

Original machine configuration: a separate, specialized power supply that regulates its voltage down below  $100\text{ mV}$  and achieves above  $2\text{ Amps}$  on output.

Arduino control configuration: the Arduino accepts gcode, interprets it, and sends out corresponding control signals to the RAMPS 1.4 motor controller. The motor controller then scales up these control signals into  $12\text{ V}$  pulses on the hot wire.



Using Watt's law:  $P = (I)(V)$

Original PSU:  $(2 \text{ Amps})(0.100 \text{ V})$

Arduino:  $(0.75 \text{ Amps})(12 \text{ V})$

Unfortunately, the Amperes cannot be directly regulated, only the voltage. Maxing out the voltage at  $12 \text{ V}$  produces  $\sim 0.75 \text{ Amps}$  since the hotwire has a constant resistance of  $16 \Omega$ .

Using Ohm's law:  $I = \frac{V}{R}$

$$0.75 \text{ Amps} = \frac{12 \text{ V}}{16 \Omega}$$