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# **AdafruitEPD Library Documentation**

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This library is for using CircuitPython with e-ink displays with built in SRAM.



# CHAPTER 1

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## Dependencies

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This driver depends on:

- [Adafruit CircuitPython](#)
- [Bus Device](#)
- [font5x8.bin](#) found in the examples bundle

Please ensure all dependencies are available on the CircuitPython filesystem. This is easily achieved by downloading the [Adafruit library and driver bundle](#).





## CHAPTER 2

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### Usage Example

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```
import digitalio
import busio
import board
from adafruit_epd.epd import Adafruit_EPd
from adafruit_epd.il0373 import Adafruit_IL0373

# create the spi device and pins we will need
spi = busio.SPI(board.SCK, MOSI=board.MOSI, MISO=board.MISO)
ecs = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.D12)
dc = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.D11)
srcs = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.D10)    # can be None to use internal memory
rst = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.D9)     # can be None to not use this pin
busy = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.D5)    # can be None to not use this pin

# give them all to our driver
print("Creating display")
display = Adafruit_IL0373(104, 212, spi,          # 2.13" Tri-color display
                          cs_pin=ecs, dc_pin=dc, sramcs_pin=srcs,
                          rst_pin=rst, busy_pin=busy)

display.rotation = 1

# clear the buffer
print("Clear buffer")
display.fill(Adafruit_EPd.WHITE)
display.pixel(10, 100, Adafruit_EPd.BLACK)

print("Draw Rectangles")
display.fill_rect(5, 5, 10, 10, Adafruit_EPd.RED)
display.rect(0, 0, 20, 30, Adafruit_EPd.BLACK)

print("Draw lines")
display.line(0, 0, display.width-1, display.height-1, Adafruit_EPd.BLACK)
display.line(0, display.height-1, display.width-1, 0, Adafruit_EPd.RED)
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```
print("Draw text")
display.text('hello world', 25, 10, Adafruit_EPDM.BLACK)
display.display()
```

## CHAPTER 3

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### Contributing

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Contributions are welcome! Please read our [Code of Conduct](#) before contributing to help this project stay welcoming.



### 4.1 Zip release files

To build this library locally you'll need to install the `circuitpython-build-tools` package.

```
python3 -m venv .env
source .env/bin/activate
pip install circuitpython-build-tools
```

Once installed, make sure you are in the virtual environment:

```
source .env/bin/activate
```

Then run the build:

```
circuitpython-build-bundles --filename_prefix adafruit-circuitpython-epd --library_
↪location .
```

### 4.2 Sphinx documentation

Sphinx is used to build the documentation based on rST files and comments in the code. First, install dependencies (feel free to reuse the virtual environment from above):

```
python3 -m venv .env
source .env/bin/activate
pip install Sphinx sphinx-rtd-theme
```

Now, once you have the virtual environment activated:

```
cd docs
sphinx-build -E -W -b html . _build/html
```

This will output the documentation to `docs/_build/html`. Open the `index.html` in your browser to view them. It will also (due to `-W`) error out on any warning like Travis will. This is a good way to locally verify it will pass.

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## 5.1 Simple test

Ensure your device works with this simple test.

Listing 1: examples/epd\_simpletest.py

```

1  import digitalio
2  import busio
3  import board
4  from adafruit_epd.epd import Adafruit_EPd
5  from adafruit_epd.il0373 import Adafruit_IL0373
6  from adafruit_epd.il91874 import Adafruit_IL91874 # pylint: disable=unused-import
7  from adafruit_epd.il0398 import Adafruit_IL0398 # pylint: disable=unused-import
8  from adafruit_epd.ssd1608 import Adafruit_SSD1608 # pylint: disable=unused-import
9  from adafruit_epd.ssd1675 import Adafruit_SSD1675 # pylint: disable=unused-import
10
11 # create the spi device and pins we will need
12 spi = busio.SPI(board.SCK, MOSI=board.MOSI, MISO=board.MISO)
13 ecs = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.D12)
14 dc = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.D11)
15 srcs = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.D10) # can be None to use internal memory
16 rst = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.D9) # can be None to not use this pin
17 busy = digitalio.DigitalInOut(board.D5) # can be None to not use this pin
18
19 # give them all to our driver
20 print("Creating display")
21 #display = Adafruit_SSD1608(200, 200, spi, # 1.54" HD mono display
22 #display = Adafruit_SSD1675(250, 122, spi, # 2.13" HD mono display
23 #display = Adafruit_IL91874(176, 264, spi, # 2.7" Tri-color display
24 #display = Adafruit_IL0373(152, 152, spi, # 1.54" Tri-color display
25 #display = Adafruit_IL0373(128, 296, spi, # 2.9" Tri-color display
26 #display = Adafruit_IL0398(400, 300, spi, # 4.2" Tri-color display
27 display = Adafruit_IL0373(104, 212, spi, # 2.13" Tri-color display

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28         cs_pin=ecs, dc_pin=dc, sramcs_pin=srcs,
29         rst_pin=rst, busy_pin=busy)
30
31 # IF YOU HAVE A FLEXIBLE DISPLAY (2.13" or 2.9") uncomment these lines!
32 #display.set_black_buffer(1, False)
33 #display.set_color_buffer(1, False)
34
35 display.rotation = 1
36
37 # clear the buffer
38 print("Clear buffer")
39 display.fill(Adafruit_EPDM.WHITE)
40 display.pixel(10, 100, Adafruit_EPDM.BLACK)
41
42 print("Draw Rectangles")
43 display.fill_rect(5, 5, 10, 10, Adafruit_EPDM.RED)
44 display.rect(0, 0, 20, 30, Adafruit_EPDM.BLACK)
45
46 print("Draw lines")
47 display.line(0, 0, display.width-1, display.height-1, Adafruit_EPDM.BLACK)
48 display.line(0, display.height-1, display.width-1, 0, Adafruit_EPDM.RED)
49
50 print("Draw text")
51 display.text('hello world', 25, 10, Adafruit_EPDM.BLACK)
52 display.display()

```

## 5.2 adafruit\_epd.epd - Adafruit EPD - ePaper display driver

CircuitPython driver for Adafruit ePaper display breakouts \* Author(s): Dean Miller

```
class adafruit_epd.epd.Adafruit_EPDM(width, height, spi, cs_pin, dc_pin, sramcs_pin, rst_pin,
                                     busy_pin)
```

Base class for EPD displays

**command** (cmd, data=None, end=True)  
Send command byte to display.

**display** ()  
show the contents of the display buffer

**fill** (color)  
fill the screen with the passed color

**fill\_rect** (x, y, width, height, color)  
fill a rectangle with the passed color

**hardware\_reset** ()  
If we have a reset pin, do a hardware reset by toggling it

**height**  
The height of the display, accounting for rotation

**hline** (x, y, width, color)  
draw a horizontal line

**image** (image)  
Set buffer to value of Python Imaging Library image. The image should be in RGB mode and a size equal



to the display size.

**line** (*x\_0, y\_0, x\_1, y\_1, color*)

Draw a line from (*x\_0, y\_0*) to (*x\_1, y\_1*) in passed color

**pixel** (*x, y, color*)

draw a single pixel in the display buffer

**power\_down** ()

Power down the display, must be implemented in subclass

**power\_up** ()

Power up the display in preparation for writing RAM and updating. must be implemented in subclass

**rect** (*x, y, width, height, color*)

draw a rectangle

**rotation**

The rotation of the display, can be one of (0, 1, 2, 3)

**set\_black\_buffer** (*index, inverted*)

Set the index for the black buffer data (0 or 1) and whether its inverted

**set\_color\_buffer** (*index, inverted*)

Set the index for the color buffer data (0 or 1) and whether its inverted

**set\_ram\_address** (*x, y*)

Set the RAM address location, must be implemented in subclass

**text** (*string, x, y, color, \*, font\_name='font5x8.bin'*)

Write text string at location (*x, y*) in given color, using font file

**update** ()

Update the display from internal memory, must be implemented in subclass

**vline** (*x, y, height, color*)

draw a vertical line

**width**

The width of the display, accounting for rotation

**write\_ram** (*index*)

Send the one byte command for starting the RAM write process. Returns the byte read at the same time over SPI. *index* is the RAM buffer, can be 0 or 1 for tri-color displays. must be implemented in subclass



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