S Series Multifunction DAQ 12 or 16-Bit, 1 to 10 MS/s, 4 Analog Inputs

NI 6120, NI 6115, NI 6110, NI 6111

- 2 or 4 analog inputs; dedicated A/D converter per channel
- 1 to 10 MS/s per channel maximum sample rate
- Analog and digital triggering
- AC or DC coupling
- 8 input ranges from ±200 mV to ±42 V
- 2 analog outputs at 4 MS/s single channel or 2.5 MS/s dual channel
- 8 digital I/O lines (5 V TTL/CMOS)
- Two 24-bit counter/timers
- Measurement services that simplify configuration and measurements

Operating Systems
- Windows 2000/NT/XP
- Mac OS X
- Linux

Recommended Software
- LabVIEW 7.x or higher
- LabWindows/CVI 7.x or higher
- Measurement Studio 7.x or higher
- Digital Waveform Editor
- SignalExpress 1.x or higher

Other Compatible Software
- VI Logger 2.x or higher
- Visual Studio .NET
- Visual Basic, C/C++, and C#

Measurement Services Software (included)[1]
- NI-DAQmx driver software
- Measurement & Automation Explorer configuration utility
- VI Logger Lite data-logging software

[1]Mac OS X and Linux applications must use NI-DAQmx Base driver software.

Calibration Certificate Available

Family	Bus	Analog Inputs	Input Resolution (bits)	Sampling Rate (MS/s)	Input Range (V)	Analog Outputs	Max Output Rate (MS/s)	Output Range (V)	Digital I/O	Counter/ Timers	Triggers
NI 6120	PCI, PXI	4	16	1[3]	±0.2 to ±42	2	4[1]	±10	8[2]	2, 24-bit	Analog, digital
NI 6115	PCI, PXI	4	12	10	±0.2 to ±42	2	4[1]	±10	8[2]	2, 24-bit	Analog, digital
NI 6110	PCI	4	12	5	±0.2 to ±42	2	4[1]	±10	8	2, 24-bit	Analog, digital
NI 6111	PCI	2	12	5	±0.2 to ±42	2	4[1]	±10	8	2, 24-bit	Analog, digital

[1]4 MS/s single channel; 2.5 MS/s on two channels [2]Hardware-timed up to 10 MB/s [3]800 kS/s with NI-DAQmx, 1 MS/s with additional download. Special conditions apply.

Table 1. Channel, Speed, and Resolution Specifications

Overview and Applications

National Instruments S Series devices combine the latest in PC technologies to deliver simultaneous-sampling, high-bandwidth capabilities for low and high-channel-count data acquisition and control systems. Use S Series devices in a variety of applications including:

- Stimulus/response applications where synchronization among high-speed analog input (AI), analog output (AO), and digital I/O is required
- 42 V automotive applications
- Radar, sonar, ultrasound
- Transient/ballistics measurements
- High-energy physics
- IF digitization

Features

The NI high-performance S Series DAQ devices have the same basic features of a typical multifunction device – eight digital I/O lines, two counter/timers, two analog outputs, RTSI or PXI trigger bus for multidevice synchronization, and PFI lines for software-controlled routing of timing and triggering signals. S Series devices exceed the analog input performance of traditional multiplexed devices with features including:

Family	Onboard Memory (samples)	Antialias Filters[1]	Signal Coupling	Input Configuration	DIO
NI 6120	64 M	5-pole Bessel, 100 kHz	AC and DC	Pseudodifferential	Hardware-timed
NI 6115	32 M or 64 M	3-pole Bessel 50 and 500 kHz	AC and DC	Pseudodifferential	Hardware-timed
NI 6110	8,192	–	DC	Pseudodifferential	Software-timed
NI 6111	8,192	–	DC	Pseudodifferential	Software-timed

[1]Filter can be bypassed.

Table 2. Special Features

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Dedicated A/D Converters per Channel – help you achieve faster sampling rates per channel, simultaneous sampling, and better dynamic accuracy for transient or frequency measurements.

200 mV to 42 V Input Ranges – configure each analog input channel to read from a very wide variety of voltage ranges. The input impedance is lower for 20 and 42 V ranges, preserving the bandwidth for signals with high frequencies and large amplitudes.

AC or DC Coupling – configure analog inputs for AC or DC coupling on a per-channel basis. AC coupling removes the DC offset for applications only analyzing signals in the frequency domain.

Antialias Filters (NI 6115 and NI 6120) – the antialias filters are turned on from software on a per-channel basis. NI 6115 devices have 50 or 500 kHz filters for each channel, and NI 6120 devices have 100 kHz filters for each channel.

Large Onboard Memory (NI 6115 and NI 6120) – NI 6120 devices feature a 64 MS onboard memory, and NI 6115 devices feature a 64 or 32 MS onboard memory. With the extra memory, which requires no extra programming, you can capture high-bandwidth signals over long periods of time, even if multiple devices are sharing the same PCI or PXI bus.

Hardware-Timed Digital I/O – the digital I/O lines can synchronize with the analog input, analog output, counter/timer I/O, or an external clock for mixed-signal measurement applications. Using the onboard FIFO, you can achieve reliable data transfers to 10 MB/s.

Phase Locking (PXI only) – synchronize multiple devices to a common PXI backplane clock to preserve the phase between measurements across multiple device analog input channels.

Professional Analysis and Presentation Toolkits

There are several analysis and presentation add-on toolkits available from National Instruments that help make you more productive when developing custom applications with your S Series devices. Turn your S Series device into a transient recorder, spectrum analyzer, or one of several other instruments with these toolkits.

NI LabVIEW Sound and Vibration Toolkit

This toolkit includes a full set of frequency-domain analysis and presentation tools required for sound and vibration applications. These tools include:
• Distortion, gain, phase, cross-talk, and dynamic range measurements
• Octave analysis
• Swept-sine analysis
• Linear, exponential, and peak hold measurements
• Baseband and zoom FFT, power, FFT, power spectral density (PSD)
• Limit testing
• Short-time Fourier transform and shock response spectrum
• Weighting filters
• System calibration
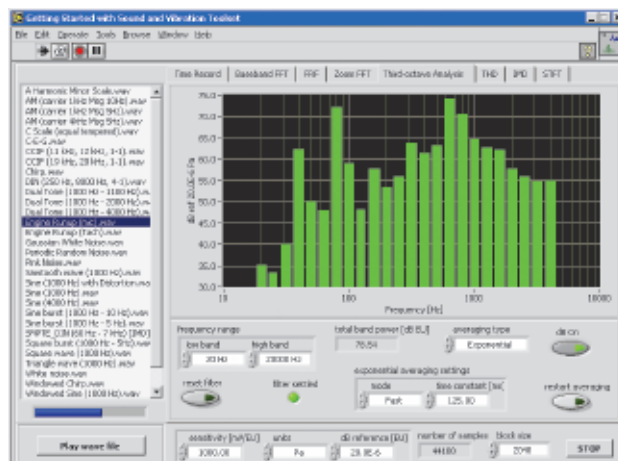• Waterfall/colormap display

Figure 1. Sound and Vibration Toolkit

NI LabVIEW Signal Processing Toolkit

This toolkit is a suite of software tools, example programs, and utilities for time-frequency analysis and digital filter design. The toolkit includes:
• Wavelet and filter-bank design
• Digital filter design of FIR and IIR filters
• Joint time-frequency analysis (JTFA) with the Gabor spectrograph
• High-frequency resolution model-based spectral estimation for small datasets

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NI Spectral Measurements Toolkit

This toolkit includes all of the analysis and presentation tools to convert your S Series device into a full-featured spectrum analyzer. The toolkit includes:
• Measurements such as in-band power and adjacent-channel power
• 3D spectrogram
• Analog modulation and demodulation
• I-Q data for digital demodulation
• Highly optimized FFT processing

High-Performance Data Throughput

Using NI-DAQmx driver software and S Series, you can take full advantage of your PC's throughput potential, which is useful in many applications including transient recording.

Flexible Data Transfer

With NI-DAQmx, you can choose where to accumulate data – on the onboard memory, PC RAM memory, or PC hard drive memory. Thus, you can balance your PC application requirements and stream-to-disk/memory capabilities. In any case, NI-DAQmx optimizes data transfers by using DMA (direct memory access) and transferring large chunks of data, while ensuring no data loss. You can also choose the format of your data, further optimizing throughput. Choices include raw (binary), scaled, or the high-level waveform data type. Using these techniques, you can achieve rates of more than 40 MS/s sustained over the PCI/PXI bus to hard drive (depending on the PC).

Data Compaction

With the release of NI-DAQmx 7.4 or later, data compaction is available for stream-to-disk applications. The NI-DAQmx compaction feature strips unused or unwanted bits of data from each sample taken from your S Series device before it is permanently recorded to hard disk. This is helpful because hard drives are typically the throughput bottleneck compared to the PCI/PXI bus and PC RAM memory read/write speed. Using data compression, users with standard hard drives can see up to 20 percent higher throughput when streaming-to-disk.

Signal Conditioning

With the release of NI-DAQmx 7.4 or later, all S Series devices are compatible with parallel-mode SCXI modules.

Model	Description	Channels
SCXI-1520	Universal Strain Gage Input	8
SCXI-1125	Isolation Amplifier	8
SCXI-1141/2/3	8-Pole Lowpass Filters	8

Table 3. Most Popular Parallel-Mode SCXI Modules

SCXI is limited to 100 kS/s for 16-bit accuracy and 333 kS/s for 12-bit accuracy when used in multiplexed mode. However, in parallel mode, the sample rate is limited by the maximum scan rate of the data acquisition device. When SCXI is used in parallel mode with S Series, all channels are simultaneously sampled and the sampling rate is limited by the S Series device, from 250 kS/s per channel to 10 MS/s per channel.

Measurement Services Software

National Instruments measurement services software, built around NI-DAQmx driver software, includes intuitive application programming interfaces, configuration tools, I/O assistants, and other tools designed to reduce system setup, configuration, and development time.

Automatic Code Generation – DAQ Assistant is an interactive guide that helps you navigate through configuring, testing, and programming measurement tasks and automatically generates the necessary code for LabVIEW, LabWindows/CVI, or Measurement Studio.

Cleaner Code Development – Basic and advanced software functions have been combined into one easy-to-use yet powerful set to help you build cleaner code and move from basic to advanced applications without replacing functions.

High-Performance Driver Engine – NI-DAQmx delivers maximum I/O system throughput with a multithreaded driver.

Test Panels – With the Measurement & Automation Explorer configuration utility, you can test all of your module functionality before you begin development.

Scaled Channels – Easily scale your voltage data into the proper engineering units using the NI-DAQmx Measurement Ready virtual channels by choosing from a list of common sensors and signals or creating your own custom scale.

Data-Logging Software – VI Logger Lite is configuration-based software designed specifically for data logging. Features include easy logging and viewing of data, data extraction to Microsoft Excel, and code generation in LabVIEW.

LabVIEW Integration – All NI-DAQmx functions create the waveform data type, which carries acquired data and timing information directly into more than 400 LabVIEW built-in analysis routines for display of results in engineering units on a graph.

NI-DAQmx Base Driver

NI-DAQmx Base (available at **ni.com/downloads**) offers Mac OS X and Linux users a programming interface similar to NI-DAQmx. It includes ready-to-use LabVIEW VIs and C function features similar to those included in NI-DAQmx driver software.

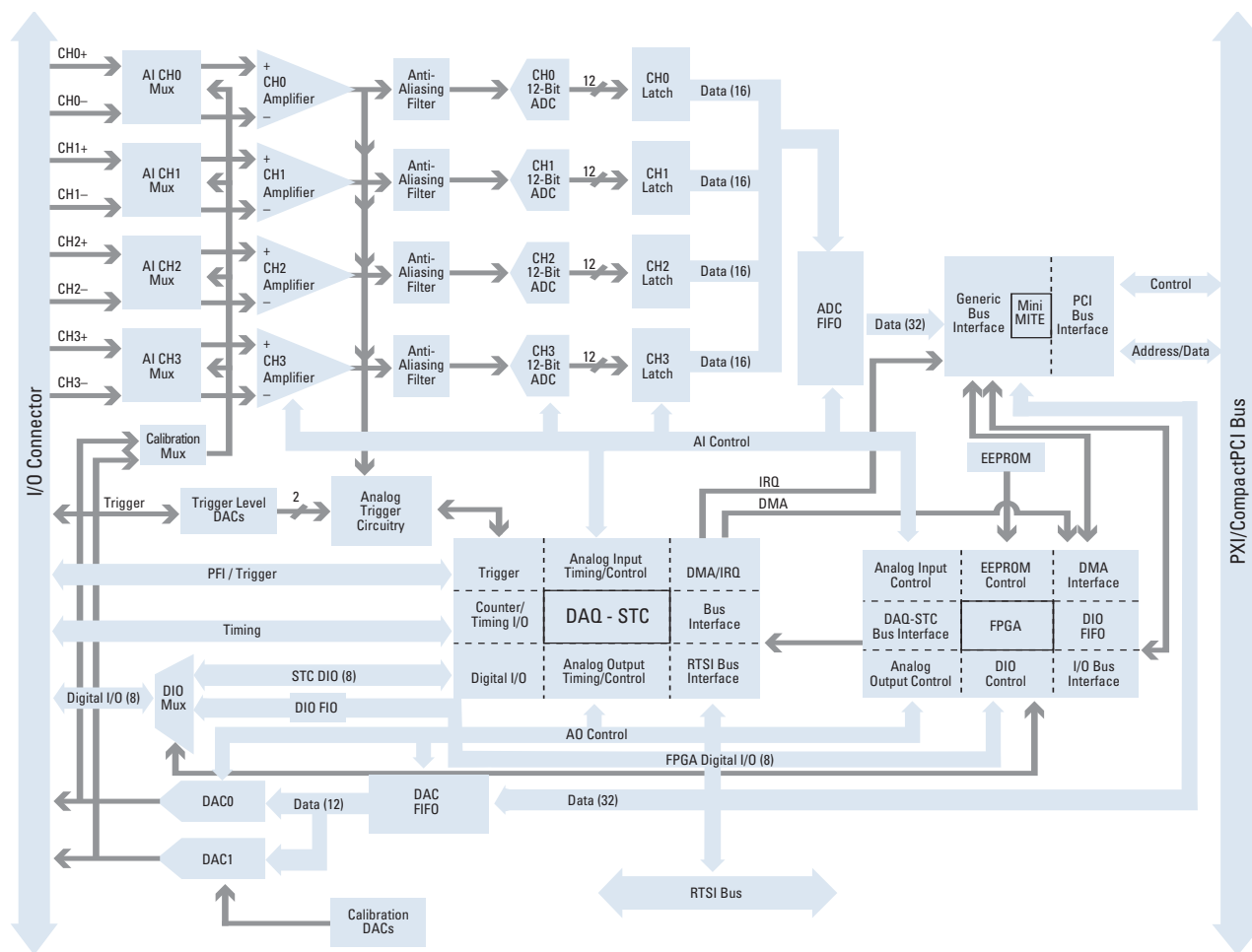# S Series Multifunction DAQ 12 or 16-Bit, 1 to 10 MS/s, 4 Analog Inputs

Figure 2. NI 6120 and NI 6115 Hardware Block Diagram

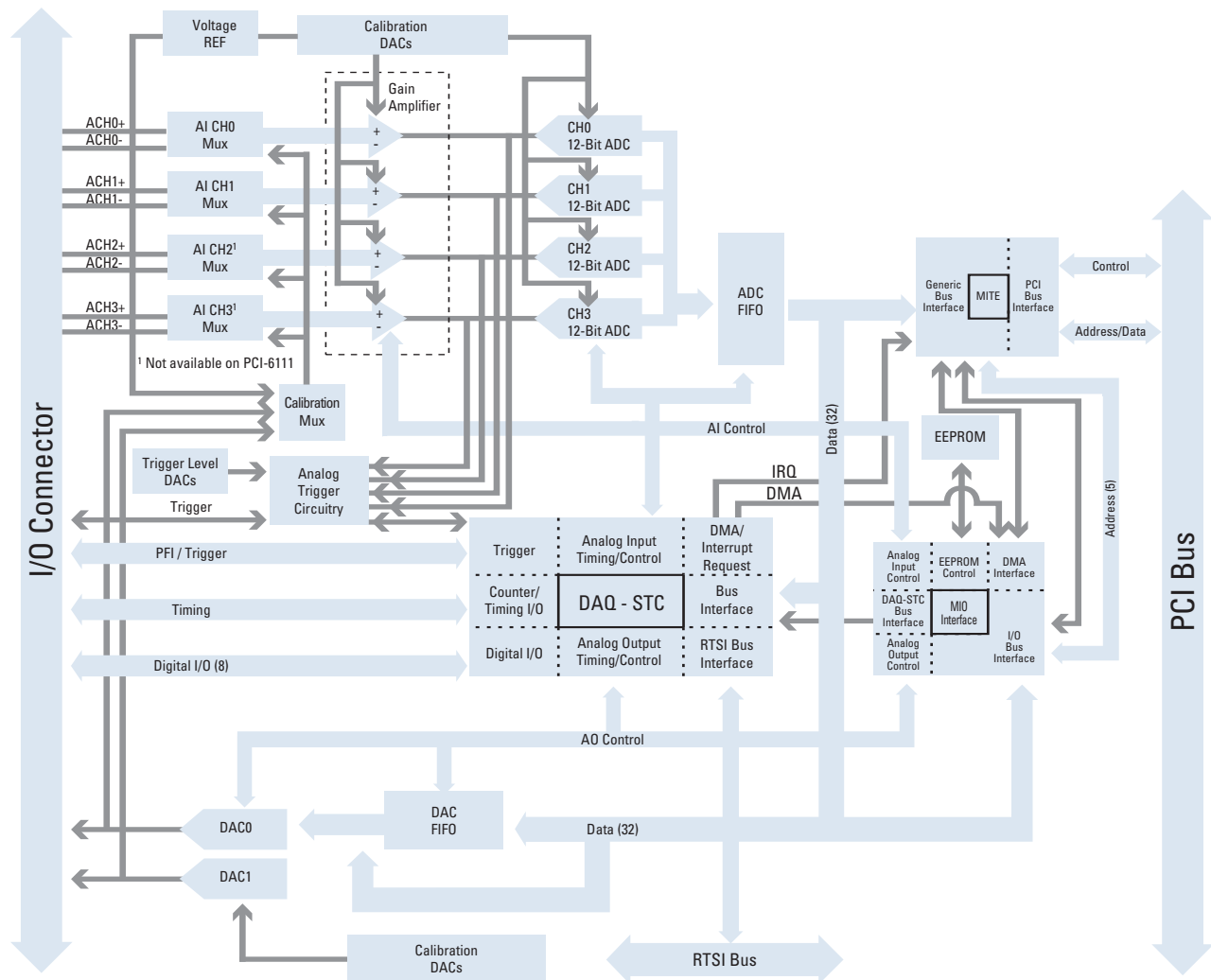# S Series Multifunction DAQ 12 or 16-Bit, 1 to 10 MS/s, 4 Analog Inputs

Figure 3. NI 6110 and 6111 Hardware Block Diagram

Ordering Information

PCI

NI PCI-6120 778397-01
NI PCI-6115 with
    32 MS 778534-01
    64 MS 778554-01
NI PCI-6111 777530-01
NI PCI-6110 777475-01

PXI

NI PXI-6115 with
    32 MS 778194-01
    64 MS 778204-01
NI PXI-6120 778396-01
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Specifications

These specifications are typical for 25 °C unless otherwise noted.

Analog Input

Input Characteristics

Number of channels
NI 6110, NI 6115, NI 6120	4 pseudodifferential
NI 6111	2 pseudodifferential

ADC resolution
NI 6110, NI 6111, NI 6115	12 bits, 1 in 4,096
NI 6120	16 bits, 1 in 65,536

ADC pipeline
NI 6110, NI 6111	3
NI 6115	4
NI 6120	0

Maximum sampling rate
NI 6110, NI 6111	5 MS/s
NI 6115	10 MS/s
NI 6120	1 MS/s[1]

Minimum sampling rate
NI 6110, NI 6111	1 kS/s
NI 6115	20 kS/s
NI 6120	No minimum

Input signal ranges
(selectable by channel)	±42, ±20, ±10, ±5, ±2, ±1, ±0.5, ±0.2 V
Input coupling	AC or DC

Max working voltage for all analog input channels

Overvoltage protection
(ACH+, ACH-)	±42 V

Input FIFO buffer
NI 6110, NI 6111	8,192 samples
NI 6115, NI 6120	16 Msamples or 32 Msamples
Data transfers	DMA (scatter-gather), interrupts, programmed I/O

Analog filter type
NI 6115	3-pole Bessel
NI 6120	5-pole Bessel

Analog filter frequency (-3 dB)
NI 6115	50 and 500 kHz
NI 6120	100 kHz

[1] 800 kS/s with NI-DAQmx, 1 MS/s with additional download. Special conditions apply.

Analog Output

Output Characteristics

Number of channels	2 voltage

Resolution
NI 6110, NI 6111, NI 6120	16 bits, 1 in 65,536
NI 6115	12 bits, 1 in 4,096

Max update rate
1 channel	4 MS/s
2 channel	2.5 MS/s

Output FIFO buffer size
NI 6110, NI 6111	2,048 samples
NI 6115, NI 6120	16 or 32 Msamples
Data transfers	DMA (scatter-gather), interrupts, programmed I/O

Voltage Output

Ranges	±10 V
Output coupling	DC

Digital I/O

Number of channels	8 input/output
Compatibility	TTL/CMOS
Power-on state	Input (high-impedence)

Data transfers
NI 6110, NI 6111	Programmed I/O
NI 6115, NI 6120	DMA (scatter-gather), interrupts, programmed I/O

Transfer rate
NI 6115, NI 6120	10 Mbytes/s

Input buffer size
NI 6115, NI 6120	2,048 bytes

Output buffer size
NI 6115, NI 6120	2,048 bytes

Timing I/O

Number of channels
Up/down counter/timers	2
Frequency scaler	1

Resolution
Up/down counter/timers	24 bits
Frequency scaler	4 bits
Compatibility	TTL/CMOS

Base clocks available
Up/down counter/timers	20 MHz, 100 kHz
Frequency scaler	10 MHz, 100 kHz
Base clock accuracy	±0.01%

Maximum source frequency
Up/down counter/timers	20 MHz
Minimum source pulse duration	10 ns, edge-detect mode
Minimum gate pulse duration	10 ns, edge-detect mode
Data transfers	DMA (scatter-gather), interrupts, programmed I/O

Triggers

Analog Trigger

Purpose
Analog input	Start and stop trigger, gate, clock
Analog output	Start trigger, gate, clock
General-purpose counter/timers	Source, gate
Source	All analog input channels, PFI0/TRIG1

Level
Internal source, ACH<0..3>	±Full-scale
External source, PFI0/TRIG1	±10 V
Slope	Positive or negative; software-selectable

Resolution
NI 6110, NI 6111, NI 6115	8 bits, 1 in 256
NI 6120	12 bits, 1 in 4,096
Hysteresis	Programmable

Bandwidth (-3 dB)
Internal source, ACH<0..3>	5 MHz
External source, PFI0/TRIG1	5 MHz

Digital Trigger

Purpose
Analog input	Start and stop trigger, gate, clock
Analog output	Start trigger, gate, clock
General-purpose counter/timers	Source, gate
External Sources	PFI<0..9>, RTSI<0..6>
Compatibility	5 V/TTL
Response	Rising or falling edge
Pulse width	10 ns minimum

PXI Trigger Bus (PXI only)
Trigger lines	7

RTSI Bus (PCI only)
Trigger lines	7

Bus Interface
PXI or PCI	Master, slave

Physical

Dimensions (not including connectors)
PCI	31.2 by 10.6 cm (12.3 by 4.2 in.)
PXI	16 by 10 cm (6.3 by 3.9 in.)
I/O connector	68-pin male SCSI II type

S Series Multifunction DAQ Cables and Accessories

SH68-68-EP Shielded Cable
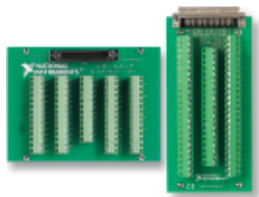
R6868 Ribbon Cable

BNC-2110 I/O Connector Block

TB-2705 Terminal Block

SCB-68 Shielded I/O Connector Block

CB-68LP and CB-68LPR I/O Connector Blocks

Recommended Configurations

I/O Configuration	Accessory	Cable
BNC shielded	BNC-2110 (777643-01)	SH68-68-EP (184749-01)
Front-mount shielded screw terminals (PXI only)	TB-2705 (778241-01)	–
Noise-rejecting shielded screw terminals	SCB-68 (776844-01)	SH68-68-EP (184749-01)
Low-cost unshielded screw terminals	CB-68LPR (777145-02)	R6868 (777643-01)

SH68-68-EP Noise-Rejecting Shielded Cable
The SH68-68-EP is a shielded 68-conductor cable terminated with two 68-pin female 0.050 series D-type connectors. It features individually shielded analog twisted pairs for reduced cross-talk with high-speed devices.

1 m 184749-01
2 m 184749-02

R6868 Low-Cost, Ribbon Cable
The R6868 is a 68-conductor flat ribbon cable terminated with two 68-pin female 0.050 series D-type connectors.

1 m 182482-01

BNC-2110 Noise-Rejecting BNC I/O Connector Block
The BNC-2110 is a shielded connector block with signal-labeled BNC connectors for easy connectivity of your analog input, digital I/O, and counter/timer signals.

BNC-2110 777643-01
    Dimensions – 20.3 by 11.2 by 5.5 cm (8.0 by 4.4 by 2.2 in.)

TB-2705 Noise-Rejecting Front-Mount I/O Connector Block
The TB-2705 is a screw terminal block for your PXI DAQ devices. It latches to the front of your PXI modules with locking screws and provides strain relief and easy access to your analog, digital, trigger, and counter/timer signals through screw terminals.

TB-2705 778241-01
    Dimensions – 8.43 by 10.41 by 2.03 cm (3.32 by 4.1 by 0.8 in.)

SCB-68 Noise-Rejecting Shielded I/O Connector Block
The SCB-68 is a shielded I/O connector block for rugged, very-low-noise signal termination for connecting 68-pin DAQ devices. Silk-screened component locations provide an easy addition of simple signal-conditioning circuitry for your analog input channels. It also includes a general-purpose breadboard area as well as an IC temperature sensor for cold-junction compensation in temperature measurements.

SCB-68 776844-01
   Dimensions – 19.5 by 15.2 by 4.5 cm (7.7 by 6.0 by 1.8 in.)

CB-68LP and CB-68LPR Low-Cost I/O Connector Blocks
The CB-68 and CB-68LP are low-cost termination accessories with 68 screw terminals for easy connector of field I/O signals to 68-pin DAQ devices. The connector blocks include standoffs for use on a desktop or for mounting in a custom panel. The CB-68LP has a vertical-mounted 68-pin connector. The CB-68-LPR has a right-angle mounted connector, and it is used with the CA-1000.

CB-68LP..777145-01
    Dimensions – 14.35 by 10.74 cm (5.65 by 4.23 in.)
CB-68LPR 777145-02
    Dimensions – 7.62 by 16.19 cm (3.00 by 6.36 in.)

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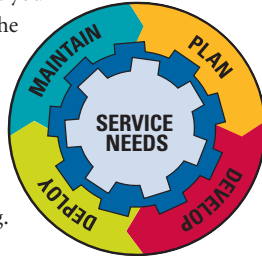
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