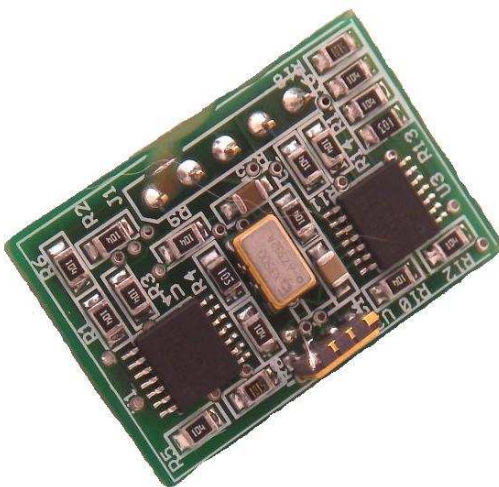


RG20 Dual Axis Rate Gyro 100 deg/sec

Technical Reference Manual PCB Rev 1.0



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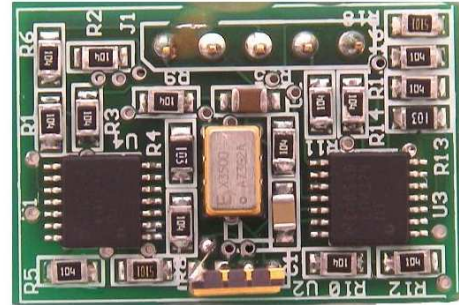
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1.0 Description

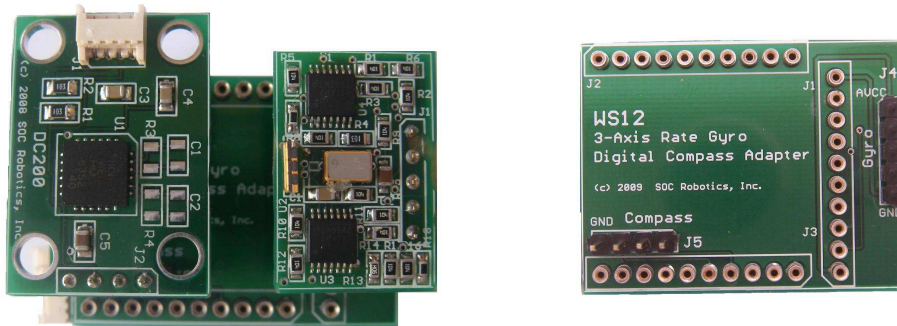
1.1 Features

- Dual axis 100 deg/sec solid state rate gyro
- 0.67mv deg/sec nominal output from sensor
- Instrumentation amplifier boosts signal to 14.9mv deg/sec
- 0.1" header for easy mounting (connector not included)
- 3-3.3V DC operation
- Small form factor (0.60x0.56in)
- Compatible with Wasp/WaspARM/WaspX
- Mounts on WS12 mounting Adapter
- Sample programs included in Wasp Application Code
- Desktop Data Acquisition Device (DAD) for real time display



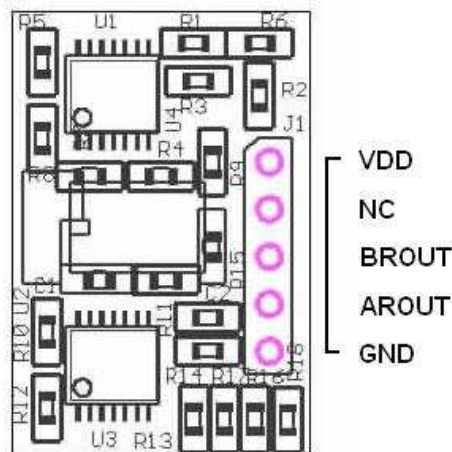
1.2 Introduction

The RG20 is a dual axis rate gyro that outputs a voltage between 0-3.3VDC volts based on the rotation rate of the device on two axis. An instrumentation amplifier on the board amplifies the 0.67mv deg/sec output to a full 0-3.3VDC range. When the device is at rest the nominal output is 1.75V although this value will change as the supply voltage changes.



The picture above shows the RG20 attached to the top of a WS12 mounting adapter (shown on the right) that attaches to the Wasp Embedded processor.

RG20 Pin Assignment

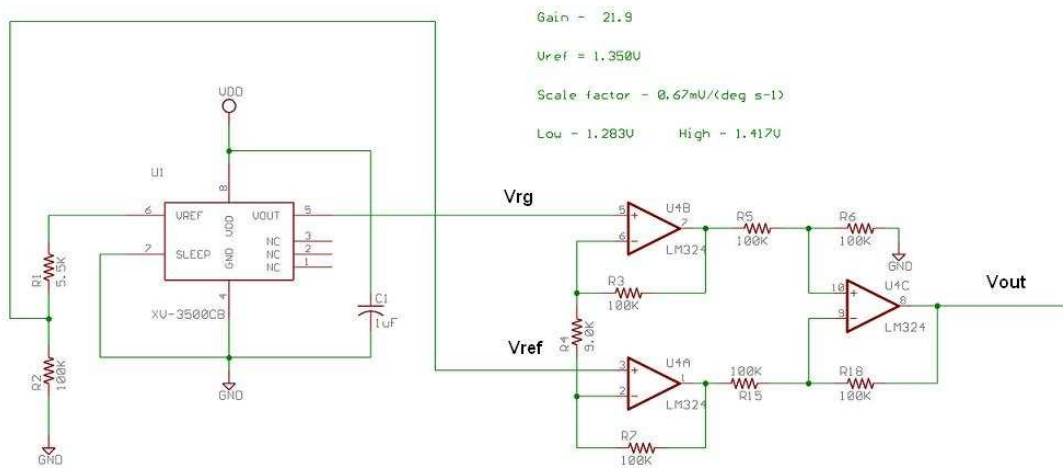


The RG20 output is routed to connector J1 with pin assignments shown above. Note that the board voltage VDD should be within the range 3-3.3VDC. The RG20 is shipped without a connector so you can mount the board as you wish.

1.3 Theory of Operation

Circuit Description

The RG20 gyro sensor is the Epson Toyocom XV-3500CB 100 deg/sec solid state sensor the output of which is amplified by an LMV324 rail-to-rail operational amplifier with a 21.9 gain stage implemented in an instrumentation amplifier configuration. The schematic below shows the circuit for one axis in the RG20 - both axis are the same.



The output of the XV-3500 consists of a reference voltage and rotation signal output. The reference voltage is fixed at 1.350V nominal (this value will vary slightly from part to part). The XV-3500 outputs a rotary signal that varies by $\pm 67\text{mv}$ full range. This signal is too small to be read with a high degree of precision by most microcontrollers so in order to boost the signal an instrumentation amplifier circuit was added to the design.

The instrumentation amplifier has a fixed gain of 21.9. The reference signal is first reduced from 1.350V to approximately 1.275V by the resistive divider R1, R2. The new reference voltage is feed into the bottom leg of the amplifier. The rotary output signal is fed into the top leg of the instrumentation amplifier. The output of the instrumentation amplifier is given by:

$$V_{out} = 1 + 2R3/R4(V_{rg}-V_{ref})$$

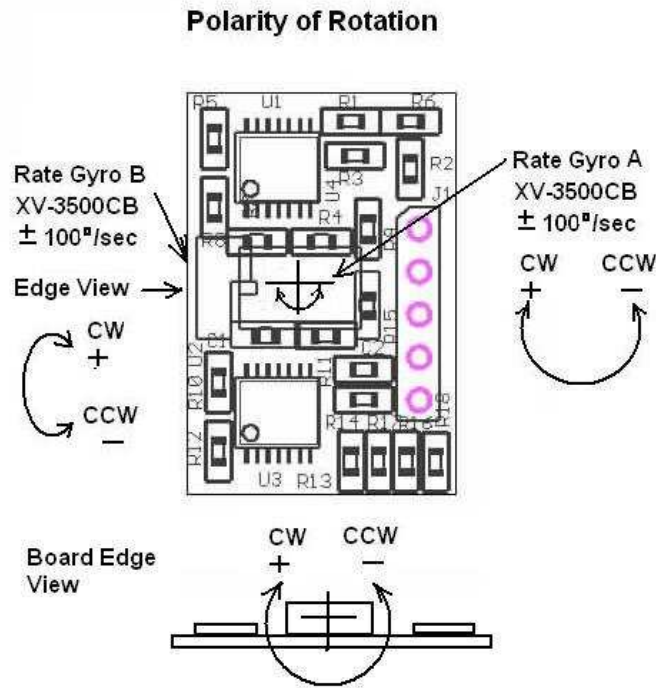
Where V_{rg} is the rotary signal output and V_{ref} is the new 1.275V signal. The no rotary output is nominally 1.75volts and any rotation clockwise or counter clockwise will increase or decrease this value at the rate of 14.7mv deg/sec .

Due to inherent amplifier offsets, sensor reference voltage offsets and the precision of the resistors in the amplifier section the nominal no rotation output will vary slightly from board to board. The next section describes how to compensate for this offset.

If the board is run at a voltage other than 3.3V then the nominal output will be skewed due to the fixed output of the reference signal. Keep this in mind if you run the board at other voltages.

Polarity of Rotation

The RG20 has two rate gyros – one parallel to the surface of the PCB and the other 90 degrees to the surface and aligned parallel to the connector. Clockwise rotation with respect to the top of the gyro sensor increases signal output while counter clockwise rotation reduces signal output.



The nominal output signal of the XV-3500CB gyro sensor is 0.67mV per degree per second. Maximum output is 67mV above or below the nominal no rotation output of 1.350V. The output signal is shifted and amplified to increase the absolute value of the signal. The nominal no rotation output will vary slightly from board to board.

Calibration

Although precision resistors are used in the instrumentation amplifier section there are offsets in the op amp that shift the no rotation nominal output from board to board so a calibration step should be performed. To calibrate the RG20 measure the output at no rotation – this is the default output of the device. The gain of the amplifier is fixed at 21.9 so with a sensor output of 0.67mV deg/sec the nominal amplified output is +14.7mV deg/sec.

1.4 Software Overview

A sample application (with full source code) that configures the A/D in a Wasp (Atmega644) and outputs the rate gyro readings to the UART is available for download from our web site. A desktop GUI application called DAD is also available to display gyro output in real time in a graph is also available for download.

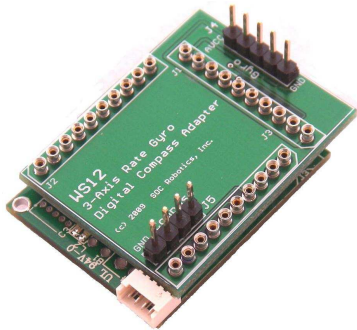
1.5 Specifications

The RG20 uses two Epson Toyocom XV-3500CB solid state rate gyro amplified with a LMV324 op amp in a instrumentation amplifier configuration. The op amp gain is fixed at 21.9 and the nominal no rotation output is shifted to approximately 1.75VDC.

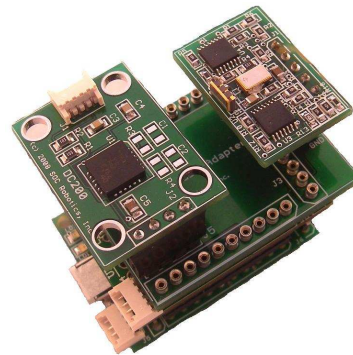
Parameter	Value
Power Source	3.0V-+0.3VDC
Temperature Rnge	-20 to +80 deg C
Number of axis	2
Scale Factor	0.67mv deg/sec
Gain	21.9
Rate Range	-+100 deg/sec
Phase Delay	4 deg @ 20Hz
Frequency Response	200Hz (90 deg delay)
Power Consumption	2.9ma

1.6 Related Products

The RG20 is compatible with a number of related products. The WS12 is a carrier that a RG20 attaches to. The WS12 in turn attaches to either a Wasp, WaspARM or WaspX embedded data acquisition processor.

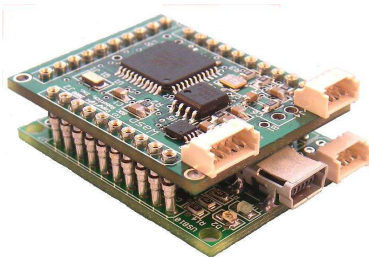


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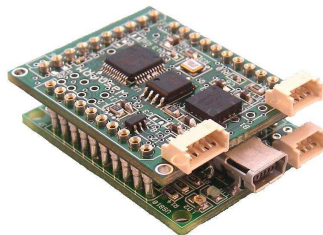


RG20 on WS12 on Wasp and USB10

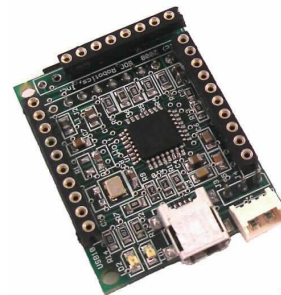
The Wasp family of products are small AVR and ARM7 based processors that can be programmed by the user to perform data acquisition tasks or using a sample data acquisition program can be turned into a real time data logger. By combining the Wasp with a USB10 a complete data acquisition system that communicates with the desktop via USB becomes possible.



Wasp on USB10

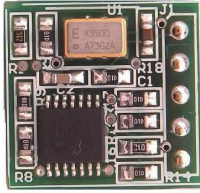


WaspARM on USB10

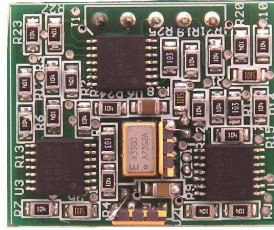


USB10

The RG10 is a single axis rate gyro while the RG30 is a three axis rate gyro.



RG10

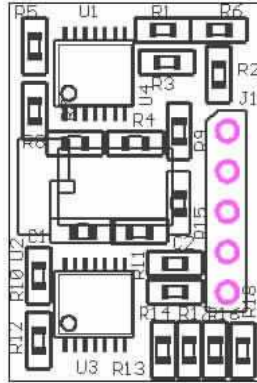


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2.0 Electrical and Mechanical Description

2.1 Component Layout

Components are mounted on one side of the board.



2.2 Electrical Specifications

Electrical

Input power: 3.3VDC @ 4ma

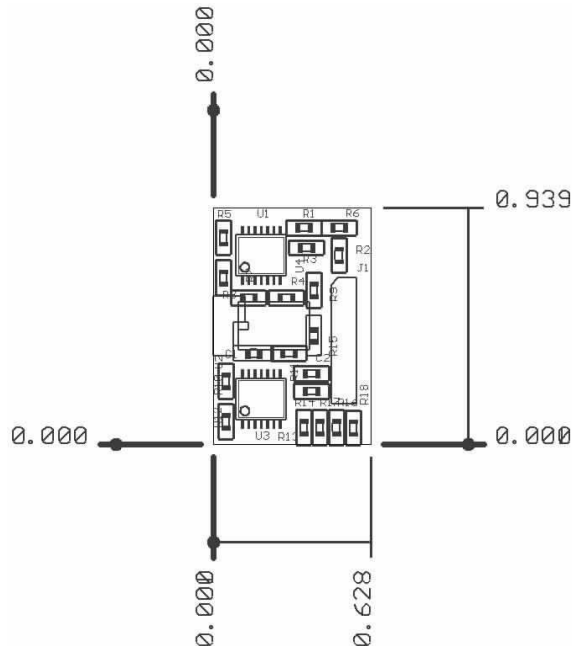
Mechanical

Dimensions: 0.63x0.94 in

Weight: 6 grams

2.3 Mechanical Dimensions

Board dimensions are stated in inches.



3.0 RG20 Circuit Schematics

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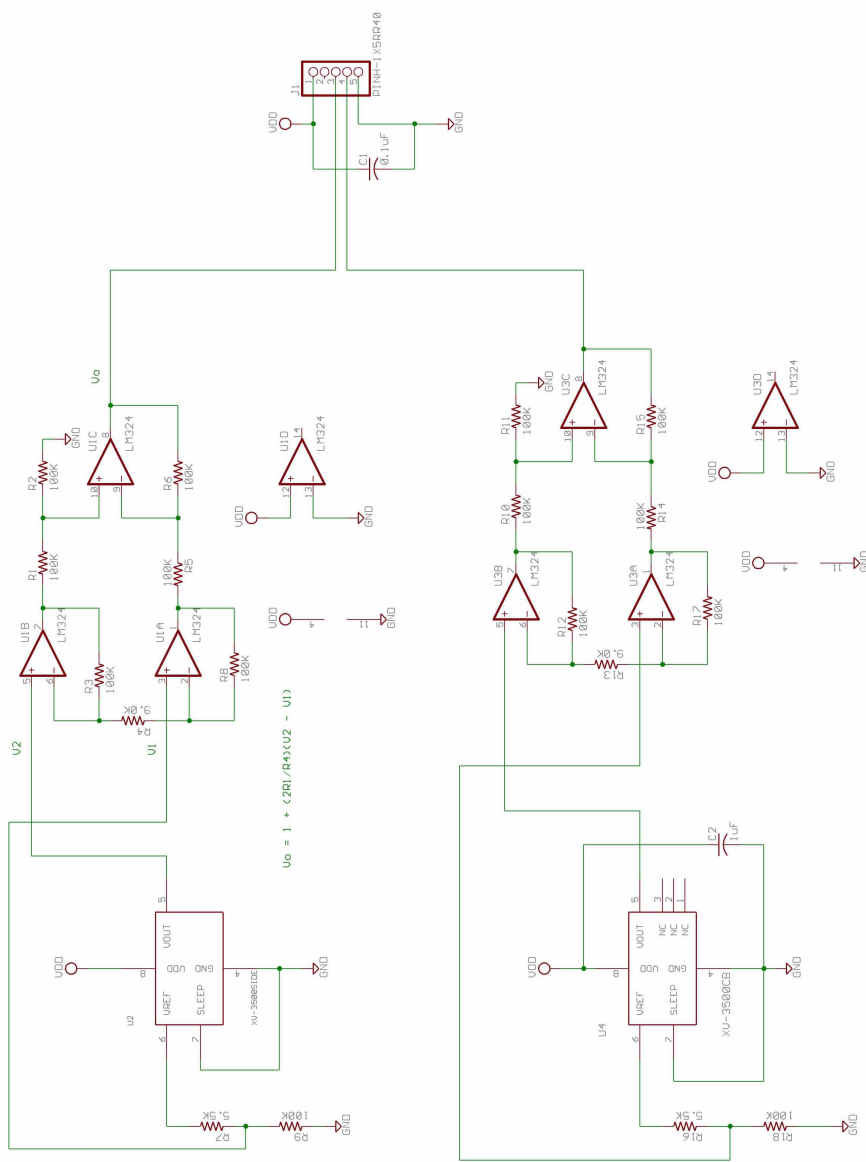
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