GigaBlox Rugged

Small 4 port 10/100/1000 Mbps Ethernet Switch

Datasheet

Applies to:
MPN: BB-GGR-C-2
MPN: BB-GGR-C-2-NDAA

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1 General Information

1.1 Functionality and Features of GigaBlox Rugged

GigaBlox Rugged is a very small layer 2 unmanaged and managed ethernet switch that fits four 10/100/1000Mbps copper ethernet ports in an ultra-compact 50mm x 55mm form factor. GigaBlox Rugged is designed to be a more rugged and more capable upgrade to our GigaBlox product and is designed for space, weight and price-sensitive (SWaP) industrial, mobile and military applications.

1.1.1 Features

- 4 x 10/100/1000M (10/100/1000BASE-T) non-blocking ethernet ports
- Input voltage range from 5 to 60V
- Reverse protected voltage input
- Transient protected voltage input
- -40ºC to 105ºC Operation Range (using a heatsink)
- 50mm x 55mm board size
- Molex PicoBlade connectors for power and ports
- Automatic MDI-X crossover
- Unmanaged (out-the-box) functionality
- Embedded NOR Flash to support customised firmware upload for managed switch functions
- Port Activity Indicators

1.1.2 General Information

Voltage Input	8V to 60V DC (65V absolute max)
Voltage Output	None
Supported Protocols	10/100/1000BASE-T
Number of ports	4 x 10/100/1000BASE-T
Packet buffer	1.75 MBits
Power Consumption	1W idle, 4W at full data rate
Weight	20 grams
Size	50mm x 55mm x 16.2mm
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +100°C
Storage Temperature	-55°C to +125°C

Table 1: General Information

1.1.3 General Operating Instructions

GigaBlox Rugged is designed for use in harsh environments, operating from a nominal supply voltage of 24V, but with the ability to operate from as low as 5V and as high as 60V.

In the simplest case of an unmanaged switch application, GigaBlox Rugged can be operated immediately by following the following steps.

1) Apply a voltage between 5V to 60V to the voltage input terminals.

2) Connect external devices to the ethernet ports using RJ45 to PicoBlade cables.

3) GigaBlox Rugged will automatically begin auto negotiation with connected devices and begin receiving and forwarding packets to/from all connected devices.

1.2 Safety Information

- This device can operate on voltages near and above 60V. Please read this manual before operating.
- This device is provided "as is". In-application testing prior to integration is recommended.
- This device is provided as an electronic circuit board, and requires integration into chassis for full ingress protection.
- Do not use this product in wet environments without integrating into a chassis.
- Do not operate this product beyond the rated temperature and voltages.
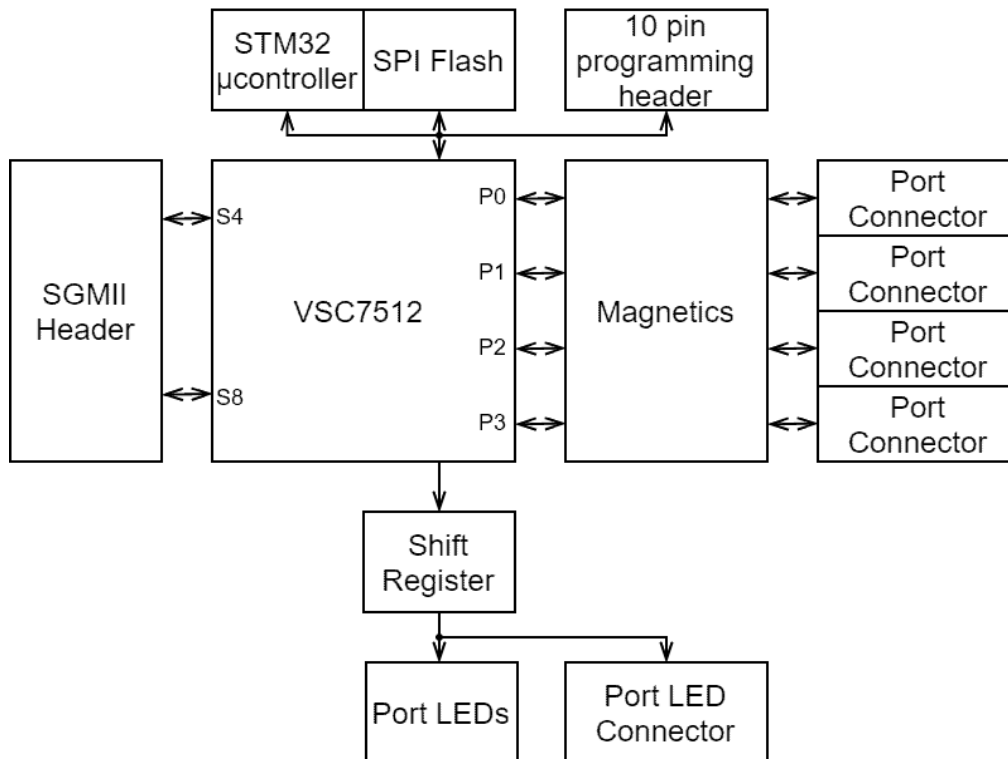
1.3 Block Diagram

Figure 1: GigaBlox Rugged Block Diagram

1.4 Included Equipment

The product includes the following:
1 x GigaBlox Rugged board
4 x Molex PicoBlade to RJ45 4-way Shielded Twisted Pair cables (300mm)
1 x Molex PicoBlade Power Cable to bare, tinned leads (300mm)
1 x 13mm x 13mm x 10mm heat sink

1.5 RoHS Certification of Compliance

GigaBlox Rugged complies with the RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive) Certificate of Compliance.
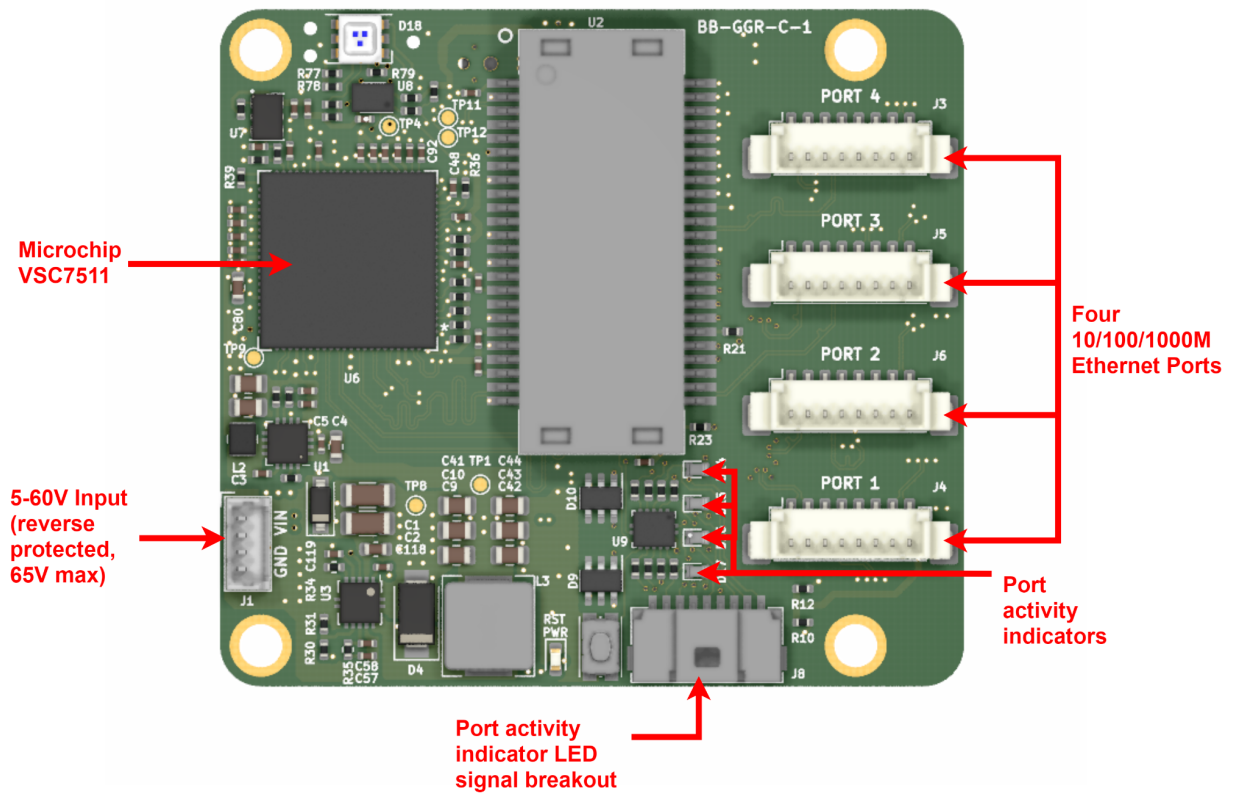
2 Hardware Interfaces

2.1 Board Map

Figure 2: GigaBlox Rugged Board Map (front)

2.2 Connectors and Pinouts

2.2.1 Voltage Input

The left connector is the voltage input terminal. A four pin connector is used to allow the input voltage to be easily daisy chained between boards (two wires per power rail).

The voltage input has the following features:
- Voltage input can range from 5 to 60V
- Maximum allowable voltage of 65V
- Transient voltage protection above 66.3V
- Reverse polarity protection

The pinout of the voltage input connector is shown in figure 4 below. Note that this pinout is identical to the pinout used on GigaBlox.
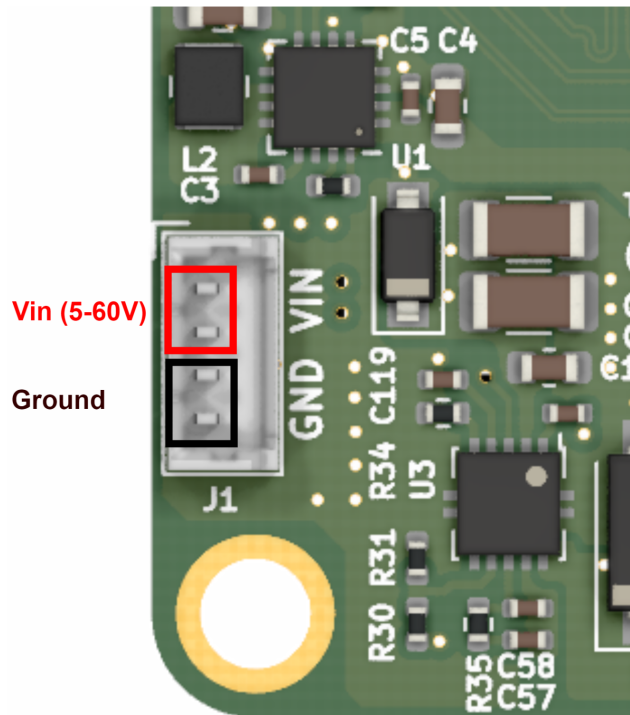
Figure 4: Voltage input header pinout

Connector part numbers

Connector on board	Mating header	Crimp used	Wire used
530470410	0510210400	500798000	UL1061, 28AWG

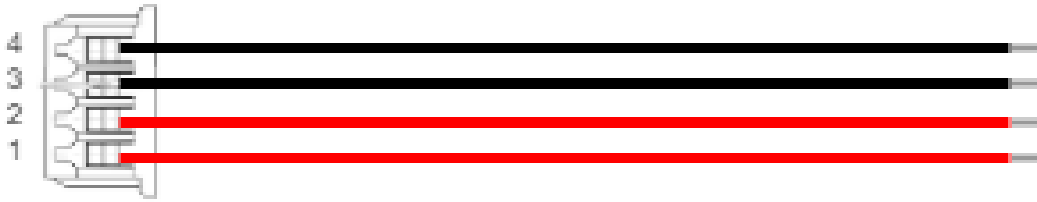*Table 2: Voltage input connector pinout and part numbers*

Cable pinout

Figure 5: Voltage input cable pinout (red = V+, black = GND)

2.2.2 Ethernet Ports

There are four ethernet connectors on GigaBlox Rugged. Each connector has eight pins corresponding to the eight signals required for 1000BASE-T which are A-, A+, B-, B+, D-, D+, C+, C- and GND. The pin mapping of all four connectors is identical.

Figure 6 below shows the pinout of the signals. Note that this pinout is the same as the pinout used on GigaBlox.
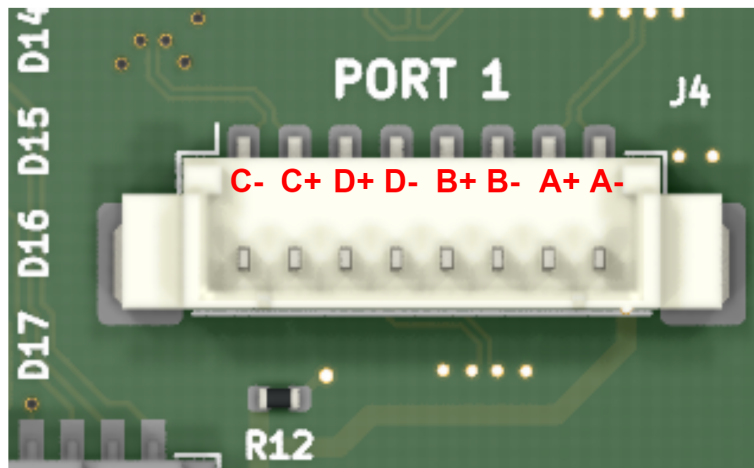

Figure 6: Ethernet port pinout

Connector on board	Mating header	Crimp used	Wire used
530470810	0510210800	500798000	UL1061, 28AWG

Table 3: Ethernet connector pinout and part numbers

Cable pinout

Cable 1
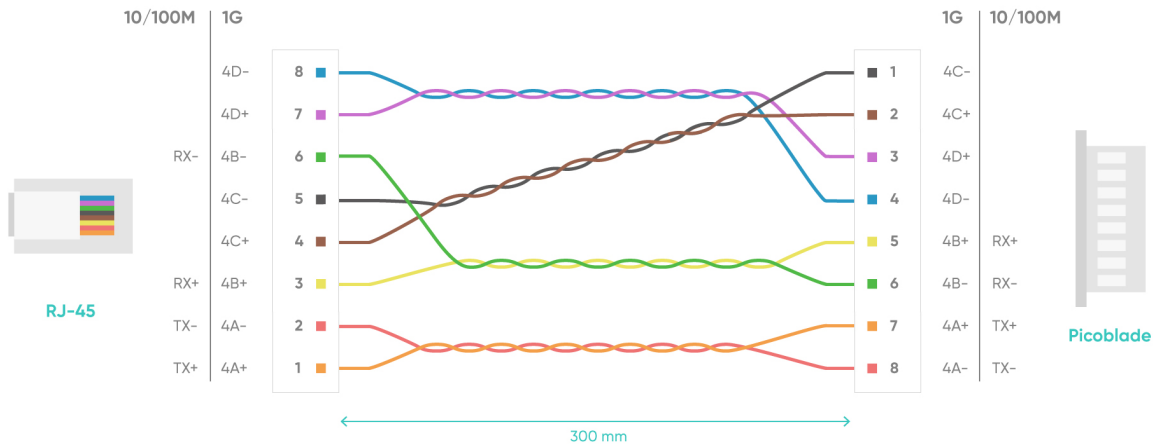**8p Picoblade to RJ-45 8p 300mm**

Figure 7: Ethernet cable pinout

2.2.3 Extension SGMII header

GigaBlox Rugged exposes SGMII on a stackable header, allowing two GigaBlox Rugged to be stacked together to create a 8 port switch (unmanaged and managed). At present this feature is non-functional but is expected to be enabled on future boards with a firmware update.

The stackable header also allows integration into any other board over SGMII. This can be used for network extension or in-band switch management.

To stack two boards, you will need a pin header (MPN:NRPN072PAEN-RC), 11mm hex standoffs (MPN:M1258-2545-SS), and M2.5 machine screws (MPN: 29300).
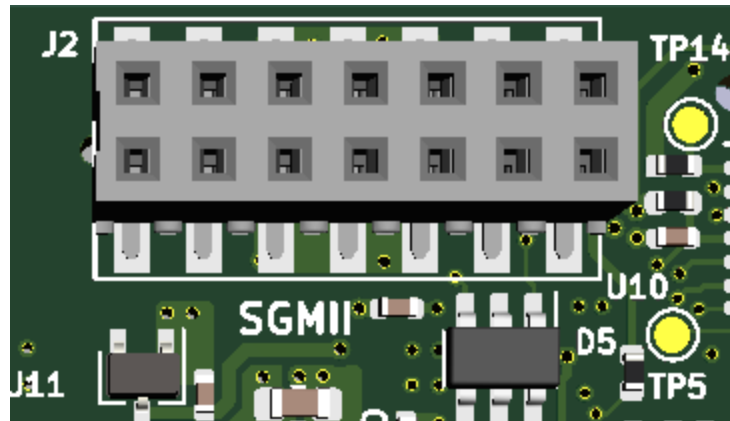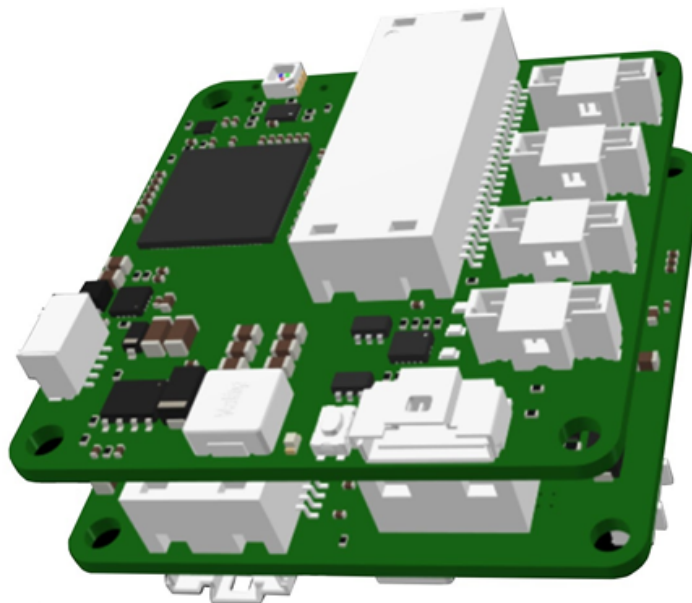

Figure 8: Extension SGMII header pinout

Figure 9: Stackable board (shown here using Rev A boards, the view is similar for Rev C boards)

2.2.4 Programming Header

The device has two variants: Internal MCU and External MCU

    a. Internal MCU variant

The switch supports four SPI chip-select pins, but only SI_nCS0 can be used for the internal CPU to boot from Flash. 4 Mbit external Flash is used in this variant, the part number is IS25LQ040B-JULE.

A programming header on the back of the board allows the IS25LQ040B on GigaBlox Rugged to be programmed.
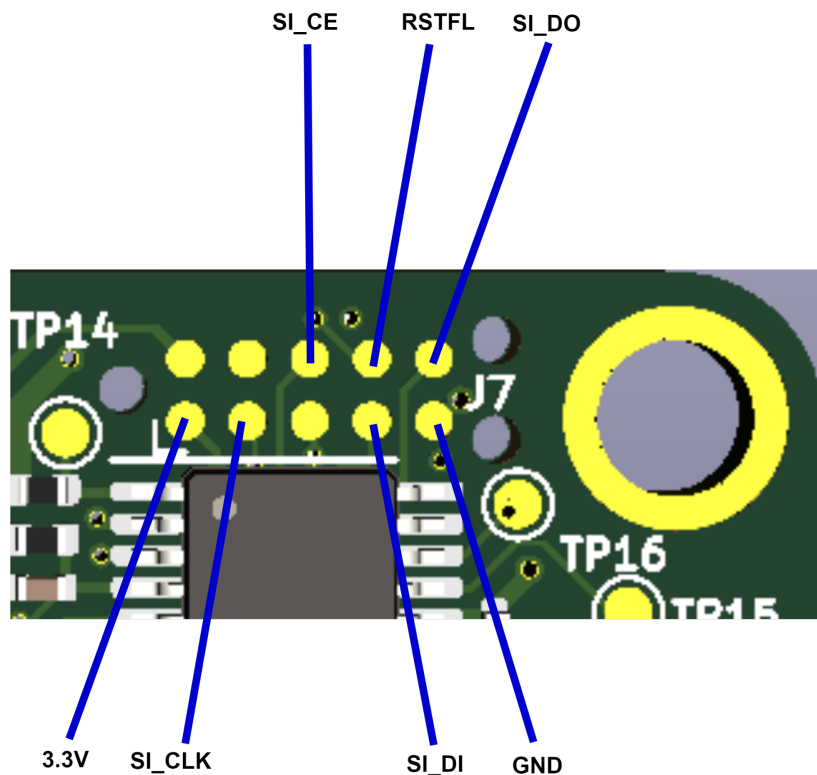

Figure 10: External Flash programming header pinout

This header allows access to the SPI port on the onboard IS25LQ040B Flash, and requires the use of a 10-pin Tag connect **TC2050-IDC-NL** cable along with an in-circuit programmer such as the **PRESTO** or **FORTE** programmer. The table bloew shows the required connection between GigaBlox Rugged and programmer when programming.

PRESTO / FORTE	GigaBlox Rugged
VDD	3.3V
GND	GND
CLOCK	SI_CLK
MISO	SI_DI
DATA	SI_DO
GND	SPI_CS
VDD	RSFTL

Table 4.GigaBlox Rugged and programmer connections required.

All GigaBlox Rugged boards of this variant use the F5 version of the Ferret Unmanaged Software from Microchip (VSC6825), which can be found in the link below.

https://github.com/microchip-ung/ocelot-vsc6825

b. External MCU variant

A programming header on the back of the board allows the onboard STM32 on GigaBlox Rugged to be programmed over SWD.

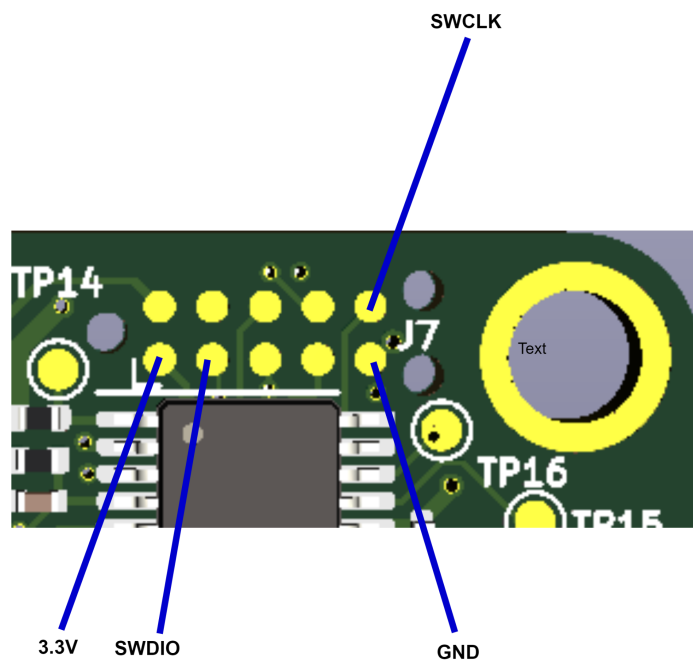This header allows access to the SWD port on the onboard STM32 microcontroller, and requires the use of a 10-pin needle adapter such as the 10-pin Tag connect **TC2050-IDC-NL** along with an in-circuit programmer such as the J-Link.

2.2.5 External LED header
An External LED header on the back of the board allows port activity indicator signals to be brought off-board to drive external LEDs. This is a common use case when GigaBlox Rugged is embedded in a chassis and the onboard LEDs are not visible.
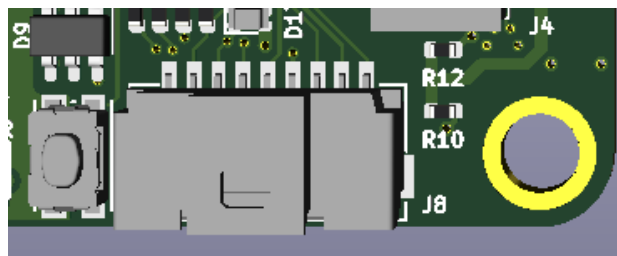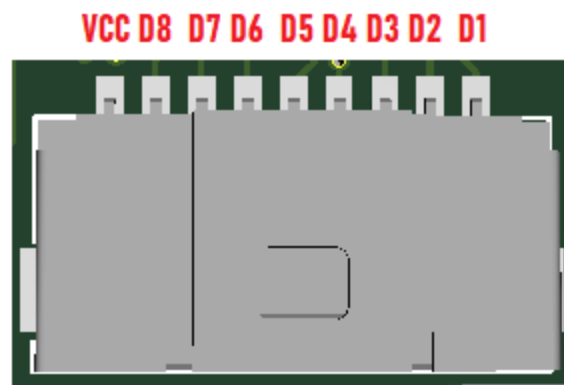

Figure 12: External LED header

Figure 13: External LED header pinout

The anode of all external LEDs should connect to the 3.3V on the External LED header, and the cathode of the external LED should connect to the corresponding "EX_LED" connection on the header.

The part used on the board for this header is 2023960907, which mates with 5013300900. The externally connected LED does not require a series current limiting resistor, because a 1KOhm series resistor is already present on GigaBlox Rugged.

2.3 Other Interfaces

2.3.1 LEDs
There are five LEDs on GigaBlox Rugged in total. Four of these LEDs are dual colour LEDs, meaning there are a total of nine LED signals on this board. Eight of the LED signals can be taken off board.

The 3.3V Power Indicator LED (**Green**) indicates that voltage is present on the 3.3V line. It should be solid green in normal operation.
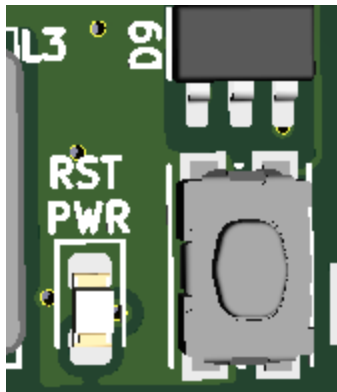

Figure 14: Power Indicator LED

Each Port Activity LED is a Red/**Green** dual color LED and each corresponds to a specific port. They indicate activity on each port and will blink when there is traffic on a port. They should be solid off when a port is not connected to any device, and they should blink under normal operation (orange blinking indicates a 1000 Mbps connection, red blinking indicates a 100Mbps connection. A solid LED indicates either constant traffic, or a fault with the port.
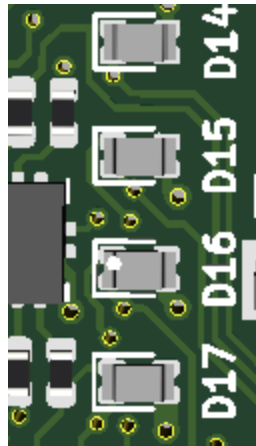
Figure 15: Port Activity Dual Red/Yellow-Green LED

3 Software Interfaces

3.1 UART

The VSC7511 supports two UART interfaces. The first UART is overlaid on GPIO_6 and GPIO_7, and is used by the software as the command line interface for debugging.
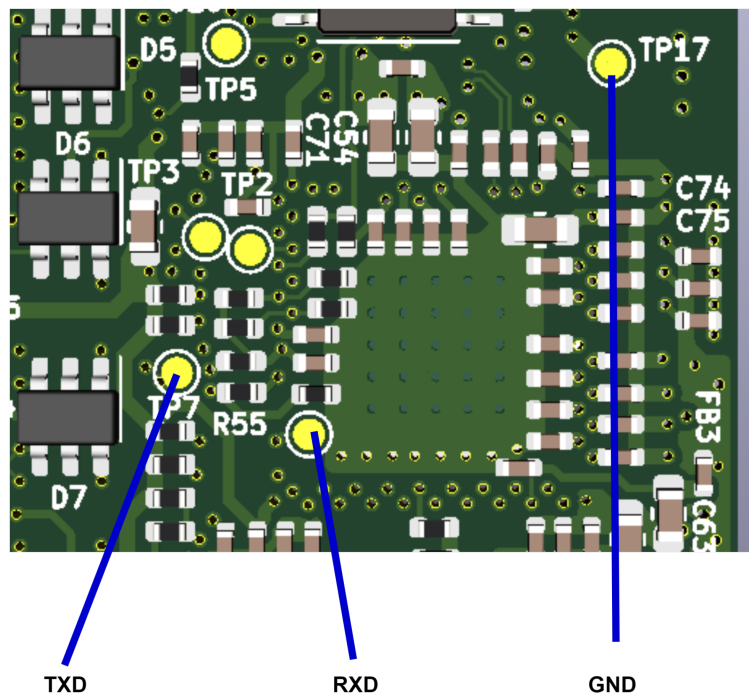

Figure 16: Switch Controller UART position

4 Device Configuration

4.1 Unmanaged Switch

To use GigaBlox in an unmanaged application requires no configuration. Simply connect a voltage to the voltage input and connect downstream devices.

5 Device Characteristics

5.1 Operating Conditions

5.1.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings
Operating in these ranges will reduce the lifetime of the device.

Voltage Input Maximum	65V
Storage Temperature	-55°C +125°C
Operating Temperature	-40°C +100°C

6 Datasheet Changelog

Date	Datasheet Version	Author	Notes
09/10/2021	C_A	Josh Elijah	Initial release
25/10/2023	C_B	Jaclyn Li	Table 1.1.2 General Information and Table 5.1.1 Operating Conditions updated to be correct values.
03/01/2024	C_C	Jaclyn Li	Updated MPNs

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