

# DCDC-USB

6-34V 10A, Intelligent DC-DC converter with USB interface

## Quick Installation Guide

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P/N DCDC-USB

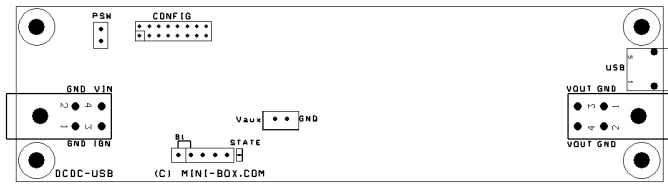
### **Introduction**

The DCDC-USB is a small yet powerful DC-DC power supply designed to power a wide variety of devices. This DC-DC has a range of intelligent functions not found in any tradition USB converters. Features include USB interface, programmable output voltage and scripting as well as automotive modes.

The DCDC-USB device is able to send ON/OFF 'pulse signals' to motherboards based on voltage levels or Ignition sensing, making it an ideal device for automotive or battery powered installations.

This unit has a wide input range (6-34V) and it can provide a tightly regulated output ranging from 6 to 24V (default set to 12V).

**Quick installation Instructions**



*Fig 1.0, DCDC-USB layout*

**CONFIG:** Configuration jumpers for Voltage, Mode and Timings.

**Left mini-FIT connector:** Power input, V(in), GND, Ignition.

**Right mini-FIT connector:** Power output V(out), GND.

**PSW:** Soft ON/OFF control for motherboard. Connect this to motherboard ON/OFF pins if you want the motherboard to be controlled by the unit.

**USB:** mini-USB type B jack. Connect this to a PC to access advanced settings.

**STATE:** State LED

**Vaux:** Provides unregulated switched input, to be used in automotive modes to power various peripherals.

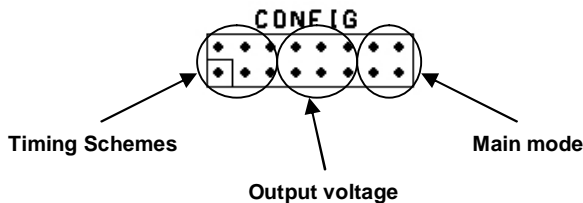
**Basic Operation**

For basic operation, you would need to connect a power source to V(IN). V(IN) is on the left side of the board, near the 10A input fuse. Polarity is marked on the PCB (GND, VIN and Ignition). On the cable harness, GND is black, V(in) is red and Ignition is white. NOTE: Ignition is not needed for basic operation.

Without any further settings, V(out) will generate 12V regulated. V(out) is located on the right side of the PCB, near the USB connector. On the cable harness, Yellow is positive and GND is negative.

**Configuration jumpers**

The configuration header (maked CONFIG) is the most important header in this board. It is divided in 3 sections:



**Main mode.** This header section sets one of the 3 main mode of operation: DUMB mode, Automotive mode and the SCRIPT mode.

**Output voltage.** This header section sets the output voltage of the unit.

**Timing Schemes.** This header section sets the OFFDELAY and HARDOFF timers, only available in the Automotive mode.

**Configuration, voltage settings**

By default, the DCDC-USB module provides regulated 12V output. Should you need other voltage levels, you can change output voltages by setting jumpers 2, 3 and 4, see table 1.

After making a jumper change, the DCDC-USB unit needs to be power cycled in order for the new setting to take effect. **NOTE:** Finer voltage adjustments are available via USB settings, see Advanced USB Configuration manual.

		Output voltage							
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
12V									
5V									
6V									
9V									
12V									
13.5V									
18V									
24V									

**Configuration, Mode of Operation**

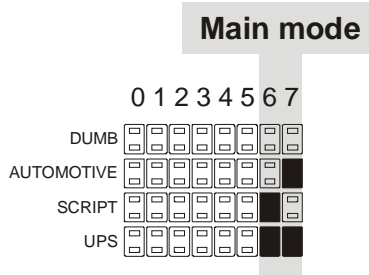
DCDC-USB has 4 modes of operation. This modes can be changed via jumpers.

**1) DUMB mode.** The units acts as a regular DC-DC converter. Only V(In) and V(out) and GND terminal are required. Unit will convert any input from 6-34V to a fixed voltage. Default voltage is set to 12V.

**2) AUTOMOTIVE MODE.** In this mode, the unit acts as as Intelligent DC-DC converter that is aware of Ignition state. In this mode the unit reads the Ignition terminal and based on Ignition statuts the unit sends ON/OFF pulses to a motherboard in order to start or stop. In this mode, two variables can be set: OFFDELAY and HARDOFF. See Default Timing Schemes for more information.

**3) SCRIPT MODE.** This is an advanced mode where unit can be scripted to perform various tasks based on user scripts. Please refer to Advanced USB programming manual for more details.

**4) UPS MODE.** Module is a DC UPS (Uninterruptible Power Source) module.

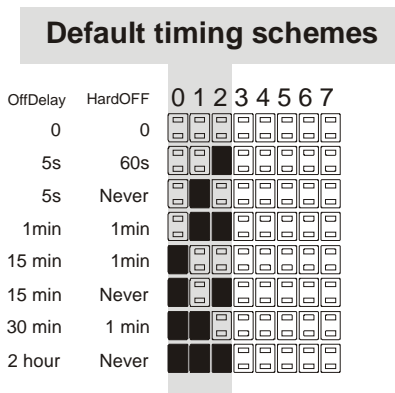


### Default Timing Schemes

When unit is set to operate in the Automotive Mode, 8 timing settings are available. These are combinations of OFFDELAY and HARDOFF timers. NOTE: These settings work only when the Ignition wire is used.

**OFFDELAY** is the amount of time the unit waits until it sends an ON/OFF pulse the motherboard's ON/OFF pins after Ignition has been turned off.

**HARDOFF** is the amount of time the unit will still provide power after the ON/OFF pulse has been sent to the motherboard. If you have a battery sensitive application, set the HARDOFF to 1 minute to avoid battery drain. While in HARDOFF, the unit carefully monitors the battery and if battery voltage goes under 11.2V, power will be cut off in order to prevent battery drainage.



**Electrical and Environmental Specifications**

Minimum Input Operating voltage	6V
Maximum input Operating voltage	Electronic shut down at 34V (clamping will occur at 34-36V)
Deep-Discharge shutdown threshold	11.2V
Input current limit (fuse protected)	10A (10A mini-blade fuse)
Max Output Power	100watts (limited by 10A input fuse) *
Regulation accuracy	2.5%
Operating temperature	-40 to +85 degrees Celsius
Storage temperature	-55 to +85 degrees Celsius
MTBF	>100,000 hrs @ 65C body temp.
Efficiency (Input 9-16V)	>95% (output = 12V 2A)
PCB size	135mx37mm
Input, output connectors	Right angle, Mini-FIT JR 4 pin

\*NOTE: At output power greater than 40watts or if unit temperature exceeds 65C, forced air ventilation will be required in order to prevent unit from excessive thermal stress for long period of times.

**12V output max current charts**

Input (V)	12V rail current	Input (V)	12V rail current
6V	4A	11V	8A
7V	5A	12V	8A
8V	6A	14V	8A (10A peak)
9V	7A	14-18V	8A (10A peak)
10V	8A	20-26V	8A

**Operating environment:** Temperature: -20 to 65 degree centigrade.  
Relative Humidity: 10 to 90 percent, non-condensing.

**Efficiency, MTBF:** MTBF >100K hours at PSU(temp) < 65 Celsius.  
NOTE: All solid polymer capacitor design, rated >50K hours at 85C or 500K hours at 65C.

**Shipping and storage:** Temperature -40 to +85 degree centigrade. Relative humidity 5 to 95 percent, non-condensing.

**Warranty**

1 Year Limited Warranty statement. Warranty is void if maintenance or calibration is performed by end-user or by use in conjunction with power modules not provided by mini-box.com.

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