Micron MR603c DSM2/DSMX 20V Receiver with 3A Bi-Directional ESC



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Overview:

MR603c is the 3rd version of MR603, a 2.4GHz DSM2/DSMX receiver which includes one integrated 3A reversable controller for brushed motors (ESC) plus 10 <u>auxiliary outputs</u> (4xF, 6xP) for lighting, sound trigger, couplers, etc. It can be used with any Spektrum

DSM2/DSMX compatible transmitter; this includes all of the Micron <u>model rail transmitters</u> or a stick model aircraft type transmitter.

MR603c is 36.75x16x10mm and weighs 3.6g without leads. The voltage range is 5V to 20v and the 3A motor current rating makes it suitable for Gauges 0 and 1 plus 16mm narrow gauge. MR603c is available as board-only for you to add wiring or with a range of pre-wired leads / connectors. The standard output configuration is described on the Outputs tab. If the wiring or configuration options do not meet your needs, please contact us to discuss your requirements.

An enormous range of programming <u>features</u> are provide to enable you to customise the operation of MR603c to suit your model. The current firmware version is 1.6. See <u>MR603 Programming</u> (v1.5) for full details of the available functionality or the <u>user manual</u> for brief details. Access to programming is either via a stick type transmitter or one of the Micron <u>model rail transmitters</u>. A stand-alone programmer with web interface is in development.

Specification:

Size: 36.75 x 16 x 10mm

Weight: 3.6g without leads

Protocol: Spektrum DSM2/DSMX

Voltage: 5V - 20V

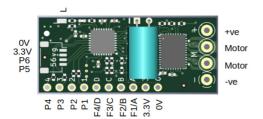
Motor Current: 3A max continuous

P outputs: 6 (P1..P6), 0V when off, 3.3V when on, max 20mA

F switches: 4 (F1..F4 or A..D) open when off, closed to negative when on

Outputs:

The MR603c has 1 x H, 6 x P and 4 x F outputs.



H: MR603c is intended for surface vehicles which require forward and reverse motor control. For brushed motors this is achieved with an H-Bridge - the H outputs. H outputs have 256 step resolution in both directions (512 total). They control speed with pulse width modulation (PWM) which, by default, is set to its fastest (quietest) 16kHz setting.

Each H output can handle up to 3A current. The main constraint with current is heat in the receiver. Higher currents may be possible if heat sinks are added or the PWM frequency is reduced. MR603c has one integrated ESC (H1). How the outputs are used has to be set with programming. Receivers are provided 'pre-programmed'. The default settings are shown on the instructions pages for each variant.

P: 'P' outputs are 'pads' with 'logic' type outputs. Pads are simply solder points for controlling external things. Logic outputs are either on or off (also known as high/low and 3.3v/0v in voltage terms). The action can be inverted so 'On' can mean 0v or 3.5v. P outputs are used to provide servo signals direct to the white/yellow lead on a servo. P outputs may also be used to drive LEDs and need a resistor to limit current to no more than 20mA.

If a P output is connected to another system (e.g. sound card) with an open-circuit voltage > 3.3V, a series resistor is required to ensure the 'pull-up' current is less than 50uA. A 4k7 ohms resistor is suitable when connecting to a MyLocoSound trigger input. A F output does not need the resistor as it is a switch to battery negative when on. P outputs **can not** be connected to a Mtroniks trigger input as the required current is too high, F outputs must be used instead.

F: 'F' outputs are 'buffered' P outputs capable of controlling up to 2A. The buffer is a FET (Field Effect Transistor) which provides a path to ground (0v) when on and is floating (disconnected) when off. Technically they are called 'open drain' (the equivalent with a transistor which is more widely known is called 'open collector'). The MR603c main board provides 4 x 'F' outputs, labelled A, B, C and D. When programming, the F outputs are numbered 7 though 10. F outputs are often used to control sound cards and lights that require more than 20mA.

If an installation requires more than 4 F outputs, a P can be converted to an F using one or more <u>FET Buffers</u>.

When wiring options are selected, these colours will be used:

P1 orange or yellow

P2 turquoise

P3 brown

P4 purple

A/F1 blue

B/F2 green

C/F3 pink

D/F4 white

Low Voltage Cutoff:

The default receiver setting is for the Low Voltage Cutoff (LVC) threshold to be determined from the voltage seen on initialisation - basically, the receiver firmware makes a 'guess' at the battery type. The algorithm used for this calculation means that a 9V Alkaline or NIMH battery can often be interpreted as an almost discharged 3S LiPo. The solution is to either disable LVC, or set it to the correct value for your battery; this is done by programming the receiver.

Instructions for programming receivers using your transmitter are at the end of the information leaflet that came with the transmitter.

The receiver programming steps for LVC are:

disable LVC: 4 2 1 enable auto LVC: 4 2 2 set LVC: 4 2 3 units tenths

e.g. to set the LVC to 6.5V, the programming steps are: 4 2 3 6 5 $\,$

The receiver is normally supplied as a bare board, with wiring options as specified in the menus below. The MR603c is available with either a short wire aerial or a 150mm extended aerial for use in metal bodied vehicles; when using the extended aerial, it be mounted so that the last 30mm of the aerial can 'see' the transmitter.

The default behaviour of the P outputs and F switches are defined on the <u>Configuration</u> tab. F switches are best used for sound card triggers - select configuration #2 or #3 to match your transmitter controls. Other setups are available; <u>contact</u> Micron to discuss if none of the standard configurations or wiring options matches your need.

Price: from £42.00