

VistaCNC P1A-S4(E) CNC Control Pendant for Mach4



PREFACE

Any machine tool, including computer controlled machine tool, is potentially dangerous. VistaCNC LLC accepts no responsibility for any damage or injury caused by its use. It is your responsibility to insure that you understand the machine you are using and the procedures for safety operations.

If you are in any doubt you must seek guidance from a professionally qualified expert rather than risk injury to yourself or to others.

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WARNING

E-STOP switch button in iMach^{III} P1A-S4(E) CNC Control Pendant only provides Emergency STOP signal to Mach4 application.

For further protection in CNC operation, other emergency protection methods may be needed.

FEATURES

- Plug n' Play USB connection and controls.
- 100 steps high precision MPG encoder.
- Step, Velocity and Continuous mode jogging through MPG.
- Feed rate, Spindle speed, and Step jogging size and rate change through MPG.
- Program Cycle Start and Spindle control buttons.
- LCD display with backlit.
- Large E-Stop button.
- 4 Axis selections.
- Extended E-STOP functions. (P1A-S4E model).



PLUGIN and FW

Download the latest Mach4 P1A-S4 Plugin package from www.vistacnc.com download page and unzip the package.

The package includes following files:

1. This manual
2. **P1ASpendant.m4pw** --- P1A-S4 pendant Mach4 PlugIn file 1
3. **P1ASpendant.sig** --- P1A-S4 pendant Mach4 PlugIn file 2
4. Pendant FW update procedure --- pendant firmware upgrade procedure
5. Pendant FW Loader --- tools for FW upgrade
6. P1AS_Mach4_FW_v1_1.hex --- FW for Mach4

Move 2 PlugIn files to Mach4 Plugins directory.

Refer to “iMach3 Pendant FW update procedure” to upgrade the pendant firmware (FW) to Mach4 if the pendant was preinstalled or used with other CNC application, or a newer FW version is available.

CONNECTION and START

- Directly plug the USB cable into any USB port on the PC.
- Start Mach4 application.

1. Axis selection

Turn axis selection knob to X, Y, Z, or A position to select an axis to jog.



- Selected axis name. It flashes at ½ second rate.
- Step size and Step jogging rate. The size and rate display changes alternately every 2 seconds.

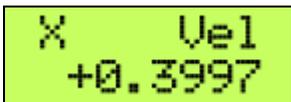
2. MPG (Manual Pulse Generator) mode selection

2.1 STEP

In STEP mode, the selected axis moves 1 step at each MPG click (detent) with the step size currently in the system and with speed of step jogging rate.

2.2 VELOCITY

In velocity mode Axis moves at 0 to 100% of maximum axis speed based on how fast the MPG wheel is turned.



2.3 CONTINUOUS

In CONTINUOUS mode, axis moves at constant speed of continuous rate set in CONTINUOUS RATE mode.



- Continuous rate

2.4 STEP SIZE

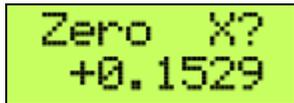
Turn MPG one or few clicks clockwise or counterclockwise to select predefined step size.



Stepsize
0.0010

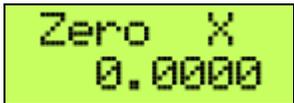
2.5 AXIS ZEROING

Turn MPG one or few clicks clockwise or counterclockwise to zero selected axis



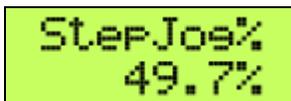
Zero X?
+0.1529

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Zero X
0.0000

2.6 STEP JOG RATE Turn MPG one or few clicks clockwise or counterclockwise to set step jogging rate.

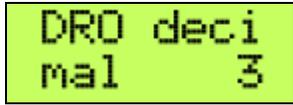


StepJog%
49.7%

2.7 OFFLINE and DECIMAL PLACE

OFFLINE When the pendant is in Offline mode, any MPG signals are not sent to Mach4 application. Offline mode can be used to align the MPG wheel to a specific number with no axis movement.

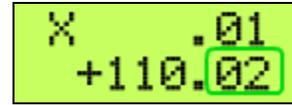
DECIMAL DIGITS Turn mode selection knob to OFF and turn axis selection knob to C %, Turn MPG one or few clicks clockwise or counterclockwise to set number of decimal digits to display..
Settable number: 2, 3 and 4.



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X 45.7%
-10.0232

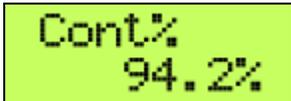


X .01
+110.02

□ 4 and 2 decimal digits.

2.8 CONTINUOUS RATE C%

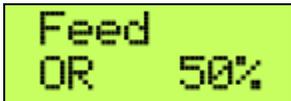
In C% mode, turning MPG changes the speed used in CONTINUOUS mode.



Cont%
94.2%

2.9 FEED OVERRIDE F%

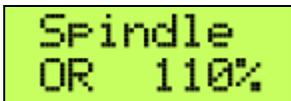
In F% mode, turning MPG changes current feed overridden (FO) rate.



Feed
OR 50%

2.10 SPINDLE OVERRIDE S%

In S% mode, turning MPG changes current spindle speed overridden (SO) rate



Spindle
OR 110%

3. E-Stop switch button



5.1 E-Stop switch button in P1A-S4 model

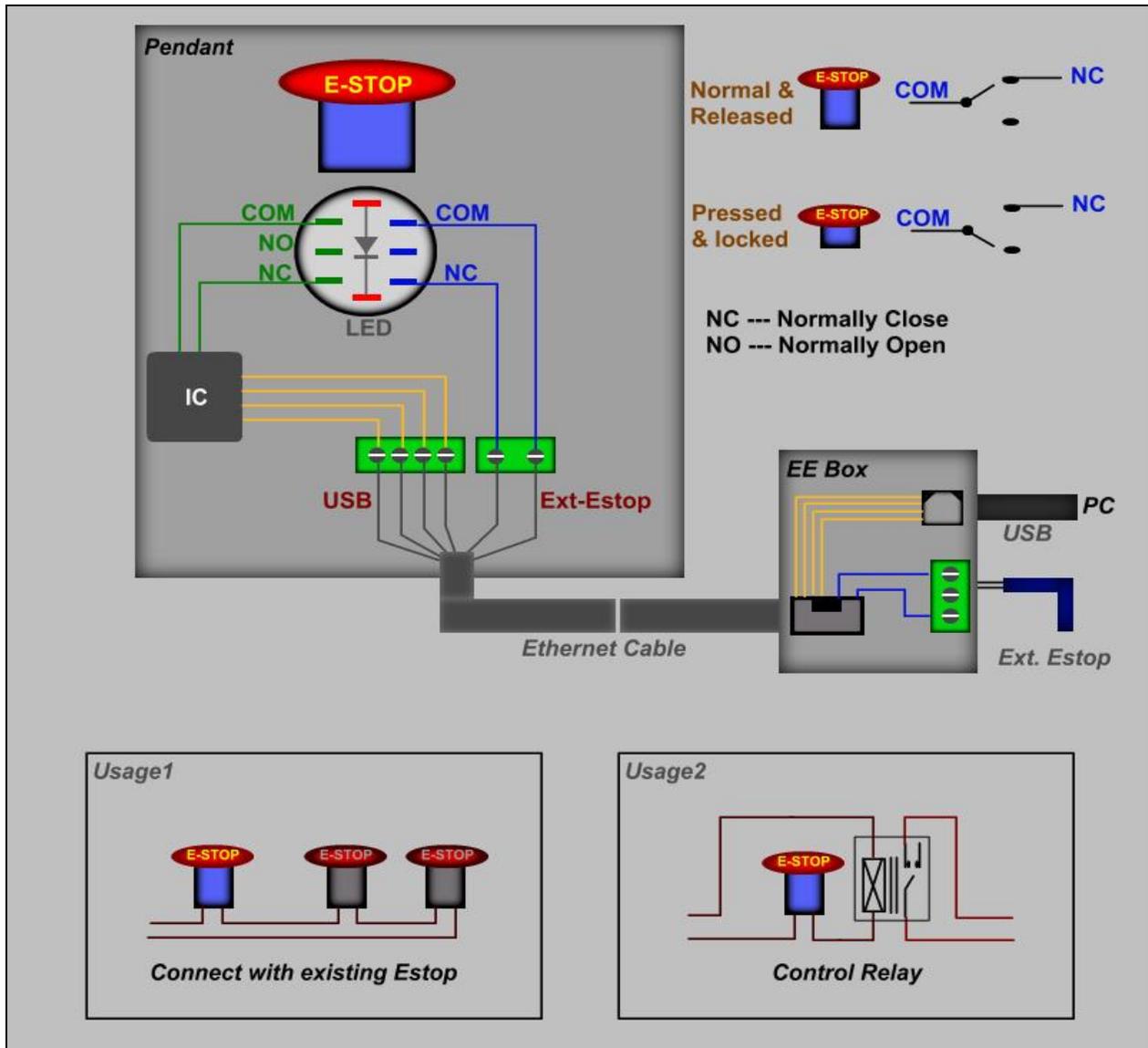
- Press E-STOP switch button to send out E-Stop signal to Mach4 application and activate Emergency Mode in Mach4.



- When the button is pressed, the switch is locked down. Twist the button to reset the button and reset E-STOP.

5.2 E-Stop switch button in P1A-S4E model

- Press E-STOP switch button to send out E-Stop signal to Mach4 application and activate Emergency Mode in Mach4.
- The same E-stop signal is simultaneously sent out through a 2-wire loop, which can be used to control a relay or to connect with other E-stop buttons.
- When the button is pressed and the switch is locked down, the 2-wire loop is open.
- Twist the button to reset the switch and reset E-STOP signal, and at the same time, the two wires are connected at the switch end and form a closed loop.
- ❖ A EE box is needed as an interface to separate the 2-wire loop and USB signal.



E-STOP switch and EE box connection in P1A-S4E

SPECIFICATIONS

- 100 steps (clicks) per Rev MPG.
- MPG MTBF > 10000 hour.
- Shipped with 10' High Speed USB cable. Extendable to 15' with extension cable, or to 45' with USB repeater cables.
- Size (over all) 6.1"(L) x 3.1"(W) X 2.7"(H)