

Tilt 2 Click



PID: MIKROE-3343

Tilt 2 click is a tilt sensor switch, which breaks the circuit when tilted to an angle of 45° or when shaken. It is a single-pole-double-throw type of switch (SPDT), which can be operated with up to 24V. The current through the switch should not exceed 25mA. The Click board™ is equipped with the the RB-441-45, a 45° rolling ball sensor switch, which uses gold-plated terminals and a gold-plated ball, in order to minimize the contact resistance. The sensor switch is very durable, enclosed in a PBT plastic with very good electric insulation properties. It can be used in any application that relies on sensing a tilt of 45°.

Tilt 2 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.

There are many applications that use this kind of switches. It can be used in various consumer electronic devices, such as portable heaters, video games, pinball machines, various kinds of position-activated toys, and similar applications, but it can also be used for some safety and security control systems, for soldering irons, etc.

How does it work?

Conventional tilt sensors are usually made by using a drop of mercury in an enclosed casing. When tilted, the liquid mercury will close its contacts. Although efficient, this approach is not very safe, as the mercury could escape the enclosure, and if not properly sealed, there might be some mercury vapor leakage through the enclosure itself. Mercury vapors are very toxic and should be avoided.

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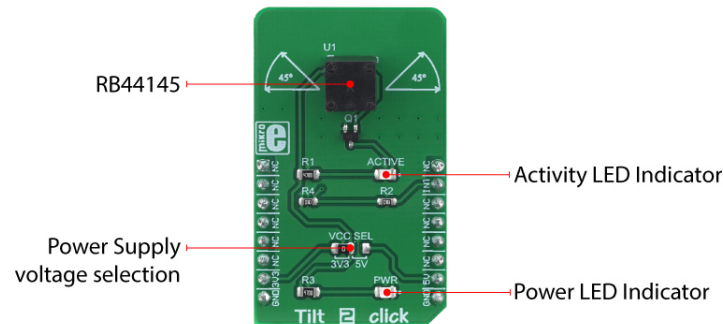
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The [RB-441-45](#), a 45° rolling ball sensor switch by [C&K Switches](#), a factory specialized in the production of various kinds of switches. The RB-441-45 sensor does not use any mercury. It has a gold-plated ball in a PBT plastic enclosure. The PBT plastic enclosure ensures a high electrical insulation, while the gold plating ensures a low ON resistance. However, the sensor is not intended to be operated on high voltages. It should not be operated at more than 24V, while only a low signal-level current up to 25mA is allowed to flow through its contacts.

The working principle of the RB-441-45 sensor switch with the rolling ball is simple. While it stands still, perpendicular to the ground surface, a small gold-plated rolling ball will be in contact with all four gold-plated terminals. As the ball moves, it will break the contacts. This is guaranteed to happen when the enclosure is tilted by 45° ($\pm 15^\circ$). Both the ball and the contacts are gold-plated for several reasons: the ball will not stick to the contacts, the contact resistance will be minimized, and there will be no corrosion of the outer layer, ensuring the long life-cycle. The endurance of the tilt switch is specified to 100,000 cycles. The maximum voltage across the terminals should not exceed 24VDC, while the current should stay below 25mA. This prevents forming of micro-arcs that could cause surface damage and shorten the life-cycle of the sensor switch.

Besides the tilt, the RB-441-45 sensor switch is also able to detect shaking, since any displacement of the ball will break the circuit. This extends its usability to various applications where a sudden movement might occur, such as when hitting or punching something. By being able to sense even this type of movements, the switch can be used in various public entertainment machines (slot, pinball, videogame consoles...).

Besides the RB-441-45 sensor switch, Tilt 2 click features a LED, which is driven via the NPN transistor: when the tilt sensor switch is closed, the transistor will be in a conductive state, and LED labeled as ACTIVE will be turned ON. When the switch contacts are broken (when tilted more than 45° or while being shaken), the ACTIVE LED will be turned OFF. The VCC voltage is brought to the PIN 1. The VCC voltage can be selected by an SMD Jumper labeled as VCC SEL. It can be used to select either 3.3V or 5V from the mikroBUS™ power rails.

Besides the LED, the INT pin from the mikroBUS™ is also connected to the sensor switch, allowing the host MCU to read the state of this switch. This pin is pulled to a LOW logic level by a resistor, so when deactivated, it will not float, but pulled to a LOW Logic level instead. When Activated, this pin will be set to a HIGH logic level, determined by a VCC SEL jumper. This allows the Click board™ to be used with both 3.3V and 5V MCUs. To ensure a reliable detection and bounce-free operation, the user should utilize the debouncing routines in the software. Due

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to the nature of the sensor switch, the software debouncing is a better solution in this case. Unlike the hardware solution, the software debouncing allows selecting the debouncing time, according to the specific application.

Specifications

Type	Motion,Vibration
Applications	It can be used in various consumer electronic devices, such as portable heaters, video games, pinball machines, various kinds of position-activated toys, and similar applications, but it can also be used for some safety and security control systems, for soldering irons, etc.
On-board modules	RB-441-45, a 45° rolling ball sensor switch by C&K Switches
Key Features	A high durability, up to 100,000 cycles, no mercury is used, gold plated ball and contacts ensure low ON resistance. PBT plastic casing has a high dielectric constant
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 **Tilt 2 Click** corresponds to the pinout on the mikroBUS™ socket (the latter shown in the two middle columns).

Notes	Pin					Pin	Notes
	NC	1	AN	PWM	16	NC	
	NC	2	RST	INT	15	INT	Tilt Switch Terminal
	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

Onboard settings and indicators

Label	Name	Default	Description
LD1	ACTIVE	-	Activation LED indicator

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LD2	PWR	-	Power LED indicator
J1	VCC SEL	Left	Power supply voltage selection: left position 3.3V, right position 5V

Software support

We provide a library for the **Tilt 2 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 contains a tilt detection function.

Key functions:

- uint8_t tilt2_tiltDetection() - Tilt detection.

Examples description

The application is composed of the three sections :

- System Initialization - Sets INT pin as INPUT for tilt detection.
- Application Initialization - Initialization driver init.
- Application Task - (code snippet) - Tilt detection, if the tilt is detected, the message is logs on USBUART.

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

Other mikroE Libraries used in the example:

- GPIO

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.

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Resources

[mikroBUS™](#)

[mikroSDK](#)

[Click board™ Catalog](#)

[Click Boards™](#)

Downloads

[Tilt 2 click example on Libstock](#)

[Tilt 2 Click 2D and 3D files](#)

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[Tilt 2 Click Schematic](#)

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