Documentation Modular Control Unit (MCU)



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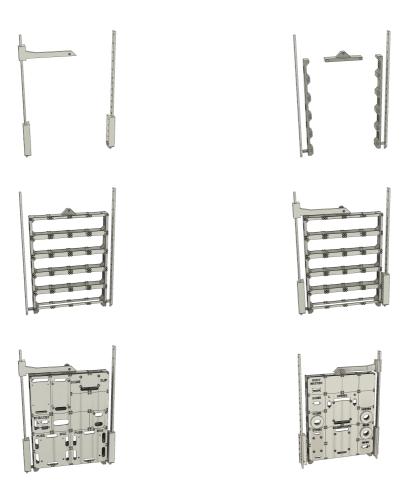
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General description and requirements

- All files have numbers at the end d1x1 means that the panel has a size of 60x60mm.
- The panels only have the size at the end because the quantity depends on your setup. Only in some cases you will find x2 at the end. E.g. for the Stand.

Overview of the design

Frame



Panels

Name	Screenshot
Panel-AstroCan-Pro-Dual- Shield_d1x2.stl	
Panel-Audio_d1x2.stl	
Panel-Blank_d1x1.stl	
Panel-Blank_d2x1.stl	
Panel-Blank-open_d1x1.stl	
Panel-Body-Master- MPX_d1x1.stl	° BODY MASTER :

Screenshot

Panel-Buck-Converter-12v-20A_d1x1.stl



Panel-Dome-50A-Switch_d1x1.stl



Panel-Dome-Slip-Ring-Adapter_d2x1.stl



Panel-Dome-XT60_d1x1.stl



Panel-Double-30A-Relay-Board-Drives-XT60-Connectors_d2x2.stl



Panel-Drives-50A-Switch_d1x1.stl



Panel-Fusebox_d2x2.stl



Screenshot

Panel-Fusebox_d3x2.stl



Panel-Main-50A-Switch_d1x1.stl



Panel-Main-XT90_d1x1.stl



Panel-PDB-12V_d1x2.stl



Panel-PDB-24V_d1x2.stl



Panel-PDB-Modular_d2x1.stl



Screenshot

Panel-Sabertooth-32A_d2x2.stl



Panel-Speaker-XT60_d1x1.stl



Panel-Switch-Left-Leg_d1x1.stl



Panel-Switch-Right-Leg_d1x1.stl



Panel-Syren-10A_d2x1.stl



Panel-XT60-Left-Leg_d1x1.stl



Name Screenshot

Panel-XT60-Right-Leg_d1x1.stl



Stand_x2.stl



Parts list

Screws and Nuts

Туре	Quantity	Used for	
M2x10 mm Cylinder Head Screw	8	Attaching amplifier and MPX-like connector to printed panels	
M2x10 mm Cylinder Head Screw	2	Attaching Arduino Mega2560 + AstroCan Shield to the printed panel	
M3x6 mm Pan Head Screw	104	80 for connecting the front and back frame to the standoffs	
		2 for attaching Arduino Mega2560 + AstroCan Shield to the printed üanel	
		4 for attaching Sabertooth to the printed panel	
		4 for attaching Syren to the printed panel	
		4 for attaching Relay board to the printed panel	
		4 for attaching Slipring-Adapter-PCB to the printed panel	
		4 for attaching 12V 20A buck converter to the printed panel	
M3x10 mm Countersunk Screw	12	Attaching the XT60 & XT90 to the adapters	
M3x12 mm Countersunk Screw	8	Attaching the fuse boxes to printed panels	
M3 Locknut	20	8 for attaching fuse boxes to printed panels	
		12 for attaching XT60 & XT90 to the adapters	
M4x18 mm Countersunk Screw	4	Connecting the Body-Adapter-left.stl and Body-Adapter-right.stl to the body	

Туре	Quantity	Used for		
M4x25 mm Countersunk Screw	2	Screwing the Frame-Adapter-pin-left.stl and Frame-Adapter-pin-right.stl to Frame-Connector-left.stl and Frame-Connector-right.stl		
M4x40 mm Countersunk Screw	1	Securing the MCU in the body using Body-Adapter- Top-Knob.stl		
M4 Square Nut	1	Securing the MCU in the body using Body-Adapter- Top-Knob.stl		

Threaded inserts, Standoffs & Bearings

Туре	Quantity	Used for	Link	
M2x3x3.2 mm Threaded Insert	2	To attach the AstroCan DualShield to the Panel-AstroCan-Pro-Dual-Shield_d1x2.stl panel		
M3x5.7 mm Threaded Insert	160	To fill all available recordings on the frame (additional inserts may be required based on panel used)	Amazon	
M4x4x6 mm Threaded Insert	4	Connecting Body-Adapter-left.stl and Body-Adapter-right.stl to the body		
M3x25 mm Standoffs	40	Connecting the Frame-Complete_x2.stl (if you have a big enougth printer) or Frame-Modular-End_x4.stl and Frame-Modular-Middle_x6.stl to the frame adapters	AliExpress	
15x10x4 mm Bearings	4	Two each for Body-Adapter-left.stl and Body-Adapter-right.stl		

Connectors and Switches

Туре	Quantity	Used for	Link
XT60 Connector	5	Connection to left and right drive, dome, and speakers	AliExpress
XT90 Connector	1	Main power connection of the batteries	AliExpress
MPX-like Connector	2	To provide a power connection with power and up to 6 data lines to the body	AliExpress
50V 50A Power Switch	3	To switch the dome, drives, and main power	AliExpress
7P Powerrails	0	Optional for 12/24V power distribution	AliExpress

Boards

Туре	Quantity	Used for	Link
5,5-30V 3A LCD Step- down	0	Power supply for 5V	AliExpress
5V 15A Buck Converter	2	Power supply for 5V	AliExpress
12V 20A Buck Converter	1	Power supply for 12V	Amazon
SyRen 10A	1	Controller for Dome motor	RobotShop.com
Sabertooth Dual 2x32A	1	Controller for Drive motors	RobotShop.com
Double 30 Relay Board	1	Cut the power to between motors and Sabertooth	printed- droid.com
12 Wire 8A Slip Ring Interface	1	Connect Dome to Body	printed- droid.com
AstroCan Pro Dual Shield	1	"The Brain"	printed- droid.com
Hifi Amplifier	1	Audiointerface	Amazon
Fusebox	2	To get everything secured	AliExpress

Assembly Instructions for the Frame

[!NOTE]

• The assembly is relatively simple, as the entire "package/unit" is stable once it has been assembled.

Required Parts:

- 15x10x4 mm bearings (4 pieces)
- M4x4x6 mm threaded inserts (8 pieces)
- M3x18 mm countersunk screws (5 pieces)
- M3x6 mm pan head screws (80 pieces)
- M4 square nut (1 piece)
- M4x40 mm countersunk screw (1 piece)
- M3x25 mmStandoffs (40 pieces)

1. Preparation of the Body Adapters

- 1. Body-Adapter-left.stl and Body-Adapter-right.stl:
 - 1. Press in two 15x10x4 mm bearings each.
 - 2. Melt in two M4x4x6 mm threaded inserts each.
 - 3. Attach to the body using **two M3x18 mm countersunk screws** each, ensuring that the bottom edge of the adapters aligns with the mounting points on the body.
 - 4. **Optional**: If necessary, two additional screws and threaded inserts can be installed on each side.

2. Preparation of the Frame

[!NOTE]

- If the build volume is larger than that of a Bambu Lab X1C, Frame-Complete_x2.stl can be printed twice.
- If the build volume is smaller than that of a Bambu Lab X1C, Frame-Modular-End_x4.stl must be printed four times and Frame-Modular-Middle_x6.stl six times.
- 1. Melt in **80 M3x5.7 mm threaded inserts** per side (fewer inserts may be used depending on how the modules are arranged).

3. Assembly the Frame

- 1. Attach the **40 M3x25 mm standoffs** to one side of the frame using **40 M3x6 mm pan** head screws.
- 2. Screw the Frame-Connector-pin-left.stl and Frame-Connector-pin-right.stl to the corresponding Frame-Connectors with a **M4x25 mm Countersunk Screw**.
- 3. Slide the parts Frame-Connector-left.stl, Frame-Connector-right.stl, and Frame-Connector-top.stl over the standoffs.
- 4. Finally, attach the remaining side to the standoffs using 40 M3x6 mm pan head screws.

4. Assembly of the Screwable Body Adapter

- 1. Body-Frame-Adapter-top.stl and Body-Frame-Adapter-top-Knob.stl:
 - 1. Melt in one M4x4x6 mm threaded insert.
 - 2. Attach to the body using **one M3x18 mm countersunk screw**, ensuring that the top edge of the adapter aligns with the mounting point on the body.
 - 3. Assemble the hand-tightened knob using **one M4 square nut** and **one M4x40 mm** countersunk screw.

Assembly on the Body

Required Parts:

- M4x18 mm countersunk screws (4 pieces)
- M4x40 mm countersunk screw (1 piece)
- M4 square nut (1 piece)
- M4x4x6 mm threaded inserts (4 pieces)
- 15x10x4 mm bearings (4 pieces)

Assembly Instructions:

- 1. Attach Body-Adapter-left.stl:
 - Screw the left adapter with the 15x10x4 mm bearings and attach it to the body.
- 2. Insert the MCU:
 - Insert the MCU into the left adapter (Body-Adapter-left.stl).
- 3. Mount Body-Adapter-right.stl:
 - Place the Body-Adapter-right.stl onto the MCU.
- 4. Secure Adapter to the Body:
 - Slide the right adapter onto the body, tilt slightly, and then tighten the screws.

Disassembly:

Follow the steps in reverse order.

Assembly instructions panels

- The panels themselves are each attached to the frame with **1-n M3x6 mm pan head** screws.
- In some cases, **M3x5.7 mm threaded inserts** are also required to attach the parts to the panels themselves.

Community panels

[!NOTE]

- The following list contains an overview of panels which were created by other users to extend the option what electronics can be used. Thank you so much!
- Stephen Mathis has published his created panels on the Facebook group of Mr. Baddeley. He also posted a video.
- dadmin created a set of panels to hold electronics like a voltmeter, new power terminals,
 Sparkfun MP3 Trigger, new AMP, XBOX receiver and Mini Maestro 24-Channel USB controller.