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**DAQPad-6020E**

# NI DAQPad™ -6020E Family Specifications

This document lists the I/O terminal summary and specifications for the NI DAQPad-6020E family of devices. This family includes the following devices:

- NI DAQPad-6020E (Half-Size Box)
- NI DAQPad-6020E (Full-Size Box)
- NI DAQPad-6020E BNC

## I/O Terminal Summary



**Note** With NI-DAQmx, National Instruments revised its terminal names so they are easier to understand and more consistent among NI hardware and software products. The revised terminal names used in this document are usually similar to the names they replace. For a complete list of Traditional NI-DAQ (Legacy) terminal names and their NI-DAQmx equivalents, refer to *Terminal Name Equivalents* of the *E Series Help*.

**Table 1.** I/O Terminals

Terminal Name	Terminal Type and Direction	Impedance Input/ Output	Protection (V) On/Off	Source (mA at V)	Sink (mA at V)	Rise Time (ns)	Bias
AI <0..15>	AI	100 G $\Omega$ in parallel with 50 pF	35/25	—	—	—	$\pm 200$ pA
AI SENSE	AI	100 G $\Omega$ in parallel with 50 pF	35/25	—	—	—	$\pm 200$ pA
AI GND	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
AO 0	AO	0.1 $\Omega$	Short-circuit to ground	5 at 10	5 at -10	15 V/ $\mu$ s	—
AO 1	AO	0.1 $\Omega$	Short-circuit to ground	5 at 10	5 at -10	15 V/ $\mu$ s	—
AO EXT REF	AI	10 k $\Omega$	35/25	—	—	—	—
AO GND	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
D GND	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

**Table 1.** I/O Terminals (Continued)

Terminal Name	Terminal Type and Direction	Impedance Input/ Output	Protection (V) On/Off	Source (mA at V)	Sink (mA at V)	Rise Time (ns)	Bias
+5 V	—	0.1 $\Omega$	Short-circuit to ground	1 A	—	—	—
P0.<0..7>	DIO	—	$V_{CC} + 0.5$	13 at ( $V_{CC} - 0.4$ )	24 at 0.4	1.1	50 k $\Omega$ pu <sup>†</sup>
AI HOLD COMP	DO	—	—	3.5 at ( $V_{CC} - 0.4$ )	5 at 0.4	1.5	50 k $\Omega$ pu
EXT STROBE*	DO	—	—	3.5 at ( $V_{CC} - 0.4$ )	5 at 0.4	1.5	50 k $\Omega$ pu
PFI 0/ (AI START TRIG)	DIO	—	$V_{CC} + 0.5$	3.5 at ( $V_{CC} - 0.4$ )	5 at 0.4	1.5	50 k $\Omega$ pu
PFI 1/ (AI REF TRIG)	DIO	—	$V_{CC} + 0.5$	3.5 at ( $V_{CC} - 0.4$ )	5 at 0.4	1.5	50 k $\Omega$ pu
PFI 2/ (AI CONV CLK)*	DIO	—	$V_{CC} + 0.5$	3.5 at ( $V_{CC} - 0.4$ )	5 at 0.4	1.5	50 k $\Omega$ pu
PFI 3/ CTR 1 SOURCE	DIO	—	$V_{CC} + 0.5$	3.5 at ( $V_{CC} - 0.4$ )	5 at 0.4	1.5	50 k $\Omega$ pu
PFI 4/CTR 1 GATE	DIO	—	$V_{CC} + 0.5$	3.5 at ( $V_{CC} - 0.4$ )	5 at 0.4	1.5	50 k $\Omega$ pu
CTR 1 OUT	DO	—	—	3.5 at ( $V_{CC} - 0.4$ )	5 at 0.4	1.5	50 k $\Omega$ pu
PFI 5/ (AO SAMP CLK)*	DIO	—	$V_{CC} + 0.5$	3.5 at ( $V_{CC} - 0.4$ )	5 at 0.4	1.5	50 k $\Omega$ pu
PFI 6/ (AO START TRIG)	DIO	—	$V_{CC} + 0.5$	3.5 at ( $V_{CC} - 0.4$ )	5 at 0.4	1.5	50 k $\Omega$ pu
PFI 7/ (AI SAMP CLK)	DIO	—	$V_{CC} + 0.5$	3.5 at ( $V_{CC} - 0.4$ )	5 at 0.4	1.5	50 k $\Omega$ pu
PFI 8/ CTR 0 SOURCE	DIO	—	$V_{CC} + 0.5$	3.5 at ( $V_{CC} - 0.4$ )	5 at 0.4	1.5	50 k $\Omega$ pu
PFI 9/CTR 0 GATE	DIO	—	$V_{CC} + 0.5$	3.5 at ( $V_{CC} - 0.4$ )	5 at 0.4	1.5	50 k $\Omega$ pu
CTR 0 OUT	DO	—	—	3.5 at ( $V_{CC} - 0.4$ )	5 at 0.4	1.5	50 k $\Omega$ pu

**Table 1.** I/O Terminals (Continued)

Terminal Name	Terminal Type and Direction	Impedance Input/Output	Protection (V) On/Off	Source (mA at V)	Sink (mA at V)	Rise Time (ns)	Bias
FREQ OUT	DO	—	—	3.5 at (V <sub>CC</sub> - 0.4)	5 at 0.4	1.5	50 kΩ pu

\* Indicates active low.  
† P0.<6..7> are also pulled down with a 50 kΩ resistor.  
AI = Analog Input      DIO = Digital Input/Output      pu = pull-up  
AO = Analog Output      DO = Digital Output  
**Note:** The tolerance on the 50 kΩ pull-up resistors is large. Actual value might range between 17 kΩ and 100 kΩ.

## Specifications

The following specifications are typical at 25 °C unless otherwise noted.

### Analog Input

#### Input Characteristics

Number of channels ..... 16 single-ended  
or 8 differential  
(software-selectable)

Type of A/D converter (ADC)..... Successive  
approximation

Resolution ..... 12 bits, 1 in 4,096

Max sampling rate ..... 100 kS/s guaranteed

Input signal ranges

Range (Software-Selectable)	Input Range	
	Bipolar	Unipolar
20 V	±10 V	—
10 V	±5 V	0 to 10 V
5 V	±2.5 V	0 to 5 V
2 V	±1 V	0 to 2 V
1 V	±500 mV	0 to 1 V
500 mV	±250 mV	0 to 500 mV
200 mV	±100 mV	0 to 200 mV
100 mV	±50 mV	0 to 100 mV

Input coupling .....DC

Max working voltage  
(signal + common mode).....Each input should remain  
within ±11 V of ground

Overvoltage protection

Powered on .....±35 V

Powered off.....±25 V

Inputs protected .....AI <0..15>, AI SENSE

FIFO buffer size .....4,096 samples (S)

Data transfers.....Interrupts,  
programmed I/O

Configuration memory size .....512 words  
(1 word = 8 bits)

## Accuracy Information

Nominal Range at Full Scale (V)	Absolute Accuracy							Relative Accuracy Resolution (mV)	
	% of Reading		Offset (mV)	Noise + Quantization ( $\mu\text{V}$ )		Temp Drift ( $\%/^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Absolute Accuracy at Full Scale (mV)	Single Pt.	Averaged
	24 Hours	1 Year		Single Pt.	Averaged				
$\pm 10.0$	0.072	0.076	6.380	3.467	0.846	0.0010	14.826	5.729	1.114
$\pm 5.0$	0.019	0.021	3.198	1.733	0.423	0.0005	4.6710	2.865	0.557
$\pm 2.5$	0.072	0.076	1.608	0.867	0.211	0.0010	3.7190	1.432	0.278
$\pm 1.0$	0.072	0.076	0.653	0.347	0.085	0.0010	1.4980	0.573	0.111
$\pm 0.5$	0.072	0.076	0.335	0.173	0.042	0.0010	0.7570	0.286	0.056
$\pm 0.25$	0.072	0.076	0.176	0.105	0.021	0.0010	0.3870	0.151	0.028
$\pm 0.1$	0.072	0.076	0.081	0.061	0.008	0.0010	0.1650	0.074	0.011
$\pm 0.05$	0.072	0.076	0.049	0.049	0.004	0.0010	0.0910	0.056	0.006
0 to 10	0.019	0.021	3.198	1.733	0.423	0.0005	5.7210	2.865	0.557
0 to 5	0.072	0.076	1.608	0.867	0.211	0.0010	5.6190	1.432	0.278
0 to 2	0.072	0.076	0.653	0.347	0.085	0.0010	2.2580	0.573	0.111
0 to 1	0.072	0.076	0.335	0.173	0.042	0.0010	1.1370	0.286	0.056
0 to 0.5	0.072	0.076	0.176	0.105	0.021	0.0010	0.5770	0.151	0.028
0 to 0.2	0.072	0.076	0.081	0.061	0.008	0.0010	0.2410	0.074	0.011
0 to 0.1	0.072	0.076	0.049	0.049	0.004	0.0010	0.1290	0.056	0.006

**Note:** Accuracies are valid for measurements following an internal E Series calibration. Averaged numbers assume dithering and averaging of 100 single-channel readings. Measurement accuracies are listed for operational temperatures within  $\pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$  of internal calibration temperature and  $\pm 10^{\circ}\text{C}$  of external or factory-calibration temperature. NI recommends a one-year calibration interval. The Absolute Accuracy at Full Scale calculations were performed for a maximum range input voltage (for example, 10 V for the  $\pm 10$  V range) after one year, assuming 100 points of averaged data. Go to [ni.com/info](http://ni.com/info) and enter info code `rdspec` for example calculations.

## Transfer Characteristics

### Relative accuracy

Dithered .....  $\pm 0.2$  LSB typ  
 Undithered .....  $\pm 1.5$  LSB max undithered

Differential nonlinearity (DNL) .....  $\pm 0.2$  LSB typ,  
 $\pm 1.0$  LSB max

No missing codes ..... 12 bits, guaranteed

### Offset error

Pregain error after calibration .....  $\pm 2$   $\mu\text{V}$  max  
 Pregain error before  
 calibration .....  $\pm 24$  mV max

Postgain error after calibration ...  $\pm 0.5$  mV max

Postgain error before  
 calibration .....  $\pm 100$  mV max

### Gain error (relative to calibration reference)

After calibration (gain = 1) .....  $\pm 0.02\%$  of reading max  
 Before calibration .....  $\pm 2.0\%$  of reading max  
 Gain  $\neq 1$  with gain error  
 adjusted to 0 at gain = 1 .....  $\pm 0.05\%$  of reading max

## Amplifier Characteristics

Input impedance 68-pin  
 I/O connector ..... 100 G $\Omega$  in parallel  
 with 50 pF

### BNC version

#### Powered on

CH+ (AI <0..7>) ..... 100 G $\Omega$  in parallel  
 with 50 pF

#### CH- (AI <8..15>)

With built-in bias resistor  
 disengaged ..... 100 G $\Omega$  in parallel  
 with 50 pF

With built-in bias resistor  
 engaged (default) ..... 100  $\Omega$  in parallel  
 with 50 pF

Powered off ..... 3 k $\Omega$  min

Overload ..... 3 k $\Omega$  min

Input bias current .....  $\pm 200$  pA

Input offset current .....  $\pm 100$  pA

Common-mode rejection ratio (CMRR),  
 100 mV to 20 V ..... 90 dB, DC to 60 Hz

## Dynamic Characteristics

### Bandwidth

Small signal (-3 dB) ..... 150 kHz

Large signal (1% THD) ..... 200 kHz

Settling time for full-scale step ..... 10  $\mu$ s max to  $\pm 0.5$  LSB  
 accuracy<sup>1</sup>

System noise (LSB<sub>rms</sub>, not including quantization)

Range	Dither Off	Dither On
1 to 20 V	0.07	0.5
500 mV	0.12	0.5
200 mV	0.25	0.6
100 mV	0.5	0.7

Crosstalk, DC to 100 kHz

Adjacent channels ..... -60 dB

All other channels ..... -80 dB

## Stability

Recommended warm-up time ..... 30 minutes

### Offset temperature coefficient

Pregain .....  $\pm 15$   $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C

Postgain .....  $\pm 240$   $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C

Gain temperature coefficient .....  $\pm 20$  ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C

### Onboard calibration reference

Level ..... 5.000 V ( $\pm 2.5$  mV), actual  
 value stored in EEPROM

Temperature coefficient .....  $\pm 5$  ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C max

Long-term stability .....  $\pm 15$  ppm/ $\sqrt{1,000 \text{ h}}$

## Analog Output

### Output Characteristics

Number of channels ..... 2 voltage

Resolution ..... 12 bits, 1 in 4,096

Max update rate ..... 20 S/s  
 (system-dependent)

Type of D/A converter (DAC) ..... Double-buffered,  
 multiplying

FIFO buffer size ..... None

Data transfers ..... Interrupts,  
 programmed I/O

<sup>1</sup> Accuracy values are valid for source impedances <1 k $\Omega$ . Refer to *Multichannel Scanning Considerations* of the *E Series Help* for more information.

## Accuracy Information

Nominal Range (V)		Absolute Accuracy					Absolute Accuracy at Full Scale (mV)
Positive Full Scale	Negative Full Scale	% of Reading			Offset (μV)	Temp Drift (%/°C)	
		24 Hours	90 Days	1 Year			
10	-10	0.018	0.020	0.022	5.93	0.0005	8.133
10	0	0.018	0.020	0.022	3.49	0.0005	5.691

**Note:** Accuracies are valid for measurements following an internal E Series calibration. Averaged numbers assume dithering and averaging of 100 single-channel readings. Measurement accuracies are listed for operational temperatures within  $\pm 1$  °C of internal calibration temperature and  $\pm 10$  °C of external or factory-calibration temperature. NI recommends a one-year calibration interval. The Absolute Accuracy at Full Scale calculations were performed for a maximum range input voltage (for example, 10 V for the  $\pm 10$  V range) after one year, assuming 100 points of averaged data. Go to [ni.com/info](http://ni.com/info) and enter info code `rdspec` for example calculations.

## Transfer Characteristics

Relative accuracy, or integral non-linearity (INL)

After calibration .....  $\pm 0.3$  LSB typ,  
 $\pm 0.5$  LSB max  
 Before calibration .....  $\pm 4$  LSB max

DNL

After calibration .....  $\pm 0.3$  LSB typ,  
 $\pm 1.0$  LSB max  
 Before calibration .....  $\pm 3$  LSB max

Monotonicity ..... 12 bits, guaranteed  
 after calibration

Offset error

After calibration .....  $\pm 1.0$  mV max  
 Before calibration .....  $\pm 200$  mV max

Gain error (relative to internal reference)

After calibration .....  $\pm 0.01\%$  of output max  
 Before calibration .....  $\pm 0.5\%$  of output max

Gain error

(relative to external reference) .....  $0\%$  to  $+0.5\%$  of output  
 max, not adjustable

## Voltage Output

Ranges .....  $\pm 10$  V, 0 to 10 V,  
 $\pm$ AO EXT REF,  
 0 to AO EXT REF  
 (software-selectable)

Output coupling ..... DC

Output impedance .....  $0.1 \Omega$  max

Current drive .....  $\pm 5$  mA max

Protection ..... Short-circuit to ground

Power-on state ..... 0 V ( $\pm 200$  mV)

External reference input

Range .....  $\pm 11$  V

Overvoltage protection

Powered on .....  $\pm 35$  V

Powered off .....  $\pm 25$  V

Input impedance ..... 10 k $\Omega$

Bandwidth ( $-3$  dB) ..... 300 kHz

## Dynamic Characteristics

Settling time for full-scale step ..... 10  $\mu$ s to  $\pm 0.5$  LSB  
 accuracy

Slew rate ..... 10 V/ $\mu$ s

Noise ..... 200  $\mu$ V<sub>rms</sub>, DC to 1 MHz

Glitch energy (at midscale transition)

Magnitude .....  $\pm 100$  mV

Duration ..... 3  $\mu$ s

## Stability

Offset temperature coefficient .....  $\pm 50$   $\mu$ V/°C

Gain temperature coefficient

Internal reference .....  $\pm 25$  ppm/°C

External reference .....  $\pm 25$  ppm/°C

Onboard calibration reference

Level ..... 5.000 V ( $\pm 2.5$  mV), actual  
 value stored in EEPROM

Temperature coefficient .....  $\pm 5$  ppm/°C max

Long-term stability .....  $\pm 15$  ppm/ $\sqrt{1,000}$  h

## Digital I/O

Number of channels ..... 8 input/output  
 Compatibility ..... 5 V TTL  
 Digital logic levels on P0.<0..7>

Level	Min	Max
Input low voltage	0 V	0.8 V
Input high voltage	2.0 V	5.0 V
Input low current ( $V_{in} = 0$ V)	—	-320 $\mu$ A
Input high current ( $V_{in} = 5$ V)	—	10 $\mu$ A
Output low voltage ( $I_{OL} = 24$ mA)	—	0.4 V
Output high voltage ( $I_{OH} = -13$ mA)	4.35 V	—

Data transfers ..... Programmed I/O

## Timing I/O

Number of channels ..... 2 up/down  
 counter/timers,  
 1 frequency scaler

### Resolution

Counter/timers ..... 24 bits (1 in 16,777,216)  
 Frequency scalars ..... 4 bits

Compatibility ..... 5 V TTL/CMOS

### Base clocks available

Counter/timers ..... 20 MHz, 100 kHz  
 Frequency scaler ..... 10 MHz, 100 kHz

Base clock accuracy .....  $\pm 0.01\%$

### Max source frequency

up/down counter/timers ..... 20 MHz

Min source pulse duration ..... 10 ns in edge-detect mode

Min gate pulse duration ..... 10 ns in edge-detect mode

Data transfers ..... Interrupts,  
 programmed I/O

## Digital Trigger

### Purpose

Analog input ..... Start, reference,  
 and pause trigger,  
 sample clock  
 Analog output ..... Start and pause trigger,  
 sample clock

Counter/timers ..... Source, gate  
 Source ..... PFI <0..9>  
 Compatibility ..... 5 V TTL  
 Response ..... Rising or falling edge  
 Pulse width ..... 10 ns min

## Calibration

Recommended warm-up time ..... 30 minutes  
 Calibration interval ..... 1 year  
 Onboard calibration reference level  
 DC level ..... 5.000 V ( $\pm 3.5$  mV)  
 over full operating  
 temperature, actual value  
 stored in EEPROM  
 Temperature coefficient .....  $\pm 5.0$  ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C max  
 Long-term stability .....  $\pm 15.0$  ppm/ $\sqrt{1,000}$  h

## Bus Interface

Type ..... USB full-speed

## Power Requirement

9 to 30 VDC ..... 15 W  
 Power available at I/O connector ... +4.65 to +5.25 VDC  
 at 1 A



**Note** Power supply voltage should never go below 8.5 V, including AC ripple.

## Physical

### Dimensions

DAQPad-6020E (full-size box)  
 DAQPad-6020E BNC ..... 25.4 cm  $\times$  30.7 cm  $\times$   
 4.3 cm  
 (10 in.  $\times$  12.1 in.  $\times$  1.7 in.)  
 DAQPad (half-size box) ..... 14.6 cm  $\times$  21.3 cm  $\times$   
 3.8 cm  
 (5.8 in.  $\times$  8.4 in.  $\times$  1.5 in.)

### Weight

NI DAQPad-6020E  
 (half-size box) ..... 806 g (1 lb 12.4 oz)  
 NI DAQPad-6020E  
 (full-size box) ..... 1703 g (3 lb 12 oz)  
 NI DAQPad-6020E BNC ..... 1886 g (4 lb 2.5 oz)

I/O connector ..... 68-pin male SCSI-II type



## Maximum Working Voltage

Maximum working voltage refers to the signal voltage plus the common-mode voltage.

Channel-to-earth .....	11 V, Installation Category I
Channel-to-channel .....	11 V, Installation Category I

## Environmental

Operating temperature .....	0 to 55 °C
Storage temperature .....	-55 to 150 °C
Relative humidity .....	10 to 90%, noncondensing
Maximum altitude .....	2,000 m
Pollution Degree (indoor use only) .....	2

## Safety

This product is designed to meet the requirements of the following standards of safety for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- IEC 60950-1, EN 60950-1
- UL 60950-1
- CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 60950-1



**Note** For UL and other safety certifications, refer to the product label, or visit [ni.com/certification](http://ni.com/certification), search by model number or product line, and click the appropriate link in the Certification column.

## Electromagnetic Compatibility

Emissions .....	EN 55011 Class A at 10 m FCC Part 15A above 1 GHz
Immunity .....	EN 61326:1997 A2:2001, Table 1
CE, C-Tick, and FCC Part 15 (Class A) Compliant	



**Note** For EMC compliance, you must operate this device with shielded cabling.

## CE Compliance

This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives, as amended for CE marking, as follows:

Low-Voltage Directive (safety) ..... 73/23/EEC

Electromagnetic Compatibility  
Directive (EMC) ..... 89/336/EEC



**Note** Refer to the Declaration of Conformity (DoC) for this product for any additional regulatory compliance information. To obtain the DoC for this product, visit [ni.com/certification](http://ni.com/certification), search by model number or product line, and click the appropriate link in the Certification column.

AI 8	34	68	AI 0
AI 1	33	67	AI GND
AI GND	32	66	AI 9
AI 10	31	65	AI 2
AI 3	30	64	AI GND
AI GND	29	63	AI 11
AI 4	28	62	AI SENSE
AI GND	27	61	AI 12
AI 13	26	60	AI 5
AI 6	25	59	AI GND
AI GND	24	58	AI 14
AI 15	23	57	AI 7
AO 0	22	56	AI GND
AO 1	21	55	AO GND
AO EXT REF	20	54	AO GND
P0.4	19	53	D GND
D GND	18	52	P0.0
P0.1	17	51	P0.5
P0.6	16	50	D GND
D GND	15	49	P0.2
+5 V	14	48	P0.7
D GND	13	47	P0.3
D GND	12	46	AI HOLD COMP
PFI 0/AI START TRIG	11	45	EXT STROBE
PFI 1/AI REF TRIG	10	44	D GND
D GND	9	43	PFI 2/AI CONV CLK
+5 V	8	42	PFI 3/CTR 1 SRC
D GND	7	41	PFI 4/CTR 1 GATE
PFI 5/AO SAMP CLK	6	40	CTR 1 OUT
PFI 6/AO START TRIG	5	39	D GND
D GND	4	38	PFI 7/AI SAMP CLK
PFI 9/CTR 0 GATE	3	37	PFI 8/CTR 0 SRC
CTR 0 OUT	2	36	D GND
FREQ OUT	1	35	D GND

**Figure 1.** NI DAQPad-6020E (Full- and Half-Size Box) Pinout

PFI 9	2	1	P0.7
PFI 8	4	3	P0.6
PFI 7	6	5	P0.5
PFI 6	8	7	P0.4
PFI 5	10	9	P0.3
PFI 4	12	11	P0.2
PFI 3	14	13	P0.1
PFI 2	16	15	P0.0
PFI 1	18	17	CTR 1 OUT
D GND	20	19	D GND
USER 2	22	21	USER 1
FREQ OUT	24	23	AI HOLD COMP
+5 V	26	25	EXT STROBE
+5 V	28	27	AI SENSE
D GND	30	29	AI GND

**Figure 2.** NI DAQPad-6020E BNC Pinout

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