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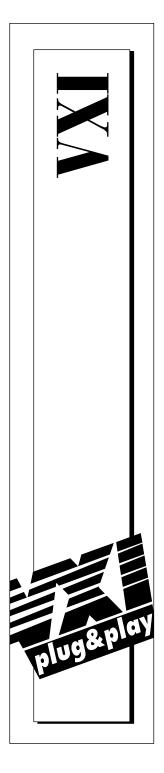
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About This Manual

This manual contains instructions for installing and configuring the National Instruments VXIpc 800/700 Series embedded computer kit. The VXIpc 800/700 Series includes all the models of the VXIpc-800 and VXIpc-700 embedded computers.

Organization of This Manual

This manual is organized as follows:

- Chapter 1, *Introduction*, describes the VXIpc 800/700 Series of embedded VXI computers, lists what you need to get started, describes the hardware, and lists optional equipment and software.
- Chapter 2, *Functional Overview*, contains functional descriptions of each major logic block on the VXIpc 800/700 Series embedded computers.
- Chapter 3, *VXIpc 800 Series Configuration and Installation*, contains the instructions to configure and install the VXIpc 800 Series embedded computer.
- Chapter 4, *VXIpc 700 Series Configuration and Installation*, contains the instructions to configure and install the VXIpc 700 Series embedded computer.
- Chapter 5, *BIOS*, contains information on BIOS, the low-level interface between the hardware and PC software that configures and tests your hardware at boot up.
- Appendix A, *Specifications*, describes the environmental, electrical, and mechanical specifications of the VXIpc 800/700 Series embedded computer.
- Appendix B, *VXIpc 800 Series System Resources*, describes what system resources are available on the VXIpc 800 Series and where they are allocated.
- Appendix C, *VXIpc 700 Series System Resources*, describes what system resources are available on the VXIpc 700 Series and where they are allocated.

- Appendix D, *LED Indicators*, describes how to read the LEDs on the front panel to interpret the status of the VXIpc 800/700 Series.
- Appendix E, *Front Panel and Connectors*, describes the front panel and connectors on the VXIpc 800/700 Series.
- Appendix F, *Modifying and Installing I/O Expansion Boards*, explains how to modify and install an I/O board in the VXIpc 800 Series. This material is not relevant to the VXIpc 700 Series.
- Appendix G, *Common Questions*, answers common questions you may have when using the VXIpc 800/700 Series.
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How to Use This Documentation Set

Begin by reading the *Getting Started with Your VXIpc 800/700 Series* manual for basic instructions on setting up the hardware and software. This is a brief quick start manual that describes how to get started with your kit using the default hardware and software settings. Refer to the following manuals for more information about the hardware or software.

This manual, the *VXIpc 800/700 Series User Manual*, contains more details about changing the installation or configuration from the defaults, and using the hardware.

The *NI-VXI Software Manual for the VXIpc 800/700 Series* contains more details about changing the NI-VXI software installation or configuration from the defaults, and using the NI-VXI software on the VXIpc 800/700. This manual is installed on your hard drive in the c:\images\manuals directory. Use the Acrobat Reader program to open the file called NIVXISM.pdf.

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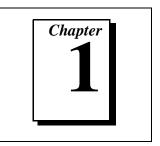
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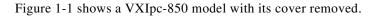
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Introduction



This chapter describes the VXIpc 800/700 Series of embedded VXI computers, lists what you need to get started, describes the hardware, and lists optional equipment and software. The VXIpc 800/700 Series includes the two-slot VXIpc 800 Series and the one-slot VXIpc 700 Series. This manual describes these computers together as the VXIpc 800/700 Series when functionality applies to all models.

Overview



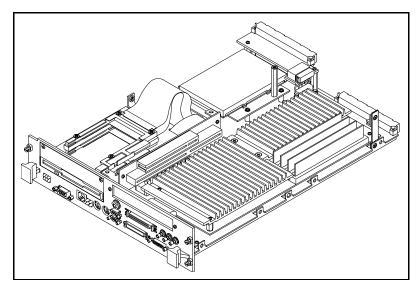


Figure 1-1. VXIpc-850 Embedded Computer

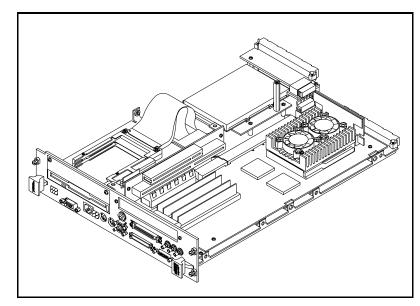


Figure 1-2 shows a VXIpc-860 model with its cover removed.

Figure 1-2. VXIpc-860 Embedded Computer

The VXIpc 700 Series includes the VXIpc-740 and VXIpc-745 models. Figure 1-3 shows the VXIpc-740 and Figure 1-4 shows the VXIpc-745. Notice the differences in the front panel. The VXIpc-745 has front-panel connections for Ethernet and IEEE 488.2 in addition to all the functionality of the VXIpc-740.

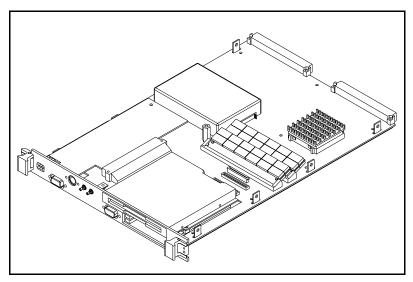


Figure 1-3. VXIpc-740 Embedded Computer

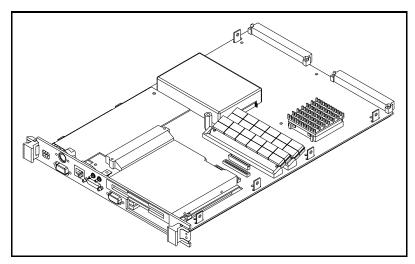


Figure 1-4. VXIpc-745 Embedded Computer

The VXIpc 800/700 Series controllers are C-size, embedded computers based on the Peripheral Component Interface (PCI) bus and Industry Standard Architecture (ISA). These computers are high-performance, easy-to-use platforms for controlling VXIbus systems, featuring complete VXI functionality through interactive utilities and C function calls. In addition, the VXIpc 800 Series and the VXIpc-745 have Ethernet capability plus an IEEE 488.2 interface that is compatible with the NI-488.2 architecture. You can install a PCMCIA-GPIB card in a PCMCIA slot to get IEEE 488.2 capability on the VXIpc-740.

The VXIpc 800 Series is a custom computer that you install directly in two C-size slots of your VXIbus mainframe, while the VXIpc 700 Series requires only one slot. An embedded computer can take full advantage of the VXI high-performance backplane capabilities and give you direct control of VXI registers, memory, interrupts, and triggers.

All models in the VXIpc 800/700 Series are fully VXI*plug&play* compliant and are compatible with PC-compatible software tools, the National Instruments LabVIEW and LabWindows[®]/CVI application software, and the NI-VXI, NI-VISA, and NI-488.2 bus interface software.

Optional Equipment

You can contact National Instruments to order any of the following optional equipment:

- COM1/2 adapter cable for VXIpc 800 Series
- Enhanced parallel port adapter cable for VXIpc 800 Series
- Single-shielded 2 m GPIB cable for VXIpc 800 Series and VXIpc-745
- Upgrades for the VXIpc 800 Series modular CPU card

Optional Software

National Instruments has developed several software kits that you can use with the VXIpc 800/700 Series. The NI-VXI bus interface software for the VXIpc 800/700 includes a Resource Manager, graphical and text-based versions of an interactive VXI resource editor program, a comprehensive library of software routines for VXI/VME programming, and an interactive control program for interacting with VXI/VME. You can use this software to seamlessly program multiple-mainframe configurations and have software compatibility across a variety of VXI/VME controller platforms.

The NI-488.2 software kit gives you accessibility to the industry-standard NI-488.2 software for controlling external GPIB instruments through the GPIB port on the front panel of your VXIpc 800

Series or VXIpc-745, or through a PCMCIA slot on the VXIpc-740. The GPIB interface on your VXIpc controller is fully compatible with the NI-488.2 driver for a variety of operating systems. Any software using NI-488.2 will run on the VXIpc 800/700.

You can also use the National Instruments LabVIEW and LabWindows/CVI application programs and instrument drivers to ease your programming task. These standardized programs match the modular virtual instrument capability of VXI and can reduce your VXI/VMEbus software development time. These programs are fully VXI*plug&play* compliant and feature extensive libraries of VXI instrument drivers written to take full advantage of direct VXI control.

LabVIEW is a complete programming environment that departs from the sequential nature of traditional programming languages and features a graphical programming environment.

LabWindows/CVI is an interactive C development environment for building test and measurement and instrument control systems. It includes interactive code-generation tools and a graphical editor for building custom user interfaces.

LabVIEW and LabWindows/CVI include all the tools needed for instrument control, data acquisition, analysis, and presentation. When you order the LabVIEW Full Development System for Windows or the LabWindows/CVI Full Development System for Windows, you also get more than 500 complete instrument drivers, which are modular, source-code programs that handle the communication with your instrument to speed your application development.

Hardware Description

The VXIpc 800 Series controllers feature a modular, PCI-based local bus design that makes it easy to use interchangeable daughterboards to upgrade your controller to new microprocessors, without having to replace the motherboard or enclosure.

The VXIpc 800 Series currently consists of two models—the VXIpc-850 and the VXIpc-860—which vary in processors and speeds.

The VXIpc 700 Series consists of two models—the VXIpc-740 and the VXIpc-745. Both models use a 486 class microprocessor running at 100 MHz.

The CPU module and its memory sockets are easily accessible for you to install additional DRAM in the field:

- Up to 128 MB for the VXIpc-850
- Up to 256 MB for the VXIpc-860
- Up to 64 MB for the VXIpc 700 Series

The VXIpc 800/700 contains at least an 800 MB internal, enhanced IDE hard disk. For information on adding RAM by installing SIMMs, refer to Appendix A, *Specifications*.

Slot 0 Functionality

You can use the VXIpc 800/700 Series computers to achieve full VXI Slot 0 control of your VXI system. You can also install the VXIpc 800/700 in another slot and use it in Non-Slot 0 mode. You do not have to change any switches or jumpers when moving between these two modes, as the VXIpc 800/700 can automatically detect whether it is installed in Slot 0 and it will automatically enable or disable the Slot 0 onboard circuitry.

Custom Application-Specific Interface Chips

The VXIpc 800/700 Series uses the MITE and MANTIS custom ASICs to deliver high VXI performance, and can achieve more than 20 MB/s DMA block-mode data transfer rates across the VXI backplane.

The VXIpc 800 Series and the VXIpc-745 also have the TNT4882C custom ASIC to give full GPIB control of external instruments via a front-panel connector. This chip is also on the National Instruments PCMCIA-GPIB card that you can connect to the VXIpc-740 to achieve the same functionality. GPIB capability is fully compatible with IEEE 488.2 and the industry-standard NI-488.2 driver for a variety of operating systems.

The MITE custom ASIC is a sophisticated dual-channel DMA controller with standard interfaces for VXI and PCI. By using MITE DMA to transfer data and commands to and from devices, the MITE frees the computer's microprocessor to perform other tasks such as data analysis and presentation. In addition to DMA, the MITE incorporates the new VME64 MBLT (8-byte block transfers in which both the address bus and data bus are used to transfer data) directly into the ASIC to perform the fastest transfer operation to instruments. With the multiple windowing scheme of the MITE, you can easily access all of VXI address space.

The VXI trigger interface on the VXIpc 800/700 is based on the MANTIS custom ASIC. The VXIpc 800/700 front panel has two SMB trigger I/O connectors, which you can use to route any of the TTL trigger lines between the backplane and external devices. The MANTIS ASIC on the VXIpc 800/700 provides the complete VXI interface to the backplane connector in a single chip. The VXIpc 800/700 can respond to all VXI-defined protocols on all P2 TTL and ECL trigger lines at the same time. The MANTIS features an internal cross-matrix switching system for routing between lines as well as to and from the front panel and onboard clocks.

Note: The MANTIS ASIC contains the exact functionality of the TIC ASIC, which appeared on the VXIpc-486 Model 500 Series controllers. Any application that currently uses any of the TIC functionality, such as the crosspoint switch and counter/timers, can run on a controller containing the MANTIS ASIC without modification.

Front Panel Features

The VXIpc 800/700 has the following front-panel features:

- PCMCIA slots
 - The VXIpc 800 Series has one Type I/II and one Type I/II/III slot.
 - The VXIpc 700 Series has either two Type I/II slots or one Type III slot.
- One full-size expansion slot (on the VXIpc-850 only) that accepts either a PCI or a PC ISA (XT-height) plug-in board
- One half-length expansion slot (on the VXIpc-860 only) that accepts either a PCI or a PC ISA (XT-height) plug-in board
- Internal 3.5 in. floppy drive
- System reset push-button
- Up to 13 front-panel connectors as listed in the following table

| Connector | VXIpc-800 | VXIpc-740 | VXIpc-745 |
|---|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| RS-232 Serial | Two | One | One |
| Extended Capabilities Parallel (ECP) | \checkmark | | |
| VGA Controller | \checkmark | | |
| IEEE 488.2 | \checkmark | | |
| 10BaseT Ethernet | \checkmark | | |
| SCSI-2 | \checkmark | | |
| External Clock | \checkmark | | |
| Trigger Output | \checkmark | | |
| Trigger Input | \checkmark | | |
| Audio Output | \checkmark | | |
| PS/2-Style Keyboard | \checkmark | \checkmark | |
| PS/2-Style Mouse | \checkmark | | |

- Six front-panel LEDs that show VXI and PC status
 - SYSFAIL LED indicates that the VMEbus SYSFAIL line is asserted.
 - FAILED LED indicates that the VXIpc 800/700 is driving the SYSFAIL signal.
 - TEST LED indicates that the VXIpc 800/700 is performing its self-tests or startup Resource Manager operations.
 - ON LINE LED indicates that the VXIpc 800/700 is performing or has completed its startup Resource Manager operations.
 - ACCESS LED indicates when the VXIpc 800/700 MODID line is asserted or the VXIbus registers or shared memory are accessed by another bus master.
 - **DRIVE** LED indicates when the internal hard drive is in use.

- Four front-panel LEDs that show Ethernet port status (VXIpc 800 Series only)
 - RX LED indicates that the VXIpc 800 Series is receiving data through its Ethernet port.
 - **TX** LED indicates that the VXIpc 800 Series is transmitting data through its Ethernet port.
 - DSEL LED indicates that the Ethernet circuitry is being accessed.
 - LINK LED reflects Ethernet link status.

Peripheral Expansion

The VXIpc 800/700 uses the PCI local bus and ISA bus for peripheral expansion. The PCIbus is a 32-bit multimaster bus that achieves a top throughput of 132 MB/s and can handle numerous peripherals. The ISA bus is the legacy peripheral bus found on current and older PCs.

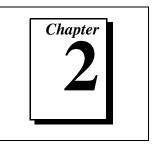
For information on installing and configuring these peripherals for use with the VXIpc 800/700, refer to the c:\images\manuals directory. The drivers.txt file explains how to install support for each peripheral. This directory also contains manufacturer's documentation for the video, PCMCIA, and SCSI peripherals. Also refer to the readme files for the most up-to-date information.

Table 1-1 lists the various peripherals, indicates the VXIpc model(s) on which the peripheral is available, and describes the external connector, its bus interface, and its function.

| Peripheral | Availability | External Connector | ISA or PCI | Function |
|------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Video | VXIpc-800, VXIpc-700 | 15-pin DSUB (standard VGA) | PCI | High-resolution/ color support for a Super VGA monitor |
| IDE | VXIpc-800, VXIpc-700 | None | PCI | Supports internal fast ATA-2 hard drive |
| Ethernet | VXIpc-800, VXIpc-745 | RJ-45 | ISA | 10BaseT Ethernet connection |
| PCMCIA | VXIpc-800 | Type I/II and Type I/II/III | PCI | Supports two independent PCMCIA slots |
| | VXIpc-700 | Two Type I/II or One Type III | | |
| SCSI | VXIpc-800 | 36-pin SCSI-2 | PCI | External SCSI-2 connection for hard drives, CD-ROM drives, and so on |
| GPIB | VXIpc-800, VXIpc-745 | 24-pin CHAMP | ISA | IEEE 488.2 interface compatible with the National Instruments AT-GPIB/TNT |
| VXI | VXIpc-800, VXIpc-700 | Two 96-pin DIN (rear of board) | PCI | High-performance VXIbus interface |
| Serial | VXIpc-800, VXIpc-700 | Serial Port (Mini DSUB) | ISA | 16550 serial ports |
| Parallel | VXIpc-800 | Parallel Port (IEEE 1284) | ISA | Extended capabilities |

Table 1-1. VXIpc 800/700 Series Peripherals Overview

Functional Overview



This chapter contains functional descriptions of each major logic block on the VXIpc 800/700 Series embedded computers.

VXIpc 800/700 Functional Description

The VXIpc 800/700 is a modular PC in a VXIbus C-size form factor. It includes many high-performance peripherals that normally require add-in cards on desktop PCs. In addition, it has a VXIbus interface that is controlled from the PCI local bus, providing extremely high performance and reliability.

Figure 2-1 is a functional block diagram of the VXIpc 800 Series. Figure 2-2 is a functional block diagram of the VXIpc 700 Series. Following the diagrams is a description of each logic block shown.

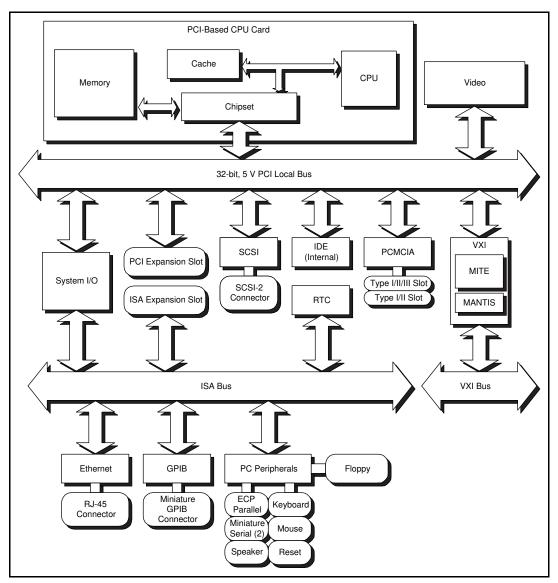


Figure 2-1. VXIpc 800 Series Block Diagram

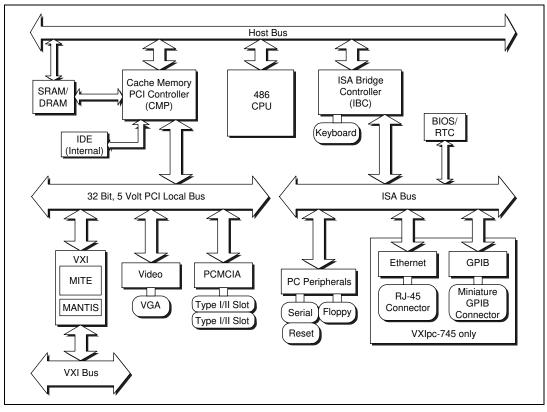


Figure 2-2. VXIpc 700 Series Block Diagram

The VXIpc 800/700 consists of the following logic blocks:

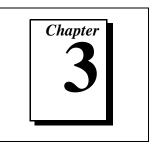
| Video | The video circuitry is a plug-in PCI card that has a 64-bit data path to up to 4 MB of EDO DRAM. |
|--------|---|
| IDE | This is dedicated PCI-IDE circuitry providing fast ATA-2 transfers to the internal hard drive. The IDE for the VXIpc 700 Series is built into the chip set. |
| PCMCIA | This is a dedicated PCI-PCMCIA interface that supports two independent PCMCIA cards. On the VXIpc 800 Series, one socket can accommodate a Type I, II, or III card while |

| | | the other accommodates a Type I or II card. On the VXIpc 700 Series, you can install two Type I or II cards or one Type III card. |
|---|--|---|
| | VXI | This is the PCI-VXIbus interface circuitry. The MITE is a National Instruments ASIC developed to efficiently manage data transfers between the VXIbus and the processor (via the PCI bus). The MANTIS ASIC (also developed by National Instruments) performs VXIbus arbitration and manages interrupts and triggers. Also part of the VXIbus interface are the SMB connectors, which you can use to route triggers and the CLK10 signal to or from the VXIbus. |
| | Ethernet | This is an ISA-based Ethernet circuit on the VXIpc 800 Series and VXIpc-745. It uses an RJ-45 connector for access to an external Ethernet-based LAN. |
| | GPIB | This logic block represents the IEEE 488.2 port on the VXIpc 800 Series and VXIpc-745. It uses the National Instruments TNT4882 ASIC for maximum performance as an ISA-based GPIB controller. |
| | PC Peripherals | These blocks represent the other peripherals supplied by the VXIpc 800/700. The VXIpc 800 Series has PS/2 mouse and keyboard ports, two miniature serial ports, and ECP/EPP parallel port, speaker jack, reset button, and a 1.44 MB, 3.5 in. floppy drive. Refer to the <i>Front Panel</i> <i>Features</i> section of Chapter 1, <i>Introduction</i> , to see which of these apply to the models in the VXIpc 700 Series. |
| • | VXIpc 800 Series user the VXIpc 800 Series: | rs only —The following logic blocks apply <i>only</i> to |
| | CPU Card | The modular architecture of the VXIpc 800 Series contains a plug-in CPU card that can accommodate various Pentium/Pentium |

Pro-class processors. This card includes the

| | CPU, chipset support that connects the CPU subsystem to the PCI bus, and the system cache and RAM. |
|--------------------|---|
| System I/O | This block has the bridge between the PCI bus and the ISA bus. It also has PCI bus arbitration logic and integrates PC-specific hardware such as the DMA and interrupt controllers. |
| PCI Expansion Slot | This is a general-purpose PCI slot. It can accommodate any standard 5 V, 32-bit PCI card with a modified mounting bracket. |
| ISA Expansion Slot | This is a general-purpose ISA expansion slot. The VXIpc-860 can accommodate a half-length XT-size card, while the VXIpc-850 can accommodate a full-length XT-size card. However, the DRAM configuration may mechanically interfere with a full-length card. Refer to Appendix F, <i>Modifying and Installing</i> <i>I/O Expansion Boards</i> , for more information. |
| SCSI | The SCSI circuitry uses a PCI-SCSI bridge to provide a flexible SCSI-2 connection on the front panel, usable for such devices as external hard disks and CD-ROM drives. |

VXIpc 800 Series Configuration and Installation



This chapter contains the instructions to configure and install the VXIpc 800 Series embedded computer. Unless otherwise noted, these instructions apply to all models in the VXIpc 800 Series, which currently consists of the VXIpc-850 and the VXIpc-860. If you have a VXIpc 700 Series computer, skip this chapter and refer to Chapter 4, *VXIpc 700 Series Configuration and Installation*.



Warning: Electrostatic discharge can damage several components on your VXIpc-800 module. To avoid such damage in handling the module, touch the antistatic plastic package to a metal part of your VXI chassis before removing the module from the package.

Default Settings

This section summarizes the hardware default settings for the VXIpc 800 Series for easy reference. The module is set at the factory for the most commonly used configuration.

Figure 3-1 shows the location and factory-default settings of most of the configuration switches and jumpers on the VXIpc 800 Series.

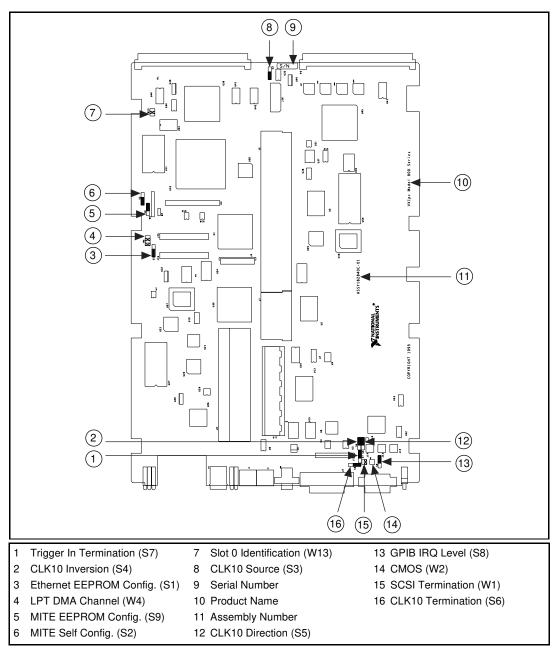




Table 3-1 lists the factory-default settings and options for the onboard jumpers and switches.

| Jumper/ Switch | Default Setting | Optional Setting |
|-------------------|--|--|
| W1 | Supply SCSI termination power | Disable SCSI termination |
| W2 | Normal CMOS operation | Clear CMOS |
| W4 | LPT1 uses DMA Channel 1 | LPT uses DMA Channel 3 |
| W13 | Enable automatic Slot 0 detection | Force Slot 0; Force Non-Slot 0 |
| S1 | Enable Ethernet EEPROM configuration | Disable Ethernet EEPROM configuration (uses default power on values) |
| S2 | Enable MITE self-configuration | Disable MITE self-configuration |
| \$3 | Source CLK10 from onboard oscillator | Source CLK10 from SMB |
| S4 | Non-inverted CLK10 output | Inverted CLK10 output |
| S5 | Receive CLK10 input from SMB | Source CLK10 output to SMB |
| \$6 | No termination on CLK10 input | Terminate CLK10 input to 50 Ω |
| S7 | No termination on external trigger input | Terminate external trigger input to $50 \ \Omega$ |
| S8 | GPIB uses IRQ11 | GPIB uses IRQ5 |
| S9 | MITE user configuration | MITE factory configuration |

Table 3-1. VXIpc 800 Series Hardware Default Settings

Configuring the VXIpc 800 Series

This section describes how to configure the following options on the VXIpc-800.

- VXIbus Slot 0/Non-Slot 0
- VXIbus CLK10 routing
- Trigger input termination
- EEPROM
- Installed system RAM

How to Remove the Metal Enclosure

The VXIpc-800 is housed in a metal enclosure comprised of a top and bottom cover to improve EMC performance and to provide easy handling. You must remove the top cover to change many of the switch and jumper settings. You must also remove the top cover to change the amount of DRAM installed on the module.

Remove the top cover by removing the 12 screws that attach it to the module.

VXIbus Slot 0/Non-Slot 0

The VXIpc-800 is configured at the factory to automatically detect if it is installed in Slot 0 of a VXIbus mainframe. With automatic Slot 0 detection, you can install the module into any VXIbus slot.

You can manually configure the VXIpc-800 for either Slot 0 or Non-Slot 0 operation by defeating the automatic-detection circuitry. Use the three-position jumper W13 to select automatic Slot 0 detection, Slot 0, or Non-Slot 0 operation. Figure 3-2 shows these three settings.



Warning: Do not install a device configured for Slot 0 into another slot without first reconfiguring it to either Non-Slot 0 or automatic configuration. Neglecting to do this could result in damage to the device, the VXIbus backplane, or both.

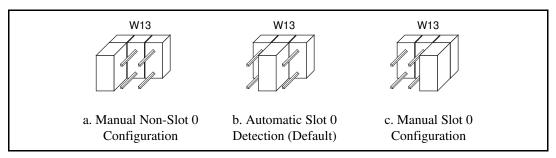


Figure 3-2. VXIbus Slot Configuration

When the VXIpc-800 is installed in Slot 0, it becomes the VXIbus System Controller. In this role, it has VXIbus Data Transfer Bus Arbiter circuitry that accepts bus requests on all four VXIbus request levels, prioritizes the requests, and grants the bus to the highest priority requester. As VXIbus System Controller, the VXIpc-800 also drives the 16 MHz VXIbus system clock by an onboard 16 MHz oscillator.

As required by the VXIbus specification, the VXIpc-800 drives the 10 MHz signal CLK10 on a differential ECL output when installed in Slot 0. When not installed in Slot 0, the VXIpc-800 only receives the CLK10 signal.

VXIbus CLK10 Routing

When the VXIpc-800 is installed in Slot 0 of your mainframe, it supplies the VXIbus CLK10 signal. The VXIpc-800 can use two different sources to generate this signal: an onboard oscillator, or the external CLK SMB connector. Use switch S3 to select these options, as shown in Figure 3-3.

Notice that Figure 3-3b also shows switch S5. You must configure these switches as shown when using the corresponding CLK10 source setting of S3.

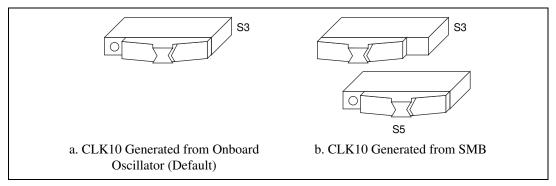


Figure 3-3. VXIbus CLK10 Routing

The VXIpc-800 can also be configured to drive the external CLK SMB signal from the VXIbus CLK10 signal. Switch S5 controls whether the VXIpc-800 drives or receives the external CLK SMB signal. If you change the S5 setting to drive CLK10 out the external CLK10 SMB connector (Figure 3-4b), do not set S3 to source CLK10 to the backplane from the SMB; instead use the setting shown in Figure 3-3a.

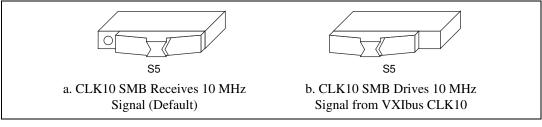


Figure 3-4. SMB CLK10 Direction

When switch S5 is set so that the VXIpc-800 receives the SMB CLK10 signal, you have the option to add a 50 Ω termination to the signal by setting switch S6. Switch S6 is unused—its setting does not matter—when S5 is configured to drive the external CLK SMB signal. Figure 3-5 shows the settings for switch S6.

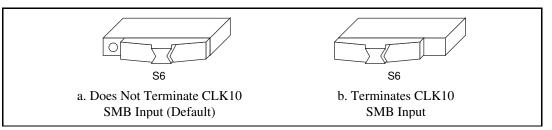


Figure 3-5. SMB CLK10 Termination

You can use an additional switch, S4, to control the polarity of the external CLK SMB signal when S5 is configured to drive it. S4 is unused—its setting does not matter—when S5 is configured to receive the external CLK SMB signal.

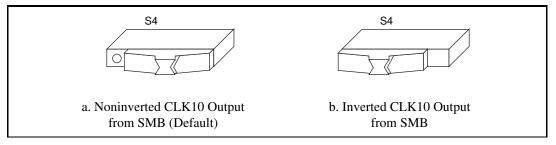


Figure 3-6. SMB CLK10 Polarity

Trigger Input Termination

You can use switch S7 to terminate the external trigger input SMB with 50 Ω to ground. Figure 3-7a shows the default setting for a non-terminated trigger input SMB. Use the setting of Figure 3-7b to terminate the trigger input SMB. Switch S7 is located above switches S4, S5, and S6, which have no effect on this configuration.

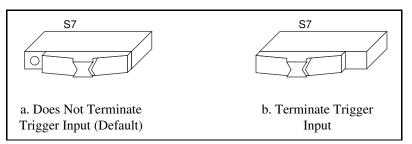
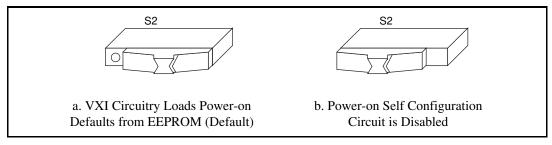
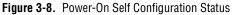


Figure 3-7. SMB Trigger Input Termination

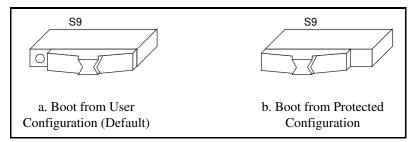
EEPROM

The VXIpc-800 has an onboard EEPROM, which stores default register values for the VXI circuitry. These values are loaded when you power up the computer. These values read from the EEPROM tell the PCI interface of the VXIbus registers so that the VXI interface is ready to respond to Resource Manager accesses within the required 5 s of SYSRST* deasserting. You can use switch S2 to disable this power-on self-configuration (POSC) circuit. Although this makes the VXI circuitry unusable, it is sometimes helpful in debugging address and interrupt conflicts with add-in boards. In general, however, you should leave switch S2 in its factory-default setting. Figure 3-8 shows the possible configurations for S2.





The EEPROM is divided into two halves; one half is factory configured and one half is user configurable. Use switch S9 to control the operation of the EEPROM. The setting of this switch determines whether the VXIpc-800 boots off the factory-configured half or the user-modified settings. This is useful in the event that the user-configured half of the EEPROM becomes corrupted in such a way that the VXIpc-800 boots to an unusable state. In its default setting, the VXIpc-800 boots off the user-configurable half. Figure 3-9 shows the configuration settings for EEPROM operation.





How to Fix an Invalid EEPROM Configuration

VXIedit is the software configuration utility in the NI-VXI software. This utility is described in the *NI-VXI Software Manual for the VXIpc 800/700 Series*, which you can access through the c:\images\manuals directory. You can use this utility to edit the configuration of the VXIpc-800. Some of these settings are stored in files that are read by the NI-VXI software, while other settings are stored directly in the VXIpc-800 EEPROM. Certain EEPROM configurations can lock up your PCI computer while it is booting up. Generally, only the size and location of the memory windows can cause your VXIpc-800 to lock up your system. For example, many PCI-based computers will not boot if a board in its system requests more memory space than the computer can allocate. If you encounter this situation you should reduce the size of the VXIpc-800 user window.

If this situation occurs after you change the configuration, perform the following steps to reconfigure the VXIpc-800.

1. Turn your computer off.



Warning: To protect both yourself and the mainframe from electrical hazards, the mainframe should remain off until you are finished changing the settings on the VXIpc-800 module.

- 2. Change switch S9 to the OFF position as shown in Figure 3-9b to restore the factory configuration.
- 3. Turn on the computer. The computer should boot this time because the factory-default configuration is being used to initialize the VXIpc-800 module.

- 4. Run VXIedit to re-adjust the VXIpc-800 configuration. Refer to the *NI-VXI Software Manual for the VXIpc 800/700 Series* for instructions on using this utility.
- 5. After saving the configuration, exit Windows and turn off the computer.
- 6. Change switch S9 to the ON position, as shown in Figure 3-9a.
- 7. Turn on the computer. If the computer does not boot with this configuration, you will have to repeat these steps, modifying your configuration until a final configuration is reached.

Installed System RAM

The 16 MB of installed RAM is factory configured per customer order. You can change the amount of installed RAM on the VXIpc 800 Series by installing DRAM SIMMs. Refer to Appendix A, *Specifications*, for more information on SIMMs.

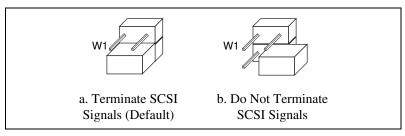
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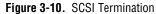
This section describes how to configure the following options on the PC.

- SCSI termination
- GPIB interrupt level
- System CMOS
- Parallel port DMA level
- Ethernet power-on defaults

SCSI Termination

The VXIpc-800 uses active termination on the SCSI-2 bus. Because the VXIpc-800 is always an end device, you should not need to disable the termination; however, for informational purposes Figure 3-10 shows the jumper settings for both enabled and disabled termination.





GPIB Interrupt Level

You can program the GPIB interface on the VXIpc-800 to use one of two ISA interrupts—5 or 11. Switch S8 controls which interrupt line the GPIB interface uses. Figure 3-11 shows these settings.

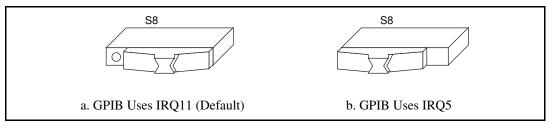


Figure 3-11. GPIB Interrupt Level

System CMOS

The VXIpc-800 contains a backed-up memory used to store BIOS defaults and configuration information.

To clear the CMOS contents, simply short the pins of W2 as shown in Figure 3-12b.



Warning: You should not keep these two pins shorted because the CMOS memory cannot be sustained when the power is turned off if these two pins are shorted.

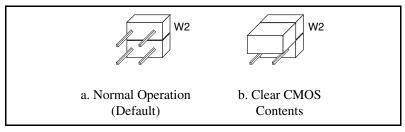


Figure 3-12. System CMOS

Parallel Port DMA Level

You can use jumper W4 to configure the parallel port for either DMA level 1 or DMA level 3. Refer to Figure 3-13 for the jumper settings.

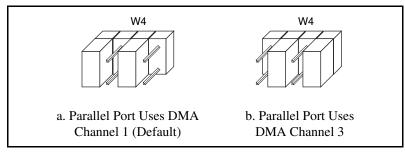
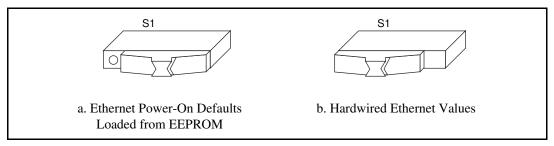


Figure 3-13. Parallel Port DMA Channel

Ethernet Power-On Defaults

The VXIpc-800 Ethernet circuitry loads its power-on settings from an EEPROM. You should not change switch S1 from its default setting; however, the switch setting required to do so is included in Figure 3-14 for informational purposes.





Installing the VXIpc 800 Series

This section contains general installation instructions for the VXIpc-800. Consult your VXIbus mainframe user manual or technical reference manual for specific instructions and warnings.

1. Plug in your mainframe before installing the VXIpc-800. The power cord grounds the mainframe and protects it from electrical damage while you are installing the module.



Warning: To protect both yourself and the mainframe from electrical hazards, the mainframe should remain off until you are finished installing the VXIpc-800 module.

- 2. Remove or open any doors or covers blocking access to the mainframe slots.
- If you are installing the VXIpc-800 into a D-size mainframe, install a support designed for installing C-size boards in D-size mainframes. The VXIpc-800 has no P3 connector and cannot provide P3 Slot 0 control to VXI devices requiring this capability.



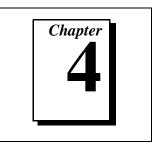
Warning: If the VXIpc-800 is not configured for automatic Slot 0 detection, be certain that the slot you select in your VXIbus mainframe matches the VXIpc-800 configuration as either a Slot 0 device or a Non-Slot 0 device. If you install your VXIpc-800 into a slot that does not correspond with the jumper setting, you risk damage to the VXIpc-800, the VXIbus backplane, or both.

4. Insert the VXIpc-800 in the slot you have selected by aligning the top and bottom of the module with the card-edge guides inside the mainframe. Slowly push the VXIpc-800 straight into the slot until its plug connectors are resting on the backplane receptacle

connectors. Using slow, evenly distributed pressure, press the module straight in until it seats in the expansion slot. The front panel of the VXIpc-800 should be even with the front panel of the mainframe.

- 5. Tighten the retaining screws on the top and bottom edges of the front panel.
- 6. Check the installation.
- 7. Connect the keyboard and mouse to the appropriate connectors. Use the keyboard adapter cable that your received with your kit to adapt AT-style keyboards to the VXIpc-800 mini-DIN connector.
- 8. Connect the VGA monitor video cable to the VGA connector.
- 9. Connect devices to ports as required by your system configuration. Some ports, such as the COM ports, have adapter cables that you can order from National Instruments.
- 10. Replace or close any doors or covers to the mainframe.

VXIpc 700 Series Configuration and Installation



This chapter contains the instructions to configure and install the VXIpc 700 Series embedded computer. Unless otherwise noted, these instructions apply to all models in the VXIpc 700 Series, which includes the VXIpc-740 and the VXIpc-745. If you have a VXIpc 800 Series computer, refer to Chapter 3 for information on configuring and installing your controller.



Warning: Electrostatic discharge can damage several components on your VXIpc-700 module. To avoid such damage in handling the module, touch the antistatic plastic package to a metal part of your VXI chassis before removing the module from the package.

Default Settings

This section summarizes the hardware default settings for the VXIpc 700 Series for easy reference. The module is set at the factory for the most commonly used configuration.

Figure 4-1 shows the location and factory-default settings of most of the configuration jumpers on the VXIpc 700 Series.

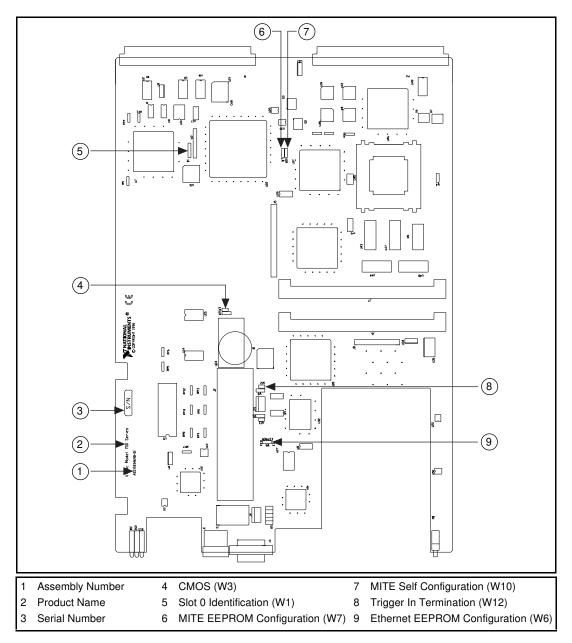


Figure 4-1. VXIpc 700 Series Parts Locator Diagram

Table 4-1 lists the factory-default settings and options for the onboard jumpers.

| Jumper/ Switch | Default Setting | Optional Setting |
|-------------------|--|--|
| W1 | Enable automatic Slot 0 detection | Force Slot 0; Force Non-Slot 0 |
| W3 | Normal CMOS operation | Clear CMOS |
| W6 | Enable Ethernet EEPROM configuration | Disable Ethernet EEPROM configuration (uses default power on values) |
| W10 | Enable MITE self-configuration | Disable MITE self-configuration |
| W7 | MITE user configuration | MITE factory configuration |
| W12 | No termination on external trigger input | Terminate external trigger input to $50 \ \Omega$ |

 Table 4-1.
 VXIpc 700 Series Hardware Default Settings

Configuring the VXIpc 700 Series

This section describes how to configure the following options on the VXIpc-700.

- VXIbus Slot 0/Non-Slot 0
- Trigger Input Termination
- EEPROM
- Installed system RAM

How to Remove the Metal Enclosure

The VXIpc-700 is housed in a metal enclosure comprised of a top and bottom cover to improve EMC performance and to provide easy handling. You must remove the top cover to change many of the switch and jumper settings. You must also remove the top cover to change the amount of DRAM installed on the module. Remove the top cover by removing the 10 screws that attach it to the module.

VXIbus Slot O/Non-Slot O

The VXIpc-700 is configured at the factory to automatically detect if it is installed in Slot 0 of a VXIbus mainframe. With automatic Slot 0 detection, you can install the module into any VXIbus slot.

You can manually configure the VXIpc-700 for either Slot 0 or Non-Slot 0 operation by defeating the automatic-detection circuitry. Use the five-position jumper W1 to select automatic Slot 0 detection, Slot 0, or Non-Slot 0 operation. Figure 4-2 shows these three settings.



Warning: Do not install a device configured for Slot 0 into another slot without first reconfiguring it to either Non-Slot 0 or automatic configuration. Neglecting to do this could result in damage to the device, the VXIbus backplane, or both.

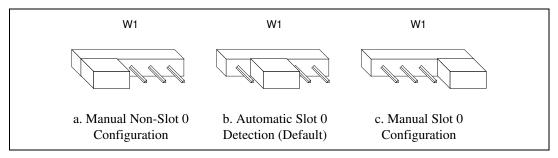


Figure 4-2. VXIbus Slot Configuration

When the VXIpc-700 is installed in Slot 0, it becomes the VXIbus System Controller. In this role, it has VXIbus Data Transfer Bus Arbiter circuitry that accepts bus requests on all four VXIbus request levels, prioritizes the requests, and grants the bus to the highest priority requester. As VXIbus System Controller, the VXIpc-700 also drives the 16 MHz VXIbus system clock by an onboard 16 MHz oscillator.

As required by the VXIbus specification, the VXIpc-700 drives the 10 MHz signal CLK10 on a differential ECL output when installed in Slot 0. When not installed in Slot 0, the VXIpc-700 only receives the CLK10 signal.

Trigger Input Termination

You can use jumper W12 to terminate the external trigger input SMB with 50 Ω to ground. Figure 4-3a shows the default setting for a non-terminated trigger input SMB. Use the setting of Figure 4-3b to terminate the trigger input SMB.

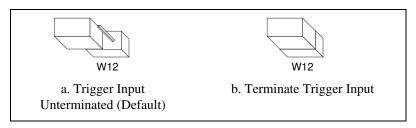


Figure 4-3. SMB Trigger Input Termination

EEPROM

The VXIpc-700 has an onboard EEPROM, which stores default register values for the VXI circuitry. These values are loaded when you power up the computer. These values read from the EEPROM tell the PCI interface of the VXIbus registers so that the VXI interface is ready to respond to Resource Manager accesses within the required 5 s of SYSRST* deasserting. You can change jumper W10 to disable this power-on self-configuration (POSC) circuit. Although this makes the VXI circuitry unusable, it is sometimes helpful in debugging address and interrupt conflicts with add-in boards. In general, however, you should leave W10 in its factory-default setting. Figure 4-4 shows the possible configurations for W10.

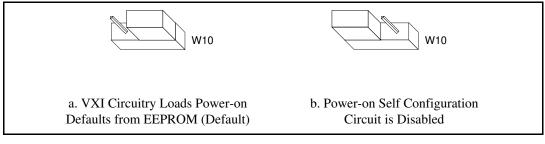


Figure 4-4. Power-On Self Configuration Status

The EEPROM is divided into two halves; one half is factory configured and one half is user configurable. Use jumper W7 to control the operation of the EEPROM. The setting of this jumper determines whether the VXIpc-700 boots off the factory-configured half or the user-modified settings. This is useful in the event that the user-configured half of the EEPROM becomes corrupted in such a way that the VXIpc-700 boots to an unusable state. In its default setting, the VXIpc-700 boots off the user-configurable half.

Figure 4-5 shows the configuration settings for EEPROM operation.

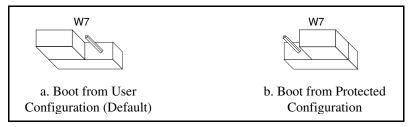


Figure 4-5. EEPROM Configuration

How to Fix an Invalid EEPROM Configuration

VXIedit is the software configuration utility in the NI-VXI software. This utility is described in the *NI-VXI Software Manual for the VXIpc 800/700 Series*, which you can access through the c:\images\manuals directory. You can use this utility to edit the configuration of the VXIpc-700. Some of these settings are stored in files that are read by the NI-VXI software, while other settings are stored directly in the VXIpc-700 EEPROM. Certain EEPROM configurations can lock up your PCI computer while it is booting up. Generally, only the size and location of the memory windows can cause your VXIpc-700 to lock up your system. For example, many PCI-based computers will not boot if a board in its system requests more memory space than the computer can allocate. If you encounter this situation you should reduce the size of the VXIpc-700 user window.

If this situation occurs after you change the configuration, perform the following steps to reconfigure the VXIpc-700.

1. Turn your computer off.

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Warning: To protect both yourself and the mainframe from electrical hazards, the mainframe should remain off until you are finished changing the settings on the VXIpc-700 module.

2. Change jumper W7 as shown in Figure 4-5b to restore the factory configuration.

- 3. Turn on the computer. The computer should boot this time because the factory-default configuration is being used to initialize the VXIpc-700 module.
- 4. Run VXIedit to re-adjust the VXIpc-700 configuration. Refer to the *NI-VXI Software Manual for the VXIpc 800/700 Series* for instructions on using this utility.
- 5. After saving the configuration, exit Windows and turn off the computer.
- 6. Change jumper W7 back to the position shown in Figure 4-5a.
- 7. Turn on the computer. If the computer does not boot with this configuration, you will have to repeat these steps, modifying your configuration until a final configuration is reached.

Installed System RAM

The 16 MB of installed RAM is factory configured per customer order. You can change the amount of installed RAM on the VXIpc 700 Series by installing DRAM SIMMs. Refer to Appendix A, *Specifications*, for more information on SIMMs.

Configuring the PC

This section describes how to configure the following options on the PC.

- System CMOS
- Ethernet power-on defaults

System CMOS

The VXIpc-700 contains a backed-up memory used to store BIOS defaults and configuration information.

To clear the CMOS contents, simply short the pins of W3 as shown in Figure 4-6b.



Warning: You should not keep these two pins shorted because the CMOS memory cannot be sustained when the power is turned off if these two pins are shorted.

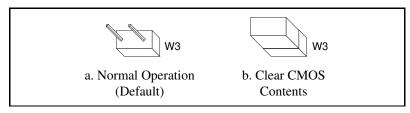


Figure 4-6. System CMOS

Ethernet Power-On Defaults

The VXIpc-700 Ethernet circuitry loads its power-on settings from an EEPROM. You should not change W6 from its default setting; however, the jumper setting required to do so is included in Figure 4-7 for informational purposes.

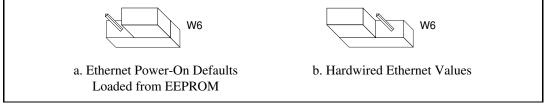


Figure 4-7. Ethernet Power-On Defaults

Installing the VXIpc 700 Series

This section contains general installation instructions for the VXIpc-700. Consult your VXIbus mainframe user manual or technical reference manual for specific instructions and warnings.

1. Plug in your mainframe before installing the VXIpc-700. The power cord grounds the mainframe and protects it from electrical damage while you are installing the module.



Narning: To protect both yourself and the mainframe from electrical hazards, the mainframe should remain off until you are finished installing the VXIpc-700 module.

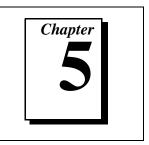
- 2. Remove or open any doors or covers blocking access to the mainframe slots.
- 3. If you are installing the VXIpc-700 into a D-size mainframe, install a support designed for installing C-size boards in D-size

mainframes. The VXIpc-700 has no P3 connector and cannot provide P3 Slot 0 control to VXI devices requiring this capability.

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Warning: If the VXIpc-700 is not configured for automatic Slot 0 detection, be certain that the slot you select in your VXIbus mainframe matches the VXIpc-700 configuration as either a Slot 0 device or a Non-Slot 0 device. If you install your VXIpc-700 into a slot that does not correspond with the jumper setting, you risk damage to the VXIpc-700, the VXIbus backplane, or both.

- 4. Insert the VXIpc-700 in the slot you have selected by aligning the top and bottom of the module with the card-edge guides inside the mainframe. Slowly push the VXIpc-700 straight into the slot until its plug connectors are resting on the backplane receptacle connectors. Using slow, evenly distributed pressure, press the module straight in until it seats in the expansion slot. The front panel of the VXIpc-700 should be even with the front panel of the mainframe.
- 5. Tighten the retaining screws on the top and bottom edges of the front panel.
- 6. Check the installation.
- Connect the keyboard and mouse to the appropriate connectors. Use the keyboard adapter cable that your received with your kit to adapt AT-style keyboards to the VXIpc-700 mini-DIN connector. Connect the mouse to the COM1 serial port.
- 8. Connect the VGA monitor video cable to the VGA connector.
- 9. Connect devices to ports as required by your system configuration.
- 10. Replace or close any doors or covers to the mainframe.



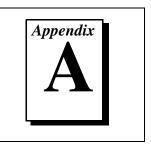
This chapter contains information on BIOS, the low-level interface between the hardware and PC software that configures and tests your hardware at boot up. This BIOS (Basic Input Output System) provides an easy-to-use graphical user interface to allow you to configure system aspects according to your needs.

Entering BIOS Setup

To enter the BIOS setup program, perform the following steps.

- 1. Turn on or reboot the system. A screen appears with a series of diagnostic checks.
- 2. When **Hit if you want to run SETUP** appears, press the key to enter the BIOS setup program.
- 3. Choose options with the keyboard. Modify the settings to reflect system options.

Specifications



This appendix describes the environmental, electrical, and mechanical specifications of the VXIpc 800/700 Series embedded computer.

Requirements

| Characteristic | Specification |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| VXIbus Configuration Space | 64 B |
| A24 or A32 Space | 16 KB Minimum (Programmable) |

Electrical

| VXIpc-850 | | |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Current (A) | |
| Voltage (V) | Typical | Maximum (Fused) |
| +5 | 5.82 A | 12 A |
| -5.2 | 224.5 mA | 2 A |
| -2 | 67.2 mA | 2 A |
| +12 | 2.26 mA | 2 A |
| -12 | 2.43 mA | 2 A |

| VXIpc-860 | | |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Current (A) | |
| Voltage (V) | Typical | Maximum (Fused) |
| +5 | 8.52 A | 12 A |
| -5.2 | 224.5 mA | 2 A |
| -2 | 67.2 mA | 2 A |
| +12 | 2.60 mA | 2 A |
| -12 | 2.43 mA | 2 A |

| VXIpc 700 Series | | |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Current (A) | |
| Voltage (V) | Typical | Maximum (Fused) |
| +5 | 3.85 A | 7 A |
| -5.2 | 331.4 mA | 2 A |
| -2 | 78.1 mA | 2 A |
| +12 | 3.92 mA | 2 A |
| -12 | 2.98 mA | 2 A |

Physical

| Characteristic | Specification | |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Size | VXIpc 800 Series Two-slot VXIbus C-Size Module (233.35 by 340 by 60.96 mm) VXIpc 700 Series One-slot VXIbus C-Size Module (233.35 by 340 by 30.48 mm) | |
| Board Dimensions | Fully Enclosed, Shielded VXI C-Size Board 233.35 by 340 mm (9.187 by 13.386 in.) | |
| Slot Requirements | VXIpc 800 Series Two VXI C-Size Slots VXIpc 700 Series One VXI C-Size Slot | |
| Compatibility | Fully Compatible with VXI Specification | |
| VXI Keying Class | Class 1 TTL | |
| MTBF | VXIpc-850 22,094 hours VXIpc-860 Contact National Instruments VXIpc-740 41,982 hours VXIpc-745 41,563 hours | |
| Weight | 41,563 hours VXIpc 800 Series 2.5 Kg (5.5 lb) Typical (16 MB DRAM Installed) VXIpc 700 Series 1.6 Kg (3.66 lb) Typical (16 MB DRAM Installed) | |

Environmental

| Characteristic | Specification |
|----------------------|---|
| Temperature | 0° to 55° C Operating; -20° to 70° C Storage |
| Relative Humidity | 0% to 95% Noncondensing, Operating; 0% to 95% Noncondensing, Storage |
| EMI | FCC Class A Verified, EC Verified |
| Vibration | Operational: 5 to 500 Hz, 0.31 g, 3 axes Non-operational: 5 to 500 Hz, 2.5 g, 3 axes |
| Functional Shock | MIL-T-28800E Class 3 (per Section 4.5.5.4.1) Half-Sine Shock Pulse (11 ms duration, 30 g peak, 3 shocks per face) |

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Note: Random vibration profiles were developed in accordance with
MIL-T-28800E and MIL-STD-810E Method 514. Test levels exceed
those recommended in MIL-STD-810E for Category 1 (Basic
Transportation, Figures 514.4-1 through 514.4-3). Test report
available upon request.
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VMEbus Capability Codes

| Capability Code | Description |
|------------------------------------|---|
| A32, A24, A16 (master) | VMEbus master A32, A24, and A16 addressing |
| A32, A24, A16 (slave) | VMEbus slave A32, A24, and A16 addressing |
| D64, D32, D16, D08(EO) (master) | VMEbus master D64, D32, D16, and D08 data sizes |
| D64, D32, D16, D08(EO) (slave) | VMEbus slave D64, D32, D16, and D08 data sizes |

| Capability Code | Description | |
|---|--|--|
| BLT, MBLT (master) | VMEbus master block and D64 transfers | |
| BLT, MBLT (slave) | VMEbus slave block and D64 transfers | |
| RMW (master) | VMEbus master read/modify/write transfers | |
| RMW (slave) | VMEbus slave read/modify/write transfers | |
| RETRY (master) | VMEbus master retry support | |
| RETRY (slave) | VMEbus slave retry support | |
| FSD | First slot detector | |
| SCON | VMEbus System Controller (Automatic Detection) | |
| PRI, RRS | Prioritized or Round Robin Select arbiter | |
| ROR, FAIR | Release on Request and FAIR bus requester | |
| IH(7-1) | Interrupt handler for levels 7-1 | |
| I(7-1) | Interrupt requester for levels 7-1 | |
| D32, D16, D08(O) (Interrupt Handler) | VMEbus D32, D16, D08(O) interrupt handler | |
| D32, D16, D08(O) (Interrupter) | VMEbus D32, D16, D08(O) interrupter | |
| ROAK, RORA | Release on Acknowledge or Register Access interrupter | |
| BTO(x) | VMEbus bus timer (programmable limit) | |
| LOCK | Can lock the VMEbus for indivisible transfers | |

Adding RAM

To add RAM to the VXIpc 800/700, remove the top cover and add SIMM modules to the empty SIMM sockets.

National Instruments recommends the following types of SIMMs for use with the VXIpc-850 and VXIpc 700 Series controllers (Fast Page Mode):

8 MB: 2 MB x 36 SIMMs — 70 ns

16 MB: 4 MB x 36 SIMMs - 70 ns

32 MB: 8 MB x 36 SIMMs - 70 ns

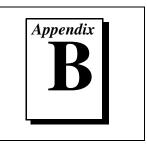
The VXIpc-860 can use Fast Page Mode (FPM), Extended Data Out (EDO), or Bursts Extended Data Out (BEDO). National Instruments recommends the following types of SIMMs for use with the VXIpc-860:

8 MB: 2 MB x 32/36 SIMMs — 60 or 70 ns
16 MB: 4 MB x 32/36 SIMMs — 60 or 70 ns
32 MB: 8 MB x 32/36 SIMMs — 60 or 70 ns
64 MB: 16 MB x 32/36 SIMMs — 60 or 70 ns

The height of SIMMs used with VXIpc 800 Series controllers should be 0.85 in. or less, or 1.2 in. for VXIpc 700 Series controllers. Contact National Instruments for recommendations on specific manufacturers.

Note: The VXIpc-800 must be populated with pairs of SIMMs because the DRAM interface is 64 bits wide.

VXIpc 800 Series System Resources



This appendix describes what system resources are available on the VXIpc 800 Series and where they are allocated. Because PCI is a relatively new addition to PCs, this appendix describes how PCI interrupts fit into a PC architecture before listing the devices that use them.

PCI Interrupts

PCI interrupts can be shared by multiple devices and are therefore more flexible than ISA interrupts. They do not actually connect to the processor directly; they are instead mapped through ISA interrupts in the system I/O module. The interrupt handler for a particular ISA interrupt must know if it will be acknowledging a PCI device.

Resource Tables

This section provides tables describing where system resources are assigned. Table B-1 lists how the ISA interrupts are allocated on the VXIpc 800 Series and whether they are driven by a PCI interrupt. Table B-2 lists DMA channel allocation, and Table B-3 gives the I/O address map.

| ISA Interrupt | PCI Interrupt | Device |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| NMI | None | Parity |
| 0 | None | Timer |
| 1 | None | Keyboard |
| 2 | None | IRQ Expansion (8-15) |
| 3 | None | COM2 |
| 4 | None | COM1 |

 Table B-1.
 VXIpc 800 Series ISA Interrupt Resource Allocations

| ISA Interrupt | PCI Interrupt | Device |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 5 | INTC, INTB | GPIB/PCMCIA Slot/Expansion |
| 6 | None | Floppy Drive |
| 7 | None | LPT1 |
| 8 | None | RTC |
| 9 | None | Ethernet |
| 10 | INTA | VXI, SCSI, PCMCIA |
| 11 | None | GPIB/PCMCIA Slot/Expansion |
| 12 | None | Mouse |
| 13 | None | FPERR |
| 14 | INTD | IDE |
| 15 | None | PCMCIA Slot/Expansion |

 Table B-1.
 VXIpc 800 Series ISA Interrupt Resource Allocations (Continued)

Table B-2. VXIpc 800 Series DMA Channel Resource Allocations

| DMA Channel | Device |
|-------------|--------------|
| 0 | Free |
| 1 | Free |
| 2 | Floppy Drive |
| 3 | Free |
| 4 | Free |
| 5 | GPIB |
| 6 | Free |
| 7 | Free |

| I/O Address | Device |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 000-00F | 8237 DMA #1 |
| 020-021 | 8259 PIC #1 |
| 040-043 | 8253 Timer |
| 060-066 | 8742 Controller |
| 070-077 | CMOS RAM & NMI Mask Reg |
| 078-07B | BIOS Timer |
| 080-090 | DMA Page Registers |
| 092 | Reserved |
| 094-09F | DMA Page Registers |
| 0A0-0A1 | 8259 PIC #2 |
| 0B2-0B3 | Advanced Power Management |
| 0C0-0DF | 8237 DMA #2 (word mapped) |
| 0F0-0FF | Numeric Processor Error Reg |
| 170-177 | Reserved |
| 1F0-1F7 | IDE |
| 200-270 | Free |
| 278-27F | LPT* |
| 280-2DF | Free |
| 2C0-2DF | GPIB |
| 2E8-2EF | COM* |
| 2F8-2FF | COM* |
| 300-30F | Ethernet |
| 310-36F | Free |
| 370-377 | Reserved |
| 378-37F | LPT* |
| 380-3B0 | Free |
| 3BC-3BF | LPT* |

| Table B-3. | VXIpc 800 | Series I/O | Address Map |
|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|

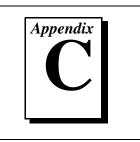
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| I/O Address | Device |
|---------------|---|
| 3E8-3EF | COM* |
| 3F0-3F7 | Floppy |
| 3F8-3FF | COM* |
| 40A | Scatter/Gather Int Status Reg |
| 40B | DMA1 Extended Mode Regs |
| 410-41F | Scatter/Gather Status |
| 420-43F | Scatter/Gather Descriptor Table Pointer |
| 481-488 | DMA High Page Regs |
| 4D0-4D1 | Interrupt Edge/Level Control Regs |
| 4D6 | DMA2 Extended Mode Regs |
| * Relocatable | |

Table B-3. VXIpc 800 Series I/O Address Map (Continued)

Note: I/O locations in italics indicate addresses above 1 KB. These locations are not usually accessible in an ISA-based system; however, newer PCI-based chipsets have increased the amount of I/O space available.

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|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| NMI | None | Parity |
| 0 | None | Timer |
| 1 | None | Keyboard |
| 2 | None | IRQ Expansion (8-15) |
| 3 | None | PCMCIA Slot |
| 4 | None | COM1 |

Table C-1. VXIpc 700 Series ISA Interrupt Resource Allocations

| ISA Interrupt | PCI Interrupt | Device |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 5 | INTD | PCMCIA |
| 6 | None | Floppy Drive |
| 7 | None | PCMCIA Slot |
| 8 | None | RTC |
| 9 | None | Ethernet |
| 10 | INTC | VXI |
| 11 | None | GPIB |
| 12 | None | PCMCIA Slot |
| 13 | None | FPERR |
| 14 | INTD | IDE |
| 15 | None | PCMCIA Slot |

 Table C-1.
 VXIpc 700 Series ISA Interrupt Resource Allocations (Continued)

Table C-2. VXIpc 700 Series DMA Channel Resource Allocations

| DMA Channel | Device |
|-------------|--------------|
| 0 | Free |
| 1 | Free |
| 2 | Floppy Drive |
| 3 | Free |
| 4 | Free |
| 5 | GPIB |
| 6 | Free |
| 7 | Free |

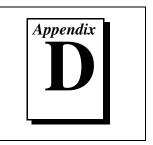
| I/O Address | Device |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 000-00F | 8237 DMA #1 |
| 020-021 | 8259 PIC #1 |
| 040-043 | 8253 Timer |
| 060-066 | 8742 Controller |
| 070-077 | CMOS RAM & NMI Mask Reg |
| 078-07B | BIOS Timer |
| 080-090 | DMA Page Registers |
| 092 | Reserved |
| 094-09F | DMA Page Registers |
| 0A0-0A1 | 8259 PIC #2 |
| 0B2-0B3 | Advanced Power Management |
| 0C0-0DF | 8237 DMA #2 (word mapped) |
| 0F0-0FF | Numeric Processor Error Reg |
| 170-177 | Reserved |
| 1F0-1F7 | IDE |
| 200-270 | Free |
| 278-27F | Free |
| 280-2DF | Free |
| 2C0-2DF | GPIB |
| 2E8-2EF | COM* |
| 2F8-2FF | COM* |
| 300-30F | Ethernet |
| 310-36F | Free |
| 370-377 | Reserved |
| 378-37F | Free |
| 380-3B0 | Free |
| 3BC-3BF | Free |

| Table C-3. | VXIpc 700 Series I/O Ad | dress Map |
|------------|-------------------------|-----------|
|------------|-------------------------|-----------|

| I/O Address | Device |
|---------------|--------|
| 3E8-3EF | COM* |
| 3F0-3F7 | Floppy |
| 3F8-3FF | COM* |
| * Relocatable | |

| Table C-3. | VXIpc 700 Seri | es I/O Address Ma | ap (Continued) |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
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LED Indicators



This appendix describes how to read the LEDs on the front panel to interpret the status of the VXIpc 800/700 Series.

VXIbus Interface Status LEDs

| | The VXIbus interface status LEDs are located at the top of the module and include four LEDs: FAILED , SYSFAIL , ONLINE , and TEST . They indicate the various stages of initialization that occur as the VXIpc 800/700 boots. The following paragraphs describe each LED. |
|-------------|---|
| SYSFAIL LED | |
| | The SYSFAIL LED is lit when the VMEbus SYSFAIL signal is asserted. It does not necessarily indicate that the VXIpc 800/700 is asserting SYSFAIL, only that there is a device in the system asserting SYSFAIL. |
| FAILED LED | |
| | The FAILED LED is lit when the VXIpc 800/700 is driving the SYSFAIL signal. The VXIpc 800/700 asserts SYSFAIL when the PASSED bit in its VXIbus status register is clear. The PASSED bit is set by the power-on self configuration circuitry (POSC) when it has completed initializing the VXIbus interface. |
| ONLINE LED | |
| | The ONLINE LED is lit when the Resource Manager has successfully completed and the VXIbus interface is ready for application programs. |
| TEST LED | |
| | The TEST LED is lit when the power-on self configuration circuitry is configuring the VXIbus interface. |

LEDs and System Startup Cycle

Table D-1 shows a system startup cycle and possible points of failure, up to and including the state in which the VXIinit initialization program asserts the **ONLINE** LED.

| Step | LEDs Lit | Status | Possible Problem if VXIpc 800/700 Fails |
|------|--------------------|---|---|
| 1 | None | Machine just turned on. | The VXIpc 800/700 is not receiving power. |
| 2 | FAILED, SYSFAIL | Now asserting SYSFAIL because VXIbus interface has not been initialized yet. | Power-on self configuration (POSC) cannot execute because of problems with system reset or because the POSCEN switch is incorrectly configured. |
| 3 | FAILED, TEST | VXI interface is being initialized by MITE power-on self configuration (POSC) circuitry. | POSC has stalled. |
| 4 | TEST | POSC circuitry has initialized VXI interface, setting PASSED and DONE bits. | POSC stalled before clearing the TEST LED. |
| 5 | None | POSC cycles are complete. VXI port is ready to respond to Resource Manager inquiries. | POSC completed successfully; however, the Resource Manager either hung or was not executed. |
| 6 | ONLINE | Resource Manager has been executed, indicating that the VXI software can now communicate with the VXI circuitry. | Resource Manager interface initialized successfully. |

If either the **SYSFAIL** or **FAILED** LED remains lit, perform the following steps:

- 1. Power off the mainframe.
- 2. Remove all other modules from the mainframe.
- 3. Make sure that the VXIpc 800/700 jumper settings are correct.
- 4. Make sure that the VXIpc 800/700 is seated properly in the mainframe.
- 5. Power on the mainframe and observe whether the **SYSFAIL** and **FAILED** LEDs become unlit some time before the operating system boots.

Board Access LEDs

The board access LEDs—ACCESS and DRIVE—indicate when board resources have been accessed. The following paragraphs describe these LEDs.

ACCESS LED

When lit, the **ACCESS** LED indicates that the VXIpc 800/700 MODID line is asserted or that another VXIbus master is accessing VXIbus shared registers or shared memory.

DRIVE LED

The **DRIVE** LED light indicates that an access to the internal hard disk drive is occurring.

Ethernet LEDs (VXIpc 800 Series Only)

The Ethernet LEDs (**RX**, **TX**, **LINK**, and **DSEL**) indicate the status of the Ethernet interface on the VXIpc 800 Series.

RX LED

The **RX** LED lights when the Ethernet interface is receiving a packet.

TX LED

The **TX** LED lights when the Ethernet interface is transmitting a packet.

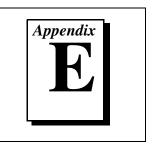
LINK LED

The **LINK** LED indicates LINK status and can generally be used to check if Ethernet activity is occurring.

DSEL LED

The **DSEL** (Device Select) LED lights when Ethernet registers are being accessed.

Front Panel and Connectors



This appendix describes the front panel and connectors on the VXIpc 800/700 Series. This material contains the information relevant to VXI*plug&play* Specification VPP-8, *VXI Module/Mainframe to Receiver Interconnection*.

Note: The illustrations in this appendix show the mating face of the connectors. An asterisk suffix (*) on a signal name indicates that the signal is active low.

As shown in Table E-1, the VXIpc-745 and VXIpc-740 each have a subset of the connectors found on the VXIpc-800.

| Connector | VXIpc-800 | VXIpc-740 | VXIpc-745 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| RS-232 Serial | Two | One | One |
| Extended Capabilities Parallel (ECP) | | | |
| VGA Controller | | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| IEEE 488.2 | | | |
| 10BaseT Ethernet | \checkmark | | \checkmark |
| SCSI-2 | | | |
| External Clock | | | |
| Trigger Output | | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Trigger Input | | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| Audio Output | \checkmark | | |
| PS/2-Style Keyboard | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
| PS/2-Style Mouse | \checkmark | | |

| Table E-1. | VXIpc 800/700 Series Connectors |
|------------|---------------------------------|
|------------|---------------------------------|

Front Panel

Figures E-1 through E-3 show the front panel layout of the VXIpc-800, VXIpc-745, and VXIpc-740, respectively. The drawings show dimensions relevant to key elements on the front panel. Dimensions are shown in inches and millimeters, with millimeter dimensions in square brackets. The front panel thickness for all models in the VXIpc 800/700 Series is 2.49 mm (0.098 in.).

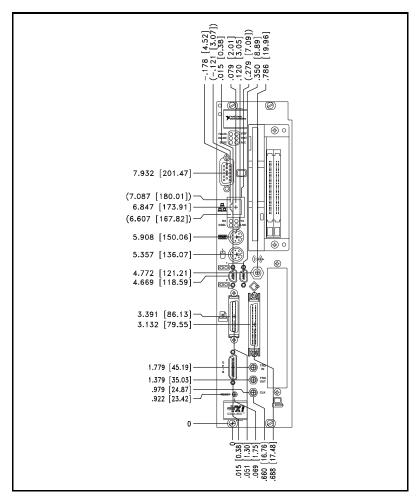


Figure E-1. VXIpc-800 Front Panel Layout and Dimensions

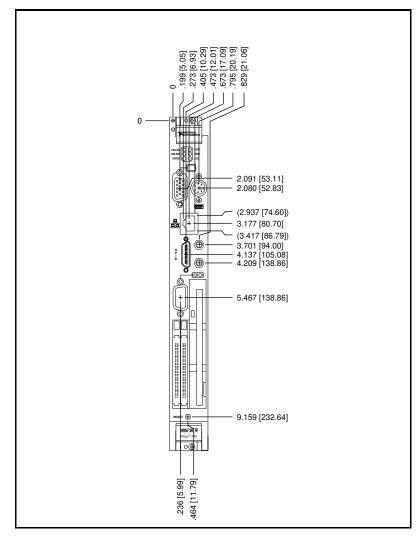


Figure E-2 shows the front panel layout of the VXIpc-745.

Figure E-2. VXIpc-745 Front Panel Layout and Dimensions

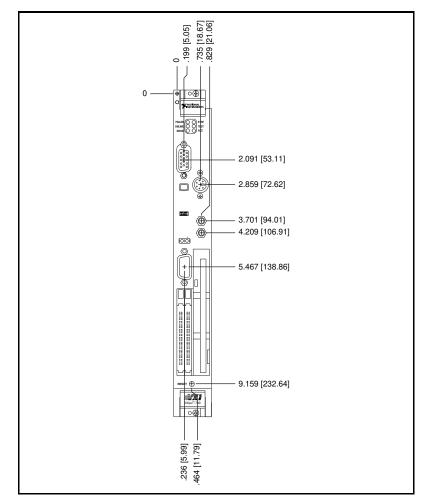


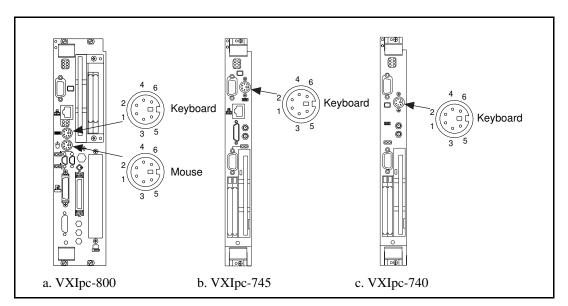
Figure E-3 shows the front panel layout of the VXIpc-740.

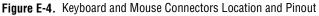
Figure E-3. VXIpc-740 Front Panel Layout and Dimensions

Keyboard and Mouse

Figure E-4 shows the location and pinouts for the keyboard connector on the VXIpc 800/700 Series, and the mouse connector on the VXIpc-800. For the VXIpc-700 you need to use the COM1 serial port if you want to connect a mouse. Table E-2 gives the name and description for the keyboard and mouse connector signals.

Amp manufactures a mating connector with part numbers 212437-4 (housing), 212435-7 (ferrule), and 66735-4 (pin contact).





| Pin | Signal Name | Signal Description |
|-----|-------------|--------------------|
| 1 | DATA | Data |
| 2 | NC | Not Connected |
| 3 | GND | Ground |
| 4 | +5V | +5 volts |
| 5 | CLK | Clock |
| 6 | NC | Not Connected |

VGA

Figure E-5 shows the location and pinouts for the VGA connector on the VXIpc 800/700 Series. Table E-3 gives the name and description for the VGA connector signals.

Amp manufactures a mating connector with part numbers 748364-1 (housing) and 748333-2 (pin contact).

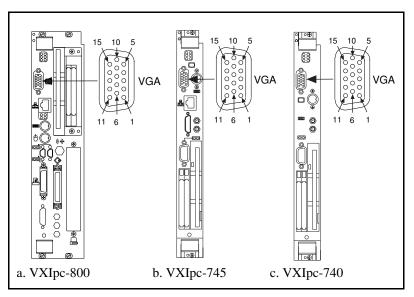


Figure E-5. VGA Connector Location and Pinout

| Table E-3. | VGA Connector Signals |
|------------|-----------------------|
|------------|-----------------------|

| Pin | Signal Name | Signal Description |
|-----|-------------|--------------------|
| 1 | R | Red |
| 2 | G | Green |
| 3 | В | Blue |
| 4 | NC | Not Connected |
| 5 | GND | Ground |
| 6 | GND | Ground |
| 7 | GND | Ground |

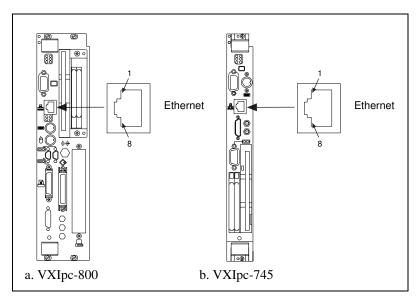
| Pin | Signal Name | Signal Description |
|-----|-------------|--------------------|
| 8 | GND | Ground |
| 9 | +5 VDC | +5 VDC |
| 10 | GND | Ground |
| 11 | NC | Not Connected |
| 12 | SD | Serial Data |
| 13 | HSync | Horizontal Sync |
| 14 | VSync | Vertical Sync |
| 15 | SC | Serial Clock |

Table E-3. VGA Connector Signals (Continued)

Ethernet

Figure E-6 shows the location and pinouts for the Ethernet connector on the VXIpc-800 and VXIpc-745. Table E-4 gives the name and description for the Ethernet connector signals.

Amp manufactures a mating connector, part number 554739-1.





| Table E-4. | Ethernet Connector Signals |
|------------|----------------------------|
|------------|----------------------------|

| Pin | Signal Description |
|-----|-----------------------|
| 1 | Differential Transmit |
| 2 | Differential Transmit |
| 3 | Differential Receive |
| 4 | NC |
| 5 | NC |
| 6 | Differential Receive |
| 7 | NC |
| 8 | NC |

COM1 and COM2

Figure E-7 shows the location and pinouts for the COM1 connector on all models in the VXIpc 800/700 Series and the COM2 connector on the VXIpc-800. Table E-5 gives the name and description for the COM1 and COM2 connector signals.

ITT Cannon manufactures a serial port mating connector, part number MDSM-9SC-Z11, for the COM1 and COM2 connectors on the VXIpc-800.

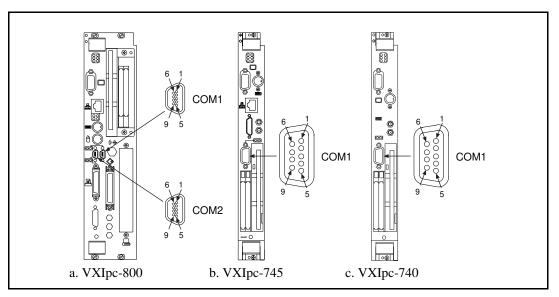


Figure E-7. COM1 and COM2 Connectors Location and Pinout

Table E-5. COM1 and COM2 Connector Signals

| Pin | Signal Name | Signal Description |
|-----|-------------|---------------------|
| 1 | DCD* | Data Carrier Detect |
| 2 | RXD* | Receive Data |
| 3 | TXD* | Transmit Data |
| 4 | DTR* | Data Terminal Ready |
| 5 | GND | Ground |

| Pin | Signal Name | Signal Description |
|-----|-------------|--------------------|
| 6 | DSR* | Data Set Ready |
| 7 | RTS* | Ready to Send |
| 8 | CTS* | Clear to Send |
| 9 | RI* | Ring Indicator |

Table E-5. COM1 and COM2 Connector Signals (Continued)

Parallel Port

Figure E-8 shows the location and pinouts for the IEEE-1284 connector on the VXIpc-800. Table E-6 gives the name and description for the IEEE-1284 connector signals.

Amp manufactures a parallel port compatible connector, part number 2-175677-5.

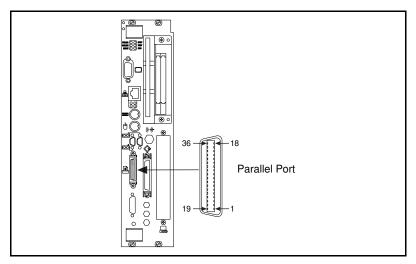


Figure E-8. Parallel Port Connector Location and Pinout

| Table E-6. | Parallel Port Connector Signals | |
|------------|---------------------------------|--|
|------------|---------------------------------|--|

| Pin | Signal Name | Signal Description |
|-----|-------------|--------------------|
| 1 | BUSY* | Device Busy |
| 2 | SLCTIN* | Select Input |
| 3 | ACK* | Acknowledge |
| 4 | FAULT* | Fault |
| 5 | ERROR | Error |
| 6 | PD0 | Data Bit 0 |
| 7 | PD1 | Data Bit 1 |
| 8 | PD 2 | Data Bit 2 |
| 9 | PD3 | Data Bit 3 |

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| Pin | Signal Name | Signal Description |
|-------|-------------|--------------------|
| 10 | PD4 | Data Bit 4 |
| 11 | PD5 | Data Bit 5 |
| 12 | PD6 | Data Bit 6 |
| 13 | PD7 | Data Bit 7 |
| 14 | INIT* | Initialize Printer |
| 15 | STROBE* | Strobe |
| 16 | SLCT | Select |
| 17 | AUTOFD | Auto Line Feed |
| 18 | +5V | +5 Volts |
| 19-35 | GND | Ground |
| 36 | NC | Not Connected |

 Table E-6.
 Parallel Port Connector Signals (Continued)

Figure E-9 shows the location and pinouts for the SCSI connector on the VXIpc-800. Table E-7 gives the name and description for the SCSI connector signals.

Amp manufactures a SCSI compatible connector, part number 749111-4.

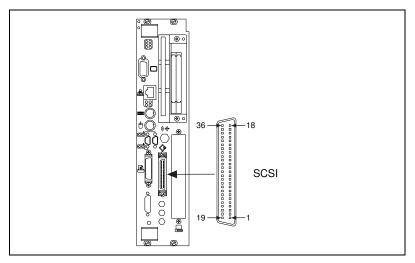


Figure E-9. SCSI Connector Location and Pinout (SCSI II)

| Table E-7. | SCSI Connector | Signals |
|------------|----------------|---------|
|------------|----------------|---------|

| Pin | Signal Name | Signal Description |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 1–11, 15–25, 35–36, 40, 42 | GND | Ground |
| 12–14, 37–39 | NC | Not Connected |
| 26 | D0 | Data 0 |
| 27 | D1 | Data 1 |
| 28 | D2 | Data 2 |
| 29 | D3 | Data 3 |
| 30 | D4 | Data 4 |
| 31 | D5 | Data 5 |

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| Pin | Signal Name | Signal Description |
|-----|-------------|--------------------|
| 32 | D6 | Data 6 |
| 33 | D7 | Data 7 |
| 34 | DP | Parity |
| 38 | TERMPWR | Termination Power |
| 41 | ATN* | Attention |
| 43 | BUSY* | Busy |
| 44 | ACK* | Acknowledge |
| 45 | RESET* | Reset |
| 46 | MSG* | Message |
| 47 | SEL* | Select |
| 48 | CMD_DATA | Command/Data |
| 49 | REQ* | Request |
| 50 | IN_OUT | In/Out |

 Table E-7.
 SCSI Connector Signals (Continued)

GPIB (IEEE-488.2)

Figure E-10 shows the location and pinouts for the GPIB connector on the VXIpc-800 and VXIpc-745. Table E-8 gives the name and description for the GPIB connector signals.

ITT Cannon manufactures a GPIB mating connector, part number MDSM-255C-Z11.

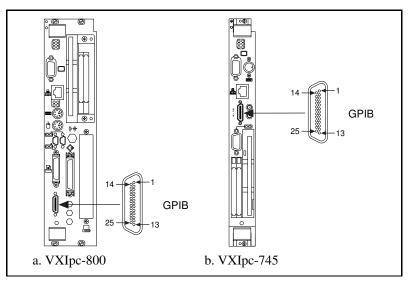


Figure E-10. GPIB Connector Location and Pinout

| Table E-8. | GPIB | Connector | Signals |
|------------|------|-----------|---------|
|------------|------|-----------|---------|

| Pin | Signal Name | Signal Description |
|-----|-------------|--------------------|
| 1 | DIO1* | Data Bit 1 |
| 2 | DIO2* | Data Bit 2 |
| 3 | DIO3* | Data Bit 3 |
| 4 | DIO4* | Data Bit 4 |
| 5 | EOI* | End or Identify |
| 6 | DAV* | Data Valid |
| 7 | NRFD* | Not Ready for Data |
| 8 | NDAC* | Not Data Accepted |

| Pin | Signal Name | Signal Description |
|-------|-------------|--------------------|
| 9 | IFC* | Interface Clear |
| 10 | SRQ* | Service Request |
| 11 | ATN* | Attention |
| 12 | SHIELD | Chassis ground |
| 13 | DIO5* | Data Bit 5 |
| 14 | DIO6* | Data Bit 6 |
| 15 | DIO7* | Data Bit 7 |
| 16 | DIO8* | Data Bit 8 |
| 17 | REN* | Remote Enable |
| 18-25 | GND | Logic Ground |

 Table E-8.
 GPIB Connector Signals (Continued)

External SMBs

Figure E-11 shows the location and pinouts for the SMB connectors on the VXIpc 800/700. The SMB connectors are used for an external clock signal and TTL trigger input and output. Table E-9 gives the name and description for the SMB connector signals. Also see Table E-10 for a description of the signal characteristics for the SMB connections.

Amp manufactures an SMB mating connector, part number 1-413985-0.

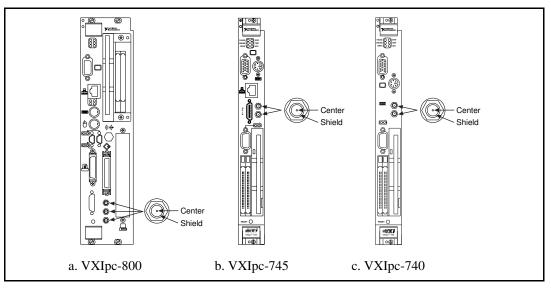


Figure E-11. SMB Connectors Location and Pinout

| Table E-9. | SMB Connector Signals |
|------------|-----------------------|
|------------|-----------------------|

| Pin | Signal Description |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| Center | TTL Trigger or Clock Signal |
| Shield | Ground |

Speaker

Figure E-12 shows the location of the speaker connection on the VXIpc-800.

Switchcraft manufactures a mating speaker connector, part number 750.

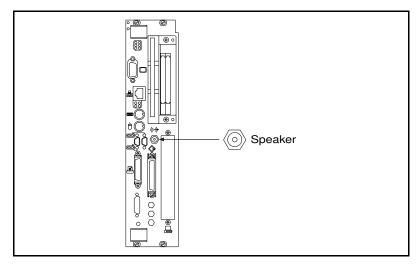


Figure E-12. Speaker Connection Location

Signal Characteristics

Refer to the relevant standard for the signal characteristics for VGA, SCSI, Ethernet, keyboard, mouse, parallel, serial, and GPIB.

Table E-10 shows the signal characteristics for the SMB and speaker connections.

| Signal | Voltage Range | Maximum Current | Frequency Range |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| SMB (TRIG out, CLK out) | 0 to 3.4 V | 200 mA | DC-10 MHz |
| Speaker (VXIpc-800 only) | 0 to 4.3 V | 75 mA | DC-20 kHz |
| SMB (TRIG in) | 0 to 5 V | 100 mA* | DC-10 MHz |
| * with 50 Ω termination | | | |

Table E-10. Signal Characteristics for SMB and Speaker Connections

VXIbus P1 and P2

Figure E-13 shows the location and pinouts for the VXIbus connector on the VXIpc 800/700 Series. Table E-11 gives the name and description for the VXIbus P2 connector signals. Table E-12 gives the name and description for the VXIbus P1 connector signals.

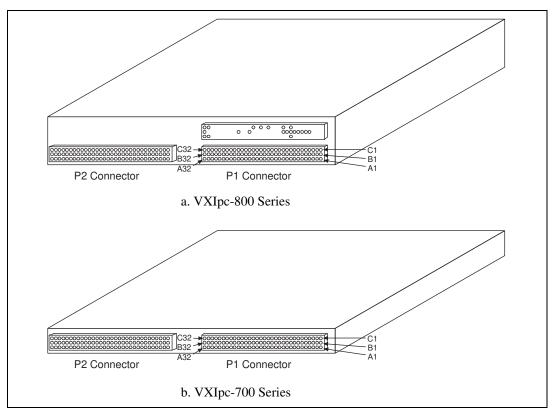


Figure E-13. VXIbus Connectors Location and Pinout

| Pin | Row C | Row B | Row A |
|-----|---------------|---------------|----------|
| 1 | CLK10+ | +5 V | ECLTRG0 |
| 2 | CLK10- | GND | -2 V |
| 3 | GND | Not Connected | ECLTRG1 |
| 4 | -5.2 V | A24 | GND |
| 5 | Not Connected | A25 | MODID12 |
| 6 | Not Connected | A26 | MODID11 |
| 7 | GND | A27 | -5.2 V |
| 8 | Not Connected | A28 | MODID10 |
| 9 | Not Connected | A29 | MODID09 |
| 10 | GND | A30 | GND |
| 11 | Not Connected | A31 | MODID08 |
| 12 | Not Connected | GND | MODID07 |
| 13 | -2 V | +5 V | -5.2 V |
| 14 | Not Connected | D16 | MODID06 |
| 15 | Not Connected | D17 | MODID05 |
| 16 | GND | D18 | GND |
| 17 | Not Connected | D19 | MODID04 |
| 18 | Not Connected | D20 | MODID03 |
| 19 | -5.2 V | D21 | -5.2 V |
| 20 | Not Connected | D22 | MODID02 |
| 21 | Not Connected | D23 | MODID01 |
| 22 | GND | GND | GND |
| 23 | TTLTRG1* | D24 | TTLTRG0* |
| 24 | TTLTRG3* | D25 | TTLTRG2* |
| 25 | GND | D26 | +5 V |
| 26 | TTLTRG5* | D27 | TTLTRG4* |
| 27 | TTLTRG7* | D28 | TTLTRG6* |

 Table E-11.
 VXIbus P2 Connector Signals

| Pin | Row C | Row B | Row A |
|-----|---------------|-------|---------------|
| 28 | GND | D29 | GND |
| 29 | Not Connected | D30 | Not Connected |
| 30 | GND | D31 | MODID00 |
| 31 | Not Connected | GND | GND |
| 32 | Not Connected | +5 V | Not Connected |

 Table E-11.
 VXIbus P2 Connector Signals

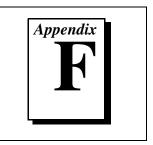
 Table E-12.
 VXIbus P1 Connector Signals

| Pin | Row C | Row B | Row A |
|-----|-----------|---------|--------|
| 1 | D08 | BBSY* | D00 |
| 2 | D09 | BCLR* | D01 |
| 3 | D10 | ACFAIL* | D02 |
| 4 | D11 | BG0IN* | D03 |
| 5 | D12 | BG0OUT* | D04 |
| 6 | D13 | BG1IN* | D05 |
| 7 | D14 | BG1OUT* | D06 |
| 8 | D15 | BG2IN* | D07 |
| 9 | GND | BG2OUT* | GND |
| 10 | SYSFAIL* | BG3IN* | SYSCLK |
| 11 | BERR* | BG3OUT* | GND |
| 12 | SYSRESET* | BR0* | DS1* |
| 13 | LWORD* | BR1* | DS0* |
| 14 | AM5 | BR2* | WRITE* |
| 15 | A23 | BR3* | GND |
| 16 | A22 | AM0 | DTACK* |
| 17 | A21 | AM1 | GND |
| 18 | A20 | AM2 | AS* |

| Pin | Row C | Row B | Row A |
|-----|-------|---------------|----------|
| 19 | A19 | AM3 | GND |
| 20 | A18 | GND | IACK* |
| 21 | A17 | Not Connected | IACKIN* |
| 22 | A16 | Not Connected | IACKOUT* |
| 23 | A15 | GND | AM4 |
| 24 | A14 | IRQ7* | A07 |
| 25 | A13 | IRQ6* | A06 |
| 26 | A12 | IRQ5 | A05 |
| 27 | A11 | IRQ4 | A04 |
| 28 | A10 | IRQ3 | A03 |
| 29 | A09 | IRQ2 | A02 |
| 30 | A08 | IRQ1 | A01 |
| 31 | +12 V | Not Connected | -12 V |
| 32 | +5 V | +5 V | +5 V |

Table E-12. VXIbus P1 Connector Signals (Continued)

Modifying and Installing I/O Expansion Boards



This appendix explains how to modify and install an I/O board in the VXIpc 800 Series. This material is not relevant to the VXIpc 700 Series. Notice that some material is different between the VXIpc-850 and the VXIpc-860.

Height of VXIpc-850 Plug-In Boards

In general, the VXIpc-850 can accommodate any standard-size PCI card and any XT-height ISA card. The height of an I/O card is measured from the bottom of the bus connector to the top of the board, as shown in Figure F-1.

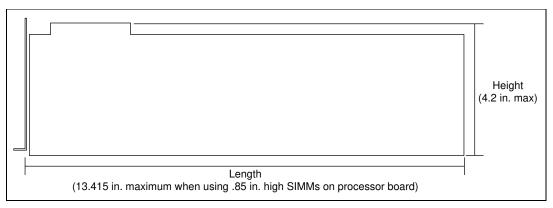


Figure F-1. I/O Board Dimensions for VXIpc-850 Expansion Slot

Both XT-height ISA cards and PCI cards are 4.2 in. high. The VXIpc-850 does not support AT-height ISA cards, which are 4.8 in. high.

Length of VXIpc-850 Plug-In Boards

The VXIpc-850 will accommodate PCI or ISA I/O boards that are up to 4.2 in. high and up to 13.415 in. long when DRAM SIMMs 0.85 in. or shorter are used on the processor board (National Instruments provides 0.85 in. SIMMs). Due to slight variances in I/O board geometries, however, take care in every application to identify possible contact with the SIMMs. The maximum recommended board length is 7.72 in. if you are using SIMMs taller than 0.85 in. If you want to install a longer board with taller system DRAM SIMMs, you must consider the strong possibility of contact with the SIMMs.

Because DRAM SIMMs taller than 0.85 in. are more likely to interfere with ISA cards than PCI cards, the two are discussed separately in the following sections.

Length of PCI Plug-In Boards

The VXIpc-850 accommodates any standard 32-bit, 5 V PCI I/O board. The maximum standard dimensions of a PCI I/O board are 12.283 in. by 4.2 in. PCI cards are installed in the VXIpc-850 such that the board components face the processor card, which contains the processor and system RAM. Exceptionally tall PCI components (higher than 0.52 in.) on a plug-in board may physically contact the DRAM SIMMs installed on the CPU card, as shown in Figure F-2.

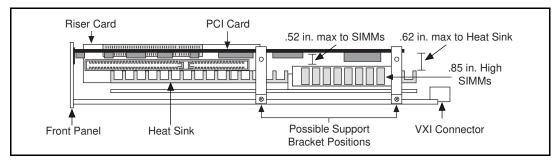


Figure F-2. Component Height Restrictions for PCI Plug-In Boards Used with the VXIpc-850

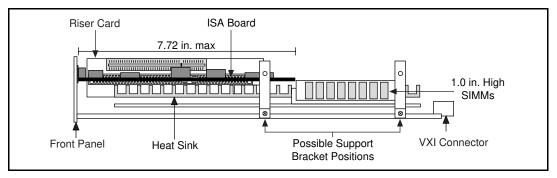
Because larger DRAM sizes may employ taller SIMMs, you must be careful that the component height of the PCI board does not interfere with the SIMMs in such a way that electrical shorts occur or that the PCI board is stressed enough to compromise its physical or electrical integrity.

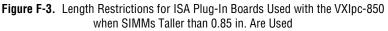
Length of ISA Plug-In Boards

Because ISA boards mount with the components facing away from the CPU card, which contains the processor and system RAM, tall DRAM SIMMs may interfere with the circuit card of the plug-in board. Most SIMM modules are at least 1 in. high and would extend into the ISA circuit card keepout area. Therefore, National Instruments provides SIMMs of 0.85 in. high, and does not recommend the use of cards that are longer than 7.72 in. if you choose to use taller SIMMs. They can be made to fit; however, take care to ensure the following conditions:

- Contact of the board with the SIMMs should not cause electrical shorts (because of through-hole component leads on the side of the plug in board that contacts the SIMMs).
- Contact of the board with the SIMMs does not cause physical stress to the plug-in board.
- Contact of the board with the SIMMs does not cause physical stress to the riser board into which the plug-in board is inserted.

Figure F-3 shows the length restrictions for ISA cards for the VXIpc-850 when tall SIMMs are used.





Height of VXIpc-860 Plug-In Boards

In general, the VXIpc-860 can accommodate any standard-size PCI card and any XT-height ISA card. The height of an I/O card is measured from the bottom of the bus connector to the top of the board, as shown in Figure F-4.

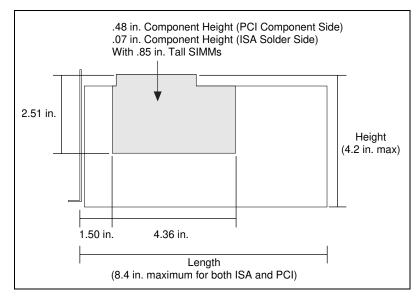


Figure F-4. I/O Board Dimensions for VXIpc-860 Expansion Slot

Both XT-height ISA cards and PCI cards are 4.2 in. high. The VXIpc-860 does not support AT-height ISA cards, which are 4.8 in. high.

Length of VXIpc-860 Plug-In Boards

The VXIpc-860 can accommodate PCI or ISA I/O boards that are up to 4.2 in. high and up to 8.4 in. long. When DRAM SIMMS 0.85 in. are used on the processor board, the component-side component height on a PCI I/O board shall be 0.48 in. tall in the area shown in Figure F-4. For the same height DRAM SIMMs, the ISA I/O board solder-side component height shall be 0.07 in. tall in the area shown in Figure F-4. Be sure to allow for clearance if you want to use taller DRAM SIMMs.

Because DRAM SIMMs taller than 0.85 in. are more likely to interfere with ISA cards than PCI cards, the two are discussed separately in the following sections.

Length of PCI Plug-In Boards

The VXIpc-860 accommodates any 32-bit, 5 V PCI I/O boards that are a maximum of 8.4 in. long with the standard height of 4.2 in. (see Figure F-5). PCI cards are installed in the VXIpc-860 such that the board components face the processor board, which contains the processor and system RAM. PCI components (higher than 0.48 in. in the area shown in Figure F-4) on a plug-in board may physically contact the DRAM SIMMs installed on the CPU card, as shown in Figure F-5.

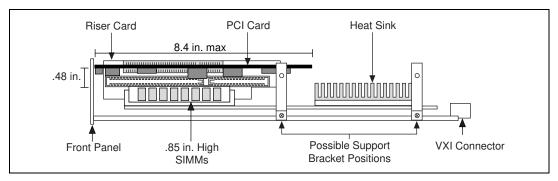


Figure F-5. Length Restrictions for PCI Plug-In Boards Used with the VXIpc-860

Because larger DRAM sizes may employ taller SIMMs, you must be careful that the component height of the PCI board does not interfere with the SIMMs in such a way that electrical shorts occur or that the PCI board is stressed enough to compromise its physical or electrical integrity.

Length of ISA Plug-In Boards

Because ISA boards mount with the components facing away from the CPU card, which contains the processor and system RAM, tall DRAM SIMMs may interfere with the circuit card of the plug-in board. Most SIMM modules are at least 1 in. high and would extend into the ISA circuit card. Therefore, National Instruments provides SIMMs of 0.85 in. high to give a clearance of 0.07 in. to the ISA circuit card only in the area shown in Figure F-4. If you choose to use taller SIMMs (0.92 maximum height), take care to ensure the following conditions:

- Contact of the board with the SIMMs should not cause electrical shorts (because of through-hole component leads on the side of the plug in board that contacts the SIMMs).
- Contact of the board with the SIMMs does not cause physical stress to the plug-in board.
- Contact of the board with the SIMMs does not cause physical stress to the riser board into which the plug-in board is inserted.

Figure F-6 shows the length restrictions for ISA cards for the VXIpc-860 when tall SIMMs are used.

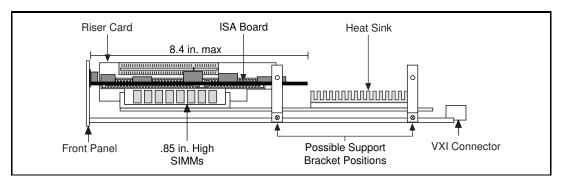


Figure F-6. Length Restrictions for ISA Plug-In Boards Used with the VXIpc-860 when SIMMs Taller than 0.85 in. Are Used

Installing an I/O Board

The following material applies equally to all models in the VXIpc 800 Series.

Materials Needed

You need the following pieces to install an expansion board in the VXIpc-800.

• A user-defined panel is required on the expansion boards based on National Instruments blank PCI or ISA panels. The panel should be manufactured from 0.03 in. (0.76 mm) thick 1010 cold rolled steel. The finish should be 0.0003 in. (0.008 mm) nickel plate over 0.0001 in. (0.003 mm) copper flash. Contact National Instruments if you have any questions about specifications for user-defined panels. As an alternative, you can modify the blank panels provided with the VXIpc-800. Custom panel design services are available from National Instruments for a nominal fee.

- PEM nut or a 4-40 nut with lock washer (hole diameter should be 0.125 in. [3.18 mm]).
- 4-40 x 1/4 in. stainless steel panhead screw.

Installation Steps

Follow these steps to install the expansion board.

- Notice that the VXIpc-800 includes one card guide that can be rotated to secure the top of either a PCI or an ISA plug-in board. You may use the card guide in either of two locations, depending on the length of your installed board. Notice the possible locations as shown previously (Figures F-2 and F-3 for the VXIpc-850, or Figures F-5 and F-6 for the VXIpc-860). Loosen the screw holding the guide and rotate the guide to the uppermost position for PCI boards or the lowermost position for ISA boards. See Figure F-7.
- 2. Replace the manufacturer-supplied panel bracket with the custom bracket. The two holes in the bracket align with existing holes in the VXIpc-800 front panel.
- 3. Seat the board firmly in one of the expansion bus connectors.
- 4. Attach the board to the front panel with the two screws. You can use a PEM nut on the back (far) side of the bracket, or a 4-40 nut with a lock washer (hole diameter should be 0.125 in.). In either case, use a 4-40 x 1/4 in. stainless steel panhead screw to mount the board/bracket assembly to the front panel.

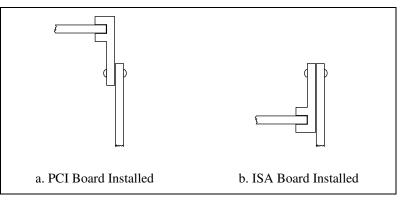


Figure F-7. PCI Board and ISA Board Installed in a VXIpc-800

Figures F-8 and F-9 give dimensions and instructions for creating a connector cutout and expansion bracket for a PCI board.

Note: In the following drawings, dimensions are given in inches and millimeters, with the millimeter dimensions in square brackets.

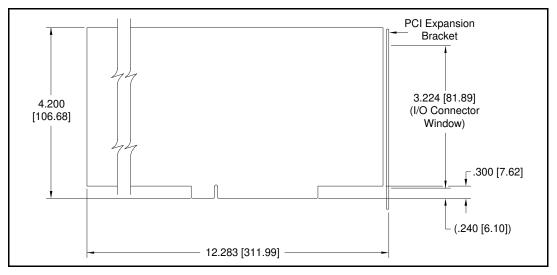


Figure F-8. Side View of PCI Board with Expansion Bracket

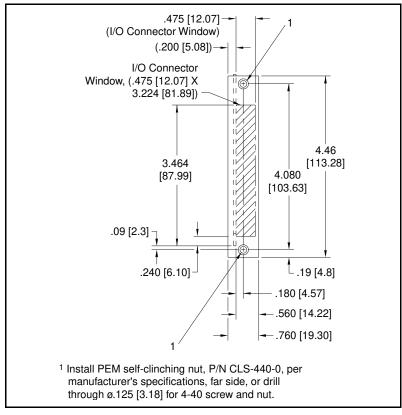


Figure F-9. Front View of PCI Board Expansion Bracket

Figures F-10 and F-11 give dimensions and instructions for creating a connector cutout and expansion bracket for an ISA board.

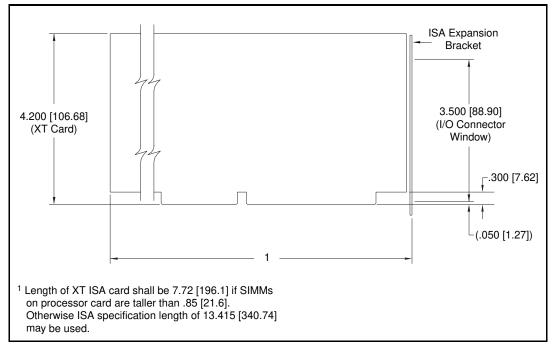


Figure F-10. Side View of ISA Board with Expansion Bracket

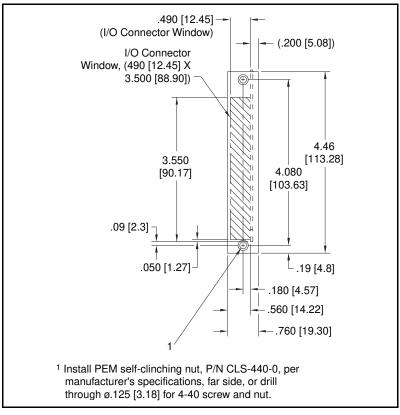
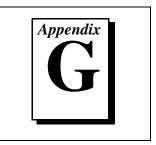


Figure F-11. Front View of ISA Board Expansion Bracket

Common Questions



This appendix answers common questions you may have when using the VXIpc 800/700 Series.

What do the LEDs on the front of the VXIpc 800/700 mean?

Refer to Appendix D, *LED Indicators*, for a description of the front panel LEDs.

Is something wrong with the VXIpc 800/700 if the red SYSFAIL and FAILED LEDs stay lit after booting the VXIpc 800/700?

If either the **SYSFAIL** or **FAILED** LED remains lit, refer to Appendix D, *LED Indicators*, for troubleshooting steps.

Can I access 32-bit registers in my VXIbus system from the VXIpc 800/700?

Yes. The VXIpc 800/700 uses the 32-bit PCI bus to interface to the VXIbus. In fact, the VXIbus circuitry on the VXIpc 800/700 also supports the new VME64 standard for D64 accesses. Refer to your VXI software manual for more information.

What kind of signal is CLK10 and what kind of signal do I need for an external CLK10?

CLK10 is a differential ECL signal on the backplane. However, the oscillator for the VXIpc 800/700 and the EXTCLK input on the VXIpc-800 front panel use TTL levels; therefore, you need to supply a TTL-level signal for EXTCLK. Our voltage converters convert the signal to differential ECL. You cannot drive CLK10 externally on the VXIpc 700 Series.

What is the accuracy of the CLK10 signal?

The CLK10 signal generated by the VXIpc 800/700 is ± 100 ppm (0.01%) as per the VXIbus specification. If you need a more accurate CLK10 signal on the VXIpc 800 Series, you can use the EXTCLK connector on its front panel.

If I boot the computer without video, and then plug in the video, why is it in black and white?

When the computer first boots, the video chips try to synchronize with the monitor. If the monitor is not there, the video chips cannot synchronize and establish color. You need to have the monitor attached at boot time to get color.

I've installed the SCSI software. Why doesn't the VXIpc 800 Series recognize my SCSI device?

VXIpc 800 Series users only—This problem usually occurs when SCSI has not been enabled in the BIOS. Enter your BIOS by pressing at boot time. In the Setup window, click on the Chipset icon. Select the On Board PCI SCSI option and enable it.

What type of video interface is onboard the VXIpc 800/700? What video drivers are included with the VXIpc 800/700? Can I use Super VGA with my VXIpc 800/700? If my application requires a special type of video display, how do I configure my VXIpc-800/700?

The VXIpc 800/700 uses the Trident Microsystems TGUI96xx chip family, a combination graphics accelerator and RAMDAC. The TGUI9660 is the first chip used from this family. Subsequent pin-compatible chips will follow. The chips in this family are compatible with the Standard VGA video output MS Windows video driver, as well as the Trident Microsystems video driver. For more information on the video driver, refer to the c:\images\manuals directory.

 VXIpc 800 Series users only—If your application requires a special type of video display, you can remove the PCI video card included with your VXIpc 800 Series. Contact National Instruments for information on how to do this.

What kind of monitor can I use with the VXIpc 800/700?

VXIpc 800/700 computers that use Super VGA video output will work only with monitors having a horizontal scan rate of at least 50 kHz and a vertical scan rate of 60 Hz.



Warning: Make sure that your monitor meets this specification. Enabling the Super VGA option on a monitor that does not meet this specification will cause damage to your monitor.

What if my keyboard connector does not fit into the keyboard port on the VXIpc 800/700?

You can plug keyboards that have a 6-pin Mini DIN PS/2 type connector directly into the VXIpc 800/700. You can use the keyboard adapter cable that is included with every VXIpc 800/700 kit to adapt the larger AT keyboard connector to the 6-pin Mini DIN connector.

How do I connect an external speaker to get audio capability?

 VXIpc 800 Series users only—A twisted-pair cable connects the front panel audio connector to the VXIpc 800 Series motherboard. Connect the external speaker to this front-panel connector. The center pin of the connector provides the audio signal. The shield of the connector is GROUND.

How do I add RAM to the VXIpc 800/700? What is the maximum amount of RAM that I can have on the VXIpc 800/700?

For information about adding RAM to the VXIpc 800/700, refer to Appendix A, *Specifications*.

Which interrupt levels are free to be used by ISA bus boards? Which area of upper memory (adapter space) is free for use by ISA bus boards or expanded memory manager software programs?

See Appendix B, *VXIpc 800 Series System Resources*, or Appendix C, *VXIpc 700 Series System Resources*, for information on the available port I/O register space, upper memory area, interrupts, and DMA channels.

How do I install the VXIpc 800/700 in a slot other than Slot 0?

The VXIpc 800/700 automatically detects whether it is in Slot 0 of a VXIbus mainframe. You do not need to change jumper settings to install the VXIpc 800/700 in a slot other than Slot 0 unless you have defeated the first slot detector (FSD) circuitry by changing the appropriate jumper setting on the VXIpc 800/700.

Refer to either Chapter 3, VXIpc 800 Series Configuration and Installation, or Chapter 4, VXIpc 700 Series Configuration and Installation, for information on enabling and defeating the FSD circuitry.

How do I check the configuration of the memory, floppy drive, hard drive, time/date, and so on?

You can view these parameters in the BIOS setup. To enter the BIOS setup, reboot the VXIpc 800/700 and press the key during the memory tests. Refer to Chapter 5, *BIOS*, for more information.

Can I upgrade my VXIpc 800/700?

• VXIpc 800 Series users only—You can upgrade the modular CPU card to upgrade the processor. Contact National Instruments for information.

How can I boot from an external SCSI hard drive?

 VXIpc 800 Series users only—In the Setup/Standard window change the Master drive setting from User to SCSI, and make sure that SCSI is enabled in the Setup/Chipset window.

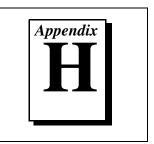
Can I use the internal IDE drive and an external SCSI hard drive at the same time?

• **VXIpc 800 Series users only**—Yes, but you can only boot from the internal IDE drive in this configuration.

My CMOS is corrupted. How do I set it back to default?

- 1. Select **Default/Optimal**.
- 2. Save and exit.

Customer Communication



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VXIpc 800 Series Hardware Settings

| VXIpc 800 Series Model Number | | |
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| VXIpc 800 Series Part Number | | |
| VXIpc 800 Series Serial Number | | |
| Processor Speed | | |
| DRAM SIMMs Installed | | |
| Hard Drive Size Video Memory | | |
| Slot Location | | |
| W1 Setting: SCSI Termination | | |
| W2 Setting: CMOS | | |
| W4 Setting: LPT1 DMA | | |
| W13 Setting: Slot 0 Detection | | |
| S1 Setting: Ethernet EEPROM | | |
| S2 Setting: MITE Self-Configuration | | |
| S3 Setting: CLK10 Source | | |
| S4 Setting: Inverted/Non-inverted CLK10 Output | | |
| S5 Setting: CLK10 SMB | | |
| S6 Setting: CLK10 Input Termination | | |
| S7 Setting: External Trigger Input Termination | | |
| S8 Setting: GPIB IRQ Level | | |
| S9 Setting: MITE User/Factory Configuration | | |

VXIpc 700 Series Hardware Settings

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| VXIpc 700 Series Part Number | |
| VXIpc 700 Series Serial Number | |
| Processor Speed | |
| DRAM SIMMs Installed | |
| Hard Drive Size Video Memory | |
| Slot Location | |
| W1 Setting: Slot 0 Detection | |
| W3 Setting: CMOS | |
| W6 Setting: Ethernet EEPROM | |
| W7 Setting: MITE User/Factory Configuration | |
| W10 Setting: MITE Self-Configuration | |
| W12 Setting: External Trigger Input Termination | |

Other Products

| Mainframe make and model |
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| Microprocessor |
| Clock frequency or speed |
| Type of video board installed |
| Operating system version |
| Operating system mode |
| Programming language |
| Programming language version |
| Other boards in system |
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| Mouse (manufacturer, model) |
| Keyboard (manufacturer, model) |
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| Prefix | Meaning | Value |
|--------|---------|------------------|
| n- | nano- | 10 ⁻⁹ |
| μ- | micro- | 10-6 |
| m- | milli- | 10-3 |
| K- | kilo- | 10 ³ |
| М- | mega- | 10 ⁶ |
| G- | giga- | 10 ⁹ |

A

| A | Amperes |
|---------------|--|
| address | Character code that identifies a specific location (or series of locations) in memory |
| address space | A set of 2^n memory locations differentiated from other such sets in VXI/VMEbus systems by six addressing lines known as address modifiers. <i>n</i> is the number of address lines required to uniquely specify a byte location in a given space. Valid numbers for <i>n</i> are 16, 24, and 32. In VME/VXI, because there are six address modifiers, there are 64 possible address spaces. |
| ANSI | American National Standards Institute |
| ASIC | application-specific integrated circuit |

| В | |
|-----------|---|
| b | bits |
| В | bytes |
| backplane | An assembly, typically a printed circuit board, with 96-pin connectors and signal paths that bus the connector pins. A C-size VXIbus system will have two sets of bused connectors called J1 and J2. A D-size VXIbus system will have three sets of bused connectors called J1, J2, and J3. |
| BERR* | Bus error signal |
| BIOS | Basic Input/Output System. BIOS functions are the fundamental level of any PC or compatible computer. BIOS functions embody the basic operations needed for successful use of the computer's hardware resources. |
| C | |
| CLK10 | A 10 MHz, ± 100 ppm, individually buffered (to each module slot), differential ECL system clock that is sourced from Slot 0 of a VXIbus mainframe and distributed to Slots 1 through 12 on P2. It is distributed to each slot as a single-source, single-destination signal with a matched delay of under 8 ns. |
| CMOS | Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor; a process used in making chips |
| D | |
| DIN | Deutsches Institut für Normung—German Standards Institute |
| DMA | Direct Memory Access; a method by which data is transferred between devices and internal memory without intervention of the central processing unit |
| DRAM | Dynamic RAM (Random Access Memory); storage that the computer must refresh at frequent intervals |

Ε

| ECL | Emitter-Coupled Logic |
|---------------------|--|
| EDO | Extended Data Out; a DRAM architecture that shortens overall access latency, improving performance |
| EEPROM | Electronically Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory |
| embedded controller | An intelligent CPU (controller) interface plugged directly into the VXI backplane, giving it direct access to the VXIbus. It must have all of its required VXI interface capabilities built in. |
| EMC | Electromagnetic Compliance |
| F | |
| fair requester | A VXIbus device that will not arbitrate for the VXIbus after releasing it until it detects the bus request signal inactive. This ensures that all requesting devices will be granted use of the bus. |
| FPERR | Floating Point Error |
| | |
| G | |
| G GPIB | General Purpose Interface Bus (IEEE 488) |
| - | General Purpose Interface Bus (IEEE 488) |
| GPIB | General Purpose Interface Bus (IEEE 488) hexadecimal; the numbering system with base 16, using the digits 0 to 9 and letters A to F |
| GPIB H | hexadecimal; the numbering system with base 16, using the digits 0 to |
| GPIB H hex | hexadecimal; the numbering system with base 16, using the digits 0 to 9 and letters A to F |
| GPIB H hex | hexadecimal; the numbering system with base 16, using the digits 0 to 9 and letters A to F |

| in. | inches |
|-------------------|---|
| I/O | input/output; the techniques, media, and devices used to achieve communication between machines and users |
| INT | interrupt |
| INTA | PCI interrupt A |
| INTB | PCI interrupt B |
| INTC | PCI interrupt C |
| INTD | PCI interrupt D |
| interrupt | A means for a device to request service from another device |
| interrupt handler | A VMEbus functional module that detects interrupt requests generated by interrupters and responds to those requests by requesting status and identify information |
| interrupt level | The relative priority at which a device can interrupt |
| IRQ* | Interrupt signal |
| ISA | Industry Standard Architecture denotes a common expansion bus used in PCs |
| К | |
| KB | kilobytes of memory |
| L | |
| LED | Light-emitting diode |
| М | |
| m | meters |
| master | A functional part of a VME/VXIbus device that initiates data transfers on the backplane. A transfer can be either a read or a write. |

| MB | megabytes of memory |
|-------------------|--|
| MITE | A National Instruments custom ASIC, a sophisticated dual-channel DMA controller that incorporates the Synchronous MXI and VME64 protocols to achieve high-performance block transfer rates |
| MODID | Module ID Lines. Used in VXI to geographically locate boards and to dynamically configure boards |
| MTBF | Mean Time Between Failure |
| N | |
| NI-VXI | The National Instruments bus interface software for VME/VXIbus systems |
| NMI | NonMaskable Interrupt |
| Non-Slot 0 device | A device configured for installation in any slot in a VXIbus mainframe other than Slot 0. Installing such a device into Slot 0 can damage the device, the VXIbus backplane, or both. |
| Р | |
| PCI | Peripheral Component Interconnect. The PCI bus is a high-performance 32-bit or 64-bit bus with multiplexed address and data lines. |
| PCMCIA | Personal Computer Memory Card International Association |
| РЕМ | Penn Engineering Manufacturing Corporation. A manufacturer of nuts pressed into metal |
| POSC | Power-On Self Configuration. A process by which the MITE chip programs its own registers from EEPROMs at power up |
| PWB | Printed Wire Board |

R

| Resource Manager | A message-based Commander located at Logical Address 0, which |
|------------------|--|
| | provides configuration management services such as address map |
| | configuration, Commander and Servant mappings, and self-test and |
| | diagnostic management |

S

| S | seconds |
|---------------|--|
| SCSI | Small Computer System Interface |
| SIMM | Single In-line Memory Module |
| slave | A functional part of a VME/VXIbus device that detects data transfer cycles initiated by a VMEbus master and responds to the transfers when the address specifies one of the device's registers |
| Slot 0 device | A device configured for installation in Slot 0 of a VXIbus mainframe. This device is unique in the VXIbus system in that it performs the VMEbus System Controller functions, including clock sourcing and arbitration for data transfers across the backplane. Installing such a device into any other slot can damage the device, the VXIbus backplane, or both. |
| SMB | Sub Miniature Type B connector that features a snap coupling for fast connection |
| т | |
| trigger | Either TTL or ECL lines used for intermodule communication |
| TTL | Transistor-Transistor Logic |
| V | |
| V | Volts |
| VME | Versa Module Eurocard or IEEE 1014 |

| VMEbus System Controller | A device configured for installation in Slot 0 of a VXIbus mainframe or Slot 1 of a VMEbus chassis. This device is unique in the VMEbus system in that it performs the VMEbus System Controller functions, including clock sourcing and arbitration for data transfers across the backplane. Installing such a device into any other slot can damage the device, the VMEbus/VXIbus backplane, or both. |
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| VXIbus | VMEbus Extensions for Instrumentation |
| VXIedit | VXI Resource Editor program, a part of the NI-VXI bus interface software. Used to configure the system, edit the manufacturer name and ID numbers, edit the model names of VXI and non-VXI devices in the system, as well as the system interrupt configuration information, and display the system configuration information generated by the Resource Manager. |
| VXIinit | A program in the NI-VXI bus interface software package that initializes the board interrupts, shared RAM, VXI register configurations, and bus configurations |

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