

HLS (MKY36) USB Unit
HLS-36USB
Product Manual

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• HLS-36USB Annex guide	1
• MicroUSB cable	1


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Manual	This document
Center	Master
Center IC	Master IC
Satellite	Slave

• Related manuals

For the use of this product, also refer to the following documents in which describe HLS communication. For software development, please refer to the HLS-36USB Software Specifications.

- Hi-speed Link System Introduction Guide
- Hi-speed Link System Technical Guide (For Network)
- MKY36 User's Manual

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Chapter 1 Product outline

HLS-36USB functions as a HLS master which can be connected to PC via USB interface.

MKY36, Master IC of HLS, is mounted on this product.

HLS-36USB provides more efficient use of MKY36 with library for Windows supported by StepTechnica.

This product is applied to evaluate HLS system or develop HLS slave.

This product is bus-powered USB device.

Chapter 2 Names and functions of each part

This chapter describes the names and functions of each part.

2.1 Names and functions

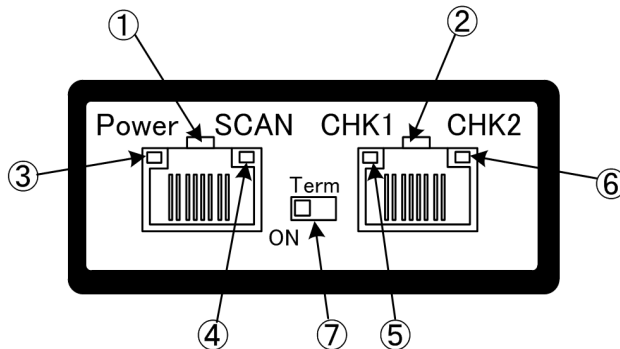


Fig.2-1 External view (front)

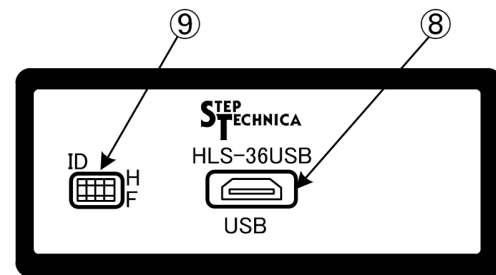


Fig.2-2 External view (back)

Table2-1 Names and meanings of each part

No.	Name	Type	Content																
1	HLS_A	Connector	HLS communication connector (Refer to "2.2.1 HLS Communication connectors")																
2	HLS_B	Connector	HLS communication connector (Refer to "2.2.1 HLS Communication connectors")																
3	Power (G)	LED	During power supply, a green LED is lit.																
4	SCAN (G)	LED	While HLS communication is active, a green LED is lit.																
5	CHK1 (O)	LED	When HLS communication error occurs once, an orange LED is lit.																
6	CHK2 (R)	LED	A red LED is lit when HLS communication errors have occurred three times consecutively at the same slave.																
7	Term	Switch	HLS interface can be connected to a termination register of 100 Ω by turning on this switch. (Factory-setting is ON state.)																
8	USB	Connector	USB connector for PC																
9	Option	Switch	<div><div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div></div><div><div>ON</div><div>1</div><div>2</div><div>3</div><div>4</div></div><div><div>H</div><div>F</div></div></div>	ID for identification of the HLS-36USB devices. <table><tr><th>Switch</th><th>1</th><th>2</th></tr><tr><td>ID=0</td><td>OFF</td><td>OFF</td></tr><tr><td>ID=1</td><td>ON</td><td>OFF</td></tr><tr><td>ID=2</td><td>OFF</td><td>ON</td></tr><tr><td>ID=3</td><td>ON</td><td>ON</td></tr></table> (Factory-setting is ID=0.)	Switch	1	2	ID=0	OFF	OFF	ID=1	ON	OFF	ID=2	OFF	ON	ID=3	ON	ON
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3 is unused switch. Always set this switch OFF.																			
4 is switch to select HLS communication mode. <table><tr><th></th><th>4</th></tr><tr><td>Half-duplex mode</td><td>OFF</td></tr><tr><td>Full-duplex mode</td><td>ON</td></tr></table> (Factory-setting is Half-duplex mode.)		4	Half-duplex mode	OFF	Full-duplex mode	ON													
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Half-duplex mode	OFF																		
Full-duplex mode	ON																		

2.2 Connectors

2.2.1 HLS communication connectors

Table2-2 HLS communication connector pin assignment in full-duplex mode

Pin number	Signal name
1	NC
2	NC
3	RXD+
4	TXD-
5	TXD+
6	RXD-
7	NC
8	Case Shield

Note : HLS_A and HLS_B are the same pinout.

Table2-3 HLS communication connector pin assignment in half-duplex mode

Pin number	Signal name
1	NC
2	NC
3	NC
4	TRX-
5	TRX+
6	NC
7	NC
8	Case Shield

Note) HLS_A and HLS_B are the same pinout.

Caution: If Term switch is ON, this product will be the termination.
 In this case, please do not connect the cable to the HLS_B connector.
 Please connect the cable only to HLS_A connector.
 If this product is not the termination, set the Term switch OFF.

Chapter 3 Software setup

This chapter describes the software setup required to use this product.

Please download "Setup Disk" for HLS-36USB from our website's 'Download' page in advance.

URL : <http://www.steptechnica.com/en/download/index.html>

This software requires the following operating systems.

Windows11

3.1 File structure

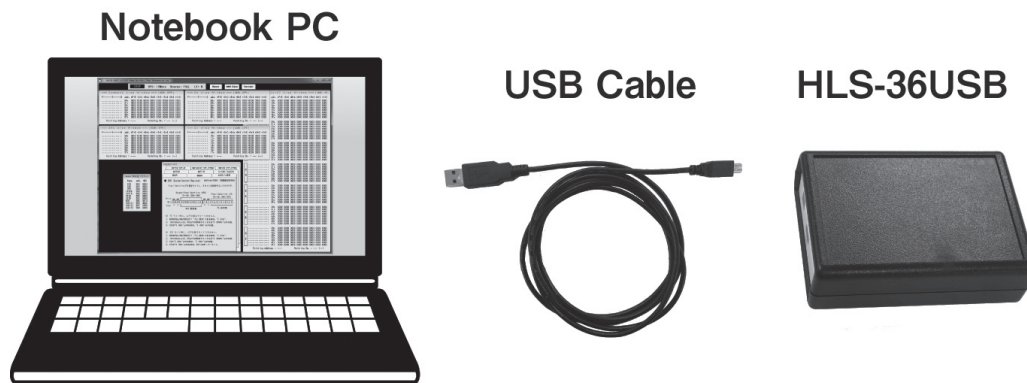
File structure of "Setup Disk" is the following.

HLS-36USB_V100

+----	STD-HLS36USB_V1.0E.pdf	This document
+----	STD-HLS36USB-SW_V1.0E.pdf	Software specification
+----	DLL_Ver.1.0.0	DLL folder
	+ ---- x86	Library folder for 32bitOS
	---- hls36usb.dll	Dynamic library for 32bitOS
	---- hls36usb.lib	Static library for 32bitOS
	---- hls36usb.h	Header files of the library function
	+ ---- x64	Library folder for 64bitOS
	---- hls36usb.dll	Dynamic library for 64bitOS
	---- hls36usb.lib	Static library for 64bitOS
	---- hls36usb.h	Header files of the library function
+----	Driver_Ver.1.0.0	Driver folder
	---- hls36usb.cat	Catalog file
	---- hls36usb.inf	System definition file
	---- dpinst_x86.exe	Driver installation file for 32bitOS
	---- dpinst_x64.exe	Driver installation file for 64bitOS
	---- dpinst.xml	Configuration files for dpinst
	---- 36usb.bmp	Background image file for the dpinst
	---- HLS.ico	Icon file for dpinst
+----	HLSeditor36E for HLS-36USB_Ver.1.0.0	Editor software folder
	----setup.exe	Installation file of the editor software
	---- HLSeditor36E.CAB	Cabinet file for installation
	---- SETUP.LST	LST file for installation

3.2 How to connect to PC

Connect the PC and HLS-36USB using MicroUSB cable.










3.3 How to install driver software

This section describes the driver installation procedure.

In this document, how to install the driver on Windows 11 is illustrated.

1 Power on the PC, start Windows, please login with an administrator account (such as Administrator.)

2 Select "Driver_Ver.1.0.0\dpinst_x64.exe", and run.

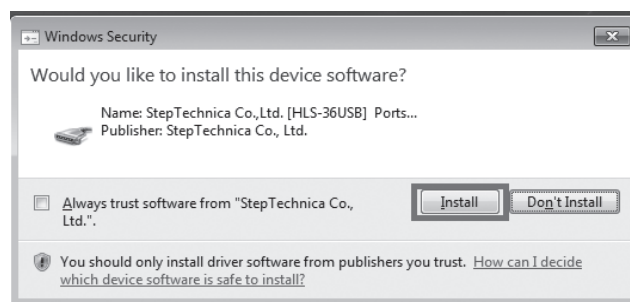
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	dpinst_x64.exe	12/3/2014 1:13 PM	Application	1,016 KB
	dpinst_x86.exe	9/5/2016 1:10 PM	Application	894 KB
	HLS.ico	12/5/2012 3:48 PM	Icon	6 KB
	hls36usb.cat	9/5/2016 12:55 PM	Security Catalog	8 KB
	hls36usb.inf	8/6/2016 2:37 PM	Setup Information	2 KB

3 User Account Control dialog box will show up. Select "Yes".

4 Driver installation window is displayed. Select "Next".



5 Windows Security dialog box will show up. Select "Install".



6 Select "Finish".



3.4 How to check HLS-36USB

Start the "Device Manager". Make sure that "HLS-36USB" is identified.

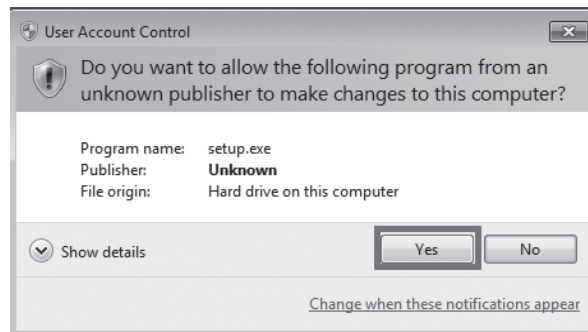
3.5 How to install HLSeditor36E for HLS-36USB

This chapter describes how to install the GUI support tool for HLS-36USB.

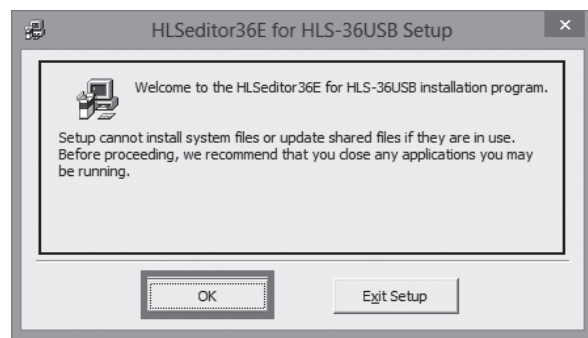
1 Run "HLSeditor36E for HLS-36USB_Ver.1.0.0 \ setup.exe".

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
HLSeditor36E.CAB	10/21/2016 3:20 PM	Cabinet File	2,871 KB
setup.exe	2/23/2004 12:00 AM	Application	137 KB
SETUP.LST	10/21/2016 3:20 PM	LST File	4 KB

2 User Account Control dialog box shows up. Select "Yes".



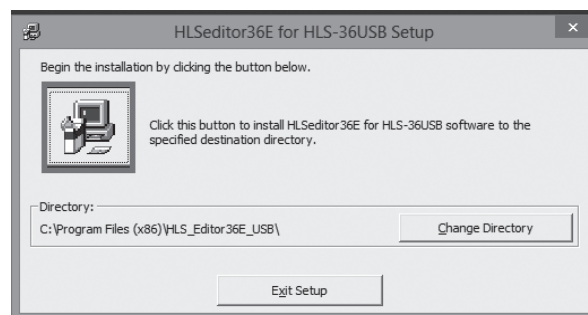
3 HLSeditor36E for HLS-36USB Setup dialog box shows up. Select "OK".



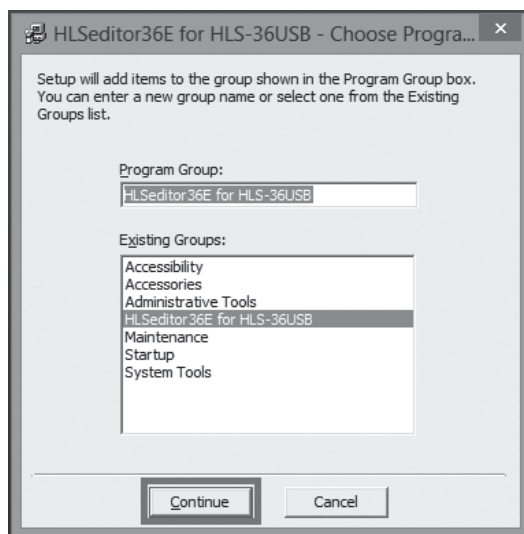
4 Specify an installation directory of HLSeditor36E for HLS-36USB.

If you want to change the installation directory, please click "Change Directory".

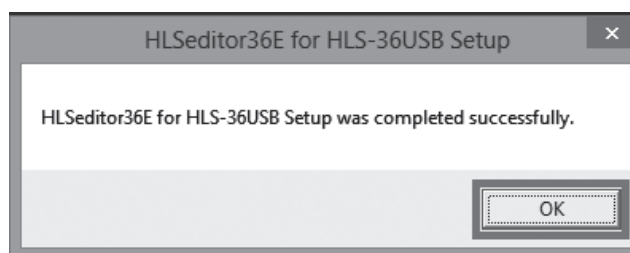
Installation work starts by clicking on the block-shaped button.



5 A dialog box to select the program group of HLSeditor36E for HLS-36USB shows up. Select "Continue".



6 The dialog box shows up messaging that the setup process was completed. Press "OK" button.



Chapter 4 Hardware

4.1 Main specifications

Table4-1 Main specifications

Power supply method	MicroUSB bus power
The supply voltage fluctuation range	4.75V ~ 5.25V
Consumption current	400mA or less
Operating frequency	48MHz (MKY36)
Number of concurrent use	4 (Up to 4 units can be connected to one PC.)
Operating temperature	0°C to 40°C
Storage temperature	0°C to 80°C
Operating humidity	0% to 90% (Without condensation)
Atmospheric conditions	Without corrosive gas.
Size	66.5 (W) × 28 (H) × 92 (D) mm Not including rubber feet
Weight	100g (max)

4.2 HLS communication specifications

Table4-2 HLS communication specifications

Communication method	Full-duplex or half-duplex can be selected by switch and software program.
Communication configuration	Multi-drop configuration.
Communication cable	Shielded twisted-pair cable (CAT-5 or greater straight-through cables can be used.)
Interfaces	RJ-45 (2 pieces) , RS485 level, differential type, pulse transformer isolation system.
Transfer rate	12Mbps/6Mbps/3Mbps (Rates can be selected by software program)
Termination	Enable / Disable can be selected by switching.
Operation indicator	Communication is active : SCAN LED is lit green Communication is stopped : SCAN LED is lit off

4.3 Interfaces and PC system requirements

Table4-3 Interfaces and PC system requirements

USB bus specification	USB2.0 / 1.1
USB Interface	MicroUSB ^{*1}
Supporting OS	Windows11
Accessories	USB Cable
Provided software	Windows Driver Library for Windows HLSeditor36E

※ 1 Operation is not guaranteed when the product is connected to PC via USB hub.

4.4 HLS interface

4.4.1 Full-duplex communication

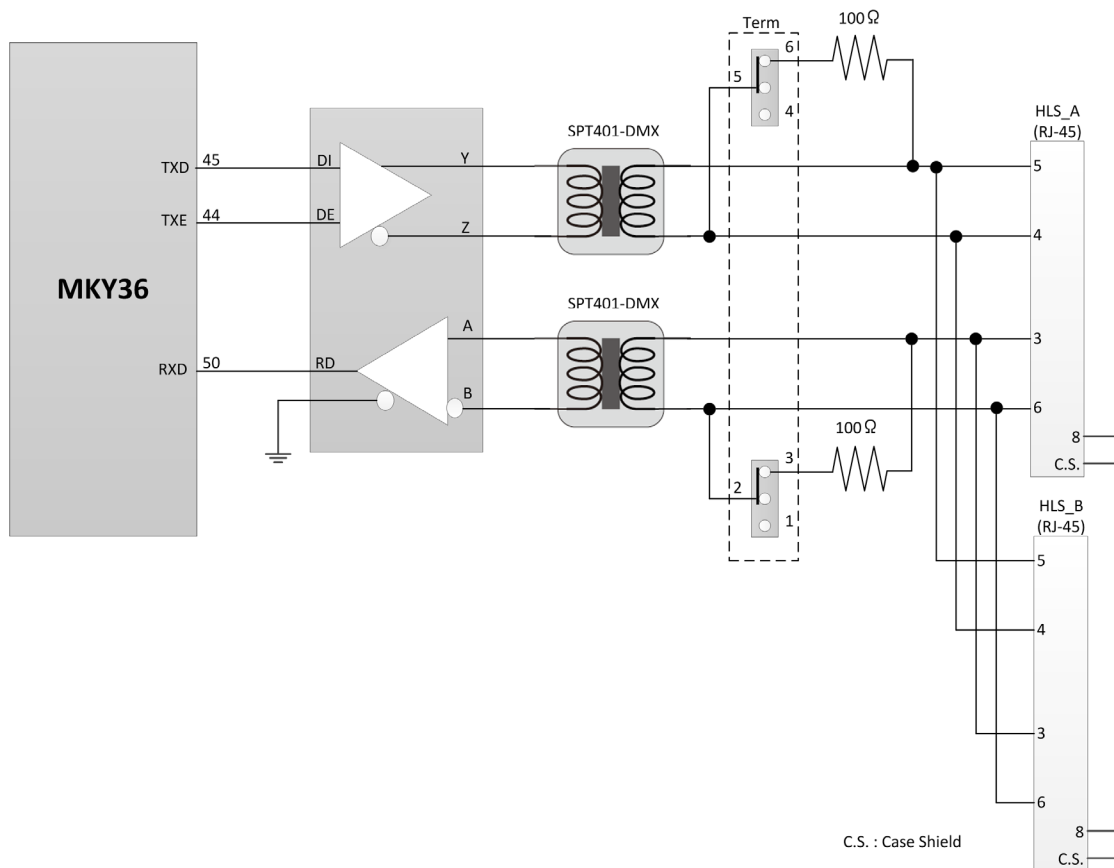


Fig.4-1 Full-duplex communication specifications

4.4.2 Half-duplex communication

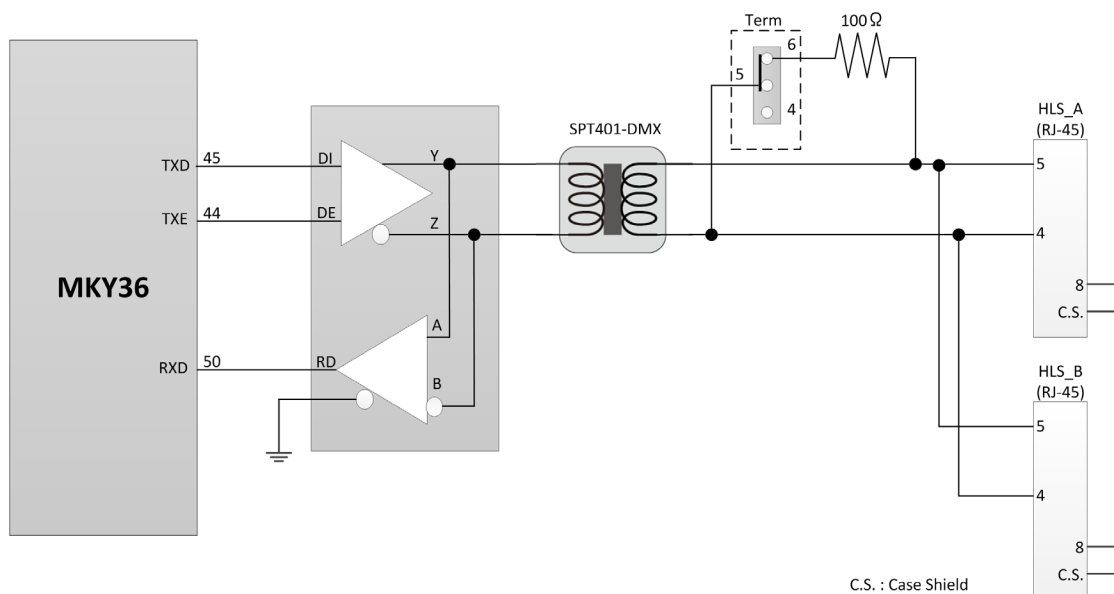


Fig.4-2 Half-duplex communication specifications

4.5 Dimension drawing

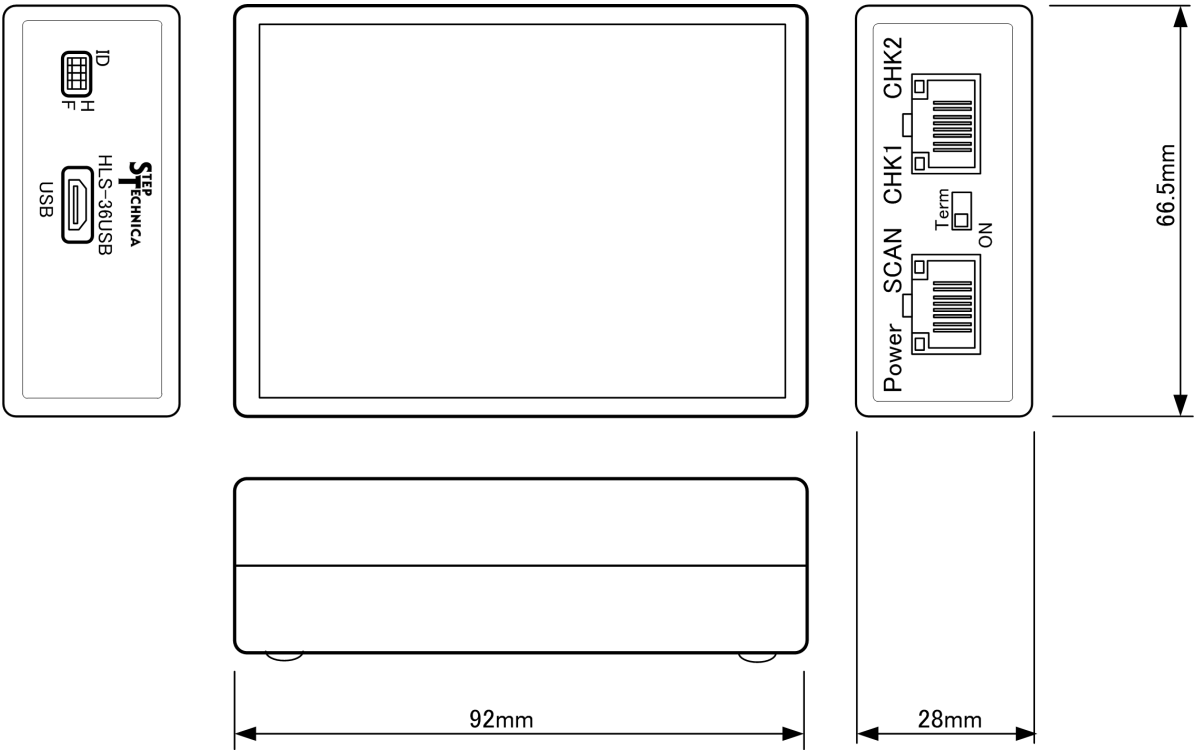


Fig.4-3 Dimension drawing

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