

## voltage regulator XL4015

The DC-DC Step-down Module is a non-isolated buck converter based on the widely used LM2596 integrated circuit. It serves as a crucial power conditioning component, managing the transition from the high-power drive system to the sensitive control electronics.

### 1. Power Regulation Necessity

The robot's propulsion system operates on a 9V battery supply, necessary for the DC drive motor. However, the sensitive low-voltage components—namely the Raspberry Pi 4 (5V/3A minimum), the Servo Motor, and all digital Sensors—require a stable and lower operating voltage.

The primary function of this module is to safely and efficiently step-down the 9V input voltage to a regulated 5V output. This prevents potential damage to the control board and ensures power stability, which is vital for the reliable operation of the Raspberry Pi's CPU and GPIO communications.

### 2. Key Operational Data

The module accepts a wide input range (4.5V to 40V), easily accommodating the 12V battery output. It is manually tuned to provide a precise 5V output voltage and is rated for a continuous output current of approximately 3A, providing a sufficient power budget for all low-power electronics in the system. The high conversion efficiency ( $> 80\%$ ) minimizes energy loss as heat, preserving battery life.

