



# TWR-K21F120MA Quick Start Guide

Low-Power 32-bit ARM® Cortex™-M4  
MCUs with Floating Point Unit, USB  
Connectivity and Enhanced Security

Tower System  
Development Board  
Platform



# Get to know the TWR-K21F120MA

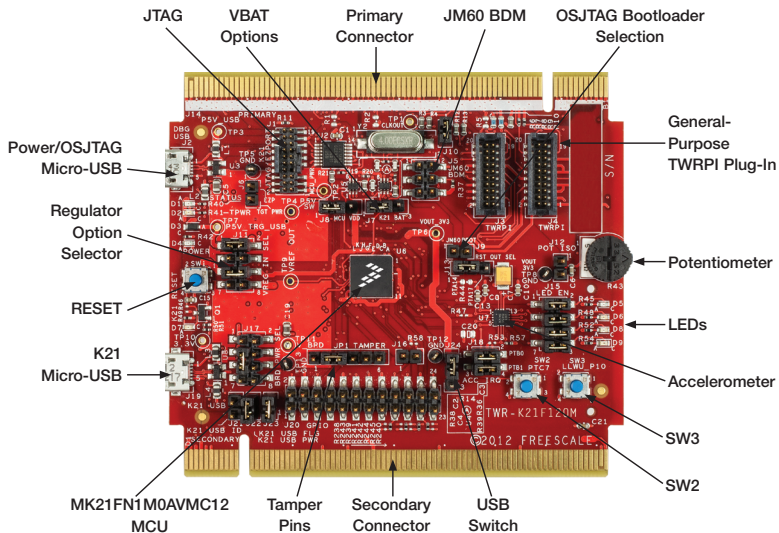
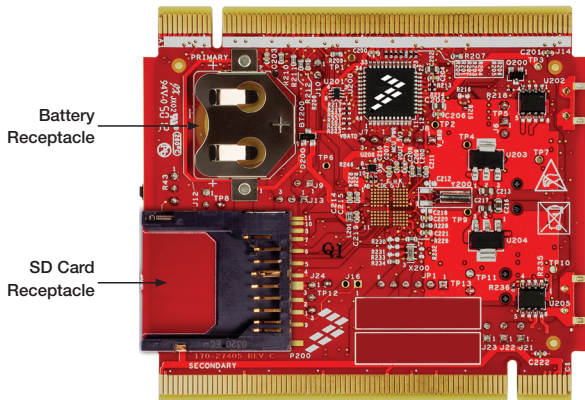


Figure 1: Front side of TWR-K21F120MA



## TWR-K21F120MA Freescale Tower System

The TWR-K21F120MA MCU module is designed to work either in stand-alone mode or as part of the Freescale Tower System, a modular development platform that enables rapid prototyping and tool re-use through reconfigurable hardware. Begin constructing your Tower System today by visiting [freescale.com/Tower](http://freescale.com/Tower) for additional Tower System MCU modules and compatible peripherals.

## TWR-K21F120MA Features

- MK21FN1M0AVMC12 MCU (120 MHz, 1 MB flash, 128 KB RAM, FPU, USB OTG, tamper detection, encryption, low power, 121 MBGA)
- Dual-role USB interface with Micro-AB USB connector
- On-board open source JTAG (OSJTAG) circuit with virtual serial port
- General-purpose Tower plug-in (TWRPI) socket
- Three-axis accelerometer (MMA8451Q)
- Four user-controlled status LEDs
- Push buttons for GPIO interrupts and MCU reset
- Potentiometer, SD card socket and coin cell battery holder
- Independent, battery operated power supply for real-time clock and tamper detection modules

## Step-by-Step Installation Instructions

In this quick start guide, you will learn how to set up the TWR-K21F120MA module and run the included demonstration software. For more detailed information, review the user manual at [freescale.com/TWR-K21F120M](http://freescale.com/TWR-K21F120M).

# 1

### Download Software and Tools

Download installation software and documentation under **“Jump Start Your Design”** at [freescale.com/TWR-K21F120M](http://freescale.com/TWR-K21F120M).



# 2

### Install the Software and Tools

Install the P&E Micro Kinetis Tower toolkit. The toolkit includes the OSJTAG and USB to serial drivers.

## 3-step-by-3-step Installation Instructions

### 3 Configure the Hardware

Install the included battery into the VBAT (RTC) battery holder. Then, connect one end of the USB cable to the PC and the other end to the Power/OSJTAG micro-B connector on the TWR-K21F120MA module. Allow the PC to automatically configure the USB drivers if needed.

### 4 Tilt the Board

Tilt the board side to side to see the LEDs on D5, D6, D8 and D9 light up as it is tilted. While the board is held flat, press SW2 and SW3 to toggle LEDs D5 and D9, respectively.

### 5 Download the Freescale CodeWarrior IDE and MQX™ RTOS

Download the Freescale CodeWarrior IDE and MQX RTOS by clicking the relevant links at [freescale.com/CodeWarrior](http://freescale.com/CodeWarrior) and [freescale.com/MQX](http://freescale.com/MQX).

## TWR-K21F120MA Jumper Options

The following is a list of all jumper options on the TWR-K21F120MA. The default installed jumper settings are indicated by white text within the gray boxes.

Jumper	Option	Setting	Description
JP1	Tamper Connections	2-3	JP1-1 through JP1-6 are connected to the MCU Tamper pins TAMPER0 through TAMPER5, respectively, for active tamper detection
J6	JTAG Board Power Selection	ON	Connect OSJTAG 5 V output (P5V_TRG_USB) to JTAG port (supports powering board from JTAG pod supporting 5 V supply output)
		OFF	Disconnect OSJTAG 5 V output (P5V_TRG_USB) from JTAG port
J7	VBAT Power Source	1-2	Connect VBAT to on-board 3.3 V or 1.8 V supply
		2-3	Connect VBAT to the higher voltage between MCU supply (MCU_PWR) or coin cell supply (VBATD)
J8	MCU Power Connection	1-2	Connect on-board 3.3 V or 1.8 V supply (V_BRD) to MCU VDD
		2-3	Connect K21 USB regulator output to MCU VDD
J9	OSJTAG Bootloader Selection	ON	OSJTAG bootloader mode (OSJTAG firmware reprogramming)
		OFF	Debugger mode
J10	General Purpose TWRPI V_BRD Power Enable	ON	Connect on-board 1.8 V or 3.3 V supply (V_BRD) to TWRPI 3 V power (GPT_VBRD)
		OFF	Disconnect from-board 1.8 V or 3.3 V supply (V_BRD) to TWRPI 3 V power (GPT_VBRD)
J11	VREG IN Selector	1-2	OSJTAG 5 V output (P5V_TRG_USB) connected to on-board regulator input (VREG_IN)
		5-6	VBUS signal on micro-USB connector J19 connects to K21_VREGIN to allow stand-alone USB operation
		6-8	VBUS signal from Tower elevator connector connects to K21_VREGIN to allow USB operation with complete Tower System
J12	Potentiometer Connection	ON	Connect potentiometer to ADC0_SE12
		OFF	Disconnect potentiometer from ADC0_SE12
J13	GPIO RESET_OUT_B connection	1-2	Connect PTA14 to RESET_OUT_B signal
		2-3	Connect PTA17 to RESET_OUT_B signal
		OFF	Leave RESET_OUT_B signal disconnected

## J15-J24 F120MA Jumper Options (continued)

Jumper	Option	Setting	Description
J15	LED Connections	1-2	Connect PTD4 to green LED (D5)
		3-4	Connect PTD5 to yellow LED (D6)
		5-6	Connect PTD6 to red LED (D8)
		7-8	Connect PTD7 to blue LED (D9)
		OFF	Disconnect PTD[4:7] from associated LED
J16	SDHC Card	OFF	10K pulldown resistor is disconnected from CD/DATA3 line
		ON	10K pulldown resistor is connected to CD/DATA3 line to allow card detection
J17	V_BRD Power Source (Board Power Selector)	1-2	Connect K21 USB regulator output (VOUT_3V3) to on-board supply (V_BRD)
		3-5	Connect 3.3 V on-board regulator output (P3V3) to on-board supply (V_BRD)
		5-7	Connect 1.8 V on-board regulator output (P1V8) to on-board supply (V_BRD)
J18	Accelerometer IRQ Connection	1-2	Connect PTB0 to INT1 pin of accelerometer
		3-4	Connect PTB1 to INT2 pin of accelerometer
		OFF	Disconnect PTB0 and/or PTB1 from INT1 and/or INT2 of accelerometer
J21	USB ID Connection	ON	Connect PTD7 to USB ID pin
		OFF	Disconnect PTD7 from USB ID pin
J22	USB Power Enable	ON	Connect PTC9 to USB power enable on power switch MIC2026
		OFF	Disconnect PTC9 from USB power enable on power switch MIC2026
J23	USB Over-Current Flag	ON	Connect PTC8 to over-current flag on power switch MIC2026
		OFF	Disconnect PTC8 from over-current flag on power switch MIC2026
J24	USB Switch	1-2	USB micro J19
		2-3	USB mini J14 on TWR-SER



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