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**PXIe-1095**

## CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

# PXIe-1095

## PXI Chassis

This document contains the verification and adjustment procedures for the National Instruments PXIe-1095 chassis. Refer to [ni.com/calibration](http://ni.com/calibration) for more information about calibration solutions.

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## Software

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Calibrating the PXIe-1095 requires the installation of the following software on the calibration system:

- PXI Platform Services 18.1 or later

You can download PXI Platform Services from [ni.com/downloads](http://ni.com/downloads).

PXI Platform Services supports programming the calibration procedures using a number of application development environments (ADEs), including LabVIEW, LabWindows™/CVI™, and Microsoft Visual C++. When you install PXI Platform Services, you need to install support only for the ADE that you intend to use.

## Documentation

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You might find the following documents helpful as you perform the calibration procedure:

- PXIe-1095 User Manual
- PXIe-1095 Specifications

The latest versions of these documents are available on <http://www.ni.com/manuals>.



# Test Equipment

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The following table lists the equipment NI recommends for the performance verification and adjustment procedures. If the recommended equipment is not available, select a substitute using the minimum requirements listed in the table.

**Table 1.** Recommended Test Equipment

Equipment	Recommended Models	Minimum Requirements
Frequency Reference	Symmetricom 8040C	Output Frequency: 10 MHz Accuracy: $\leq 1 \times 10^{-10}$
Frequency Counter	Keysight 53220A	Frequency Range: >10 MHz Frequency Resolution: $\leq 0.001$ Hz at 10 MHz
BNC-BNC Cable	—	—
BNC-SMA Cable	—	—

## Test Conditions

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The following setup and environmental conditions are required to ensure the PXIe-1095 chassis meets published specifications.

- Keep cabling as short as possible. Long cables and wires act as antennae, picking up extra noise that can affect measurements.
- Verify that all connections, including front panel connections and screws, are secure.
- Maintain an ambient temperature of  $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- Keep relative humidity below 80%.
- Ensure that the PXIe-1095 chassis has been continuously powered for at least 24 hours prior to calibration to allow the 10 MHz oscillator frequency to stabilize.
- Ensure that the Frequency Reference has been continuously powered as specified by its manual for its accuracy to meet the minimum requirements specified in [Table 1](#), on page 2.

## Initial Setup

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Refer to the *PXIe-1095 User Manual* for information about how to install the software and hardware and how to configure the device in Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX).

# Verification

The performance verification procedure assumes that adequate traceable uncertainties are available for the calibration references.

Complete the following procedure to determine the as-found status of the PXIe-1095 chassis.

## Verifying OCXO Frequency Accuracy

1. Connect the 10 MHz Ref Out SMA on the rear of the PXIe-1095 chassis to Channel 1 of the Frequency Counter.
2. Configure the Frequency Reference to output a 10 MHz sine wave on one of its output channels. Connect this channel to the Ext Ref In port of the Frequency Counter.
3. Configure the Frequency Counter to use the Ext Ref In port as the reference oscillator source and to use Channel 1 as its input source. Set the Frequency Counter gate time to 1 second.
4. Measure the OCXO frequency using the Frequency Counter.
5. Compare the measured frequency to the device specifications.

To determine if the device under test meets its specifications, you must compare the measured frequency with the published specifications. [Table 2](#), on page 3 shows the frequency range that is acceptable according to the published specifications of the PXIe-1095 chassis.

**Table 2.** One Year Test Limits

Device	Specified Accuracy Within 1 Year of Calibration	Acceptable Frequency Range — As Found	
		Low Limit	High Limit
PXIe-1095	$\pm 80 \times 10^{-9}$	9,999,999.20 Hz	10,000,000.80 Hz

If the measured value is within the low-limit and high-limit range listed in [Table 2](#), on page 3, the chassis is operating in specification but requires adjustment to be considered calibrated. If the measured value is outside the range listed in [Table 2](#), on page 3, the chassis is operating out of specification.

To determine if the device under test is already calibrated, you must compare the measured frequency with the ranges listed in [Table 3](#), on page 3.

**Table 3.** Adjustment Target Frequency Ranges (As-Left Limits)

Device	Calibration Measurement Accuracy	Acceptable Frequency Range — As Left	
		Low Limit	High Limit
PXIe-1095	$\pm 1 \times 10^9$	9,999,999.99 Hz	10,000,000.01 Hz

If the measured value is within the low-limit and high-limit range listed in [Table 3](#), on page 3, no adjustment is needed.



**Note** Test limits in [Table 2](#), on page 3 are based on the PXIe-1095 specifications. Refer to the most recent PXIe-1095 specifications online at [ni.com/manuals](http://ni.com/manuals).

## Adjustment

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### Adjusting OCXO Frequency Accuracy

If the OCXO frequency accuracy is outside the specified range for the product, then the device is out of calibration.

A programmable voltage controls the OCXO frequency. By using the NI System Configuration API to vary this voltage and precisely measure the frequency, you can find a voltage that gives a frequency as close as possible to 10 MHz.



**Note** You can use a binary search algorithm to find the optimal oscillator control voltage. The PXIe-1095 uses a 16-bit digital-to-analog converter (DAC) to create the oscillator control voltage; therefore, you need 16 (at most) iterations of adjustment and measurement to calibrate the 10 MHz oscillator.


Complete the following procedure to adjust the OCXO frequency accuracy of the PXIe-1095 chassis:

1. Get a resource handle for the PXIe-1095 to calibrate using the System Configuration API.
  - a. Call `Initialize Session` to set up a new session.
  - b. Call `Create Filter` to create a new filter for searching for devices. Set the **IsChassis** and **IsNI** attributes of the filter to `TRUE`.
  - c. Find the chassis resource name of the PXIe-1095 to calibrate using `Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX)` and set the **Alias** attribute of the filter to match the chassis resource name.
  - d. Call `Find Hardware` using the filter created in the previous steps. Set the **Experts** parameter of this function to `ni-pxi`. This function returns an array with exactly one element: the resource handle to the chassis. Check your filter settings if the resource handle only is not returned.
2. Initialize the calibration process.
  - a. Using the resource handle obtained with `Find Hardware`, set the **CalPasswd** property to the current calibration password for the chassis.



**Note** NI is the default calibration password.

- b. Using the same resource handle, set the **CalExtAction** property to `Start`.
- c. Call `Save Changes` to commit these changes to hardware.

3. Write a new value for the oscillator DAC value. The range of oscillator control voltage values is 0 to 65535, with frequency increasing as the value increases. Use a DAC value of 32768, which is in the middle of the valid range, as a starting point.
  - a. Using the same resource handle, set the **DacValue** property to the new DAC value.
  - b. Call Save Changes to commit these changes to hardware.
4. Measure the OCXO frequency following the steps in [Verifying the OCXO Frequency Accuracy](#).
5. Compare the measured frequency to the target frequency and repeat steps 3 and 4, adjusting the oscillator DAC value up to increase the frequency and down to decrease the frequency.  
 **Note** NI recommends that you implement a binary search to determine the optimal DAC value. This requires going through 16 iterations, with confirmation that the final DAC value measured crosses over the target frequency when the DAC value is changed by 1 bit.
6. Compare the final measured frequency to the specified limits in [Table 3](#), on page 3 to confirm adjustment completed successfully.
7. If adjustment was successful, commit the calibration values to device memory. If adjustment was unsuccessful, cancel the external adjustment action; the chassis may be in need of repair.
  - a. Using the resource handle obtained in step 1c, set the **CalExtAction** property to Commit (or Cancel if adjustment was unsuccessful).
  - b. Call Save Changes to commit these changes to hardware.

## Reverification

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Repeat the [Verification](#) section to determine the as-left status of the device. If the measured value is within the low-limit and high-limit range listed in [Table 3](#), on page 3, the chassis is considered to be calibrated and no further adjustment is needed.



**Note** If any test fails reverification after performing an adjustment, verify that you have met the [Test Conditions](#) before returning your device to NI. Refer to [Where to Go for Support](#) for information about support resources or service requests.

## Where to Go for Support

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