This kit is a powerful programmer for the Atmel AT90Sxxx ("AVR") family of microcontrollers.

The Atmel AVR devices are a low-power CMOS 8-bit microcontroller using a RISC architecture. By executing instructions in a single clock cycle, these chips achieve throughputs approaching 1 MIPS per MHz.

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These devices feature onboard Flash program memory, EEPROM for nonvolatile data storage, as well as a number of fuse and lock bits. They are electrically erasable; they can be re-programmed over and over again without the need for UV erasers.

Programming of all these features is supported with this programmer.

AVR DEVICES SUPPORTED

- AT90S1200 (20 pin DIP)
 1K program, 64 bytes EEPROM
- AT90S2313 (20 pin DIP)
 2K Flash, 128 bytes EEPROM & SRAM
- AT90S4414 (40 pin DIP)
 4K Flash, 256 bytes EEPROM & SRAM
- AT90S8515 (40 pin DIP)
 8K Flash, 512 bytes EEPROM & SRAM

This programmer does not support In-System-Programming.

The programmer uses a **serial** port for communication, which has several advantages:

- The programmer does not require special software other than a terminal emulator program that can send an ASCII text file. Windows 3.11 &9x come with this program (**Terminal** & **Hyperterminal**) built-in. You may download our own term.exe from our website.
- It allows the programmer to be used with any computer and operating system.

The kit is constructed on a double-sided, through hole plated printed circuit board (PCB) measuring 110mm x 69mm (4.3" x 2.7"). Protel for DOS was used.

The kit is powered by a mains adaptor with an open circuit output voltage of at least 16VDC. Most 12VDC adaptors should supply this quite easily. Current capacity of the adaptor should be at least 150mA.

Provision is made on the PCB to fit ZIF programming sockets. However these are not supplied with the kit.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

A number of the components are physically similar and can be easily mixed up. Before starting, identify the following components:

- 1N4148 diode **1N4148** marked on the body
- 5.6V zener diode **1TTB 5V6** marked on body
- 12V zener **BZX 55C 12 ST** marked on body
- BC547 transistor
- BC557 transistor
- 78L05 regulator

Using the component overlay on the PCB, insert the components in the following order:

1. Resistors and diodes

The diodes must be inserted the correct way around. The "bar" on the diode body lines up with the "bar" on the component overlay.

The dot on the resistor network RP1 goes into the box marked on the overlay for RP1. Network may be 10P9R (last resistor not used) or 9P8R.

- 2. Ceramic and monobloc capacitors
- 3. IC sockets (not the ZIF sockets if used)
- 4. Transistors and 5V regulator
- 5. LEDs
- 6. Electrolytic capacitors

Make sure that the electrolytic capacitors are inserted the correct way around. The positive lead is marked on the overlay. The negative is marked on the body of the capacitor.

- Crystal, pushbutton switch and DC jack
 The switch has a flat side which lines up with the "bar" on the component overlay.
- 8. D25 connector and ZIF sockets (if used)
- 9. Proceed to "TESTING" before inserting any ICs.

CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

The 78L05 regulator provides a stable 5V supply for the ICs. Diode D1 protects the kit against reverse polarity of the power supply.

Transistors Q1 and Q2 are used to control the programming voltage. Q2 switches the programming voltage on or off and is controlled via Q1. A high on the base of Q1 pulls the base of Q2 low and the programming voltage is switched off.

A low on the base of Q1 causes zener Z1 and diode D2 to conduct and 12.6V is applied to the base of Q2. The programming voltage is now 12V. Resistor R2 limits the current supplied to the programming pin. With a 12V programming voltage zener Z2 conducts and the "Vpp On" LED lights.

Transistor Q3 switches the supply voltage to the programming socket. A low on the base supplies 5V to the socket and the "Vcc On" LED lights.

The control software for this kit is contained in IC1, a preprogrammed 89C2051. It controls all the functions for

reading, verifying and programming of the AVR chips, including the EEPROM, lock and fuse bits

Port pins P1.0 to P1.7 are used to transfer data to or from the programming socket. IC2, an 8-bit addressable latch, provides additional outputs and is controlled via port pin

the programming socket. IC2, an 8-bit addressable latch, provides additional outputs and is controlled via port pins P3.2 to P3.6 and P3.7. The in-built serial port on pins P3.0 and P3.1 is used to communicate with the host PC. IC3 converts between TTL and RS232 signal levels.

TESTING

Before applying power, check that all parts are inserted in the correct position. Make sure the electrolytic capacitors and diodes are the right way around.

With no ICs inserted apply power via the DC jack. The "VPP" LED should come on. Check the following:

- 1. +5V rail measure between pins 10 and 20 of IC1
- 2. VPP voltage approximately 12V on pin 1 of SKT1 and pin 9 of SKT2 ("Vpp" LED on)
- 3. VCC voltage 0V on pin 20 of SKT1 and pin 40 of SKT2.
- 4. Insert a wire link to pins 6 and 16 of the IC2 socket. The VPP voltage should now be 0V.
- 5. Move the wire link to pins 7 and 8. The "Vcc" LED should be on and the voltage on pin 20 of SKT1 and pin 40 of SKT2 should be 5V.

If all is well, remove power and insert the ICs.

OPERATION & USE

- 1. Connect the programmer to the serial port of a PC or other host using a "straight through" 9 pin cable.
- Start a 'terminal program' such as Windows Terminal, Windows 95/98 HyperTerminal or DOS Telix, ProComm, etc. Or use the term.exe program which you may download from our website.
- 3. Set the communications parameters to <u>9600 baud</u>, <u>8</u> data bits, 1 stop bit and no parity bit. (The pcb has 4800 written on it. Disregard this. After the first PCBs were made we found that 9600 baud could be achieved.) If you get term.exe enter 'term 9600'
- 4. Apply power to the programmer. A menu will appear and both LEDs should be off. You may have to press the RESET button to get the menu,
- 5. The programmer is ready for use.

NOTE: Do not insert or remove ICs in the programming sockets until the programmer is powered up. Once powered do not insert or remove ICs until both LEDs are off.

PROGRAMMING COMMANDS

- Commands may be entered in upper or lower case.
- There is no need to select the chip being programmed.
 The programmer automatically identifies the device before any programming option is executed. An error message is printed for unknown devices.

With **term.exe** using CK1705 to program the AT1200 for our Kit 129 the usual command sequence we use is

C P alt-S enter RP L

The first time we hit alt-S we have to put in the name of the file to be sent to the programmer ('k129.hex' in our case.) The next time we enter alt-S the name is remembered. You might like to do a **V** alt-S enter after the **P** alt-S the first few times to verify that the program has gone correctly. **X** as the optional final command shows the lock bits status (=0 for locked; =1 unlocked.)

DESCRIPTION OF COMMANDS

P Program memory

This will program the currently selected memory (flash or eeprom). You will be prompted to send the file, which must be in Intel HEX format. Use an ASCII or text transfer to send it.

Before programming a chip it should be erased using the **C** command – see below. Chips that have been "locked" cannot be programmed without erasing first.

If an error occurs while programming, a message will be printed and the programmer will stop. Stop the file transfer and press the RESET switch to continue.

V Verify memory

Verify the selected memory (flash or eeprom) against an Intel HEX file. You will be prompted to send the file. An error message will be printed if verification fails.

Note: Verification must be performed BEFORE writing the lock bits. Writing the lock bits prevents the code from being read out or the fuses being set. All data will read as FFh and verification will fail.

D Dump memory

Read the contents of the selected memory (flash or eeprom) and send it to the PC. The data is converted into Intel HEX format before sending.

A terminal program with input capture or logging allows the data to be saved to a disk file.

L write Lock bits

Used to program lock bits 1 and 2. All lock bits are programmed – there is no choice. Lock bits are set to '0' when they are programmed (locked). They are '1' if unlocked.

C Chip erase

Erase the device (electrically). Erasing the device does NOT affect the fuse bits. These are erased using the 'S' and 'R' commands.

F address Flash memory

AVR devices have two types of programmable memory – flash (code) memory and eeprom (data) memory. This command, together with the 'E' command, is used to select which memory type is being referenced by the 'P', 'V' and 'D' commands.

The command prompt will show which memory type is currently selected.

E address Eeprom memory

See 'F' command above.

Sx SPIEN fuse (P)rogram/(E)rase

Programs or erases the AVR fuse bit "SPIEN". "SP" programs the fuse, "SE" erases it.

Rx RCEN (FSTRT) fuse (P)rogram/(E)rase

Programs or erases the AVR fuse "RCEN" ("FSTRT")

On the AT90S1200 chip it is called the "RCEN" fuse. On each of the other chips it has a different function and is call the "FSTRT" fuse. In either case this command is used to program or erase this fuse bit.

"RP" programs the fuse, "RE" erases it.

Note: setting the fuses must be done **before** Locking the program with the **L** command.

X display Fuse and Lock bits

This command displays the current status of the fuse and lock bits.

IF IT DOES NOT WORK

Poor soldering ("dry joints") is the most common reason for the circuit not working. Check all soldered joints carefully under a good light. Re-solder any that look suspicious. Check that all components are in their correct position on the PCB. Are the electrolytic capacitors and diodes the right way round? Is the power supply voltage at least 16VDC? Is the programming voltage (12V) correct? Is the reset switch the right way round?

Web Address & Email

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PARTS LIST - KIT 122	
Resistors, 5%, 0.25W carbon:	
100R	R2,102
680R	R91
1K2	R3,6,113
3K3	
4K7	R5,82
8K2	R11
10K	R71
10K SIL resistor network	RP1 10P9R or 9P8R1
9 or 10 pin	
Capacitors	
27pF ceramic	C3,42
100nF monobloc	C1,2,12,134
10uF 25V electrolytic	C5,6,7,8,9,116
100uF 25V electrolytic	C101
Semiconductors	
1N4004	D1 (1N4004 on body)1
1N4148	
LED, 5mm, red	D3,42
5V6 400mW zener	Z2 (1TTB 5V6)1
12V 400mW zener	
BC547 transistor, NPN	Q1,22
BC557 transistor, PNP	
AT89C2051	
Microcontroller, pre-program	
74HC259	IC21
8-bit addressable latch	
MAX232 or similar	
Dual RS-232 transmitter/rec	
78L05	IC41
+5V regulator, TO-92 packa	ge
Miscellaneous	
Crystal, 20.2752MHz	
D9 connector	
PCB mounting, right-angle, female	
Pushbutton switch1	
2.5mm DC jack	X21
PCB mounting	
	for IC2,32
20-pin IC socket	for IC1, SKT12
40-pin IC socket	for SKT21
PCB, K122	1

