

CK1708 - K149 (version C) USB PIC PROGRAMMER

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Kit 149C supersedes Kit 149B in 3 minor ways. It adds 3 protection resistors, uses a USB 'B' connector and adds a sixth pin to the header and harness for ICSP programming.

Parallel ports are slowly disappearing from PC's and laptops which means that our current PIC programmers are all facing extinction. So this is our first PIC programmer using the USB port. It can also accept input from a serial port at the flick of a switch. Note the PCB has a presoldered surface-mount IC on the top of the PCB. This is a FT232BM chip and details about what it does can be found at

<http://www.ftdichip.com/>

Software

Download the latest User Interface from

<http://www.kitsrus.com/zip/diypack20.zip>

Run setup.exe. The program will unpack in **C:\diypgmrn**. Make a desktop icon for MicroPro.exe. This is the User Interface software to run with K149. (It is also used for our other PIC Programmers: Kits 128, 149A & B, and 150.) MicroPro.exe will auto detect the Kit 149C so long as the correct COM port is selected. Pre-programmed firmware is supplied with the kit in the PIC16F628 IC. This firmware will **only run with**

upgrade the firmware and run with the latest MicroPro.exe.

Assembly

Look for k149b.pdf in C:\diypgmrn. The next diypack will have a k149c.pdf file to match the Version C board. Solder the lowest height components first: the resistors, diodes and IC sockets. Do not put in any of the ICs. (Note component designators C2 & C3 were omitted.)

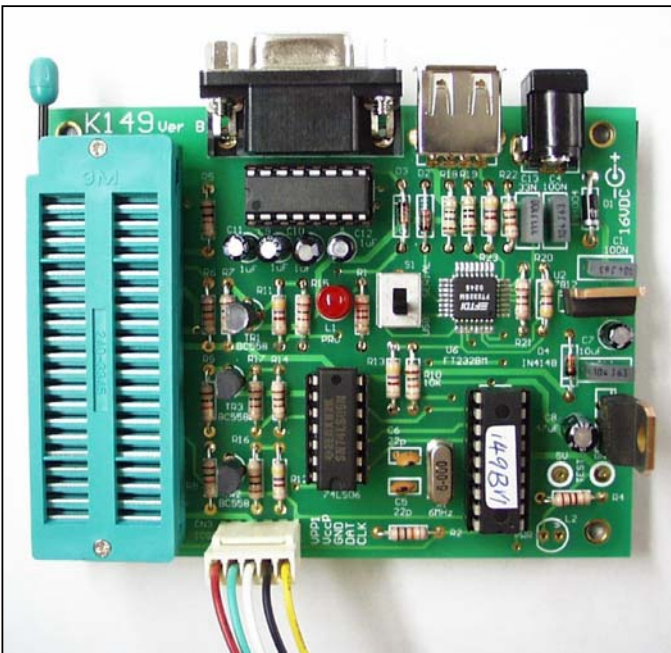
Make sure you do the 5V check at the TEST points in the lower right-hand side of the board before putting in the ICs. Make sure the ICs are around the correct way. (The notch on the firmware and the 74LS06 ICs are in the 6 o'clock position.)

18VDC is needed to power the programmer. Since the FT232 draws about 50mA this means that the 7805 will get a little warm. Note that the FT232BM will turn off when it is not in use to save power.

USB drivers. These can be downloaded for free from the website. The ftdichip.com website keeps changing its format. Currently, go to

<http://www.ftdichip.com/FTWinDriver.htm>

and download the latest drivers. For W2000/XP this is currently P9032148.zip. In my PC I just extracted the drivers to a folder C:\diypgmrn\USB then did Start/Settings/Control Panel/Add Hardware. Disregard the Microsoft uncertified warning about the driver.



MicroPro.exe from diypack20.zip. If you are upgrading earlier diypackxx's reprogram the firmware with the supplied diyk149b.hex file in diypack20.zip.

NOTE: if you log onto this site and find a later version of diypack.zip then make sure you still download **diypack20.zip** and not the latest version. After you have the kit working then you can download the latest version,

Then go to

<http://www.ftdichip.com/FTApp.htm>

Download the required application note which describes how to install the driver for your particular system. For example, AN232-03.pdf for Windows 98; AN232-05.pdf for W2000/XP.

Programming Socket. If you do not do a lot of programming then use the 3 x 20 pin IC sockets provided. Break one of the sockets to make pins 21-40 of the 0.6" wide socket as shown in the photo on p5 of the k149a.pdf docs. However, if you program a lot then please buy a wide-slot 3M ZIF socket as shown in the photo to the left. We sell them at \$US12 plus \$US3 postage. You can order it direct from me at

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Or buy the socket from one of my distributors. If you use an Aries ZIF socket with smaller pins then do not feed too much solder into the pin/pads when soldering. You will just short-circuit to an adjacent pad with excess solder.

Power. When you connect power the Power LED will light up. Plug in a USB or serial cable. Select the DPDT switch accordingly. Then start the program. Make sure the correct COM port is selected. Note that if you switch between USB & serial modes you will have to reset the COM port. Exit the program to reselect the COM port. If

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you forget which USB com port is installed you can always look it up at Start>Settings>Control Panel>System>Device Manager >Ports

Note the 'Fly Window' under Options which allow K149C to be used with MPLAB when a new hex file is compiled.

No-Keypress Programming. Flash chips are automatically erased in this mode if they are not blank.

Known Bug. Switching between USB & Serial modes may indicate an error when the COM port is reset. However, the port, if correct, will in fact be properly Reset.

PIC Supported. For the list of PIC's supported (which is changing all the time) go to Options/Edit Chip List. Or just click on the Chip Selector drop-down box and run through the list.

ICSP. Click Options/ICSP Mode. Does **not** support low voltage programming. The LOW pin is an open collector output, which when active will pull the LOW pin to ground. It can be used in ICSP to hold the LVP pin low while programming, or the OSC1 pin, or any part on the target board which may need control (in this manner) during programming.

jpg's. The color version of the photo on the page above may be downloaded from

http://www.kitsrus.com/jpg/k149b_1.jpg

K149C drops 1 10K resistor and adds 3 x 3K3 resistors. It uses a USB 'B' connector and uses a 6 pin header and harness.

chipinfo.cid This is just a text file and you can add your own PIC chips to it if you understand and conform to the format. Note only one (not two or more) blank line between different PIC definitions. (In early versions of the micropro.exe this file was called chipinfo.dat but this cause compilation problems in W2000 so the name was changed.) Because new PIC's are being released almost every month look regularly for new versions of the **diypackxx.zip** in

<http://www.kitsrus.com/upuc.html>

Upgrading. You can upgrade by buying and programming a second 628-20/P or 16F628A PIC, or if you have access to a second PIC programmer and reprogram the existing 628 in it.

16F628A. About 2/2004 Microchip stopped production of the 628-20/P chip. The hex files in diypack20 will load into either the 628-20/P or the new 628A-PI chip.

You may email me at peterhk@kitsrus.com with any questions. See my website at

<http://www.kitsrus.com/>

COMPONENTS

Resistors 5%, carbon		
27R red violet black	R18 R19	2
470R yellow violet brown	R20	1
1K brown black red	R14 15 16 17	4
1K5 brown green red	R21	1
2K2 red red red	R1 R4	2
3K3 orange orange red	R2 R3 R24	
4K7 yellow violet red	R11 R12 R13 R23	4
10K brown black orange	R5 6 7 8 9 10 22	8
1N4148	D2 D3 D4	3
1N4004	D1	1
22p Ceramic	C5 C6	2
100N MKT Box Poly	C1 C4 C14	3
33N MKT Box Poly	C13	1
10uF Electro 16V	C7	1
47uF Electro 25V	C8	1
1uF Electro 50V	C9 C10 C11 C12	4
3mm Red LED	L1 L2	2
7805	U1	1
7812	U2	1
BC558B	TR1 TR2 TR3	3
6.000 MHz Xtal	X1	1
DPDT PCB switch	S1	1
3 pin power jack	JK1	1
20 pin IC socket		3
18 pin IC socket		1
16 pin IC socket		1
14 pin IC socket		1
ICL232 or equivalent	U3	1
16F628 preprogrammed	U5	1
SN74LS06 TI brand	U4	1
DB9 R Female PCB mounting	CN1	1
USB connector	CN2 B type	1
rubber feet		4
6 pin Header and harness		1 set
K149C PCB with FT232BM presoldered		1

See our other PIC Programmers

Kit 150. A smaller, mostly surface mount version of K149. It has only the USB port, no serial port. It has a 6-pin ICSP capability.

Kit 128. An all PIC Flash USB programmer has been developed. Power for the kit is taken from the USB port itself so no external power supply will be needed. It is mounted in a plastic box. See http://www.kitsrus.com/jpg/k128_sc.jpg

Both these Kits will use the FT232BM surface mount IC. All surface mount components will be presoldered. Users will not have to solder any surface mount components for themselves.
