

Propeller Chip Quick Reference

Spin Language

Command	Returns Value	Description
ABORT <Value>	✓	Exit from PUB/PRI method using abort status with optional return value.
BYTE Symbol <[Count]>		Declare byte-sized symbol in VAR block.
<Symbol> BYTE Data <[Count]>		Declare byte-aligned and/or byte-sized data in DAT block.
BYTE [BaseAddress] <[Offset]>	✓	Read/write byte of main memory.
Symbol. BYTE <[Offset]>	✓	Read/write byte-sized component of word/long-sized variable.
BYTEFILL (StartAddress, Value, Count)		Fill bytes of main memory with a value.
BYTEMOVE (DestAddress, SrcAddress, Count)		Copy bytes from one region to another in main memory.
CASE CaseExpression → MatchExpression : → Statement(s) <→ MatchExpression : → Statement(s) <→ OTHER : → Statement(s)		Compare expression against matching expression(s), execute code block if match found. <i>MatchExpression</i> can contain a single expression or multiple comma-delimited expressions. Expressions can be a single value (ex: 10) or a range of values (ex: 10..15).
CHIPVER	✓	Version number of the Propeller chip.
CLKFREQ	✓	Current System Clock frequency, in Hz.
CLKMODE	✓	Current clock mode setting.
CLKSET (Mode, Frequency)		Set both clock mode and System Clock frequency at run time.
CNT	✓	Current 32-bit System Counter value.
COGID	✓	Current cog's ID number: 0-7.
COGINIT (CogID, SpinMethod < (ParameterList) , StackPointer)		Start or restart cog by ID to run Spin code.
COGINIT (CogID, AsmAddress, Parameter)		Start or restart cog by ID to run Propeller Assembly code.
COGNEW (SpinMethod < (ParameterList) , StackPointer)	✓	Start new cog for Spin code and get cog ID: 0-7 = succeeded, -1 = failed.
COGNEW (AsmAddress, Parameter)	✓	Start new cog for Propeller Assembly code and get cog ID: 0-7 = succeeded, -1 = failed.
COGSTOP (CogID)		Stop cog by its ID.
CON Sym = Exp <((, ↳)) Sym = Exp>...		Declare symbolic, global constants.
CON <#Exp <((, ↳))>> Sym <[Ofs]> <(((, ↳)) #Exp <((, ↳)) Sym <[Ofs]>)>...		Declare global enumerations (incrementing symbolic constants).
CONSTANT (ConstantExpression)	✓	Declare in-line constant expression to be completely resolved at compile time.
CTRA	✓	Counter A Control register.
CTRB	✓	Counter B Control register.
DAT <Symbol> Alignment <Size> <Data> <[Count]> <, <Size> Data <[Count]>...>		Declare table of data, aligned and sized as specified.
DAT <Symbol> <Condition> Instruction <Effect(s)>		Denote Propeller Assembly instruction.
DIRA <[Pin(s)]>	✓	Direction register for 32-bit port A.
FILE "FileName"		Import external file as data in DAT block.
FLOAT (IntegerConstant)	✓	Convert integer constant expression to compile-time floating-point value in any block.
FRQA	✓	Counter A Frequency register.
FRQB	✓	Counter B Frequency register.
((IF IFNOT) Condition(s) → IfStatement(s) < ELSEIF Condition(s) → ElseIfStatement(s) >... < ELSEIFNOT Condition(s) → ElseIfStatement(s) >... < ELSE → ElseStatement(s)		Test condition(s) and execute block of code if valid. IF and ELSEIF each test for TRUE . IFNOT and ELSEIFNOT each test for FALSE .
INA <[Pin(s)]>	✓	Input register for 32-bit ports A.
LOCKCLR (ID)	✓	Clear semaphore to false and get its previous state; TRUE or FALSE .
LOCKNEW	✓	Check out new semaphore and get its ID: 0-7, or -1 if none were available.
LOCKRET (ID)		Return semaphore back to semaphore pool, releasing it for future LOCKNEW requests.
LOCKSET (ID)	✓	Set semaphore to true and get its previous state; TRUE or FALSE .
LONG Symbol <[Count]>		Declare long-sized symbol in VAR block.
<Symbol> LONG Data <[Count]>		Declare long-aligned and/or long-sized data in DAT block.
LONG [BaseAddress] <[Offset]>	✓	Read/write long of main memory.
LONGFILL (StartAddress, Value, Count)		Fill longs of main memory with a value.
LONGMOVE (DestAddress, SrcAddress, Count)		Copy longs from one region to another in main memory.
LOOKDOWN (Value: ExpressionList)	✓	Get the one-based index of a value in a list.
LOOKDOWNZ (Value: ExpressionList)	✓	Get the zero-based index of a value in a list.
LOOKUP (Index: ExpressionList)	✓	Get value from a one-based index position of a list.
LOOKUPZ (Index: ExpressionList)	✓	Get value from a zero-based index position of a list.
NEXT		Skip remaining statements of REPEAT loop and continue with the next loop iteration.

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OBJ <i>Symbol</i> <[Count]>: "Object" <↳ <i>Symbol</i> <[Count]>: "Object"...		Declare symbol object references.
OUTA <[Pin(s)]>	✓	Output register for 32-bit port A.
PAR	✓	Cog Boot Parameter register.
PHSA	✓	Counter A Phase Lock Loop (PLL) register.
PHSB	✓	Counter B Phase Lock Loop (PLL) register.
PRI <i>Name</i> <{(Par <,Par>...)}> <:RVal> <{ LVar <[CnD]>} <,>LVar <[CnD]>}... <i>SourceCodeStatements</i>		Declare private method with optional parameters, return value and local variables.
PUB <i>Name</i> <{(Par <,Par>...)}> <:RVal> <{ LVar <[CnD]>} <,>LVar <[CnD]>}... <i>SourceCodeStatements</i>		Declare public method with optional parameters, return value and local variables.
QUIT		Exit from REPEAT loop immediately.
REBOOT		Reset the Propeller chip.
REPEAT <Count> → <i>Statement(s)</i>		Execute code block repetitively, either infinitely, or for a finite number of iterations.
REPEAT <i>Variable</i> FROM <i>Start</i> TO <i>Finish</i> <STEP <i>Delta</i> > → <i>Statement(s)</i>		Execute code block repetitively, for finite, counted iterations.
REPEAT ((UNTIL WHILE)) <i>Condition(s)</i> → <i>Statement(s)</i>		Execute code block repetitively, zero-to-many conditional iterations.
REPEAT → <i>Statement(s)</i> ((UNTIL WHILE)) <i>Condition(s)</i>		Execute code block repetitively, one-to-many conditional iterations.
RESULT	✓	Return value variable for PUB/PRI methods.
RETURN <Value>	✓	Exit from PUB/PRI method with optional return <i>Value</i> .
ROUND <FloatConstant>	✓	Round floating-point constant to the nearest integer at compile-time, in any block.
SPR <Index>	✓	Special Purpose Register array.
STACOMP <StringAddress1, StringAddress2>	✓	Compare two strings for equality.
STRING <StringExpression>	✓	Declare in-line string constant and get its address.
STRSIZE <StringAddress>	✓	Get size, in bytes, of zero-terminate string.
TRUNC <FloatConstant>	✓	Remove fractional portion from floating-point constant at compile-time, in any block.
VAR <i>Size Symbol</i> <[Count]> <{(, ↳ <i>Size</i>) Symbol <[Count]>}...		Declare symbolic global variables.
VCFG	✓	Video Configuration register.
VSCL	✓	Video Scale register.
WAITCNT <Value>		Pause cog's execution temporarily.
WAITPEQ <State, Mask, Port>		Pause cog's execution until I/O pin(s) match designated state(s).
WAITPNE <State, Mask, Port>		Pause cog's execution until I/O pin(s) do not match designated state(s).
WAITVID <Colors, Pixels>		Pause cog's execution until its Video Generator is available for pixel data.
WORD <i>Symbol</i> <[Count]> <Symbol> WORD <i>Data</i> <[Count]>		Declare word-sized symbol in VAR block. Declare word-aligned and/or word-sized data in DAT block.
WORD <BaseAddress> <[Offset]> <i>Symbol</i> . WORD <[Offset]>	✓	Read/write word of main memory. Read/write word-sized component of long-sized variable.
WORDFILL <StartAddress, Value, Count>		Fill words of main memory with a value.
WORDMOVE <DestAddress, SrcAddress, Count>		Copy words from one region to another in main memory.

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Instruction	Description	Z Result	C Result	Result	Clocks	
ABS <i>AValue</i> , <#> <i>SValue</i>	Get absolute value of a number.	Result = 0	S[31]	Written	4	
ABSNeg <i>NValue</i> , <#> <i>SValue</i>	Get the negative of a number's absolute value.	Result = 0	S[31]	Written	4	
ADD <i>Value1</i> , <#> <i>Value2</i>	Add unsigned values.	Result = 0	Unsigned Carry	Written	4	
ADDABS <i>Value</i> , <#> <i>SValue</i>	Add absolute value to another value.	Result = 0	Unsigned Carry	Written	4	
ADDS <i>SValue1</i> , <#> <i>SValue2</i>	Add signed values.	Result = 0	Signed Overflow	Written	4	
ADDSX <i>SValue1</i> , <#> <i>SValue2</i>	Add signed values plus C.	Z & (Result = 0)	Signed Overflow	Written	4	
ADDX <i>Value1</i> , <#> <i>Value2</i>	Add unsigned values plus C.	Z & (Result = 0)	Unsigned Carry	Written	4	
AND <i>Value1</i> , <#> <i>Value2</i>	Bitwise AND values.	Result = 0	Parity of Result	Written	4	
ANDN <i>Value1</i> , <#> <i>Value2</i>	Bitwise AND value with NOT of another.	Result = 0	Parity of Result	Written	4	
CALL # <i>Address</i>	Jump to address with intention to return to next instruction.	Result = 0	---	Written	4	
CLKSET <i>Mode</i>	Set clock mode at run time.	---	---	Not Written	7..22 *	
CMp <i>Value1</i> , <#> <i>Value2</i>	Compare unsigned values.	D = S	Unsigned Borrow	Not Written	4	
CMPS <i>SValue1</i> , <#> <i>SValue2</i>	Compare signed values.	D = S	Signed Borrow	Not Written	4	
CMPSUB <i>Value1</i> , <#> <i>Value2</i>	Compare unsigned values, subtract second if it is lesser or equal.	D = S	Unsigned (D => S)	Written	4	
CMPSX <i>SValue1</i> , <#> <i>SValue2</i>	Compare signed values plus C.	Z & (D = S+C)	Signed Borrow	Not Written	4	
CMpX <i>Value1</i> , <#> <i>Value2</i>	Compare unsigned values plus C.	Z & (D = S+C)	Unsigned Borrow	Not Written	4	
COGID <i>Destination</i>	Get current cog's ID.	Result = 0	---	Written	7..22 *	
COGINIT <i>Destination</i>	Re/start cog, ID optional, to run Propeller Assembly or Spin code.	Result = 0	No Cog Free	Not Written	7..22 *	
COGSTOP <i>CogID</i>	Start a cog by ID.	---	---	Not Written	7..22 *	
DJNZ <i>Value</i> , <#> <i>Address</i>	Decrement value and jump to address if not zero.	Result = 0	Unsigned Borrow	Written	4 or 8 "	

