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# DEVICE SPECIFICATIONS NI PXIe-4463

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# Terminology

*Maximum and minimum* specifications characterize the warranted performance of the instrument within the recommended calibration interval and under the stated operating conditions. These specifications are verified in production or are guaranteed by design.

*Typical* specifications are specifications met by the majority of the instruments within the recommended calibration interval and under the stated operating conditions, based on measurements taken during production verification and/or engineering development. These specifications are not warranted.

*Supplemental* specifications describe the basic function and attributes of the instrument established by design and are not subject to production verification. They provide information that is relevant for the adequate use of the instrument that is not included in the previous definitions.

All performance specifications are *typical* unless otherwise noted. These specifications are valid within the full operating temperature range. Accuracy specifications are valid within  $\pm 5$  °C of the self-calibration or over the full operating range as specifically noted.

# **Output Characteristics**

Number of simultaneously sampled output channels	2
Output configuration	. Differential or pseudodifferential (50 $\Omega$ between negative output and chassis ground), each channel independently software-selectable
Output coupling	. DC



D/A converter (DAC) resolution	24 bits
DAC type	Delta-sigma
Sample rates $(f_s)$	
Range	100 S/s to 51.2 kS/s
Resolution <sup>1</sup>	$ \le 45.5 \ \mu S/s$
DAC oversampled rate	520.833 kS/s
FIFO buffer size	1,023 samples
Data transfers	Direct memory access (DMA), programmed I/O

# Signal Range

	Output Voltage Full-Scale Range <sup>*</sup> , Min	
Attenuation (dB)	V <sub>pk</sub>	$V_{ m rms}^{\dagger}$
0	±10.0	7.071
17	±1.4142	1.0
37	±0.14142	0.1

\* Each output channel attenuation is independently software-selectable.

<sup>†</sup> Sine output.

Output Current Drive, Min		
A <sub>pk</sub>	A <sub>rms</sub>	
± 0.1	0.07071	
* Sine output		

\* Sine output.

# Output Impedance

	Output Configuration		
Output Terminals	Differential	Pseudodifferential	
Between positive output (+) and chassis ground	2.5 kΩ	87 Ω	
Between negative output (-) and chassis ground	2.5 kΩ	50 Ω	
Between positive (+) and negative (-) outputs	40 Ω	40 Ω	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Depends on the sample rate. Refer to the NI DAQmx Help for more information.

## Protection

Output Terminals	Short-Circuit Duration	Overvoltage (V <sub>pk</sub> ), Min
Between positive output (+) and chassis ground	Indefinite	±42.4
Between negative output (-) and chassis ground	Indefinite	±42.4
Between positive (+) and negative (-) outputs	Indefinite	±42.4

# **Transfer Characteristics**

# Offset (Residual DC)

Attenuation (dB)	Offset (mV), Max, T <sub>cal</sub> * ±5 °C	Offset (mV), Max, Over Full Operating Temperature Range
0	±0.5	±5.0
17	±0.3	±3.0
37	±0.2	±2.0
* $T_{cal}$ = device temperature at which the last self-calibration was performed.		

# Gain Amplitude Accuracy

#### 1 kHz output tone

 $T_{cal}\pm 5~^{\circ}C$  ...... $\pm 0.02~dB~max$ 

 $(T_{cal} = device temperature at which the last self-calibration was performed.)$ 

Over full operating temperature range...... $\pm 0.1$  dB max

# Stability

Gain drift.....±110 ppm/°C

#### Offset drift

0 dB attenuation	±21 µV/°C
17 dB attenuation	$\pm 13 \ \mu V/^{\circ}C$
37 dB attenuation	$\pm 10 \ \mu V/^{\circ}C$

# Passband and Image Rejection

Passband.....DC to 0.454 fs

# Filter Delay

Output delay1 (samples)

0.1 kS/s	$\leq f_{\rm s}$	$\leq$	5.0	kS/s	64
5.0 kS/s	$< f_{\rm s}$	$\leq$	10.0	kS/s	
10.0 kS/s	$< f_{\rm s}$	$\leq$	14.0	kS/s	
14.0 kS/s	$< f_{\rm s}$	$\leq$	19.0	kS/s	
19.0 kS/s	$< f_{\rm s}$	$\leq$	24.0	kS/s	72
24.0 kS/s	$< f_{\rm s}$	$\leq$	29.0	kS/s	74
29.0 kS/s	$< f_{\rm s}$	$\leq$	35.0	kS/s	
35.0 kS/s	$< f_{\rm s}$	$\leq$	39.0	kS/s	
39.0 kS/s	$< f_{\rm s}$	$\leq$	44.0	kS/s	
44.0 kS/s	$< f_{\rm s}$	$\leq$	51.2	kS/s	

## Flatness

	$f_{\rm s} = 5$	$f_{\rm s}$ = 51.2 kS/s		
	Flatness (dB)	Flatness (dB) <sup>*, †</sup> , Max (Typical)		
Output Configuration	$f_{\rm out} = 20$ Hz to 20 kHz	<i>f</i> <sub>out</sub> = 20 Hz to 22.4 kHz		
Differential	±0.007 (±0.002)	±0.009 (±0.003)		
Pseudodifferential	±0.008 (±0.003)	±0.010 (±0.004)		
* Relative to 1 kHz. † All attenuation settings.		·		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Output delay includes digital filter delay + analog backend delay.

#### **Flatness Performance**

Measurement Instrument: HP3458A, AC Voltage, Synchronous Sub-Sampled Mode. Figures 1 through 4 show the spread of typical flatness performance.

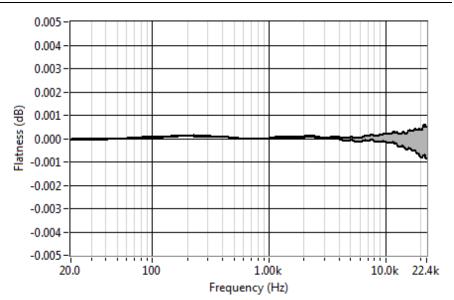
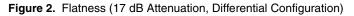
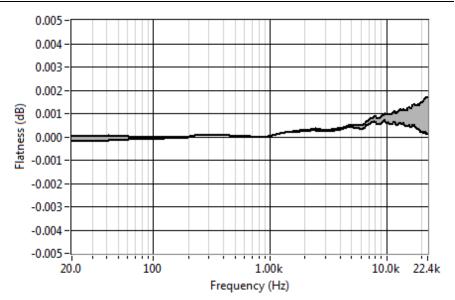
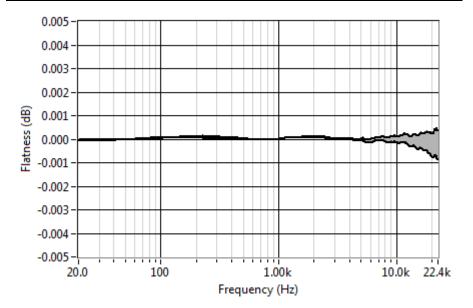
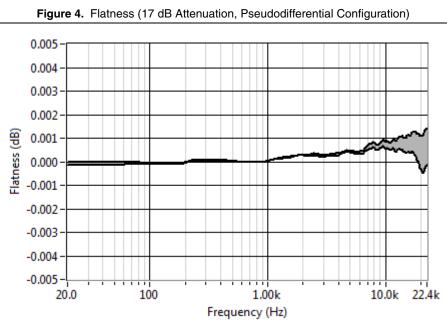


Figure 1. Flatness (0 dB and 37 dB Attenuation, Differential Configuration)









## Interchannel Gain Mismatch<sup>1, 2</sup>

20 Hz to 22.4 kHz.......±0.03 dB (±0.01 dB typical)

## Interchannel Phase Mismatch



**Note** Listed gain and phase mismatch specifications are valid for output signals generated on two channels of the same module. For output signals generated on different modules, the listed gain and phase mismatch specifications still apply, but are subject to the following conditions:

- For gain matching, all modules must be properly warmed up and then self calibrated. Refer to the *Environmental Specifications* section for the specified warm-up time.
- For phase matching, all modules must be properly warmed up and then self calibrated and synchronized to a common timebase. To the listed specifications, add the following error: 360° × f<sub>out</sub> × clock skew. Refer to the *General Specifications* section for the maximum intermodule clock skew.

# Phase Linearity<sup>2</sup>

20 Hz to 22.4 kHz.....±0.005°

 $<sup>^1\,</sup>$  Device temperature within ±5 °C of the last self-calibration temperature.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All attenuation settings, all output configurations.

## **Idle Channel Noise**

	ldle Channel Noise (μV <sub>rms</sub> ) <sup>*</sup> , Max (Typical)	
	$f_{\rm s} = \xi$	51.2 kS/s
Attenuation (dB)	Differential	Pseudodifferential
0	11.2 (6.6)	11.4 (6.7)
17	2.7 (1.9)	3.1 (2.2)
37	1.8 (1.3)	2.5 (1.8)

# Dynamic Range

	Dynamic Range (dBFS) <sup>*, †</sup> , Min (Typical)	
	<i>f</i> <sub>s</sub> = 51.2 kS/s	
Attenuation (dB)	Differential	Pseudodifferential
0	116.4 (121.0)	116.3 (120.9)
17	111.5 (114.5)	110.1 (113.1)
37	94.7 (97.7)	92.1 (95.1)

\* 1 kHz output tone, -60 dBFS output amplitude.

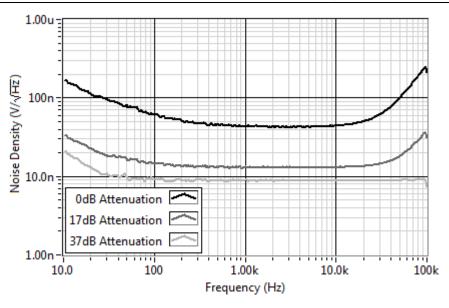
<sup>†</sup> Measurement Bandwidth = 20 Hz to 22.4 kHz using the described bandwidth-limiting filter.

# Spectral Noise Density

	Spectral Noise Density (nV / $\sqrt{Hz}$ ) <sup>*</sup> , Typical	
	<i>f</i> <sub>s</sub> = 51.2 kS/s	
Attenuation (dB)	Differential	Pseudodifferential
0	44.7	45.1
17	13.5	15.9
37	9.2	12.4

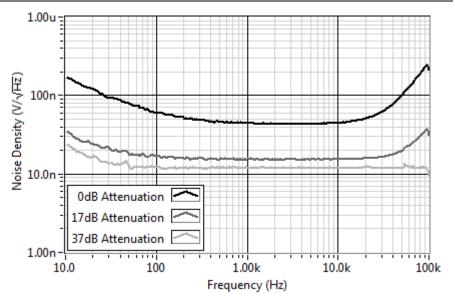
#### Spectral Noise Density Performance

Measurement Instrument: NI PXI-4461, 30 dB gain, differential input configuration. Acquisition: 10 cross-correlation averages of 204,800 samples acquired at 204.8 kS/s.









# Spurious Free Dynamic Range (SFDR)

	SFDR (dBc) <sup>*, †</sup>
Attenuation (dB)	$f_{\rm s}$ = 51.2 kS/s
0	123
17	121
37	119

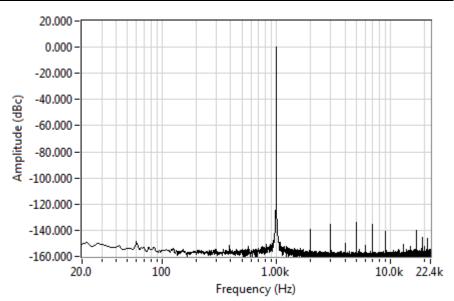
### Representative Performance FFTs

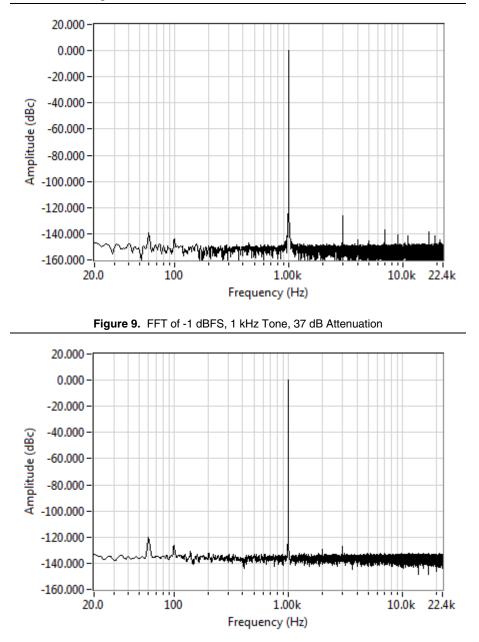
Measurement Instrument: NI PXI-4461, differential input configuration.

Input Filter: Differential twin-T notch passive filter.

Acquisition: 10 cross-correlation averages of 204,800 samples acquired at 204.8 kS/s.







# Total Harmonic Distortion (THD)

	THD (dBc) <sup>*, †, ‡</sup> , 25 °C ±5 °C			
	$f_{\rm s} = 51.2 \ {\rm kS/s}$			
Measurement	f <sub>out</sub> = 1 kHz	f	<sub>out</sub> = 20 Hz to 20 kH	Iz
Bandwidth	$\textbf{Load} \geq \textbf{60} \ \Omega$	$\textbf{Load} \geq \textbf{600}~\Omega$	$\textbf{Load} \geq \textbf{100}~\Omega$	$\textbf{Load} \geq \textbf{60} \; \Omega$
20 Hz to 22.4 kHz		-119	-116	-113
20 Hz to 44.8 kHz	-120	-114	-111	-108
20 Hz to 89.6 kHz	-	-109	-106	-103
* -1 dBFS output amplitude. † Includes the 2 <sup>nd</sup> through the 11 <sup>th</sup> harmonics.				

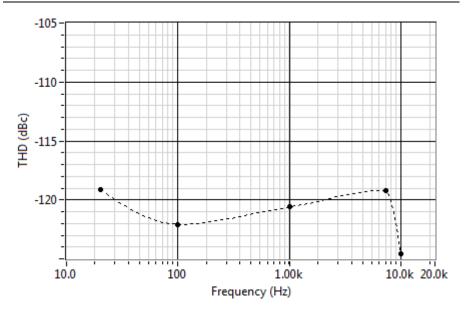
\* All output configurations.

#### THD Performance

Measurement Instrument: NI PXI-4461, 30 dB gain, differential input configuration. Input Filter: Differential twin-T notch passive filter.

Acquisition: 10 cross-correlation averages of 204,800 samples acquired at 204.8 kS/s. THD measurements include 2<sup>nd</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> harmonics.

#### Figure 10. THD of -1 dBFS Tone, 0 dB Attenuation, Load $\geq$ 600 $\Omega$ , 20 Hz to 22.4 kHz BW



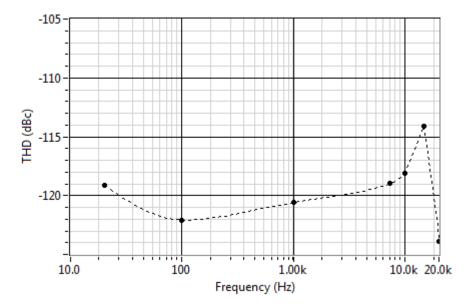
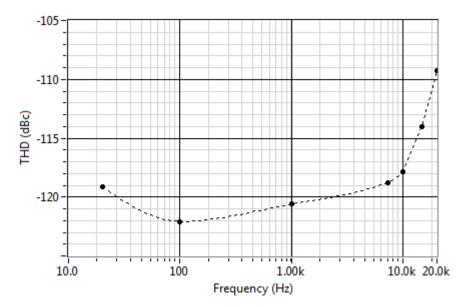
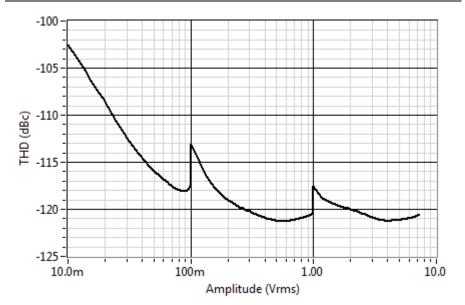


Figure 12. THD of -1 dBFS Tone, 0 dB Attenuation, Load  $\ge$  600  $\Omega$ , 20 Hz to 89.6 kHz BW





## Total Harmonic Distortion Plus Noise (THD+N)

		THD+N <sup>*</sup> , 25 °C ±5 °C	
	$f_{\rm s}$ = 51.2 kS/s		
		0 dB Attenuation	
Output	f <sub>out</sub> = 1 kHz	f <sub>out</sub> = 20 H:	z to 20 kHz
Configuration	$\textbf{Load} \geq \textbf{60} \ \Omega$	$\textbf{Load} \geq \textbf{600} \ \Omega$	$\textbf{Load} \geq \textbf{60} \ \Omega$
Differential	$-119 \text{ dBc} + 6.6 \mu \text{V}$	$-110 \text{ dBc} + 6.6 \mu \text{V}$	$-109 \text{ dBc} + 6.6 \mu \text{V}$
Pseudodifferential	$-119 \text{ dBc} + 6.7 \mu \text{V}$	$-110 \text{ dBc} + 6.7 \mu V$	$-109 \text{ dBc} + 6.7 \mu \text{V}$
* Measurement Bandwidth = $20 \text{ Hz}$ to $22.4 \text{ kHz}$ using the described bandwidth-limiting filter.			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> THD of low amplitude tones is limited by output noise.

#### THD+N Performance

Measurement Instrument: NI PXI-4461, 30 dB gain, differential input configuration. Input Filter: Differential twin-T notch passive filter.

Acquisition: 10 cross-correlation averages of 204,800 samples acquired at 204.8 kS/s. Measurement Bandwidth: 20 Hz to 22.4 kHz using the described bandwidth-limiting filter.

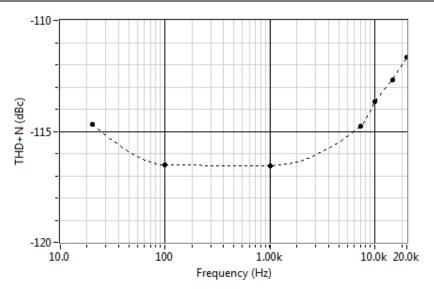
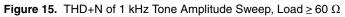
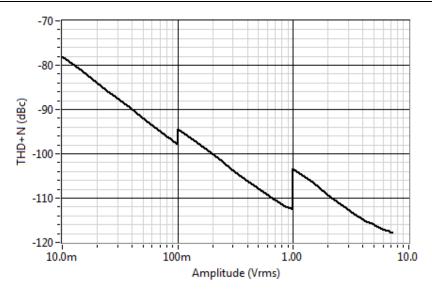


Figure 14. THD+N of -1 dBFS Tone, 0 dB Attenuation, Load  $\geq$  600  $\Omega$ 





	THD+N <sup>*</sup> , 25 °C ±5 °C			
	<i>f</i> <sub>s</sub> = 51.2 kS/s			
	17 dB A	17 dB Attenuation		ttenuation
Output Configuration	f <sub>out</sub> = 1 kHz	f <sub>out</sub> = 20 Hz to 20 kHz	f <sub>out</sub> = 1 kHz	f <sub>out</sub> = 20 Hz to 20 kHz
Differential	$-117 \text{ dBc} + 1.9 \mu \text{V}$	$-111 \text{ dBc} + 1.9 \mu \text{V}$	$-117 \text{ dBc} + 1.3 \mu \text{V}$	$-111 \text{ dBc} + 1.3 \mu \text{V}$
Pseudodifferential	$-117 \text{ dBc} + 2.2 \mu V$	$-111 \text{ dBc} + 2.2 \mu \text{V}$	$-117 \text{ dBc} + 1.8 \mu \text{V}$	$-111 \text{ dBc} + 1.8 \mu \text{V}$
* Measurement Bandwidth = 20 Hz to 22.4 kHz using the described bandwidth-limiting filter.				

# Intermodulation Distortion (IMD)

	IMD (dBc) <sup>*,†</sup>	
Output Configuration	2 <sup>nd</sup> Order	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Order
Differential	-120	-117
Pseudodifferential	-117	-114
* CCIF 14 kHz + 15 kHz, each tone amplitude is -6 dBFS.		

<sup>†</sup> Measurement Bandwidth = 20 Hz to 22.4 kHz.

# Crosstalk, Output Channel Separation

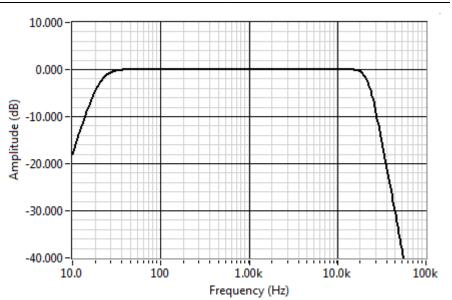
All attenuation settings, 20 Hz to 22.4 kHz

Mini-XLR version	
Differential and	
Pseudodifferential	Typically $\leq$ -140 dBc
BNC version <sup>1</sup>	
Differential	Typically $\leq$ -100 dBc
Pseudodifferential	Typically $\leq$ -120 dBc

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Crosstalk can be reduced by separation and/or shielding between coaxial cables.

#### Bandwidth-Limiting Filter (IEC 468 Compliant)

High-Pass: 3<sup>rd</sup> order Butterworth at 20 Hz. Low-Pass: 5<sup>th</sup> order Butterworth at 22.4 kHz.





# Voltage

DC level	5.000 V
Temperature coefficient	±9 ppm/°C max
Time stability	$\pm 50 \text{ ppm} / \sqrt{1,000 \text{ hr}}$

# Frequency

Oscillator	20 MHz TCXO
Temperature stability	±2.8 ppm max over full temperature range
Time stability	±1 ppm/year

# **Frequency Timebase Characteristics**

#### Accuracy

Using internal VCXO timebase
T <sub>cal</sub> ±5 °C±12 ppm
(Listed accuracy is valid for 24 hours following a self-calibration.)
$(T_{cal} = device temperature at which the last self-calibration was performed.)$
Over full operating
temperature range±100 ppm max
Using external timebase Equal to accuracy of external timebase

# Triggers

#### Digital Trigger

Purpose	.Start trigger
Source	.PFI0, PFI1, PXI_Trig<07>, PXI_Star,
	PXIe_DStar <ab></ab>
Polarity	Rising or falling edge, software-selectable
Minimum pulse width	.100 ns for PXI_Trig<07>, 20 ns for others

# **Output Timing Signals**

Sources	Start Trigger Out, Sync Pulse Out
Destinations	PFI0, PFI1, PXI_Trig<07>, PXIe_DStarC
Polarity	Software-selectable except for Sync Pulse Out (always active low)

# PFI 0 and PFI 1(Front Panel Digital Triggers)

Input	
Logic compatibility 3.3 V	or 5 V
High, V <sub>IH</sub>	/ min
Low, V <sub>IL</sub>	/ max
Input impedance10 kΩ	2
Input current (0 V $\leq$ V <sub>in</sub> $\leq$ 4.5 V) $\leq$ 450	) μΑ
Overvoltage protection±10 V	<sub>pk</sub> min
Output	
High, V <sub>OH</sub>	/ max
Sourcing 5 mA2.88 V	/ min
Low, V <sub>OL</sub>	
Sinking 5 mA 0.33 V	/ max
Output impedance	
Output current±5 mA	A min
Overvoltage protection±10 V	' <sub>pk</sub> min

# **General Specifications**

This section lists general specification information for the NI PXIe-4463.

## **Bus Interface**

Form factor	x1 PXI Express peripheral module, Specification rev 1.0 compliant
Slot compatibility	PXI Express only or PXI Express hybrid slots
DMA channels	2, analog output

# Timing and Synchronization

Number of timing engines ......21

Reference clock source ...... Onboard clock, backplane PXIe\_CLK100

Intermodule DAC clock skew<sup>2</sup>

 $(T_{tb} = device temperature at which the timebase source was last changed.)$ 

Over full operating temperature range...... 30 ns max

## **Power Requirements**

Voltage (V)	Current (A), Max
+3.3	3.0
+12	2.0

# Physical

 $(6.3 \text{ in.} \times 3.9 \text{ in.})$ 3U CompactPCI slot

Analog output connectors	.BNC female or Mini-XLR male
Digital trigger connector (PFI0 and PFI1)	.SMB male
Weight	525 g (18.5 oz)
Measurement Category	I <sup>3</sup>

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**Caution** Do *not* use the NI PXIe-4463 for connections to signals or for measurements within Categories II, III, or IV.



**Caution** The protection provided by the NI PXIe-4463 can be impaired if it is used in a manner not described in this document.

**Caution** Clean the hardware with a soft, nonmetallic brush. Make sure that the hardware is completely dry and free from contaminants before returning it to service.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Channels can be arbitrarily grouped into timing engines. Timing engines can be independently synchronized, started, and stopped. Both timing engines must use the same reference clock source.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Valid between NI PXIe-4463 modules installed in the same chassis. Between NI PXIe-4463 modules in different chassis, add the potential skew in the PXI\_CLK10 clock distribution. Refer to the appropriate chassis documentation for its clock skew specifications.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Measurement Categories CAT I and CAT O are equivalent. These test and measurement circuits are not intended for direct connections to the MAINS building installations of Measurement Categories CAT II, CAT III, CAT IV.

# **Operating Environment**

Ambient temperature range	0 °C to 55 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-1 and IEC 60068-2-2.)
Relative humidity range	10% to 90%, noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-56.)
Altitude	2,000 m (800 mbar)
Pollution Degree	2
Indoor use only.	

Storage Environment

Ambient temperature range	20 °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.)

# 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	
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.)

# Calibration

Self-calibration	. On software command, the module computes
	gain and offset corrections relative to the
	high-precision internal voltage reference,
	timebase correction relative to the
	high-precision internal frequency reference, and
	channel-to-channel phase matching corrections.

Self-calibration interval	. Recommended whenever the current device temperature differs by more than $\pm 5$ °C from the device temperature at which the last self-calibration was performed.
External calibration interval	2 years
Warm-up time	15 minutes

# 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

The NI PXIe-4463 (Mini-XLR and BNC versions) 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 and certifications, and additional information, refer to the *Online Product Certification* section.

# CE Compliance ( $\epsilon$

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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# **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 *Minimize Our Environmental Impact* 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.

#### Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)



**EU Customers** At the end of the product life cycle, all products *must* be sent to a WEEE recycling center. For more information about WEEE recycling centers, National Instruments WEEE initiatives, and compliance with WEEE Directive 2002/96/EC on Waste and Electronic Equipment, visit ni.com/environment/weee.

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