3504 Midi to CV Converter

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The midi to CV converter uses a 7805 voltage regulator U1 for its +5V supply.

Midi is transmitted and received on a closed current loop U2 is a optical coupling device that converts the I/ O state on the current loop into serial data the PIC microprocessor U4 can understand. The PIC puts the serial data together and uses the instruction to do a couple of things seemingly simultaneously.





It seems simultaneous because the PIC is so fast however it does all of this one step at a time. U3 forms a non-inverting buffer that provides the midi-through signal. Midi data, depending of the transmitting device can handle a lot of information we don't necessarily need to control an analog synthesizer and that's good because it makes doing the job with a low cost PIC possible. We can get by with fairly minimal set of controls.

Special Thanks:

This product would not be possible without Trevor Page's midi code. Thanks Trevor.

This is the 2400 version. The 3500 versionis the identical except it has a standard power connector.



The PIC loads the correct number into the DAC digital to analog converter U5 to generate a voltage that corresponds to the midi message received. Then selects which output is active by strobing the demux U8's select pins through the Q1-Q4 inverterbuffers. When one of the outputs goes high the voltage is sampled and held by capacitors C9-C14 until it is refreshed. U6a is the DAC output amp and U6b is the DAC voltage reference amplifier.

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