PD42-1241 TMCL™ Firmware Manual

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The PD42-1241 is a full mechatronic solution, made up of a TMCM-1241 stepper control module and a NEMA 17 (42mm flange size) motor. The PD42-1241 TMCL firmware allows to control the module using TMCL™ commands, supporting standalone operation as well as direct mode control, making use of the Trinamic TMC5160 motion controller and motor driver. Dynamic current control, and quiet, smooth and efficient operation are combined with StealthChop™, DcStep™, StallGuard2™ and CoolStep™ features.

Features

- Single Axis Stepper motor control
- Supply voltage 24V DC
- TMCL™
- Host interfaces: RS485, CAN, USB
- Step/Direction inputs
- Additional inputs and outputs
- SixPoint™ ramps
- CoolStep™
- StallGuard2™
- StealthChop™
- SensOstep™ encoder
- External (AB) encoder interface

Applications

- Laboratory Automation
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- Robotics
- Manufacturing
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- Factory Automation
- Test & Measurement
- Life Science
- Biotechnology
- Liquid Handling

Simplified Block Diagram

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1 Features

The PANdrive™ PD42-1241 is a full mechatronic solution with state of the art feature set. It is highly integrated and offers a convenient handling. The PD42-1241 includes a stepper motor, controller/driver electronics and Trinamic's SensOstep™ encoder. It can be used in many decentralized applications and has been designed for 0.20. . . 0.80Nm maximum holding torque and 24V DC nominal supply voltage. With its high energy efficiency from TRINAMICs CoolStep™ technology cost for power consumption is kept down. The TMCL™ firmware allows for standalone operation and direct mode control.

Main characteristics

- Motion controller & stepper motor driver:
	- **–** Hardware motion profile calculation in real-time.
	- **–** On the fly alteration of motion parameters (e.g. position, velocity, acceleration).
	- **–** High performance microcontroller for overall system control and communication protocol handling.
	- **–** Up to 256 microsteps per full step.
	- **–** High-efficient operation, low power dissipation.
	- **–** Dynamic current control.
	- **–** Integrated protection.
	- **–** StallGuard2™ feature for stall detection.
	- **–** CoolStep™ feature for reduced power consumption and heat dissipation.
	- **–** StealthChop™ feature for quiet operation and smooth motion.
	- **–** DcStep™ feature for load dependent speed control.
- Encoder
	- **–** SensOstep™ magnetic encoder with 1024 increments per round.
	- **–** Usable for example for step-loss detection under all operating conditions and positioning supervision.
	- **–** Interface for additional external encoder.
- Interfaces
	- **–** USB interface.
	- **–** RS485 bus.
	- **–** CAN bus.
	- **–** Step/Direction inputs.
	- **–** Three general-purpose digital inputs (Alternate functions: home switch, quadrature encoder input).
	- **–** One dedicated analog input.
	- **–** Two stop switch inputs.
	- **–** One general purpose digital output (open drain max. 1A).

Software

TMCL remote controlled operation via USB, RS485 or CAN interface and/or stand-alone operation via TMCL programming. PC-based application development software TMCL-IDE available for free.

Electrical data

- Supply voltage: +24V DC nominal (10. . . 30V DC supply range).
- Motor current: up to 3A RMS / 4.2A peak (programmable).

Please see also the separate Hardware Manual.

1.1 StallGuard2

StallGuard2 is a high-precision sensorless load measurement using the back EMF of the coils. It can be used for stall detection as well as other uses at loads below those which stall the motor. The StallGuard2 measurement value changes linearly over a wide range of load, velocity, and current settings. At maximum motor load, the value reaches zero or is near zero. This is the most energy-efficient point of operation for the motor.

Figure 1: StallGuard2 Load Measurement as a Function of Load

1.2 CoolStep

CoolStep is a load-adaptive automatic current scaling based on the load measurement via StallGuard2 adapting the required current to the load. Energy consumption can be reduced by as much as 75%. CoolStep allows substantial energy savings, especially for motors which see varying loads or operate at a high duty cycle. Because a stepper motor application needs to work with a torque reserve of 30% to 50%, even a constant-load application allows significant energy savings because CoolStep automatically enables torque reserve when required. Reducing power consumption keeps the ystem cooler, increases motor life, and allows cost reduction.

Figure 2: Energy Efficiency Example with CoolStep

1.3 SixPoint Motion Controller

TRINAMIC's SixPoint motion controller is a new type of ramp generator which offers faster machine operation compared to the classical linear acceleration ramps. The SixPoint ramp generator allows adapting the acceleration ramps to the torque curves of a stepper motor. It uses two different acceleration settings for the acceleration phase and also tow different deceleration settings for the deceleration phase. Start and stop speeds greater than zero can also be used.

Figure 3: Typical motion profile with TRINAMIC's SixPoint motion controller

A six point ramp begins using the start speed V_{START} (which can also be zero). Then, the acceleration value A1 will be used to accelerate the motor to the speed V1. When the speed V1 has been reached, the motor will be further accelerated using the acceleration value A2 until it has reached the speed V_{MAX} . The deceleration phase begins using the deceleration value D2. After reaching the speed V1 again the deceleration value D2 will be used to declerate to the stop speed V_{STOP} (which can also be zero).

2 First Steps with TMCL

In this chapter you can find some hints for your first steps with the PD42-1241 and TMCL. You may skip this chapter if you are already familiar with TMCL and the TMCL-IDE.

Things that you will need

- Your PD42-1241 module.
- A USB cable.
- A power supply (24V DC) for your PD42-1241 module.
- The TMCL-IDE 3.x already installed on your PC.
- A two-phase bipolar stepper motor.

2.1 Basic Setup

First of all, you will need a PC with Windows (at least Windows 7) and the TMCL-IDE 3.x installed on it. If you do not have the TMCL-IDE installed on your PC then please download it from the TMCL-IDE product page of Trinamic's website (http://www.trinamic.com) and install it on your PC.

Please also ensure that your PD42-1241 is properly connected to your power supply and that the stepper motor is properly connected to the module. Please see the PD42-1241 hardware manual for instructions on how to do this. **Do not connect or disconnect a stepper motor to or from the module while the module is powered!**

Then, please start up the TMCL-IDE. After that you can connect your PD42-1241 via USB and switch on the power supply for the module (while the TMCL-IDE is running on your PC). The module will be recognized by the TMCL-IDE, and necessary driver registrations in Windows will automatically done by the TMCL-IDE.

2.2 Using the TMCL Direct Mode

At first try to use some TMCL commands in direct mode. In the TMCL-IDE a tree view showing the PD42- 1241 and all tools available for it is displayed. Click on the Direct Mode entry of the tool tree. Now, the Direct Mode tool will pop up.

In the Direct Mode tool you can choose a TMCL command, enter the necessary parameters and execute the command. For example, choose the command ROL (rotate left). Then choose the appropriate motor (motor 0 if your motor is connected to the motor 0 connector). Now, enter the desired speed. Try entering 51200 (pps) as the value and then click the Execute button. The motor will now run. Choose the MST (motor stop) command and click Execute again to stop the motor.

2.3 Changing Axis Parameters

Next you can try changing some settings (also called axis parameters) using the SAP command in direct mode. Choose the SAP command. Then choose the parameter type and the motor number. Last, enter the desired value and click execute to execute the command which then changes the desired parameter. The following table points out the most important axis parameters. Please see chapter [4](#page-71-0) for a complete list of all axis parameters.

Table 1: Most important Axis Parameters

2.4 Testing with a simple TMCL Program

Now, test the TMCL stand alone mode with a simple TMCL program. To type in, assemble and download the program, you will need the TMCL creator. This is also a tool that can be found in the tool tree of the TMCL-IDE. Click the TMCL creator entry to open the TMCL creator. In the TMCL creator, type in the following little TMCL program:

```
1 ROL 0, 51200 // Rotate motor 0 with speed 10000
    WAIT TICKS, 0, 500
    MST 0
5 WAIT TICKS , 0 , 500
    MST 0
```
ROR 0, 51200 // Rotate motor 0 with 50000


```
7
     SAP 4, 0, 51200 //Set max. Velocity
     SAP 5, 0, 51200 // Set max. Acceleration
 Loop :
11 MVP ABS , 0, 512000 // Move to Position 512000
     WAIT POS, 0, 0 // Wait until position reached
13 MVP ABS, 0, -512000 // Move to Position -512000<br>WAIT POS, 0, 0 // Wait until position reac
                               //Wait until position reached
15 JA Loop // Infinite Loop
```
After you have done that, take the following steps:

- 1. Click the Assemble icon (or choose Assemble from the TMCL menu) in the TMCL creator to assemble the program.
- 2. Click the Download icon (or choose Download from the TMCL menu) in the TMCL creator to donwload the program to the module.
- 3. Click the Run icon (or choose Run from the TMCL menu) in the TMCL creator to run the program on the module.

Also try out the debugging functions in the TMCL creator:

- 1. Click on the Bug icon to start the debugger.
- 2. Click the Animate button to see the single steps of the program.
- 3. You can at any time pause the program, set or reset breakpoints and resume program execution.
- 4. To end the debug mode click the Bug icon again.

3 TMCL and the TMCL-IDE — An Introduction

As with most TRINAMIC modules the software running on the microprocessor of the PD42-1241 consists of two parts, a boot loader and the firmware itself. Whereas the boot loader is installed during production and testing at TRINAMIC and remains untouched throughout the whole lifetime, the firmware can be updated by the user. New versions can be downloaded free of charge from the TRINAMIC website (http://www.trinamic.com).

The PD42-1241 supports TMCL direct mode (binary commands). It also implements standalone TMCL program execution. This makes it possible to write TMCL programs using the TMCL-IDE and store them in the memory of the module.

In direct mode the TMCL communication over RS-232, RS-485, CAN, and USB follows a strict master/slave relationship. That is, a host computer (e.g. PC/PLC) acting as the interface bus master will send a command to the PD42-1241. The TMCL interpreter on the module will then interpret this command, do the initialization of the motion controller, read inputs and write outputs or whatever is necessary according to the specified command. As soon as this step has been done, the module will send a reply back over the interface to the bus master. Only then should the master transfer the next command.

Normally, the module will just switch to transmission and occupy the bus for a reply, otherwise it will stay in receive mode. It will not send any data over the interface without receiving a command first. This way, any collision on the bus will be avoided when there are more than two nodes connected to a single bus. The Trinamic Motion Control Language [TMCL] provides a set of structured motion control commands. Every motion control command can be given by a host computer or can be stored in an EEPROM on the TMCM module to form programs that run standalone on the module. For this purpose there are not only motion control commands but also commands to control the program structure (like conditional jumps, compare and calculating).

Every command has a binary representation and a mnemonic. The binary format is used to send commands from the host to a module in direct mode, whereas the mnemonic format is used for easy usage of the commands when developing standalone TMCL applications using the TMCL-IDE (IDE means Integrated Development Environment).

There is also a set of configuration variables for the axis and for global parameters which allow individual configuration of nearly every function of a module. This manual gives a detailed description of all TMCL commands and their usage.

3.1 Binary Command Format

Every command has a mnemonic and a binary representation. When commands are sent from a host to a module, the binary format has to be used. Every command consists of a one-byte command field, a one-byte type field, a one-byte motor/bank field and a four-byte value field. So the binary representation of a command always has seven bytes. When a command is to be sent via RS-232, RS-485, RS-422 or USB interface, it has to be enclosed by an address byte at the beginning and a checksum byte at the end. In these cases it consists of nine bytes.

The binary command format with RS-232, RS-485, RS-422 and USB is as follows:

Table 2: TMCL Command Format

3.1.1 Checksum Calculation

As mentioned above, the checksum is calculated by adding up all bytes (including the module address byte) using 8-bit addition. Here are two examples which show how to do this:

Checksum calculation in C:

```
1 unsigned char i, Checksum;
 unsigned char Command [9];
3
 // Set the Command array to the desired command
_5 Checksum = Command [0]:
 for(i = 1; i < 8; i + 1)
        Checksum += Command[i];Command [8]= Checksum; //insert checksum as last byte of the command
 // Now , send it to the module
```
Checksum calculation in Delphi:

```
var
     i, Checksum: byte;
     Command: array [0..8] of byte;
4
     // Set the Command array to the desired command
6
     // Calculate the Checksum :
     Checksum := Command[0];for i:=1 to 7 do Checksum:= Checksum + Command [i];
10 Command [8]: = Checksum;
     // Now, send the Command array (9 bytes) to the module
```


3.2 Reply Format

Every time a command has been sent to a module, the module sends a reply. The reply format with RS-232, RS-485, RS-422 and USB is as follows:

Table 3: TMCL Reply Format

3.2.1 Status Codes

The reply contains a status code. The status code can have one of the following values:

Table 4: TMCL Status Codes

3.3 Standalone Applications

The module is equipped with a TMCL memory for storing TMCL applications. You can use the TMCL-IDE for developing standalone TMCL applications. You can download a program into the EEPROM and afterwards it will run on the module. The TMCL-IDE contains an editor and the TMCL assembler where the commands can be entered using their mnemonic format. They will be assembled automatically into their binary representations. Afterwards this code can be downloaded into the module to be executed there.

3.4 TMCL Command Overview

This sections gives a short overview of all TMCL commands.

Table 5: Overview of all TMCL Commands

3.5 TMCL Commands by Subject

3.5.1 Motion Commands

These commands control the motion of the motor. They are the most important commands and can be used in direct mode or in standalone mode.

Table 6: Motion Commands

3.5.2 Parameter Commands

These commands are used to set, read and store axis parameters or global parameters. Axis parameters can be set independently for each axis, whereas global parameters control the behavior of the module itself. These commands can also be used in direct mode and in standalone mode.

3.5.3 Branch Commands

These commands are used to control the program flow (loops, conditions, jumps etc.). Using them in direct mode does not make sense. They are intended for standalone mode only.

Table 8: Branch Commands

3.5.4 I/O Port Commands

These commands control the external I/O ports and can be used in direct mode as well as in standalone mode.

I/O Port Commands			
	Mnemonic Command number	Meaning	
SIO	14	Set output	
GIO	15	Get input	

Table 9: I/O Port Commands

3.5.5 Calculation Commands

These commands are intended to be used for calculations within TMCL applications. Although they could also be used in direct mode it does not make much sense to do so.

Table 10: Calculation Commands

For calculating purposes there is an accumulator (also called accu or A register) and an X register. When executed in a TMCL program (in standalone mode), all TMCL commands that read a value store the result in the accumulator. The X register can be used as an additional memory when doing calculations. It can be loaded from the accumulator.

When a command that reads a value is executed in direct mode the accumulator will not be affected. This means that while a TMCL program is running on the module (standalone mode), a host can still send commands like GAP and GGP to the module (e.g. to query the actual position of the motor) without affecting the flow of the TMCL program running on the module.

3.5.6 Interrupt Processing Commands

TMCL also contains functions for a simple way of interrupt processing. Using interrupts, many tasks can be programmed in an easier way.

The following commands are use to define and handle interrupts:

Interrupt Processing Commands		
Mnemonic	Command number	Meaning
FI	25	Enable interrupt
DI	26	Disable interrupt
VECT	37	Set interrupt vector
RFTI	38	Return from interrupt

Table 11: Interrupt Processing Commands

3.5.6.1 Interrupt Types

There are many different interrupts in TMCL, like timer interrupts, stop switch interrupts, position reached interrupts, and input pin change interrupts. Each of these interrupts has its own interrupt vector. Each interrupt vector is identified by its interrupt number. Please use the TMCL include file Interrupts.inc in order to have symbolic constants for the interrupt numbers. Table [12](#page-18-0) show all interrupts that are available on the PD42-1241.

3.5.6.2 Interrupt Processing

When an interrupt occurs and this interrupt is enabled and a valid interrupt vector has been defined for that interrupt, the normal TMCL program flow will be interrupted and the interrupt handling routine will be called. Before an interrupt handling routine gets called, the context of the normal program (i.e. accumulator register, X register, flags) will be saved automatically.

There is no interrupt nesting, i.e. all other interrupts are disabled while an interrupt handling routine is being executed.

On return from an interrupt handling routine (RETI command), the context of the normal program will automatically be restored and the execution of the normal program will be continued.

3.5.6.3 Further Configuration of Interrupts

Some interrupts need further configuration (e.g. the timer interval of a timer interrupt). This can be done using SGP commands with parameter bank 3 (SGP <type> , 3, <value>). Please refer to the SGP command (chapter [3.6.7\)](#page-28-0) for further information about that.

3.5.6.4 Using Interrupts in TMCL

To use an interrupt the following things have to be done:

- Define an interrupt handling routine using the VECT command.
- If necessary, configure the interrupt using an SGP <type>, 3, <value> command.
- Enable the interrupt using an EI <interrupt> command.
- Globally enable interrupts using an EI 255 command.
- An interrupt handling routine must always end with a RETI command.
- Do not allow the normal program flow to run into an interrupt handling routine.

The following example shows the use of a timer interrupt:

```
VECT 0, Timer0Irq // define the interrupt vector
     SGP 0, 3, 1000 // configure the interrupt: set its period to 1000ms
     EI 0 //enable this interrupt<br>255 //globally switch on in
                         1/ globally switch on interrupt processing
5
 // Main program : toggles output 3, using a WAIT command for the delay
7 Loop :
     SIO 3, 2, 1
     WAIT TICKS, 0, 50
     SIO 3, 2, 0
11 WAIT TICKS, 0, 50
     JA Loop
13
 // Here is the interrupt handling routine
15 Timer0Irq :
     GIO 0, 2 // check if OUT0 is high
17 JC NZ, 0ut00ff //jump if not<br>SIO 0, 2, 1 //switch 0UT0
                        //switch OUTO high
     RETI // end of interrupt
 Out0Off :
21 SIO 0, 2, 0 // switch OUT0 low
     RETI //end of interrupt
```
In the example above, the interrupt numbers are being used directly. To make the program better readable use the provided include file Interrupts.inc. This file defines symbolic constants for all interrupt numbers which can be used in all interrupt commands. The beginning of the program above then looks as follows:

```
# include Interrupts . inc
2 VECT TI_TIMER0 , Timer0Irq
     SGP TI_TIMER0 , 3, 1000
     EI TI_TIMERO
     EI TI_GLOBAL
```


3.6 Detailed TMCL Command Descriptions

The module specific commands are explained in more detail on the following pages. They are listed according to their command number.

3.6.1 ROR (Rotate Right)

The motor is instructed to rotate with a specified velocity in right direction (increasing the position counter). The velocity is given in microsteps per second (pulse per second [pps]).

Internal function:

- First, velocity mode is selected.
- Then, the velocity value is transferred to axis parameter #2 (target velocity).

Related commands: ROL, MST, SAP, GAP.

Mnemonic: ROR <axis>, <velocity>

Example

Rotate right motor 0, velocity 51200. *Mnemonic:* ROR 0, 51200.

3.6.2 ROL (Rotate Left)

The motor is instructed to rotate with a specified velocity in left direction (decreasing the position counter). The velocity is given in microsteps per second (pulse per second [pps]).

Internal function:

- First, velocity mode is selected.
- Then, the velocity value is transferred to axis parameter #2 (target velocity).

Related commands: ROR, MST, SAP, GAP.

Mnemonic: ROL <axis>, <velocity>

Example

Rotate left motor 0, velocity 51200. *Mnemonic:* ROL 0, 51200.

3.6.3 MST (Motor Stop)

The motor is instructed to stop with a soft stop.

Internal function: The velocity mode is selected. Then, the target speed (axis parameter #0) is set to zero. **Related commands:** ROR, ROL, SAP, GAP.

Mnemonic: MST <axis>

Example

Stop motor 0. *Mnemonic:* MST 0.

3.6.4 MVP (Move to Position)

With this command the motor will be instructed to move to a specified relative or absolute position. It will use the acceleration/deceleration ramp and the positioning speed programmed into the unit. This command is non-blocking - that is, a reply will be sent immediately after command interpretation and initialization of the motion controller. Further commands may follow without waiting for the motor reaching its end position. The maximum velocity and acceleration as well as other ramp parameters are defined by the appropriate axis parameters. For a list of these parameters please refer to section [4.](#page-71-0) The range of the MVP command is 32 bit signed (-2147483648. . . 2147483647). Positioning can be interrupted using MST, ROL or ROR commands.

Three operation types are available:

- Moving to an absolute position in the range from -2147483648...2147483647 ($-2^{31}...2^{31} 1$).
- Starting a relative movement by means of an offset to the actual position. In this case, the new resulting position value must not exceed the above mentioned limits, too.
- Moving the motor to a (previously stored) coordinate (refer to SCO for details).

Internal function: A new position value is transferred to the axis parameter #0 (target position). **Related commands:** SAP, GAP, SCO, GCO, CCO, ACO, MST.

Mnemonic: MVP <ABS|REL|COORD>, <axis>, <position|offset|coordinate>

Example

Move motor 0 to position 90000. *Mnemonic:* MVP ABS, 0, 90000

Example

Move motor 0 from current position 10000 steps backward. *Mnemonic:* MVP REL, 0, -10000

Example

Move motor 0 to stored coordinate #8.

Mnemonic: MVP COORD, 0, 8

Note Before moving to a stored coordinate, the coordinate has to be set using an SCO, CCO or ACO command.

3.6.5 SAP (Set Axis Parameter)

With this command most of the motion control parameters of the module can be specified. The settings will be stored in SRAM and therefore are volatile. That is, information will be lost after power off.

Info For a table with parameters and values which can be used together with this command please refer to section [4.](#page-71-0)

Internal function: The specified value is written to the axis parameter specified by the parameter number. **Related commands:** GAP, AAP.

Mnemonic: SAP <parameter number>, <axis>, <value>

Binary representation

Example Set the maximum positioning speed for motor 0 to 51200 pps. *Mnemonic:* SAP 4, 0, 51200.

3.6.6 GAP (Get Axis Parameter)

Most motion / driver related parameters of the PD42-1241 can be adjusted using e.g. the SAP command. With the GAP parameter they can be read out. In standalone mode the requested value is also transferred to the accumulator register for further processing purposes (such as conditional jumps). In direct mode the value read is only output in the value field of the reply, without affecting the accumulator.

Info For a table with parameters and values that can be used together with this command please refer to section [4.](#page-71-0)

Internal function: The specified value gets copied to the accumulator. **Related commands:** SAP, AAP.

Mnemonic: GAP <parameter number>, <axis>

Example

Get the actual position of motor 0. *Mnemonic:* GAP 1, 0.

3.6.7 SGP (Set Global Parameter)

With this command most of the module specific parameters not directly related to motion control can be specified and the TMCL user variables can be changed. Global parameters are related to the host interface, peripherals or application specific variables. The different groups of these parameters are organized in banks to allow a larger total number for future products. Currently, bank 0 is used for global parameters, and bank 2 is used for user variables. Bank 3 is used for interrupt configuration.

All module settings in bank 0 will automatically be stored in non-volatile memory (EEPROM).

Internal function: The specified value will be copied to the global parameter specified by the type and bank number. Most parameters of bank 0 will automatically be stored in non-volatile memory. **Related commands:** GGP, AGP.

Mnemonic: SGP <parameter number>,

bank>, <value>

Example

Set the serial address of the device to 3. *Mnemonic:* SGP 66, 0, 3.

3.6.8 GGP (Get Global Parameter)

All global parameters can be read with this function. Global parameters are related to the host interface, peripherals or application specific variables. The different groups of these parameters are organized in banks to allow a larger total number for future products. Currently, bank 0 is used for global parameters, and bank 2 is used for user variables. Bank 3 is used for interrupt configuration.

Info For a table with parameters and values which can be used together with this command please refer to section [5.](#page-81-0)

Internal function: The global parameter specified by the type and bank number will be copied to the accumulator register.

Related commands: SGP, AGP.

Mnemonic: GGP <parameter number>,

bank>

Example

Get the serial address of the device. *Mnemonic:* GGP 66, 0.

3.6.9 STGP (Store Global Parameter)

This command is used to store TMCL global parameters permanently in the EEPROM of the module. This command is mainly needed to store the TMCL user variables (located in bank 2) in the EEPROM of the module, as most other global parameters (located in bank 0) are stored automatically when being modified. The contents of the user variables can either be automatically or manually restored at power on.

Info For a table with parameters and values which can be used together with this command please refer to dection [5.3.](#page-84-1)

Internal function: The global parameter specified by the type and bank number will be stored in the EEPROM.

Related commands: SGP, AGP, GGP, RSGP.

Mnemonic: STGP <parameter number>,

bank>

Example

Store user variable #42. *Mnemonic:* STGP 42, 2.

3.6.10 RSGP (Restore Global Parameter)

With this command the contents of a TMCL user variable can be restored from the EEPROM. By default, all user variables are automatically restored after power up. A user variable that has been changed before can be reset to the stored value by this instruction.

Internal function: The global parameter specified by the type and bank number will be restored from the EEPROM.

Related commands: SGP, AGP, GGP, STGP.

Mnemonic: RSGP <parameter number>,

bank>

Example

Restore user variable #42. *Mnemonic:* RSGP 42, 2.

3.6.11 RFS (Reference Search)

The PD42-1241 has a built-in reference search algorithm. The reference search algorithm provides different refrence search modes. This command starts or stops the built-in reference search algorithm. The status of the reference search can also be queried to see if it already has finished. (In a TMCL program it mostly is better to use the WAIT RFS command to wait for the end of a reference search.) Please see the appropriate parameters in the axis parameter table to configure the reference search algorithm to meet your needs (please see chapter [4\)](#page-71-0).

Internal function: The internal reference search state machine is started or stoped, or its state is queried.

Related commands: SAP, GAP, WAIT.

Mnemonic: RFS <START|STOP|STATUS>, <motor>

Example

Start reference search of motor 0. *Mnemonic:* RFS START, 0.

3.6.12 SIO (Set Output)

This command sets the states of the general purpose digital outputs.

Internal function: The state of the output line specified by the type parameter is set according to the value passed to this command.

Related commands: GIO.

Mnemonic: SIO <port number>,

bank number>, <value>

Example

Set output 0 (bank 2) to high. *Mnemonic:* SIO 0, 2, 1.

Bank 2 – Digital Outputs

The following output lines can be set by the SIO commands) using bank 2.

Pull-up Resistor Control

The SIO command can also be used to program the pull-up resistors of the IN0, IN1 and IN2 inputs. The pull-up resistor of the IN0/HOME input can separately be switched on and off whereas the pull-up resistors of the IN1 and IN2 inputs can be switched on and off together. Use the command SIO 0, 0, <x> to control the pull-up resistor setting. The value <x> will be interpreted as a bit vector: bit 0 controls the pull-up resistor of the IN0/HOME input, and bit 1 controls the pull-up resistors of the IN1 and IN2 inputs. So the following settings are possible:

All pull-up resistors are on by default.

3.6.13 GIO (Get Input)

With this command the status of the available general purpose outputs of the module can be read. The function reads a digital or an analog input port. Digital lines will read as 0 or 1, while the ADC channels deliver their 12 bit result in the range of 0. . . 4095. In standalone mode the requested value is copied to the accumulator register for further processing purposes such as conditional jumps. In direct mode the value is only output in the value field of the reply, without affecting the accumulator. The actual status of a digital output line can also be read.

Internal function: The state of the i/o line specified by the type parameter and the bank parameter is read.

Related commands: SIO.

Mnemonic: GIO <port number>,

hank number>

Example

Get the value of ADC channel 0. *Mnemonic:* GIO 0, 1.

Bank 0 – Digital Inputs

The analog input lines can be read as digital or analog inputs at the same time. The digital input states can be accessed in bank 0.

Special case: GIO 255, 0 reads all general purpose inputs simulataneously and puts the result into the the accumulator register. The result is a bit vector where each bit represents one input.

Bank 1 – Analog Inputs

The analog input lines can be read back as digital or analog inputs at the same time. The analog values can be accessed in bank 1.

Bank 2 – States of the Digital Outputs

The states of the output lines (that have been set by SIO commands) can be read back using bank 2.

3.6.14 CALC (Calculate)

A value in the accumulator variable, previously read by a function such as GAP (get axis parameter) can be modified with this instruction. Nine different arithmetic functions can be chosen and one constant operand value must be specified. The result is written back to the accumulator, for further processing like comparisons or data transfer. *This command is mainly intended for use in standalone mode.*

Related commands: CALCX, COMP, AAP, AGP, GAP, GGP, GIO.

Mnemonic: CALC <operation>, <operand>

Binary representation

Example

Multiply accumulator by -5000. *Mnemonic:* CALC MUL, -5000

3.6.15 COMP (Compare)

The specified number is compared to the value in the accumulator register. The result of the comparison can for example be used by the conditional jump (JC) instruction. *This command is intended for use in standalone operation only.*

Internal function: The accumulator register is compared with the sepcified value. The internal arithmetic status flags are set according to the result of the comparison. These can then control e.g. a conditional jump.

Related commands: JC, GAP, GGP, GIO, CALC, CALCX.

Mnemonic: COMP <operand>

Example

Jump to the address given by the label when the position of motor #0 is greater than or equal to 1000.

 $_1$ GAP 1, 0 // get actual position of motor 0 COMP 1000 // compare actual value with 1000 3 JC GE, Label // jump to Lable if greter or equal to 1000

3.6.16 JC (Jump conditional)

The JC instruction enables a conditional jump to a fixed address in the TMCL program memory, if the specified condition is met. The conditions refer to the result of a preceding comparison. Please refer to COMP instruction for examples. *This command is intended for standalone operation only.*

Internal function: The TMCL program counter is set to the value passed to this command if the status flags are in the appropriate states.

Related commands: JA, COMP, WAIT, CLE.

Mnemonic: JC <condition>, <label>

Example

Jump to the address given by the label when the position of motor #0 is greater than or equal to 1000.

```
_1 GAP 1, 0 // get actual position of motor 0
 COMP 1000 // compare actual value with 1000
3 JC GE , Label // jump to Lable if greter or equal to 1000
 ...
5 Label : ROL 0, 1000
```


3.6.17 JA (Jump always)

Jump to a fixed address in the TMCL program memory. *This command is intended for standalone operation only.*

Internal function: The TMCL program counter is set to the value passed to this command.

Related commands: JC, WAIT, CSUB.

Mnemonic: $|A \times label$

Example

An infinite loop in TMCL:

```
1 Loop :
     MVP ABS , 0, 51200
3 WAIT POS , 0, 0
     MVP ABS , 0, 0
5 WAIT POS , 0, 0
     JA Loop
```
Binary form of the JA Loop command when the label Loop is at address 10:

3.6.18 CSUB (Call Subroutine)

This function calls a subroutine in the TMCL program memory. *It is intended for standalone operation only.*

Internal function: the actual TMCL program counter value is saved to an internal stack, afterwards overwritten with the passed value. The number of entries in the internal stack is limited to 8. This also limits nesting of subroutine calls to 8. The command will be ignored if there is no more stack space left.

Related commands: RSUB, JA.

Mnemonic: CSUB <label>

Example

Call a subroutine:

```
Loop :
2 MVP ABS , 0, 10000
     CSUB SubW // Save program counter and jump to label SubW
     4 MVP ABS , 0, 0
     CSUB SubW // Save program counter and jump to label SubW
6 JA Loop
s SubW:
     WAIT POS , 0, 0
10 WAIT TICKS, 0, 50
```
RSUB // Continue with the command following the CSUB command

3.6.19 RSUB (Return from Subroutine)

Return from a subroutine to the command after the CSUB command. *This command is intended for use in standalone mode only.*

Internal function: the TMCL program counter is set to the last value saved on the stack. The command will be ignored if the stack is empty.

Related commands: CSUB.

Mnemonic: RSUB

Example

Please see the CSUB example (section [3.6.18\)](#page-45-0). *Binary form:*

3.6.20 WAIT (Wait for an Event to occur)

This instruction interrupts the execution of the TMCL program until the specified condition is met. *This command is intended for standalone operation only.*

There are five different wait conditions that can be used:

- TICKS: Wait until the number of timer ticks specified by the <ticks> parameter has been reached.
- POS: Wait until the target position of the motor specified by the <motor> parameter has been reached. An optional timeout value (0 for no timeout) must be specified by the <ticks> parameter.
- REFSW: Wait until the reference switch of the motor specified by the <motor> parameter has been triggered. An optional timeout value (0 for no timeout) must be specified by the <ticks> parameter.
- LIMSW: Wait until a limit switch of the motor specified by the <motor> parameter has been triggered. An optional timeout value (0 for no timeout) must be specified by the <ticks> parameter.
- RFS: Wait until the reference search of the motor specified by the <motor> field has been reached. An optional timeout value (0 for no timeout) must be specified by the <ticks> parameter.

Special case for the <ticks> parameter: When this parameter is set to -1 the contents of the accumulator register will be taken for this value. So for example WAIT TICKS, 0, -1 will wait as long as specified by the value store in the accumulator. *The accumulator must not contain a negative value when using this option.*

The timeout flag (ETO) will be set after a timeout limit has been reached. You can then use a JC ETO command to check for such errors or clear the error using the CLE command.

Internal function: the TMCL program counter will be held at the address of this WAIT command until the condition is met or the timeout has expired.

Related commands: JC, CLE.

Mnemonic: WAIT <condition>, <motor number>, <ticks>

Example

¹one tick is 10 milliseconds

Wait for motor 0 to reach its target position, without timeout. *Mnemonic:* WAIT POS, 0, 0

3.6.21 STOP (Stop TMCL Program Execution – End of TMCL Program)

This command stops the execution of a TMCL program. *It is intended for use in standalone operation only.*

Internal function: Execution of a TMCL program in standalone mode will be stopped.

Related commands: none.

Mnemonic: STOP

Example

Mnemonic: STOP

3.6.22 SCO (Set Coordinate)

Up to 20 position values (coordinates) can be stored for every axis for use with the MVP COORD command. This command sets a coordinate to a specified value. Depending on the global parameter 84, the coordinates are only stored in RAM or also stored in the EEPROM and copied back on startup (with the default setting the coordinates are stored in RAM only).

Note Coordinate #0 is always stored in RAM only.

Internal function: the passed value is stored in the internal position array.

Related commands: GCO, CCO, ACO, MVP COORD.

Mnemonic: SCO <coordinate number>, <motor number>, <position>

Example

Set coordinate #1 of motor #0 to 1000. *Mnemonic:* SCO 1, 0, 1000

Two special functions of this command have been introduced that make it possible to copy all coordinates or one selected coordinate to the EEPROM. These functions can be accessed using the following special forms of the SCO command:

- SCO 0, 255, 0 copies all coordinates (except coordinate number 0) from RAM to the EEPROM.
- SCO <coordinate number>, 255, 0 copies the coordinate selected by <coordinate number> to the EEPROM. The coordinate number must be a value between 1 and 20.

3.6.23 GCO (Get Coordinate)

Using this command previously stored coordinate can be read back. In standalone mode the requested value is copied to the accumulator register for further processing purposes such as conditional jumps. In direct mode, the value is only output in the value field of the reply, without affecting the accumulator. Depending on the global parameter 84, the coordinates are only stored in RAM or also stored in the EEPROM and copied back on startup (with the default setting the coordinates are stored in RAM only).

Internal function: the desired value is read out of the internal coordinate array, copied to the accumulator register and – in direct mode – returned in the value field of the reply.

Related commands: SCO, CCO, ACO, MVP COORD.

Mnemonic: GCO <coordinate number>, <motor number>

Example

Get coordinate #1 of motor #0. *Mnemonic:* GCO 1, 0

Two special functions of this command have been introduced that make it possible to copy all coordinates or one selected coordinate from the EEPROM to the RAM.

These functions can be accessed using the following special forms of the GCO command:

- GCO 0, 255, 0 copies all coordinates (except coordinate number 0) from the EEPROM to the RAM.
- GCO <coordinate number>, 255, 0 copies the coordinate selected by <coordinate number> from the EEPROM to the RAM. The coordinate number must be a value between 1 and 20.

3.6.24 CCO (Capture Coordinate)

This command copies the actual position of the axis to the selected coordinate variable. Depending on the global parameter 84, the coordinates are only stored in RAM or also stored in the EEPROM and copied back on startup (with the default setting the coordinates are stored in RAM only). Please see the SCO and GCO commands on how to copy coordinates between RAM and EEPROM.

Note Coordinate #0 is always stored in RAM only.

Internal function: the actual position of the selected motor is copied to selected coordinate array entry.

Related commands: SCO, GCO, ACO, MVP COORD.

Mnemonic: CCO <coordinate number>, <motor number>

Example

Store current position of motor #0 to coordinate array entry #3.

Mnemonic: CCO 3, 0

3.6.25 ACO (Accu to Coordinate)

With the ACO command the actual value of the accumulator is copied to a selected coordinate of the motor. Depending on the global parameter 84, the coordinates are only stored in RAM or also stored in the EEPROM and copied back on startup (with the default setting the coordinates are stored in RAM only).

Note Coordinate #0 is always stored in RAM only.

Internal function: the actual position of the selected motor is copied to selected coordinate array entry.

Related commands: SCO, GCO, CO, MVP COORD.

Mnemonic: ACO <coordinate number>, <motor number>

Example

Copy the actual value of the accumulator to coordinate #1 of motor #0.

Mnemonic: ACO 1, 0

3.6.26 CALCX (Calculate using the X Register)

This instruction is very similar to CALC, but the second operand comes from the X register. The X register can be loaded with the LOAD or the SWAP type of this instruction. The result is written back to the accumulator for further processing like comparisons or data transfer. *This command is mainly intended for use in standalone mode.*

Related commands: CALC, COMP, JC, AAP, AGP, GAP, GGP, GIO.

Mnemonic: CALCX <operation>

Example

Multiply accumulator and X register. *Mnemonic:* CALCX MUL

3.6.27 AAP (Accu to Axis Parameter)

The content of the accumulator register is transferred to the specified axis parameter. For practical usage, the accumulator has to be loaded e.g. by a preceding GAP instruction. The accumulator may have been modified by the CALC or CALCX (calculate) instruction. *This command is mainly intended for use in standalone mode.*

Info For a table with parameters and values which can be used together with this command please refer to section [4.](#page-71-0)

Related commands: AGP, SAP, GAP, SGP, GGP, GIO, GCO, CALC, CALCX.

Mnemonic: AAP <parameter number>, <motor number>

Example

Position motor #0 by a potentiometer connected to analog input #0:

¹ Start :

```
GIO 0,1 // get value of analog input line 0
CALC MUL, 4 // multiply by 4AAP 0,0 // transfer result to target position of motor 0
JA Start // jump back to start
```


3.6.28 AGP (Accu to Global Parameter)

The content of the accumulator register is transferred to the specified global parameter. For practical usage, the accumulator has to be loaded e.g. by a preceding GAP instruction. The accumulator may have been modified by the CALC or CALCX (calculate) instruction. *This command is mainly intended for use in standalone mode.*

Info For an overview of parameter and bank indices that can be used with this command please see section [5.](#page-81-0)

Related commands: AAP, SGP, GGP, SAP, GAP, GIO.

Mnemonic: AGP <parameter number>,

number>

Example

Copy accumulator to user variable #42: *Mnemonic:* AGP 42, 2

3.6.29 CLE (Clear Error Flags)

This command clears the internal error flags. It is mainly intended for use in standalone mode. The following error flags can be cleared by this command (determined by the <flag> parameter):

- ALL: clear all error flags.
- ETO: clear the timeout flag.
- EAL: clear the external alarm flag.
- EDV: clear the deviation flag.
- EPO: clear the position error flag.

Related commands: JC, WAIT.

Mnemonic: CLE <flags>

Example Reset the timeout flag. *Mnemonic:* CLE ETO

3.6.30 EI (Enable Interrupt)

The EI command enables an interrupt. It needs the interrupt number as parameter. Interrupt number 255 globally enables interrupt processing. *This command is mainly intended for use in standalone mode.*

Info Please see table [12](#page-18-0) for a list of interrupts that can be used on the PD42-1241 module.

Related commands: DI, VECT, RETI.

Mnemonic: El <interrupt number>

Example

Globally enable interrupt processing: *Mnemonic:* EI 255

3.6.31 DI (Disable Interrupt)

The DI command disables an interrupt. It needs the interrupt number as parameter. Interrupt number 255 globally disables interrupt processing. *This command is mainly intended for use in standalone mode.*

Info Please see table [12](#page-18-0) for a list of interrupts that can be used on the PD42-1241 module.

Related commands: EI, VECT, RETI.

Mnemonic: DI <interrupt number>

Example

Globally disable interrupt processing: *Mnemonic:* DI 255

3.6.32 VECT (Define Interrupt Vector)

The VECT command defines an interrupt vector. It takes an interrupt number and a label (just like with JA, JC and CSUB commands) as parameters. The label must be the entry point of the interrupt handling routine for this interrupts. Interrupt vectors can also be re-defined. *This command is intended for use in standalone mode only.*

Related commands: EI, DI, RETI.

Mnemonic: VECT <interrupt number>, <label>

Example

Define interrupt vector for timer #0 interrupt:

```
1 VECT 0, TimerOIrq
    ...
3 Loop :
    ...
5 JA Loop
    ...
7 Timer0Irq :
    SIO 0, 2, 1
9 RETI
```


3.6.33 RETI (Return from Interrupt)

This command terminates an interrupt handling routine. Normal program flow will be continued then. *This command is intended for use in standalone mode only.*

An interrupt routine must always end with a RETI command. Do not allow the normal program flow to run into an interrupt routine.

Internal function: The saved registers (accumulator, X registers, flags and program counter) are copied back so that normal program flow will continue.

Related commands: EI, DI, VECT.

Mnemonic: RETI

Example

Return from an interrup handling routine. *Mnemonic:* RETI

3.6.34 Customer specific Command Extensions (UF0. . . UF7 – User Functions)

These commands are used for customer specific extensions of TMCL. They will be implemented in C by Trinamic. Please contact the sales department of Trinamic Motion Control GmbH & Co KG if you need a customized TMCL firmware.

Related commands: none.

Mnemonic: UF0... UF7

3.6.35 Request Target Position reached Event

This command is the only exception to the TMCL protocol, as it sends two replies: One immediately after the command has been executed (like all other commands also), and one additional reply that will be sent when the motor has reached its target position. *This instruction can only be used in direct mode (in standalone mode, it is covered by the WAIT command) and hence does not have a mnemonic.*

Internal function: send an additional reply when a motor has reached its target position.

Related commands: none.

With command 138 the value field is a bit vector. It shows for which motors one would like to have a position reached message. The value field contains a bit mask where every bit stands for one motor. For one motor modules like the PD42-1241 it only makes sense to have bit 0 set. So, always set this parameter to 1 with the PD42-1241 module. With the type field set to 0, only for the next MVP command that follows this command a position reached message will be generated. With type set to 1 a position reached message will be generated for every MVP command that follows this command. It is recommended to use the latter option.

Example

Get a target position reached message for each MVP command that follows.

3.6.36 TMCL Control Commands

There is a set of TMCL commands which are called TMCL control commands. These commands can only be used in direct mode and not in a standalone program. For this reason they only have opcodes, but no mnemonics. Most of these commands are only used by the TMCL-IDE (in order to implement e.g. the debugging functions in the TMCL creator). Some of them are also interesting for use in custom host applications, for example to start a TMCL routine on a module, when combining direct mode and standalone mode (please see also section [8.6.](#page-100-0) The following table lists all TMCL control commands.

The motor/bank parameter is not used by any of these functions and thus is not listed in the table. It should always be set to 0 with these commands.

Especially the commands 128, 129, 131, 136 and 255 are interesting for use in custom host applications. The other control commands are mainly being used by the TMCL-IDE.

4 Axis Parameters

Most motor controller features of the PD42-1241 module are controlled by axis parameters. Axis parameters can be modified or read using SAP, GAP and AAP commands. This chapter describes all axis parameters that can be used on the PD42-1241 module.

Table 14: Meaning of the Letters in the Access Column

Table 15: All PD42-1241 Axis Parameters

5 Global Parameters

The following sections describe all global parameters that can be used with the SGP, GGP, AGP, STGP and RSGP commands. Global parameters are grouped into banks:

- Bank 0: Global configuration of the module.
- Bank 1: Not used.
- Bank 2: TMCL user variables.
- Bank 3: TMCL interrupt configuration.

5.1 Bank 0

Parameters with numbers from 64 on configure all settings that affect the overall behaviour of a module. These are things like the serial address, the RS485 baud rate or the CAN bit rate (where appropriate). Change these parameters to meet your needs. The best and easiest way to do this is to use the appropriate functions of the TMCL-IDE. The parameters with numbers between 64 and 128 are automatically stored in the EEPROM.

- *Note* An SGP command on such a parameter will always store it permanently and no extra STGP command is needed.
	- Take care when changing these parameters, and use the appropriate functions of the TMCL-IDE to do it in an interactive way.
	- Some configurations of the interface (for example baud rates that are not supported by the PC) may leed to the fact that the module cannot be reached any more. In such a case please see the PD42-1241 Hardware Manual on how to reset all parameters to factory default settings.
	- Some settings (especially interface bit rate settings) do not take effect immediately. For those settings, power cycle the module after changing them to make the changes take effect.

There are different parameter access types, like read only or read/write. Table [16](#page-81-0) shows the different parameter access types used in the global parameter tables.

Table 16: Meaning of the Letters in the Access Column

5.2 Bank 1

The global parameter bank 1 is normally not available. It may be used for customer specific extensions of the firmware. Together with user definable commands these variables form the interface between extensions of the firmware (written by Trinamic in C) and TMCL applications.

5.3 Bank 2

Bank 2 contains general purpose 32 bit variables for use in TMCL applications. They are located in RAM and the first 56 variables can also be stored permanently in the EEPROM. After booting, their values are automatically restored to the RAM. Up to 256 user variables are available. Please see table [16](#page-81-0) for an explanation of the different parameter access types.

Table 18: User Variables in Bank 2

5.4 Bank 3

Bank 3 contains interrupt parameters. Some interrupts need configuration (e.g. the timer interval of a timer interrupt). This can be done using the SGP commands with parameter bank 3 (SGP <type>, 3, <value>). **The priority of an interrupt depends on its number. Interrupts with a lower number have a higher priority.**

Table [19](#page-84-0) shows all interrupt parameters that can be set. Please see table [16](#page-81-0) for an explanation of the parameter access types.

Table 19: Interrupt Parameters in Bank 3

6 Module Specific Hints

This section contains some hints that are specific to the PD42-1241 module.

6.1 Conversion between PPS, RPM and RPS

In order to convert between pps units and units like rounds per second (rps) or rounds per minute (rpm), one has to know the fullstep resolution of the motor (full steps per round) and the microstep resolution setting of the module (axis parameter #140, default setting is 256 microsteps per full step). So to convert from pps to rps, use the following formula:

> $v_{rps} = \frac{v_{pps}}{r}$ $r_{fullstep} \cdot r_{microstep}$

To convert from rps to rpm, use:

 $v_{rpm} = v_{rms} \cdot 60$

With the following symbols:

- \cdot v_{rms} : velocity in rounds per second
- v_{rpm} : velocity in rounds per minute
- v_{rms} : velocity in pulses (microsteps) per second
- $r_{fullster}$: fullstep resolution of the motor (with most motors 200 (1.8°))
- $r_{microsten}$: microstep setting of the module (default 256)

So, with a 200 fullsteps motor and a microstep setting of 256 (axis parameter #140 = 8), a velocity of 51200pps will result in 1rps (60rpm).

6.2 The SensOstep™ Encoder

The PD42-1241 module offers an integrated SensOstep encoder. This built-in encoder has a resolution of 1024 steps per rotation. Please consider the following hints when using the built-in encoder:

- The encoder counter can be read by software and can be used to monitor the current position of the motor.
- To read out or to change the position value of the encoder use axis parameter #209. To read out the position of the internal encoder use GAP 209, 0. The encoder position register can also be changed using command SAP 209, 0, <n>, with n = -2147483648 . . . 2147483647.
- The resolution of the SensOstep encoder is automatically matched to the microstep resolution of the motor. This is achieved by an internal pre-scaler that will automatically set to the appropriate value whenever the microstep resolution (axis parameter #140) gets changed.
- Using axis parameter #210 a clear-on-null function can be activated. This is useful for finding the absolute zero-position of the encoder. Set this parameter to 1 to activate the clear-on-null function. After the clear-on-null function has been executed this parameter will automatically be set back to 0.
- The motor can be stopped automatically if motor position and encoder position differ too much (deviation error). This can be set using axis parameter #212 (maximum deviation). Setting this parameter to 0 turns off this feature.
- As the built-in encoder is a magnetic encoder, the absolute position value can also be read. Use GAP 215, 0 to read the absolute (single-turn) position value. This always is a value between 0 and 1023 (independent of any other setting).

6.3 External Encoders

External encoders with ABN interface can also be attached to the PD42-1241 module. Please see the Hardware Manual on how to connect an external encoder. Consider the following things when using an external ABN encoder:

- The encoder counter can be read by software and can be used to monitor the current position of the motor.
- To read out or to change the position value of the encoder use axis parameter #216. To read out the position of the external encoder use GAP 216, 0. The encoder position register can also be changed using command SAP 216, 0, $\langle n \rangle$, with n = -2147483648 ... 2147483647.
- Set axis parameter #217 to the resolution (counts per revolution) of the encoder. This value is used to automatically calculate an internal pre-scaler which is used to match motor resolution and encoder resolution. So the unit of parameter #216 will always be the same as the unit of parameter #1.
- The motor can be stopped automatically if motor position and encoder position differ too much (deviation error). This can be set using axis parameter #218 (maximum deviation). Setting this parameter to 0 turns off this feature.

The encoder counter increments / decrements will be aligned to the position (microstep) counter when the encoder resolution (axis parameter #216) is set to the appropriate value (counts per revolution). This is essential when using the deviation error supervision (axis parameter #218) and simplifies encoder counter versus position/microstep counter comparisons (1:1).

Encoder resolutions are often (but not always) given in lines per rotation (lpr) by the manufaturer of the encoder. Convert this value to counts per rotation (cpr) by multiplying it by four (because of the quadrature interface).

6.4 Step/Direction Mode

The PD42-1241 is also equipped with a step/direction interface. In order to use this interface it is necessary to select step/direction mode by setting axis parameter #254 to 1 (using the command SAP 254, 0, 1). This will activate step/direction mode. In this mode, motion commands like ROL, ROR, MST and MVP will not work (as motion will only be controlled by the step/direction signals then), but most motor parameters like standby current, run current, microstep resolution and chopper settings can still be used. Automatic switching between run current and standby current also works in step/direction mode.

In order to permanently switch the module to step/direction mode, write a short initialization program in TMCL that contains the necessary SAP commands, download this program to the PD42-1241 and activate autostart mode in order to make the program start automatically on power-up. An initialization program for step/direction mode can simply look like this (replace the motor current settings by the values that you need):

```
SAP 6, 0, 200 // Set run current
SAP 7, 0, 8 // Set standby current
SAP 254, 0, 1 // Activate step/direction mode
STOP //End of this program
```
Note Always leave input IN2 unconnected when using step/direction mode.

7 Hints and Tips

This chapter gives some hints and tips on using the functionality of TMCL, for example how to use and parameterize the built-in reference search algorithm. You will also find basic information about StallGuard2™ and CoolStep™ in this chapter.

7.1 Reference Search

The built-in reference search features switching point calibration and support for a home switch and/or one or two end switches. The internal operation is based on a state machine that can be started, stopped and monitored (instruction RFS, opcode 13). The settings of the automatic stop functions corresponding to the end switches (axis parameters 12 and 13) do not influence the reference search.

Notes:

- Until the reference switch is found for the first time, the searching speed set by axis parameter 194 is used.
- After hitting the reference switch, the motor slowly moves until the switch is released. Finally the switch is re-entered in the other direction, setting the reference point to the center of the two switching points. The speed used for this calibration is defined by axis parameter 195.

Axis parameter 193 defines the reference search mode to be used. Choose one of the reference search modes shown in table [20](#page-88-0) and in the following subsections:

Table 20: Reference Search Modes

The drawings in the following subsections show how each reference search mode works. A linear stage with two end points and a moving slider is used as example.

7.1.1 Mode 1

Reference search mode 1 only searches the left end switch. Select this mode by setting axis parameter #193 to 1. Figure [4](#page-89-0) illustrates this.

Add 64 to the mode number (i.e. set axis parameter #193 to 65) to search the right end switch instead of the left end switch.

Figure 4: Reference Search Mode 1

7.1.2 Mode 2

Reference search mode 2 first searches the right end switch and then the left end switch. The left end switch is then used as the zero point. Figure [5](#page-89-1) illustrates this. Select this mode by setting axis parameter #193 to 2. After the reference search has finished, axis parameter #196 contains the distance between the two reference switches in microsteps.

Add 64 to the mode number (i.e. set axis parameter #193 to 66) to search the left end switch first and then use the right end switch as the zero point.

Figure 5: Reference Search Mode 2

7.1.3 Mode 3

Reference search mode 3 first searches the right end switch and then the left end switch. The left end switch is then searched from both sides, to find the middle of the left end switch. This is then used as the zero point. Figure [6](#page-90-0) illustrates this. Select this mode by setting axis parameter #193 to 3. After the reference search has finished, axis parameter #196 contains the distance between the right end switch and the middle of the left end switch in microsteps.

Add 64 to the mode number (i.e. set axis parameter #193 to 67) to search the left end switch first and then use the middle of the right end switch as the zero point.

Figure 6: Reference Search Mode 3

7.1.4 Mode 4

Reference search mode 4 searches the left end switch only, but from both sides so that the middle of the switch will be found and used as the zero point. This is shown in figure [7.](#page-90-1)

Add 64 to the mode number (i.e. set axis parameter #193 to 68) to search the right end switch instead.

Figure 7: Reference Search Mode 4

7.1.5 Mode 5

Refeerence search mode 5 searches the home switch in negative direction. The search direction will be reversed if the left limit switch is reached. This is shown in figure [8.](#page-91-0)

Add 128 to the mode number (i.e. set axis parameter #193 to 133) to reverse the polarity of the home switch input.

Figure 8: Reference Search Mode 5

7.1.6 Mode 6

Reference search mode 6 searches the home switch in positive direction. The search direction will be reversed if the right limit switch is reached. This is shown in figure [9.](#page-91-1)

Add 128 to the mode number (i.e. set axis parameter #193 to 134) to reverse the polarity of the home switch input.

Figure 9: Reference Search Mode 6

7.1.7 Mode 7

Reference search mode 7 searches the home switch in positive direction, ignoring the limit switch inputs. It is recommende mainly for use with a circular axis. The exact middle of the switch will be found and used as the zero point. Figure [10](#page-92-0) illustrates this.

Add 128 to the mode number (i.e. set axis parameter #193 to 135) to reverse the polarity of the home switch input.

Figure 10: Reference Search Mode 7

7.1.8 Mode 8

Reference search mode 8 searches the home switch in positive direction, ignoring the limit switch inputs. It is recommende mainly for use with a circular axis. The exact middle of the switch will be found and used as the zero point. Figure [11](#page-92-1) illustrates this.

Add 128 to the mode number (i.e. set axis parameter #193 to 136) to reverse the polarity of the home switch input.

Figure 11: Reference Search Mode 8

7.2 StallGuard2

The module is equipped with motor driver chips that feature load measurement. This load measurement can be used for stall detection. StallGuard2 delivers a sensorless load measurement of the motor as well as a stall detection signal. The measured value changes linear with the load on the motor in a wide range of load, velocity and current settings. At maximum motor load the StallGuard value goes to zero. This corresponds to a load angle of 90° between the magnetic field of the stator and magnets in the rotor. This also is the most energy efficient point of operation for the motor.

Stall detection means that the motor will be stopped automatically when the load gets too high. This function is configured mainly using axis parameters #174 and #181.

Stall detection can for example be used for finding the reference point without the need for reference switches. A short routine written in TMCL is needed to use StallGuard for reference searching.

7.3 CoolStep

This section gives an overview of the CoolStep related parameters. Please bear in mind that the figure only shows one example for a drive. There are parameters which concern the configuration of the current. Other parameters are there for velocity regulation and for time adjustment.

Figure [12](#page-94-0) shows all the adjustment points for CoolStep. It is necessary to identify and configure the thresholds for current (I6, I7 and I183) and velocity (V182). Furthermore the StallGuard2 feature has to be adjusted (SG170). It can also be enabled if needed (SG181).

The reduction or increasing of the current in the CoolStep area (depending on the load) has to be configured using parameters I169 and I171.

In this chapter only basic axis parameters are mentioned which concern CoolStep and StallGuard2. The complete list of axis parameters in chapter [4](#page-71-0) contains further parameters which offer more configuration options.

Figure 12: CoolStep Adjustment Points and Thresholds

Table 21: CoolStep Adjustment Points and Thresholds

7.4 Velocity and Acceleration Calculation

When the unit mode (axis parameter #255) is set to 1 (which is also the default value), all velocity parameters on the PD42-1241 are given in microsteps per second (also called pulse per second or pps). Acceleration and deceleration units are given in $\mathsf{pps}^2.$

When axis parameter #255 is set to 0 the internal units of the ramp generators are directly used. But this is only necessary in very special cases. Normally one should leave axis parameter #255 at 1 and use the pps units.

In order to convert between pps units and units like rounds per second (rps) or rounds per minute (rpm), one has to know the fullstep resolution of the motor (full steps per round) and the microstep resolution setting of the module (axis parameter #140, default setting is 256 microsteps per full step). So to convert from pps to rps, use the following formula:

$$
v_{rps} = \frac{v_{pps}}{r_{fullstep} \cdot r_{microstep}}
$$

To convert from rps to rpm, use:

$$
v_{rpm} = v_{rps} \cdot 60
$$

With the following symbols:

- \cdot v_{rms} : velocity in rounds per second
- \cdot v_{rnm} : velocity in rounds per minute
- v_{rms} : velocity in pulses (microsteps) per second
- $r_{full step}$: fullstep resolution of the motor (with most motors 200 (1.8°))
- $r_{microstep}$: microstep setting of the module (default 256)

So, with a 200 fullsteps motor and a microstep setting of 256 (axis parameter #140 = 8), a velocity of 51200pps will result in 1rps (60rpm).

7.5 SixPoint Ramp

The PD42-1241 is equipped with a motion controller that supports TRINAMIC's SixPoint ramp technology. Please see also section [1.3](#page-6-0) for more information about the SixPoint ramp. The sixPoint ramp can be configured using the following axis parameters:

Table 22: SixPoint Ramp Parameters

Setting the velocity V1 (axis parameter #16) to zero switches off the SixPoint ramp. In this case, a trapezoidal ramp defined by parameters 5, 4, 15, 19, 20 and 21 will be used.

Note The SixPoint ramp will only be used in positioning mode (MVP command). Velocity mode (ROR/ROL commands) will always use a trapezoidal ramp, defined just by the acceleration (axis parameter 5), the speed given with the ROR or ROL command and the start and stop speed (axis parameters 19 and 20). The deceleration parameters will not be used in velocity mode.

8 TMCL Programming Techniques and Structure

8.1 Initialization

The first task in a TMCL program (like in other programs also) is to initialize all parameters where different values than the default values are necessary. For this purpose, SAP and SGP commands are used.

8.2 Main Loop

Embedded systems normally use a main loop that runs infinitely. This is also the case in a TMCL application that is running stand alone. Normally the auto start mode of the module should be turned on. After power up, the module then starts the TMCL program, which first does all necessary initializations and then enters the main loop, which does all necessary tasks end never ends (only when the module is powered off or reset).

There are exceptions to this, e.g. when TMCL routines are called from a host in direct mode.

So most (but not all) stand alone TMCL programs look like this:

```
// Initialization
   SAP 4, 0, 50000 // define maximum positioning speed
   SAP 5, 0, 10000 // define maximum acceleration
4
 MainLoop :
   // do something, in this example just running between two positions
   MVP ABS , 0, 5000
   WAIT POS, 0, 0
   MVP ABS , 0, 0
10 WAIT POS , 0, 0
   JA MainLoop // end of the main loop => run infinitely
```
8.3 Using Symbolic Constants

To make your program better readable and understandable, symbolic constants should be taken for all important numerical values that are used in the program. The TMCL-IDE provides an include file with symbolic names for all important axis parameters and global parameters. Please consider the following example:

```
1 // Define some constants
 # include TMCLParam . tmc
3 MaxSpeed = 50000MaxAcc = 100005 Position0 = 0
 Position1 = 500000
7
 // Initialization
9 SAP APMaxPositioningSpeed , Motor0 , MaxSpeed
   SAP APMaxAcceleration , Motor0 , MaxAcc
11
 MainLoop :
13 MVP ABS, Motor0, Position1
   WAIT POS , Motor0 , 0
  MVP ABS, Motor0, Position0
```


```
WAIT POS , Motor0 , 0
JA MainLoop
```
Have a look at the file TMCLParam.tmc provided with the TMCL-IDE. It contains symbolic constants that define all important parameter numbers.

Using constants for other values makes it easier to change them when they are used more than once in a program. You can change the definition of the constant and do not have to change all occurrences of it in your program.

8.4 Using Variables

The user variables can be used if variables are needed in your program. They can store temporary values. The commands SGP, GGP and AGP as well as STGP and RSGP are used to work with user variables:

- SGP is used to set a variable to a constant value (e.g. during initialization phase).
- GGP is used to read the contents of a user variable and to copy it to the accumulator register for further usage.
- AGP can be used to copy the contents of the accumulator register to a user variable, e.g. to store the result of a calculation.
- The STGP command stores the contents of a user varaible in the EEPROM.
- The RSGP command copies the value stored in the EEPROM back to the user variable.
- Global parameter 85 controls if user variables will be restored from the EEPROM automatically on startup (default setting) or not (user variables will then be initialized with 0 instead).

Please see the following example:

```
1 MyVariable = 42
 // Use a symbolic name for the user variable
3 // (This makes the program better readable and understandable.)
5 SGP MyVariable , 2, 1234 // Initialize the variable with the value 1234
 ...
 7 ...
 GGP MyVariable , 2 // Copy contents of variable to accumulator register
9 CALC MUL , 2 // Multiply accumulator register with two
 AGP MyVariable, 2 // Store contents of accumulator register to variable
11 ...
 ...
```
Furthermore, these variables can provide a powerful way of communication between a TMCL program running on a module and a host. The host can change a variable by issuing a direct mode SGP command (remember that while a TMCL program is running direct mode commands can still be executed, without interfering with the running program). If the TMCL program polls this variable regularly it can react on such changes of its contents.

The host can also poll a variable using GGP in direct mode and see if it has been changed by the TMCL program.

8.5 Using Subroutines

The CSUB and RSUB commands provide a mechanism for using subroutines. The CSUB command branches to the given label. When an RSUB command is executed the control goes back to the command that follows the CSUB command that called the subroutine.

This mechanism can also be nested. From a subroutine called by a CSUB command other subroutines can be called. In the current version of TMCL eight levels of nested subroutine calls are allowed.

8.6 Combining Direct Mode and Standalone Mode

Direct mode and standalone mode can also be combined. When a TMCL program is being executed in standalone mode, direct mode commands are also processed (and they do not disturb the flow of the program running in standalone mode). So, it is also possible to query e.g. the actual position of the motor in direct mode while a TMCL program is running.

Communication between a program running in standalone mode and a host can be done using the TMCL user variables. The host can then change the value of a user variable (using a direct mode SGP command) which is regularly polled by the TMCL program (e.g. in its main loop) and so the TMCL program can react on such changes. Vice versa, a TMCL program can change a user variable that is polled by the host (using a direct mode GGP command).

A TMCL program can be started by the host using the run command in direct mode. This way, also a set of TMCL routines can be defined that are called by a host. In this case it is recommended to place JA commands at the beginning of the TMCL program that jump to the specific routines. This assures that the entry addresses of the routines will not change even when the TMCL routines are changed (so when changing the TMCL routines the host program does not have to be changed).

Example:

```
// Jump commands to the TMCL routines
2 Func1 : JA Func1Start
 Func2: JA Func2Start
4 Func3 : JA Func3Start
6 Func1Start :
     MVP ABS , 0, 1000
     WAIT POS, 0, 0
     MVP ABS , 0, 0
10 WAIT POS , 0, 0
      STOP
12
 Func2Start :
14 ROL 0, 500
     WAIT TICKS, 0, 100
16 MST 0
     STOP
18
 Func3Start :
20 ROR 0, 1000
     WAIT TICKS, 0, 700
22 MST 0
      STOP
```


This example provides three very simple TMCL routines. They can be called from a host by issuing a run command with address 0 to call the first function, or a run command with address 1 to call the second function, or a run command with address 2 to call the third function. You can see the addresses of the TMCL labels (that are needed for the run commands) by using the "Generate symbol file function" of the TMCL-IDE.

8.7 Make the TMCL Program start automatically

For stand-alone operation the module has to start the TMCL program in its memory automatically after power-on. In order to achieve this, switch on the Autostart option of the module. This is controlled by global parameter #77. There are different ways to switch on the Autostart option:

- Execute the command SGP 77, 0, 1 in direct mode (using the Direct Mode tool in the TMCL-IDE).
- Use the Global Parameters tool in the TMCL-IDE to set global parameter #77 to 1.
- Use the Autostart entry in the TMCL menu of the TMCL Creator in the TMCL-IDE. Go to the Autostart entry in the TMCL menu and select "'On"'.

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