

## DC motors:

- Assumptions
  - Worst-case rover mass  $m=80$  kg
  - Gravity  $g=9.81$  m/s<sup>2</sup>
  - Minimum 4 wheels in contact and sharing load (so per-wheel share = total / 4).
  - Wheel diameter assumed  $D=0.14$  m
  - Coefficient of rolling resistance for rough terrain,  $C_{rr}=0.10$  (conservative).
  - Uphill slope to handle: 20% grade (0.2).
  - Gearbox efficiency  $\approx 85\%$  (0.85).
  - Safety/roughness margin:  $\times 2$  on torque and power.

If any of those should change (wheel diameter, desired top speed, slope), all calculation would change

### Rolling resistance:

$$F_{rr} = C_{rr} m g = 78.48 \text{ N}$$

### Grade (climb) force:

$$F_{grade} = 0.2 mg = 156.2$$

### Total traction force needed:

$$F_{total} = 98.1 + 196.2 = 235.3 \text{ N}$$

### Force per wheel and torque for a wheel:

$$F_{wheel} = F_{total} / 4 = 58.3 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Torque} = 58.3 \times 0.07 = 4.141$$

### Speed & wheel RPM:

Assuming velocity of rover to be 1.2 m/s

Rpm for rover = 164 rpm

### **Power requirement:**

- Torque required:  $\sim 5 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$  continuous
- Speed: 164 rpm
- Power per wheel:

$$P = \text{torque} \times \text{rpm}$$

$$P = 70.7 \text{ W}$$

So 75 W per wheel.

For 6 wheels  $\rightarrow$  450 W total.

### **Final Motor specs:**

Voltage: 24 V (best balance for robotics, ROS ecosystem).

Power: 150 W continuous.

Torque:  $\geq 5 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$  continuous

Encoder: Integrated quadrature encoder ( $\geq 500 \text{ CPR}$ ). Essential for ROS odometry.

Type: Brushed DC or BLDC. BLDC + encoder preferred for efficiency, brushed + encoder is cheaper but less efficient.

Ingress protection: IP54+ recommended (dust protection for rough terrain).

### **Final Motor Driver specs:**

#### 1. Voltage rating

- Must match motor voltage  $\rightarrow$  24 V nominal,
- Safe margin  $\rightarrow$  support up to 30 V.

## 2. Current rating

- Continuous:  $\geq 4$  A
- Peak (short-time):  $\geq 10$  A (for acceleration & slope climbing).
- Must be *per motor channel*.

## 3. Number of channels

- You have 6 DC motors.
- Options:
  - Single-channel drivers (6 boards) – one per motor.
  - Dual-channel drivers (3 boards) – better wiring & compact.

## 4. Control interface

- PWM + direction pins if Arduino is main controller.
- Or serial / CAN bus if you want fewer control pins and ROS-friendly communication.
- Encoder feedback support is a must for ROS odometry.

## 5. ROS compatibility

- Prefer drivers with existing ROS support:
  - RoboClaw: Dual channel, up to  $2 \times 30$ A, encoder feedback, ROS packages available.
  - ODrive (for BLDC motors): High performance, encoder feedback, ROS drivers exist.
  - Sabertooth  $2 \times 25$  or  $2 \times 32$ : Simple, reliable, ROS nodes exist (serial control).

## 6. Protections required

- Over-current shutdown
- Thermal protection
- Reverse polarity protection
- Regenerative braking (optional but useful)

## 7. Power efficiency

- Must be high ( $>90\%$ ), otherwise heat buildup will be a problem in a sealed rover chassis.
- Include heatsink or cooling fan if operating at continuous high current.

# Servo Motors:

## 1. Mechanical Requirement

- Wheel diameter: 26 cm (radius = 0.13 m).
- When stationary on rough terrain, friction resists turning.
- The servo is not rotating the wheel, but rotating the wheel + hub + suspension arm around a vertical axis.
- Resistance torque depends on:
  - Wheel load (rover weight per wheel).
  - Ground surface (rough terrain = high resistance).
  - Steering linkage geometry (lever arm length).

## 2. Load Estimation per Steering Wheel

- Rover mass = 100 kg (worst-case).
- Assume even load: ~25 kg per steering wheel (if all 4 take equal load).
- Vertical force per wheel:  $25 \times 9.81 \approx 245 \text{ N}$ .
- Static friction coefficient for rough ground  $\approx 0.6$ .
- Lateral resisting force while steering:  
 $F \approx \mu \times \text{Normal} \approx 0.6 \times 245 \approx 147 \text{ N}$

Now, assume steering pivot offset (lever arm) = 5 cm = 0.05 m.

Resisting torque at pivot:

$$T = F \times r = 147 \times 0.05 \approx 7.35 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$$

With x2 safer servo torque required is 15 Nm

Servo speed is not much need so 0.2sec/60deg works

## Final Servo Specs:

Torque:  $\geq 15 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$  (150 kg·cm)

Voltage: 7.4–12 V

Speed:  $\sim 0.2 \text{ sec}/60^\circ$  or faster

Control: PWM (standard RC), or RS-485/CAN (for industrial servo)

Protection: Metal gears, waterproof casing (IP65+), ball bearings

Power: Separate UBEC 5–10 A supply for all 4 servos

## Microcontrollers:

- Raspberry Pi5 8 GB
- Arduino Mega 2560

## Control Flow:

Ros Laptop -----> Ros Raspberry -----> Arduino —> Motor driver (to Dc Motor )

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Servo

## Battery:

### For the main rover

Li-ion (18650/21700 cells) or LiPo

Voltage: 24 V nominal (6S or 7S)

Capacity: 35–40 Ah

Energy: 850–950 Wh

Continuous discharge:  $\geq 80$  A

Peak discharge:  $\geq 160$  A

With BMS protection (overcurrent, undervoltage, temp).

Separate buck converters:

- 7.4 V @ 10 A for servos

- 5 V @ 2–3 A for Arduino

### **For Raspberry:**

Needs 5 V, 3–5 A.

Options:

- USB-C PD power bank (20,000 mAh, 100 Wh).
- Or a small 3S Li-ion pack + 5V buck converter.

For Servo:

<https://robokits.co.in/automation-control-cnc/integrated-dc-servo-motors/nema23-high-torque-encoder-dc-servo-motor-10rpm-with-step-dir-drive> X 4

Needs 12 V , 7.5 A max

4 servos - needs around 15000mah battery (runtime 30 mins)

Battery -

<https://robokits.co.in/batteries-chargers/drone-batteries/solid-state-batteries/genx-pro-solid-state-44.4v/genx-pro-solid-state-44.4v-12s-16000mah-premium-li-ion-battery>

For Arduino, Raspberry and Cameras , we need max - 10000mAh power bank

[https://www.amazon.in/boAt-Energysroom-PB300-Protection-Indicators/dp/B0C7C7Z2VX?source=ps-sl-shoppingads-lpcontext&ref\\_=fplfs&smid=A1WYWERO0W24N8S](https://www.amazon.in/boAt-Energysroom-PB300-Protection-Indicators/dp/B0C7C7Z2VX?source=ps-sl-shoppingads-lpcontext&ref_=fplfs&smid=A1WYWERO0W24N8S)

Camera

[https://robu.in/product/raspberry-pi-hq-camera/?gad\\_campaignid=19974686076](https://robu.in/product/raspberry-pi-hq-camera/?gad_campaignid=19974686076) X 2

Communication - we will use ubiquiti nanostation loco m5

<https://www.amazon.in/Ubiquiti-Nanostation-LOCO-Outdoor-802-11n/dp/B004EHSV4W>  
X2

We need around 2500 mAh

Battery -

<https://robu.in/product/orange-5200mah-6s-35c-22-2-v-lithium-polymer-battery-pack-li-po-copy/>

For motors - 40000mAh 24 V

<https://ashvavolt.com/product/ashvavolt-24v-40ah-lithium-ion-rechargeable-battery-pack-for-electric-cycle-solar-others-ev-24-volt-40000mah/>