

RF Controlled Vehicle with Metal Detection

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Abstract: *The project is intended to cultivate a robotic vehicle that can sense metals ahead of it on its path similar to detecting land mines. The robot is controlled by a remote using RF technology. It consists of a metal detector circuit interfaced to the control unit that alarms the user behind it about a doubted land mine ahead. For controlling the movement of robot either to forward, backward & right or left commands are sent to the receiver by using push buttons of the transmitter. At the receiving end two motors are interfaced to the microcontroller where they are used for the movement of the vehicle. The RF transmitter acts as a RF remote control that has the advantage of sufficient range (up to 200 meters) with proper antenna, while the receiver decodes before serving it to another microcontroller to drive DC motors via motor driver IC for necessary work. A metal detector circuit is attached on the robot body and its operation is carried out automatically on sensing any metal underneath. The instant the robot senses this metal it produces an alarm sound through buzzer. This is to aware the operator of a probable metal ahead on its path. Further the project can be enhanced by mounting a wireless camera on the robot so that the operator can govern the movement of the robot remotely by observing it on a screen.*

Keywords: Buzzer, Land mines, Microcontroller, Metal Detector circuit, RF Technology.

I. INTRODUCTION

The project is intended to cultivate a robotic vehicle that can sense metals ahead of it on its path similar to detecting land mines. The main purpose of this project is to use radio frequency bands for remote control of robot using radio frequency technology. It comprises of a control unit along with a metal detector circuit that produces alarm sound with a metal detector circuit that produces alarm sound warn the user behind it about land mine or a metal object ahead. An encoder-decoder chips HT12E & HT12D is used for the preferred operation, as this uses radiofrequency signal for the movement of robot, transmitter circuit transmits signal through the air and the receiver communicate to the transmitter through these signals from the air. This robotic vehicle makes use of the transmitter and receiver at 433.92 MHz i.e. at radiofrequency that is available at low cost hence making it very beneficial. The radio frequency based control is more useful as compared to the infrared based control that limits the operating range to only a few meters of distance. Command for controlling the movement of the robot either to move forward, backward and left or right etc. are sent to receiver circuit by using the push buttons of the transmitter circuit. For the movement of the vehicle, at the receiving end two motors are interfaced to the microcontroller. The RF transmitter acts as a RF remote control that has the advantage of sufficient range (up to 150 meters) with proper antenna, while the receiver decodes before serving it to another microcontroller to drive DC motors via motor driver IC for necessary work. A metal detector circuit is attached on the robot body and its operation is carried out automatically on sensing any metal beneath. The instant the robot senses this metal it produces an alarm sound through buzzer. This is to aware the operator about a probable metal (eg: land mines or presence of metals) onward on its path. Further the project can be enhanced by mounting a wireless camera on the robot so that the images around the robot will be transmitted to remote place and user can monitor the images and metal detection alarms on Television.

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