

# Guide to the CERN OHL v.1.2

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This document contains guidelines on how to apply the CERN OHL v.1.2 to a given hardware design, and on the use of hardware designs licensed under the CERN OHL v.1.2.

## How to apply the CERN OHL v.1.2 to a hardware design

### *Pre-requisite:*

Authorship/ownership of the design must be clear and undisputed. Only the legal owner of the rights in the hardware design may decide under what conditions to make it available. If ownership is vested in more than one person/entity, there must be an agreement among the owners to release the hardware design as open hardware, and under the CERN OHL in particular.

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The following documents must be distributed together with the hardware design documentation:

- Document containing the CERN OHL v.1.2 (e.g. LICENSE.PDF)
- This Guide
- Text files (plain ASCII file), where information can be added to but not removed from, listing:
  - o Contact point wishing to receive information about manufactured Products (see section 4.2) (e.g. PRODUCT.TXT);
  - o Modifications made by Licensee (see section 3.4.b) (e.g. CHANGES.TXT)

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- Keep intact the references to the CERN OHL v.1.2;
- Keep intact the disclaimer of warranties.

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- Include notices that you have modified the hardware designs, detailing what modifications were made (e.g. in a CHANGES.TXT file);
- Add the appropriate copyright notice and Documentation Location to the modifications that were made;
- license the modifications under the CERN OHL v.1.2 if you distribute them.