
PXle-2541

Specifications

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This document lists specifications for the PXle-2541. All specifications are subject to change without notice.

About These Specifications

Specifications characterize the warranted performance of the instrument under the stated operating conditions. Data in this document are **Specifications** unless otherwise noted.

Typical Specifications are specifications met by the majority of the instrument under the stated operating conditions and are tested at 23 °C ambient temperature. Typical specifications are not warranted.

All voltages are specified in DC, AC_{pk}, or a combination unless otherwise specified.



Caution The protection provided by the PXle-2541 can be impaired if it is used in a manner not described in this document.

PXle-2541 Pinout

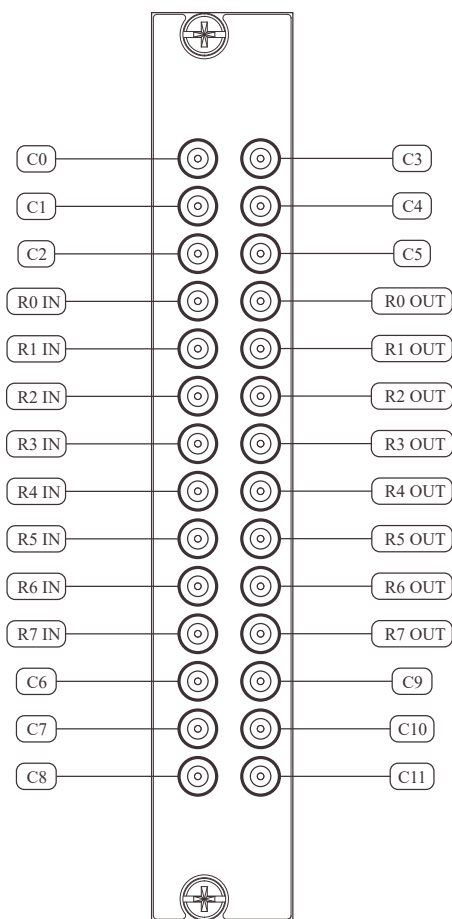


Table 1. Signal Descriptions

Signal	Description
Cx	Column connection
Rx IN	Row input connection
Rx OUT	Row output for column expansion

Related information:

- [PXIe-2541 Hardware Diagram](#)
- [NI Switches Cable and Accessory Compatibility](#)

Topology

Topology	8 × 12 matrix
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Input Characteristics

Maximum switching voltage	60 V DC (42.4 V _{pk})
Maximum switching or carry current (per channel)	0.5 A



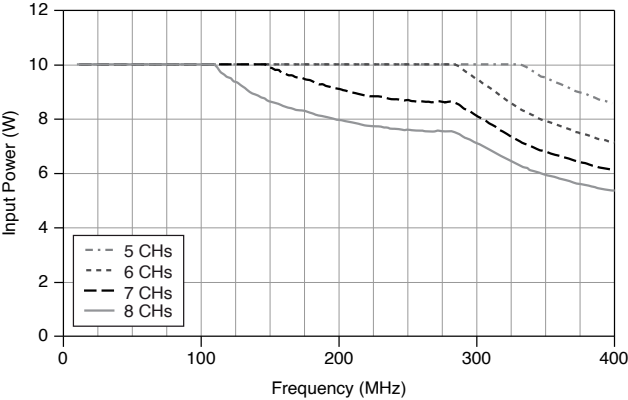
Caution The switching power is limited by the maximum switching current and the maximum voltage, and must not exceed 10 W.

Maximum DC switching or carry power (per channel)	10 W
Maximum RF power (per channel, 50 Ω system)	10 W
Simultaneous channels at maximum RF power (up to 300 MHz)	5



Note Maximum RF power derates as frequency and number of simultaneous channels increase and must not exceed the values shown in the following figures.

Figure 1. Maximum RF Input Power



Note NI recommends against switching active RF signals. As a relay actuates, the channel is momentarily unterminated. Some RF sources can be damaged by reflections if their outputs are not properly terminated. Consult your RF source documentation for more information.

DC path resistance	
Initial	<2.1 Ω , typical
End-of-life	$\geq$ 3.1 Ω , typical

Path resistance is a combination of relay contact resistance and trace resistance. Contact resistance typically remains low for the life of a relay. At the end of relay life, the contact resistance rises rapidly above 3.1 Ω .

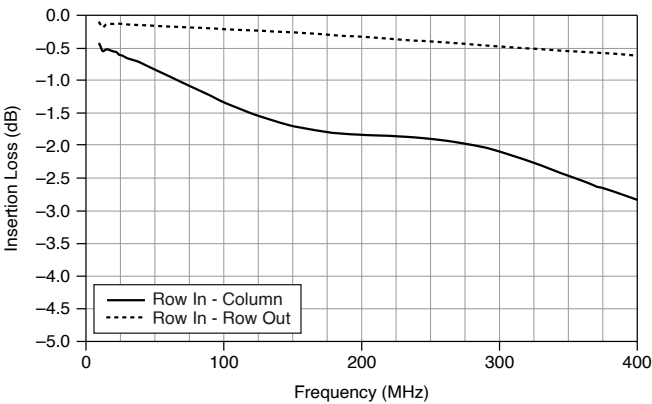
RF Performance Characteristics

Characteristic impedance (Z_0)	50 Ω , nominal
Insertion loss ($\leq$ 300 MHz)	
Row In - Column	<3 dB (<2.1 dB, typical)

Row In - Row Out	<1 dB (<0.5 dB, typical)
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Refer to the following figure for the insertion loss of the PXIe-2541.

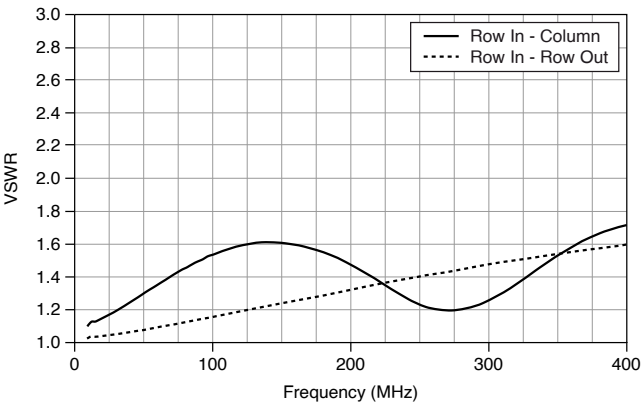
Figure 2. PXIe-2541 Insertion Loss, Typical



VSWR (≤ 300 MHz)	
Row In - Column	<2.2 (<1.6, typical)
Row In - Row Out	<1.8 (<1.5, typical)

Refer to the following figure for the VSWR of the PXIe-2541.

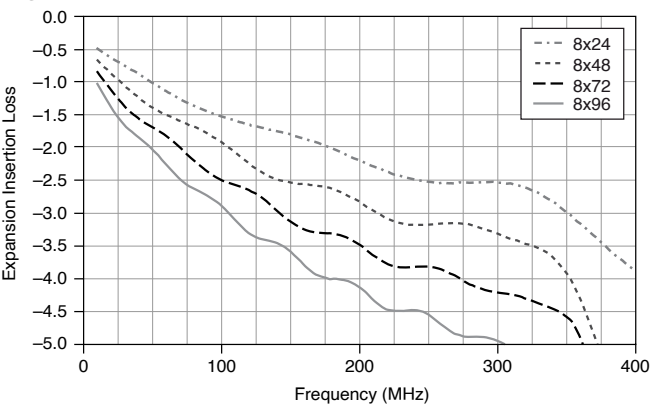
Figure 3. PXIe-2541 VSWR, Typical



The PXIe-2541 supports column expansion. Row Out connectors of one module can be

connected to the Row In connectors of another module to create larger matrices. The following figure shows the effect of matrix expansion on R0C0 insertion loss when cable part number 188374-0R15 is used to cascade 2, 4, 6, and 8 modules. VSWR for these cases remains below 1.8 past 300 MHz. Refer to the ***NI Switches Help*** at ni.com/manuals for more information about matrix expansion.

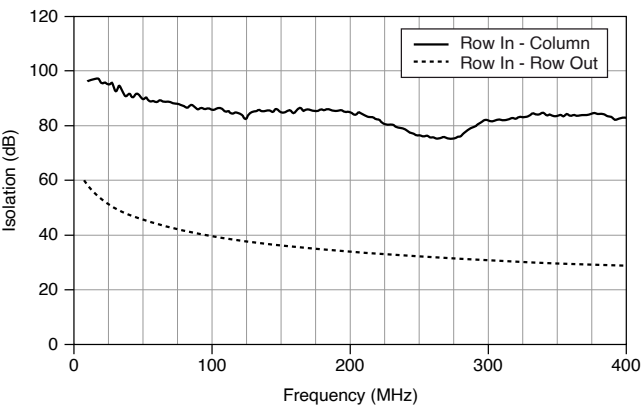
Figure 4. PXIe-2541Expansion Insertion Loss



Open CH isolation (≤300 MHz)	
Row In - Column	>75 dB, typical
Row In - Row Out	>30 dB, typical

Refer to the following figure for the channel-to-channel isolation of the PXIe-2541.

Figure 5. PXIe-2541 Open Channel Isolation, Typical

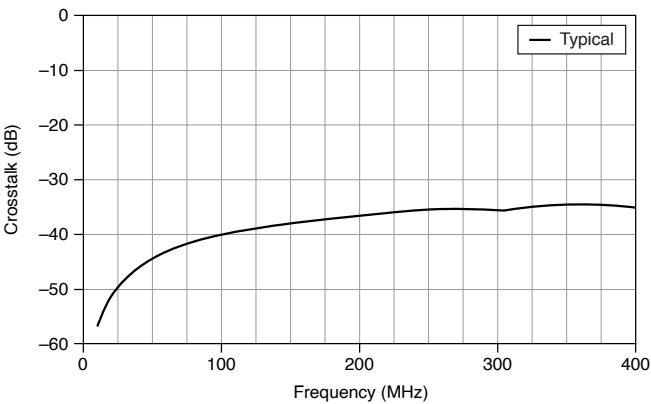


Crosstalk

≤300 MHz	<-35 dB, typical
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Refer to the following figure for the crosstalk of the PXle-2541.

Figure 6. PXle-2541 Crosstalk, Typical



Propagation delay	
Row In - Column	<6 ns, typical
Row In - Row Out	<1 ns, typical
CH-CH skew	
Row In - Column	<2.0 ns, typical
Row In - Row Out	<0.1 ns, typical

Dynamic Characteristics

Simultaneous relay drive limit	40 relays
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Maximum operate time	0.25 ms
Maximum release time	0.25 ms



Note Certain applications may require additional time for proper settling. Refer to the **NI Switches Help** at ni.com/manuals for information about including additional settling time.

Relay life	
Mechanical	1×10^7 cycles, typical
Electrical (resistive, <10 pF load, DC or 50 Ω RF systems)	
10 V, 100 mA	1×10^7 cycles, typical
20 V, 500 mA	5×10^6 cycles, typical



Note Reed relays are highly susceptible to damage caused by switching capacitive and inductive loads. Capacitive loads can cause high inrush currents while inductive loads can cause high flyback voltages. The addition of appropriate protection can greatly improve contact lifetime. For more information about adding protection circuitry to a capacitive load, visit ni.com/info and enter the Info Code `relaylifetime`. For information about inductive loads, enter the Info Code `relayflyback`.

Related reference:

- [CE Compliance](#)

Trigger Characteristics

Input trigger	
Sources	PXI trigger lines <0...7>
Minimum pulse width	150 ns



Note The PXIe-2541 recognizes trigger pulse widths less than 150 ns by disabling digital filtering. For information about disabling digital filtering, refer to the *NI Switches Help* at ni.com/manuals.

Output trigger	
Destinations	PXI trigger lines <0...7>
Default pulse width	2 μ s, typical

Physical Characteristics

Relay type	Reed, non-latching
Relay contact material	Rhodium
I/O connectors	28 MCX jacks
Power requirement	

PXI	10 W at 5 V 2 W at 3.3 V
PXI Express	10 W at 12 V 2.5 W at 3.3 V
Dimensions (L × W × H)	3U, one slot, PXI/cPCI module, PXIe compatible 21.6 cm × 2.0 cm × 13.0 cm (8.5 in. × 0.8 in. × 5.1 in.)
Weight	410 g (14.46 oz)

Environment

Table 2. Environment

Operating temperature	0 °C to 55 °C
Storage temperature	-20 °C to 70 °C
Relative humidity	5% to 85%, noncondensing
Pollution Degree	2
Maximum altitude	2,000 m

Indoor use only.

Shock and Vibration

Table 3. Shock and Vibration

Operational Shock	30 g peak, half-sine, 11 ms pulse (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-27. Test profile developed in accordance with MIL-PRF-28800F.)
Random vibration,	5 Hz to 500 Hz, 0.3 grms

operating	
Random vibration, nonoperating	5 Hz to 500 Hz, 2.4 g _{rms} (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-64. Nonoperating test profile exceeds the requirements of MIL-PRF-28800F, Class 3.)

Compliance and Certifications

Safety Compliance Standards

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

- IEC 61010-1, EN 61010-1
- UL 61010-1, CSA C22.2 No. 61010-1



Note For safety certifications, refer to the product label or the [Product Certifications and Declarations](#) section.

Electromagnetic Compatibility

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

- EN 61326-1 (IEC 61326-1): Class A emissions; Basic immunity
- EN 55011 (CISPR 11): Group 1, Class A emissions
- EN 55022 (CISPR 22): Class A emissions
- EN 55024 (CISPR 24): Immunity
- AS/NZS CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A emissions
- AS/NZS CISPR 22: Class A emissions
- FCC 47 CFR Part 15B: Class A emissions
- ICES-001: Class A emissions



Note In the United States (per FCC 47 CFR), Class A equipment is intended for use in commercial, light-industrial, and heavy-industrial locations. In Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand (per CISPR 11), Class A equipment is intended for use only in heavy-industrial locations.



Note Group 1 equipment (per CISPR 11) is any industrial, scientific, or medical equipment that does not intentionally generate radio frequency energy for the treatment of material or inspection/analysis purposes.



Note For EMC declarations, certifications, and additional information, refer to ***Product Certifications and Declarations***.

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Refer to the product Declaration of Conformity (DoC) for additional regulatory compliance information. To obtain product certifications and the DoC for NI products, visit ni.com/product-certifications, search by model number, and click the appropriate link.

Environmental Management

NI is committed to designing and manufacturing products in an environmentally responsible manner. NI recognizes that eliminating certain hazardous substances from our products is beneficial to the environment and to NI customers.

For additional environmental information, refer to the ***Engineering a Healthy Planet*** web page at ni.com/environment. This page contains the environmental regulations and directives with which NI complies, as well as other environmental information not included in this document.

EU and UK Customers

-  **Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)**—At the end of the product life cycle, all NI products must be disposed of according to local laws and regulations. For more information about how to recycle NI products in your region, visit ni.com/environment/weee.

电子信息产品污染控制管理办法（中国RoHS）

-  **中国RoHS**—NI符合中国电子信息产品中限制使用某些有害物质指令 (RoHS)。关于NI中国RoHS合规性信息, 请登录 ni.com/environment/rohs_china。(For information about China RoHS compliance, go to ni.com/environment/rohs_china.)

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