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SPECIFICATIONS AND FEATURES GUIDE

NI Serial Legacy Hardware

This document lists safety and compliance information for NI Serial legacy hardware, as well as physical specifications, software features, and recommended operating conditions.

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NI Legacy Serial Interfaces

The PCI interfaces listed in Table 1 can only accept 5 volts.

Table 1. PCI Interfaces

| PCI Interfaces | Standard | # Ports | Isolated | Max Baud (kbits/s) | Connector Type* | FIFO Size (Bytes) |
|----------------|---------------|---------|----------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| PCI-232/2 | RS-232 | 2 | No | 115.2 | DB-9 male | 64 |
| PCI-232/4 | RS-232 | 4 | No | 115.2 | 10P10C | 64 |
| PCI-232/8 | RS-232 | 8 | No | 115.2 | 68-pin SCSI | 64 |
| PCI-232/16 | RS-232 | 16 | No | 115.2 | 100-pin SCSI | 64 |
| PCI-485/2 | RS-485/RS-422 | 2 | No | 460.8 | DB-9 male | 64 |
| PCI-485/4 | RS-485/RS-422 | 4 | No | 460.8 | 10P10C | 64 |
| PCI-485/8 | RS-485/RS-422 | 8 | No | 460.8 | 68-pin SCSI | 64 |
| PCI-232i/2 | RS-232 | 2 | Yes | 115.2 | DB-9 male | 64 |
| PCI-232i/4 | RS-232 | 4 | Yes | 115.2 | 10P10C | 64 |
| PCI-485i/2 | RS-485/RS-422 | 2 | Yes | 460.8 | DB-9 male | 64 |
| PCI-485i/4 | RS-485/RS-422 | 4 | Yes | 460.8 | 10P10C | 64 |

* Serial connector cables end in DB-9 male serial connectors.

Table 2. PXI Interfaces

| PXI Interfaces | Standard | # Ports | Isolated | Max Baud (kbits/s) | Connector Type* | FIFO Size (Bytes) |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| PXI-8420/2 | RS-232 | 2 | No | 115.2 | DB-9 male | 64 |
| PXI-8420/4 | RS-232 | 4 | No | 115.2 | 10P10C | 64 |
| PXI-8420/8 | RS-232 | 8 | No | 115.2 | 68-pin SCSI | 64 |
| PXI-8420/16 | RS-232 | 16 | No | 115.2 | 100-pin SCSI | 64 |
| PXI-8421/2 | RS-485/RS-422 | 2 | No | 460.8 | DB-9 male | 64 |
| PXI-8421/4 | RS-485/RS-422 | 4 | No | 460.8 | 10P10C | 64 |
| PXI-8421/8 | RS-485/RS-422 | 8 | No | 460.8 | 68-pin SCSI | 64 |
| PXI-8422/2 | RS-232 | 2 | Yes | 115.2 | DB-9 male | 64 |
| PXI-8422/4 | RS-232 | 4 | Yes | 115.2 | 10P10C | 64 |
| PXI-8423/2 | RS-485/RS-422 | 2 | Yes | 460.8 | DB-9 male | 64 |
| PXI-8423/4 | RS-485/RS-422 | 4 | Yes | 460.8 | 10P10C | 64 |

* Serial connector cables end in DB-9 male serial connectors.

National Instruments considers the following baud rates to be standard. NI serial hardware supports these rates up to the maximum rate specified.

| | |
|-------|--------|
| 300 | 19200 |
| 600 | 38400 |
| 1200 | 57600 |
| 2400 | 115200 |
| 4800 | 230400 |
| 9600 | 460800 |
| 14400 | |

To set the baud rate, set the VISA Baud attribute or use the Windows SetCommState function and pass the actual value of the baud rate in the **BaudRate** field of the **DCB** structure.

Refer to [Hardware Specifications](#) for supported baud rates on each board.

Serial Hardware Features

To determine which features your product supports, refer to the following table.

Table 3. Serial Hardware Features

| Hardware | Adjustable FIFO Settings | Get Interface Type | RS-485 Transceiver Control | RS-485 Socketed Bias Resistors | RS-485 Programmatically Controlled Bias Resistors | RS-232 Transceiver State | RS-232 DTE/DCE Transceiver Control | Hardware Implemented Flow Control [†] | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | | RTS/CTS | DTR/DSR | Xon/Xoff |
| PCI-232, PXI-8420, PXI-8422 | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ [†] |
| PCI-485 eight port, PXI-8421 eight port | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ [†] |
| All other PCI-485, PXI-8421, and PXI-8423 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | ✓ [†] |

^{*} Requires NI-Serial 3.5 or higher, for both Windows or LabVIEW RT.

[†] Not supported in LabVIEW RT.

Connectors and Pinouts

DB-9 Male

Figure 1. DB-9 Connector Pin Locations

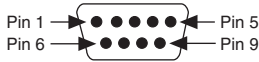


Table 4. DB-9 Male Pin Descriptions

| Pin | 232 DTE | 232 DCE | 422/485 |
|-----|---------|---------|-------------|
| 1 | DCD* | DCD | GND |
| 2 | RXD | TXD | CTS+ (HSI+) |
| 3 | TXD | RXD | RTS+ (HSO+) |
| 4 | DTR* | DSR | RXD+ |
| 5 | GND | GND | RXD- |
| 6 | DSR* | DTR | CTS- (HSI-) |
| 7 | RTS | CTS | RTS- (HSO-) |
| 8 | CTS | RTS | TXD+ |
| 9 | RI* | RI | TXD- |

* These signals are “No Connect” on the PCI-232I and PXI-8422 ports and ports 9 to 16 on legacy 16-port boards.



Note DCE mode supported on USB-232/2 and USB-232/4 only.

DB-25 Male

Figure 2. DB-25 Connector Pin Locations

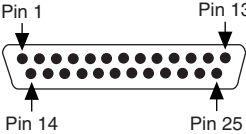


Table 5. DB-25 Pin Descriptions

| Pin | 232 | 422/485 |
|-----|------|-------------|
| 2 | TXD | RTS+ (HSO+) |
| 3 | RXD | CTS+ (HSI+) |
| 4 | RTS | RTS- (HSO-) |
| 5 | CTS | TXD+ |
| 6 | DSR* | CTS- (HSI-) |
| 7 | GND | RXD- |
| 8 | DCD* | GND |
| 20 | DTR* | RXD+ |
| 22 | RI* | TXD- |

* These signals are “No Connect” on the PCI-232I and PXI-8422 ports.



Note Pins not listed in this table are “No Connect.”

10-Position Modular Jack (10P10C)

Figure 3. 10-Position Modular Jack Pin Locations

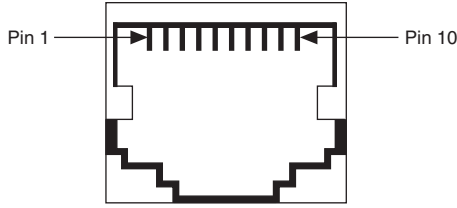


Table 6. 10-Position Modular Jack Pin Descriptions

| Pin | 232 | 422/485 |
|-----|------------|-------------|
| 1 | No Connect | No Connect |
| 2 | RI* | TXD- |
| 3 | CTS | TXD+ |
| 4 | RTS | RTS- (HSO-) |
| 5 | DSR* | CTS- (HSI-) |
| 6 | GND | RXD- |
| 7 | DTR* | RXD+ |
| 8 | TXD | RTS+ (HSO+) |
| 9 | RXD | CTS+ (HSI+) |
| 10 | DCD* | GND |

* These signals are “No Connect” on the PCI-232I and PXI-8422 ports.

68-Pin Connector

The following figure and table give the 68-pin connector pin locations and descriptions. The SCSI 68-pin connector and VHDCI 68-pin connector have the same pinout.

Figure 4. 68-Pin SCSI Connector Pin Locations

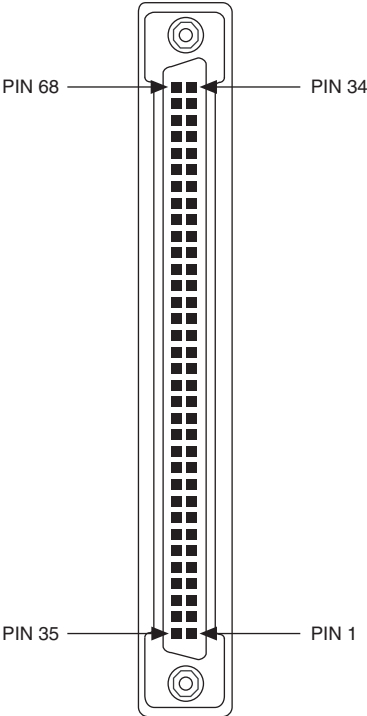


Table 7. 68-Pin Connector Pin Descriptions

| 68-Pin Connector Port | | | | | | | | 485 Signal | 485 D-Sub 9 Connector | 232 Signal | 232 D-Sub 9 Connector |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | | | |
| 66 | 57 | 49 | 40 | 32 | 23 | 15 | 6 | RXD- | 5 | DCD | 1 |
| 68 | 59 | 51 | 42 | 34 | 25 | 17 | 8 | CTS+ | 2 | RXD | 2 |
| 65 | 56 | 48 | 39 | 31 | 22 | 14 | 5 | RTS+ | 3 | TXD | 3 |
| 64 | 55 | 47 | 38 | 30 | 21 | 13 | 4 | RXD+ | 4 | DTR | 4 |
| 60 | 60 | 43 | 43 | 26 | 26 | 9 | 9 | GND | 1 | GND | 5 |
| 63 | 54 | 46 | 37 | 29 | 20 | 12 | 3 | CTS- | 6 | DSR | 6 |
| 62 | 53 | 45 | 36 | 28 | 19 | 11 | 2 | RTS- | 7 | RTS | 7 |
| 61 | 52 | 44 | 35 | 27 | 18 | 10 | 1 | TXD+ | 8 | CTS | 8 |
| 67 | 58 | 50 | 41 | 33 | 24 | 16 | 7 | TXD- | 9 | RI | 9 |

100-Pin Connector

The following figure and table give the pin locations and descriptions of the 100-pin connector.

Figure 5. 100-Pin Connector Pin Locations

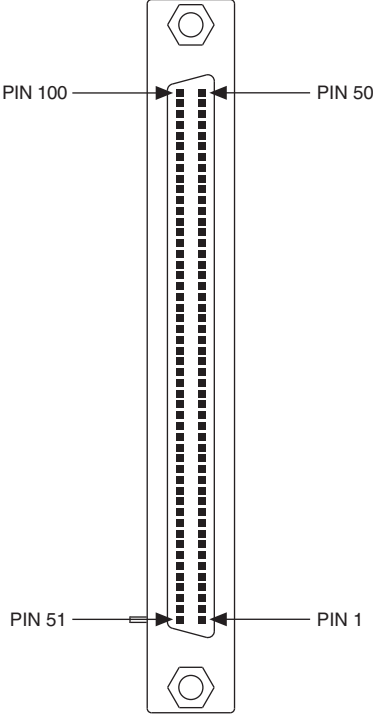


Table 8. 100-Pin Connector Pin Descriptions

| 100-Pin Connector Port | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 232 Signal | 232 D-Sub 9 Connector |
|------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | | |
| 2 | 46 | 6 | 42 | 10 | 38 | 14 | 34 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | DCD* | 1 |
| 3 | 47 | 7 | 43 | 11 | 39 | 15 | 35 | 18 | 32 | 20 | 30 | 22 | 28 | 24 | 26 | RXD | 2 |
| 4 | 48 | 8 | 44 | 12 | 40 | 16 | 36 | 19 | 33 | 21 | 31 | 23 | 29 | 25 | 27 | TXD | 3 |
| 5 | 49 | 9 | 45 | 13 | 41 | 17 | 37 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | DTR* | 4 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 51 | 51 | 51 | 51 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | GND | 5 |
| 52 | 96 | 56 | 92 | 60 | 88 | 64 | 84 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | DSR* | 6 |
| 53 | 97 | 57 | 93 | 61 | 89 | 65 | 85 | 68 | 82 | 70 | 80 | 72 | 78 | 74 | 76 | RTS | 7 |
| 54 | 98 | 58 | 94 | 62 | 90 | 66 | 86 | 69 | 83 | 71 | 81 | 73 | 79 | 75 | 77 | CTS | 8 |
| 55 | 99 | 59 | 95 | 63 | 91 | 67 | 87 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | RI* | 9 |

* These signals are not supported on ports 9 to 16 of the PCI-232/16 and PXI-8420/16 serial boards.

Cables and Accessories

The following serial cables and accessories are available from National Instruments. Refer to ni.com for more information.

Table 9. Serial Cables and Accessories

| Part Number | Description |
|--|---|
| Adapter Cables (DB-9 and DB-25 connectors have jacksockets unless otherwise specified.) | |
| 182844-01 | DB-9 RS485 terminating pass-through connector 120 Ω |
| 182845-01 | Serial cable, 10P10C modular plug to DB-9 male, 1 m |
| 182845-02 | Serial cable, 10P10C modular plug to DB-9 male, 2 m |
| 182845-03 | Serial cable, 10P10C modular plug to DB-9 male, 3 m |
| 182846-01 | Serial cable, 10P10C modular plug to DB-25 male, 1 m |
| 184428-01 | Serial cable, 10P10C modular plug to DB-9 male, 1 m, isolated |
| 199022-02 | Serial cable, 10P10C to DB-9 male, jackscrews, 2 m |
| 183905-01 | Serial cable, PCMCIA-232/485 to DB-9 male, 1 m |
| 183905-0R3 | Serial cable, PCMCIA-232/485 to DB-9 male, 0.3 m |
| 197545-01 | Serial cable, 68-pin VHDCI to eight DB-9 male, RS-232, 1 m |
| 197546-01 | Serial cable, 68-pin VHDCI to eight DB-9 male, RS-485, 1 m |
| Extension and Null-Modem Cables (All cables have jackscrews.) | |
| 182238-01 | Serial cable, RS232 null modem, DB-9 female to DB-9 female, 1 m |
| 182238-02 | Serial cable, RS232 null modem, DB-9 female to DB-9 female, 2 m |
| 182238-04 | Serial cable, RS232 null modem, DB-9 female to DB-9 female, 4 m |
| 183045-01 | Serial cable, RS232 straight through, DB-9 female to DB-9 female, 1 m |
| 183045-02 | Serial cable, RS232 straight through, DB-9 female to DB-9 female, 2 m |
| 183045-04 | Serial cable, RS232 straight through, DB-9 female to DB-9 female, 4 m |
| 183283-01 | Serial cable, RS485/RS422 null modem, DB-9 female to DB-9 female, 1 m |
| 183283-02 | Serial cable, RS485/RS422 null modem, DB-9 female to DB-9 female, 2 m |
| 183283-04 | Serial cable, RS485/RS422 null modem, DB-9 female to DB-9 female, 4 m |

RS-232, RS-422, and RS-485

RS-232, RS-422, and RS-485 Features

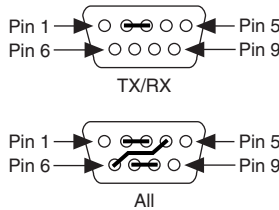
Table 10. RS-232, RS-422, and RS-485 Features

| Feature | RS-232 | RS-422 | RS-485 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Type of transmission lines | Single ended | Differential | Differential |
| Maximum number of drivers | 1 | 1 | 32 |
| Maximum number of receivers | 1 | 10 | 32 |
| Maximum cable length | 50 ft | 4,000 ft | 4,000 ft |
| Maximum CMV | ± 25 V | ± 7 V | +12 to -7 V |
| Driver output* | 5 to 25 V | 2 to 6 V | 1.5 to 6 V |
| Driver load | <3 k Ω | 100 Ω | 60 Ω |

* Actual driver output varies depending on cable length and load.

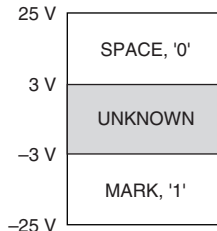
RS-232 Loopback

Figure 6. RS-232 Loopback



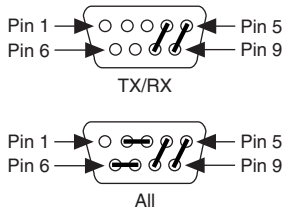
RS-232 Signals

Figure 7. RS-232 Signals



RS-485/422 Loopback

Figure 8. RS-485/422 Loopback



RS-485/422 Signals

Figure 9. RS-485/422 Signals

| |
|----------------------------------|
| If '-' < '+' then MARK, '1' |
| If '-' > '+' then SPACE, '0' |
| RS-422 Voltage: ± 7 V |
| RS-485 Voltage: -7 V to +12 V |

RS-485 Topologies

Figure 10. 2-Wire Multidrop Network Using Terminating Resistors

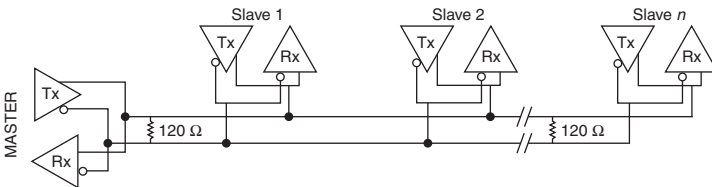
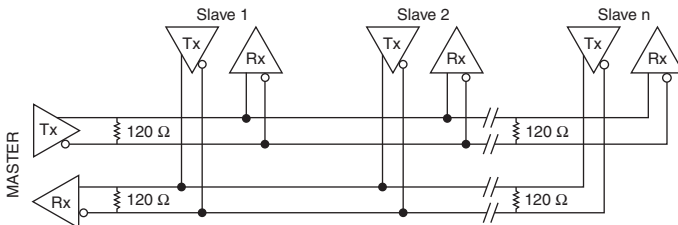


Figure 11. 4-Wire Full-Duplex Multidrop Network Using Terminating Resistors



RS-485 terminators are available at ni.com/serial.

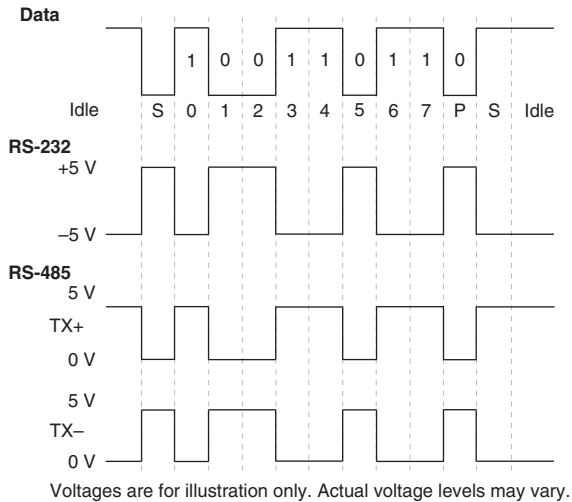
RS-485 Transceiver Control

| Enable | 4-Wire | 2-Wire | | |
|--------|--------|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| | | DTR/Echo | DTR/No Echo | Auto |
| TX | ON | DTR | DTR | TX |
| RX | ON | ON | $\overline{\text{DTR}}$ | $\overline{\text{TX}}$ |

The available modes might vary with the controller or interface used. For further information refer to ni.com/kb and search for KnowledgeBase **67KEP64G**.

UART Data Frame Example

0xD9—8 Data Bits, Odd Parity, 1 Stop Bit



Hardware Specifications

Legacy PCI Serial Hardware

This section describes the characteristics of the legacy PCI serial hardware and the recommended operating conditions.

PCI-232/2 (RS-232) and PCI-485/2 (RS-485/422)

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dimensions | 10.67 × 14.22 cm (4.2 × 5.6 in.) |
| I/O connector | DB-9 male connector |
| Power requirement (from PCI channel) | |
| PCI-485/2 | |
| +5 VDC..... | 350 mA typical 750 mA maximum |
| PCI-232/2 | |
| +5 VDC..... | 50 mA typical 100 mA maximum |
| ±12 VDC..... | 20 mA typical 200 mA maximum |

Maximum baud rate

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| PCI-232/2..... | 115.2 kbps |
| PCI-485/2..... | 430.8 kbps |

Boards support standard baud rates below the maximum.

PCI-232/4 (RS-232) and PCI-485/4 (RS-485/422)

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dimensions | 10.67 × 14.22 cm (4.2 × 5.6 in.) |
| I/O connector ¹ | 10-position modular jack (10P10C) |
| Power requirement (from PCI channel) | |
| PCI-485/4 | |
| +5 VDC..... | 700 mA typical 1.3 A maximum |
| PCI-232/4 | |
| +5 VDC..... | 70 mA typical 150 mA maximum |
| ±12 VDC..... | 40 mA typical 400 mA maximum |

¹ The four-port legacy PCI serial boards require a cable to convert the 10-position modular jack (10P10C) to either DB-9 or DB-25 male connectors.

Maximum baud rate

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| PCI-232/4 | 115.2 kbps |
| PCI-485/4 | 430.8 kbps |

Boards support standard baud rates below the maximum.

PCI-232/8 (RS-232) and PCI-485/8 (RS-485/422)

| | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dimensions | 10.67 × 14.48 cm (4.2 × 5.7 in.) |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| I/O connector ¹ | 68-pin, SCSI type connector |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|

Power requirement (from PCI channel)

| | |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| PCI-485/8 | |
| +5 VDC | 1.1 A typical 2.0 A maximum |
| PCI-232/8 | |
| +5 VDC | 100 mA typical 180 mA maximum |
| ±12 VDC | 80 mA typical 800 mA maximum |

Maximum baud rate

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| PCI-232/8 | 115.2 kbps |
| PCI-485/8 | 430.8 kbps |

Boards support standard baud rates below the maximum.

PCI-232/16 (RS-232)

| | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dimensions | 10.67 × 17.52 cm (4.2 × 6.9 in.) |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| I/O connector ² | 100-pin, SCSI type connector |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|

Power requirement (from PCI channel)

| | |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| PCI-232/16 | |
| +5 VDC | 250 mA typical 500 mA maximum |

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Maximum baud rate | 115.2 kbps |
|-------------------------|------------|

Board supports standard baud rates below the maximum.

¹ The eight-port legacy PCI serial boards require a cable, included in your kit, to convert the 68-pin connector to eight DB-9 male connectors.

² The 16-port legacy PCI serial boards require a breakout box, included in your kit, to separate the 100-pin SCSI connector to 16 DB-9 male connectors.

PCI-232i/2 (RS-232) and PCI-485i/2 (RS-485/422)

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Dimensions | 10.67 × 17.52 cm (4.2 × 6.9 in.) |
| I/O connector | DB-9 male connector |
| Operating rated voltage (continuous) | |
| RS-232 | -25 V to +25 V |
| RS-485 | -7 V to +12 V |
| Isolation voltages | |
| Port-to-port | |
| Continuous | 60 VDC (CAT I) |
| Withstand | 2000 V _{rms} , verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test |
| Port-to-host | |
| Continuous | 60 VDC (CAT I) |
| Withstand | 2000 V _{rms} , verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test |
| Power requirement (from PCI channel) | |
| PCI-485i/2 | |
| +5 VDC | 800 mA typical 1.3 A maximum |
| PCI-232i/2 | |
| +5 VDC | 400 mA typical 650 mA maximum |

Maximum baud rate

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| PCI-232i/2 | 115.2 kbps |
| PCI-485i/2 | 430.8 kbps |

Boards support standard baud rates below the maximum.

PCI-232i/4 (RS-232) and PCI-485i/4 (RS-485/422)

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dimensions | 10.67 × 17.44 cm (4.2 × 6.9 in.) |
| I/O connector ¹ | 10-position modular jack (10P10C) |
| Operating rated voltage (continuous) | |
| RS-232 | -25 V to +25 V |
| RS-485 | -7 V to +12 V |

¹ The four-port legacy PCI serial boards require a cable to convert the 10-position (10P10C) modular jack to either DB-9 or DB-25 male connectors.

Isolation voltages

Port-to-port

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Continuous | 60 VDC (CAT I) |
| Withstand | 2000 V _{rms} , verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test |

Port-to-host

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Continuous | 60 VDC (CAT I) |
| Withstand | 2000 V _{rms} , verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test |

Power requirement (from PCI channel)

PCI-485i/4

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| +5 VDC | 1.0 A typical |
| | 1.5 A maximum |

PCI-232i/4

| | |
|--------------|----------------|
| +5 VDC | 500 mA typical |
| | 750 mA maximum |

Maximum baud rate

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| PCI-232i/4 | 115.2 kbps |
| PCI-485i/4 | 430.8 kbps |

Boards support standard baud rates below the maximum.

Environmental Characteristics (for All PCI Interfaces)

Operating Environment

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Ambient temperature | 0 to 55 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-1 and IEC-60068-2-2.) |
| Relative humidity | 10 to 90%, noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-56.) |
| Altitude (maximum) | 2,000 m |
| Pollution Degree | 2 |

Indoor use only.

Storage Environment

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Ambient temperature | -20 to 70 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-1 and IEC-60068-2-2.) |
| Relative humidity | 5 to 95%, noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-56.) |

Other Specifications

Maximum cable length

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| RS-485 ¹ | 30 m (limited by EMC/surge) |
| RS-232 | 2,500 pF equivalent (TIA-EIA-232-F 2.1.4) |

Data line ESD protection (human body model)

| | |
|--------------|--------|
| RS-485 | ±15 kV |
| RS-232 | ±15 kV |



Note This equipment is intended for indoor use only.

Safety

This product meets the requirements of the following standards of safety for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- IEC 61010-1, EN 61010-1
- UL 61010-1, CSA 61010-1



Note For UL and other safety certifications, refer to the product label or the [Online Product Certification](#) section.

Electromagnetic Compatibility

This product meets the requirements of the following EMC standards for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- EN 61326 (IEC 61326): Class A emissions; Basic immunity
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Legacy PXI Serial Hardware

This section describes the characteristics of the legacy PXI serial hardware and the recommended operating conditions.

PXI-8420/2 (RS-232) and PXI-8421/2 (RS-485/422)

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Dimensions | 100 × 160 mm (3.94 × 6.37 in.) |
| I/O connector | DB-9 male connector |
| Power requirement (from PXI channel) | |
| PXI-8420/2 | |
| +5 VDC | 100 mA typical 150 mA maximum |
| ±12 VDC | 20 mA typical 200 mA maximum |

| | |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| PXI-8421/2 | |
| +5 VDC..... | 350 mA typical 750 mA maximum |

Maximum baud rate

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| PXI-8420/2 | 115.2 kbps |
| PXI-8421/2 | 430.8 kbps |

Boards support standard baud rates below the maximum.

PXI-8420/4 (RS-232) and PXI-8421/4 (RS-485/422)

| | |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Dimensions | 100 × 160 mm (3.94 × 6.37 in.) |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| I/O connector ¹ | 10-position modular jack (10P10C) |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|

Power requirement (from PXI channel)

| | |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| PXI-8420/4 | |
| +5 VDC..... | 125 mA typical 200 mA maximum |
| ±12 VDC..... | 40 mA typical 400 mA maximum |

| | |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| PXI-8421/4 | |
| +5 VDC..... | 350 mA typical 750 mA maximum |

Maximum baud rate

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| PXI-8420/4 | 115.2 kbps |
| PXI-8421/4 | 430.8 kbps |

Boards support standard baud rates below the maximum.

PXI-8420/8 (RS-232) and PXI-8421/8 (RS-485/422)

| | |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Dimensions | 100 × 160 mm (3.94 × 6.37 in.) |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| I/O connector ² | 68-pin, SCSI type connector |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|

Power requirement (from PXI channel)

| | |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| PXI-8420/8 | |
| +5 VDC..... | 150 mA typical 250 mA maximum |
| ±12 VDC..... | 80 mA typical 800 mA maximum |

¹ The four-port legacy PXI serial boards require a cable to convert the 10-position modular jack (10P10C) to either DB-9 or DB-25 male connectors.

² The eight-port legacy PXI serial boards require a cable, included in your kit, to convert the 68-pin connector to eight DB-9 male connectors.

| | |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| PXI-8421/8 | |
| +5 VDC | 1.1 A typical 2.0 A maximum |

Maximum baud rate

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| PXI-8420/8 | 115.2 kbps |
| PXI-8421/8 | 430.8 kbps |

Boards support standard baud rates below the maximum.

PXI-8420/16 (RS-232)

| | |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Dimensions | 100 × 160 mm (3.94 × 6.37 in.) |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|

I/O connector¹ 100-pin, SCSI type connector

Power requirement (from PXI channel)

| | |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| PXI-8420/16 | |
| +5 VDC | 500 mA typical 750 mA maximum |

Maximum baud rate 115.2 kbps

Board supports standard baud rates below the maximum.

PXI-8422/2 (RS-232) and PXI-8423/2 (RS-485/422)

| | |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Dimensions | 100 × 160 mm (3.94 × 6.37 in.) |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|

I/O connector DB-9 male connector

Operating rated voltage (continuous)

| | |
|--------------|----------------|
| RS-232 | -25 V to +25 V |
| RS-485 | -7 V to +12 V |

Isolation voltages

Port-to-port

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Continuous | 60 VDC (CAT I) |
| Withstand | 2000 V _{rms} , verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test |

Port-to-host

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Continuous | 60 VDC (CAT I) |
| Withstand | 2000 V _{rms} , verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test |

¹ The 16-port legacy PXI serial boards require a breakout box, included in your kit, to separate the 100-pin connector to 16 DB-9 male connectors.

Power requirement (from PXI channel)

PXI-8422/2

| | |
|-------------|----------------|
| +5 VDC..... | 400 mA typical |
| | 650 mA maximum |

PXI-8423/2

| | |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| +5 VDC..... | 800 mA typical, 1.3 A maximum |
|-------------|-------------------------------|

Maximum baud rate

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| PXI-8422/2 | 115.2 kbps |
|------------------|------------|

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| PXI-8423/2 | 430.8 kbps |
|------------------|------------|

Boards support standard baud rates below the maximum.

PXI-8422/4 (RS-232) and PXI-8423/4 (RS-485/422)

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Dimensions | 100 × 160 mm |
| | (3.94 × 6.37 in.) |

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| I/O connector ¹ | 10-position modular jack (10P10C) |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|

Operating rated voltage (continuous)

| | |
|--------------|----------------|
| RS-232 | -25 V to +25 V |
|--------------|----------------|

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| RS-485 | -7 V to +12 V |
|--------------|---------------|

Isolation voltages

Port-to-port

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Continuous..... | 60 VDC (CAT I) |
|-----------------|----------------|

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Withstand | 2000 V _{rms} , |
| | verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test |

Port-to-host

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Continuous..... | 60 VDC (CAT I) |
|-----------------|----------------|

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Withstand | 2000 V _{rms} , |
| | verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test |

Power requirement (from PXI channel)

PXI-8422/4

| | |
|-------------|----------------|
| +5 VDC..... | 500 mA typical |
| | 750 mA maximum |

PXI-8423/4

| | |
|-------------|---------------|
| +5 VDC..... | 1.0 A typical |
| | 1.5 A maximum |

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Environmental Characteristics (for All Legacy PXI Interfaces)

Operating Environment

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Ambient temperature | 0 to 55 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-1 and IEC-60068-2-2.) |
| Relative humidity..... | 10 to 90%, noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-56.) |
| Altitude (maximum) | 2,000 m |
| Pollution Degree | 2 |

Indoor use only.

Storage Environment

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Ambient temperature | -20 to 70 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-1 and IEC-60068-2-2.) |
| Relative humidity..... | 5 to 95%, noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-56.) |

Other Specifications

Maximum cable length

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| RS-485 ¹ | 30 m (limited by EMC/surge) |
| RS-232 | 2,500 pF equivalent (TIA-EIA-232-F 2.1.4) |

Data line ESD protection (human body model)

| | |
|--------------|--------|
| RS-485 | ±15 kV |
| RS-232 | ±15 kV |



Note This equipment is intended for indoor use only.

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Safety

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