
PXle-7861

Getting Started

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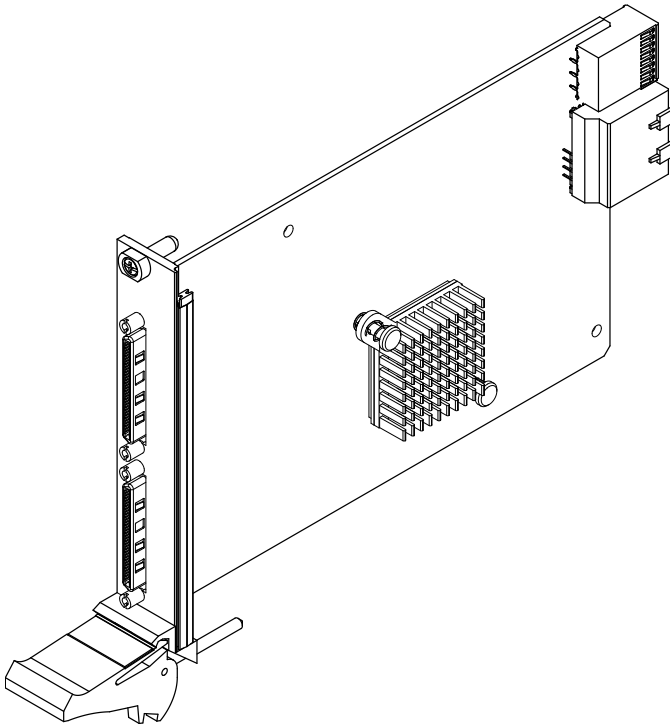


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Getting Started

This document describes how to begin using the NI PXIe-7861.



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Safety Guidelines



Caution Do not operate the NI PXIe-7861 in a manner not specified in this document. Product misuse can result in a hazard. You can compromise the safety protection built into the product if the product is damaged in any way.

If the product is damaged, return it to NI for repair.

EMC Guidelines

This product was tested and complies with the regulatory requirements and limits for electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) stated in the product specifications. These requirements and limits provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the product is operated in the intended operational electromagnetic environment.

This product is intended for use in industrial locations. However, harmful interference may occur in some installations, when the product is connected to a peripheral device or test object, or if the product is used in residential areas. To minimize interference with radio and television reception and prevent unacceptable performance degradation, install and use this product in strict accordance with the instructions in the product documentation.

Furthermore, any changes or modifications to the product not expressly approved by NI could void your authority to operate it under your local regulatory rules.

Preparing the Environment

Ensure that the environment in which you are using the NI PXIe-7861 meets the following specifications.

Operating temperature (IEC 60068-2-1, IEC 60068-2-2)	0 °C to 55 °C
Operating humidity (IEC 60068-2-78)	10% RH to 90% RH, noncondensing
Pollution degree	2

Maximum altitude	2,000 m
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Indoor use only.



Note Refer to the device specifications on ni.com/manuals for complete specifications.

Unpacking the Kit



Notice To prevent electrostatic discharge (ESD) from damaging the device, ground yourself using a grounding strap or by holding a grounded object, such as your computer chassis.

1. Touch the antistatic package to a metal part of the computer chassis.
2. Remove the device from the package and inspect the device for loose components or any other sign of damage.



Notice Never touch the exposed pins of connectors.



Note Do not install a device if it appears damaged in any way.

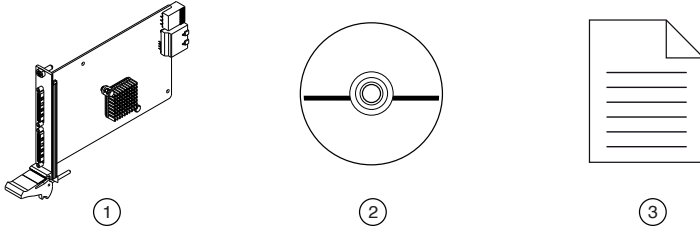
3. Unpack any other items and documentation from the kit.

Store the device in the antistatic package when the device is not in use.

Verifying the Kit Contents

Verify that the following items are included in the NI PXIe-7861 kit.

Figure 1. NI PXIe-7861 Kit Contents



1. Hardware
2. NI-RIO Media
3. Getting Started Guide

Installing Software on the Host Computer

Before using the NI PXIe-7861, you must install the following application software and device drivers on the host computer.

1. LabVIEW 2018 or later
2. LabVIEW Real-Time Module 2018 or later^[1]
3. LabVIEW FPGA Module 2018 or later
4. NI R Series Multifunction RIO Device Drivers May 2018 or later

Visit ni.com/info and enter the Info Code `softwareversion` for minimum software support information.

Installing the NI PXIe-7861



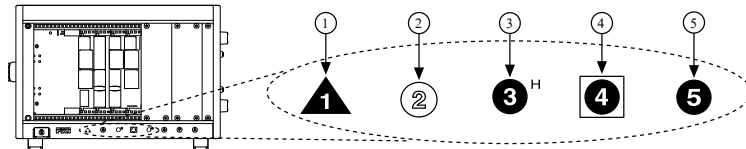
Notice To prevent damage to the NI PXIe-7861 caused by ESD or contamination, handle the module using the edges or the metal bracket.

1. Ensure the AC power source is connected to the chassis before installing the module.
The AC power cord grounds the chassis and protects it from electrical damage while you install the module.
2. Power off the chassis.
3. Inspect the slot pins on the chassis backplane for any bends or damage prior to

installation. Do not install a module if the backplane is damaged.

4. Remove the black plastic covers from all the captive screws on the module front panel.
5. Identify a supported slot in the chassis. The following figure shows the symbols that indicate the slot types.

Figure 2. Chassis Compatibility Symbols



1. PXI Express System Controller Slot
2. PXI Peripheral Slot
3. PXI Express Hybrid Peripheral Slot
4. PXI Express System Timing Slot
5. PXI Express Peripheral Slot

NI PXIe-7861 modules can be placed in PXI Express peripheral slots, PXI Express hybrid peripheral slots, or PXI Express system timing slots.

6. Touch any metal part of the chassis to discharge static electricity.
7. Place the module edges into the module guides at the top and bottom of the chassis. Slide the module into the slot until it is fully inserted.
8. Secure the module front panel to the chassis using the front-panel mounting screws.



Note Tightening the top and bottom mounting screws increases mechanical stability and also electrically connects the front panel to the chassis, which can improve the signal quality and electromagnetic performance.

9. Cover all empty slots using either filler panels (standard or EMC) or slot blockers with filler panels, depending on your application.



Note For more information about installing slot blockers and filler panels, go to ni.com/r/pxiblocker.

10. Power on the chassis.

Verifying Hardware Installation for Host Targets

You can verify that the system recognizes the NI PXIe-7861 by using Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX).

1. Launch MAX by navigating to **Start » All Programs » National Instruments » MAX** or by clicking the MAX desktop icon.
2. Expand **Devices and Interfaces**.
3. Verify that the device appears under **Devices and Interfaces**.
If the device does not appear, press <F5> to refresh the view in MAX. If the device does not appear after refreshing the view, visit ni.com/support for troubleshooting information.

Verifying Hardware Installation for Remote Systems

You can verify that the system recognizes the NI PXIe-7861 by using Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX).

1. Launch MAX on the host computer.
2. Expand **Remote Systems** in the configuration tree and locate your system.
3. Install LabVIEW Real-Time Module 2018 and NI R Series Multifunction RIO Device Drivers May 2018 or later on your **Remote System**.
 - a. Refer to the ***Installing Software on the Host Computer*** section for information about installing software on the host.
 - b. Refer to the ***PXI Express Controllers User Manual*** at ni.com/manuals for information on installing software on the target.
4. Under **Remote Systems**, find and expand **Devices and Interfaces**.
If the device does not appear, press <F5> to refresh the view in MAX. If the device does not appear after refreshing the view, visit ni.com/support for troubleshooting information.

Connecting the NI PXIe-7861

NI recommends using the following cables and accessories with the NI PXIe-7861:

Table 1. Recommended Cables and Accessories

Connector Type	Connector Block	Cables
Multifunction Connector 0 (RMIO)	SCB-68A Noise Rejecting, Shielded I/O Connector Block (782536-01)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHC68-68-RMIO Shielded Cable for the Reconfigurable MIO Connector, 68 pin D-Type to 68 pin VHDCI, 1m (189588-01) • SHC68-68-RMIO Shielded Cable for the Reconfigurable MIO Connector, 68 pin D-Type to 68 pin VHDCI, 2m (189588-02)
Multifunction Connector 1 (RMIO)		



Note The SCB-68A DIP switches must be set for Direct Feedthrough mode for use with R Series devices. Visit ni.com/info and enter the Info Code `scb68acables` for more information on the SCB-68A accessory.



Note NI is not liable for connections that exceed any of the maximum ratings of input or output signals on the NI PXIe-7861 and on the computer chassis. Refer to the *NI PXIe-7861 Specifications*, available at ni.com/manuals for the maximum input and output ratings for each signal.

Pinout

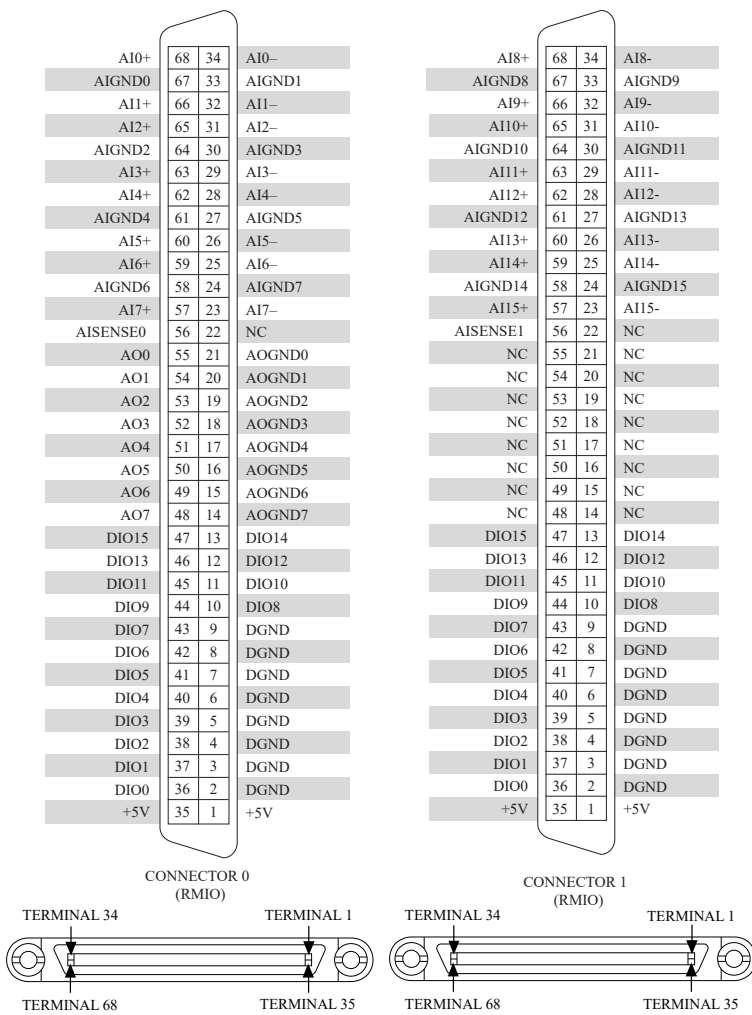


Table 2. NI PXIe-7861 Signal Descriptions

Signal	Description
AI+	Positive analog input signal connection
AI-	Negative analog input signal connection
AISENSE	Reference connection for NRSE measurements
AIGND	Ground reference for the analog input signal
AO	Analog output signal connection
AOGND	Ground reference for the analog output signal
DIO	Digital input/output signal connection
DGND	Ground reference for the digital signal
GND	Ground connection

Signal	Description
Supply (+5 V _{out})	5 V power output connection for external devices
NC	No connection

The NI PXIe-7861 is protected from overvoltage and overcurrent conditions.

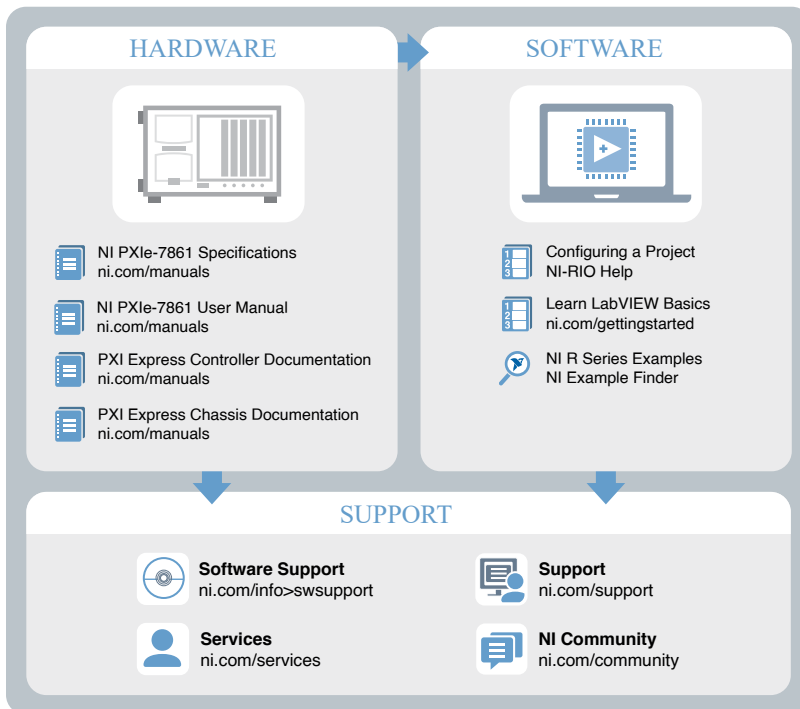


Note Refer to the *NI PXIe-7861 Specifications*, available at ni.com/manuals for more information.



Note The pinout label on the lid of the SCB-68A accessory is incompatible with the NI PXIe-7861. Refer to the *NI 78xxR Pinout Labels for the SCB-68A*, available at ni.com/manuals for the compatible pinout labels.

Where to Go Next



NI Services

Visit ni.com/support to find support resources including documentation, downloads, and troubleshooting and application development self-help such as tutorials and examples.

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