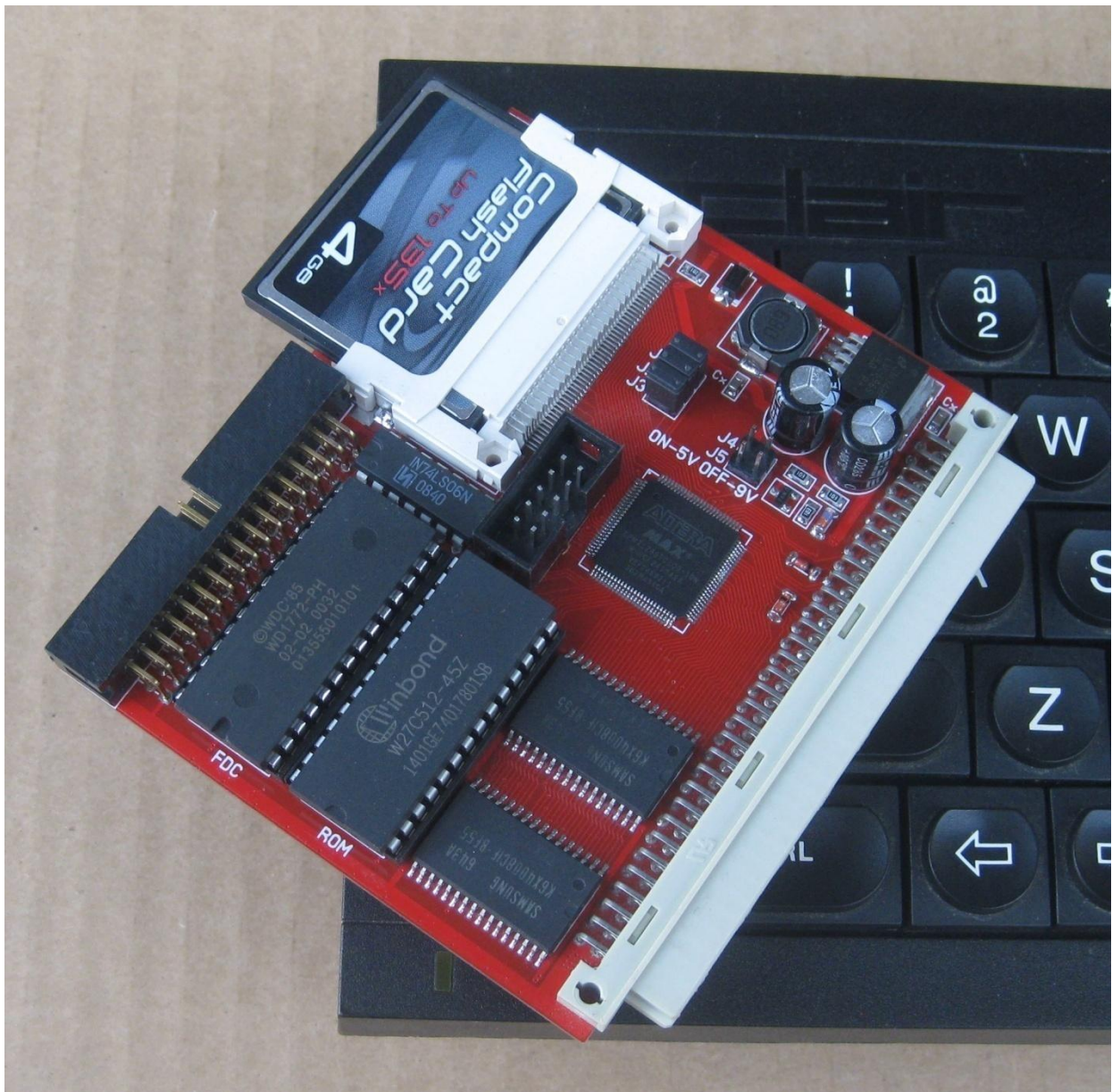


Tetroid disk interface (TDI)

QL Memory expansion, Floppy disk drive and Compact Flash card Interface

Installation and User Guide



Introduction.

The TDI interface consists of three hardware parts :

1. 768 Kb memory expansion
2. Floppy disk interface, based on Miracle Trump card interface logic, with Toolkit II software.
3. Compact flash card interface, based on QUBIDE/QUBATA interface logic.

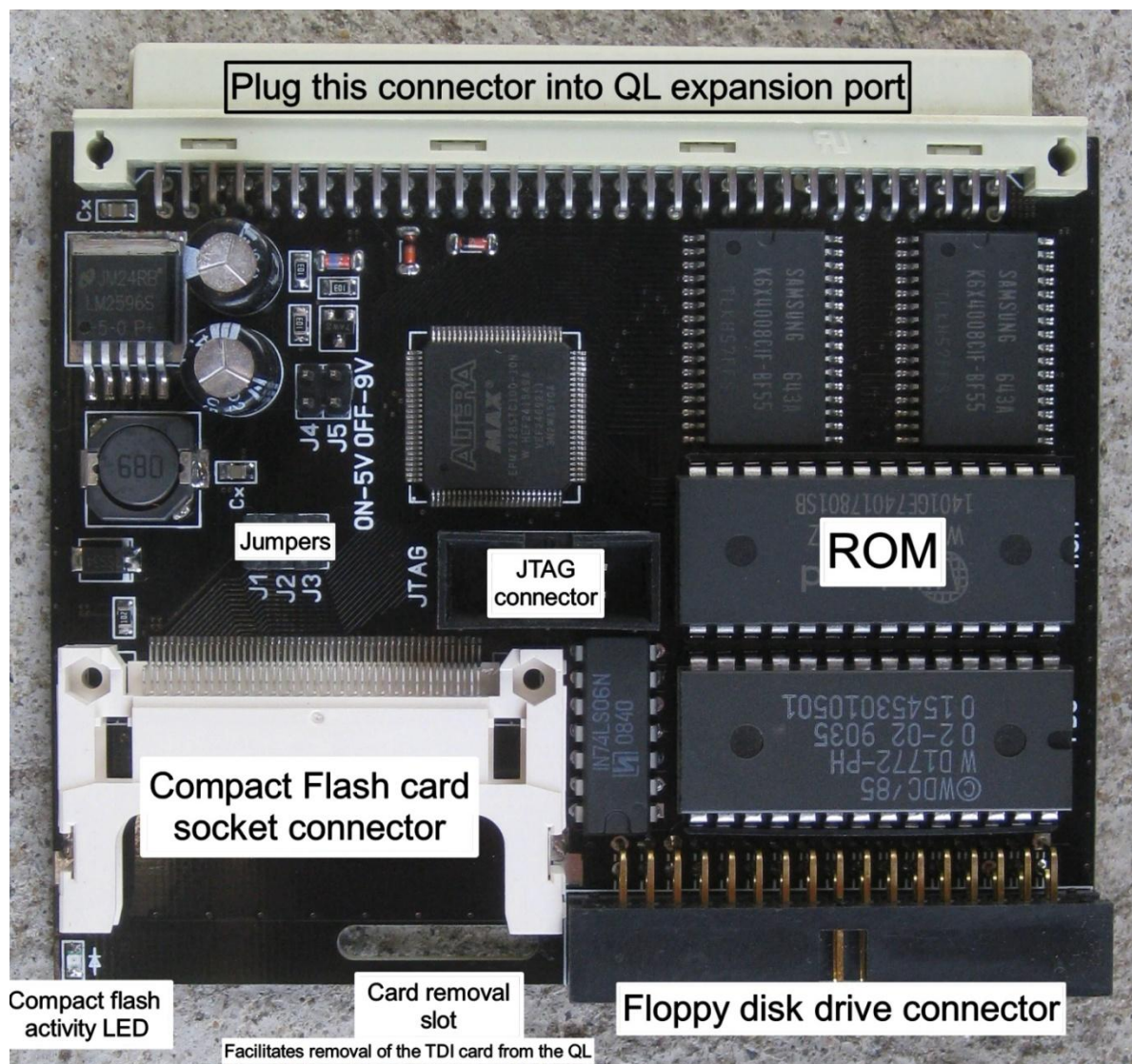
You can enable and disable any of these parts as you wish.

Power Requirement

TDI uses power from the QL. We have taken every steps we could think of to keep the power drain to a minimum. The interface has a switch-mode power supply and should represent a negligible power drain on your system.

Connectors and jumpers

TDI has four Connectors and two jumper blocks, one of which consists of 3 jumpers (J1, J2, J3 used to configure the card), the other consisting of 2 jumpers (J4 & J5) , used to select the input voltage. The locations of these are shown below.



Configuring the card

Be sure to configure the card BEFORE you fit it into your system, because the jumpers might be inaccessible once the card is plugged in !

Jumper J1 – J3 settings :

Jumper	Open	Close
J1	768Kb memory expansion disabled	768Kb memory expansion enabled
J2	Floppy disk interface disabled	Floppy disk interface enabled
J3	QUBIDE / QUBATA interface disabled	QUBIDE / QUBATA interface enabled

Selecting the base address of QUBIDE / QUBATA

To ensure compatibility of QUBIDE/QUBATA and Trump card, the address of the QUBIDE drivers in memory is fixed as 0C000h. This means that the external ROM port will no longer be usable and any ROM cartridge plugged-in will not be detected by the QL.

Running the board from +5v

There are two jumpers (J4 & J5) which, when left open (default setting) allow the TDI to convert the 9v unregulated supply given out by the QL into +5v via a voltage regulator on the TDI.

If you have a powered backplane, where the 9V rail is being supplied with +5v, the TDI will cease to function. To get TDI functioning again you must place jumpers on both J4 & J5. This will by-pass the on board voltage regulator and supply the interface directly with +5v.

WARNING !!!!! If these jumpers are not removed when plugged into a standard QL arrangement, there will be FATAL consequences for the TDI and possibly any Compact flash card installed in the to TDI.

Fitting and removing the interface.

Before connecting or disconnecting the TDI to or from your QL system **BE SURE TO SWITCH OFF ALL THE POWER TO YOUR SYSTEM!!!**

If you have a standard QL remove the plastic cover from the expansion port located on the left-hand edge side of the QL. This should expose the QL's expansion port. Carefully plug the TDI into the exposed expansion port, taking care not to apply excessive force.

Fitting and removing the Compact flash card into the TDI

Before you fit and remove a Compact Flash card **BE SURE TO SWITCH OFF ALL THE POWER TO YOUR SYSTEM!!!**

Getting up and running

Once you have configured the jumpers on the TDI for your preferred configuration, connected the TDI to your QL and insert a CF card and / or connected a floppy disk drive, you can power up your QL and floppy disk drive.

As the QL boots the following messages will appear on your screen:



QUBIDE / QUBATA and/or Floppy disk interface messages, depending on chosen Jumpers settings (J1 - J3).

If the expected messages do not appear, switch everything off and check the jumpers settings and the physical connection with the QL.

Using your CF card.

For information on how to use your CF card, please refer to QUBIDE / QUBATA software manuals.

Using your Floppy disk drives.

For information on using a floppy disk drive, please refer to Miracle Trump card user software manuals.

TDI ROM mapping

The TDI has 64 Kbytes of ROM, for which you can use any versions of Trump card and QUBIDE / QUBATA ROM images, according the following mapping :

Internal ROM address ranges	Image
0000h - 7FFFh	Trump card ROM
8000h - BFFFh	QUBIDE / QUBATA ROM
C000h - FFFFh	Not used

Internal ROM Address ranges - remapped to the appropriate address-space within the QL Memory map.