

Opto 3 Click



PID: MIKROE-3319

Opto 3 click is a relay Click board™, equipped with two pairs of optically isolated solid-state relays (SSR). One pair of SSRs is used to provide a reinforced galvanic isolation for the external signals used to drive the microcontroller (MCU) pins, while the other pair of SSRs is used to allow the host MCU to drive some external equipment, allowing up to 40V between the SSR contacts in OFF state, and currents up to 2A while in ON state, thanks to a very low ON-state resistance. Opto 3 click to be used in applications that require reinforced galvanic isolation for both their input and output stages.

Opto 3 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.

Featuring good quality TLP241A SSRs, this Click board™ represents an ideal solution for development of various PLC-based applications, where it can be used as a replacement for mechanical relays, bringing the whole range of inherited benefits: no mechanical parts which can wear off, constant ON-state resistance, immunity to environmental influences and mechanical shock, no contact bouncing effect, and more. Two onboard LEDs provide visual feedback on the state of the output SSR pair, while the input SSR pair is protected from inverse polarization and the damage it may cause, by low voltage drop Schottky diodes.

How does it work?

Opto 3 click features two pairs of normally opened, high-quality solid-state relays labeled as [TLP241A](#), by [Toshiba](#). The TLP241A is an optically isolated solid-state relay (SSR), featuring an integrated IR LED and two output MOSFETs. The output stage does not have any electrical

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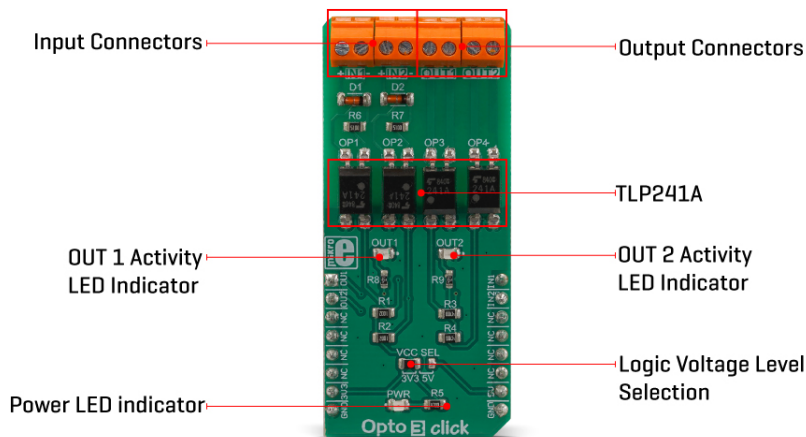


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contact with the input stage; it is activated by infrared light, produced by an integrated IR LED. This allows reinforced galvanic isolation between the input and the output stage. The output stage can sustain up to 40V while OFF. When activated, due to a very low RDSON of the integrated MOSFETs, it can conduct up to 2A of current.



The TLP241A are able to effectively replace traditionally used mechanical relays, bringing up the full set of inherited benefits: virtually unlimited number of cycles since there are no moving parts that would wear off, no bouncing effect on the output contacts, high resistance to mechanical shock and environmental influence, low current required for the activation, constant resistance since no carbon and rust can build up on contacts, there is no sparking or electric arc forming while operated, compact size, higher isolation voltage, and so on. However, unlike optocouplers (similar devices which are designed for much lower currents and voltages), SSRs are not designed to be used as signal line isolators. SSR typically has a slow signal propagation time. Still, it can be used for various communication protocols which use lower data rates, including UART/RS232, 1-Wire, and similar.

One pair of SSRs is driven by the host MCU. This pair can be used to activate an external circuit, utilizing the full potential of the [TLP241A](#) SSR. One or two SSRs can be used as relays, allowing the host MCU to control heavier loads such as DC motors, some other electrical circuit which operates on higher potential, LED strips, LED arrays, etc. A HIGH logic level on mikroBUS™ pins AN or RST labeled as OU1 and OU2 respectively, will activate the integrated IR LED. It will turn ON the MOSFETs in the SSR, allowing the current to flow through an external circuit. Two red LEDs, labeled as OUT1 and OUT 2, are connected to each of the MCU output pins. These LEDs provide visual feedback about the SSR state: if ON, the respective SSR is in a conductive state. SSR outputs are routed to two screw terminals labeled as OUT1 and OUT2, allowing an external circuit to be securely connected.

The other pair of SSRs is used to provide optical isolation for external signals, offering protection for sensitive MCU pins that way. While the SSR is not activated, PWM and INT pins of the mikroBUS™ labeled as IN1 and IN2 respectively, are pulled to a HIGH logic level by a resistor. A signal on the input terminal will activate the respective SSR, pulling the IN1 (IN2) pin to a LOW logic level. Since galvanically isolated, the signal at the input terminal can be at a different potential than the host MCU, preventing any stray currents to flow between two GNDs. This will also protect the host MCU from the electrostatic discharge (ESD) that might occur. It is important to connect the input signal correctly. Therefore, two input terminals have their ports clearly labeled with + and - signs. A Schottky diode in series provides some protection to the input IR LED, however, care should be taken not to exceed specifications from the TLP241A

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datasheet.


Pull-up resistors on the input side SSRs are connected to the power supply from mikroBUS™, providing a HIGH logic level while the SSR is not active. The voltage of the power supply directly determines the voltage level that will be applied to IN1 and IN2 pins in this case. Therefore, an SMD jumper labeled as VCC SEL is provided on the Click board™, allowing the user to select the logic voltage level between 3.3V and 5V, depending on the used MCU and its capabilities.

Specifications

Type	Optocoupler
Applications	This Click board™ represents an ideal solution for development of various PLC-based applications, where it can be used as a replacement for mechanical relays, bringing the whole range of inherited benefits
On-board modules	TLP241A, a solid-state photo-relay by Toshiba
Key Features	One input and one output pair of high-quality SSRs, reasonably high current and voltage on the output side, low driving current, two LEDs for visual feedback of the output stage, protection diodes on the input side, the whole range of inherited benefits, typical for SSRs, etc.
Interface	GPIO
Feature	No ClickID
Compatibility	mikroBUS™
Click board size	M (42.9 x 25.4 mm)
Input Voltage	3.3V or 5V

Pinout diagram

This table shows how the pinout on **Opto 3 Click** corresponds to the pinout on the mikroBUS™ socket (the latter shown in the two middle columns).

Notes	Pin					Pin	Notes
Relay 1 OUT	OU1	1	AN	PWM	16	IN1	Relay 1 IN
Relay 2 OUT	OU1	2	RST	INT	15	IN2	Relay 2 IN
	NC	3	CS	RX	14	NC	
	NC	4	SCK	TX	13	NC	
	NC	5	MISO	SCL	12	NC	
	NC	6	MOSI	SDA	11	NC	
Power Supply	+3V3	7	3.3V	5V	10	+5V	Power Supply
Ground	GND	8	GND	GND	9	GND	Ground

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Onboard settings and indicators

Label	Name	Default	Description
LD1	OUT1	-	OUT1 Activity LED indicator
LD2	OUT2	-	OUT2 Activity LED indicator
LD3	PWR	-	Power LED indicator
JP1	VCC SEL	Left	Logic voltage level selection: left position 3.3V, right position 5V
CN1, CN2	IN1, IN2	-	Input connectors
CN3, CN4	OUT1, OUT2	-	Output connectors

Opto 3 click electrical characteristics

Description	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Input forward current (I_F)	5	7.5	25	mA
Peak transient input forward current (I_{FPT})	-	-	2	A
Output current (I_O)	-	-	32	V
Operating temperature	-20	-	+65	°C

Software support

We provide a library for the **Opto 3 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

The library performs the input state checking and the output state setting. For more details check documentation.

Key functions:

- `T_OPTO3_STATE opto3_getIN1(void)` - Function returns a state of the Input 1.
- `void opto3_setOUT2(T_OPTO3_SWITCH state)` - Function puts the Output 2 to the desired state.

Examples description

The application is composed of the three sections :

- System Initialization - Initializes peripherals and pins.
- Application Initialization - Initializes GPIO interface.
- Application Task - (code snippet) - Switches ON or switches OFF the both outputs depending on the states of the inputs, respectively. Note : Input state is active low, and output state is active high.

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The full application code, and ready to use projects can be found on our [LibStock](#) page.

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.

Resources

[mikroBUS™](#)

[mikroSDK](#)

[Click board™ Catalog](#)

[Click Boards™](#)

Downloads

[Opto 3 click example on Libstock](#)

[Opto 3 click: 2D and 3D files](#)

[TLP241A datasheet](#)

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