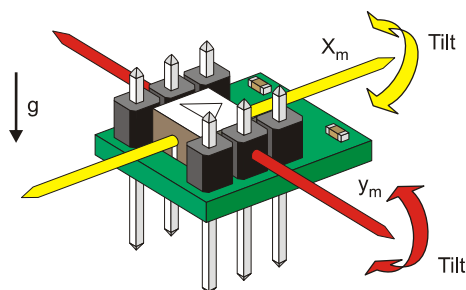


## Memsic 2125 Dual-Axis Accelerometer (#28017)

The Memsic 2125 is a low-cost thermal accelerometer capable of measuring tilt, collision, static and dynamic acceleration, rotation, and vibration with a range of  $\pm 3$  g on two axes. Memsic provides the 2125 IC in a surface-mount format. Parallax mounts the circuit on a tiny PCB providing all I/O connections so it can easily be inserted on a breadboard or through-hole prototype area.

### Features

- Measures  $\pm 3$  g on each axis
- Simple pulse output of g-force for each axis
- Convenient 6-pin 0.1" spacing DIP module
- Analog output of temperature (TOut pin)
- Fully temperature compensated over 0 to 70 °C operating temperature range



### Key Specifications

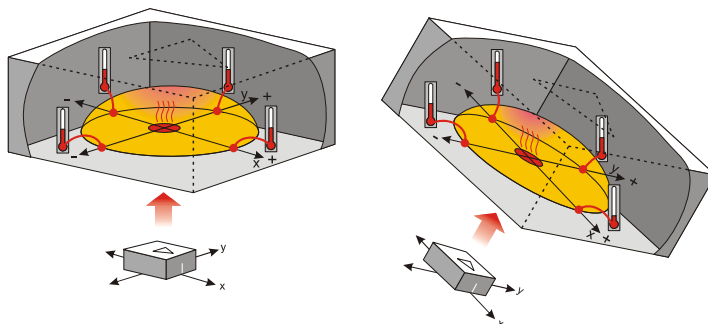
- Power Requirements: 3.3 to 5 VDC;  
< 5 mA supply current
- Communication: TTL/CMOS  
compatible 100 Hz PWM output signal  
with duty cycle proportional to  
acceleration
- Dimensions: 0.42 x 0.42 x 0.45 in  
(10.7 x 10.7 x 11.8 mm)
- Operating temperature: 32 to 158 °F  
(0 to 70 °C)

### Application Ideas

- Dual-axis tilt and acceleration sensing  
for autonomous robot navigation
- R/C tilt controller or autopilot
- Tilt-sensing Human Interface Device
- Motion/lack-of-motion sensor for  
alarm system
- Single-axis rotational angle and  
position sensing

### Theory of Operation

The MX2125 has a chamber of gas with a heating element in the center and four temperature sensors around its edge. When the accelerometer is level, the hot gas pocket rises to the top-center of the chamber, and all the sensors will measure the same temperature.

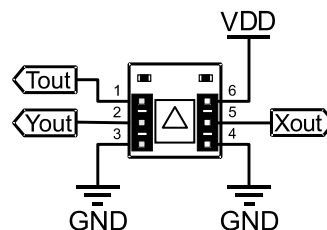


By tilting the accelerometer, the hot gas will collect closer to some of temperature sensors. By comparing the sensor temperatures, both static acceleration (gravity and tilt) and dynamic acceleration (like taking a ride in a car) can be detected. The MX2125 converts the temperature measurements into signals (pulse durations) that are easy for microcontrollers to measure and decipher.

## Pin Definitions

For Memsic MXD2125GL pin ratings, see the manufacturer's datasheet posted on the 28017 product page at [www.parallax.com](http://www.parallax.com).

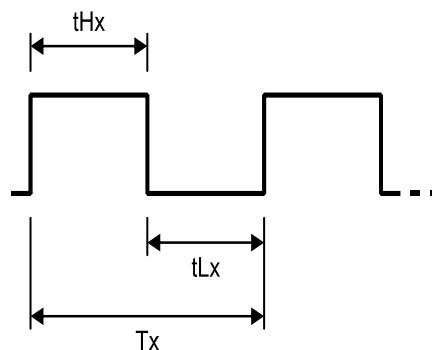
Pin	Name	Function
1	Tout	Temperature Out
2	Yout	Y-axis PWM output
3	GND	Ground -> 0 V
4	GND	Ground -> 0 V
5	Xout	X-axis PWM output
6	VDD	Input voltage: +3.3 to +5 VDC



## Communication Protocol

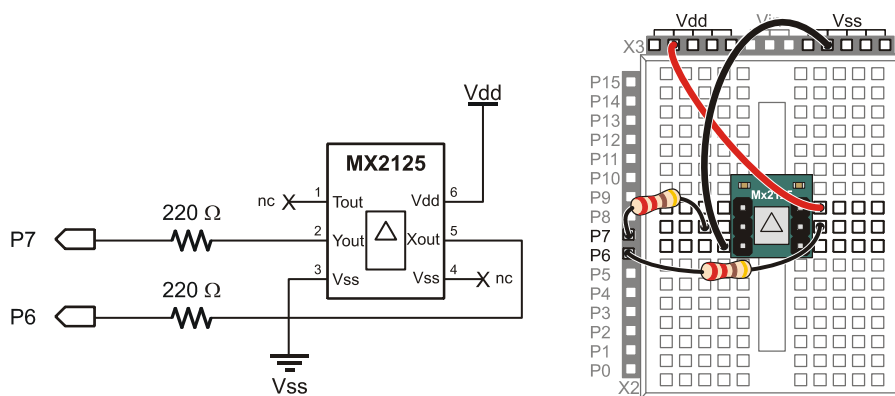
Each axis has a 100 Hz PWM duty cycle output in which acceleration is proportional to the ratio  $t_{Hx}/T_x$ . In practice, we have found that  $T_x$  is consistent so reliable results can be achieved by measuring only the duration of  $t_{Hx}$ . This is easy to accomplish with the BASIC Stamp PULSIN command or with the Propeller chip's counter modules.

With  $V_{dd} = 5V$ , 50% duty cycle corresponds to 0 g, but this will vary with each individual unit within a range of 48.7% to 51.3%. This zero offset may be different when using  $V_{dd} = 3.3 V$ . See the manufacturer's datasheet for details.



## Example Circuit

The example schematic and wiring diagram below are for the BASIC Stamp and Board of Education.



The program below, SimpleTilt.bs2, simply measures the pulse width, that is, the duration of  $t_{Hx}$ , for each axis. The raw values are displayed in the BASIC Stamp Editor's Debug Terminal. If you run the program, then tilt the accelerometer, you should see the values for each axis change.

```
' Smart Sensors and Applications - SimpleTilt.bs2
' Measure room temperature tilt.
```

```
{ $STAMP BS2 }
{ $PBASIC 2.5 }
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```
x          VAR      Word
y          VAR      Word
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DEBUG CLS
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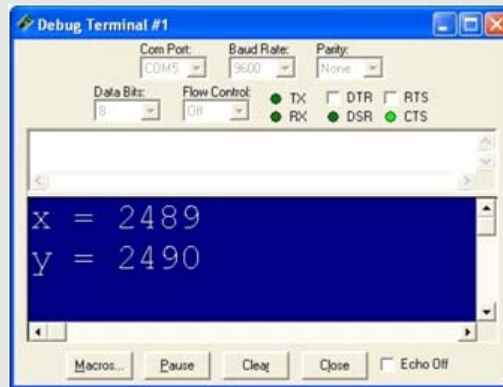
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DO
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  PULSIN 6, 1, x
  PULSIN 7, 1, y
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  DEBUG HOME, DEC4 ? X, DEC4 ? Y
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  PAUSE 100
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LOOP
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## Programming Resources and Downloads

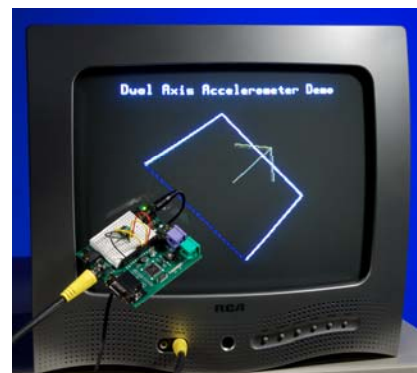
### BASIC Stamp

- **Stamps in Class Mini Projects** — The BASIC Stamp example above is taken from the Stamps in Class Mini Projects, which feature many topics specifically for the Dual-Axis Accelerometer. Some are for the Board of Education or BASIC Stamp HomeWork Board alone; while others use a Boe-Bot Robot or SumoBot. Look for the Stamps in Class Mini Projects sticky-thread in the Education forum at [forums.parallax.com](http://forums.parallax.com). Also, look for more projects at [learn.parallax.com](http://learn.parallax.com).
- **The Memsic 2125 Demo Kit BASIC Stamp Source Code** — this source code contains conditional compile directives that allow it to be used with the BS2, BS2e, BS2sx, BS2p, and BS2pe. Look for this on the 28017 product page at [www.parallax.com](http://www.parallax.com).

### Propeller Objects

Several Memsic 2125 Accelerometer code objects and applications for the Propeller chip are available in the Propeller Object Exchange (<http://obex.parallax.com>).

Below is a photograph of the high-speed Memsic MXD2125 Accelerometer Demo in action. This application “provides a high speed assembly driver, and separate-cog and same-cog Spin versions of the MXD2125 Dual Axis Accelerometer. The high speed version displays the data on a television as a 3D wireframe plane with normal vector.



### Other Microcontrollers

Check for links to Memsic 2-axis Accelerometer demo code for the Arduino and other microcontrollers and languages in the Resources section of the 28017 product page at [www.parallax.com](http://www.parallax.com).

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