STM2A

Slot Track Monitor, version 2A Operation Manual

STM2A device is designed to work as an interface for the SpyTech Race Manager software (www.spytech.cz). All functions are remotely controlled through PC serial port.

STM2A is capable of measuring the race times for up to eight tracks with millisecond accuracy. A build-in switch starts the race synchronously with the race clock at a command from the controller PC.

Package contents

- STM2A device,
- supply adapter,
- serial cable for connection with master PC,
- 2,1mm switch connector, Cannon Sub-D 15 pin connector with housing,
- LED (I_d = 10mA) for external state signalization.

Sensors

Slot track monitor uses sensors built into the track for cars detection.

Contact sensors consist of insulated sections of the track, connected as shown in fig. 1. Insulation should be longer than ordinary slot cars brushes length.

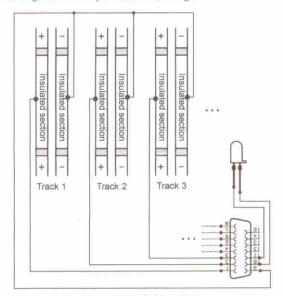


Figure 1: Insulated sections.

Optical sensors work as photoelectric barriers. For recommended wiring see figure 2a. Light source used must ensure sufficient excitation of receiver phototransistors, light current value must be at least $45\mu A$. For a better function, two receiving elements can be connected in parallel for each track – see fig. 2b.

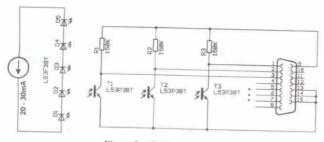


Figure 2a: Optical sensors.

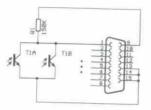


Figure 2b: Two phototransistors connected in parallel.

Device inputs

- Threshold voltages: 0 to 2.5V OFF, 3.5 to 24V ON.
- Maximum continuous voltage: ±24V.
- Shortest detectable impulse duration: 0.5ms;
 when using optical sensors connected according to fig. 2: 1.3ms.

Switch

The build-in switch can be controlled from the main program running on the PC. Maximum switched voltage: 45V DC, maximum switched current: 0,5A. Switch activation is indicated by green LED light.

Power supply

Power supply input is rated 15V / 60mA. Use only the adapter supplied with the device. Unplug it from the mains when device is not in use.

State indication

Device state is indicated by two light emitting diodes.

Green light signals the switch is in on-state.

Red light

- Shines for several seconds after power-on.
- Flashes slowly (1x / 4s) when device is in ready state
- Flashes quickly (3x / 1s) when lap time measurement is active.
- Shines continuously when sensors are hit.

For external state signalization connect the supplied LED as shown in figure 1.