
Radxa ROCK 5B+ Product Brief

8K Pico-ITX Single Board Computer with LPDDR5

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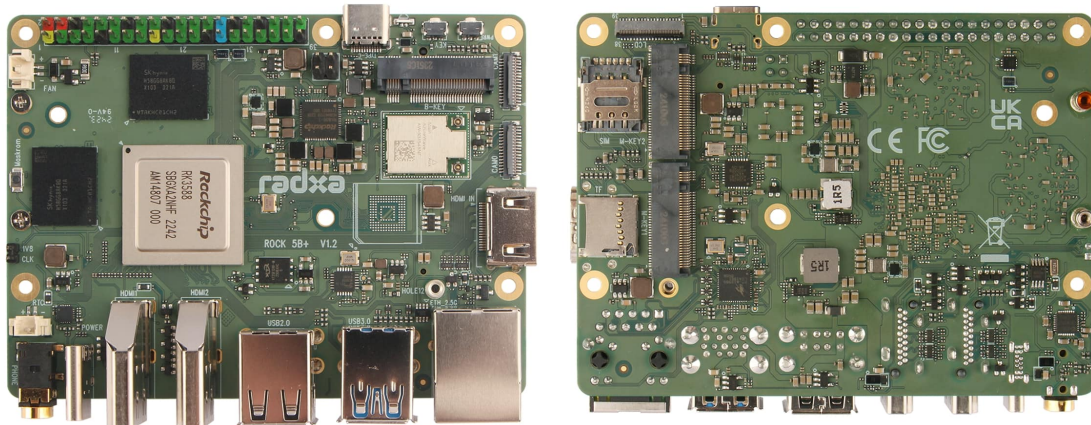
1 Revision Control Table

| Version | Date | Changes from previous version |
|---------|------------|-------------------------------|
| 1.0 | 2024-06-25 | First Version |

2 Introduction

the Radxa ROCK 5B+ stands as an upgraded version of the Radxa ROCK 5B, presenting itself as a compact single-board computer (SBC) endowed with a myriad of cutting-edge features, characteristics, and expansion possibilities. Catering to manufacturers, IoT enthusiasts, hobbyists, gamers, PC users, and anyone seeking an ideal platform with outstanding performance and reliability, the ROCK 5B+ from Radxa emerges as the preferred choice. Radxa offers various options for LPDDR5 memory configurations on the ROCK 5B+ board:

- 8GB
- 16GB
- 24GB
- 32GB



Note: The actual board layout or components' location may change during the time but the main connectors type and location will remain the same

3 Features

3.1 Hardware

- Rockchip RK3588 SoC
- Quad Cortex[®]-A76 @ 2.2/2.4GHz and a quad Cortex[®]-A55 @ 1.8GHz based on Arm[®] DynamIQ™ configuration
- Arm[®] Mali™ G610MC4 GPU supporting:
 - OpenGL[®] ES1.1, ES2.0, and ES3.2
 - OpenCL[®] 1.1, 1.2 and 2.2
 - Vulkan[®] 1.1 and 1.2
 - Embedded high performance 2D image acceleration module
- NPU supporting INT4 / INT8 / INT16 / FP16 / BF16 and TF32 acceleration and computing power is up to 6TOPs
- 64bit LPDDR5 RAM 5500MT/S options:
 - 8GB
 - 16GB
 - 24GB
 - 32GB
- Onboard eMMC options:
 - 32GB
 - 64GB
 - 128GB
 - 256GB
- Able to provide 4 display outputs via two HDMI, one DP (type C) and one MIPI DSI
- H.265 / H.264 / VP9 / AV1 / AVS2 video decoder up to 8K@60fps
- H.264 / H.265 video decoder up to 8K@30fps

3.2 Interfaces

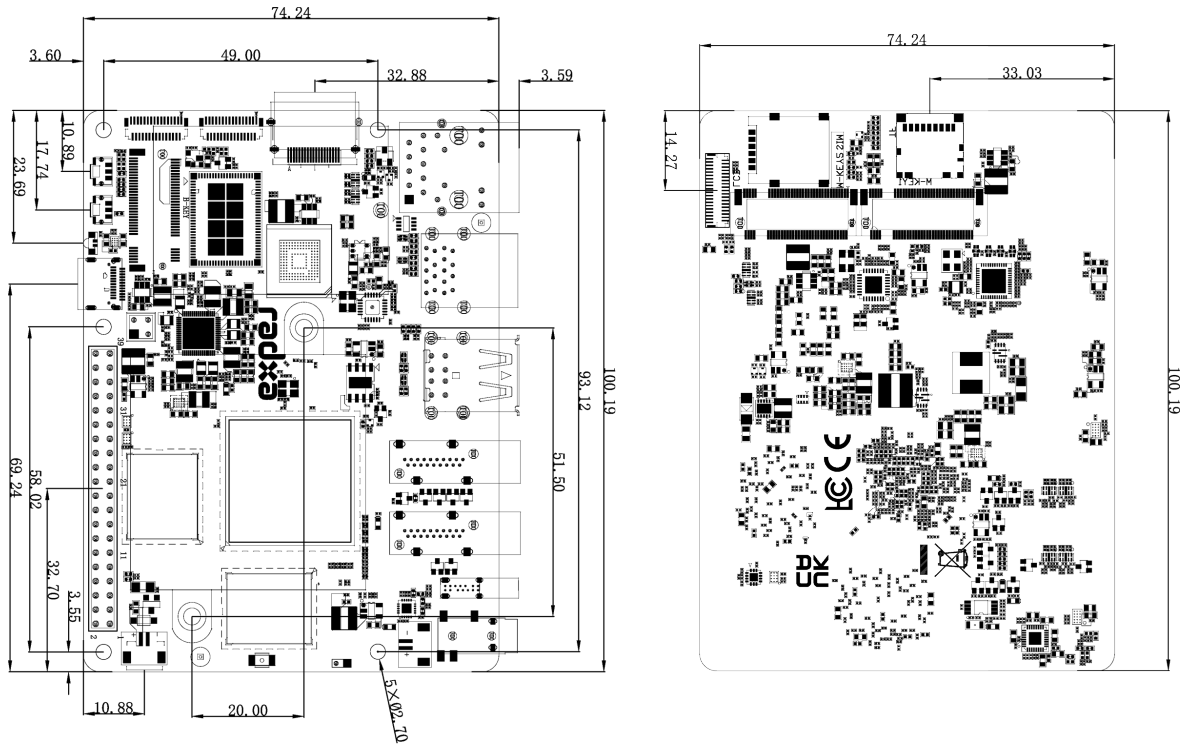
- IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac/ax Wireless LAN (Wi-Fi 6)
- BT 5.2 with BLE
- 1x back USB Type-C™ port for power
- 1x front USB Type-C™ port supporting:

- DP display up to 4Kp60
 - USB 3.0 OTG / HOST
- 1x Micro SD Card Slot
- 2x Standard HDMI output ports, one supporting displays up to 8Kp60 resolution, one supporting up to 4Kp60
- 1x Standard HDMI input port, supporting up to 4Kp60 display input
- 2x USB2 Type A HOST ports
- 2x USB3 Type A HOST ports
- 1x 2.5 Gigabit Ethernet port with PoE support(Additional PoE HAT Required)
- 2x M.2 M Key Connectors with PCIe 3.0 2-lane support
- 1x M.2 B Key Connectors with 4G Module support for mobile network
- 1x SIM Card Slot
- 2x Camera port (2x four-lane MIPI CSI or 2x two-lane MIPI CSI)
- 1x MIPI LCD port (four-lane MIPI DSI)
- 1x Headphone Jack with Microphone Input
- Miscellaneous
 - 1x RTC Battery Connector
 - 1x Fan Socket with PWM Control
 - 1x Power button
 - 1x Recovery button
 - 1x Maskrom button
 - 1x RGB power/status/user LED
 - 2x Heatsink Mounting Holes
- 40 pin 0.1” (2.54mm) header supporting a wide range of interface options:
 - 2 x UART
 - 2 x SPI bus
 - 2 x I2C bus
 - 1 x PCM/I2S
 - 1 x SPDIF
 - 1 x PWM
 - 1 x ADC
 - 6 x GPIO
 - 2 x 5V DC power in/out
 - 2 x 3.3V power out

3.3 Software

- ArmV8 Instruction Set
- Debian/Ubuntu Linux support
- Android 12 support
- OpenFyde OS(Chromium OS fork) support
- RKNPU2 NPU software stack
- Hardware access/control library for Linux/Android

4 Mechanical Specification



5 Electrical Specification

5.1 Power Requirements

The ROCK 5B+ supports various power supply technologies including smart power adapter as well as fixed voltage:

- USB Type-C PD Version 2.0 with 9V, 12V, 15V and 20V input support
- Power adapter with fixed voltage in 5V to 20V range on the USB Type-C port
- 5V Power applied to the GPIO PIN 2 & 4

The recommended power source should be able to produce, at least, 24W without a M.2 SSD or 40W with a M.2 SSD.

5.2 GPIO Voltage

| GPIO | Voltage Level | Tolerance |
|------------|---------------|-----------|
| All GPIO | 3.3V | 3.63V |
| SARADC_IN4 | 1.8V | 1.98V |

6 Operating Conditions

The ROCK 5B+ has been designed to operate between 0°C to 50°C.

This temperature range was defined based on typical usage where the efficient use of Arm big.LITTLE technology can automatically select which processor core to utilise for a given task, the result of which is minimal heat generation and responsive user experience.

The ROCK 5B+ is built on a high-performance mobile chipset which is designed to operate for extended durations on batteries with efficiency at its core. As with all electronic devices heat is a by-product of operation which increases with performance and workload; during basic use cases such as web browsing, editing text or listening to music the SoC will automatically select the smallest processors available or dedicated hardware accelerators to reduce heat generation thus reserving the higher performance processors and thermal window for demanding tasks as and when required.

The SoC (RK3588) is specified to limit its maximum internal temperature to 80°C before throttling the clock speeds to maintain reliability within the allowed temperature range. If the ROCK 5B+ is intended to be used continuously in high performance applications, it may be necessary to use external cooling methods (for example, heat sink, fan, etc.) which will allow the SoC to continue running at maximum clock speed indefinitely below its predefined 80°C peak temperature limiter.

7 Peripherals

7.1 GPIO Interface

The ROCK 5B+ offers a 40 pin GPIO expansion header which provides extensive compatibility with a wide range of accessories developed for the SBC market.

7.1.1 GPIO Alternate Functions

| Function5 | Function4 | Function3 | Function2 | Function1 | Pin# | Pin# | Function1 | Function2 | Function3 | Function4 | Function5 |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | +3.3V | 1 | 2 | +5.0V | | | | |
| I2S1_SDO2_M0 | I2C7_SDA_M3 | PWM15_IR_M1 | CAN1_TX_M1 | GPIO4_B3 | 3 | 4 | +5.0V | | | | |
| I2S1_SDO1_M0 | I2C7_SCL_M3 | PWM14_M1 | CAN1_RX_M1 | GPIO4_B2 | 5 | 6 | GND | | | | |
| SPI1_CS1_M1 | I2C8_SDA_M4 | UART7_CTSN_M1 | PWM15_IR_M0 | GPIO3_C3 | 7 | 8 | GPIO0_B5 | UART2_TX_M0 | I2S1_MCLK_M1 | I2C1_SCL_M0 | |
| | | | | GND | 9 | 10 | GPIO0_B6 | UART2_RX_M0 | I2S1_SCLK_M1 | I2C1_SDA_M0 | |
| | | SPI1_CLK_M1 | UART7_RX_M1 | GPIO3_C1 | 11 | 12 | GPIO3_B5 | PWM12_M0 | CAN1_RX_M0 | UART3_TX_M1 | I2S2_SCLK_M1 |
| | | SPI1_MOSI_M1 | I2C3_SCL_M1 | GPIO3_B7 | 13 | 14 | GND | | | | |
| | SPI1_MISO_M1 | I2C3_SDA_M1 | UART7_TX_M1 | GPIO3_C0 | 15 | 16 | GPIO3_A4 | SPI4_CS1_M1 | UART8_RTSN_M1 | I2S3_SDI | |
| | | | | +3.3V | 17 | 18 | GPIO4_C4 | I2C7_SDA_M1 | UART9_RTSN_M0 | SPI3_MISO_M0 | PWM5_M2 |
| UART4_RX_M2 | PDM1_SDI3_M1 | SPI0_MOSI_M2 | GPIO1_B2 | 19 | 20 | GND | | | | | |
| | PDM1_SDI2_M1 | SPI0_MISO_M2 | GPIO1_B1 | 21 | 22 | SARADC_IN4 | | | | | |
| UART4_TX_M2 | PDM1_CLK1_M1 | SPI0_CLK_M2 | GPIO1_B3 | 23 | 24 | GPIO1_B4 | SPI0_CS0_M2 | PDM1_CLK0_M1 | UART7_RX_M2 | | |
| | | | GND | 25 | 26 | GPIO1_B5 | SPI0_CS1_M2 | UART7_TX_M2 | | | |
| PWM7_IR_M3 | SPI3_CLK_M0 | UART7_CTSN_M0 | I2C0_SDA_M1 | GPIO4_C6 | 27 | 28 | GPIO4_C5 | I2C0_SCL_M1 | UART9_CTSN_M0 | SPI3_MOSI_M0 | PWM6_M2 |
| | UART1_CTSN_M0 | I2C8_SDA_M2 | PWM15_IR_M3 | GPIO1_D7 | 29 | 30 | GND | | | | |
| UART1_RX_M1 | I2C5_SDA_M3 | SPDIF_TX_M0 | PWM13_M2 | GPIO1_B7 | 31 | 32 | GPIO3_C2 | PWM14_M0 | UART7_RTSN_M0 | I2C8_SCL_M4 | SPI1_CS0_M1 |
| | | | PWM8_M0 | GPIO3_A7 | 33 | 34 | GND | | | | |
| I2S2_LRCK_M1 | UART3_RX_M1 | CAN1_TX_M0 | PWM13_M0 | GPIO3_B6 | 35 | 36 | GPIO3_B1 | PWM2_M1 | UART2_TX_M2 | | |
| | | | REFCLK_OUT | GPIO0_A0 | 37 | 38 | GPIO3_B2 | PWM3_IR_M1 | UART2_RX_M2 | I2S2_SDI_M1 | |
| | | | | GND | 39 | 40 | GPIO3_B3 | UART2_RTSN | I2S2_SDO_M1 | | |

7.2 Network

ROCK 5B+ provides a 10/100/1000/2500 Mbps RJ45 connector for wired networking. When equipped with an additional PoE module or HAT, the ROCK 5B+ can be powered through

an Ethernet cable connected to the RJ45 port, leveraging the capabilities of a PoE-enabled switch or router.

7.3 Camera and Display Interfaces

The ROCK 5B+ is equipped with two four-channel MIPI CSI camera connectors and one four-channel MIPI DSI connector. These connectors are specifically designed for Radxa camera and monitor accessories. Moreover, they offer backward compatibility, allowing the use of standard industrial camera and monitor peripherals through Radxa's adapter FPC cables.

7.4 USB

The ROCK 5B+ is equipped with a USB 3.0 OTG Type-C port and supports a DP interface, which allows for a maximum resolution of 4Kp60.

Furthermore, the ROCK 5B+ features two USB 2.0 HOST ports and two USB 3.0 HOST ports, all of which are Type-A connectors. The combined output power for these four ports is 2A.

7.5 HDMI Output

The ROCK 5B+ is equipped with two standard HDMI output ports, both featuring CEC support and HDMI 2.1 compatibility. These ports offer impressive resolutions, delivering 8Kp60 and 4Kp60, respectively.

7.6 HDMI Input

The ROCK 5B+ features a single standard HDMI input port, supporting HDMI 2.1 input with a resolution of 4Kp60.

7.7 Audio Jack

The ROCK 5B+ supports high quality analogue audio output via a 4-ring 3.5mm headphone jack. The analog audio output can drive 32 Ohm headphones directly. The audio jack also supports microphone input as default.

7.8 SIM Card Slot

The SIM card slot on the Rock 5B+ provides users with the convenience of directly accessing the mobile communication network. Users can simply combine the 4G module with the SIM card to easily enjoy stable mobile network access, and maintain seamless network connectivity regardless of location.

7.9 M.2 M Key Connector

The ROCK 5B+ offers three M.2 interfaces:

At the front of the circuit board, there is an M.2 B Key connector providing USB signals and supporting 4G modules. It facilitates mobile network connectivity through the use of a SIM card.

At the back of the circuit board, there are two M.2 M Key connectors, offering a total of two dual-channel PCIe 3.0 interfaces. Each M.2 M Key connector on the board features a standard M.2 2280 mounting hole, allowing the installation of M.2 2280 NVMe solid-state drives. It's important to note that M.2 SATA solid-state drives are not supported.

7.10 Fan Connector

The ROCK 5B+ has a 2pin 1.25mm header that enables users to connect a 5V fan (or other peripheral). The fan can be PWM controlled without speed feedback.

8 Availability

Radxa guarantees availability of the Radxa ROCK 5B+ until at least September 2032.

9 Support

For support please see the hardware documentation section of the [Radxa Website](#) and post questions to the [Radxa forum](#).

