
Octopus(Pro) Klipper Firmware



WARNING: Do not leave HE0 or HE1 connected.

There have been reports of Octopus boards coming preloaded with a firmware that turns on all heaters and fans as soon as you power up the board. As a result, we recommend leaving the heaters disconnected until after loading the klipper firmware

The firmware update process for both Octopus and Octopus Pro is the same so the guides have been combined.

Prerequisites

- Klipper must be installed onto the Raspberry Pi
- It is desirable, though not strictly necessary to have a small sdcard available
- Even if you intend to power your Pi with the Octopus, during this flashing process, you will find it far more convenient to power your Pi from some other source, such as a regular USB power supply
- Voron Design recommends using USB to control the Octopus, which simply requires connecting a USB-A to USB-C cable between the Octopus and Pi. If you prefer a UART connection, please consult the [BigTreeTech documentation](#) for the necessary configuration adjustments

Build Firmware Image

- Login to the Raspberry Pi
- Run the following:

```
sudo apt install make
cd ~/klipper
make clean
make menuconfig
```

- In the menu structure there are a number of items to be selected.
 - Select "Enable extra low-level configuration options"
 - Set the micro-controller architecture is set to `STMicroelectronics STM32`

- Set the Processor model to `STM32F446` or `STM32F429` (Depends on the MCU of your motherboard)
- Set the Bootloader offset to `32KiB bootloader`
- Set the Clock Reference to `12 MHz crystal`(for `STM32F446`) or `8 MHz crystal`(for `STM32F429`)
- Set the Communication interface to `USB (on PA11/PA12)` (note: see [BigTreeTech documentation](#) if you intend to use UART rather than USB)

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  Bootloader offset (32KiB bootloader) --->
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  USB ids --->
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- Once the configuration is selected, press `q` to exit, and “Yes” when asked to save the configuration.
- Run the command `make`
- The `make` command, when completed, creates a firmware file **klipper.bin** which is stored in the folder `/home/pi/klipper/out`.

There are multiple options for getting this firmware file installed onto your Octopus.

Firmware Installation

Important: Please write down these steps or bookmark this page - you might need to repeat the following steps if you update Klipper.

OPTION 1: SDCARD FIRMWARE INSTALL

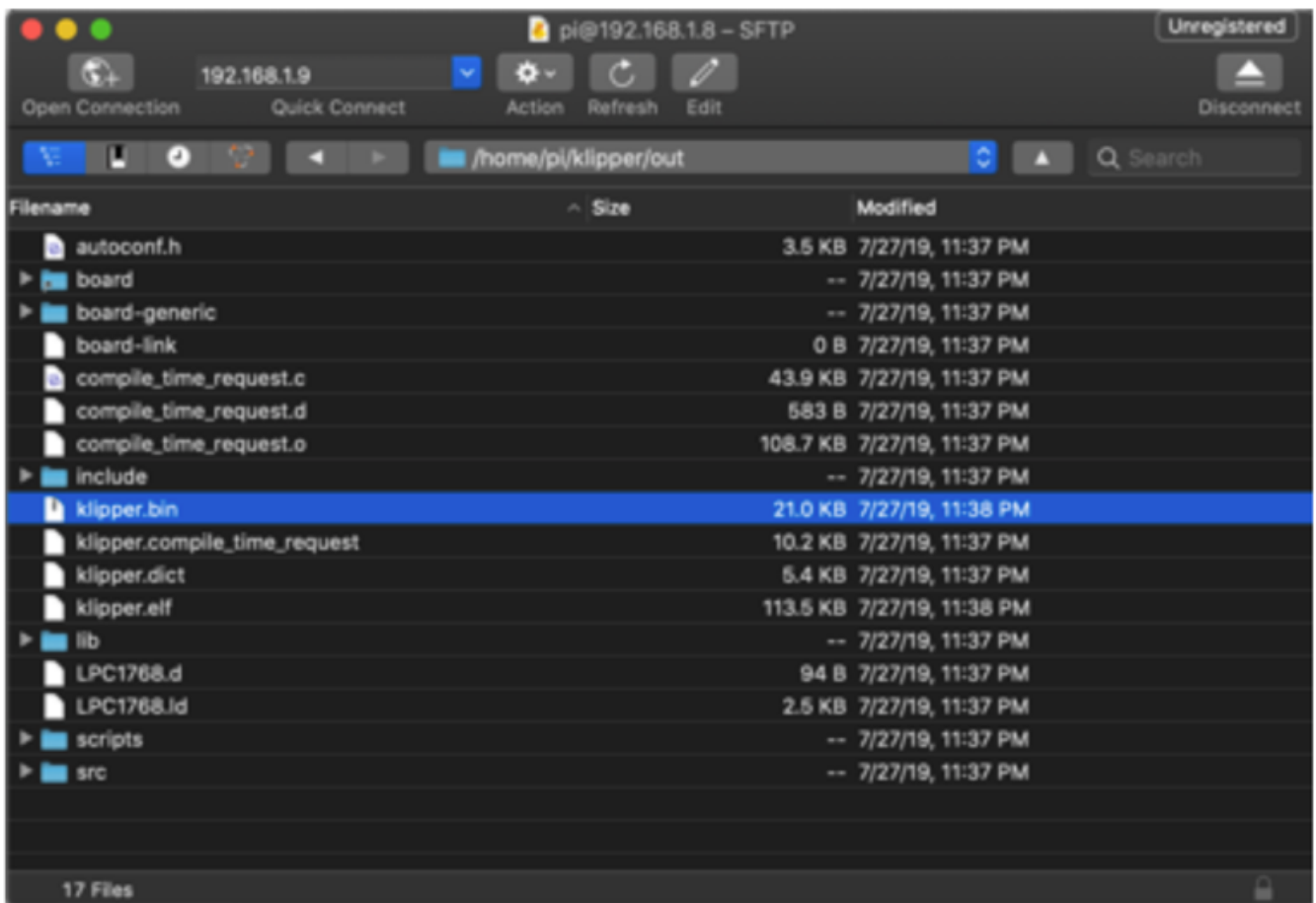
- Works regardless of USB vs UART
- Requires a microSD card

1 Execute these commands via SSH to rename the firmware file to `firmware.bin`:

```
cd ~/klipper
mv out/klipper.bin out/firmware.bin
```

Important: If the file is not renamed, the firmware will not be updated properly. The bootloader looks for a file named `firmware.bin`.

2 Use a tool such as cyberduck or winscp to copy the `firmware.bin` file off your Pi, onto your computer.



- 3 Ensure that your sdcard is formatted FAT32 (NOT EXFAT!)
- 4 Copy **firmware.bin** onto the microSD card
- 5 Power off the Octopus
- 6 Insert the microSD card
- 7 Power on the Octopus

- 8 After a few seconds, the Octopus should be flashed
- 9 You can confirm that the flash was successful by running `ls /dev/serial/by-id`. If the flash was successful, this should now show a klipper device, similar to:

```
pi@voron2:~/klipper $ ls /dev/serial/by-id
usb-Klipper_stm32f446xx_460039000650305538333620-if00
pi@voron2:~/klipper $
```

(note: this test is not applicable if the firmware was compiled for UART, rather than USB)

Important: If the Octopus is not powered with 12-24V, Klipper will be unable to communicate with the TMC drivers via UART and the Octopus will automatically shut down.

OPTION 2: DFU FIRMWARE INSTALL

- Requires a USB connection
 - Requires the installation of an extra jumper on the Octopus
 - Does NOT require an sdcard
- 1 Power off Octopus
 - 2 Install the BOOT0 jumper
 - 3 Connect Octopus & Pi via USB-C
 - 4 Power on Octopus
 - 5 From your ssh session, run `cd ~/klipper` to make sure you are in the correct directory
 - 6 Run `lsusb`, and find the ID of the dfu device. The device is typically named `STM Device in DFU mode`.
 - 7 If you do not see a DFU device in the list, press the reset button next to the USB connector and run `lsusb` again.
 - 8 Run `make flash FLASH_DEVICE=1234:5678` replace 1234:5678 with the ID from the previous step. Note that the ID is in hexadecimal, it only contains the numbers `0-9` and letters `A-F`.
 - 9 Power off the Octopus
 - 10 Remove the jumper from BOOT0 and 3.3V
 - 11 Power on the Octopus
 - 12 You can confirm that the flash was successful by running `ls /dev/serial/by-id`. If the flash was successful, this should now show a klipper device, similar to:

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