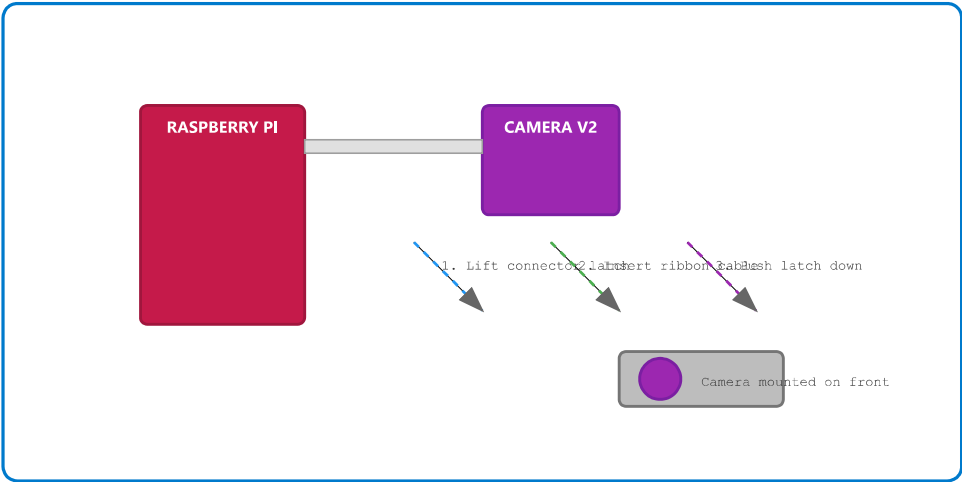


Figure 2: Raspberry Pi camera installation and mounting

Camera Setup Steps:

1. Enable Camera Interface:

```
sudo raspi-config # → Interface Options → Camera → Enable
```

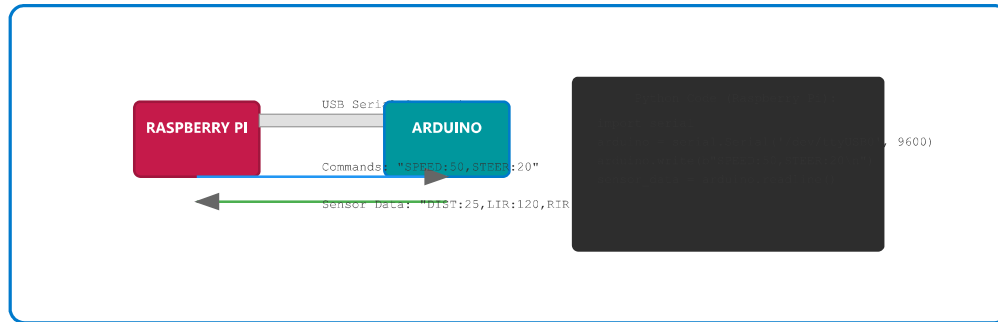
2. Install Camera Software:

```
sudo apt update sudo apt install python3-picamera2 python3-opencv
```

3. Test Camera:

```
libcamera-hello --list-cameras # Test capture: libcamera-jpeg -o test.jpg
```





Communication Protocol



Complete Connection Summary

RASPBERRY PI 4 CONNECTIONS:

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-  CAMERA → CSI Camera Port (15-pin ribbon cable)
-  ARDUINO → USB Port (USB A to B cable)
-  POWER → USB-C Port (5V 3A power supply)
-  NETWORK → Ethernet Port or WiFi

ARDUINO UNO PINOUT:

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DIGITAL PINS:

PIN 3 (PWM) → SERVO Signal (Yellow)
PIN 5 (PWM) → L298N ENA - Left Motor Speed (Yellow)
PIN 6 (PWM) → L298N ENB - Right Motor Speed (White)
PIN 7 → L298N IN1 - Left Motor Forward (Orange)
PIN 8 → L298N IN2 - Left Motor Reverse (Red)
PIN 9 → L298N IN3 - Right Motor Forward (Brown)
PIN 10 → L298N IN4 - Right Motor Reverse (Black)
PIN 11 → HC-SR04 Trig (Blue)
PIN 12 → HC-SR04 Echo (Green)

ANALOG PINS:

A0 → IR Left Sensor (Purple)
A1 → IR Right Sensor (Gray)

POWER DISTRIBUTION:

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BATTERY 12V → L298N VCC (Red thick wire)
BATTERY GND → L298N GND & Arduino GND (Black)
POWER BANK 5V → Raspberry Pi USB-C
ARDUINO 5V → All Sensors VCC

Software Setup

Raspberry Pi Setup

```
# Install required packages sudo apt update sudo apt install  
python3-pip python3-opencv python3-picamera2 # Install Python  
libraries pip3 install pyserial numpy torch torchvision # Enable  
camera and serial interface sudo raspi-config # → Interface  
Options → Camera → Enable # → Interface Options → Serial Port →  
Enable
```

Arduino Code Structure

```
// Arduino communicates with Raspberry Pi via Serial void setup()
{ Serial.begin(9600); // Match baud rate with Python code } void
loop() { // Read sensors readSensors(); // Send sensor data to
Raspberry Pi Serial.print("DIST:");
Serial.print(ultrasonicDistance); Serial.print(",LIR:");
Serial.print(irLeftValue); Serial.print(",RIR:");
Serial.println(irRightValue); // Check for commands from
Raspberry Pi if (Serial.available()) { String command =
Serial.readStringUntil('\n'); processCommand(command); // Execute
motor commands } }
```

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