# Pico-ResTouch-LCD-2.8

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## **Overview**

2.8inch Touch Display Module For Raspberry Pi Pico, 262K Colors, 320 × 240 Pixels, SPI Interface.

# **Specification**



(https://www.waveshare.com/picorestouch-lcd-2.8.htm)

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Parameter					
Working Voltage	5V	Resolution	320 × 240 Pixels		
Communication Interface	SPI	Display Dimension	57.60 × 43.20 mm		
Display Panel	IPS	Pixel Pitch	0.18 × 0.18 mm		
Control Chip	ST7789	Dimension	70.20 × 50.20 mm		

## **Hardware connection**

Please take care of the direction when you connect Pico, an USB port is printed to indicate. You can also check the pin of Pico and the LCD board when connecting. You can connect the display according to the table.

LCD	Pico	Description	
VCC	VSYS	Power input	
GND	GND	GND	
SDIO_CLK	GP5	SCK pin of SDIO interfacem clock input for slave	
		device.	
LCD_DC GP8	CD8	Data/Command pin (High: data; Low:	
	GPO	command)	
LCD_CS	GP9	Chip select pin of LCD (Low active)	

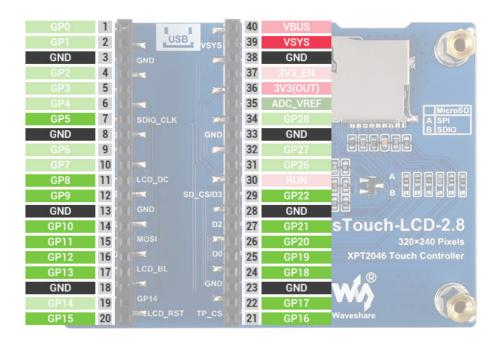
LCD_CLK	GP10	CLK pin of LCD communication, clock input for	
		slave device	
MOSI	GP11	SPI MOSI pin	
MISO	GP12	SPI MISO pin	
LCD_BL	GP13	LCD backlight control	
LCD_RST	GP15	LCD reset pin (Low active)	
TP_CS	GP16	Touch controller chip select (Low active)	
TP_IRQ	GP17	Touch controller interrupt pin (Low active)	
SDIO_CMD	GP18	SDIO CMD pin	
D0	GP19	SDIO D0 pin	
D1	GP20	SDIO D1 pin	
D2	GP21	SDIO D2 pin	
SD CS/D3	GP22	SDIO CS/D3 pin	

#### **Features**

- 320 × 240 resolution, IPS screen, 262K RGB, clear and colorful displaying effect.
- Dedicated touch controller, bringing more smooth touching effect than ADcontrolled solutions.
- MicroSD card slot for storing images and direct displaying them easily.
- Programmable backlight control, power saving.
- Comes with development resources and manual (Raspberry Pi Pico C/C++ and MicroPython examples).

#### Pin

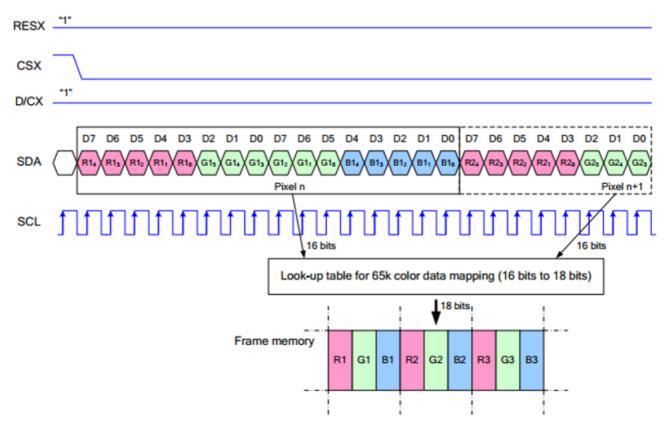
The built-in controller used by this LCD is ST7789VW, which is an LCD controller with 240 x RGB x 320 pixels, while the pixels of this LCD itself are 240 (H) RGB x 320 (V), and the internal RAM of the LCD has been fully used. The LCD supports 16-bit or 18-bit input color formats per pixel, namely RGB565, and RGB666. The test demo uses RGB565 color format, which is a commonly used RGB format. LCD uses a four-wire SPI communication interface, which can greatly save GPIO ports, At the same time, the communication speed will be faster. The maximum SPI write speed tested is 60MHz.



VSYS		5V power supply
	GND	Ground
GP5 SDIO_CLK		SDIO CLK pin
GP8	LCD_DC	LCD Command/Data pin
GP9	LCD_CS	LCD chip select
GP10	CLK	SPI CLK pin
GP11	MOSI	SPI MOSI pin
GP12	MISO	SPI MISO pin
GP13	LCD_BL	LCD backlight

GP15	LCD_RST	LCD reset pin
GP16	TP_CS	Touch controller chip select
GP17	TP_IRQ	Touch controller interrupt
GP18	SDIO_CMD	SDIO CMD pin
GP19	DO	SDIO D0 pin
GP20	D1	SDIO D1 pin
GP21	D2	SDIO D2 pin
GP22	SD_CS/D3	SDIO CS/D3 pin

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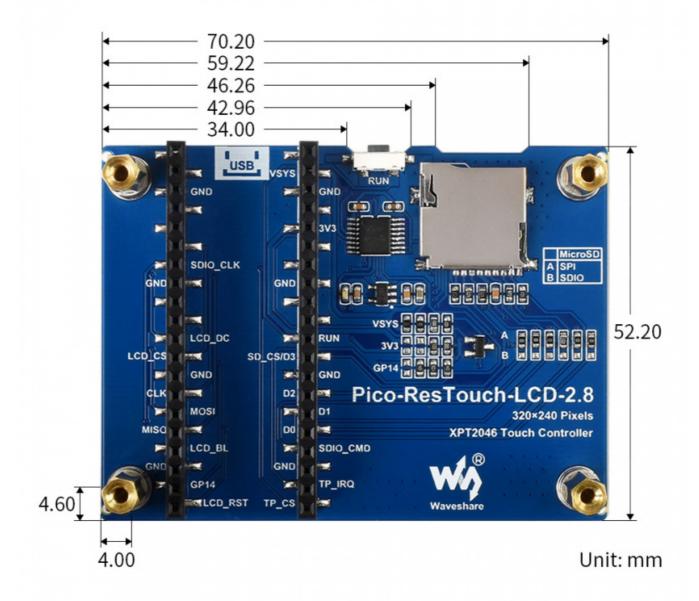
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Note: The difference with the traditional SPI protocol is that the data cable from the slave to the host is hidden as this product is mostly used for display. Please refer to Datasheet Page 55 (8.4 Serial Interface) (https://www.waveshare.com/w/upload/a/ae/S T7789 Datasheet.pdf).

- RESX (LCD RST) indicates reset and is set to "1" when the module is powered on.
- CSX (LCD\_CS) indicates the slave chip selection and the chip is enabled when CS is low.
- D/CX (LCD\_DC) indicates the chip data/command control pin. When DC=0, it is writing commands. When DC=1, it is writing data.
- SDA (MOST) is the transmitted data, that is, RGB data.
- SCL (CLK) is the SPI clock.
- As for SPI communication, the data has transmission order, that is the combination of clock phase (CPHA) and clock polarity (CPOL).
- The level of CPHA determines whether the serial synchronization clock is collected on the first clock transition edge or the second clock transition edge. When CPHA = 0, data acquisition is performed on the first transition edge.
- The level of CPOL determines the idle state level of the serial synchronous clock. CPOL = 0, which is a low level.

■ As can be seen from the figure, when the first falling edge of SCLK starts to transmit data, 8bit data is transmitted in one clock cycle, using SPI0, bit-wise transmission, high-order first, and low-order last.

# **Dimension**



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## **Connection**

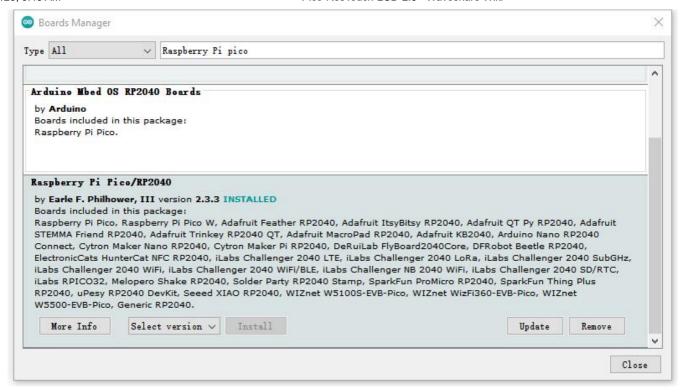


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Pay attention to the connection direction of the Pico, the USB of the Pico should be in the same direction as the MicroSD card.

## **Setup environment**

- We test the demo with Arduino IDE (https://www.arduino.cc/), VScode(cmake) (https://code.visualstudio.com/download), Thonny (https://thonny.org/), click to download the related IDE, and open Arduino IDE, Thonny after installation.
- 1. Please install Pico SDK in Arduino IDE, click Tools->Board->Boards Manager in the menu bar and search for Raspberry Pi Pico, find the corresponding library, and click Install to install it, as shown in the figure below:



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2. Please refer to The C/C++ SDK (https://www.raspberrypi.com/documentation/microc ontrollers/c\_sdk.html), 9.2. Building on MS Windows in GET-START document (https://www.waveshare.com/w/upload/6/65/Getting-started-with-pico.pdf) for the compilation environment of VScode(Cmake).

## 9.2. Building on MS Windows

Installing the toolchain on Microsoft Windows 10 is somewhat different to other platforms. However once installed, building code for the RP2040 is somewhat similar.

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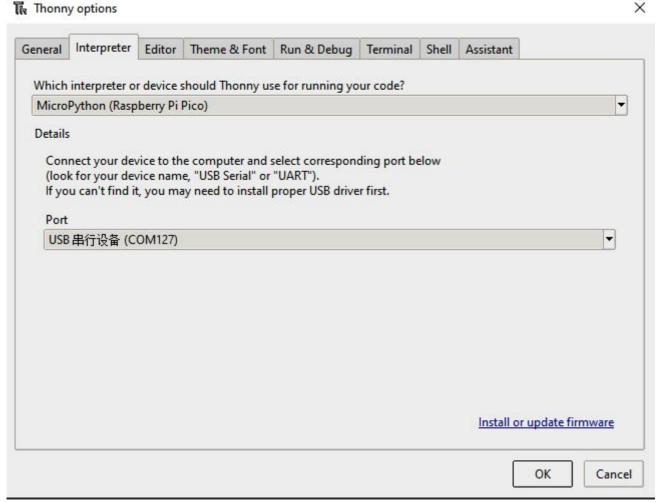
While Raspberry Pi does not directly support it there is a third-party installer script for Windows 10 that is roughly equivalent of the pico-setup.sh script for Raspberry Pi (see Chapter 1). More details at https://github.com/ndabas/pico-setup-windows.



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3. Please refer to the official micropython document (https://www.raspberrypi.com/documentation/microcontrollers/micropython.html) to set up the environment, and select

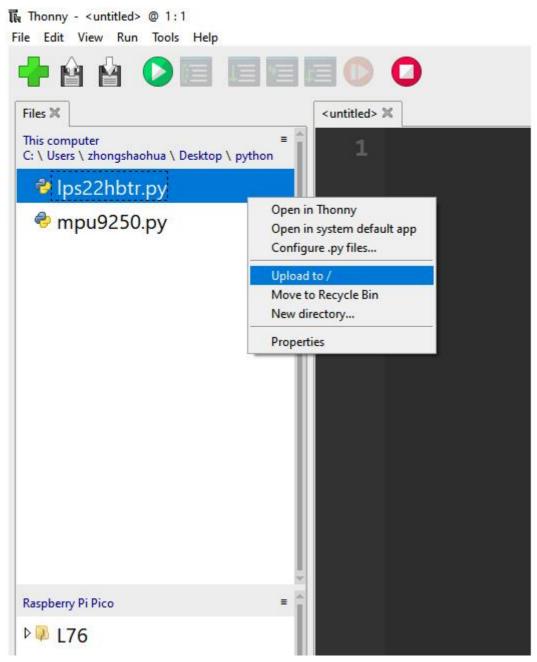
the Raspberry Pi Pico device in Thonny's Tools->Options->Interprete. As shown below:



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### **Download Demo codes**

- 1. Click to download the sample demo (https://www.waveshare.com/w/upload/8/83/Pi co-ResTouch-LCD-X\_X\_Code\_%286%29.zip).
- 2. Please open the VScode (Cmake) project with VScode software.
- 3. Unzip the sample demo and click ".ino" to open the Arduino demo. Please upload the Micropython sample demo to Pico document system. As shown below:

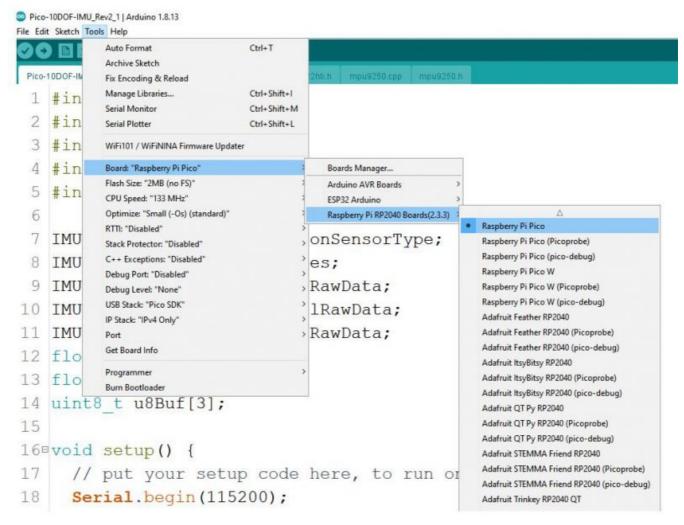


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# **Run the Demo codes**

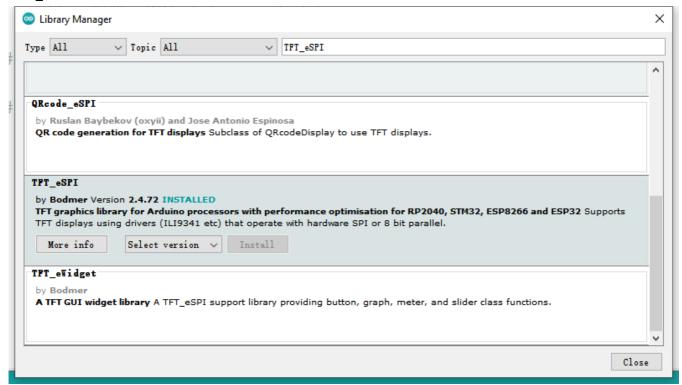
#### **Arduino**

1. Open Arduino IDE or ".ino" sample program. Click "Tools->Board->Raspberry Pi Pico" in the Tools. As shown below.



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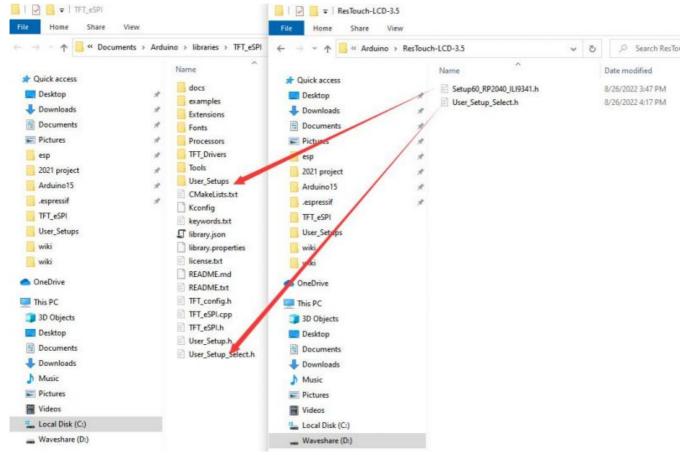
2. Install the TFT\_eSPI library, click Tools->Manage Library in the menu bar, search for TFT eSPI and click Install.



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3. To configure the driver file, open the Arduino library file directory, usually in

C:\Users\xxxx\Documents\Arduino\libraries\TFT\_eSPI\, for ResTouch-LCD-3.5, put the TFT\_eSPI library (User\_Setups\Setup60\_RP2040\_ILI9341.h) (User\_Setup\_Select.h) with the files in the sample program folder Arduino\ResTouch-LCD-3.5, and the same for ResTouch-LCD-2.8, as shown in the figure.



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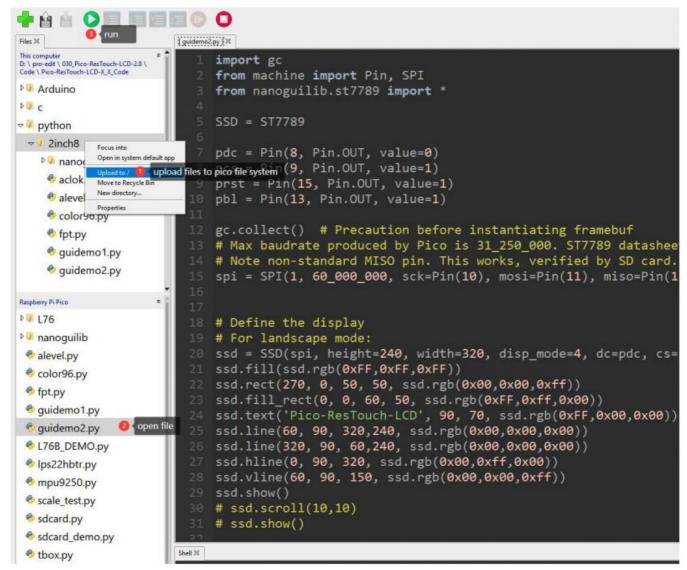
4. Select the example program under File-Examples->TFT\_eSPI->480\*320 in the menu bar, and then click Upload under Edit to download the code to Pico.

### VScode(Cmake)

Open the c project with VScode, and then compile to download.

### Micropython

■ Open Thonny IDE, and save the code under "python/2inch8/" to the Pico file system. As shown below, and the same for ResTouch-LCD-2.8.



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## **Codes Analysis**

The example will display strings, figures, image and finally the touch pad function. We use three drawing functions in main part and set the TP\_DrawBoard() to loop for releasing the features.

```
GUI_Show();
LCD_Show_bmp(Bmp_ScanDir , Lcd_ScanDir);
TP_DrawBoard();
```

Note that if you want to test the LCD\_ShowBMP example, you need to copy the picture from the PIC folder to the root directory of a micro SD card, insert the SD card into the slot in the backside of the LCD. Then run the examples.

The micro SD card should in FAT format, and the resolution of pictures used should be the same as the LCD, for a 2.8inch LCD, it is  $320 \times 240$ , and  $480 \times 320$  for a 3.5inch LCD, 24bit BMP.

The LCD controller is ST7789, we need to intialize the controller at the first, which is done in LCD\_Driver.c file

And being called in lcd\_test.c file,

```
System_Init();//System intialize, configure serial port and SPI interface...<br/>
```

```
LCD_SCAN_DIR Lcd_ScanDir = SCAN_DIR_DFT; //Set the scanmode <br/>
LCD_Init( Lcd_ScanDir, 200);//Initialize LCD panel, confirm the scan mode and the brightness<br/>
brightness<br/>
```

GUI functions are all saved in LCD\_GUI.c file, you can call them to draw the display

Draw point

Draw line (dotted or solid):

Draw a rectangle (empty or filled)

Draw a circle (empty or filled)

Display character

Display string

#### Display number

#### Display time

In the example, this demo shows that the BMP picture first reads the picture data in the BMP format on the SD card through the SPI protocol and displays it. In lcd test.c file, we use two functions for display picture:

```
SD_Init();//Initialize SD card

LCD_Show_bmp(bmp_scan_dir,lcd_scan_dir);//Display BMP picture
```

These functions are written in LCD\_Bmp.c, actually read the picture data in the BMP format with a specific file name from the SD card and then call the display function written by ourselves to "express" the data as an image again

In LCD Touch.c file:

```
TP_Init( Lcd_ScanDir );//Initialize touch panel and set the scan mode

TP_GetAdFac();//Calibrate the display

TP_Dialog();//Clear

TP_DrawBoard();//Enable the drawing board
```

There will be five colors on the right side of the screen, the default color is black, touch them to select the pen color; click the AD button, and follow the on-screen prompts to click the red + sign to calibrate the screen; click the CLEAR button in upper right corner to clear the drawing board

The touch experiment uses four sets of calibration values by default, which can meet the brush operations in four directions. There are five color choices on the right, and the default brush size is 9 pixels.

The function for touching are saved in the LCD\_Touch.c file

There are five fonts available.

```
Width 5, Height 8 font8
Width 7, Height 12 font12
Width 11, Height 16 font16
Width 14, Height 20 font20
Width 17, Height24 font24
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- If you need characters in different sizes and fonts, you can generate the font library you want by the font extraction software provided in the Resources
- In fact, you can use the Image2Lcd (https://www.waveshare.com/w/upload/3/36/Ima ge2Lcd.7z) software to convert a picture to arrays and display them by the functions in the example.
- Datasheet of chips are provided, you can read them for more information.

## Resource

## **Documents**

- Schematic (https://www.waveshare.com/w/upload/d/dc/Pico-ResTouch-LCD-2.8\_Sch. pdf)
- ST7789 datasheet (https://www.waveshare.com/w/upload/a/ae/ST7789\_Datasheet.pdf)
- XPT2046 datasheet (https://www.waveshare.com/w/upload/b/b0/XPT2046.pdf)