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**PXIe-2542**

DEVICE SPECIFICATIONS

# NI PXI/PXIe-2542

## Quad 2 × 1 Terminated Multiplexer

This document lists specifications for the NI PXI/PXIe-2542 (NI 2542) multiplexer module. All specifications are subject to change without notice. Visit [ni.com/manuals](http://ni.com/manuals) for the most current specifications.

Topology

Quad 2 × 1 multiplexers

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## About These Specifications

*Specifications* characterize the warranted performance of the instrument under the following operating conditions:

- Chassis is powered on
- Calibration adjustment cycle maintained
- 50 Ω termination connected to unused I/O front panel connectors

*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.

Nominal values (or supplemental information) describe additional information about the product that may be useful, including expected performance that is not covered under *Typical Specifications*. Nominal values are not covered by warranty.

All voltages are specified in DC, AC<sub>pk</sub>, or a combination unless otherwise specified.

Clean devices and terminal blocks by brushing off light dust with a soft, nonmetallic brush. Remove other contaminants with a soft, lint-free, dampened cloth. Do not use detergent or chemical solvents. The unit must be completely dry and free from contaminants before returning to service.

## Input Characteristics

Minimum input frequency	10 MHz
Characteristic impedance (Z <sub>0</sub> )	50 Ω nominal
Coupling	AC
Maximum safe DC input voltage	±8V

## Maximum Safe Continuous RF Power

Chassis power ON	+30 dBm
Chassis power OFF	+20 dBm

## RF Performance Characteristics

Values in parentheses are typical.

Insertion loss	
≤2.4 GHz	<3.7 dB (<2.5 dB)
≤6 GHz	<4.8 dB (<3.9 dB)
≤6.6 GHz	<6.1 dB (<5.0 dB)
Insertion loss thermal coefficient	α = 1,112 ppm/°C

Use the following equation to calculate the insertion loss at a given temperature:

$$IL_T = IL_{T_0}(1 + \alpha(T - T_0))$$

where	IL is insertion loss in dB
	$T$ is the temperature at which the property is being measured in °C
	$T_0$ is the reference temperature in °C
	$\alpha$ represents insertion loss temperature coefficient in ppm/°C

**Table 1.** Typical Flatness

Frequency	Flatness / 200 MHz	Flatness / 1GHz
10 MHz to 5 GHz	<0.15 dB	<0.50 dB
5 GHz to 6 GHz	<0.18 dB	<0.62 dB
6 GHz to 6.6 GHz	<0.63 dB	<1.25 dB

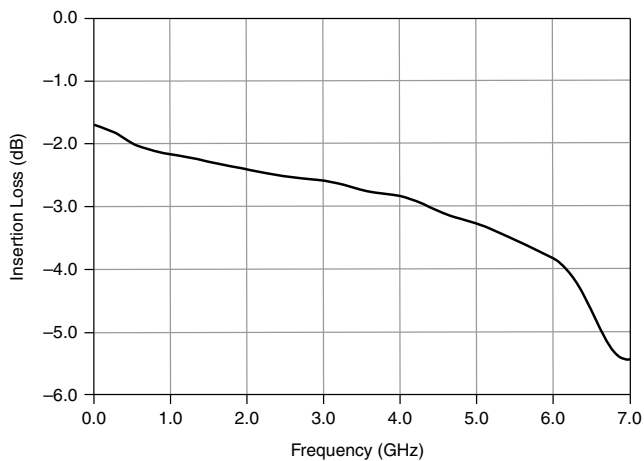
Voltage standing wave ratio (VSWR)

10 MHz $\leq x \leq$ 2.4 GHz	<1.6 (<1.4)
2.4 GHz < $x \leq$ 3.5 GHz	<1.7 (<1.4)

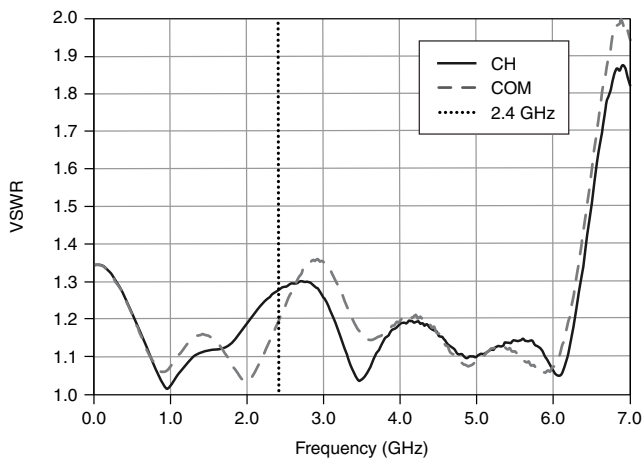
3.5 GHz < x ≤ 6 GHz	<1.6 (<1.2)
6 GHz < x ≤ 6.6 GHz	<2.2 (<1.8)
CH-COM isolation	
≤ 2.4 GHz	>78 dB (>94 dB)
≤ 6 GHz	>60 dB (>86 dB)
≤ 6.6 GHz	>55 dB (>75 dB)
CH-CH isolation	
≤ 2.4 GHz	>79 dB (>94 dB)
≤ 6 GHz	>58 dB (>76 dB)
≤ 6.6 GHz	>54 dB (>70 dB)
Bank-to-bank crosstalk	
≤ 2.4 GHz	>75 dB (>94 dB)
≤ 6 GHz	>60 dB (>85 dB)
≤ 6.6 GHz	>55 dB (>83 dB)
Typical channel-to-channel skew	<3 ps
Typical propagation delay	680 ps
Input 1 dB compression	
Minimum	>28 dBm
Typical	>32 dBm

Refer to the following figures for typical insertion loss, typical VSWR, and typical isolation, and typical bank-to-bank isolation respectively.

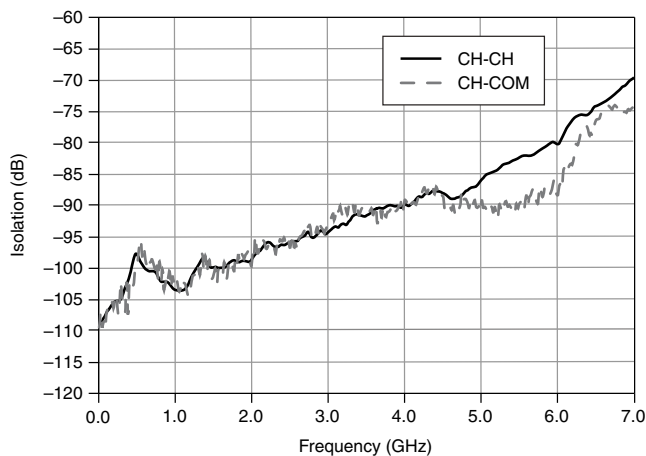
**Figure 1. Typical Insertion Loss**



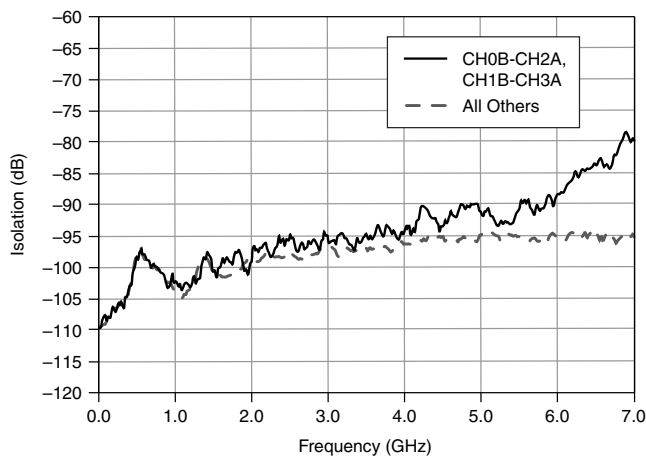
**Figure 2. Typical VSWR**



**Figure 3. Typical Isolation**



**Figure 4. Typical Bank-to-Bank Isolation**



# Linearity

## Second-order harmonic distortion (Input IP2 (IIP2))

Typical IP2 (input)	>+91 dBm
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**Note** Measurements are performed with single CW tones, ranging from -26 dBm to +10 dBm at the RF input. This specification is based on both experimental and calculated data.

## Third-order intermodulation distortion (Input IP3 (IIP3))

Typical IP3 (input)	>+61 dBm
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**Note** Measurements performed with two 10 dBm input tones = 1 MHz apart. This specification is based on both experimental and calculated data.

# Dynamic Characteristics

Maximum switch operate time	121 $\mu$ s
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**Note** Switch operate time is defined as the time from TRIG IN falling to 10% to when the output reaches 90% of final value.



**Note** Certain applications may require additional time for proper settling. Refer to the *NI Switches Help* at [ni.com/manuals](https://ni.com/manuals) for more information about including additional settling time.

# Trigger Characteristics

### Input trigger

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



**Note** The NI 2542 can recognize trigger pulse widths less than 150 ns if you disable digital filtering. Refer to the *NI Switches Help* at [ni.com/manuals](https://ni.com/manuals) for information about disabling digital filtering.

### Output trigger

Destinations	PXI trigger lines <0...7>
Pulse width	Programmable (1 $\mu$ s to 62 $\mu$ s)



# Physical Characteristics

Switch type	FET
Front panel I/O connectors	12 SMA jacks, female
Power requirement	
PXI	
5 V	0.1 W
3.3 V	0.7 W
PXI Express	
12 V	0.6 W
3.3 V	0.9 W
Dimensions (L × W × H)	3U, one slot, PXI/cPCI module, PXI Express compatible 21.6 cm × 2.0 cm × 13.0 cm (8.5 in. × 0.8 in. × 5.1 in.)
Weight	553 g (19.5 oz)

# Environment

Maximum altitude	2,000 m (at 25 °C ambient temperature)
Pollution Degree	2

Indoor use only.

# Operating Environment

Ambient temperature range	0 °C to 55 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-1 and IEC 60068-2-2. Meets MIL-PRF-28800F Class 3 low temperature limit and MIL-PRF-28800F Class 2 high temperature limit.)
Relative humidity range	10% to 90%, noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-56.)

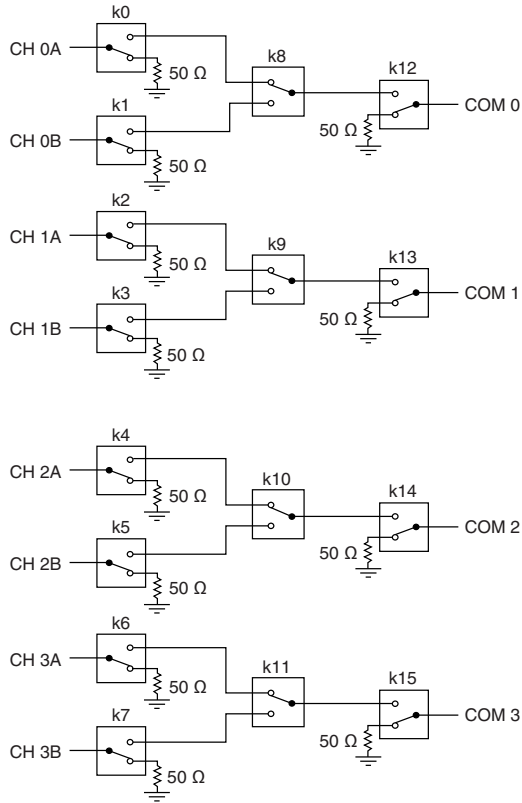
# Storage Environment

Ambient temperature range	-40 °C to 70 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-1 and IEC-60068-2-2.)
Relative humidity range	5% to 95%, noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-56.)
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	
Operating	5 Hz to 500 Hz, 0.3 g <sub>rms</sub>
Nonoperating	5 Hz to 500 Hz, 2.4 g <sub>rms</sub> (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-64. Nonoperating test profile exceeds the requirements of MIL-PRF-28800F, Class 3.)

# Diagrams

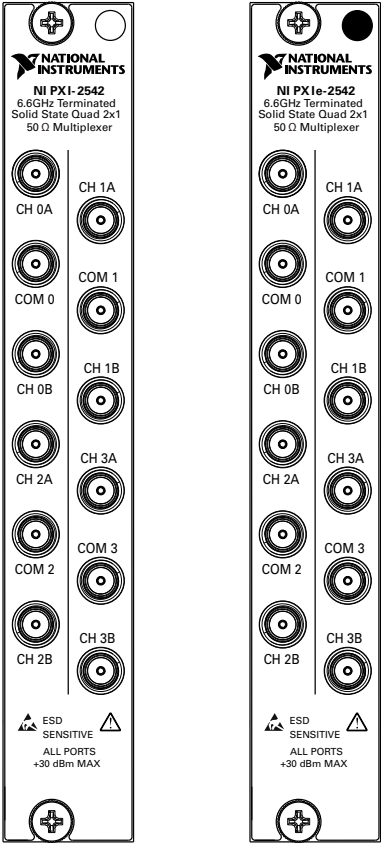
The following figure shows the NI 2542 power-on state.

**Figure 5. NI 2542 Power-On State**



The following figure shows the NI 2542 front panel connector.

Figure 6. NI 2542 Front Panel Connector



## Accessories

Visit [ni.com](https://ni.com) for more information about the following accessories.

Table 2. NI Accessories for the NI 2542

Accessory	Length	Part Number
SMA 100, SMA male to SMA male flexible cable	0.15 m	763443-01
	0.45 m	763444-01
SMA 50 Ohm termination plug	—	778353-01

**Table 2.** NI Accessories for the NI 2542 (Continued)

Accessory	Length	Part Number
RF torque screwdriver and SMA driver bit	—	780895-01
RF SMA driver bit only	—	780894-01

# Compliance and Certifications

## Safety

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 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 61326-1 (IEC 61326-1): Class A emissions; Basic immunity
- EN 55011 (CISPR 11): Group 1, Class A emissions
- AS/NZS CISPR 11: Group 1, 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 the [Online Product Certification](#) section.

## CE Compliance

This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives, as follows:

- 2006/95/EC; Low-Voltage Directive (safety)
- 2004/108/EC; Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC)

## Online Product Certification

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