

Manufacturer Model	Feature Weight	RoboteQ ax1500	Featu Weight	Robo Claw B0098	Dimension Featu Weight	Vortex Sabertooth 2x60	IFI Robotic 4QD-VTX-4 Victor 884	Dimension Featu Weight	Sabertooth 2x25	Dimension Featu Weight	SyRen 25	Dimension Featu Weight	Scorpion XXL V2	Featu Weight	RoboteQ SDC2130	Featu Weight	RoboteQ SDC1130	Featu Weighted Feature Score
Go/No-Go		Yes		No	Yes		No	No	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Cost	4	275	2	8	125	190	3	12	124	90	125	5	20	75	4	16	175	3 12
Operating Voltage		12 - 40		6 - 30	6 - 30			12	6 - 15	6 - 24			6 - 24		6 - 28	160	4	16
Number of Channels		2		2	2			1	1	2			1		2		2	1
Command Interface	3		4	12		5	15			5	15		5	15		2	6	5 15
uC		?		Yes	Yes		No	No	Yes		Yes		No		Yes		Yes	
RS-232, Simple		Yes		Yes	Yes		No	No	Yes		Yes		No		Yes		Yes	
RS-232, Packet		No		Yes	Yes		No	No	Yes		Yes		No		Yes		Yes	
RC		Yes		Yes	Yes		No	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
0 - 5 V Analog		Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	No	Yes		Yes		No		Yes		Yes	
Control Modes	3		4	12		3	9			3	9		3	9		3	9	4 12
Indep Ch		Yes		Yes	Yes		N/A	N/A	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
O-L		Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
C-L Position		Yes		Yes	No		No	No	No		No		No		Yes		Yes	
C-L Speed		Yes		Yes	No		No	No	No		No		No		Yes		Yes	
Current, Max Cont.	4	20	3	12	25	60	4	16	20	40	25	4	16	25	4	16	20	3 12
Current, Max Trans.	4	30	3	12	30	120	4	16	35	?	50	4	16	45	4	16	45	3 12
Current, Surge		150		?	?			?	?	?			?		?		50 (5)	100
Current Limiter	4	Yes	5	20	No	Yes (6)	1	4	No	No	Yes (6)	1	4	Yes	4	16	Yes	3 12
Current Limiter Adjustment	2	Yes	3	6	No	No	0	0	No	No	No	0	0	No	0	0	Yes	5 20
Encoder Inputs	3	2 Quad, 25	3	9	2 Quad, 15	No	3	9	No	No	No	0	0	No	0	0	Yes	3 6
Emergency Stop Input	4	Yes	3	12	No/Ext. Re	Yes	3	12	Yes	No/Ext. Re	Yes	3	12	Yes	3	12	Yes	3 9
Digital Inputs	2	2	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6 4
PWM Outputs	4	16 kHz	3	12	?	kHz	24 kHz	3	12	20 kHz	?	kHz	32 kHz	3	12	?	kHz	3 12
Four Quadrant Operation		Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
BEC		5 V, 100 mA		5 V, 100 m	5 V, 1 A		No	No	5 V, 100 mA		5 V, 100 mA		5 V, ? mA		5 V, 50 mA		5 V, 100 mA	
Housing/Mounting		No		No	No		No	Yes	No		No		No		No		No	
Notes				(1)	(2)		(3)						(4)		(5)		(5)	
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Notes

- (1) Since max continuous and max transient current capabilities are well below the NPC-2212 stall current, and no active current limiting, motor controller may be unsuitable. Presumably, if the motor controller output current is above the max continuous limit for an extended period of time, then the motor controller may enter thermal shutdown, rather than current limiting.
- (2) Could handle NPC-2212 operating envelope without current limiting. For closed-loop speed control (or closed-loop position control), would require uC to process encoder feedback signals and implement closed-loop control laws.
- (3) Poor documentation.
- (4) No manual?
- (5) 20 A for up to 30 s, which far exceeds the time required to execute the worst case/abrupt stopping maneuver.
- (6) Sabertooth 2x25 and 2x60 will shut the outputs off if they are thermally above a threshold or if it senses current above the rated maximum. The outputs will stay off until the error condition has lifted. SyRens are a bit more intelligent in this manner. They measure cycle by cycle and will reduce PWM and output current to compensate if measured current is above the threshold.

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