3D HALL 6 CLICK

PID: MIKROE-3764
Weight: 20 g

3D Hall 6 Click is a very accurate, magnetic field sensing Click board™, used to measure the intensity of the magnetic field across three perpendicular axes. It is equipped with the MLX90380, a monolithic contactless sensor IC sensitive to the flux density applied orthogonally and parallel to the IC surface, from Melexis. This IC has a separate Hall sensing element on each axis, which allows a very accurate and reliable measurement of the magnetic field intensity in a 3D space, offering a basis for accurate positional calculations. The 3D Hall 6 click supports the industry-standard SPI communication protocol for communicating with the main MCU.

3D Hall 6 click is supported by a mikroSDK compliant library, which includes functions that simplify software development. This Click board™ comes as a fully tested product, ready to be used on a system equipped with the mikroBUS™ socket.

The features such as the Triaxis® Hall Technology, Output Refresh Rate (4μs typical) Selectable Magnetic Field Axis (X/Y - X/Z - Z/Y) and wide measurement range all make this sensor a perfect choice for various IoT applications, and because of very good accuracy of the spatial magnetic sensor, perfectly suited for the development of various position sensing applications, contactless knobs, encoders, switches, and potentiometers, or some other type of magnetic field measuring application, based on an accurate spatial sensing.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

3D Hall 6 click carries the MLX90380, a monolithic contactless sensor IC sensitive to the flux density applied orthogonally and parallel to the IC surface, from Melexis. This sensor relies on a Hall effect to accurately sense magnetic field changes on three perpendicular axes. The internal magnetic field sensing elements are multiplexed and connected to a pre-amplifier and then to a sine and cosine analog outputs. All of the analog outptts are routed to the MCP3204 - onboard 4-channel 12-Bit A/D converter with SPI interface, from Microchip.
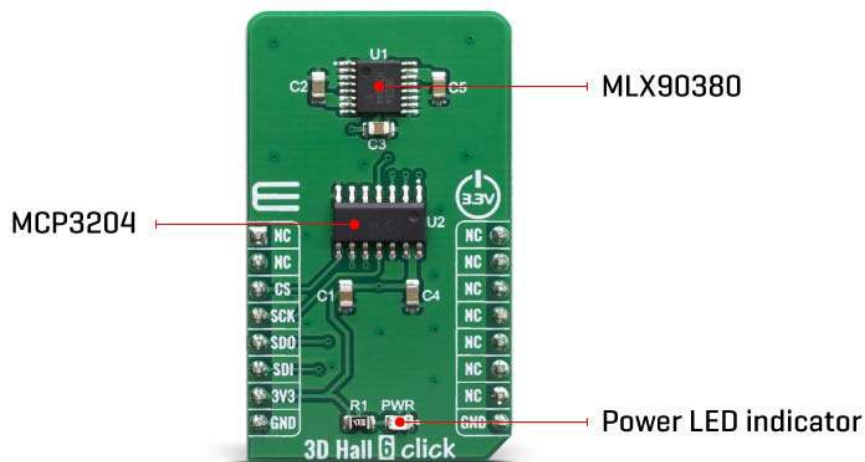
The magnetic sensor has a very low pin count. However, in order to allow reading of the 4 analog inputs on the single Click board™, 3D Hall 6 click have onboard 4-channel, 12-Bit A/D converter, with SPI interface. Thus, the communication interface procedure relies on reading the appropriate registers of the MCP3204.

The MLX90380 contactless sensor also features a powerful programming engine, which allows the sensitivity and filter bandwidth to be programmed to optimally use the ADC input range of the ADC. However, because 3D Hall 6 click have onboard A/D converter, the output voltage of the MLX90380 is matched with the input range of the MCP3204, so the user don't need to do any additional setting.

High-speed dual analog outputs allow the MLX90380 to deliver accurate sine/cosine signals when used with a rotating permanent magnet. The sensor provides raw data output, based on a strength of the magnetic field. The measurement is affected by many factors: slight manufacturing differences between ICs affect the readings, even the slight differences between Hall plates within the same IC might affect the accuracy, although the IC contains highly matched sensing elements. Also, the altitude might affect the readings, as well as temperature changes.

The 3D Hall 6 software library contains simplified functions that allow straight-forward readings to be performed, reducing the steps needed for a proper initialization and configuration of the device.

The Click board™ can operate with 3.3V MCUs only, it is set to work over the I2C by default, and it is already equipped with the pull-up resistors. It is ready to be used as soon as it is inserted into a mikroBUS™ socket of the development system.

SPECIFICATIONS

Type	Magnetic
Applications	It is perfectly suited for the development of various position sensing applications, contactless knobs, encoders, switches, and potentiometers, or some other type of magnetic field measuring application, based on an accurate spatial sensing.
On-board modules	MLX90380, a monolithic contactless sensor IC from Melexis
Key Features	The three independent Hall sensor channels allow high accuracy, additional thermal sensor for compensation. The small package case allows a very compact design while offering plenty of features, a programmable interrupt engine, extremely low power consumption, and more
Interface	SPI
Click board size	M (42.9 x 25.4 mm)
Input Voltage	3.3V

PINOUT DIAGRAM

This table shows how the pinout on 3D Hall 6 click corresponds to the pinout on the mikroBUS™ socket (the latter shown in the two middle columns).

Notes	Pin	mikro BUS				Pin	Notes
	NC	1	AN	PWM	16	NC	
	NC	2	RST	INT	15	NC	
SPI Chip Enable	**CS**	3	CS	RX	14	NC	
SPI Clock	**SCK**	4	SCK	TX	13	NC	
SPI SDO	**SDO**	5	MISO	SCL	12	NC	
SPI SDI	**SDI**	6	MOSI	SDA	11	NC	
Power Supply	**3.3V**	7	3.3V	5V	10	NC	
Ground	**GND**	8	GND	GND	9	**GND**	Ground

ONBOARD SETTINGS AND INDICATORS

Label	Name	Default	Description
LD1	PWR	-	Power LED Indicator

SOFTWARE SUPPORT

We provide a library for the 3D Hall 6 Click on our LibStock page, as well as a demo application (example), developed using MikroElektronika compilers. The demo can run on all the main MikroElektronika development boards.

Library Description

Library contains function for setting CS pin state Library contains functions for setting reference values, reading raw data, reading adc data Library contains functions for performing voltage, angle(degrees) and angle(radians) calculations.

Key functions:

- `void c3dhall6_set_referenceValues( float reference_voltage, float ref_adc_ch0, float ref_adc_ch1, float ref_adc_ch2, float ref_adc_ch3 )` - sets reference values for voltage and angle calculations
- `void c3dhall6_get_Volt( uint8_t channel_no, float * channel_voltage )` - reads ADC value on selected channel and converts that value to Volts or miliVolts - depending on reference voltage setting
- `void c3dhall6_get_angle_deg( uint8_t die, float * angle_value )` - reads ADC values for selected die and calculates angle value in degrees

Examples description

The application is composed of three sections :

- System Initialization - Initializes SPI, LOG and CS pin

- Application Initialization - Initializes SPI driver and sets reference values

- Application Task - Executes one or more 'c3dhall6_log_xxx_task' functions

```
void applicationTask( )
{
    c3dhall6_log_angleDeg_task( );

    Delay_ms(100);
}
```

Additional Functions

- c3dhall6_log_adc_task() - performs and logs adc measurements on all channels

- c3dhall6_log_volt_task() - performs and logs voltage measurements on all channels

- c3dhall6_log_angleRad_task() - performs and logs angle measurements in radians on each die

- c3dhall6_log_angleDeg_task() - performs and logs angle measurements in degrees on each die

The full application code, and ready to use projects can be found on our LibStock page. Other mikroE Libraries used in the example:
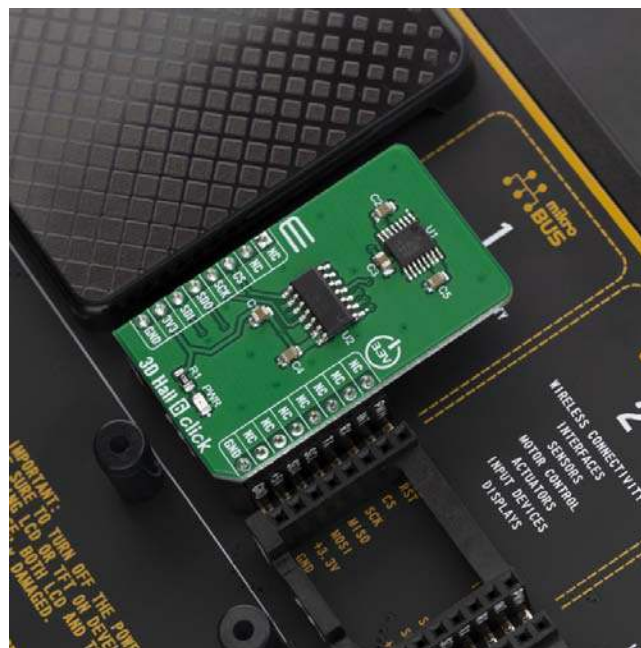
- SPI

- UART

- Conversions

Additional notes and informations

Depending on the development board you are using, you may need USB UART click, USB UART 2 click or RS232 click to connect to your PC, for development systems with no UART to USB interface available on the board. The terminal available in all MikroElektronika compilers, or any other terminal application of your choice, can be used to read the message.

MIKROSDK

This Click board™ is supported with mikroSDK - MikroElektronika Software Development Kit. To ensure proper operation of mikroSDK compliant Click board™ demo applications, mikroSDK should be downloaded from the LibStock and installed for the compiler you are using.

For more information about mikroSDK, visit the official page.

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