

Garrett's Workshop

GW4301A

RAM Expansion Card for Commodore 64

User's Guide

Overview

The GW4301A RAM expansion card provides the Commodore 64 with 2 MB of geoRAM-compatible expansion memory. GW4301A is sold with a transparent, TFW8b-brand cartridge casing. The TWF8b cartridge is well-manufactured and feels nice, especially compared to 3d-printed cases.

Compact Size, Low Power Consumption

The GW4301A RAM expansion card is small enough to fit into a "stumpy" sized C64 cartridge, but provides 2 MB of geoRAM-compatible memory. Power consumption is minimized through the use of a single 16 megabit DRAM chip.

Open-Source Design

GW4301A's design is fully open-source. The schematics, board layouts, and CPLD firmware are all freely available for commercial and noncommercial use. To download the design files, visit the Garrett's Workshop GitHub page, <https://github.com/garrettsworkshop>.

Technical Specifications

Physical Dimensions

Parameter	Value
Height	49.53 mm
Width	5.7658 mm
Thickness	< 8 mm
Weight	< 28 g

Electrical Specifications

Specifications are valid over temperature range of 0 °C – 85 °C and $V_{CC} = 4.5 \text{ V} - 5.5 \text{ V}$.

Parameter	Value	Conditions
V_{IHmin}	2.0 V	
V_{ILmax}	0.8 V	
V_{OHmin}	2.4 V	$I_{OH} = -2 \text{ mA}$
V_{OLmax}	0.5 V	$I_{OL} = 4 \text{ mA}$
Output Slew Rate	< 1.5 V/ns	
I_{Imax}	$\pm 20 \mu\text{A}$	$V_{in} = 0 \text{ V} - 5.5 \text{ V}$
C_{IOmax}	20 pF	
I_{CCmax}	120 mA	