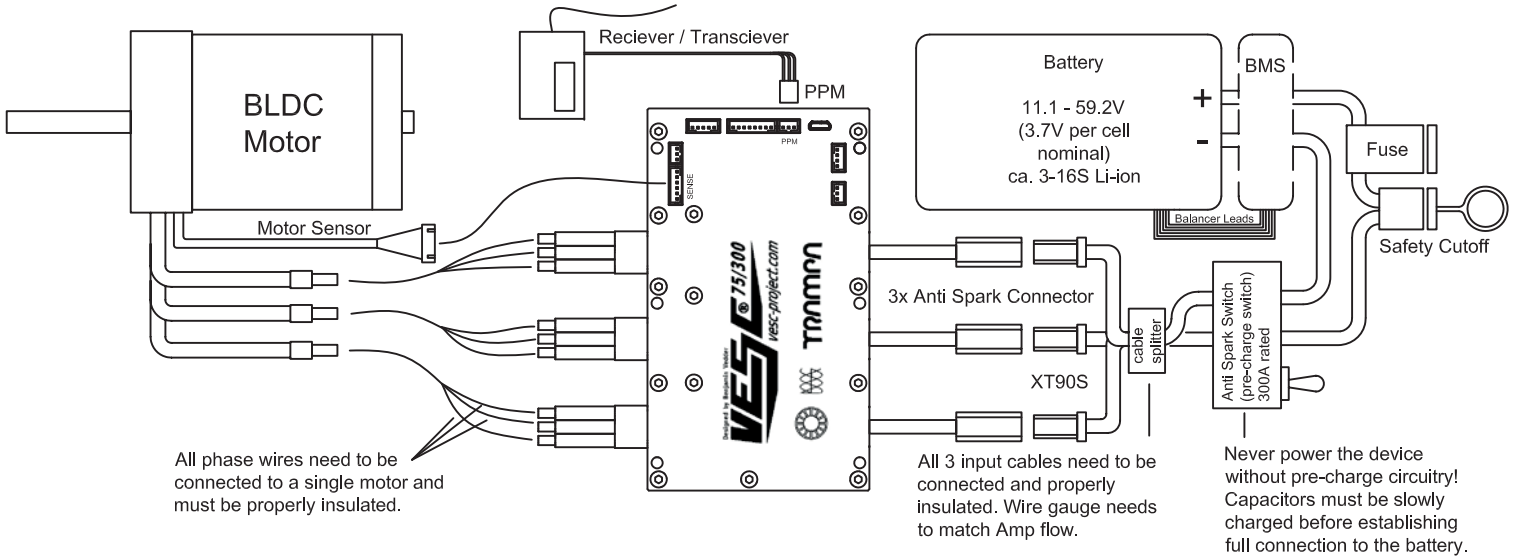


WARNING: Read the ENTIRE instruction manual to become familiar with the device and its features before operating. Failure to operate the product correctly and safely may result in damage to the product, personal property and cause serious injury.

This product must be operated with caution, common sense and in harmony with any regulations in place. Usage requires mechanical and electrical ability. Failure to operate this Product in a safe and responsible manner could result in injury or damage to the product or other property. This product is not intended for use by children. Do not attempt disassembly, use with incompatible components or augment product in any way without given approval by the manufacturer. This manual contains instructions for safety, operation and maintenance. It is essential to read and follow all the instructions and warnings in the manual, prior to assembly, setup or use, in order to operate correctly and avoid damage or serious injury.
Age Recommendation: Not for children

Only to be used by trained adult persons.

Throughout the literature the following terms will be used to indicate various levels of potential harm when operationg this device.

NOTICE : Procedures which, if not properly followed, create a possibility of physical property damage AND a little or no possibility of injury.

CAUTION : Procedures which, if not properly followed as described in this manual, create the probability of physical property damage AND a possibility of serious injury.

WARNING: Procedures which, if not properly followed, create the probability of property damage, collateral damage, and serious injury OR create a high probability of superficial injury.

WARNING: This device may not be used for applications requiring fulfillment of special safety standards. Among others this includes: Vehicles, aircrafts, certain machines and operation in safety critical environments like medical, nuclear and military!

Integrating your VESC motor controller into an electrical System:

Your VESC controller is designed to be integrated into a battery powered electrical system only! The sketch above shows how to integrate your VESC controller into such a system. Minimum requirements for safe operation:

1. Integration of a **safety power cut-off.**
2. The integration of a **FUSE**, rated in accordance of your electrical system (weakest part of the system).
3. Use of **anti spark connectors and switches.**
4. Use of a **compatible input device** (legal to operate, free of interference, reliable).
   Shown: *PPM (Pulse Position Modulated) 2.4GHz receiver*
5. Using safe setting for the operation in accordance with your electrical system and components involved.
6. Use a **B**attery **M**anagement **S**ystem (BMS) if the motor is used for regenerative braking or as a generator.
7. Follow general safety measures for your device/system, as legally required.
8. Keep device dry at all times. House device against water ingress according to required IP rating.

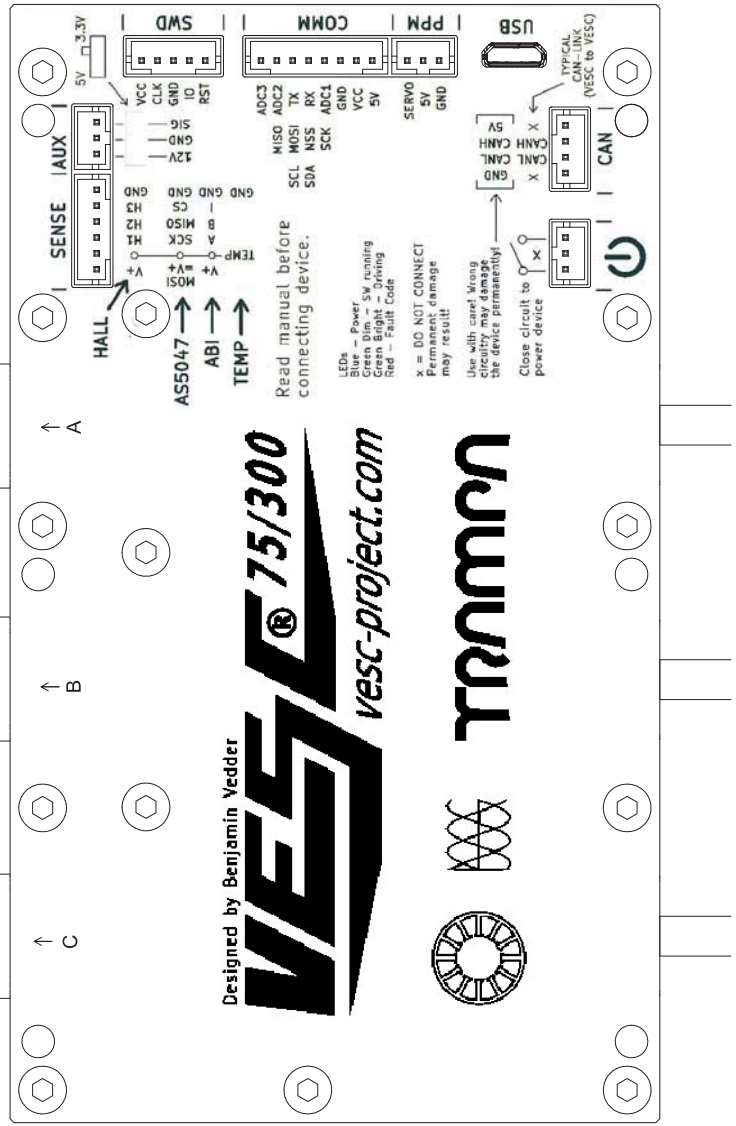
Safe Settings and Operation for Motor and Battery Settings (Motor Settings Panel, General):

WARNING: This device is intended to be used with the original Open Source Software *VESC-Tool.* Usage of other software than stated voids warranty and statement of conformance! This is a guide to set up your device within the measures of safe operation. Stay safe! To prevent injuries, operate your motor without attached propellers, wheels and/or moving mechanical parts when doing/changing your setup. Stay clear of any moving parts! Motor will spin up during setup! If you are not an expert, please use the Wizards for Setup! Additionally apply safe settings for the temperature cutoffs to prevent over heating.

- BLDC Mode:	Block Commution (Trapezoidal), more noise, less efficient, sometimes lesser likelihood to experience problems.
- FOC Mode:	Sinosoidal Commutation (Sine Wave), free of noise / vibrations, more efficient, more complex.
- Sensors:	Does your motor/ setup incorporates motor sensors? Do you want to use them? (Hall, ABI, AS 5047P Sensors) Did you check and adjust the sensor voltage (3.3 / 5V)?
- Battery Cutoff Start:	System decreases power usage when voltage drops below defined value, e.g. 3.4V per cell for LiPo (battery protection/health).
- Battery Cutoff End:	System stops motor when voltage drops below defined value, e.g. 3.1V per cell for LiPo (battery protection/health).
- Motor Current Max:	Defines maximum allowed Amp draw for the Motor. Can your motor cope with your setting? Does anything get hot during operation?
- Motor Current Max Brake:	Defines maximum allowed current being generated by the motor (regenerative braking). **Warning:** Wrong settings may overstress your motor/generator and/or battery! Read the warnings below!
- Absolute Maximum Current:	Max. Amp flow allowed in your electrical system (peak).
- Battery Current Max:	Max. allowed continuous current drain according to batteries technical data sheet. Read warning below!
- Battery Current Max Regen:	Max. current fed back into your battery pack. Check batteries data sheet to prevent dangers or battery damage. Read warnings below!
- MOSFET Temp Cutoff Start:	System decreases power usage when temperature reaches this value (default 80°C)
- MOSFET Temp Cutoff Start:	System stops motor operation when temperature reaches this value (default 100°C)
- MOTOR Temp Cutoff Start:	System decreases power usage when temperature reaches this value (default 80°C). Motor Temp sensors needed for this feature.
- MOTOR Temp Cutoff End:	System stops motor operation when temperature reaches this value (default 100°C). Motor Temp sensors needed for this feature.

Please visit *www.vesc-project.com/documentation* for more Information. **If you are unsure about any setting inform yourself or send us a message to prevent any danger. Start using values on the safe side and check if any part of your electrical system starts to heat up beyond safe limits of operation.**

Warning: When using the motor as a generator (e.g. as a regenerative motor brake), your battery will be charged with the setting found in ***Motor Settings >> General >> Current Tab*** of VESC-Tool. The ***Battery Current Max Regen*** value will define the maximum Ampflow pushed towards your battery when the motor is operated as a generator (e.g. during regenerative braking). Make sure your battery can handle the ampflow, as defined in the settings mentioned above. The maximum battery charge currents can be found in the batteries documentation and data sheets. **Never use your motor as a generator when your battery is fully charged**, especially if your battery is vulnerable to catch fire or explode when overcharged. **LITHIUM BATTERIES and other types of Batteries ARE potentially DANGEROUS!**
Depending on your application you may need to include a **B**attery **M**anagemant **S**ystem (BMS) to safely operate your battery and to give you feedback, when the battery is fully charged. Stop using the motor as a generator until your battery is discharged enough to cope with regenerative braking again. **Never drain more Amps** than your battery and/or motor can cope with (Max rating for continuous Amp flow). Use safe settings for all parameters found in the *Motor Settings >> General >> Current Tab!*



Connectors and Switches:

Your VESC motor controller is equipped with USB, CAN-Bus, PPM, COMM, SWD, NRF and a Sensor port. The following list will give you an idea how to interconnect the controller to other devices.

- **Sensors:** Sensor Port for **ABI, HALL or AS5047P motor position sensors**. Motor sensors allow precise and powerful rotation of the motors rotor from a random (standstill) position or from a defined position A to a defined position B.
  Did you check and adjust the sensor voltage (3.3 / 5V)?
  3.3V is default and set. The sensor voltage can be switched on internal PCB.
  Did you check the wiring scheme of your sensor cable?
- **SWD:** **S**erial **W**ire **D**ebug allows to access the STM32 Chip :Diagnostics, debugging and real time data.
- **COMM :** I2C, UART and ADC Interface to allow communication with other devices, such as Microcontrollers (e.g. Arduino, Raspberry Pi)) or using analog input devices (e.g. analog throttle)
- **PPM:** Connect input devices using **P**ulse-**P**osition **M**odulation e.g. a 2.4GHz transceiver for controlling the motors output power and speed (Radio control).
  Never connect one receiver to separate VESC controller devices (Y-PPM).
- **CAN:** CAN BUS for interconnection of multiple controllers in an array. E.g. when implementing traction control in a multi drive setup or when powering up multiple motors, using multiple devices (master + slave 1, 2, 3,....). CAN-bus is also a universal bus to link the VESC controller to other devices also featuring CAN-Bus. Only connect CAN L and CAN H! GND pins and 5V should never be connected in a VESC array!
- **ON/OFF** Close the circuit to wake device or open circuit to activate standby mode.
- **Motor A,B,C** Connectors for a single three phase wired BLDC Motor (Coil A, B, C). In most cases the motor wires can be plugged in randomly. If you know your motor phases plug in the phases accordingly (Yellow = A, Blue=B, Red=C) to be displayed correctly in the VESC-Tool real time data analysis.
  DC-Motors use only connections **A** and **C**, B will be left unplugged!
- **USB** Micro USB-Port to connect to a computer for the purpose of configuration, firmware updates and real time data analysis.

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The following LED light Codes will be displayed by your VESC:

- **BLUE:** Device is powerd up
- **GREEN DIM:** SW Running >> Software (Firmware) installed and running
- **Green Bright:** VESC motor controller is driving the motor.
- **Red:** Fault code, something is wrong! Read out the fault code in VESC-Tool.

Technical Data Sheet

- Voltage: 6V – 75V (Safe for 3S to 16S LiPo/LiIon).
  Voltage spikes may not exceed 75V!
- Current: Continuous 300A, Burst 450A. Values depend on the temperature, switching frequency and cooling of the device
- 5V 1A output for external electronics
- 12V 0,5 A output for external electronics
- 3.3V 0,5A output for external electronics
- Modes: DC, BLDC, FOC (sinusoidal)
- Supported sensors: ABI, HALL, AS5047

Features

- Accurate current and voltage measurement on all phases
- Adjustable Current and voltage sensors
- Works reliably with nearly any motor and low inductance motors
- Regenerative braking
- Sensored or sensorless operation + hybrid mode
- Configurable RPM-, current-, voltage- and power limits
- Input source: PPM, Analog, NRF (BLE 4.1)
- Communication ports: USB, CAN, UART
- Throttle curve and ramping for all input sources
- Seamless 4-quadrant operation
- Motor revolution, amp hour, watt hour counting
- Display of speed, power, duty cycle, amp flow, estimated range and battery status on App
- BLE wireless connection
- Real time data analysis and read out via communication ports
- Adjustable protection against:
  - Low input voltage
  - High input voltage
  - High motor current
  - High input current
  - High regenerative braking current (separate limits for the motor and the input)
  - High RPM (separate limits for each direction).
  - Over tempertaure (MOSFET and motor)

This device is manufactured to meet the **RoHS2** (2011/65/EU) regulations.

Instructions for disposal of WEEE by users in the European Union
This product must not be disposed of with other waste. Instead, it is the user's responsibility to dispose of their waste equipment by handing it over to a designated collections point for the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment. The separate collection and recycling of your waste equipment at the time of disposal will help to conserve natural resources and ensure that it is recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment. For more information about where you can drop off your waste equipment for recycling, please contact your local city office, your household waste disposal service or where you purchased the product.

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