

TCC160

Asynchronous Full-Color LED Display Control Card



Specifications

Change History

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Introduction

The TCC160 is an asynchronous full-color LED display control card from NovaStar. It integrates sending and receiving capabilities, allowing users to publish content and control LED displays with a computer, mobile phone, or tablet. Working with cloud-based publishing and monitoring platforms, the TCC160 enables users to manage LED displays from an Internet-connected device anywhere, anytime.

The TCC160 comes with 16 standard HUB75E connectors for communication. The hardware and software designs take into full consideration the on-site setup, operation and maintenance, making setup easier, operation more stable, and maintenance more efficient.

Thanks to its stable and secure integrated design, the TCC160 saves space, simplifies cabling, and is suitable for the applications requiring small pixel capacity, such as storefront displays, vehicle-mounted displays, displays in communities, and lamp-post displays.

Certifications

CE, FCC, RoHS, NTRA

If the product does not have the relevant certifications required by the countries or regions where it is to be sold, please contact NovaStar to confirm or address the problem.

Otherwise, the customer shall be responsible for the legal risks caused or NovaStar has the right to claim compensation.

Features

Input and Output

- For PWM driver ICs, the maximum pixel capacity per TCC160 is 512×512@60Hz. For general driver ICs (including ICN1065 and ICN1063), the maximum pixel capacity per TCC160 is 512×384@60Hz.

Maximum width/height: 2048 pixels (maximum capacity per TCC160: 260,000 pixels)

- Maximum capacity when multiple TCC160 cascaded: 650,000 pixels

Maximum width/height: 2048 pixels (maximum capacity per Ethernet port: 650,000 pixels)

- Maximum width of an ultra-long screen: 8192 pixels, Maximum height of an ultra-long screen: 2048 pixels

Note

For configuration of ultra-long screens, see *Ultra-Long-Screen Solution Configuration Guide*.

- 1x 3.5 mm audio output connector

Note

When the multifunction card of NovaStar is connected for audio output:

- In asynchronous mode, the internal audio sampling rate ranges from 8 kHz to 192 kHz and can automatically convert to 48 kHz.
- For embedded audio from HDMI input, please ensure the audio sampling rate is set to 48 kHz.

Control

- 1x USB 2.0 (Type-A) port allowing for upgrade, USB playback, and storage expansion
- 1x USB (Type-B) port connecting to the control computer for content publishing and screen control
- 2x RS485 ports connecting to the light sensor, temperature and humidity sensor, or other modules to implement corresponding functions

Performance

- Powerful processing capacity
 - Industrial-grade processor
 - Quad-core 1.4 GHz processor
 - Hardware decoding of 4K videos
 - 2 GB of RAM
 - 32 GB of internal storage

- Flawless playback

Support for playback of 1x 4K, 2x 1080p, 4x 720p, 4x 480p, or 20x 360p videos

Note: Videos with resolutions between 2K and 4K will be converted into 4K videos.

Functionality

- All-round control plans
 - Enables users to publish content and control screens from a computer, mobile phone, or tablet.
 - Allows users to publish content and control screens from anywhere, anytime.
 - Allows users to monitor screens from anywhere, anytime.
- Wi-Fi AP and Wi-Fi Sta can be turned on at the same time
 - Wi-Fi AP

User terminal devices can be connected to the built-in Wi-Fi hotspot of the TCC160. The default SSID is “Model+Last 8 digits of SN” and the default password is printed on the SSID label.
 - Wi-Fi Sta

Users can directly access the TCC160 and connect to the Internet via bridging.

- Ultra-long-screen content playback
- Synchronous playback across multiple screens

Enabling synchronous playback halves the decoding capability of the device.

- NTP time synchronization
- GPS time synchronization (The specified 4G module must be installed.)

- Support for 4G communication

The TCC160 ships without a 4G module. Users have to purchase 4G modules separately if needed.

- Support for GPS positioning and GPS time synchronization

This feature requires a 4G module and GPS antenna.

- Support for relays (maximum DC 30 V, 3 A)



"DC 30 V, 3 A" indicates the maximum allowable input voltage and current. The relay does not supply any output voltage.

Receiving Card Features

- Up to 32 groups of parallel RGB data or 64 groups of serial data (expandable to 128 groups of serial data)
- Color management

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

- 18bit+

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

- Low latency (This feature is turned off by default)

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

- 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°).

- Display of 3-color 16-point serial input

Supports display of 3-color 16-point serial input of PWM chips

- Temperature and voltage monitoring

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

- Bit error detection

The Ethernet port communication quality of the receiving card can be monitored and the number of erroneous packets can be recorded to help troubleshoot network communication problems.

- Firmware program readback

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

- Configuration parameter readback

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

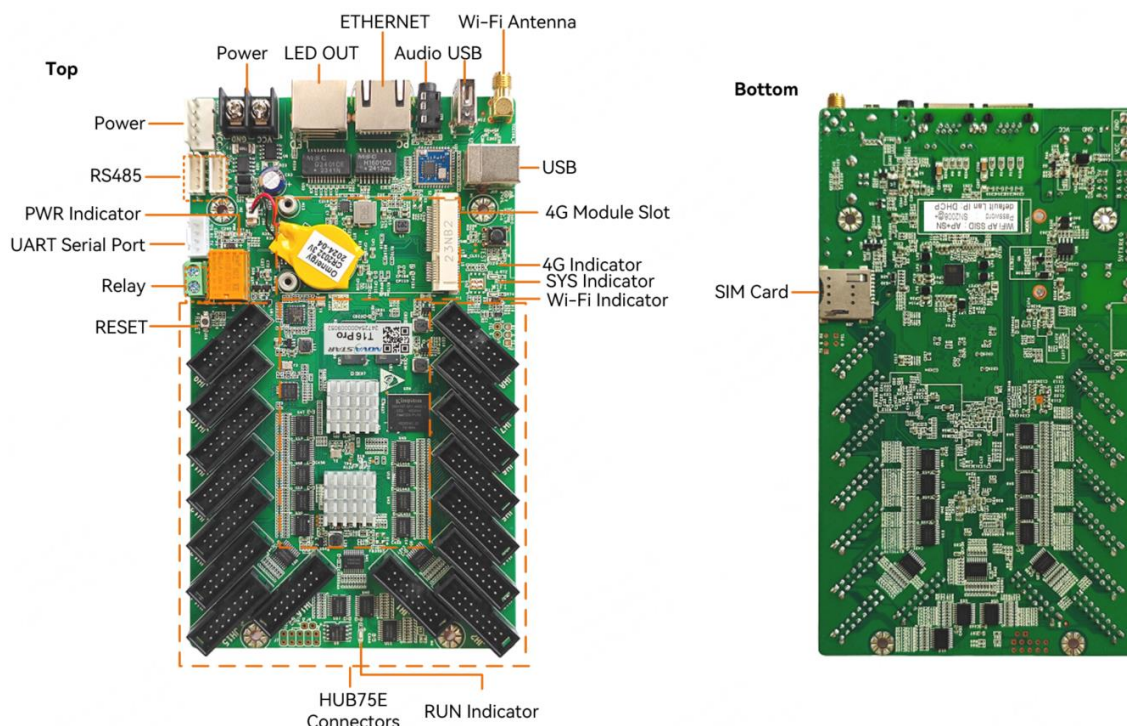
- Mapping 1.1

The cabinets can display the controller number, receiving card number, and Ethernet port information, allowing users to easily obtain the locations and connection topology of receiving cards.

- Dual program backup

Two copies of 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



Note: All product pictures shown in this document are for illustration purpose only. Actual product may vary.

Table 5-1 Connectors and buttons

Name	Description
Power	Power input connector
LED OUT	Gigabit Ethernet port Standard RJ45 connector (with no built-in LEDs) for cascading receiving cards and connecting multifunction cards
ETHERNET	Fast Ethernet port Standard RJ45 connector (with built-in LEDs) connecting to a network or control computer
Audio	3.5 mm audio output connector with a fixed 48 kHz audio sampling rate Note: Three-pole audio jacks can be connected, but audio input is not supported.
USB	1x USB 2.0 (Type A) port for upgrade, USB playback, and storage expansion (up to 128 GB) - Supported file systems: FAT32/NTFS

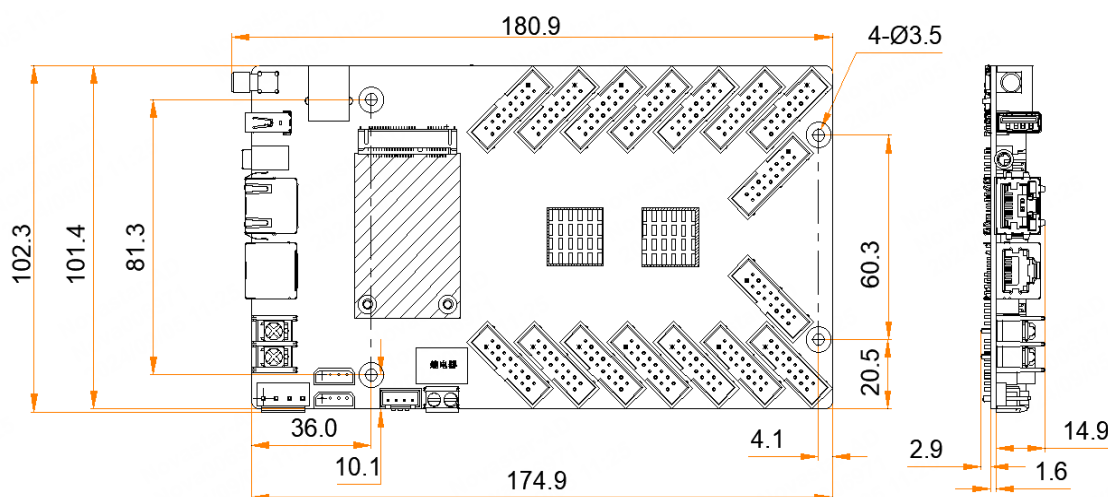
Name	Description
	– USB drive capacity range: 2 GB to 128 GB – The size of a single file must be greater than 0 KB and less than 4 GB. • 1x USB (Type B) port connecting to the control computer for content publishing and screen control
Wi-Fi Antenna	Wi-Fi antenna connector (2.4 GHz Wi-Fi supported)
SIM Card	SIM card slot Capable of preventing users from inserting a SIM card in the wrong orientation.
HUB75E Connectors	HUB75E connectors Connect to LED modules.
Relay	2-pin relay control switch for remote screen control
UART Serial Port	Reserved port Connects to a third-party GPS module for positioning and time synchronization
RS485	RS485 connectors Connect to light sensors, other sensors or modules to implement corresponding functions.
RESET	Factory reset button Press and hold this button for 5s to reset the device to the factory settings.

Indicators

Indicator	Color	Status	Description
PWR	Red	Staying on	The power supply is working properly.
4G	Green	Staying on	The network connection and device communication are normal.
		Flashing once every second	The SIM card is abnormal.
		Off	No 4G module is detected.
SYS	Green	Staying on/off	The system is malfunctioning.
		Flashing once every 2s	The system is functioning normally.
WiFi	Green	Staying on	Built-in Wi-Fi Sta is turned on, but no Wi-Fi

Indicator	Color	Status	Description
			network is connected.
		Flashing once every 2s	Wi-Fi Sta is configured and a Wi-Fi network is connected successfully.
		Off	Wi-Fi Sta is turned off.
RUN	Green	Flashing once every second	The receiving card is working properly, the Ethernet cable connection is normal, and there is a video input.
		Flashing 3 times every 0.5s	The Ethernet cable connection is normal but there is no video input.
		Flashing once every 0.2s	Loading of the program in the application area fails and the backup program is working.
		Staying on/off	FPGA loading abnormal

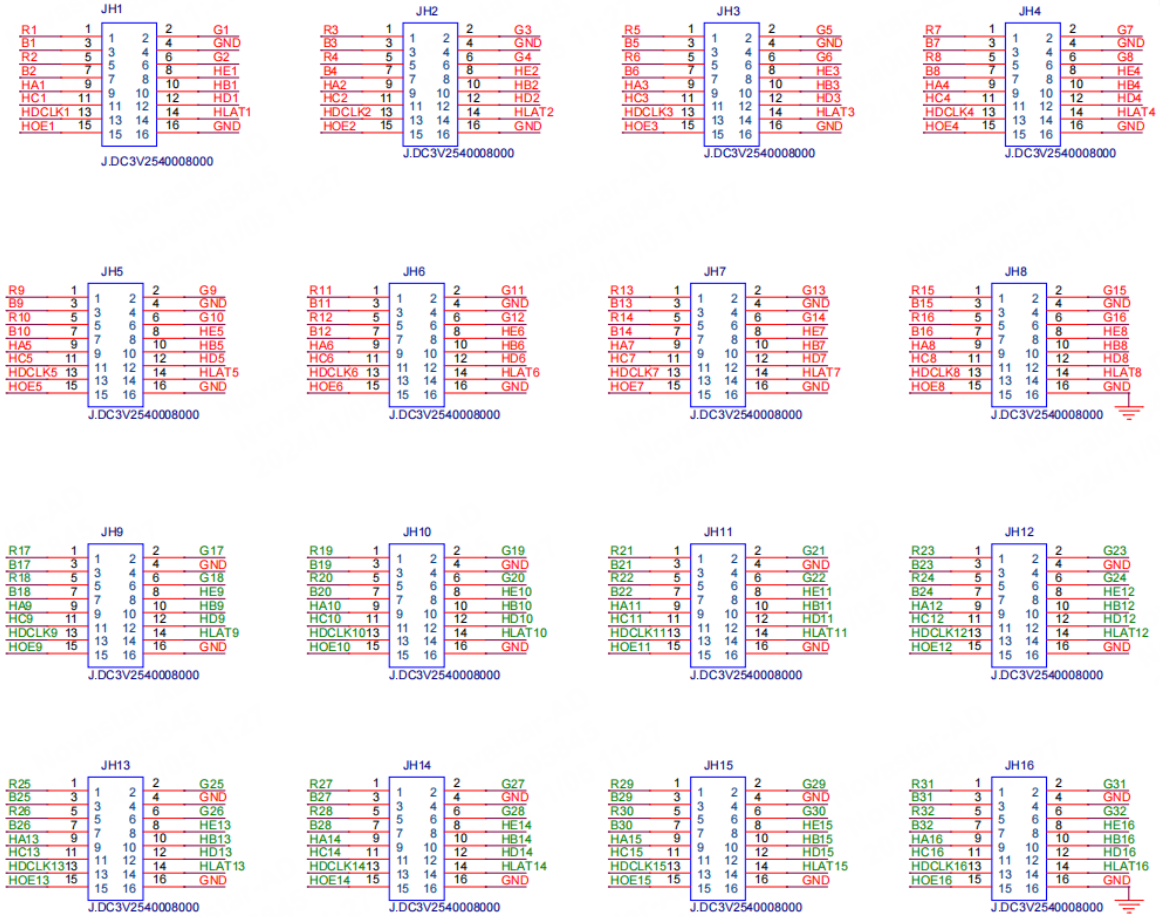
Dimensions



Tolerance: ± 0.3 Unit: mm

To make molds or trepan mounting holes, please contact NovaStar for a higher-precision structural drawing.

Pins



Pin Definition (using JH1 as an example)					
/	R1	1	2	G1	/
/	B1	3	4	GND	Ground
/	R2	5	6	G2	/
/	B2	7	8	HE1	Line decoding signal
Line decoding signal	HA1	9	10	HB1	Line decoding signal
Line decoding signal	HC1	11	12	HD1	Line decoding signal
Shift clock	HDCLK1	13	14	HLAT1	Latch signal
Display enable signal	HOE1	15	16	GND	Ground

Specifications

Electrical Parameters	Input voltage	DC 5 V~12 V
	Maximum power consumption	12 W
Storage Capacity	RAM	2 GB
	Internal storage	32 GB
Operating Environment	Temperature	-40°C to +80°C
	Humidity	0% RH to 80% RH, non-condensing
Storage Environment	Temperature	-40°C to +80°C
	Humidity	0% RH to 80% RH, non-condensing
Physical Specifications	Dimensions (L×W×H)	180.9 mm × 102.3 mm × 19.4 mm
	Net weight	149.6 g
	Gross weight	348.6 g
Packing Information	Dimensions (L×W×H)	278.0 mm × 218.0 mm × 63.0 mm
	List	• 1x TCC160 • 1x Omnidirectional Wi-Fi antenna • 1x QR code • 1x Certificate of Approval
System Software	• Android 10 operating system software • Android terminal application software • FPGA program	

The amount of power consumption may vary depending on various factors such as product settings, usage, and environment.

Media Decoding Specifications

Image

Category	Codec	Resolution	Format	Remarks
JPEG	JFIF file format 1.02	64×64 pixels to 4096×2304 pixels	JPG, JPEG	Support for interlaced scanning only

Category	Codec	Resolution	Format	Remarks
				Support for SRGB JPEG Support for Adobe RGB JPEG
BMP	BMP	64×64 pixels to 4096×2304 pixels	BMP	N/A
GIF	GIF	64×64 pixels to 1920×1088 pixels	GIF	At a resolution of 1280×720, the supported frame rate range is 1fps to 30fps. At a resolution of 1920×1088, the supported frame rate range is 1fps to 10fps.
PNG	PNG	64×64 pixels to 4096×2304 pixels	PNG	N/A
WEBP	WEBP	64×64 pixels to 4096×2304 pixels	WEBP	N/A

Video

Codec	Resolution	Max Frame Rate	Max Bit Rate (Ideal Case)	Format
H.264	64×64 pixels to 4096×2304 pixels	30fps	60Mbps	MP4, AVI, MKV, MOV
H.265/HEVC	64×64 pixels to 4096×2304 pixels	60fps	100Mbps	MP4, MKV, MOV
MPEG4	64×64 pixels to 1920×1088 pixels	60fps	29Mbps	MP4, AVI, MKV, MOV
VP9	64×64 pixels to 4096×2304 pixels	30fps	49Mbps	MKV, WEBM
VP8	64×64 pixels to 1920×1088 pixels	60fps	60Mbps	MKV, WEBM

Notes and Cautions

FCC Caution

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

NOTE: this equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Radiation Exposure Statement

This equipment complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 20 cm between the radiator and your body.

This transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

Country Code selection feature to be disabled for products marketed to the US/Canada.

- The antenna must be installed such that 20 cm is maintained between the antenna and users, and

- The transmitter module may not be co-located with any other transmitter or antenna.

As long as the three conditions above are met, further transmitter testing will not be required. However, the OEM integrator is still responsible for testing their end-product for any additional compliance requirements required with this module installed.

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