

ESP32 C3 Zero

Development Board Code name: **ESP32C3_DEV**

ESP32C3

ZERO

ESP32 C3 Zero is a development board based on the [ESP32C3 microcontroller](#) using RISCV32 architecture.

This board features a maximum CPU frequency of 160 MHz and 4MB flash memory.

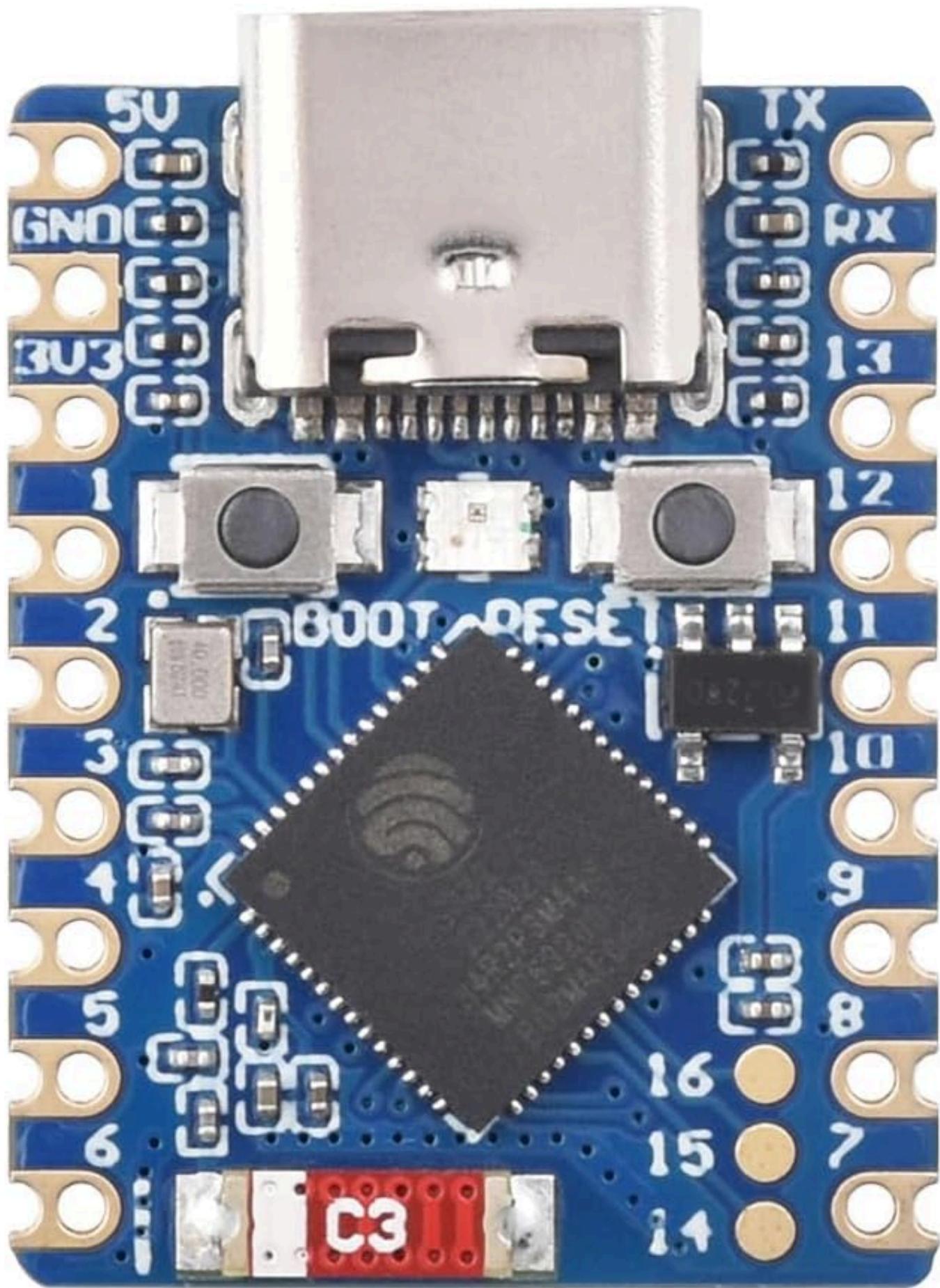
About ESP32 C3 Zero

The **ESP32-C3-Zero** is a compact development board featuring the **Espressif ESP32-C3FN4** chip. It offers **2.4GHz Wi-Fi (802.11 b/g/n)** and **Bluetooth 5 (LE)**, making it ideal for IoT projects needing reliable wireless connectivity. 

Its **small form factor** makes it easy to integrate into space-constrained projects, and the **onboard ceramic antenna** ensures stable wireless performance without requiring an external antenna.

For ease of use, it includes a **BOOT button** and a **RESET button**, simplifying development and debugging. 

With **15 GPIO pins** and support for multiple interfaces (**SPI, I2C, UART, I2S, ADC**), the **ESP32-C3-Zero** is a flexible choice for your next embedded project! 





Technical Specifications

Complete technical specification details for ESP32 C3 Zero

Connectivity

WiFi	802.11 b/g/n (2.4 GHz)
Bluetooth	5.0
BLE	5.0

Microcontroller

Model	ESP32C3
Clock Speed	160 MHz
Flash Size	4MB
Architecture	RISCV32

Features & Pins

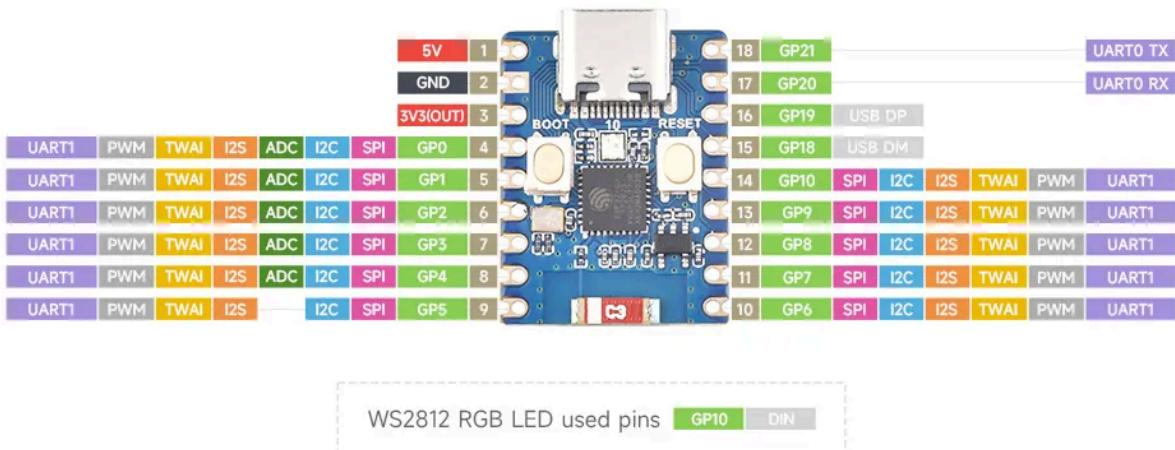
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Interrupts	22

- Ultra-compact size: 23.5 × 18 mm
- Low power consumption: deep sleep current ~43µA
- Onboard WS2812 RGB LED (GPIO8)

ESP32 C3 Zero Pinout Diagram

Complete pin reference for ESP32 C3 Zero

Pin Definition



The **ESP32-C3-Zero** pinout is designed for maximum versatility in a compact size. Key power pins include **5V**, **3.3V**, and **GND**, ensuring stable power for various peripherals.

The board features multiple communication interfaces:

UART: RX, TX

I²C: SDA, SCL

SPI: SCK, MISO, MOSI, SS

For analog input, it provides **ADC** pins suitable for reading sensor data or voltage levels.

Safe Pins to Use

These pins are safe for general GPIO usage without boot or system conflicts

100

101

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1010

Why Are These Pins Safe?

- ✓ No boot sequence involvement
 - ✓ No flash/PSRAM connections
 - ✓ No USB or JTAG conflicts

✓ Freely assignable without issues



Pins to Avoid or Use with Caution

Reserved for critical functions. Misuse may cause boot failures, programming issues, or system conflicts.



Strapping Pins

Boot behavior & flash voltage



JTAG Debugging

Low-level debugging interface



USB Pins

USB Serial/JTAG communication



Flash/SPI Pins

Memory & PSRAM connections



UART Serial

Debugging & firmware uploads

PIN	Label	Why Avoid	Type
IO2	GPIO2	Must be held high during boot (if low on reset, normal flash boot may fail)	Strapping
IO4	MTMS	Used during boot; JTAG TMS for debugging; acts as Quad-SPI flash IO (hold data line) in internal-flash variants	JTAG
IO5	MTDI	Used during boot; JTAG TDI for debugging; acts as Quad-SPI flash IO (write-protect data line) in internal-flash variants	JTAG

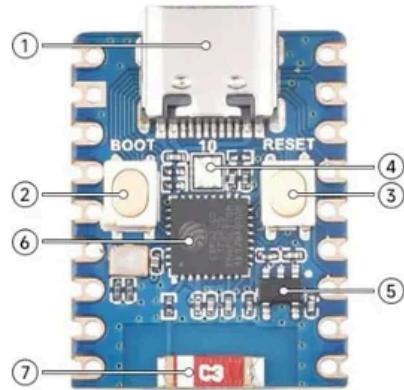
PIN	Label	Why Avoid	Type
IO6	MTCK	Used during boot; JTAG TCK for debugging; provides flash clock in internal-flash variants	 JTAG
IO7	MTDO	Used during boot; JTAG TDO for debugging; acts as Quad-SPI flash IO (data line) in internal-flash variants	 JTAG
IO8	GPIO8	Must be held high during reset (if low, UART flashing/boot may not work)	 Strapping
IO9	GPIO9	Controls boot mode on reset (HIGH for normal flash boot, LOW enters serial download mode)	 Strapping
IO18	USB_D-	By default connected to on-chip USB Serial/JTAG controller; to use as GPIO it must be reconfigured from its USB function	 USB
IO19	USB_D+	By default connected to on-chip USB Serial/JTAG controller; not available for GPIO use unless USB functionality is disabled or remapped	 USB
IO20	U0RXD	Used as UART0 receive (console/bootloader); repurposing may disable serial programming and debug logs	 UART
IO21	U0TXD	Used as UART0 transmit (console/bootloader); repurposing may disable serial console output and printing	 UART

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ESP32 C3 Zero Additional Information

More details about ESP32 C3 Zero

What's On Board



1. USB Type-C Port

2. BOOT button

Press it and then press the RESET button to enter download mode

3. RESET button

4. WS2812 RGB LED

5. CAT6219-330TD-GT3

CMOS LDO, 500mA (Max)

6. ESP32-C3FN4 single-core processor

up to 160MHz operating frequency

7. 2.4G ceramic antenna

ESP32 C3 Zero Custom Pin Mapping

Pin configuration and GPIO mapping for ESP32 C3 Zero

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Analog Inputs

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PWM Pins

Pin

Function

ESP Pin

I/O Type

Description

1

5V

5V

POWER INPUT

5V power input for the board

Pin	Function	ESP Pin	I/O Type	Description
2	GND	GND	POWER GROUND	Ground connection
3	3V3	3.3V	POWER OUTPUT	3.3V power output
4	IO0	IO0	BIDIRECTIONAL	GPIO, ADC
5	IO1	IO1	BIDIRECTIONAL	GPIO, ADC
6	IO2	IO2	BIDIRECTIONAL	GPIO, ADC
7	IO3	IO3	BIDIRECTIONAL	GPIO, ADC
8	IO4	IO4	BIDIRECTIONAL	GPIO, ADC
9	IO5	IO5	BIDIRECTIONAL	GPIO
10	IO6	IO6	BIDIRECTIONAL	GPIO
11	IO7	IO7	BIDIRECTIONAL	GPIO
12	IO8	SDA	BIDIRECTIONAL	GPIO
13	IO9	SCL	BIDIRECTIONAL	GPIO
14	IO10	RX	BIDIRECTIONAL	GPIO, LED
15	IO18	RX	BIDIRECTIONAL	USB DP
16	IO19	RX	BIDIRECTIONAL	USB DM
17	IO20	RX	BIDIRECTIONAL	GPIO, UART Receive (secondary)

Pin	Function	ESP Pin	I/O Type	Description
18	IO21	TX	BIDIRECTIONAL	GPIO, UART Transmit

LEGEND

- Function Pin role
- GPIO ESP32 pin
- I/O Direction
- # Pin number

Pin Mappings

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PWM Pins

Pin	Analog	Touch	PWM	Other
0				IO0
1				IO1
2				IO2
3				IO3
4			SCK	IO4

Pin	Analog	Touch	PWM	Other
5				MISO IO5
6				MOSI IO6
7				SS IO7
8			LED_BUILTIN	SDA IO8
9			SCL	IO9
20			RX	IO20
21			TX	IO21

LEGEND

A0 Analog input

T0 Touch sensor

PWM PWM capable

RX/TX Serial pins

LED Built-in LED

Pin number

Default Tools & Configuration

Build and upload settings for ESP32 C3 Zero

Setting	Value
Bootloader tool	esptool_py
Uploader tool	esptool_py

Setting	Value
Network uploader tool	esp_ota
Bootloader address	0x0
Flash mode	qio
Boot mode	qio
Maximum upload size	1280 KB (1310720 bytes)
Maximum data size	320 KB (327680 bytes)

CONFIGURATION SUMMARY

The **ESP32 C3 Zero** uses **esptool_py** for uploads , **esp_ota** for OTA updates, and **esptool_py** bootloader at **0x0** .

Flash mode: **qio** | Boot mode: **qio**

Max sketch size: **1280 KB** | Max data size: **320 KB**