

# MMusb232RL

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## User's manual

REV 1.0

## Introduction

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**MMusb232RL** is a low-cost integrated module for data transmission via USB interface. It is based on FTDI's FT232RL device. Mmusb232RL module can work with 1Mboud/s (RS232), 3Mboud/s (RS422/RS485, TTL) data transfer speed. It's a simple device which represents an interface between USB and Asynchronous Serial Data Transfer. There is a USB cable attached to the module. Windows drivers allow to emulate a serial port on the PC and that provides for upgrading applications. Choosing our Minimodule is the first step for projects, which should be done in a short time. MMusb232 could be used as a part of a prototype eliminating the necessity of designing circuit board and final circuit in which module is fitted "sandwichlike" on top.

**MMusb232RL** is made in two-layer printed circuit board technology with a solid ground plane. All signals are accessible via 24 pins, in a 100mils raster (2.54 mm) which allows to use this module with prototype PCBs. Integral power control makes the MMusb232RL a perfect choice for USB bus-powered, high power designs as well as self- and low-powered products.

***We wish you much success in designing and using new devices !***

## Features Summary

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- Single on-board Chip USB - Asynchronous Serial Data Transfer
- USB data transmission speed from 300 bod/s to 3Mbod/s (RS422, RS485, TTL level) and up to 1 Mbod/s (RS232)
- Integrated USB protocol on FT232RL
- Full Handshaking & Modem Interface Signals (by hardware or XOn/XOff)
- UART I/F Supports 7 / 8 Bit Data, 1 / 2 Stop Bits and Odd/Even/Mark/Space/No Parity
- 384 Byte Receive Buffer / 128 Byte Transmit Buffer for high data throughput
- Auto Transmit Buffer control for RS485
- Support for USB Suspend / Resume
- 5 configurable lines CBUS I/O
- Integrated logical level converter (5V/1.8V)
- Adjustable RX buffer timeout
- FTDI drivers available
- Built in clock signal generator (6, 12, 24 i 48MHz)
- Integrated 1024bit internal EEPROM
- *Bit bang* mode (advanced asynchronous with two strobes, synchronous and asynchronous use 4 CBUS lines)
- Support for bus powered, self powered and high-power bus powered USB configuratoinis
- Integrated power-on-reset circuit with optional I/O reset
- Integrated 3.3V regulator for USB IO
- Pwer supply from 3.3V to 5.25V
- Each circuit has its own unique ID (FTDIChip-ID™ feature)
- UHCI / OHCI / EHCI host controller compatible

- USB 2.0 compatible
- Standard USB connector, B type
- Standard 6in wide 24 pin DIP socket

## New Features

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FT232R is back compatible with FT232BM, but most integrated. FT232R doesn't need external crystal oscillator, EEPROM and USB resistors. It is not necessary to use separate power supply from the analog part. It minimalizes the amount of needed elements in the module and makes the circuit most resistant to disturbances.

### New Features

- 5 I/O lines (CBUS0...4) which functions are possible to set using free MPPROG software
  - Individual polarization setting for the RS232 lines
  - Built-in clock signal generator, which can be connected to peripheral devices
  - Unique Identification Number (FTDIDChipID)
  - *Bit bang* mode implemented (advanced asynchronous with two strobes, synchronous and asynchronous using 4 CBUS lines), which definitely increase application capabilities
  - The device operating supply current has been reduced to 15mA (VCC 3.3V - 5V)
- 0 / ME / XP, Linux

## Application Areas

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- USB to RS232, RS422/RS485 converters
- Upgrading RS232 Legacy Peripherals to USB
- Cellular and Cordless Phone USB data transfer
- cables and interfaces
- Interfacing MCU based designs to USB
- USB Audio and Low Bandwidth Video data transfer
- PDA - USB data transfer
- USB Smart Card Readers
- Set Top Box (S.T.B ) PC - USB interface
- USB Hardware Modems
- USB Wireless Modems
- USB Instrumentation
- USB Bar Code Readers
- Audio/Video transmission

## General Description

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**MMusb232RL** module is a USB interface that incorporates the functionality FT232BM into a single 24-pin module. A single USB port is converted to RS232 or RS422/RS485 interface, which allows communicating with greater speed..

By using FTDI's virtual COM port drivers, the peripheral looks like a standard COM port to the application software. Most of existing applications support VCP. User must only change the ports used by software to ports created by the driver. Using VCP the programmer can communicate with the device the same as by a regular PC COM port. Commands to set the baud rate are ignored - the device always transfers data at its fastest rate regardless of the application's baud-rate setting. Alternatively, FTDI's D2XX drivers allow application software to access the device "directly" through a published DLL based API.

### Virtual Com Port (VCP) drivers

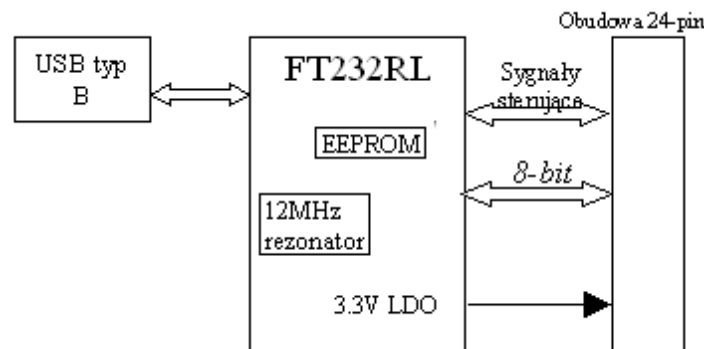
- Windows 98 / 98 SE / 2000 / ME / XP, MacOS, Linux 2.4 and greater

### D2XX (Direct Drivers + DLL S/W)

- Windows 98 / 98 SE / 2000 / ME / XP, Linux

## MMusb232RL Module Simplified Block Diagram

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*Figure 1. MMusb232RL block diagram*

### Functional Block Descriptions

#### 12MHz Oscillator

The 12MHz Oscillator cell generates a 12MHz reference clock input to the x4 Clock multiplier from an external 12MHz ceramic resonator. Clock signal is used by SIE, USB Protocol Engine and FIFO controller.

#### Controller includes:

- Integrated Power-On-Reset
- Integrated Level Converter on UART interface and control signals
- Improved Power Management control for USB Bus Powered, high current devices
- USB Suspend / Resume signals
- Lower Suspend Current
- Bit Bang Mode

- USB 2.0 (full speed option)
- 3.3V LDO Regulator
- Clock Multiplier/Divider
- Serial Interface Engine (SIE)
- Dual Port TX Buffer (128 bytes)
- Dual Port RX Buffer (384 bytes)
- UART FIFO Controller
- Baud Rate Generator
- RESET Generator

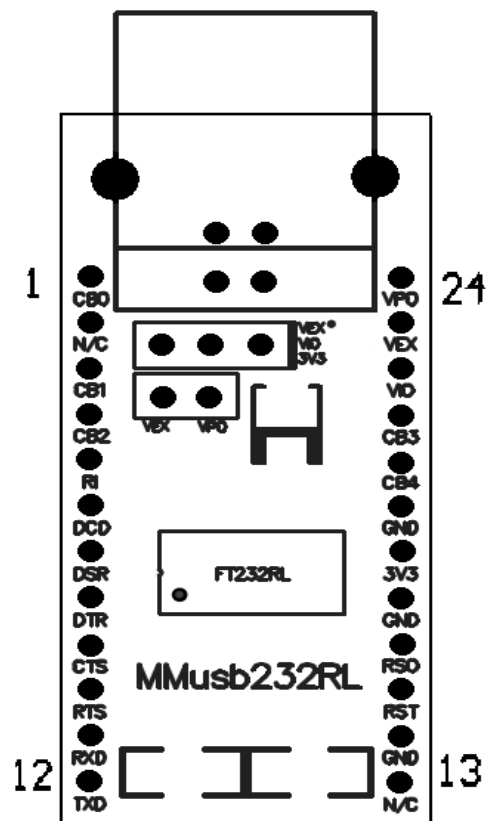
(More info: [www.ftdichip.com](http://www.ftdichip.com))

### EEPROM memory

The EEPROM allows customize the USB VID, PID, Serial Number, Product Description Strings, Power Descriptor value and CB0...4 lines configuration. EEPROM is integrated with the FT232R and can be programmed using a utility program available from FTDI's web site ([www.ftdichip.com](http://www.ftdichip.com)) and [www.propox.com](http://www.propox.com)

## Module Pin-Out

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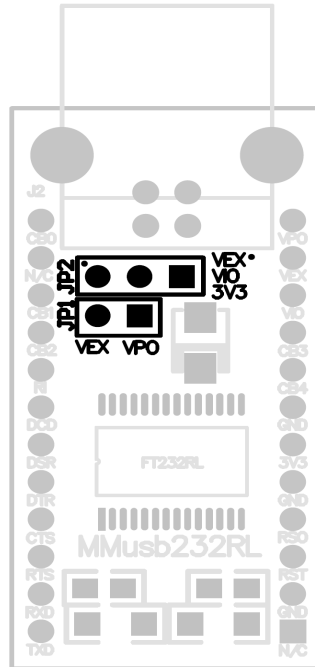
*Figure 2. Pin-Out*

## Pin Definitions

Pin	Pin's name	mode	Description
1	CB0	input/ output	Configurable CBUS line (default TXLED#)
3	CB1	input/ output	Configurable CBUS line (default RXLED#)
4	CB2	input/ output	Configurable CBUS line (default TXDEN#)
5	RI	input	Ring Indicator Control Input. When the Remote Wakeup option is enabled in the EEPROM, taking RI low can be used to resume the PC USB Host controller from suspend.
6	DCD	input	Data Carrier Detect Control Input
7	DSR	input	Data Set Ready Control Input / Handshake signal
8	DTR	input	Data Terminal Ready Control Output / Handshake signal
9	CTS	input	Clear To Send Control Input / Handshake signal
10	RTS	output	Request To Send Control Output / Handshake signal
11	RXD	input	Receive Asynchronous Data Input
12	TXD	output	Transmit Asynchronous Data Output
15	RST	input	Can be used by an external device to reset the MMusb232. If not required, tie to VCC.
16	RSO	output	Output of the internal Reset Generator. Stays high impedance for ~ 5ms after VCC > 3.5V and the internal clock starts up, then clamps its output to the 3.3v output of the internal regulator. Taking RESET# low will also force RSTOUT# to drive low. RSTOUT# is NOT affected by a USB Bus Reset.
18	3V3	output	3.3 volt Output from the integrated L.D.O. regulator.
20	CB4	input/ output	Configurable CBUS line (default SLEEP#)
21	CB3	input/ output	Configurable CBUS line (default PWREN#)
22	VIO	input	+3.0 volt to +5.25 volt VCC to the UART interface pins
23	VEX	input	Set main power supply, should be connect to VPO if powered from USB port
24	VPO	output	Power supply from USB

# Jumpers

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**Figure 3. Musb232RL jumpers view (top layer)**

Jumper	Description
JP1	VEX i VPO pins
JP2	VEX, VIO, 3V3 pins

## Technical Data

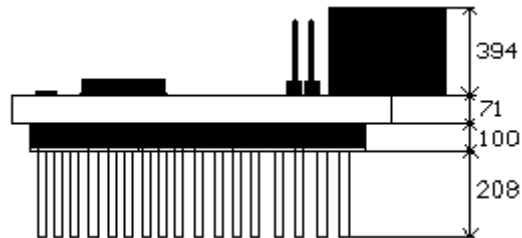
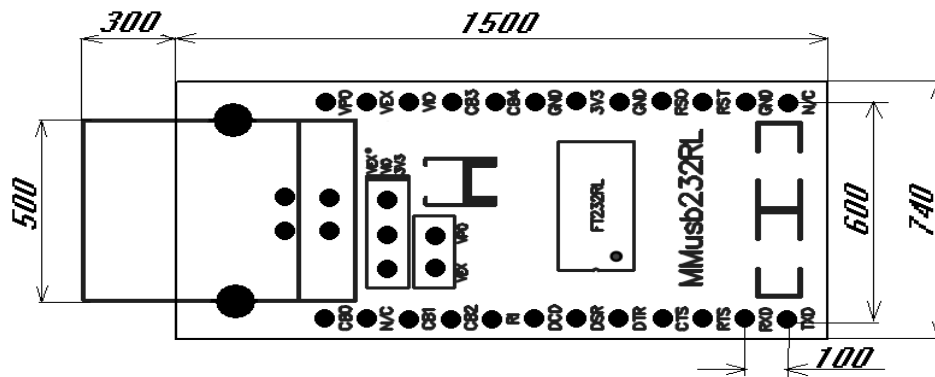
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Dimensions : 45mm x 20mm x 15mm  
Weight : ~ 60 g  
Power supply : 5V

Additional 5 pins have been placed on the board for power supply configuration. VEX and VPO connected cause supplying from USB. Last 3 pins are used for voltage level establishing: 3.3V (VIO-3V3) or 5V (VIO-VEX).

## Mechanical Dimensions

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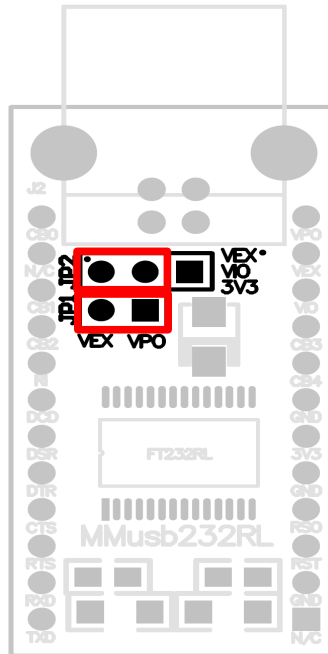
Dimensions are in mils.  
 1mil – 1/1000 inch  
 100mils = 2,54mm



## Standard Device Configuration Examples

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### *USB Bus Powered (jumpers configuration - red)*



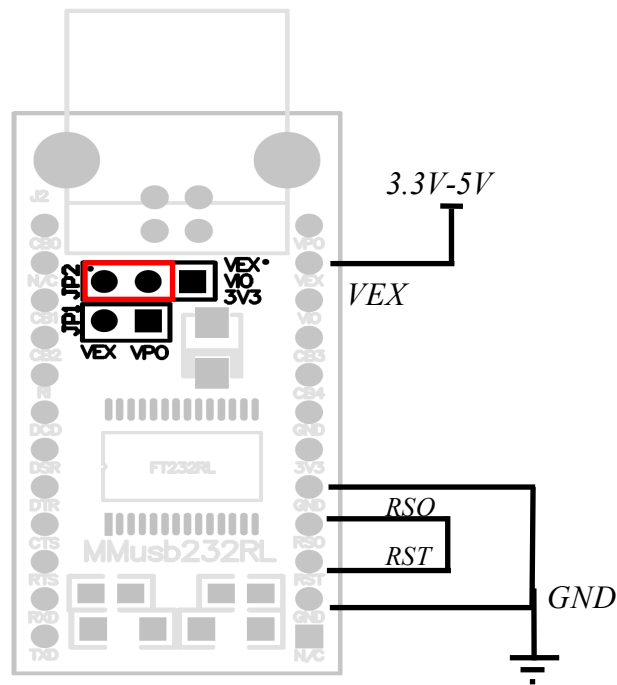
**Figure 4. Mmusb232RL USB bus powered**

Figure 4 illustrates a typical USB bus powered configuration. A USB Bus Powered device gets its power from the USB bus. Basic rules for USB Bus power devices are as follows:

- On plug-in, the device must draw no more than 100mA
- On USB Suspend the device must draw no more than 500uA.
- A High Power USB Bus Powered Device (one that draws more than 100mA) should use the on-board MOSFET to keep the current drawn by external circuitry to below ~70mA on plug-in and ~200uA on USB suspend
- A device that consumes more than 100mA can not be plugged into a USB
- No device can draw more that 500mA from the USB Bus.

The USB power descriptor option in the EEPROM should be programmed to match the actual current intake.

## External powered configuration



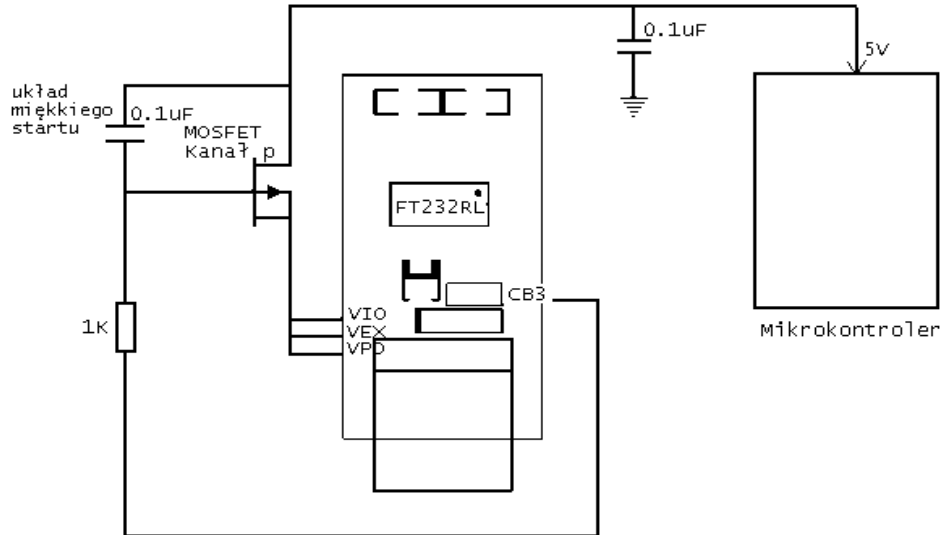
**Figure 5. Mmusb232RL external power supply**

Figure 5 illustrates a typical USB self powered configuration. A USB Self Powered device gets its power from its own Power Supply and does not draw current from the USB bus. Basic rules for USB Self power devices are as follows:

- A Self-Powered device should not force current down the USB bus when the USB Host or Hub Controller is powered down.
- A Self-Powered device can take as much current as it likes during normal operation and USB suspend as it has its own power source.
- A Self-Powered device can be used with any USB Host and both Bus and Self Powered USB Hubs.

The USB power descriptor option in the EEPROM should be programmed to a value of zero (self powered).

## Bus powered circuit with power control – 5V power supply



**Figure 6. Mmusb232RL Bus powered circuit with power control – 5V power supply**

In case of configuration as shown on figure 6 the jumpers are not necessary.

Figure 6 illustrates USB bus powered circuit configuration of *Musb232RL*. External (5V) devices can be powered from this module.

Basic rules for USB Self power devices are as follows:

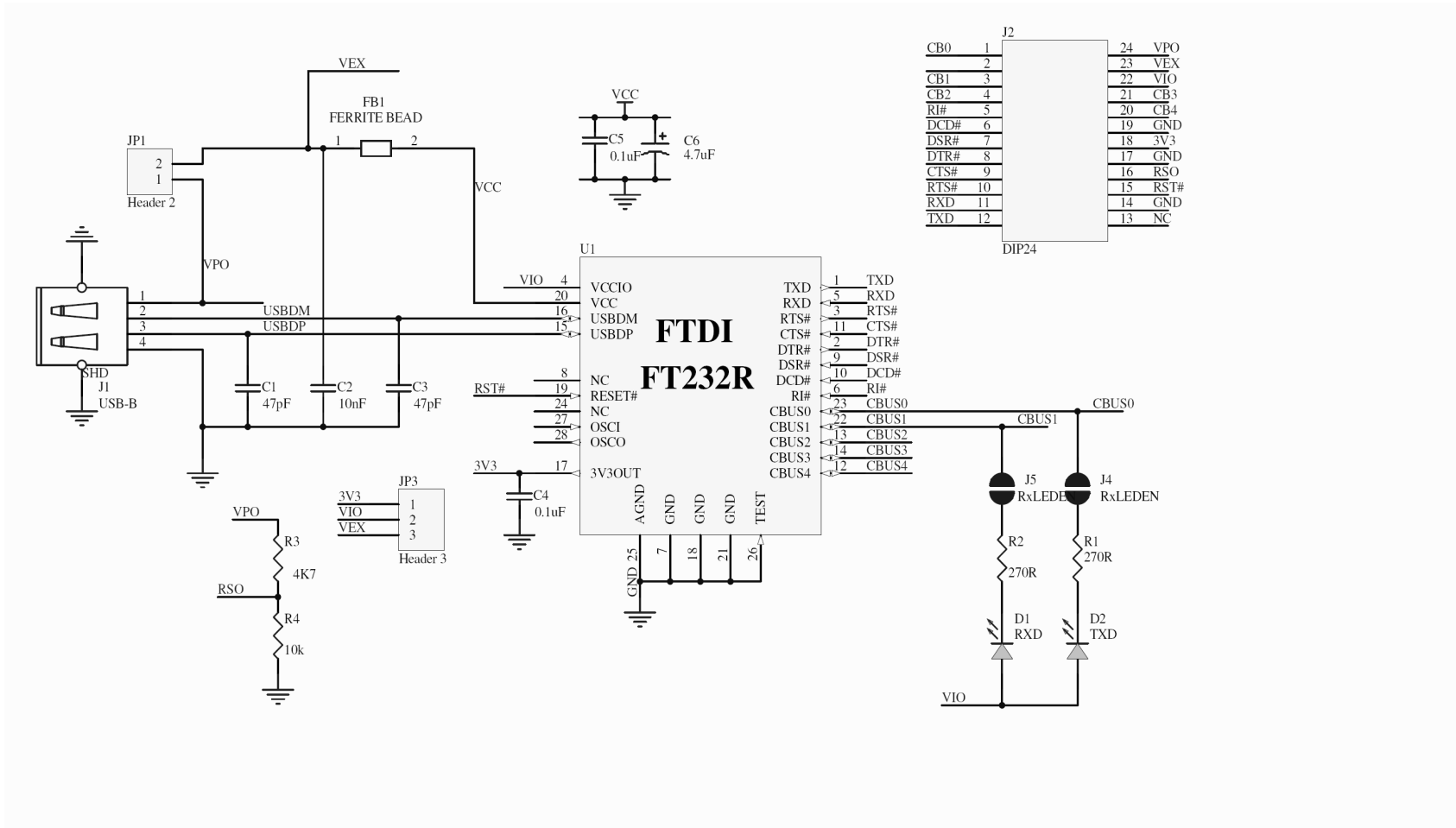
- An external device must have own power-on-reset circuit
- A Pull-down option in internal EEprom should be set on Suspend. One of CBUS pins should be configured as PWREN# in internal EEprom and should be used for switching the supply to external circuits.
- For devices, which take from USB more than 100mA current (no device can draw more than 500mA from the USB Bus) in internal EEprom should be configured **max power** parameter, which inform system of required power consumption.

## Technical support

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If You have problem with MMusb232RL, please contact us at [support@propox.com](mailto:support@propox.com).

# Schematic



CB0	1	24	VPO
	2	23	VEX
CB1	3	22	VIO
CB2	4	21	CB3
RI#	5	20	CB4
DCD#	6	19	GND
DSR#	7	18	3V3
DTR#	8	17	GND
CTS#	9	16	RSO
RTS#	10	15	RST#
RXD	11	14	GND
TXD	12	13	NC

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