

BR840-1

LED Display Control Board



Specifications

Change History

Document Version	Release Date	Description
V1.1.0	2026-09-04	• Added certification. • Added the leakage current.
V1.0.0	2025-07-07	First release.

Introduction

The BR840-1 is an LED display control board developed by NovaStar Tech Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as NovaStar). Integrated with a power module, it can convert 90 Vac to 264 Vac into direct current, which directly powers the screen modules. Furthermore, the product offers functions such as undervoltage, overvoltage, overcurrent, overpower, and short-circuit protections, ensuring safety, high efficiency, and good reliability.

For PWM driver ICs, the maximum load capacity per card when used with M3 controllers is:

- 512×384@60Hz (For 8-bit video sources)
- 512×256@60Hz (For 10-bit and 12-bit video sources)



Note

For PWM driver ICs, the maximum load capacity per card when used with COEX controllers is:

- 512×384@60Hz (For 8-bit and 10-bit video sources)
- 512×256@60Hz (For 12-bit video sources)

Certifications

RoHS

If the product lacks the certifications required for sale in the destination country or region, please contact NovaStar promptly for confirmation or assistance. Otherwise, the customer shall bear any resulting legal risks and liabilities, and NovaStar reserves the right to seek compensation.

Features

- Power Module and Receiving Card in One Package

The product supports input voltage of 90 Vac to 264 Vac and converts it to direct current to directly power the modules. Furthermore, the product offers functions such as undervoltage, overvoltage, overcurrent, overpower, and short-circuit protections.

- Color Management

Support standard (Rec.709 / DCI-P3 / Rec.2020) and custom color gamuts, enabling more precise colors on the screen.

- 18bit+

Improve the LED display grayscale by 4 times to avoid grayscale loss due to low brightness and allow for a smoother image.

- Pixel Level Brightness and Chroma Calibration

Work with NovaStar's calibration system to calibrate the brightness and chroma of each pixel, effectively eliminating differences and enabling high consistency for both brightness and chroma.

- Quick Adjustment of Dark or Bright Lines

The different brightness of seams caused by splicing of modules or cabinets can be corrected to improve the visual experience. The correction is easy and takes effect immediately.

- Multi-batch Adjustment

Adjust the brightness and chroma of cabinets or modules to minimize display discrepancies caused by variations in production batches.

- Low Latency

The latency of the video source at the receiving card end can be reduced to 1 frame (only when using modules with driver ICs with built-in RAM).

- 3D

Work with the controller that supports 3D function to enable 3D output.

- Individual Gamma Adjustment for RGB

Working with NovaLCT and the controller that supports this function, the receiving card supports individual adjustment to red gamma, green gamma and blue gamma, which can effectively control image non-uniformity at low grayscale conditions and white balance offset, allowing for a more realistic image.

- 90° Image Rotation

The display image can be rotated in multiples of 90° (0°/90°/180°/270°).

- Free Image Rotation

Support image rotation at any angle when using the dedicated MCTRL R5 controller and SmartLCT software.

- Smart Module (dedicated firmware required)

Work with the smart module to support module ID management, storage of calibration coefficients and module parameters, monitoring of module temperature, voltage and ribbon cable communication status, and LED error detection.

- Calibration Coefficient Management

The calibration coefficients can be uploaded, read back, saved to hardware, and erased.

- Automatic Module Calibration

After a new module with flash memory is installed to replace the old one, the calibration coefficients stored in the flash memory can be automatically uploaded to the receiving card when it is powered on, which ensures unchanged uniform display brightness and chroma.

- Uploading Calibration Coefficients

Upload calibration coefficients to the receiving card quickly or in a stable manner, with acceleration support if needed.

- Module Flash Management

For modules with flash memory, the information stored can be managed, allowing for the storage and readback of calibration coefficients and module IDs.

- One-click to Apply Calibration Coefficients in Module Flash

For modules with flash memory, when the Ethernet cable is disconnected, users can hold down the self-test button on the cabinet to upload the calibration coefficients in the module Flash to the receiving card.

- Mapping 1.1

The cabinet displays the Ethernet port, receiving card, and controller numbers in different colors, clearly showing the physical locations and connection topology of receiving cards.

- Settings of a Stored Image in the Receiving Card

The image displayed during startup, or displayed when the Ethernet cable is disconnected or there is no video signal.

- Temperature and Voltage Monitoring

Real-time monitoring of the temperature and voltage of the receiving card, without the need for other external devices.

- Cabinet LCD

The LCD module of the cabinet can display the temperature, voltage, single runtime and total runtime of the receiving card.

- Bit Error Detection

Monitor the number of erroneous packets in the Ethernet data transmission of the receiving card to help troubleshoot network communication problems.

- Detection of Ethernet Cable Disconnections

Monitor the number of times the Ethernet cable to the receiving card is disconnected, assisting in identifying potential communication link issues.

- Firmware Program Readback

The receiving card firmware program can be read back and saved to the local computer.

- Configuration Parameter Readback

The receiving card configuration parameters can be read back and saved to the local computer.

- Loop Backup

The receiving card and controller form a loop via the primary and backup line connections. When a fault occurs at a location of the lines, the screen can still display the image normally.

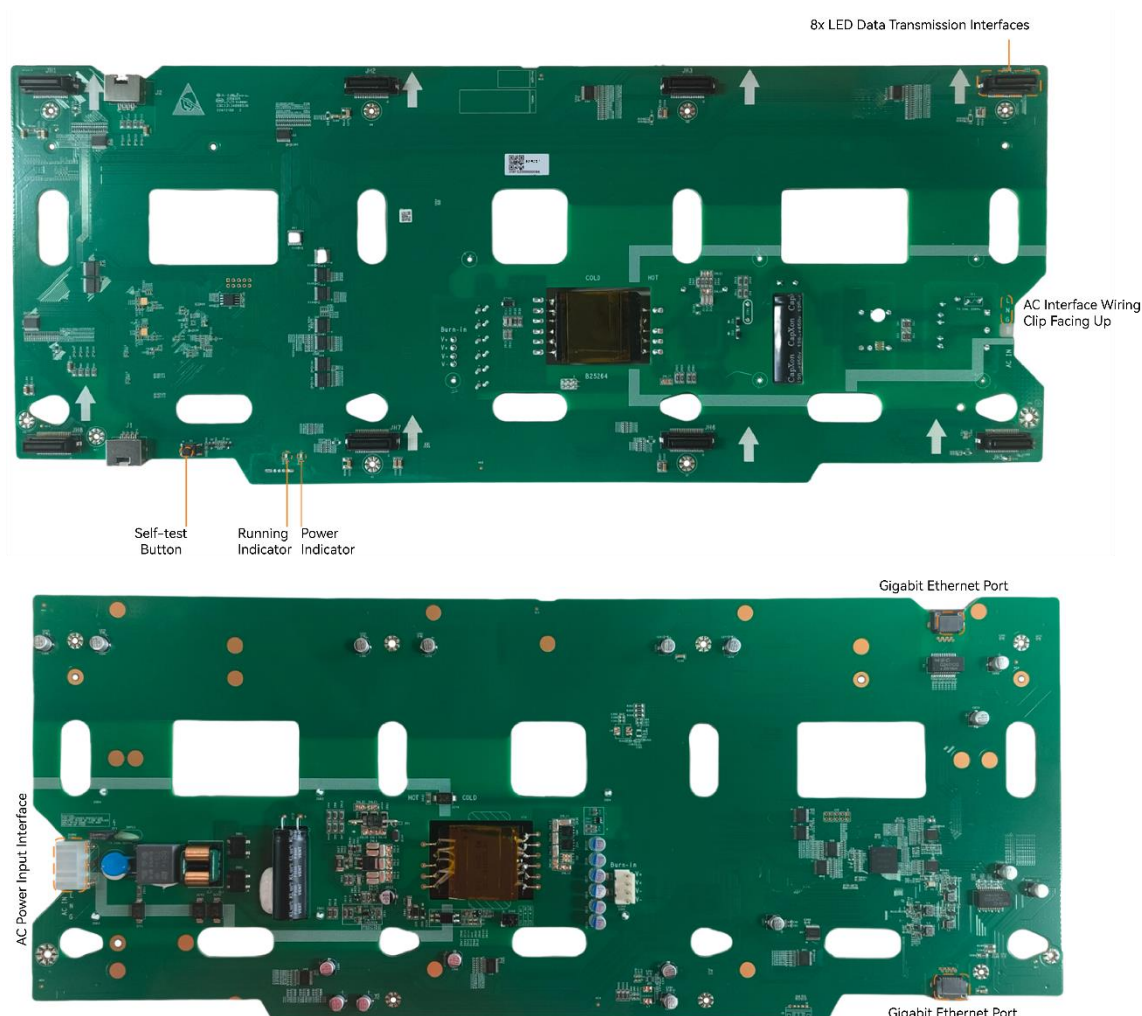
- Dual Backup of Configuration Parameters

The receiving card configuration parameters are stored in both the application area and factory area of the receiving card at the same time. Users usually use the configuration parameters in the application area. If necessary, users can restore the configuration parameters in the factory area to the application area.

- Dual Program Backup

Two copies of the firmware program are stored in the receiving card at the factory to avoid the problem that the receiving card may get stuck abnormally during program update.

Appearance



Product images are for reference only. The actual product may vary.

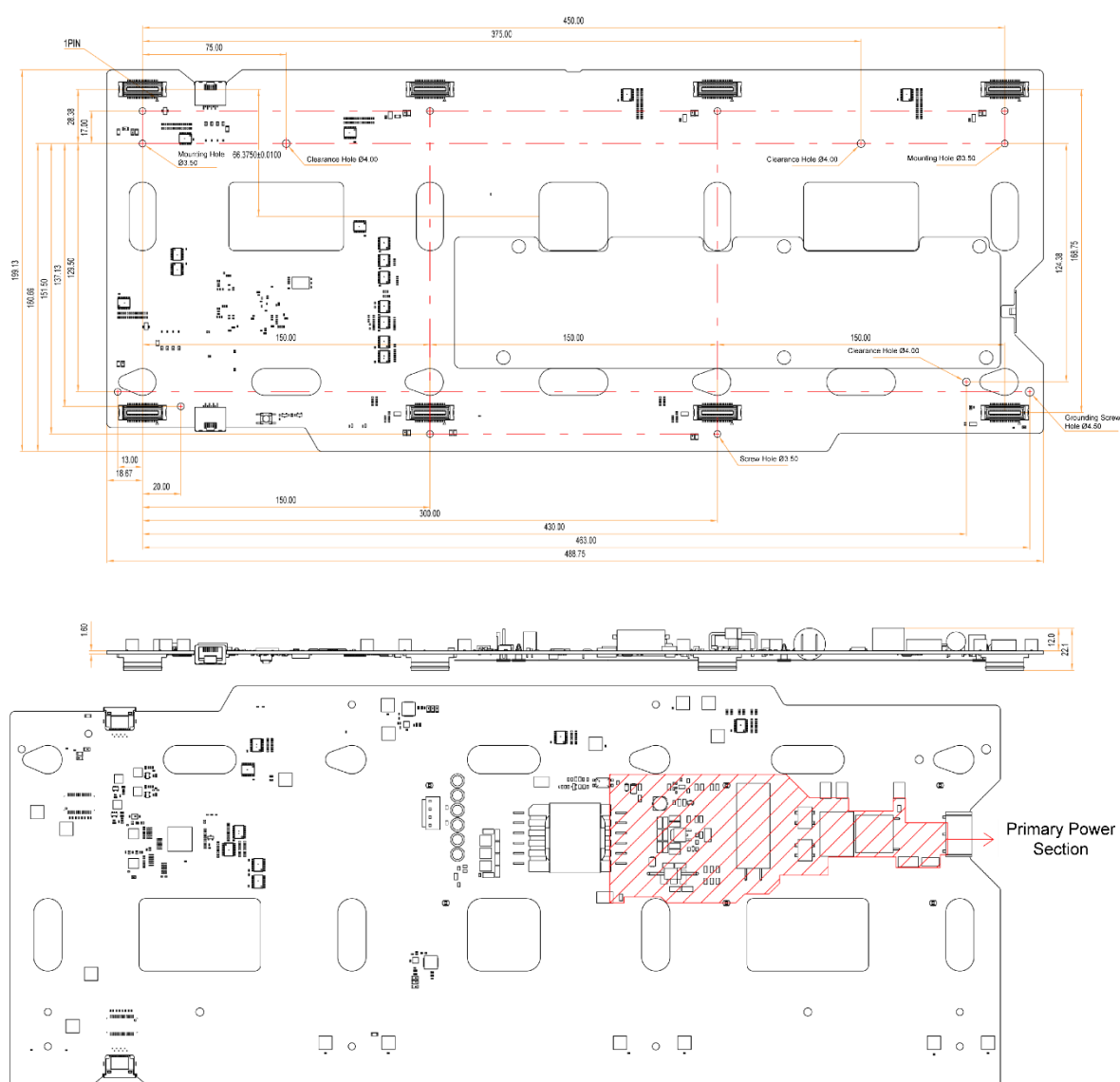
Indicators

Indicators	Color	Status	Description
Running indicator	Green	Flashing once every 1s	The receiving card is functioning normally. Ethernet cable connection is normal, and video source input is available.
		Flashing once every 3s	Ethernet cable connection is abnormal.
		Flashing 3 times every 0.5s	Ethernet cable connection is normal, but video source input is unavailable.

Indicators	Color	Status	Description
		Flashing once every 0.2s	The receiving card failed to load the program in the application area and is now using the backup program.
		Flashing 8 times every 0.5s	A redundancy switchover occurred on the Ethernet port and the loop backup has taken effect.
Power indicator	Red	Always on	The power input is normal.

Dimensions

The board thickness is not greater than 2.0 mm, and the total thickness (board thickness + thickness of components on the top and bottom sides) is not greater than 22.1 mm.

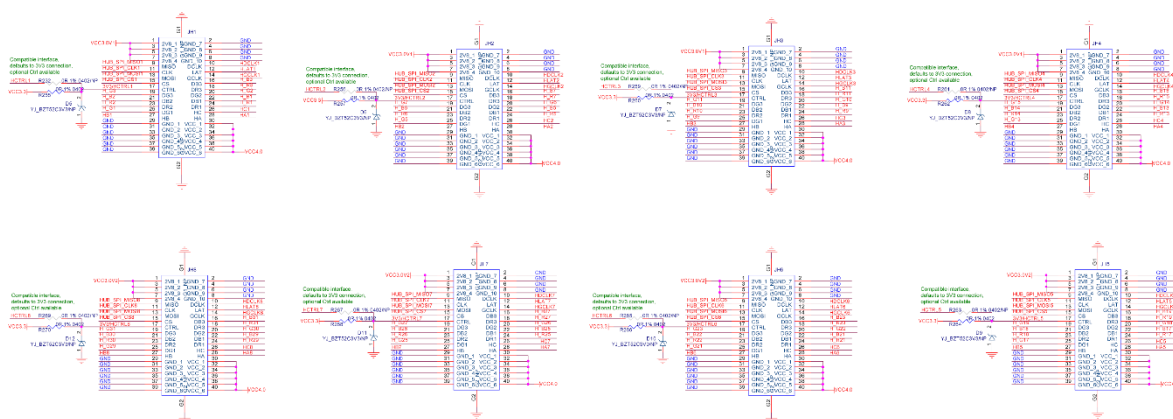


Tolerance: ± 0.3 Unit: mm

Note

- For molding or installation cutouts, please contact NovaStar for a higher-precision structural drawing.
- The thermal conductive pad and silicone insulation pad are not included with the product. You will need to adhere them yourself according to the specified positions and sizes in the diagram. Attach the thermal conductive pad to the card, ensuring the thickness is appropriate for the available space in the cabinet and that it is compressed when in place. The silicone insulation pad should be adhered to the cabinet.
- The red shaded area in the diagram is the primary power section. Ensure a safety distance of at least 5 mm between this area and the metal conductor of the cabinet. If this distance is not met, add a silicone insulation pad for additional insulation. Design the silicone pad to extend more than 5 mm beyond the primary power section.
- For other areas, maintain a safety distance of at least 2 mm from the cabinet.
- The silicone pad should be 0.23 mm thick, with a voltage resistance of ≥ 4 kV AC and a thermal conductivity of ≥ 1.6 W/(m·K).

Pins



Pin Definitions (Taking JH1 as an example)

/	VCC3.0V1	1	2	GND	/
/	VCC3.0V1	3	4	GND	/
/	VCC3.0V1	5	6	GND	/
/	VCC3.0V1	7	8	GND	/
Module flash data storage output	HUB_SPI_MISO1	9	10	HDCLK1	Shift clock

Pin Definitions (Taking JH1 as an example)					
Clock signal of serial pin	HUB_SPI_CLK1	11	12	HLAT1	Latch signal
Module flash data storage input	HUB_SPI_MOSI1	13	14	HGCLK1	Grayscale clock
CS signal of serial pin	HUB_SPI_CS1	15	16	H_B3	/
3V3 voltage (default)/Afterglow control signal (optional)	3V3/HCTRL1	17	18	H_R3	/
/	H_G3	19	20	H_G2	/
/	H_B2	21	22	H_B1	/
/	H_R2	23	24	H_R1	/
/	H_G1	25	26	HC1	Row decoding signal
Row decoding signal	HB1	27	28	HA1	Row decoding signal
/	GND	29	30	VCC4.0	/
/	GND	31	32	VCC4.0	/
/	GND	33	34	VCC4.0	/
/	GND	35	36	VCC4.0	/
/	GND	37	38	VCC4.0	/
/	GND	39	40	VCC4.0	/

Electrical Specifications

Input Specifications

Input Voltage	90 Vac to 264 Vac
Nominal Input	100 Vac to 240 Vac
Frequency Range	47 Hz to 63 Hz
Starting Voltage	> 70 Vac
Maximum Input Current	1.2 A

Inrush Current	Cold start: 100 A at 240 Vac, 50 A at 100 Vac
Power Factor	/
Current Harmonics	/
Standby Power Consumption	$\leq 4W$
Input Fuse	T3.15AL/250Vac

Output Specifications

Output Current	15.5 A (Rated) Note: The peak current is tested with a pulse width of less than 100 ms and at an ambient temperature of 30°C.
Output Voltage	Adjustable: 3.8 V/4 V/4.2 V Low voltage: 3.0 V Offers three adjustable settings, which can be changed by simply connecting a jumper cap.
Output Voltage Accuracy	$\pm 2.0\%$
Line Regulation	$\pm 2.0\%$
Load Regulation	$\pm 2.0\%$
Output Ripple Noise	≤ 200 mV Note: In an environment of 25°C, the bandwidth is set to 20 MHz. A 0.1 μF ceramic capacitor and a 10 μF electrolytic capacitor are connected in parallel at the output for testing.
Temperature Coefficient	Pending
Dynamic Load Performance	0% to 50% load and 50% to 100% load, < 10%
Efficiency	@ 240 Vac, 84%, CH1 15.5 A @ 100 Vac, 82%, CH1 15.5 A
Output Rise Time	30.0 ms max Note: Rise time is defined as the time it takes for the output voltage to increase from 10% to 90%. This is tested with a 0.1 μF ceramic capacitor and a 10 μF electrolytic capacitor connected in parallel at the output.

Start-up Delay Time	Max 1s at 220 Vac
Output Hold Time	@ 240 Vac, 15 ms @ 100 Vac, 10 ms
Output Voltage Overshoot	10% max Note: All DC output currents should range from minimum to maximum values.
Capacitive Load	32000 μ F
Ratio Radiation Emission	Pending
Switching Frequency	Pending
Power Temperature Derating	-30°C to +70°C (Above 60°C, load capacity is reduced by 2% for every additional 1°C.)
Power Input Voltage Derating	100% load at 90Vac to 264Vac with no derating
MTBF	$\geq$ 100,000 hours at 25°C

Protection

Input Undervoltage Protection	Engages above 70 Vac, disengages below 65 Vac
Output Overvoltage Protection	< 6.5 V, self-recovery
Output Overcurrent Protection	Triggered at 1.3 to 1.6 times of rated current
Output Overpower Protection	Triggered at 1.3 to 1.6 times of rated power
Output Short-circuit Protection	Self-recovery

Safety

Insulation Resistance	Input to output 500 Vdc, 100 M Ω min (at room temperature) Input to FG 500Vdc, 100 M Ω min (at room temperature) Output to FG 500Vdc, 100 M Ω min (at room temperature)
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Insulation Withstand Voltage	Input to output (I/P-O/P): 3.0 kVac / 10 mA Input to case (I/P-CASE): 1.8 kVac / 10 mA Output to case (O/P-CASE): 500 Vdc / 10 mA Note: This specifies the AC withstand voltage. The DC withstand voltage is 1.414 times the AC value, with the same leakage current limit.
Ground Resistance	< 0.1 Ω
Leakage Current	IEC 62368-1

Note

If there are lightning protection components in the circuit, the following steps should be taken during the voltage withstand test after disconnecting the air gap tube:

- The input lines (L&N) need to be short-circuited together, and all the output lines need to be short-circuited together.
- Input to output: Input short-circuit line to output short-circuit line test.
- Input to FG: Input short-circuit line to FG.

EMC

Conducted Emission	GB/T9254.1-2021/EN55032/FCC, Class A
Radiated Emission	GB/T9254.1-2021/EN55032/FCC, Class A
Power Fluctuation and Flicker	Pending
Radiated Susceptibility	EN55024; EN61000-4-2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11
Conducted Susceptibility	EN55024; EN61000-4-2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11
Surge Susceptibility	GB17626.5/IEC61000-4-5 Performance Criteria: B DM: ± 2 kV, CM: ± 4 kV
EFT Immunity	GB17626.4/IEC61000-4-4 Performance Criteria: B ± 3 kV
ESD Immunity	GB17626.2/IEC61000-4-2 Performance Criteria: B

	Contact ± 4 kV, Air ± 8 kV
Voltage Fluctuation and Flicker	Pending
Voltage Drop	GB17626.11/IEC61000-4-11 Performance Criteria: B/C

Voltage Drop Requirements:

Voltage Drop	Duration	Performance Criteria
0% U_t	10 ms	B
70% U_t	500 ms	C
40% U_t	200 ms	C
0% U_t	5000 ms	C



Caution

It is required to comply with the above-mentioned standards as a whole system.

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Maximum Resolution	For PWM driver ICs, the maximum load capacity per card when used with M3 controllers is: • 512×384@60Hz (For 8-bit video sources) • 512×256@60Hz (For 10-bit and 12-bit video sources)	
Operating Environment	Temperature	-20°C ~ +70°C
	Humidity	10% RH to 90% RH, non-condensing
	Altitude	-60 m to +5000 m Note: For every 100 meters above 2000 meters in altitude, the maximum operating temperature decreases by 0.5°C.
Storage Environment	Temperature	-40°C to +85°C
	Humidity	5% RH to 95% RH, non-condensing
	Altitude	< 5000 m
Physical Specifications	Dimensions	488.8 mm × 199.1 mm × 22.1 mm
	Net weight	413.2 g

		Note: It is the weight of a single receiving card only.
Packing Information	Packaging	An antistatic bag and anti-collision foam are provided for each receiving card. Each packing box contains 14 receiving cards.
	Packing box	635.0 mm × 595.0 mm × 283.0 mm

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