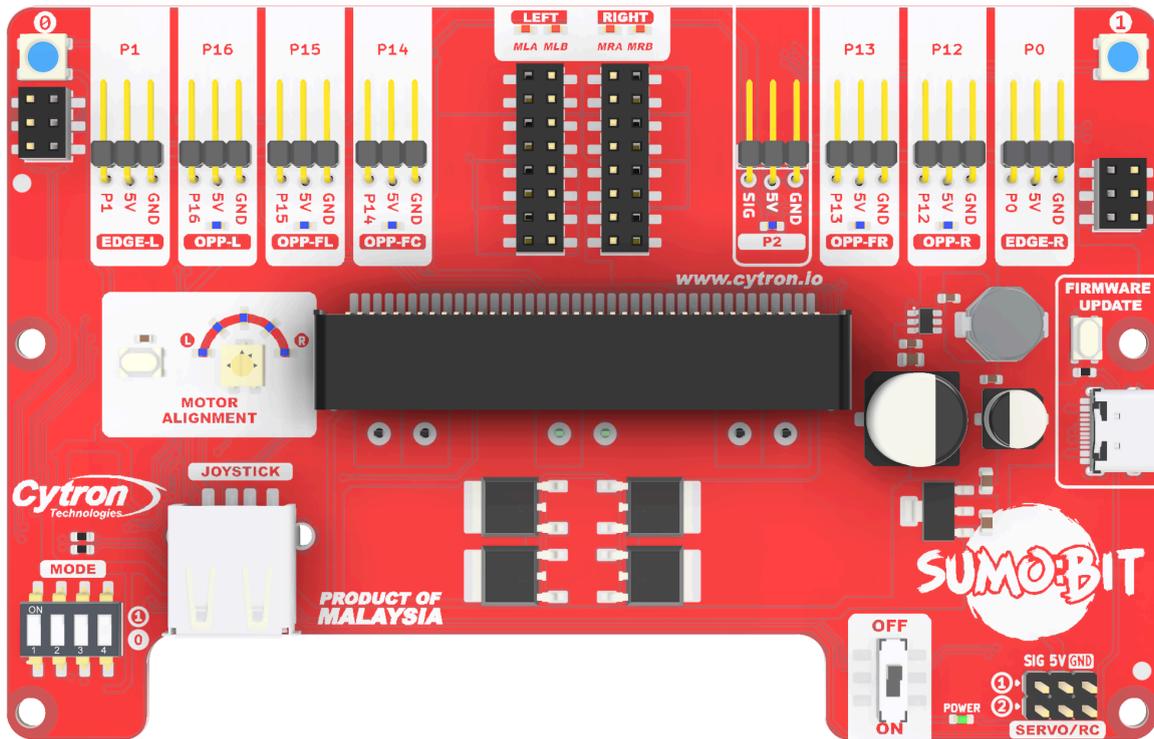




## SUMO:BIT



## Datasheet

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

SUMO:BIT is a sumo robot expansion board designed for the BBC micro:bit. This board leverages the educational focus and user-friendly coding environment of the micro:bit to simplify sumo robot projects or competition for learners of all ages.

This board is designed to be used with external motor driver boards ([MD13S](#)). The motor drivers can be easily stacked into the board and removed in case of failure.

Feature summary:

- A micro:bit based sumo robot board
- VBAT input range: 7V to 25V, with reverse polarity protection
- Vibration proof on/off switch with MOSFET latching circuit.
- Battery voltage can be monitored programmatically
- 5x Opponent sensor input ports pulled up to 5V with status LEDs
- 2 Edge sensor input ports
- 1x General Purpose input output port (Analog/Digital)
- 2x sockets for external MD13S motor driver boards
- **13A continuous, 30A peak (<10 second)\***
- 2x motor current sensors, one for each motor channel
- 4x Motor Status LEDs
- USB-A port for wireless joystick connection
- Motor Alignment Module for balancing the relative speed of the motors
- 1x 4-Ways DIP switch for mode selection
- 2x Servo Ports that can also be as RC pins
- 2x RGB LEDs

*\* The current ratings are based on the assumption that the SUMO:BIT is connected to the [MD13S](#)*

## 2. BOARD LAYOUT AND FUNCTION

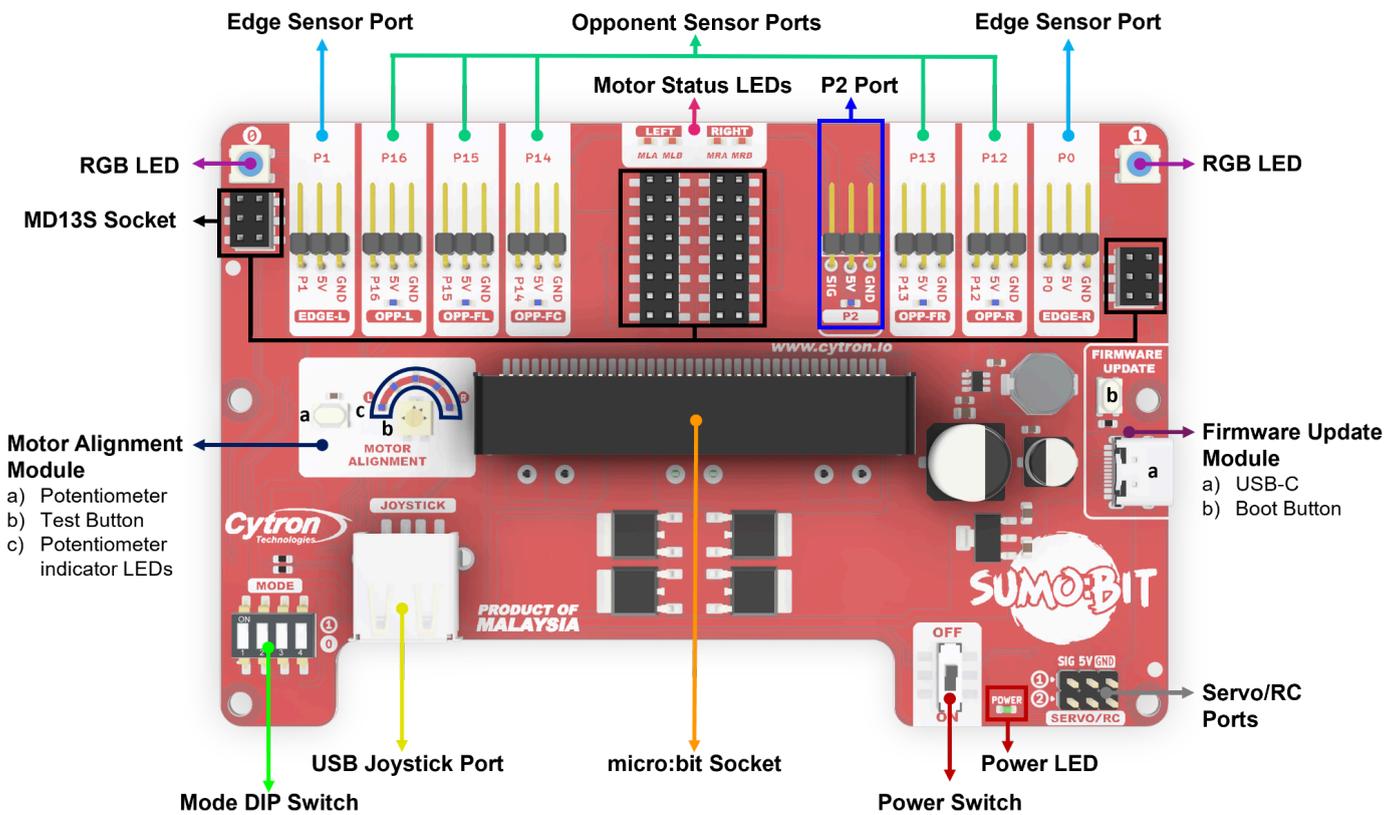


Figure 1: SUMO-BIT Board Functions (TOP VIEW)

| Function                 | Description   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Power Switch</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slide switch with MOSFET latching circuit</li> <li>Turn on/off the power to the board and motor drivers</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Power LED</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green LED to indicate power status</li> <li>Turns on when the board is powered up</li> </ul>   |
| <b>micro:bit socket</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vertical micro:bit edge connector</li> <li>Plug in the micro:bit here</li> </ul> <p>⚠ <i>Make sure that the micro:bit is inserted with the LED matrices facing upwards</i></p> |
| <b>USB Joystick Port</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USB-A Port used to plug in the Joystick Receiver</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Mode DIP Switch</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4-Ways DIP switch provides up to 16 configuration</li> <li>Can be used to select different tactic/mode for competition</li> </ul>  |

| Function                           | Description   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Opponent Sensor Ports</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Male headers with +5V <b>internal pull-ups</b> for Maker Object sensors connection. (or any other digital sensors)</li> <li>• Internally connected to the micro:bit digital pins</li> <li>• Equipped with voltage divider to protect the micro:bit pins</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Opponent Sensor Status LEDs</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEDs to indicate the status of opponent sensors</li> <li>• Turn on when the signal is low (active low)</li> <li>• For MAKER-OBJECT, LEDs turn on when opponent is detected</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Edge Sensor Ports</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Male headers for Maker Reflect connection (or any other analog sensors)</li> <li>• Internally connected to the micro:bit digital pins</li> <li>• Equipped with voltage divider to adjust the output Voltage</li> </ul>   |
| <b>P2 Port</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Male header for general purpose input/output connection</li> <li>• Connected to P2 pin of the micro:bit and can be used as a digital input/output or analog input</li> <li>• Equipped with active low status LED</li> <li>• Signal pin is connected to a voltage divider circuit to reduce from 5V to ~3V</li> </ul> |
| <b>Motor Alignment Module</b>      |   |
| a) Potentiometer                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Variable resistor used to modify the relative speed of the left and right motor</li> <li>• Use this feature when the motors used have unbalanced speeds, causing the robot to be unable to move in a straight line</li> </ul>  |
| b) Test Button                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Push button used to test the motor alignment modification.</li> <li>• Press this button after adjusting the potentiometer; the motor will move forward for 1 seconds. Observe whether the robot moves in a straight line</li> </ul>  |
| c) Potentiometer indicator LEDs    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group of LEDs used to indicate the current potentiometer position</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Firmware Update Module</b>      |   |
| USB-C port                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a USB-C cable to connect to a computer for uploading new firmware to the board</li> </ul> <p><b>⚠ This port is not intended to be used for programming</b></p>   |
| Boot Button                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Button used to enter bootloader mode</li> </ul>  |
| <b>RGB LEDs</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• User programmable WS2812B RGB LED.</li> </ul>  |

| Function          | Description   |         |         |         |          |
|-------------------|---|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Motor Status LEDs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red LEDs to indicate which motor is running</li> <li>Turn on when the motor is running</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>MLA/MRA</td> <td>Forward</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MLB/MRB</td> <td>Backward</td> </tr> </table> | MLA/MRA | Forward | MLB/MRB | Backward |
| MLA/MRA           | Forward   |         |         |         |          |
| MLB/MRB           | Backward  |         |         |         |          |
| Servo/RC Ports    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Male headers for servos or RC receiver connection</li> </ul>   |         |         |         |          |
| MD13S Socket      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Female socket for the MD13S board connection</li> </ul> <p><b>⚠ The MD13S should be inserted from the bottom side of the PCB, NOT THE FRONT.</b></p>   |         |         |         |          |

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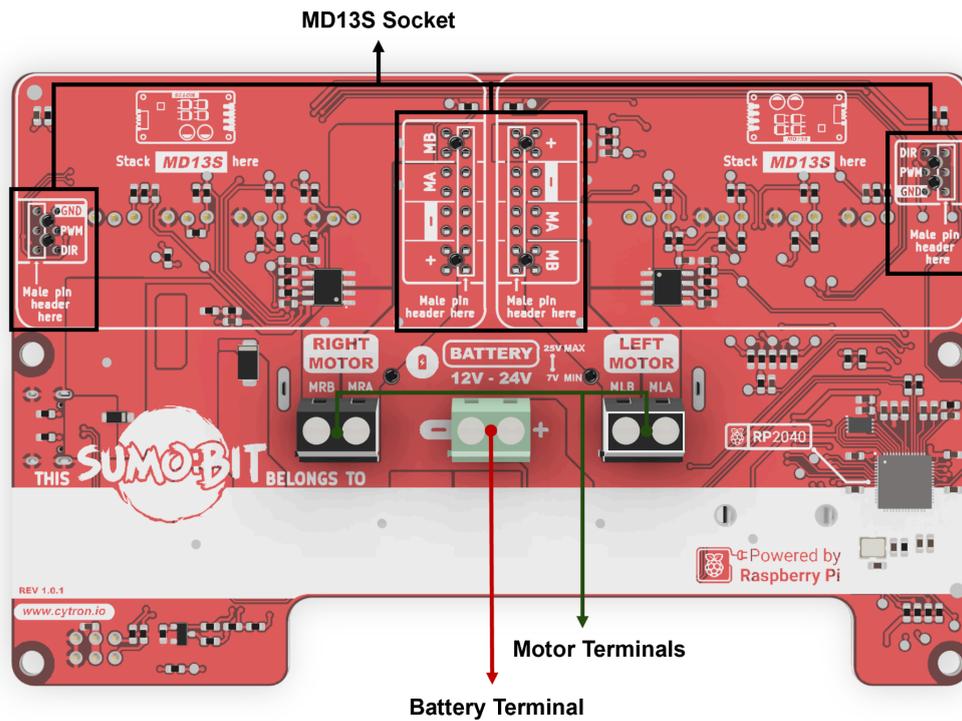


Figure 2: SUMO:BIT (Bottom view)

| Function         | Description   |              |                     |
|------------------|---|--------------|---------------------|
| Battery Terminal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Terminal block for Battery connection</li> <li>The positive terminal is connected to analog input via voltage and the voltage can be read by the microcontroller</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">+ : Positive</td> <td style="text-align: center;">- : Negative/ground</td> </tr> </table> | + : Positive | - : Negative/ground |
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| Motor Terminals  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Terminal block for Motor connection</li> </ul> <p>Please refer to subtopic <a href="#">connection guide</a> for further information on how to connect the motors</p>   |              |                     |
| MD13S Socket     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Socket to stack/plug in the MD13S</li> </ul> <p>⚠ Please make sure that the MD13S is connected accordingly</p> <p>Please refer to subtopic <a href="#">connection guide</a> for further information</p>  |              |                     |

Table 2: SUMO:BIT Board Functions (Bottom view)

### 3. SPECIFICATION

| No | Parameters  | Min | Max | Unit |
|----|---|-----|-----|------|
| 1  | Power Input Voltage (LiPo Battery)  | 7   | 25  | V    |
| 2  | Motor PWM Frequency*<br><i>when connected with MD13S</i>  | -   | 20  | KHz  |
| 3  | Maximum DC Motor Current each Channel*<br><i>when connected with MD13S</i>                                      | -   | 13  | A    |
| 4  | Peak Motor Current each Channel*<br><i>when connected with MD13S</i><br>⚠️ <b>must not exceed 10 seconds</b> ⚠️ | -   | 30  | A    |
| 5  | USB Host Output Voltage   | -   | 5   | V    |
| 6  | USB Host Output Current   | -   | 600 | mA   |
| 7  | Servo Voltage   | -   | 5   | V    |
| 8  | +5V Output Maximum Current (Total)  | -   | 600 | mA   |

Table 4: SUMO-BIT Absolute Maximum Ratings

\*Note:

This board is designed to be used with the MD13S motor driver. *These maximum ratings are based on the assumption that the SUMO:BIT is connected to the MD13S motor driver boards.* You may refer to the [MD13S motor driver user manual](#) for further information.

## 4. DIMENSION

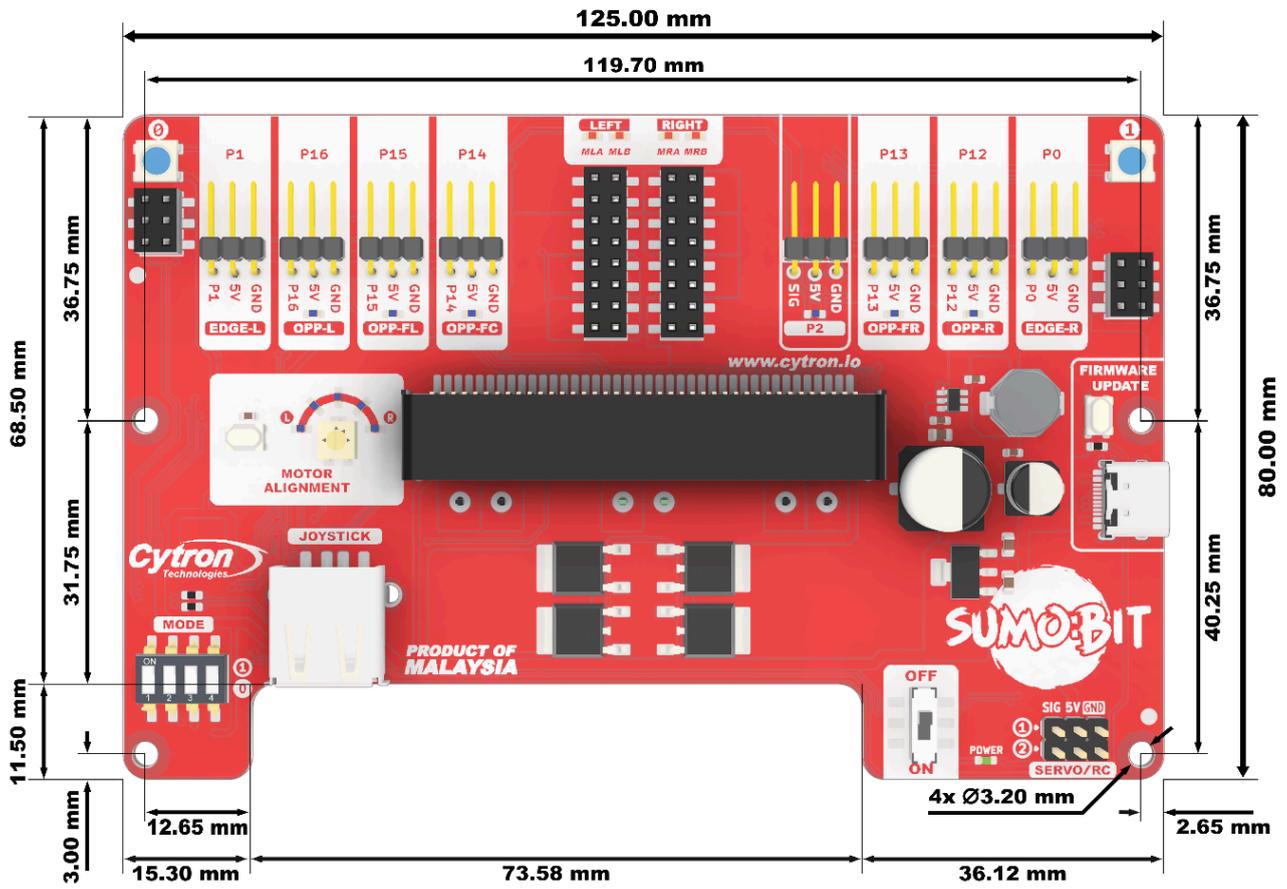


Figure 4: SUMO-BIT Dimension (Top View)

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