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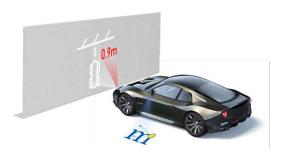
# MIRRORCLE PLAYZER X-SERIES USER GUIDE

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## Introduction to the Technology

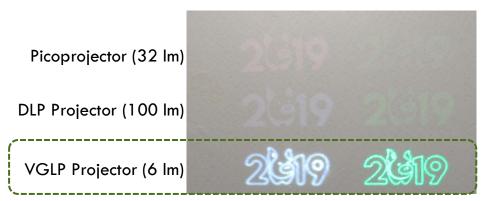
Mirrorcle's Vector Graphics Laser Projection (VGLP) Architecture combines a full technology stack of software, electronics, and optical laser beam-steering solutions to enable fully programmable and re-configurable laser projection and display of bright, high-contrast graphic content on a variety of surfaces.





The architecture optimizes the performance of lasers and fast **gimbal-less dual-axis MEMS mirrors** to achieve highest "wall-plug power to visibility" efficiency. A critical feature of the architecture is to utilize lasers of modest optical power at very high duty cycles and to deliver all available illumination to the desired vector graphics and image, and not to spread it over a wide area as in typical pico-projectors or DLP displays.

Playzer is a pocket-sized programmable vector graphic laser projector which consists of a MEMS Mirror-based Scan Module with an embedded Controller. Playzer may be controlled by Software Applications and a Software API (Playzer S-Series) or via Analog Input or USB Serial Commands (Playzer X-Series). It is a compact solution for displaying graphics in a multitude of environments, both outdoor and indoor.



An indoor, full light comparison of various projector technologies, projecting onto a wall 2m away, shows superior performance of the VGLP white using less power.





## Warning and caution

#### Danger due to improper use

Any improper use can result in dangerous situations. Therefore, observe the following information:

- Device should be used only in accordance with its intended use.
- All information in these operating instructions must be strictly observed.

#### Optical radiation: Laser class 3B

It may pose a danger to eyes and skin in the event of incorrect use.

- Do not open the housing. Opening the housing may increase the level of risk.
- Current national regulations regarding laser protection Must be observed.

#### Hazardous radiation

If any operating or adjusting other than those specified here are used or other methods are employed, this can lead to dangerous exposure to radiation. Damage to the eyes is possible.

- If the product is operated in conjunction with external illumination systems, the risk described here may be exceeded. This must be taken into consideration by the users on a case-by-case basis.
- Do not look into the light source when it is switched on.
- Comply with the latest version of the applicable regulations on photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems as well as on laser protection.

#### **Electrical voltage**

Electrical voltage can cause severe injury or death.

- Work on electrical systems must only be performed by qualified electricians.
- The power supply must be disconnected when attaching and detaching electrical connections.
- The product must only be connected to a voltage supply as set out in the requirements in the operating instructions.
- National and regional regulations must be complied with.
- Safety requirements relating to work on electrical systems must be complied with.

#### NOTICE

Modifications and conversions to the device may result in unforeseeable dangers.

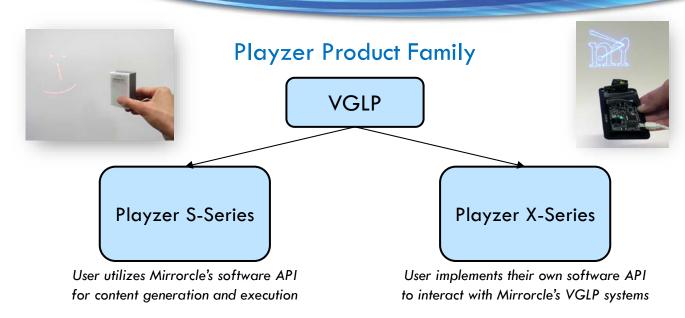
Interrupting or modifying the device or Mirrorcle software will invalidate any warranty claims against Mirrorcle Technologies, Inc. This applies in particular to opening the housing, even as part of mounting and electrical installation.

The products are sold as component for use in the end products or systems. Therefore, they do not comply with the requirements of FDA 21 CFR, section 1040.10 and 1040.11 for complete laser products.

Buyer of this product assumes all responsibility for the safe operation of the product. Buyer shall provide all signage, warning labels, safety devices, guarding, shielding and other measures as may be necessary and/or appropriate, or which are required by federal, state, or local laws and regulations, for the safe operation of the Product. Buyer shall defend, indemnify and hold Mirrorcle Technologies, Inc. harmless with respect to any property damage and/or personal injury, including death, which is caused by reason of the failure on the part of Buyer, and/or any employee, representative, operator or agent of Buyer, to comply with this term.







- The Playzer X-Series (or "PlayzerX") provides developers, makers, engineers, and students easy access to Playzer technology and its underlying VGLP architecture on the platform of their choice. It provides both the option to control the laser beam by external controllers via Analog Inputs, and the option to control the laser beam by software via USB.
  - Monochrome Playzer X-Series, Part Numbers: PX1-[R/G/B/V]
  - Playzer X-Series, RGB Part Number (available soon): PX1-RGB
- Playzer S-Series (or simply "Playzer") provides complete Playzer Development Kit including Software Development Kits in C++, Matlab, Labview, and Python. This is the most comprehensive firmware and software development setting that is intended for OEMs and new product developers who intend to utilize Mirrorcle's software API in their product.
  - Playzer S-Series includes a massive library of content generation, execution, and control features on select platforms: Windows, Ubuntu (x86\_64 architectures) and Android

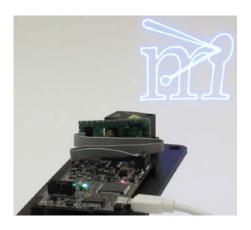




## Playzer X-Series

PlayzerX provides ease-of-access to the Playzer product line and VGLP architecture. The purpose of its simple analog or USB interface is to provide programmable beam steering.

With very low power consumption, devoted mostly to the supply of the laser driver, and with a highly compact mechanical profile, Playzer X-Series is well-suited for the development of many laser pointing applications.



Users command x-axis and y-axis angle of the Scan Module laser beam as well as output laser power of the beam. Playzer X-Series provides simplified control of MEMS Mirror and Laser Beam with multiple interface modes:

- Analog Input
- USB (user switches to this Interface Mode with USB commands)

Specifications of Monochrome PlayzerX systems:

Optical Scan Angle or Field of Regard: Approx. 34° x 34°

Optical Scan Angle Resolution: ~12-bits (4096 positions) per axis

Optical Scan Angle Repeatability: <0.01° each axis

Wavelength: Single laser diode source in (one of these):

Red ( $\sim$ 638nm), or Green ( $\sim$ 520nm), or

Blue ( $\sim$ 450nm), or Violet ( $\sim$ 405nm)

Output Laser Power (Max): ~10mW (8 - 12 mW) CW

Output Laser Power Resolution: 8-bits (256 levels)

Divergence (half angle): <2.25mrad

Bandwidth: dc to  $\sim$ 2200Hz on both axes

Available Interface Modes: Analog Input, USB commands





pointing at a positive Azimuth and positive

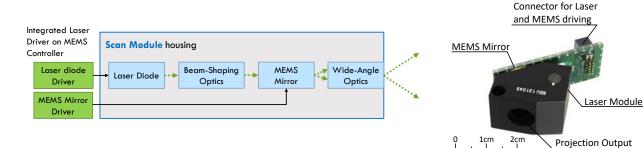
Elevation

Elevation angle

**Azimuth** 

## Scan Module EaZy4.0

The Scan Module is an easy to use opto-mechanical assembly of a laser source, beam shaping optics, Mirrorcle MEMS mirror and projection lens to achieve a wide optical Field-of-View beam-steering capability. The modules have the laser diode pins available to be directly driven by the PlayzerX Controller.



The EaZy4.0 Scan Module projection is defined as follows. Deflection on the Xaxis can be defined as Azimuth angle, while deflection on the Y-axis is defined as Elevation angle. Positive input X is a positive Azimuth deflection, and positive input Example laser beam

Y is a positive Elevation deflection.

#### **Definitions:**

Cartesian coordinate on screen: (x, y)Spherical coordinate: (Azimuth, Elevation)

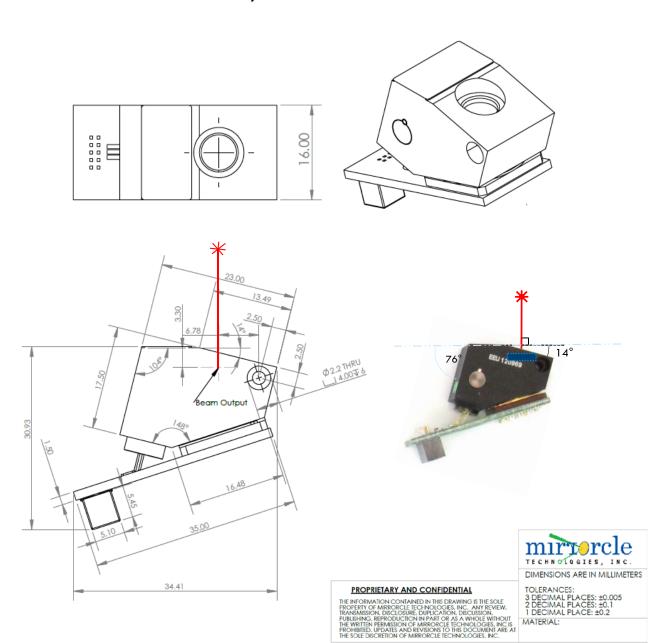
Laser beam origin

Input	AIN Version Range	USB Version (Coordinates)	Output	Approx. Output Angle
Xin	±5V	X (±1.0)	Azimuth	±17°
Yin	±5V	Y (±1.0)	Elevation	±17°





# Playzer X-Series Scan Module EaZy4.0 – Mechanical Dimensions

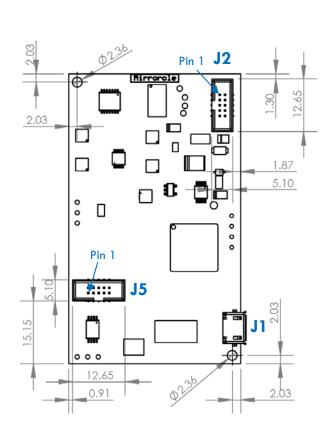


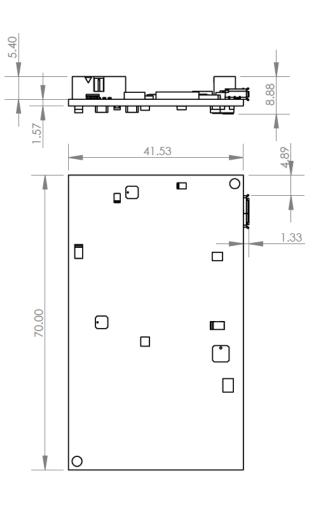




## Playzer X-Series

## Monochrome Playzer Controller – Mechanical Dimensions





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TOLERANCES: 3 DECIMAL PLACES: ±0.005 2 DECIMAL PLACES: ±0.1 1 DECIMAL PLACE: ±0.2 MATERIAL:





The Analog Input variant of the Playzer X, Playzer X-AIN allows users to interface via three channels of analog signals, allowing control of laser beam direction (X,Y or azimuth and elevation) and laser beam intensity. Use of the Playzer X-AIN requires user's own hardware such as e.g.: data acquisition card (NIDAQ or similar), FPGA/MCU based embedded systems, or bench-top lab equipment. This Playzer system cannot be directly controlled via a software interface as it takes voltages as inputs.

Compatible third-party vector graphics laser show controllers:

- Moncha Lite
- Pangolin FB3QS

#### **Contents**

- A. Breakout PCBA (BRK-PX1A)
- B. Monochrome Playzer Controller
- C. 2x 15cm 10-pin ribbon cables
- D. USB drive with documentation
- E. Scan Module
- F. 3D Printed Cradle mount
- G. USB Micro cable (power)

#### Specifications of the PlayzerX-AIN

Description	Key	Value
X analog voltage in	Xin	-5V to +5V
Y analog voltage in	Yin	-5V to +5V
M analog voltage in	Min	0V to 5V
Power Supply	Vdd	+5VDC
Current Supply	ldd	< 300 mA



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PlayzerX-AIN next to a US quarter coin.





Absolute Maximums						
Voltage at Xin/Yin	-6V to +6V					
Voltage at Min	-0.5V to +6V					
Voltage at Power Supply	4.9V - 5.2V					
Temperature	0°C to +85°C					



The devices are sensitive to electrostatic discharge. Always ensure adequate grounding when handing the packages. A wrist grounding strap with a  $10M\Omega$  series resistance is recommended.

	Breakout Connections							
Name	Connector ID	Connector Type	Description					
Xin	JS1	SMA R/A Female	X voltage input, commands azimuth scan angle of Scan Module					
Yin	JS2	SMA R/A Female	Y voltage input, commands elevation scan angle of Scan Module					
Min	JS3	SMA R/A Female	M voltage input, commands laser brightness of Scan Module					
ILDA	J2	DB-25 Female	DB25 connector to ILDA controllers such as Pangolin FB3QS, Moncha Lite, etc.					
Vdd	J1	Wire Terminal	The power to the board ( $\pm 5V$ and Gnd) can be provided by wire terminals					
USB	13	USB-Micro	The power to the board (+5V and Gnd) can be provided by USB cable					
Host	J5	10 Pin Box Header	The Breakout PCBA output connector to power and drive content to Playzer					

The Breakout PCBA allows for rapid development of the Playzer-X but for application use, the user can connect directly to J5 header on the Playzer-X to power the controller and provide content to drive the Scan Module.

J5-Pin	Name	Description			
1	XIN	X-Axis Analog Input Channel			
2	YIN	Y-Axis Analog Input Channel			
3	VDD	+5V Supply			
4	GND	Ground			
5-9	NC	No Connection			
10	MIN	Laser Modulation Analog Input Channel			

#### **Options for Powering PlayzerX-AIN**

When using Breakout PCBA:

- Provide +5VDC at USB-Micro (J3, PWR) connector
- 2. Provide +5VDC and GND at the J1 terminals

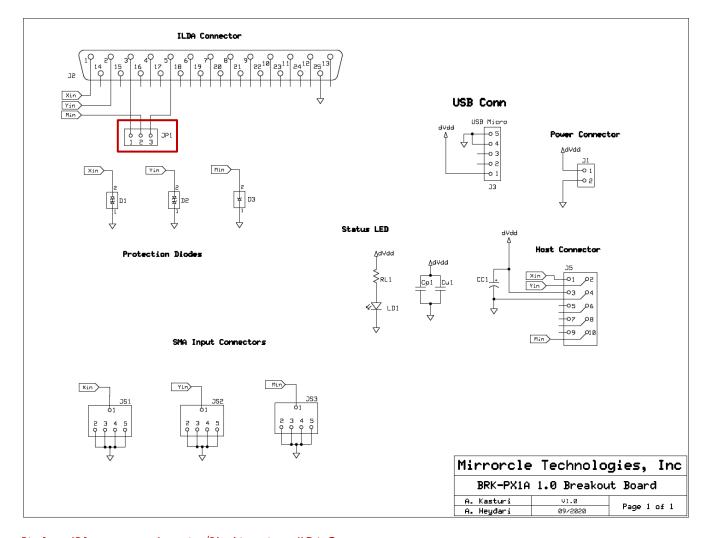
#### When not using Breakout PCBA

- Provide +5VDC at USB-Micro (J1) on the Monochrome Playzer Controller
- Provide +5VDC at J5-Pin 3 on the Monochrome Playzer Controller





#### Breakout - Schematic

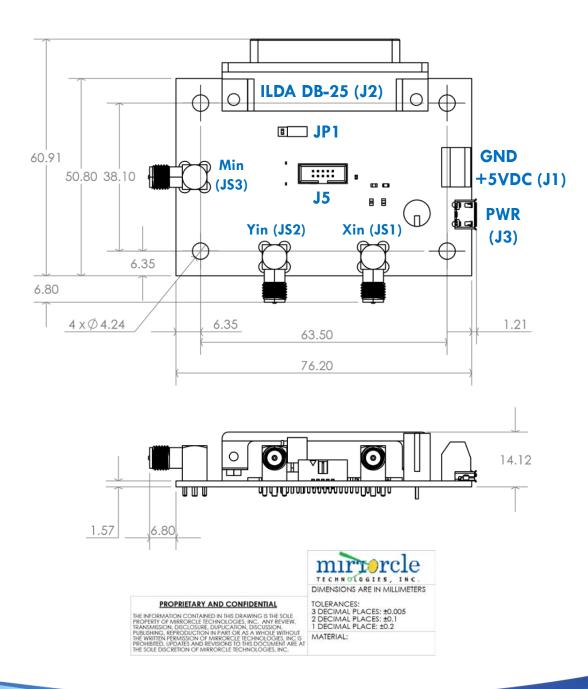


Pin 1 on JP1 connects to Intensity/Blanking pin on ILDA Connector
Pin 3 on JP1 connects to Red laser channel analog brightness on ILDA Connector (default population)
Population of Jumper on JP1 determines the connection of Pin 1 or Pin 3 to Pin 2 for Min



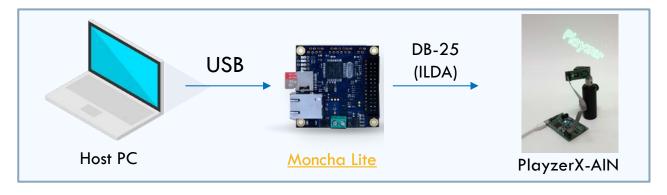


#### Breakout (BRK-PX1A) - Mechanical Dimensions





# Playzer X-Series — Analog Input Example Integrations







See more details on each setup in next pages





## Moncha Lite – Example Integration



#### Moncha Lite Connections and software setup

- Download/install from Moncha
- Follow the Moncha User Guide for hardware connections and pairing the Moncha Lite to the Moncha software

#### PlayzerX-AIN Connections:

- Power the PlayzerX-AIN via microUSB connection to BRK-PX1A or microUSB connection to the PlayzerX Controller (both examples are shown below)
- Connect via DB-25 from Moncha Lite to BRK-P1XA Breakout PCBA (example below uses male/male gender changer connection)

#### Running Moncha with PlayzerX-AIN

- Run Moncha software, connect to Moncha Lite
- Choose Effects 1.mws (or any show) in the Show Browser
- Set the scanning rate (20k pps)
- Enable the laser
- Start the show









## Pangolin FB3QS – Example Integration

- FB3QS and Software (QuickShow) setup
  - Download and install QuickShow software from Pangolin
  - Follow the Pangolin FB3QS setup guide for connections and pairing with QuickShow
- PlayzerX-AIN Connections:
  - Power the PlayzerX-AIN via microUSB connection to BRK-PX1A or microUSB connection to the PlayzerX Controller (both examples are shown below)
  - Connect via DB-25 from FB3QS to BRK-P1XA Breakout PCBA (example below uses male/male gender changer connection)
- Running FB3QS with PlayzerX-AIN
  - Connect via DB-25 from FB3QS to PlayzerX-AIN Breakout PCBA
  - Run QuickShow
  - In the first-time setup window, choose "Intermediate", "20k pps", single laser system, analog laser modulation
  - Choose any content
  - Enable laser output





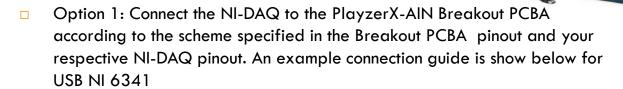






## NI-DAQ — Example Integration (Part 1)

#### Connections



Option 2, shown in example below: Connect the NI-DAQ terminals directly to the ribbon cable and input of the PlayzerX Controller, at connector J5. This setup will not utilize BRK-PX1A Breakout PCBA.

	Play	zerX-AIN Controller	USB-NI 6341			
J5-Pin	Name	Function	Screw Terminal Pin	Function		
1	XIN	X-Axis Analog Input	15	AO0		
2	YIN	Y-Axis Analog Input	31	AO1		
3	VDD	+5V Supply	96	+5VDC		
4	GND	Ground	94	DGND		
10	MIN	Laser Modulation Analog Input	65	PO.0		



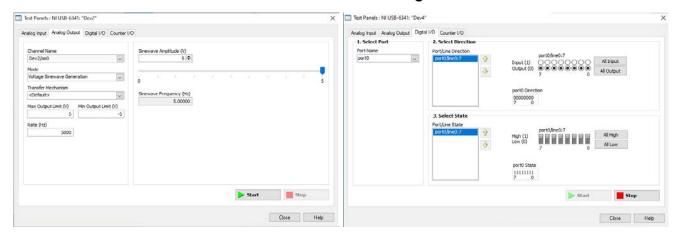






## NI-DAQ — Example Integration (Part 2)

#### **Test Panels Settings**



- Open the connected NI-DAQ device in NI-MAX, choose Test
   Panels
  - In Analog Output tab, set Channel Name to 'ao0', set Mode to 'Voltage Sinewave Generation', set Rate to 5000 Hz, set Max Output Limit (V) to 5, set Min Output Limit (V) to -5. Then, set Sinewave amplitude to 5V
  - Click "Start"
  - In Digital I/O tab, set Port Name to 'port 0', choose 'All Output' for Select Direction, and set the Select State to 'All High'
  - Click "Start"
  - Observe a 5 Hz sinusoidal scan on the X-axis (azimuth scan)
  - In Analog Output tab, click "Stop", change Channel Name to ao 1
  - Click "Start"
  - Observe a 5 Hz sinusoidal scan on the Y-axis (elevation scan)





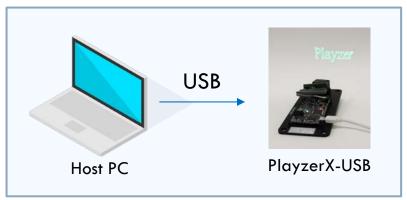
## Playzer X-Series - USB Input

The micro-USB port on the embedded Monochrome Playzer Controller provides power as well as serial communication via USB.

PlayzerX-USB offers a Binary Mode protocol for USB serial communication with a set of commands that allow users comprehensive ability to program the scanning angle and brightness of the Playzer laser output beam.

Binary mode communication implements a more efficient use of USB bandwidth by maximizing data encoded in each set of bytes sent to Controller.

This is a preliminary User Guide with limited information on PlayzerX programming. Please contact <a href="mailto:support@mirrorcletech.com">support@mirrorcletech.com</a> for most up-to date guides and software examples.



PlayzerX-USB allows direct interface between the Host PC and the PlayzerX interface

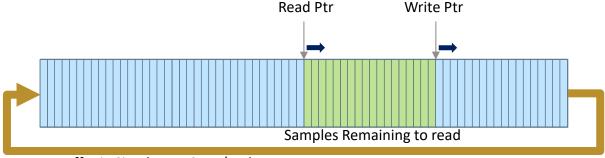




## Playzer X-Series - USB Input

#### Basic Hardware Setup and Data Flow

- When a PlayzerX Module is used in USB mode, the Controller's buffer is set up as a circular FIFO buffer
- Total buffer size is 125000 samples for Monochrome version and 83333 samples for RGB version



Buffer is Circular, no Start/End

- Controller is always in reading (sample outputting) mode, as long as there are samples remaining to read (as long as Read Pointer has not caught up with the Write Pointer)
- Reading timing (moving of Read Ptr) is at SampleRate which is set with SetSampleRate command (default is 22000 samples/s).
- □ Writing timing depends on the provision of data by user over the serial port, it can be up to roughly 50000 samples/s. It is done with SendData commands.
- Prior to writing, users would typically check GetSamplesRemaining value to see that new data is needed in the buffer and there is adequate space for new data.





## Playzer X-Series - USB Input

#### Binary Mode Command Set

#### Composition of a **Binary Mode** serial command:

Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7	Byte 8	Byte N
Prefix 1	Prefix 2	Command Code	Command Length	data	data	data	data	Suffix
112 "p"	108 "Į"	xx	N	xx	xx	xx	xx	10 "\n"

#### PlayzerX-USB (Binary Mode) serial communications table

Command	Command								
Code	Length								Function
Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6	Byte 7	Byte 8	Byte 9	Byte 10	Byte 11	Description
68 ("D")	8	X[7:0]	X[11:8], Y[3:0]	Y[11:4]	10 ("\n")				Send an XY sample to controller (M is fixed 255)
100 ("d")	9	X[7:0]	X[11:8], Y[3:0]	Y[11:4]	M[7:0]	10 ("\n")			Send an XYM sample to controller
100 ("d")	11	X[7:0]	X[11:8], Y[3:0]	Y[11:4]	R[7:0]	G[7:0]	B[7:0]	10 ("\n")	Send an XYRGB sample to controller
99 ("c")	5	10 ("\n")							ClearData (reset FIFO buffer and send origin sample)
114 ("r")	8	value[7:0]	value[15:8]	value[23:16]	10 ("\n")				SetSampleRate (in samples/s)
117 ("u")	7	value[7:0]	value[15:8]	10 ("\n")					SetBufferUpdateTimer (in ms)
112 ("p")	5	10 ("\n")							Ping if device is responding
110 ("n")	5	10 ("\n")							GetDeviceInfo
103 ("g")	5	10 ("\n")							GetSamplesRemaining
105 ("i")	8	97 ("a")	105 ("i")	110 ("n")	10 ("\n")				Switch data input to AIN (analog input)
105 ("i")	8	117 ("u")	115 ("s")	98 ("b")	10 ("\n")				Switch data input to USB
73 ("I")	8	97 ("a")	105 ("i")	110 ("n")	10 ("\n")				Switch data input to AIN (analog input) and Flash
73 ("I")	8	117 ("u")	115 ("s")	98 ("b")	10 ("\n")				Switch data input to USB and Flash
98 ("b")	6	238 (0xEE)	10 ("\n")						ResetDevice (boot MCU)

- X and Y values are from 0 to 4095 corresponding to -1 to +1 co-ordinates, respectively (2048 is origin)
- □ M (or R, G, B) range from 0 to 255
- SampleRate can range from 50 to 50000 samples/s
- Total buffer size is 125000 samples for Monochrome version and 83333 samples for RGB version





## **Future of VGLP Displays**

# CERTIFICATIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Certifications and qualifications are planned in safety, EMC, and automotive categories.
- Mirrorcle is working with multiple foundries in different continents on the path towards serial production and automotive qualification.

#### **RGB PLAYZER PRODUCTION**

- For initial prototypes, Mirrorcle has been partnering with vendors for RGB laser modules and assembling final Playzer Modules in-house.
- Mirrorcle is contracting pilot manufacturing runs of RGB Playzer modules at qualified CMs.
- Volume production and qualifications will be done with the CM partner.

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Transfer to CM

Certifications and Qualifications

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R & D

Shipment of Prototypes

Transfer to CM

2018

2021

2023

2024

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#### **RGB Playzer**

#### **Planned Qualifications:**

- □ ISO26262 ASIL B(D), IEC 60825-1
- RoHS, REACH
- □ CISPR 25

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