

Robot Arm, Beckman Coulter Orca

ORCA: Optimized Robot for Chemical Analysis;

- 5 (6) Axes; [1] Longitudinal motion along rail, [2] 1st lat. joint, [3] 2. lat. joint, [4] 3. lat. joint, [5] 1. rotational joint, [6] 1. Finger/Gripper.
- Almost certainly 24V power supply
- <5MBit RS485 multidrop bus to all three control boards.
- Axes [1,2], [3,4] and [5,6] have their own control boards with differing layouts but nearly identical components.
- There is a separate 2-board (probably) inclinometer board attached to the 2. lateral joint. Every joint consists of a brushed DC motor with axles protruding from both ends, with significant gear reduction on one side and a Honeywell glass disk encoder on the other.

Motor Control Board Guts:

- [MC68HC711E9CFNE2](#): MCU, 8BIT 12KB OTP ROM 2MHz 52PLCC
- [L4960](#): Switchmode controller, 2.5A 9-46Vin 5V Out
- [SN75176A](#): Differential Bus Transceiver
- [DA05P](#): ESD Protection Diode Bridge
- [74HC4538](#): Dual retriggerable precision monostable multivibrator, probably for RS485 /something timing alignment
- [LMD182003A](#): 55V H-Bridge
 - Inputs: Direction, Brake, PWM
 - Outputs: Thermal flag, Analog current sense
- [82C54](#): CMOS Programmable Interval Timer
- [TL7705ACP](#): Voltage Supervisor
- [HCTL2000](#): 12/16-bit Quadrature Decoder/Counter

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Hints to comms protocol:

- Supposed to have Force and Torque feedback for at least fingers, maybe all joints. Video online of the robot painting and moving batteries corroborate this, Each 2-joint motor control board probably runs a PID-ish control loop, possibly with full motion control loops but perhaps just point-to-point with motion parameters.
- 4 near identical modules communicating via a <2MBit RS485 multidrop bus
- MCU has one UART (SCI):
 - Datasheet §7.3; NRZ signaling, simple data format: Idle high, start bit 0, 8/9 bit packet LSB first, stop bit 1, break period of 0-bit strings for at least 1 frame.
 - Datasheet §7.1 Table 1; Baud rate table: 8MHz Crystal 2MHz Bus. There are 32 possible rates, but something really standard,
 - Probably means multi-packet instructions, 8 bits for both operation bits and data bits seems insufficient.

Inspiration:

- Martijn Berntsen's [YouTube](#) and [GitHub](#) sites



app-1.pdf



app-3 Error Codes.



chap1.pdf



chap3.pdf



chap5 Calibration.p



chap6 ORCA Command

Control Box DB-15 Connector

Pin	Connection
1	GND
2	DP/DN
3	GND

Bilder av de ulike kretskortene i robotarmen
og hvordan de skal/ er koblet opp.

4	VA
5	VA
6	VA
7	VA
8	NC
9	DN/DP
10	GND
11	GND
12	VB
13	VB
14	VB
15	VB



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