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# Foreword

The Lab-Volt 5150 Software Development Kit is a USB DLL library (5150USB.DLL) provided as an abstraction layer between the end-user application and the actual low-level communication protocol from and to the USB Controller.

This library provides simple function calls to control the Lab-Volt 5150 Robot. It also manages the USB low-level communications, as well as error handling.

The prototypes of all the exported functions and some required constants are provided in the file "5150USB.h".

A \*.LIB file named "5150USB.LIB" is also provided to allow static linking of the library to the end user application.



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## **DLLGetDevicePortNumber**

Retrieves the COM port number of the first CP210x USB device connected to the computer.

```
long __stdcall DLLGetDevicePortNumber( void );
```

### **Parameters**

This function has no parameters.

### **Return Values**

The COM port number (e.g.: 6, device on COM6).

Returns (-1), no device found.

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

None

### **+ See Also**

DLLOpenDevice, DLLCloseDevice

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## **DLLIsDeviceOpen**

Tests if a device has already been opened by a previous call to DLLOpenDevice.

```
long __stdcall DLLGetDevicePortNumber( void );
```

### **Parameters**

This function has no parameters.

### **Return Values**

DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_SUCCESS	Device open and available

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

None

### **+ See Also**

DLLOpenDevice, DLLCloseDevice

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## **DLLOpenDevice**

Tries to find a 5150 USB controller connected to the system and enables the communication with it for later calls.

```
long __stdcall DLLOpenDevice( void );
```

### **Parameters**

This function has no parameters.

### **Return Values**

DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device found
DLL_SUCCESS	Device open and available

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

None

### **+ See Also**

DLLIsDeviceOpen, DLLCloseDevice

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## **DLLCloseDevice**

Closes the handle open to a 5150 USB controller device. You should call DLLCloseDevice at the end of your application to free allocated system resources.

```
long __stdcall DLLCloseDevice( void );
```

### **Parameters**

This function has no parameters.

### **Return Values**

DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_SUCCESS	Device now closed

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

None

### **+ See Also**

DLLIsDeviceOpen, DLLOpenDevice

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## DLLSetTTLOutput

Updates the output pattern of one of the four TTL outputs on the 5150 Robot.

```
long __stdcall DLLSetTTLOutput( BYTE byOutputId, BYTE byState );
```

### Parameters

byOutputId	The Output ID (0...3)  The Output IDs are:  0x00 = TTL Output 1 (BROWN)  0x01 = TTL Output 2 (RED)  0x02 = TTL Output 3 (ORANGE)  0x03 = TTL Output 4 (YELLOW)
byState	The Desired State  TRUE 0x01  FALSE 0x00

### Return Values

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### ! Requirements

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

### + See Also

DLLGetTTLOutput

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## DLLGetTTLOutput

Retrieves the current state of one of the four TTL outputs on the 5150 Robot.

```
long __stdcall DLLGetTTLOutput( BYTE byOutputId, BYTE *pbyState );
```

### Parameters

byOutputId	The Output ID (0...3)  The Output IDs are:  0x00 = TTL Output 1 (BROWN) 0x01 = TTL Output 2 (RED) 0x02 = TTL Output 3 (ORANGE) 0x03 = TTL Output 4 (YELLOW)
*pbyState	A pointer to a BYTE (8-bit) variable for the state  TRUE 0x01 FALSE 0x00

### Return Values

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### ! Requirements

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

### + See Also

DLLSetTTLOutput

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## DLLGetTTLInput

Retrieves the current state of one of the four TTL inputs on the 5150 Robot.

```
long __stdcall DLLGetTTLInput( BYTE byInputId, BYTE *pbyState );
```

### Parameters

byInputId	The Input ID (0...3)  The Input IDs are:  0x00 = TTL Input 1 (BROWN)  0x01 = TTL Input 2 (RED)  0x02 = TTL Input 3 (ORANGE)  0x03 = TTL Input 4 (YELLOW)
*pbyState	A pointer to a BYTE (8-bit) variable for the state  TRUE 0x01  FALSE 0x00

### Return Values

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### ! Requirements

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

### + See Also

DLLSetTTLOutput

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## DLLGetSwitch

Retrieves the current state of one of the limit switches of the 5150 Robot.

```
long __stdcall DLLGetSwitch( BYTE bySwitchId, BYTE *pbyState );
```

### Parameters

bySwitchId	The Limit Switch ID (0x09...0x0C)	
	The Switch IDs are:	
	0x09 = WRIST Switch	
	0x0A = FOREARM Switch	
	0x0B = UPPER ARM Switch	
	0x0C = BASE Switch	
*pbyState	A pointer to a BYTE (8-bit) variable for the state	
	TRIGGERED	0x01
	UNTRIGGERED	0x00

### Return Values

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### ! Requirements

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.



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## DLLSetSolenoidOutput

Updates one of the four selected solenoid outputs on the 5150 Robot.

```
long __stdcall DLLSetSolenoidOutput( BYTE bySolenoidId, BYTE byState );
```

### Parameters

bySolenoidId	The Solenoid ID (0...3)
	The Solenoids IDs are:
	0x00 = Solenoid Output 1
	0x01 = Solenoid Output 2
	0x02 = Solenoid Output 3
	0x03 = Solenoid Output 4
byState	The Desired State
	TRUE     0x01
	FALSE    0x00

### Return Values

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### ! Requirements

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

### + See Also

DLLGetSolenoidOutput

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## DLLGetSolenoidOutput

Retrieves the current state of one of the 4 solenoid outputs on the 5150 Robot.

```
long __stdcall DLLGetSolenoidOutput( BYTE bySolenoidId, BYTE *pbyState );
```

### Parameters

bySolenoidId	The Solenoid ID (0...3)
	The Solenoids IDs are:
	0x00 = Solenoid Output 1
	0x01 = Solenoid Output 2
	0x02 = Solenoid Output 3
	0x03 = Solenoid Output 4
*pbyState	A pointer to a BYTE (8-bit) variable for the state
	TRUE      0x01
	FALSE     0x00

### Return Values

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### ! Requirements

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice

### + See Also

DLLSetSolenoidOutput

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## DLLGetSelectStatus

Returns the state of the LAST SELECTED switch input (the one selected by a previous call to DLLGetSwitch).

```
long __stdcall DLLGetSelectStatus( BYTE *pbyState );
```

### Parameters

*pbyState	A pointer to a BYTE (8-bit) variable for the state	
	TRIGGERED	0x01
	UNTRIGGERED	0x00

### Return Values

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### ! Requirements

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.  
You should select the switch to monitor by calling DLLGetSwitch at least once.

### + See Also

DLLGetSwitch

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## **DLLResetBoard**

Performs a reset of the motor interface board and verifies that it is ready and in working order.

```
long __stdcall DLLResetBoard( void )
```

### **Parameters**

This function has no parameters.

### **Return Values**

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply or interface not responding

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

None

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## **DLLEnableMotors**

Enables the motor drivers on the motor interface board.

```
long __stdcall DLLEnableMotors( void )
```

### **Parameters**

This function has no parameters.

### **Return Values**

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

The communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice

### **+ See Also**

DLLDisableMotors

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## **DLLDisableMotors**

Disables the motor drivers on the motor interface board.

```
long __stdcall DLLDisableMotors( void );
```

### **Parameters**

This function has no parameters.

### **Return Values**

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

The communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice

### **+ See Also**

DLLEnableMotors

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## DLLMoveMotor

Makes a motor turn a single step in the desired direction.

```
long __stdcall DLLMoveMotor( BYTE byMotorId, BYTE byDirection );
```

### Parameters

byMotorId	The ID of the motor (0...6)  The Motor IDs are:  0x00 = MOTOR_GRIPPER 0x01 = MOTOR_WRIST1 0x02 = MOTOR_WRIST2 0x03 = MOTOR_FOREARM 0x04 = MOTOR_SHOULDER 0x05 = MOTOR_BASE 0x06 = MOTOR_EXTERNAL
byDirection	The direction flag  0x00 = DIR_BACKWARD 0x01 = DIR_FORWARD

### Return Values

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### ! Requirements

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

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## DLLSetPosition

Sets the current position counter of a specific motor.

```
long __stdcall DLLSetPosition( BYTE byMotorId, int sPosition );
```

### Parameters

byMotorId	The ID of the motor (0...6)
	The Motor IDs are:
	0x00 = MOTOR_GRIPPER
	0x01 = MOTOR_WRIST1
	0x02 = MOTOR_WRIST2
	0x03 = MOTOR_FOREARM
	0x04 = MOTOR_SHOULDER
	0x05 = MOTOR_BASE
	0x06 = MOTOR_EXTERNAL

sPosition	A 32-bit signed position value
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### Return Values

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### ! Requirements

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

### + See Also

DLLGetPosition, DLLSetDesiredPosition, DLLGetDesiredPosition



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## DLLGetPosition

Returns the current position counter of a specific motor.

```
long __stdcall DLLGetPosition( BYTE byMotorId, int *psPosition );
```

### Parameters

byMotorId	The ID of the motor (0...6)  The Motor IDs are:  0x00 = MOTOR_GRIPPER 0x01 = MOTOR_WRIST1 0x02 = MOTOR_WRIST2 0x03 = MOTOR_FOREARM 0x04 = MOTOR_SHOULDER 0x05 = MOTOR_BASE 0x06 = MOTOR_EXTERNAL
*psPosition	A pointer to a 32-bit signed variable to receive the position

### Return Values

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### ! Requirements

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

### + See Also

DLLSetPosition, DLLSetDesiredPosition, DLLGetDesiredPosition

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## **DLLSetDesiredPosition**

Defines the position you want a motor to go to.

```
long __stdcall DLLSetDesiredPosition( BYTE byMotorId, int sPosition );
```

### **Parameters**

byMotorId	The ID of the motor (0...6)
	The Motor IDs are:
	0x00 = MOTOR_GRIPPER
	0x01 = MOTOR_WRIST1
	0x02 = MOTOR_WRIST2
	0x03 = MOTOR_FOREARM
	0x04 = MOTOR_SHOULDER
	0x05 = MOTOR_BASE
	0x06 = MOTOR_EXTERNAL
sPosition	A 32-bit signed value for the target position

### **Return Values**

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

### **+ See Also**

DLLGetDesiredPosition

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## DLLGetDesiredPosition

Returns the target position for a specific motor.

```
long __stdcall DLLGetDesiredPosition( BYTE byMotorId, int *psPosition );
```

### Parameters

byMotorId                      The ID of the motor (0...6)

The Motor IDs are:

0x00 = MOTOR\_GRIPPER

0x01 = MOTOR\_WRIST1

0x02 = MOTOR\_WRIST2

0x03 = MOTOR\_FOREARM

0x04 = MOTOR\_SHOULDER

0x05 = MOTOR\_BASE

0x06 = MOTOR\_EXTERNAL

\*psPosition                      A pointer to a 32-bit signed variable to receive the target position

### Return Values

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### ! Requirements

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

### + See Also

DLLSetDesiredPosition

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## **DLLResetDesiredPosition**

Clears the previously defined motor motions.

```
long __stdcall DLLResetDesiredPosition( void );
```

### **Parameters**

This function has no parameters.

### **Return Values**

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

### **+ See Also**

DLLSetDesiredPosition, DLLGetDesiredPosition

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## DLLSetDesiredOffset

Lets you specify a new position based on an offset from the current location.

```
long __stdcall DLLSetDesiredOffset( BYTE byMotorId, int sOffset );
```

### Parameters

byMotorId	The ID of the motor (0...6)  The Motor IDs are:  0x00 = MOTOR_GRIPPER 0x01 = MOTOR_WRIST1 0x02 = MOTOR_WRIST2 0x03 = MOTOR_FOREARM 0x04 = MOTOR_SHOULDER 0x05 = MOTOR_BASE 0x06 = MOTOR_EXTERNAL
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sOffset	A 32-bit signed offset value
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### Return Values

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### ! Requirements

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

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## **DLLSetFrequency**

Sets the pulse frequency for a specified motor.

```
long __stdcall DLLSetFrequency( BYTE byMotorId, unsigned short usFrequency );
```

### **Parameters**

byMotorId	The ID of the motor (0...6)
	The Motor IDs are:
	0x00 = MOTOR_GRIPPER
	0x01 = MOTOR_WRIST1
	0x02 = MOTOR_WRIST2
	0x03 = MOTOR_FOREARM
	0x04 = MOTOR_SHOULDER
	0x05 = MOTOR_BASE
	0x06 = MOTOR_EXTERNAL
usFrequency	A 16-bit unsigned value for the frequency

### **Return Values**

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

### **+ See Also**

DLLGetFrequency

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## DLLGetFrequency

Returns the pulse frequency for a specified motor.

```
long __stdcall DLLGetFrequency( BYTE byMotorId, unsigned short *pusFrequency );
```

### Parameters

byMotorId	The ID of the motor (0...6)  The Motor IDs are:  0x00 = MOTOR_GRIPPER 0x01 = MOTOR_WRIST1 0x02 = MOTOR_WRIST2 0x03 = MOTOR_FOREARM 0x04 = MOTOR_SHOULDER 0x05 = MOTOR_BASE 0x06 = MOTOR_EXTERNAL
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*pusFrequency	A pointer to a 16-bit unsigned value for the returned frequency value
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### Return Values

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### ! Requirements

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

### + See Also

DLLSetFrequency

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## **DLLRunMotors**

Starts all motors that have a target position different than their current position.

```
long __stdcall DLLRunMotors( void );
```

### **Parameters**

This function has no parameters.

### **Return Values**

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.  
You should first set the destination position and frequency of the motors with DLLSetDesiredPosition and DLLSetFrequency.

### **+ See Also**

DLLStopMotors, DLLSetDesiredPosition, DLLSetFrequency



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## **DLLStopMotors**

Stops the motors. This function will return only when the movement has stopped.

```
long __stdcall DLLStopMotors( void );
```

### **Parameters**

This function has no parameters.

### **Return Values**

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

### **+ See Also**

DLLRunMotors

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## **DLLHardHome**

One-step command used to return the robot to its home position. This function returns only once the procedure is completed, which could take as long as 60 seconds.

```
long __stdcall DLLHardHome( void );
```

### **Parameters**

This function has no parameters.

### **Return Values**

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

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## DLLGetHardwareInfo

Returns the firmware revision number and the numerous diagnostic codes. You should call DLLGetHardwareInfo to get more information about the problem(s) that might cause a DLL\_ERROR\_BAD\_REPLY to be returned in response to any other function calls.

```
long __stdcall DLLGetHardwareInfo(void *pvData );
```

### Parameters

*pvData	A pointer to a BYTE array of at least 20 bytes	
*pvData+0	USB controller firmware major revision number	
*pvData+1	USB controller firmware minor revision number	
*pvData+2	Last recorded error code producing a NAK	
	0x00	No error yet!
	0x01	Firmware in one or more time base generators (PIC12F629) not matching the reference code in memory
	0x02	Unable to reprogram the 7 time base generators (PIC12)
	0x03	MIB interface not connected or OFF
	0x04	Received command frame not RECOGNIZED
	0x05	MotorID too high (>6)
	0x06	Problem encountered in attempting to start INT_EXT for motor run
	0x07	Unable to do a MIB_Port_Write (a time-out error occurred)
	0x08	MIB_Port_Wait_For_Busy_Low() function timed-out
*pvData+3	Each bit represents a faulty PIC12 time base generator, when any.	

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## Return Values

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

## **! Requirements**

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

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## **DLLUpdateFirmware**

Opens the specified INTEL-HEX file, and then starts the update thread that will do the actual update. After calling DLLUpdateFirmware, you should call DLLGetUpdateStatus to get information about the update process.

```
long __stdcall DLLUpdateFirmware( char *pszFileName );
```

### **Parameters**

\*pszFileName    A pointer to a string containing the complete PATH and  
FILENAME of the updated INTEL-HEX file

### **Return Values**

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Could not open the file. Update aborted.

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

None

### **+ See Also**

DLLGetUpdateStatus

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## DLLGetUpdateStatus

Gets the status of the firmware update process. By checking the value returned in pnStatus, you can check if the update is completed. PnLineCount and pnMaxCount can be used to compute the completion of the update process.

```
long __stdcall DLLGetUpdateStatus( int *pnStatus, int *pnLineCount, int *pnMaxCount );
```

### Parameters

*pnStatus	A pointer to an integer for a status code:
	DLL_STATUS_UPDATE_WORKING
	Update thread still running
	DLL_STATUS_UPDATE_ERROR
	Firmware update error
	DLL_STATUS_UPDATE_SUCCESS
	Firmware update completed
*pnLineCount	Last line updated by the thread
*pnMaxCount	Total number of lines in the file

### Return Values

DLL_SUCCESS	Always
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**Header:** 5150USB.h

### ! Requirements

None

### + See Also

DLLUpdateFirmware

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## **DLLTerminateUpdate**

Aborts the firmware update process. Normally, you should not call this function. The firmware update will complete by itself and the status returned by DLLGetUpdateStatus will change to DLL\_STATUS\_UPDATE\_SUCCESS.

If you abort the firmware update, the USB controller firmware will have to be successfully updated to be operational again.

long \_\_stdcall DLLTerminateUpdate( void )

### **Parameters**

This function has no parameters.

### **Return Values**

DLL\_SUCCESS      Always

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

None

### **+ See Also**

DLLUpdateFirmware, DLLGetUpdateStatus

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## **DLLSetSelectMonitor**

Sets the state of the SELECT line (limit switches) that will stop the motors.

```
long __stdcall DLLSetSelectMonitor( BYTE byState );
```

### **Parameters**

byState	The state to monitor:	
	TRIGGERED	0x01
	UNTRIGGERED	0x00

### **Return Values**

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

### **+ See Also**

DLLGetSwitch, DLLGetSelectStatus



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## DLLMotorRunStatus

Returns the state of the "Running-Flag" byte, this flag indicating if one or more motors are running.

```
long __stdcall DLLMotorRunStatus( BYTE *pbyStatus );
```

### Parameters

\*pbyStatus      Pointer to a BYTE to receive the status:

0    All motors stopped

n    Each bit set to "1" represents a motor that is still running.

### Return Values

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### ! Requirements

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

### + See Also

DLLRunMotors

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## DLLGetCurrentPosition

Returns the "Running-Flag" state (TRUE/FALSE) and the current position of all 7 motors.

```
long __stdcall DLLGetCurrentPosition(BYTE * runningMotorFlag, int * positions);
```

### Parameters

*runningMotorFlag	Pointer to a BYTE to receive the running flag state.
	0x00 All motors stopped
	0x01 At least one motor running
*positions	Pointer to a 32-bit signed variable to receive the positions of the 7 motors.
position[0]	Position of motor 1
position[1]	Position of motor 2
...	
position[6]	Position of motor 7

### Return Values

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply
DLL_ERROR_EMPTY_COMMAND	One of the function parameters is NULL

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### ! Requirements

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.

### + See Also

DLLMotorRunStatus

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## **DLLMoveToCalibPos**

Moves the robot to a predefined calibration position. This method is useful in helping the user to put the robot in the calibration position.

```
long __stdcall DLLMoveToCalibPos( void );
```

### **Parameters**

This function has no parameters.

### **Return Values**

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.  
The robot must first be hard homed before using this function.

### **+ See Also**

DLLSaveCalib, DLLDefaultCalib

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## **DLLSaveCalib**

This function saves the calibration offsets from the robot's current calibration position. It will first move the robot to the ideal home position, then do a hard home, and finally save the offsets in the controller memory.

```
long __stdcall DLLSaveCalib( void );
```

### **Parameters**

This function has no parameters.

### **Return Values**

DLL_SUCCESS	If successful
DLL_ERROR_NO_DEVICE	No device open
DLL_ERROR_FILE_WRITE	Write operation failed
DLL_ERROR_FILE_READ	Read operation failed
DLL_ERROR_BAD_REPLY	Bad first character reply

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

Communication must first be opened with DLLOpenDevice.  
The robot must first be hard homed before using this function.

### **+ See Also**

DLLMoveToCalibPos, DLLDefaultCalib

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## **DLLDefaultCalib**

Resets the calibration offsets to 0.

```
long __stdcall DLLDefaultCalib( void );
```

### **Parameters**

This function has no parameters.

### **Return Values**

DLL\_SUCCESS     Always

**Header:** 5150USB.h

### **! Requirements**

None

### **+ See Also**

DLLMoveToCalibPos, DLLSaveCalib

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