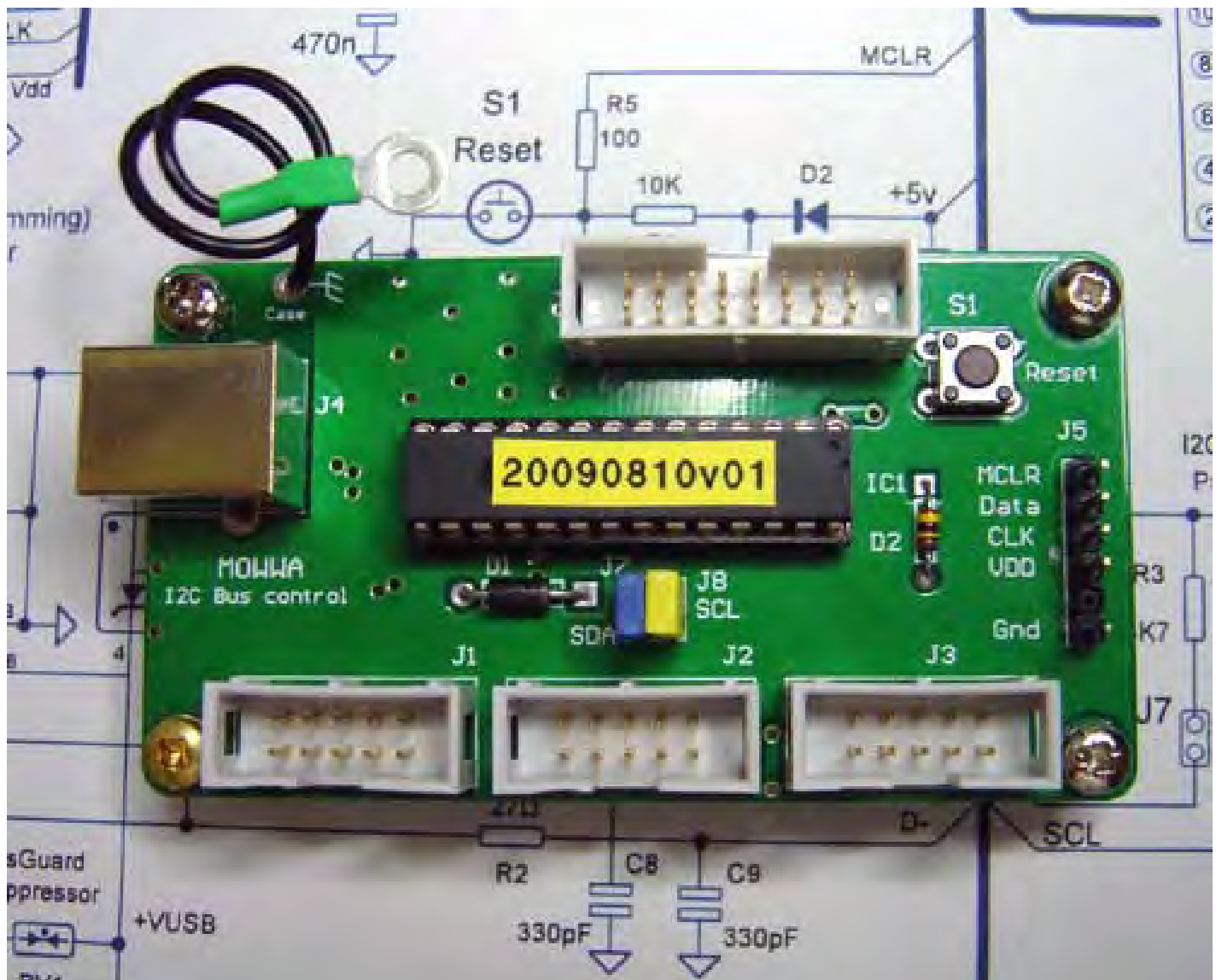


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## Front-End USB-I2C control module Manual

### Preventing Electrostatic Discharge Damage

There is no climate or work location where the components of your Front-End USB-I2C control module are safe from Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) unless you take specific steps to prevent such damage.

Many of the components in your Front-End USB-I2C control module can be damaged by static discharges of only a few volts far too little for you to notice. It is those low-voltage but destructive discharges that easily happen anywhere and under virtually any environmental conditions.

ESD damage may not be apparent at first. The damaged components may not fail completely. Instead, the damage may result in below-normal performance for an extended period of time before you experience a total failure.

### How ESD Damage Occurs

Whenever an object containing a static charge touches a circuit in your Front-End USB-I2C control module, current will rush into the circuit until the components reach the same voltage as the source of the static charge.

If the voltage or current that passes through a component in your Front-End USB-I2C control module during that brief period exceeds its normal operating specifications, it may be damaged or destroyed.

### Preventing ESD Damage

ESD damage cannot occur if there is no voltage difference between the components in your Front-End USB-I2C control module and any object that touches them.

That is how anti-static packaging works. Anti-static bags allow the static charge to flow over their surface, so that any part of the bag that touches the components inside are all at the same potential at all times.

Anti-static foam keeps the leads of sensitive components at the same potential.

At your work bench, avoiding a dangerous voltage is achieved most easily by tying everything together and connecting them to a common mains safety ground. This includes your Front-End USB-I2C control module, individual board or other sensitive components as well as everything they may touch at the work table.

Inexpensive static dissipating work mats are readily-available that will steadily and safely drain off any charges built up on parts or circuit board placed on them.

They are supplied with a lead that connects the mat to the common workbench ground.

Also, metal cabinets on test equipment used on the bench should be tied together and connected to the common ground.

Most importantly, you must have a way of continuously draining off any static charges that occur on your body.

Such charges are easy to create, even while sitting quietly at the work bench. Moving your feet on the floor, shifting position in your chair or even moving your arms so that clothing rubs against itself can all produce destructive static charges. You can discharge yourself by touching an unpainted metal ground, but that will last only until you move in a way that produces a new static charge. The safest technique is to wear a grounded wrist strap with a series 1-megohm resistor that continuously drains off any charges. Such wrist straps are readily available and inexpensive.

### WARNING

DO NOT attach a ground directly to yourself without a current-limiting resistor as this poses a serious shock hazard.

A wrist strap must include a 1-megohm resistor to limit the current flow.

If you choose to touch an unpainted, metal ground to discharge yourself, do it only when you are not touching any live circuits with your other hand or any part of your body.

I strongly recommend you take the following anti-static precautions to avoid trouble:

- Leave ESD-sensitive parts in their anti-static packaging until you install them. The packaging may be a special plastic bag or the component's leads may be inserted in conductive foam. Parts which are especially ESD-sensitive are identified in the parts list and in the assembly procedures.

- Wear a conductive wrist strap with a series 1-megohm resistor. If you do not have a wrist strap, touch a ground briefly before touching any sensitive parts to discharge your body. Do this frequently while you are working. You can collect a destructive static charge on your body just sitting at the work bench. DO NOT attach a ground directly to yourself as this poses a serious shock hazard.

- Use a grounded anti-static mat on your work bench.

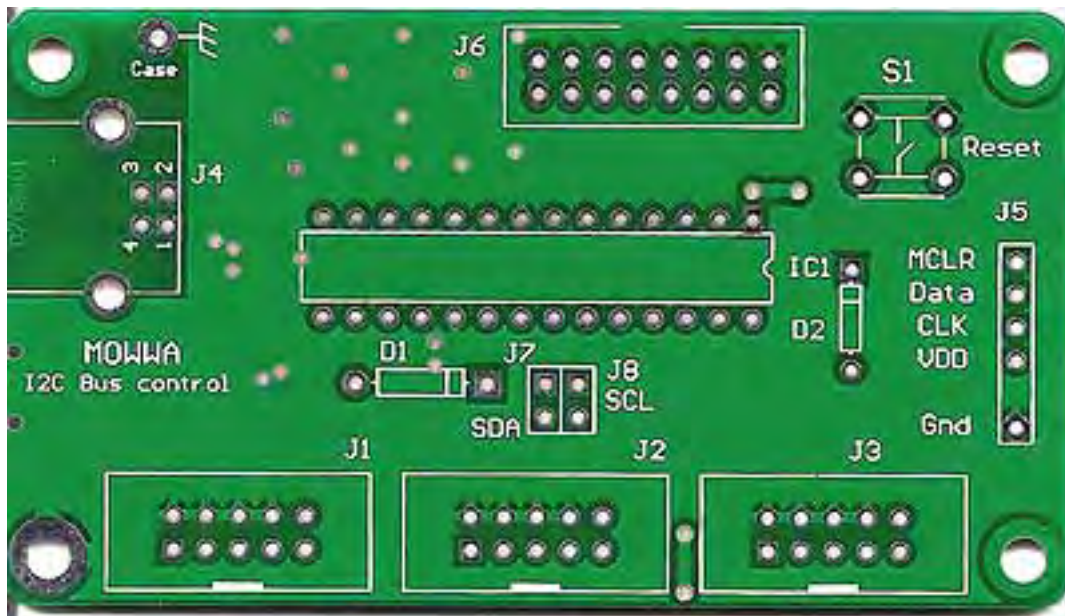
- Be sure the iron is ESD-safe with a grounded tip tied to the same common ground used by your mat or wrist strap.

## Preparing for Assembly

### Overview

The Front-End USB-I2C control module comprises one PCB assembly.

The figure shows the high-quality double-sided plated through hole bare PC board.



## Tools Required

You will need the following tools to build the kit:

- Fine-tip temperature-controlled ESD-safe soldering station with grounded tip 370-430°C (700 to 800°F) long life type no greater than 1 mm. Use the temperature-controlled station.
- IC-grade, small-diameter solder wire no more than 0.7mm in diameter. Small diameter solder is important to avoid filling adjacent solder pads and creating solder bridges.
- DO NOT use acid-core solder wire or water-soluble flux solder.
- High quality Flux pen solder such as Electrolube.
- Flux residue remover.
- Fine tips tweezers.
- Small diagonal cutters. Flush-cutting type.
- Magnifying visor or magnifying glass with a hands-free stand.
- Desoldering tools and supplies are invaluable. Narrow solder wick or a good vacuum desoldering are recommended.
- Digital Multimeter (DMM)

The following tools are strongly recommended:

- ESD wrist strap.
- Static dissipating work mat.

## Soldering and Desoldering

Use adequate ventilation when soldering; avoid inhaling smoke or fumes. Always wash your hands after handling solder, as lead residue is highly toxic.

When applying solder, use the minimum amount required to surround the component lead and make good contact with its printed-circuit pad. You don't need a "fillet" (build-up) of solder. This will avoid unwanted solder bridges.

The solder must flow onto both the component lead and its PC board pad. To ensure that both will be heated at the same time, the tip of the iron should contact both the component lead and the PC board pad before solder is applied.

Solder joints should be clean and shiny. If a joint appears dull or has fine cracks, it is probably cold.

Cold solder joints should be cleaned and re-soldered. First, use solder wick (desoldering braid) to remove the old solder. Then apply fresh solder. If you have many cold solder joints, it probably indicates that your soldering iron temperature is too low, or that the tip or solder itself is defective.

The Front-End USB-I2C control module uses ROHS compliance high-quality double-sided PC board.

Removing components can be difficult, since you must get all of the solder back out of the hole before a lead can be removed.

To do this, you'll need solder wick (desoldering braid) and/or a vacuum desoldering tool. It also takes some practice. A number of suggestions are provided below.

The best strategy for avoiding de-soldering is to place all components properly the first time. Double-check values and orientations, and avoid damaging parts via ESD.

### When removing components:

- Don't pull a lead or pin out of a hole unless the solder has been removed or you are applying heat. Otherwise you can literally pull the plating out of the plated-through hole.
- Limit soldering iron contact to a few seconds at a time.
- Use small-size solder-wick. Use the wick on both the top and bottom pads when possible. This helps get all of the solder out of the hole.
- If you use a vacuum desoldering tool (solder sucker), use a large unit. Small solder suckers are not very effective.
- The safest way to remove ICs and other components with more than 3 leads is to clip all of the pins at the body of the device first, then remove all of the pins individually. You may damage pads and traces by trying to remove such components intact.
- Invest in a PC board vice with a heavy base if possible. This makes parts removal easier because it frees up both hands.

## Unpacking and Inventory

### Preventing Electro-Static Discharge Damage

The PIC 18F2455 microcontroller used in the Front-End USB-I2C control module is sensitive to Electro-Static Discharge (ESD) damage.

ESD damage may not make the circuit fail completely. Sometimes the unit may continue to operate somewhat, creating a very difficult-to-find problem. We strongly recommend that you take the following precautions whenever handling the PC board when the microcontroller is installed.

The precautions are listed in their order of importance:

1. Leave the microcontroller in its anti-static packaging until you install it.
2. Wear a conductive wrist strap with a 1-megohm series resistor when handling the microcontroller or the board with it installed. If you do not have a wrist strap, frequently touch an unpainted ground while working. You can collect a destructive charge on your body just sitting at the work bench. Do not attach a ground directly to yourself as this poses a serious shock hazard.
3. Use an ESD-safe soldering iron with a grounded tip.
4. Use a grounded anti-static mat on your work bench.

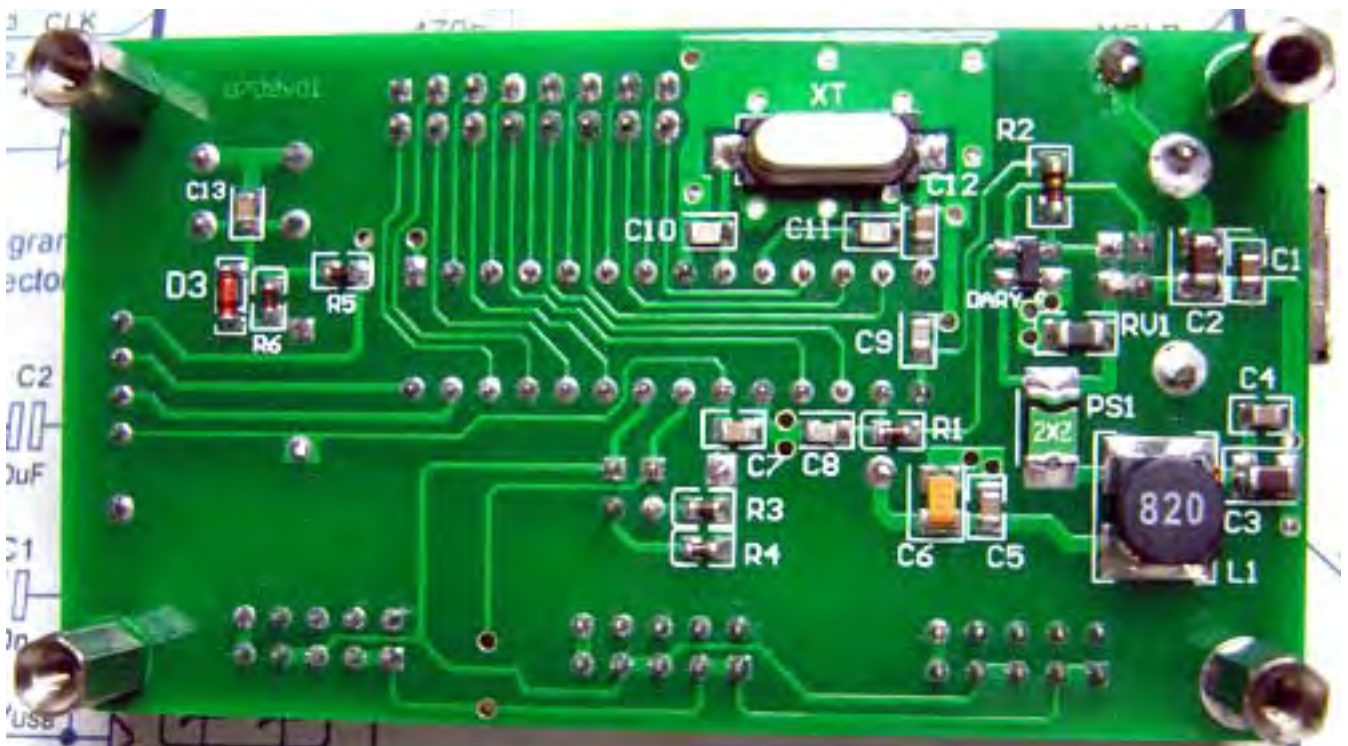
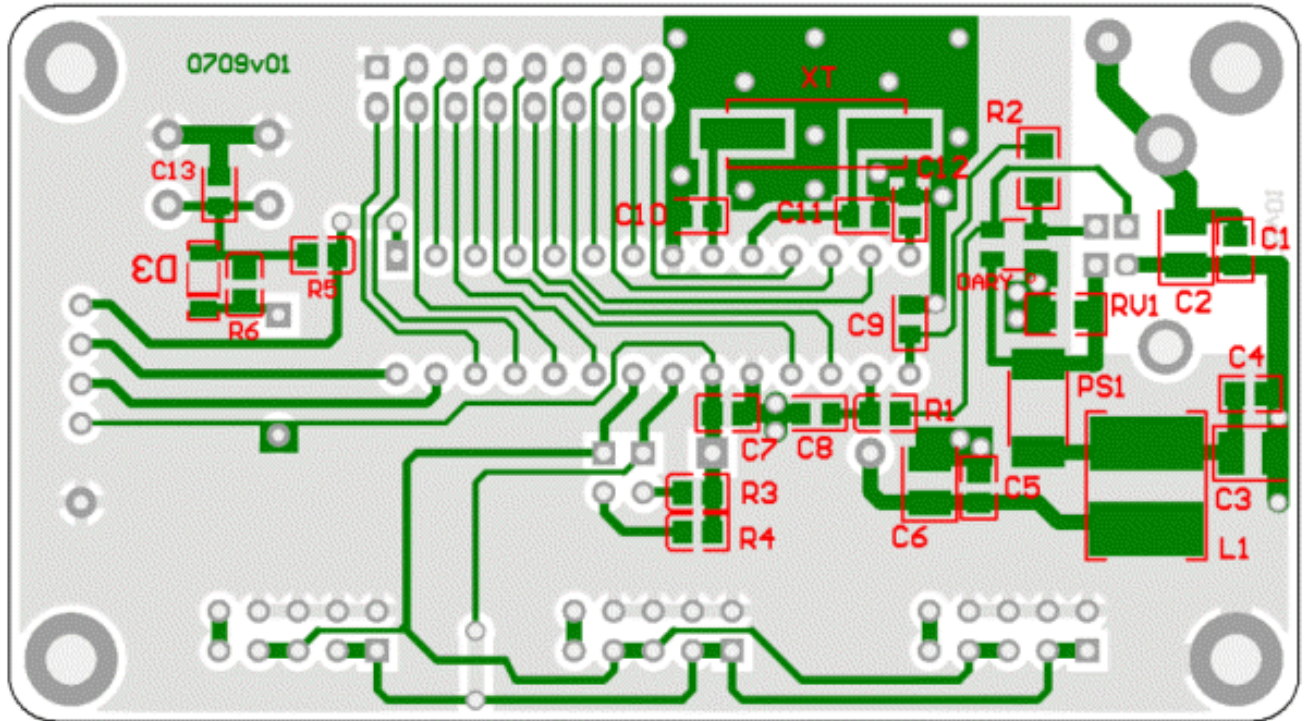
Before starting construction, do a complete inventory, comparing the parts in your kit with the parts list to familiarize yourself with all of the parts and to ensure the kit is complete.

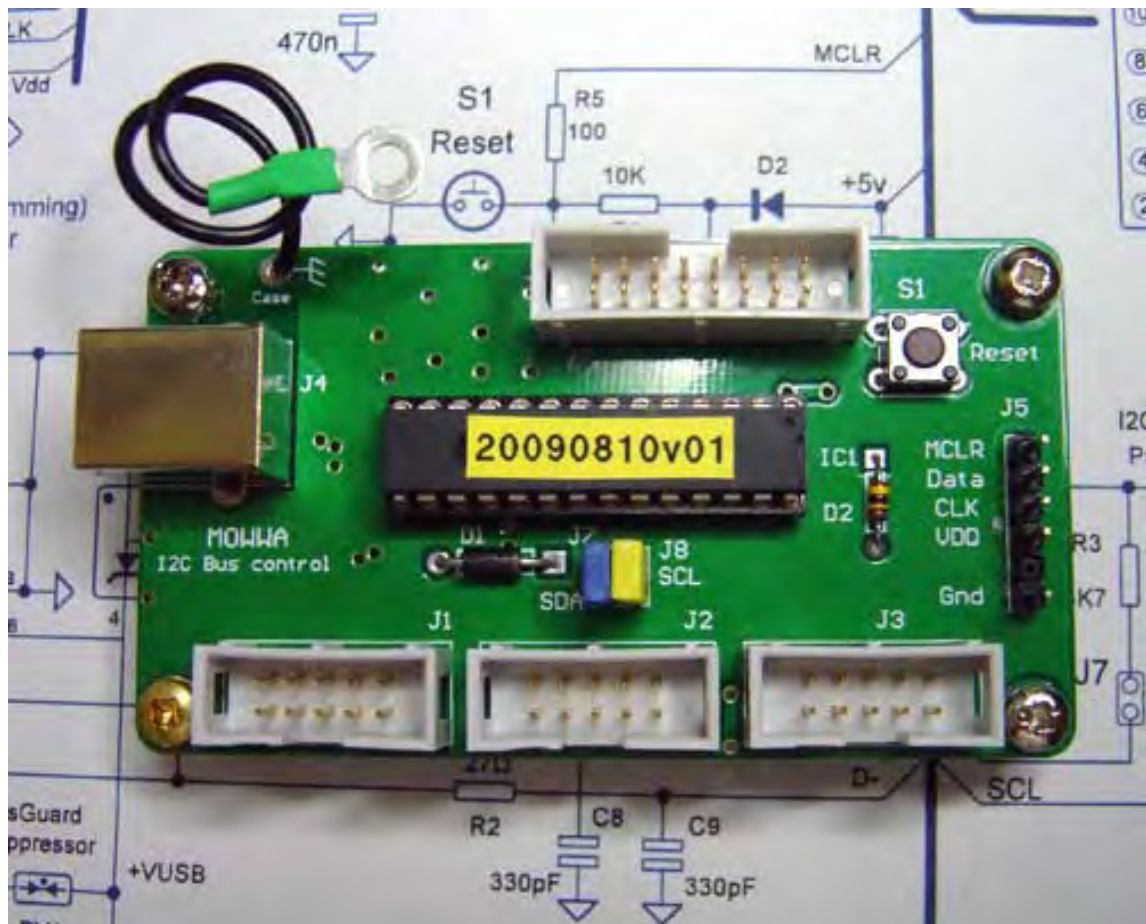
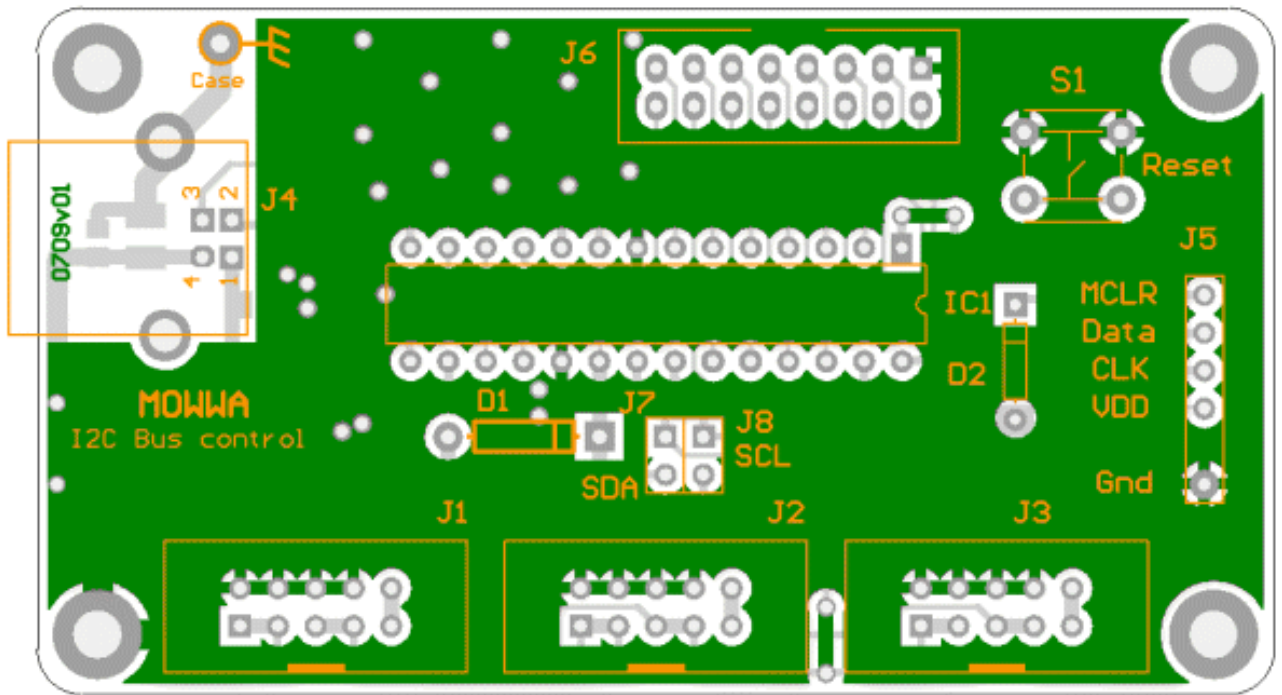
**Front-End USB-I2C control module. Bill of materials.**

Type	Reference	Description	Quantity
SMD resistor	R1	270 Ohms 0805-1%	1
SMD resistor	R2	270 Ohms 1206-1%	1
SMD resistor	R3, R4	4K7 Ohms 0805-1%	2
SMD resistor	R5	100 Ohms 0805-1%	1
SMD resistor	R6	10K Ohms 0805-1%	1
Chip cap	C1	10n/50V 0805	1
Chip cap	C2, C3	10uF/16v 1206	2
Chip cap	C4,C5,C7,C13	100nF/50v 0805	4
Tantalum cap	C6	22uF/16V	1
Chip cap	C10,C11	27pF/50V 0805	2
Chip cap	C12	470n/50V 0805	1
IC	U1	PIC 18F2455 PDIP	1
Diode Array	Dary	SP0503	1
Diode	D1	1N5817 Schottky axial	1
Diode	D2	1N4148 axial	1
Diode SMD	D3	1N4148 MELF	1
SMD	RV1	5V6/1206 Transient Suppressor	1
SMD	PS1	Polyswitch/0.22 Amp	1
SMD	L1	SMD POWER INDUCTOR 82UH	1

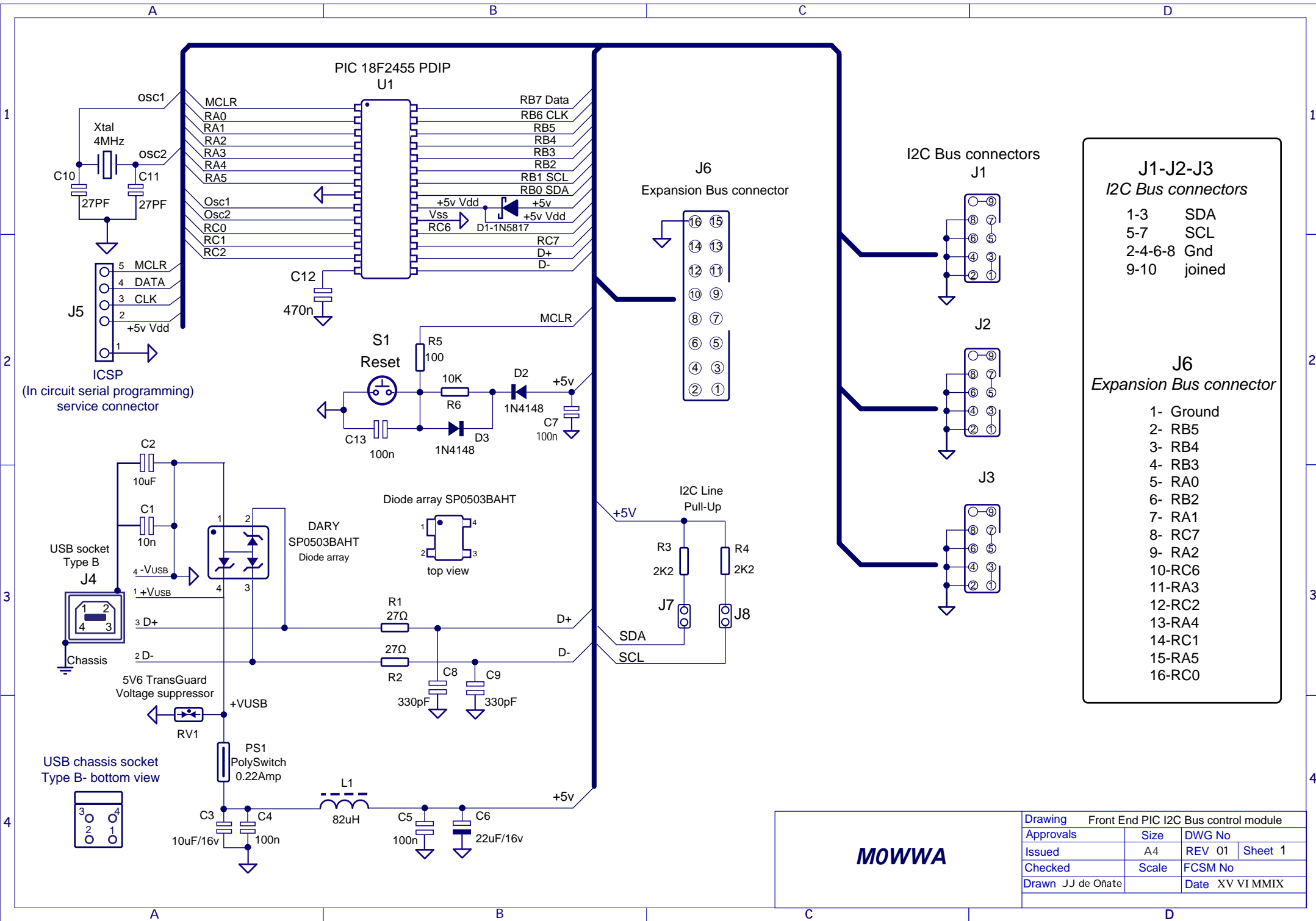
**USB Adapter & Power Converter. Bill of materials.**

Type	Reference	Description	Quantity
SMD	XT	4MHz ACT HC49/US-SMX	1
Header	J1,J2,J3	IDC Headers 10 vias	3
Socket	J4	USB socket type B	1
Header	J5	Single row Header 4+1 pins	1
Header	J6	IDC Header 16 vias	1
Header	J7,J8	Double row Header 2+2 pins	1
Jumper		2.54mm Jumper link	1
Switch	S1	Tactile switch	1
Socket		28 pins PDIP IC socket	1
Spacers	Hex.	M3x8mm.	4
Screws		M3x6mm.	4
Washers		M3	4
Tag		Case cable tag	1
PCB		Bare PCB	1



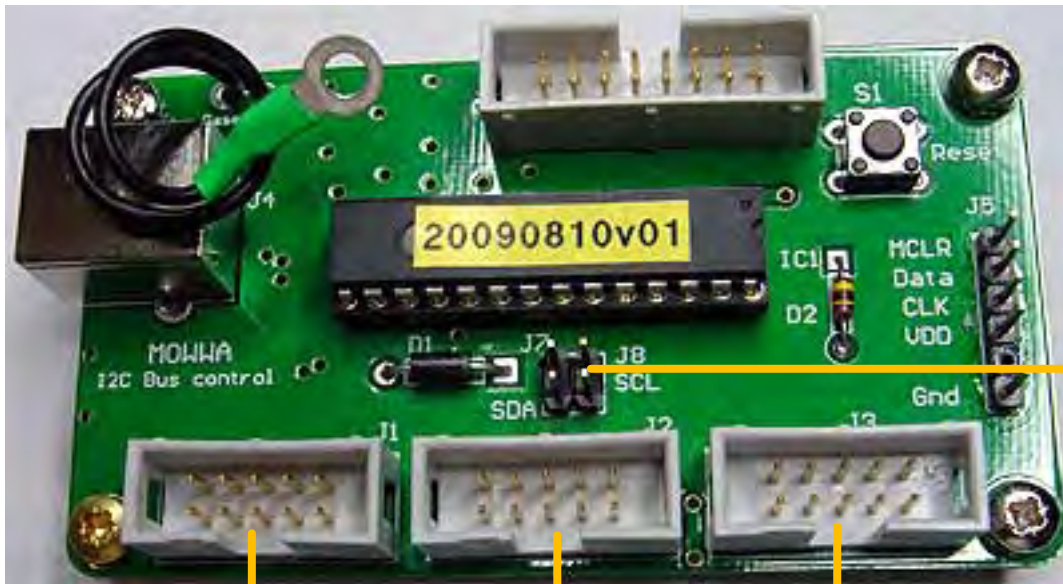




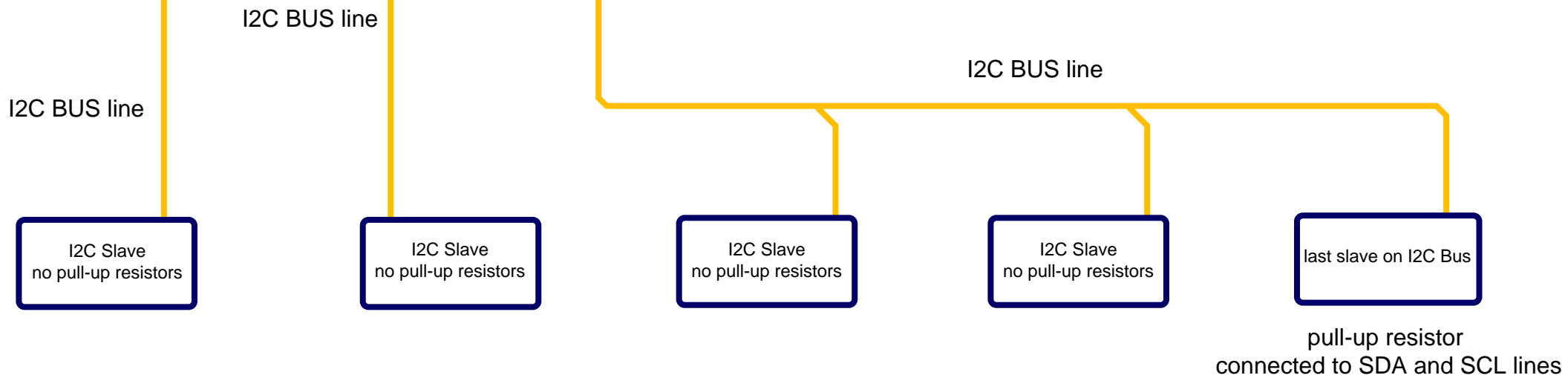


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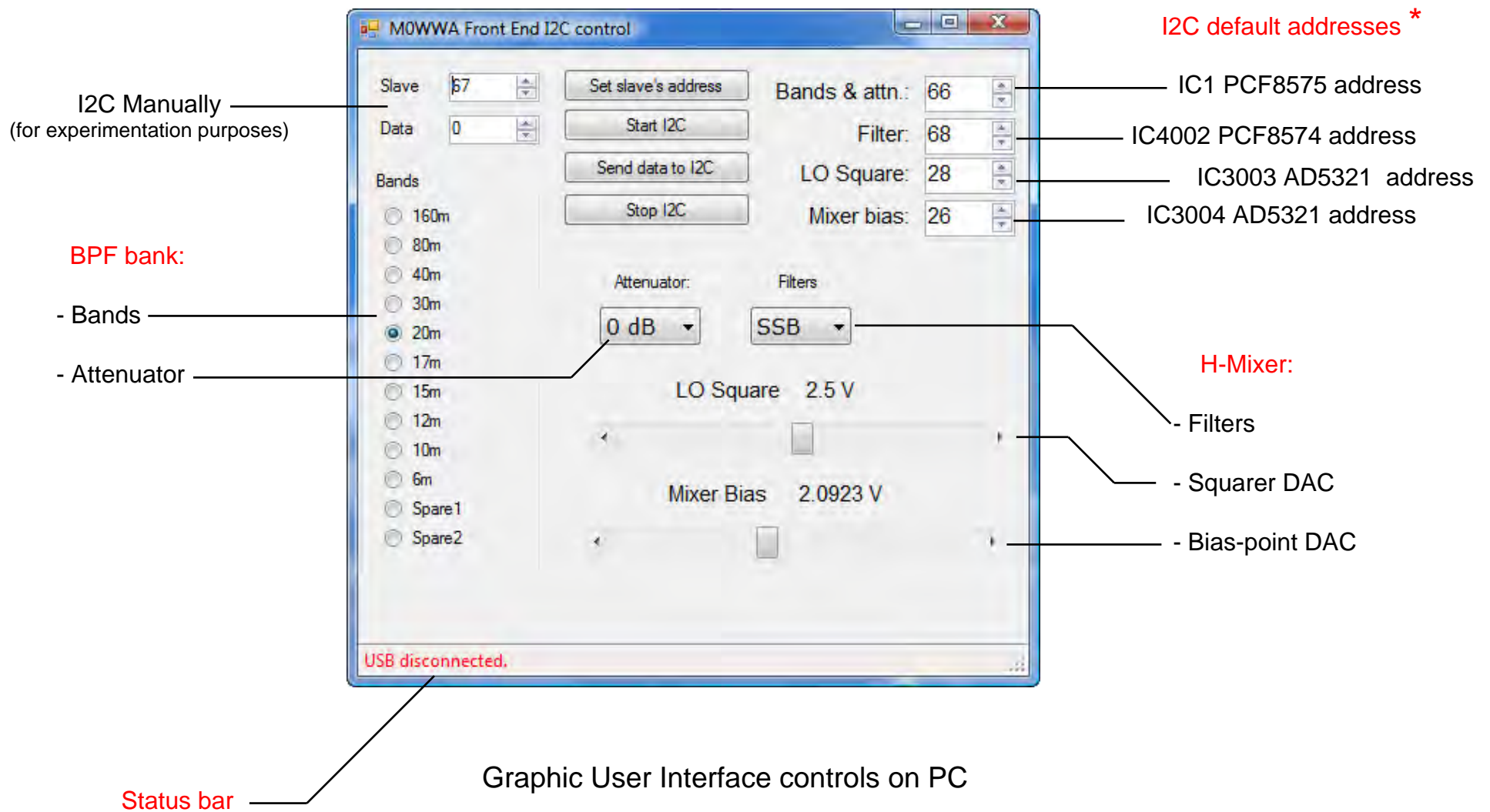
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Do not install SDA-SCL jumpers



Connecting Slaves to the I2C Bus



\* Addresses can be changed for your particular hardware configuration. The program takes by default these addresses. Changes are keep in memory.

**Notes:**