GLITCH WORKS 6502 SBC REV 1 GW-6502SBC-1

USER'S MANUAL AND ASSEMBLY GUIDE

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1 Introduction

The Glitch Works 6502 SBC rev 1 (GW-6502SBC-1) is a single-board computer based on the 6502 central processing unit (CPU). When shipped in kit or assembled form, it includes a Western Design Center W65C02S. In that configuration, it includes the following features:

- WDC W65C02S at 8 MHz (guaranteed operation, overclocking possible)
- 64 KB static RAM, FeRAM compatible
- Up to 512 KB Flash memory in 4K pages, in-board programmable
- WDC W65C51N ACIA serial console
- WDC W65C22N VIA for I/O and timer facilities
- Flash paging and switch-out
- Debounced reset and power supply supervisory circuit
- Glitchbus expansion header

The 6502 SBC rev 1 is a completely self-contained system with a ROM monitor (GWMON-65) and EhBASIC 2.22. It requires only a serial terminal (or terminal emulation software on a PC) for full operation. The large Flash memory included onboard serves as both the boot ROM and storage for EhBASIC.

This SBC supports all 6502 processors; however, the 8 MHz oscillator supplied with kits and assembled boards will not operate with many older processors.

Kits and assembled boards include a WDC W65C51 ACIA. This part is known to have a hardware bug affecting the TDRE flag bit in the ACIA status register. All Glitch Works software can detect and work around this bug, and will operate correctly with WDC W65C51 ACIAs, as well as fully functional ACIAs from other manufacturers.

2 Configuration

The 6502 SBC rev 1 uses software configuration for all board options. No switch packs or jumpers need to be set for general operation.

When assembling the 6502 SBC rev 1 with user-supplied parts, non-WDC 6502 processors are supported when processor pin 1 is grounded. There is a solder jumper provided on the solder side of the PCB for this purpose.

2.1 Flash Options

The 6502 SBC rev 1 supports 32-pin Flash chips, ranging in size from 128 KB to 512 KB. The Flash chip is paged into system memory in 4K segments through the ROM segment latch, and can also be disabled entirely. No configuration changes are required to support different Flash sizes; however, all Glitch Works kits ship with 512 KB parts.

Glitch Works parts kits and fully assembled boards use SST 39SF040 Flash chips in DIP-32 packaging. When substituting other manufacturers' parts, ensure that the write and software data protect (SDP) algorithms are the same, and that the chosen part supports 4K sector erase. Flash chips that require entire device erasure for reprogramming cannot be used as in-system programmable Flash!

2.2 Glitchbus Expansion

The 6502 SBC rev 1 is expandable through a Glitchbus expansion header. The Glitchbus is a generic 8-bit bus intended to be processor-agnostic. Glitchbus expansion cards are designed to stack above or below the SBC using PC/104 style stacking headers. Alternatively, the 6502 SBC rev 1 may be assembled with a right-angle connector for use in backplanes.

All available Glitchbus boards are compatible with the 6502 SBC rev 1.

3 Assembly

The 6502 SBC rev 1 is designed to be easy to assemble for anyone with moderate soldering ability. It is a medium complexity board and will typically require between one and three hours of assembly time, depending on the skill of the assembler. The following tools will be required:

- Soldering iron, 20-40 W recommended, grounded tip
- Solder, 63/37 leaded solder recommended, Kester "44 Core" or similar
- Diagonal cutters or flush cutters
- Solder braid, solder sucker, or desoldering station, in the event errors are made
- Needle-nose pliers for bending component leads
- 1/4 and 1/8 W resistor lead forms (optional)

This manual does not cover basic soldering technique. If you are new to soldering, we recommend the Adafruit soldering guide and plenty of practice on a piece of protoboard, before beginning assembly of the 6502 SBC rev 1. The Adafruit guide can be found at:

https://learn.adafruit.com/adafruit-guide-excellent-soldering

3.1 Assembling the 6502 SBC rev 1

If you purchased a full Glitch Works parts kit, we recommend completing all assembly sections, since extra features can be disabled as needed. If supplying your own parts, you may choose which sections to complete based on the functionality required.

Note that pin 1 is designated with a square pad for all ICs, resistor packs, switches, and most connectors. Except for the LEDs and U3, pin 1 is toward the top of the board, as seen from the front, for all ICs, oscillators, resistor packs, and switches. The component (front) side of the board is the side which contains the white silkscreen legend. It is recommended to install components from shortest to tallest, which makes assembly without an assembly vise or jig easier, assuming the board is flipped over and soldered with the component side resting on a table top.

3.2 Assembly Checklist ☐ Verify parts list against kit contents or builder-provided parts ☐ Consult the assembly drawing for component locations and values □ Bend and install all 0.1 μF bypass capacitors (yellow axial bead) in locations marked C in the assembly diagram – position 2 on a 1/8 W lead form \square Bend both 4.7 k Ω resistors and install in their locations – position 1 on a 1/4 W lead form ☐ Install non-socketed DIP ICs at their marked locations: U9, U10, U12 ☐ Install 20-pin sockets at U9 and U11 ☐ Install 28-pin sockets at U5, U6, U7 ☐ Install a 32-pin socket at U4 ☐ Install 40-pin sockets at U1 and U2 □ Install a 22 µF 10V capacitor at C16, bend leads with needle-nose pliers ☐ Install a 1.8432 MHz oscillator at OSC1, ACIA CLOCK ☐ Install an 8 MHz oscillator at OSC2, CPU CLOCK ☐ Install a resistor pack at RP1 ☐ Install a TO-92 DS1233 at U3 ☐ Install a 10 nF radial ceramic capacitor at C3 ☐ Install micro tact pushbutton at SW1 RESET \square Hairpin bend both 330 Ω resistors and install in their marked locations ☐ Install two LEDs at D1 and D2, align flat on LED with silkscreen ☐ Install two 6-pin headers at A1 ☐ Install a 12-pin header at J1 ☐ Install a 2-pin Molex KK-100 header section at J2 ☐ Install a 40-pin Glitchbus expansion header at J3 3.3 Insert Socketed ICs ☐ Insert 6522 VIA into socket at U1 ☐ Insert 6502 CPU into socket at U2 ☐ Insert 39SF040 Flash chip into socket at U4

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3.4 Connect Serial Mezzanine

The 6502 SBC rev 1 uses a serial mezzanine to convert TTL TX and RX signals into the desired interface. It is compatible with Glitch Works mezzanines, as well as "FTDI cable" USB adapters. If using a USB adapter, be sure that its pinout matches the signals on the A1 connector before use.

The onboard system serial console supports hardware handshake, and requires that the *CTS input be connected. All tested "FTDI cable" USB adapters properly drive this signal. If using a Glitch Works RS-232 mezzanine, be sure your cable includes the *CTS line, or loops it back to the *RTS output.

If your terminal requires hardware handshake, ensure that your cabling satisfies its signal requirements. A serial light box will help debug potential serial wiring problems. We highly recommend the addition of a light box to your toolkit if you regularly interface RS-232 equipment; our personal favorite is the IQ Technologies SmartCable SC821 Plus.

3.5 Power Supply Considerations

The 6502 SBC rev 1 may be powered by either the 5V power connector (J2), or through the serial mezzanine connector, but not both at once. When using a "FTDI cable" style USB adapter, small systems may be powered from USB alone.

Any external power supply should provide 5V and at least 500 mA. 5V rail regulation should be within 5% – outside of this range, the DS1233 EconoReset will hold the system in reset, preventing operation.

4 Initial Checkout and Testing

Once the 6502 SBC rev 1 is assembled, double-check all ICs for proper orientation, and check all solder joints for cold joints or solder bridges. Connect a power pigtail provided to a suitable regulated 5V power supply capable of providing at least 500mA, or use USB power. Connect your serial terminal or computer to the console port. Apply power to your system and press RESET. The system sign-on message should be printed to the console, and should respond to appropriate user input. POWER LED D1 should be on. USER LED D2 should be off.

Press C at the boot prompt. When asked Memory size ?, press ENTER to autosize memory:

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ACIA TDRE BUG PRESENT, USING TIMER 2 [C]OLD/[W]ARM/[M]ONITOR? C

Memory size ?

48127 Bytes free

Enhanced BASIC 2.22

Ready

Once EhBASIC is operational, type in the small BASIC program to blink the USER LED at D2. The BASIC program may be found in section 5.7.

4.1 Troubleshooting

If your 6502 SBC rev 1 fails to come up, recheck all solder joints for cold joints, bridges, or missed pins – this is by far the most common problem we've observed during assembly workshops. Ensure your serial terminal or terminal emulator software is properly configured and that your cable is wired correctly (a RS-232 light box is very helpful here).

Verify that *BRESET is properly strobing during power-up and when pressing the RESET button (SW1). Ensure that all socketed chips are installed at the appropriate locations, especially that the 16V8 GAL with the label 65R1G1 is installed in socket U9, and that 65R1G2 is installed in socket U11.

4.2 Repair and Service

If you purchased an assembled 6502 SBC rev 1 from Glitch Works, LLC, your board is warranted to work on arrival. If you have assembled a kit that fails to work, you may return it to Glitch Works, LLC for evaluation, repair, and testing. For questions concerning returns or configuration, please visit http://www.glitchwrks.com/ and click the "Contact" link.

Do note that while we will attempt to help those who have purchased used boards, there is no warranty extended.

5 Technical Notes

5.1 Flash Segment Control

The 6502 SBC rev 1 includes a Flash segment port, which is implemented using PORT A of the 6522 VIA, and is located at address OxEFF1. PORT A direction is also controlled by DDRA, the data direction register, which defaults to input mode on reset. PORT A controls which 4K segment of the Flash chip is active, and whether the Flash chip is enabled or disabled. It is pulled up to OxFF when DDRA is loaded on reset. The bits of the Flash segment port are mapped as follows:

Register Bit	Function	Notes
7	Flash Enabled	Set (Flash enabled) on reset
6	Flash Segment Address, bit 6	Set on reset
5	Flash Segment Address, bit 5	Set on reset
4	Flash Segment Address, bit 4	Set on reset
3	Flash Segment Address, bit 3	Set on reset
2	Flash Segment Address, bit 2	Set on reset
1	Flash Segment Address, bit 1	Set on reset
0	Flash Segment Address, bit 0	Set on reset

Bits 0-6 control the selected 4K segment of Flash available at 0xF000 - 0xFFFF. These bits are set to 1 on reset so that the last segment of Flash is available for booting. Writing to these bits immediately changes the Flash segment.

Bit 7 enables Flash when set, and disables Flash when cleared. This allows unmapping Flash for use of the full 64 KB of system memory. Writing a 0 to this bit clears it and immediately switches off Flash, writing a 1 to this bit switches Flash in. The selected Flash page is not affected if no other bits are modified. The reset state of bit 7 is 1.

The Flash segment port provides readback. Reading from address 0xEFF1 returns its current value.

5.2 Default Memory Map

Address Range	Contents
0x0000 - 0x7FFF	Static RAM, IC socket U5
0x8000 - 0xEDFF	Static RAM, IC socket U6
0xEEFO - 0xEEFF	Glitch Works software variables
0xEF00 - 0xEFFF	Glitchbus I/O page (BIO**M high)
0xF000 - 0xFFFF	Static RAM, IC socket U6, when Flash is disabled
0xF000 - 0xFFFF	4K page of Flash, IC socket U4, when Flash is enabled

All onboard I/O devices are addressed within the Glitchbus I/O page, from 0xEF00 - 0xEFFF.

Onboard memory devices may be overlaid by external devices on the Glitchbus using the *BMASK signal.

5.3 Default I/O Map

The 6502 processor uses memory-mapped I/O (MMIO); however, a 256-byte page at 0xEF00 - 0xEFFF has been reserved as a dedicated I/O page. All onboard I/O devices are addressed within the dedicated I/O page. Accesses within the I/O page drive the Glitchbus signal BIO**M high, allowing operation of standard Glitchbus I/O boards with the 6502's MMIO.

I/O Address	R/W	Function
0x00	R/W	6551 ACIA (U7) base address
0xF0	R/W	6522 VIA (U1) base address

Consult the datasheets for the 6551 ACIA and 6522 VIA for an explanation of their register sets.

5.4 6551 ACIA Serial Console

The console serial interface on the 6502 SBC rev 1 is implemented using a 6551 Asynchronous Communications Interface Adapter (ACIA) addressed at 0xEF00 - 0xEF03. Serial bitrate is generated using the ACIA's internal bitrate generator, fed with a 1.8432 MHz clock from 0SC1.

Glitch Works parts kits and assembled boards include a Western Design Center W65C51N ACIA, which is known to have a hardware bug affecting the TDRE flag bit in the status register. This bug causes TDRE to always be asserted. WDC datasheets have referred to this hardware bug in a number of ways, but currently describe it as a result of the transmit buffer being immediately loaded into the transmitter shift register. *Make no mistake, this is a bug!* It effectively breaks the ability to poll the ACIA status register to determine if the transmit buffer is empty (that is, that transmission of the previously loaded byte is complete). It also breaks interrupt-driven operation, resulting in a continuous stream of interrupts. The WDC datasheet suggests working around the bug with software delay loops, which is not practical for the 6502 SBC rev 1 as the CPU clock frequency may be changed by substitution of the CPU clock oscillator.

The 6502 SBC rev 1 works around the TDRE bug using a combination of software detection of the bug, and mitigation with the TIMER2 element of the 6522 Versatile Interface Adapter (VIA).

In order to detect ACIAs with the TDRE bug, the bootstrap routine initializes the ACIA, then immediately writes two NULL bytes to the transmitter register. After writing the second NULL, the status register is immediately read, and the TDRE flag bit is checked. If the flag is clear (logic 0), the TDRE bug is not present and normal use of the TDRE flag bit is possible. If the flag is set (logic 1), the TDRE bug is present and must be mitigated.

TDRE bug mitigation is accomplished by using TIMER2 of the 6522 VIA in pulse counting mode. In this mode, TIMER2 counts down for every negative transition on VIA PORT B pin PB6. PB6 is connected to the ACIA's receiver clock output, RxC, on ACIA pin 5. TIMER2 is then loaded with the value 0x00B0, decimal 176, which is equivalent to 11 transitions of the receiver clock, times 16. This configuration allows using the VIA's interrupt flag register (IFR) as a replacement for the TDRE flag bit. It may be used in polled or interrupt-driven mode without software wait loops, making this mitigation independent of CPU clock frequency and ACIA bitrate frequency.

The TDRE bug detection in the 6502 SBC rev 1 bootstrap stores the results of its test at memory location 0xEEF7. When this location is zero, TDRE works as intended and may be used. When 0xEEF7 is nonzero, the TDRE bug is present and must be mitigated. Use of 0xEEF7 is consistent across Glitch Works software, and the address may be read, but not written, by user software.

5.5 6522 VIA

Various board functions make use of some of the features of the 6522 Versatile Interface Adapter (VIA) addressed at 0xEFF0 - 0xEFFF. PORT A is used for Flash control. PORT A handshake signal CA2 is connected to the USER LED at D2. TIMER2 is used for 6551 ACIA TDRE bug mitigation (see above section, "6551 ACIA Serial Console"), which requires PORT B pin PB6 to be connected to the ACIA's receiver clock output (RxC, ACIA pin 5).

All PORT B pins are brought out to header J1, including the in-use signal PB6 and handshake lines CB1 and CB2. Pins PB0 through PB5, and pin PB7 may be used as inputs or outputs as desired. Take care to leave PB6 configured as an input in DDRB.

5.6 Using All Pins on VIA Port B

6522 VIA PORT B pin PB6 is used for 6551 ACIA TDRE bug mitigation (see above section, "6551 ACIA Serial Console") when a buggy ACIA is detected by the SBC's bootstrap routine. If the 6502 SBC rev 1 is to be assembled and used with fully functional ACIAs, and buggy ACIA compatibility is not desired, PB6 may be reclaimed for general use.

To fully utilize PORT B when a fully functional 6551 ACIA is installed, cut the trace from ACIA pin 5 to PB6. This cut is most easily accomplished on the top side, to the left of U7 pin 5. Be careful not to cut the heavy power trace to the left of it. Performing this modification will disable TDRE bug mitigation permanently, do not perform it if WDC ACIAs will be used with the 6502 SBC rev 1!

5.7 Controlling the USER LED

The USER LED at D2 is connected to the VIA PORT A handshake line CA2 (VIA pin 39). It is software-controllable through the VIA's Peripheral Control Register (PCR). The PCR also controls the operation of handshake lines CA1, CB1, and CB2. Care must be taken to preserve the state of the control bits related to the other handshake lines when changing CA2.

CA2 is connected to the cathode of D2, a low value on CA2 will illuminate D2, and a high value on CA2 will extinguish D2.

To change the state of CA2 without affecting the other handshake lines:

- Read the PCR at address 0xEFFC
- Bitwise OR the value with 0x0C to set bits 2 and 3
- Clear bit 1 to illuminate USER LED, set bit 1 to extinguish it
- Write the value back to OxEFFC

The following code snippet illustrates the process in 6502 assembly:

```
; Illuminate the USER LED at D2
                                  :Get VIA PCR
USRON:
        LDA
                 $EFFC
                 #$0C
                                  ;Set bits 2,3
        ORA
        AND
                 #$FD
                                  ;Clear bit 1
        STA
                 $EFFC
                                  ;Write to VIA PCR
        RTS
;Extinguish the USER LED at D2
USROFF: LDA
                 $EFFC
                                  ;Get VIA PCR
        ORA
                 #$0E
                                  ;Set bits 1,2,3
        STA
                 $EFFC
                                  ;Write to VIA PCR
        RTS
```

Controlling the USER LED in EhBASIC can become a one-liner with compound BASIC statements:

```
REM Illuminate the USER LED at D2
POKE $EFFC, (PEEK($EFFC) OR $OC) AND $FD

REM Extinguish the USER LED at D2
POKE $EFFC, (PEEK($EFFC) OR $OE)
```

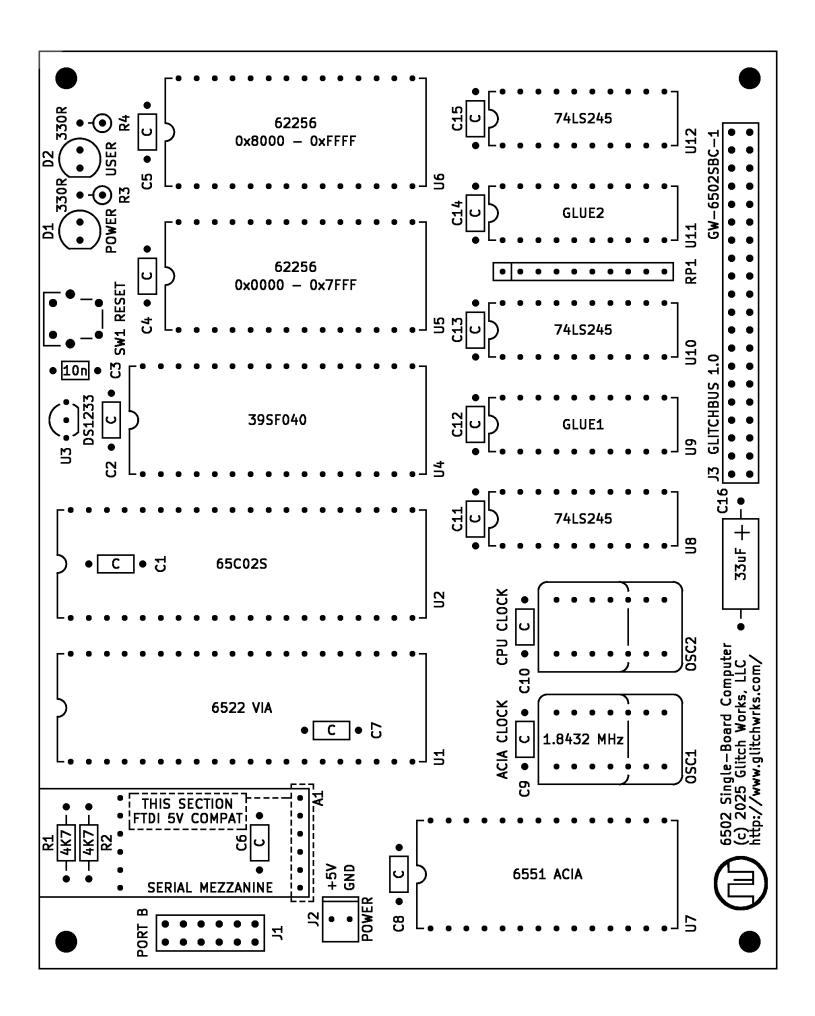
This EhBASIC program will flash the USER LED by first setting up the PCR, and then toggling PCR bit 1:

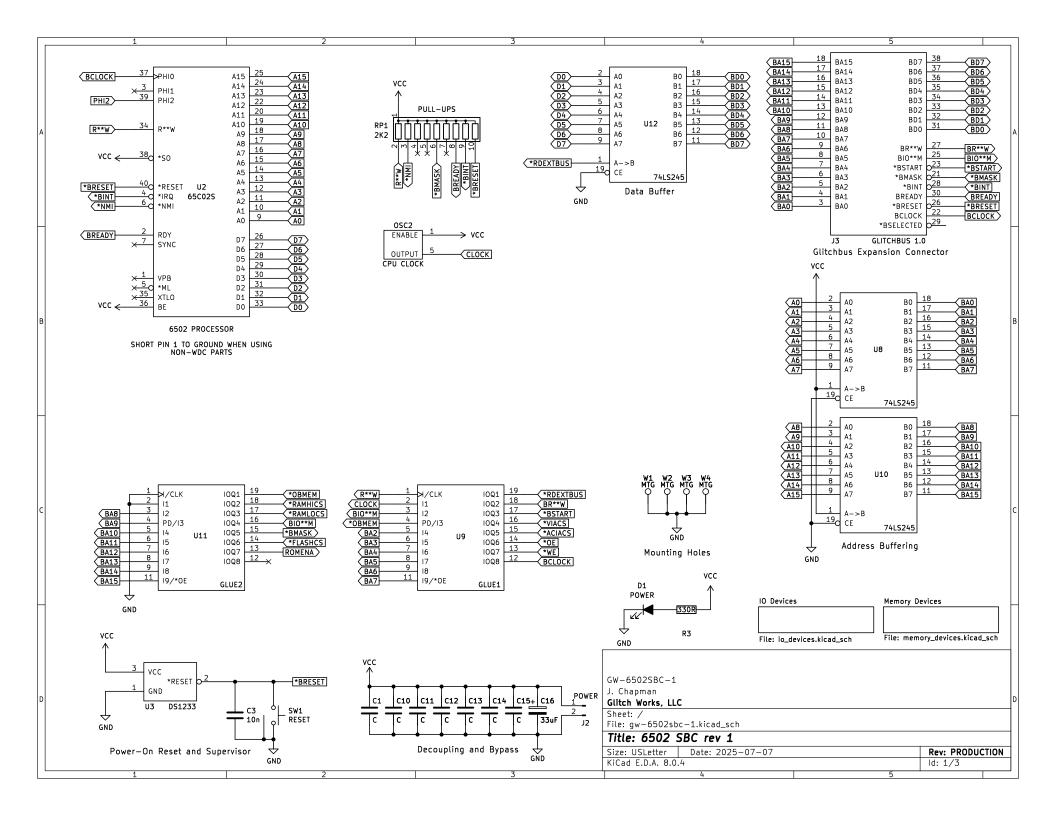
```
10 POKE $EFFC, (PEEK($EFFC) OR $OC)
20 BITCLR $EFFC,1
30 FOR I = 1 TO 1000
40 NEXT I
50 BITSET $EFFC,1
60 FOR I = 1 TO 1000
70 NEXT I
80 GOTO 20
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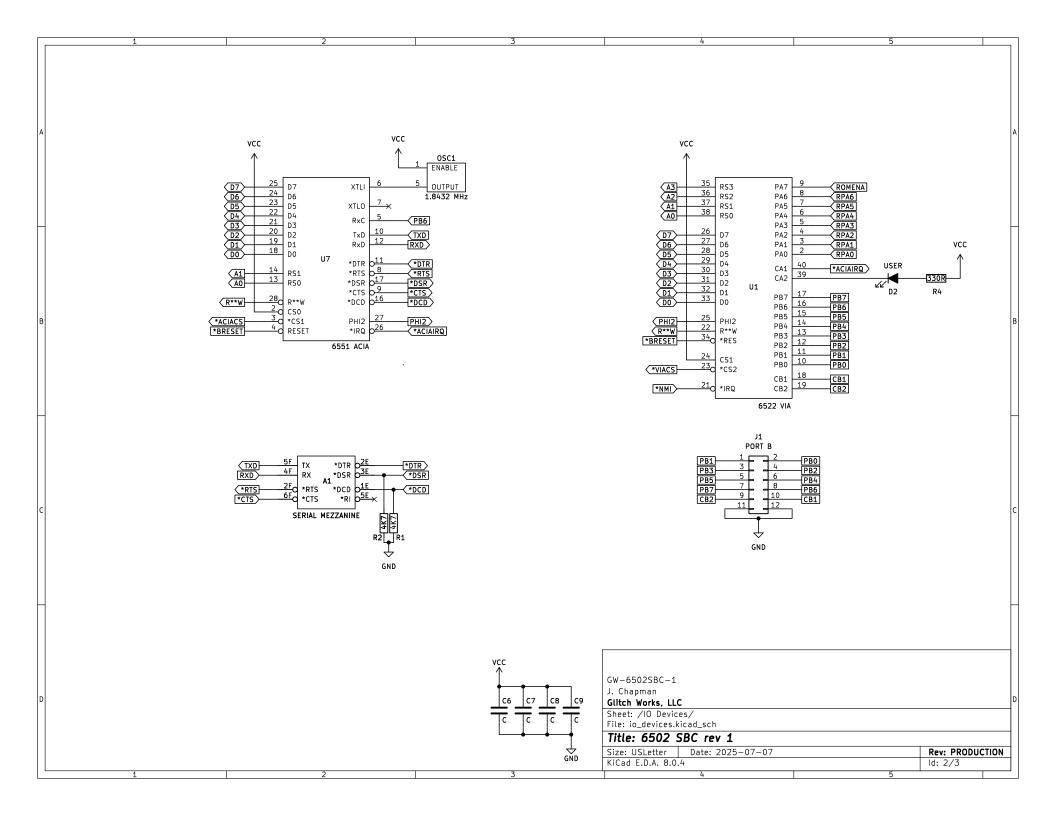
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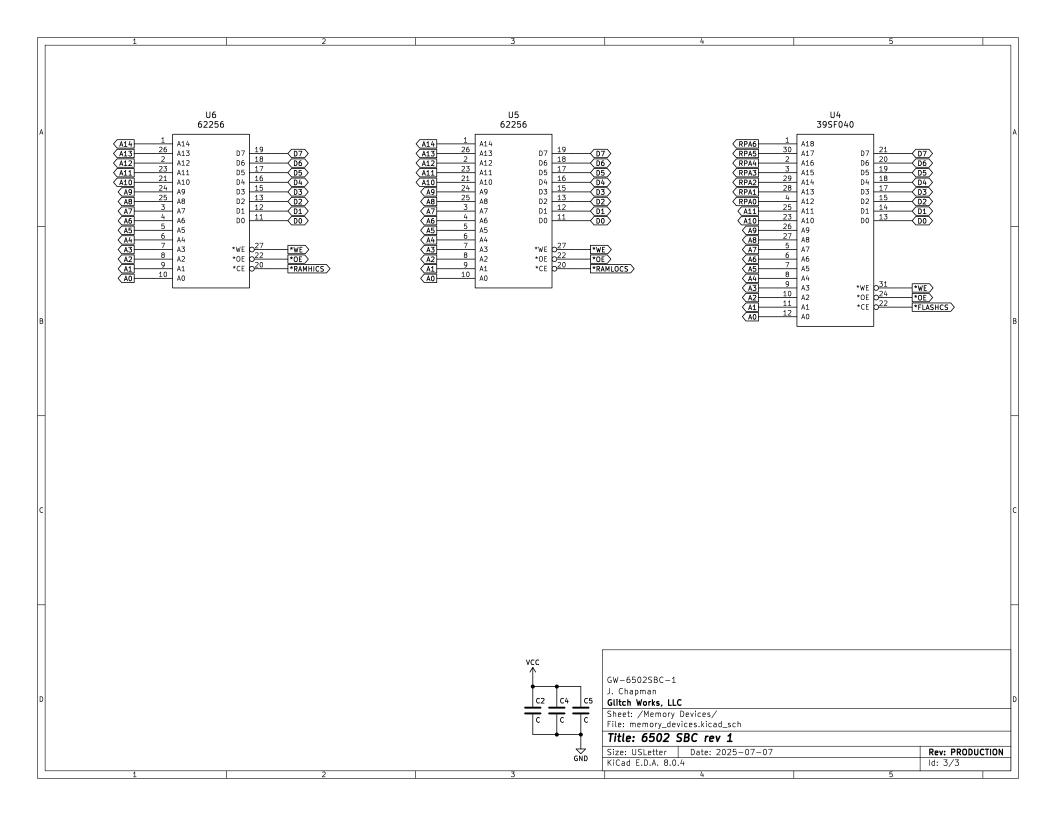
If you purchased a full Glitch Works parts kit, be sure it includes the following: \square 14x 0.01 μ F axial ceramic capacitor (yellow bead) □ 1x 10 nF 16 V radial ceramic capacitor \Box 1x 22 μF 10 V axial tantalum capacitor \square 2x 330 Ω 1/4 W resistor \square 2x 4.7 k Ω 1/4 W resistor (see above note) \square 1x 2.2 k Ω x 9 SIP resistor packs (see note above) □ 1x 1.8432 MHz crystal oscillator (ACIA CLOCK) ☐ 1x 8 MHz crystal oscillator (CPU CLOCK) \square 1x WDC W65C02S CPU ☐ 1x WDC W65C22N Versatile Interface Adapter (VIA) □ 1x WDC W65C51N Asynchronous Communications Interface Adapter (ACIA) □ 1x 39SF040 512K x 8 Flash chip, preloaded with GWMON-65 and EhBASIC 2.22 □ 2x JEDEC 62256-type 32K x 8 static RAM □ 1x 16V8-type GAL, labeled 65R1G1, preloaded with default GLUE1 configuration □ 1x 16V8-type GAL, labeled 65R1G2, preloaded with default GLUE2 configuration \square 3x 74LS245 transceiver □ 1x DS1233 EconoReset \square 2x red T-5 LED ☐ 1x mini tact pushbutton switch \square 2x 6-pin header strip ☐ 1x 2-position Molex KK-100 header \square 1x 12-position right angle header \square 2x 40-pin IC sockets \square 1x 32-pin IC socket \square 3x 28-pin IC sockets \square 2x 20-pin IC sockets

Any compatible 7400 series family logic may be used for the buffers at U8, U10, and U12; for example, 74LS245, 74HCT245, or 74ALS245.









```
GAL16V8 ; 6502 SBC rev 1 GLUE1 Logic
          ; PROTOTYPE 1
6502SBC1
;Pin Declarations
CLOCK
BIOM
OBMEM
BA2
BA3
BA4
BA5
BA6
GND
BA7
BCLOCK
WF.
0E
ACIACS
VIACS
BSTART
BRW
RDEXTBUS
VCC
; Equations
;6522 VIA at 0xF0 - 0xFF I/O page
;6551 ACIA at 0x00 - 0x03 I/O page
;OBIO output active when any onboard I/O devices addressed
;*WE and *OE are qualified with *BSTART for memory devices
;BRW is just buffered RW
BSTART
           =
                 /CLOCK
BCLOCK
                 /BSTART
           =
BRW
           =
          =
/WE
                 /BSTART * /RW
/OE
          =
                /BSTART * RW
/VIACS
                BA7 * BA6 * BA5 * BA4 * BIOM
          = BA7 * BA6 * BA5 * BA4 * BIOM
= /BA7 * /BA6 * /BA5 * /BA4 * /BA3 * /BA2 * BIOM
/ACIACS
                VIACS * ACIACS * OBMEM * RW * /BSTART
/RDEXTBUS
```

```
GAL16V8 ; 6502 SBC rev 1 GLUE2 Logic
           ; PROTOTYPE 1
6502SBC1
:Pin Declarations
SPARE3
BA8
BA9
BA10
BA11
BA12
BA13
BA14
GND
BA15
SPARE2
ROMENA
FLASHCS
BMASK
BTOM
RAMLOCS
RAMHICS
OBMEM
VCC
; Equations
;Low RAM at 0x0000 - 0x7FFF
; High RAM controlled as follows:
     * 0x8000 - 0xEEFF always active
     * OxFOOO - OxFFFF when ROMENA is low
;Flash ROM controlled as follows:
     * OxFOOO - OxFFFF when ROMENA is high
     * Disabled when ROMENA is low
;I/O page at 0xEF00 - 0xEFFF
;OBMEM output is low when onboard memory is addressed.
;BMASK low inhibits any onboard memory.
BIOM
                 BA15 * BA14 * BA13 * /BA12 * BA11 * BA10 * BA9 * BA8
                BA15 * BA14 * BA13 * BA12 * ROMENA * BMASK

/BA15 * /BIOM * BMASK
/FLASHCS
           =
/RAMLOCS
           =
           = BA15 * /BIOM * FLASHCS * BMASK
/RAMHICS
                 FLASHCS * RAMHICS * RAMLOCS
OBMEM
```