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High-Accuracy M Series Multifunction DAQ for USB - 18-Bit, up to 625 kS/s, up to 32 Analog Inputs



- 16 or 32 analog inputs at 18 bits, 625 kS/s (500 kS/s scanning)
- Up to 4 analog outputs at 16 bits, 2.86 MS/s, custom offset and range
- Up to 48 TTL/CMOS digital I/O lines (up to 32 hardware-timed at up to 1 MHz)
- Two 32-bit, 80 MHz counter/timers

- Analog and digital triggering supported; power supply included
- NI-PGIA 2 and NI-MCal calibration technology for improved measurement accuracy
- NI signal streaming for 4 high-speed data streams on USB
- NI-DAQmx driver software and LabVIEW SignalExpress LE included

Overview

With recent bandwidth improvements and new innovations from National Instruments, USB has evolved into a core bus of choice for measurement and automation applications. NI M Series high-accuracy devices for USB deliver high-performance data acquisition in an easy-to-use and portable form factor through USB ports on laptop computers and other portable computing platforms. NI created NI signal streaming, an innovative patent-pending technology that enables sustained bidirectional high-speed data streams on USB. The new technology, combined with advanced external synchronization and isolation, helps engineers and scientists achieve high-performance applications on USB.

All high-accuracy devices have a minimum of 16 analog inputs, an onboard lowpass filter, 24 digital I/O lines, seven programmable input ranges, analog and digital triggering, and two counter/timers.

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Requirements and Compatibility

OS Information

- Windows 2000/XP
- Windows Vista x64/x86

Driver Information

- NI-DAQmx

Software Compatibility

- ANSI C/C++
- LabVIEW
- Visual Studio .NET
- Visual C#
- LabVIEW SignalExpress

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Comparison Tables

Family	Connector	Analog Inputs	Resolution	Max Rate	Analog Outputs	Resolution	Max Rate	Digital I/O	Counter/Timer
USB-6281	Screw/68-pin SCSI	16 SE/8 DI	18 bits	625 kS/s	2	16 bits	2.86 MS/s	24 (8 clocked)	2
USB-6289	Screw/68-pin SCSI	32 SE/16 DI	18 bits	625 kS/s	4	16 bits	2.86 MS/s	48 (32 clocked)	2

Application and Technology

High Accuracy

NI M Series high-accuracy multifunction USB data acquisition (DAQ) devices are optimized for high accuracy at fast sampling rates. They incorporate the NI-PGIA 2 custom amplifier and NI-MCal self-calibration designed for low noise, fast settling to 18 bits, and maximum accuracy. An onboard lowpass filter rejects high-frequency noise and prevents aliasing, helping to deliver a resolution equivalent to more than 5½ digits for DC measurements, with an absolute accuracy of 980 µV at the ±10 V range and 28 µV at ±10 mV. High-accuracy NI USB-628x M Series devices also have an extended two-year calibration interval. With the enhanced analog output on USB-628x devices, you can now define custom offset and range settings. This means you can maximize the 16 bits of output resolution around a fixed DC offset, increasing the accuracy of analog waveforms.

NI Signal Streaming

Unlike typical multifunction USB data acquisition devices, NI USB M Series DAQ devices incorporate NI signal streaming, a patent-pending technology that combines three innovative hardware- and software-level design elements to enable sustained high-speed and bidirectional data streams over USB. NI signal streaming, along with the error correction, noise rejection, power management, and power distribution inherent in the USB protocol, yields a robust, secure, and reliable bus. Without NI signal streaming, a multifunction data acquisition device could sustain only a single high-speed data stream, effectively making it a single-function device. For more information, visit ni.com/usb.

Applications

In addition to test, control, and design, the high accuracy offered by USB-628x devices opens new application areas for data acquisition in analytical instrumentation and medical devices. Applications that can benefit from 18-bit accuracy include:

- Semiconductor characterization
- Portable data logging - log environmental, structural, or voltage data quickly and easily
- Field-monitoring applications
- Embedded OEM applications in medical devices or analytical instrumentation
- In-vehicle data acquisition
- Academic lab use - academic discounts available

USB M Series for Test

You can use the M Series high-accuracy analog inputs and 10 MHz digital lines with NI signal conditioning for applications including test, component characterization, and measurements requiring instrument-class accuracy. The 18-bit analog-to-digital converter (ADC) and available filtering provide a four times increase in resolution and five times more measurement sensitivity. With fast sampling rates and a low noise floor, these devices can accurately acquire dynamic signals. Advanced analog clamping circuitry protects the hardware from overvoltage conditions and ensures accurate measurements on nonsaturated channels. High-accuracy USB-628x M Series devices are compatible with the NI SCC signal conditioning platform, providing amplification filtering and power for virtually every type of sensor. This platform is also compliant with IEEE 1451.4 smart transducer electronic data sheet (TEDS) sensors, which offer digital storage for sensor data sheet information.

USB M Series multifunction DAQ devices can also complement existing test systems with additional high-accuracy measurement channels. For higher-channel-count signal conditioning on USB, consider the NI CompactDAQ or NI SCXI platform.

USB M Series for Control

USB M Series digital lines can drive 24 mA for relay and actuator control. By clocking the digital lines as fast as 10 MHz (with onboard regeneration), you can use these lines for pulse-width modulation (PWM) to control valves, motors, fans, lamps, and pumps. With four waveform analog outputs, two 80 MHz counter/timers, and four high-speed data streams on USB, M Series devices can execute multiple control loops simultaneously. High-accuracy USB-628x M Series devices also offer direct support for encoder measurements, protected digital lines, and digital debounce filters. With up to 32 analog inputs, 32 clocked digital lines, and four analog outputs, you can execute multiple control loops with a single device.

You can also create a complete custom motion controller by combining USB M Series devices with the NI SoftMotion Development Module.

USB M Series for Design

For design applications, you can use a wide range of I/O - from 32 analog inputs to 48 digital lines - to measure and verify prototype designs. USB M Series devices and NI LabVIEW SignalExpress interactive measurement software deliver benchtop measurements to the PC. With LabVIEW SignalExpress, you can quickly create design verification tests. The fast acquisition and generation rates of high-performance, high-speed USB M Series devices along with LabVIEW SignalExpress provide fast design analysis. You can convert your tested and verified LabVIEW SignalExpress projects to LabVIEW applications for immediate M Series DAQ use, and bridge the gap between test, control, and design applications.

USB M Series for OEMs

Shorten your time to market by integrating world-class National Instruments OEM measurement products in your design. Board-only versions of high-accuracy USB M Series DAQ devices are available for OEM applications, with competitive quantity pricing and available software customization. The NI OEM Elite Program offers free 30-day trial kits for qualified customers. Visit ni.com/oem for more information.

Recommended 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. National Instruments recommends using the latest version of NI-DAQmx driver software for application development in NI LabVIEW, LabVIEW SignalExpress, LabWindows/CVI, and Measurement Studio. To obtain the latest version of NI-DAQmx, visit ni.com/support/daq/versions. NI measurement services software speeds up your development with features including:

- A guide to create fast and accurate measurements with no programming using the DAQ Assistant
- Automatic code generation to create your application in LabVIEW; LabWindows/CVI; LabVIEW SignalExpress; and Visual Studio .NET, ANSI C/C++, C#, or Visual Basic using Measurement Studio
- Multithreaded streaming technology for 1,000 times performance improvements
- Automatic timing, triggering, and synchronization routing to make advanced applications easy
- More than 3,000 free software downloads to jump-start your project available at ni.com/zone
- Software configuration of all digital I/O features without hardware switches/jumpers
- Single programming interface for analog input, analog output, digital I/O, and counters on hundreds of multifunction DAQ hardware devices

M Series devices are compatible with the following versions (or later) of NI application software - LabVIEW, LabWindows/CVI, or Measurement Studio versions 7.x or LabVIEW SignalExpress 2.x.

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Ordering Information

For a complete list of accessories, visit the product page on ni.com.

Products	Part Number	Recommended Accessories	Part Number
Board-Only Devices for Embedded Systems and OEM			
USB-6289 OEM (Quantity 1)	197596-01	No accessories required.	
USB-6281 OEM (Quantity 1)	197596-03	No accessories required.	
NI High-Accuracy M Series Multifunction DAQ for USB			
USB-6289 Mass Term Requires: 2 Cables, 2 Connector Blocks	780056-0P	Connector 0: Cable: Shielded - SH68-68-EPM Noise Rejecting, Shielded Cable, 1 m <i>**Also Available: Unshielded</i> Connector Block: Shielded - SCB-68 Noise Rejecting, Shielded I/O Connector Block <i>**Also Available: Unshielded, BNC Termination</i> Connector 1: Cable: Shielded - SH68-68-EPM Noise Rejecting, Shielded Cable, 1 m <i>**Also Available: Unshielded</i> Connector Block: Shielded - SCB-68 Noise Rejecting, Shielded I/O Connector Block <i>**Also Available: BNC Termination, Unshielded</i>	199006-02 776844-01
USB-6289 Screw Term	780055-0P	No accessories required.	
USB-6281 Screw Term	780053-0P	No accessories required.	
USB-6281 Mass Term Requires: 1 Cable, 1 Connector Block	780054-0P	Cable: Shielded - SH68-68-EPM Noise Rejecting, Shielded Cable, 1 m <i>**Also Available: Unshielded</i> Connector Block: Shielded - SCB-68 Noise Rejecting, Shielded I/O Connector Block <i>**Also Available: Unshielded, BNC Termination</i>	199006-01 776844-01

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Software Recommendations

NI LabVIEW Professional Development System for Windows

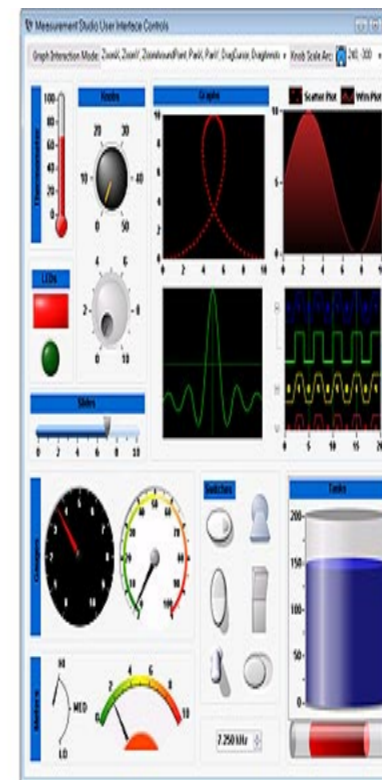
- Easy-to-use graphical development environment
- Tight integration with a wide range of measurement hardware
- Rapid user interface development for displaying live data
- Extensive signal processing, analysis, and math functionality
- Source code control integration and code complexity metrics

NI Measurement Studio Professional Edition

- Base analysis and instrumentation components for Microsoft Visual Basic, Visual C#, and Visual C++
- Cross-platform communication with network variables
- Scientific user interface controls
- Code-generating DAQ Assistant and Instrument I/O Assistant
- Acquire data from GPIB, serial, Ethernet, and plug-in data acquisition devices



- Support for Windows Vista/XP/2000



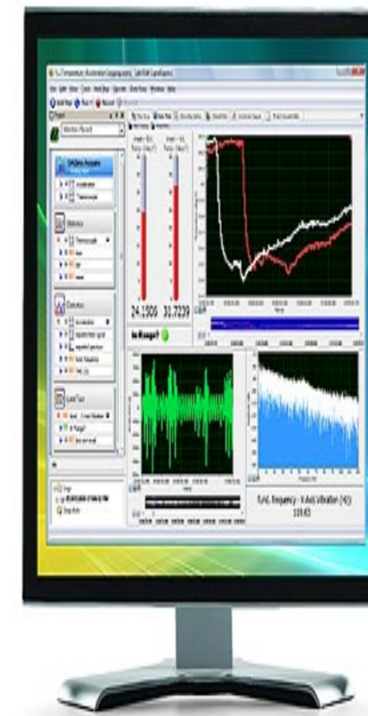
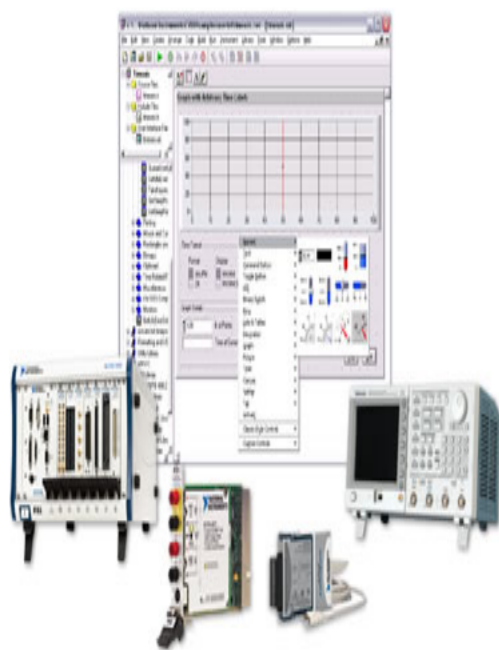
- Requires Microsoft Visual Studio 2008/2005/.NET 2003 or Visual Studio 6.0

NI LabWindows™/CVI for Windows

- Real-time advanced 2D graphs and charts with support for Windows Vista/XP/2000
- Complete hardware compatibility with IVI, VISA, DAQ, GPIB, and serial
- Analysis tools for array manipulation, signal processing statistics, and curve fitting
- Simplified cross-platform communication with network variables
- Measurement Studio .NET tools (included in LabWindows/CVI Full only)
- The mark LabWindows is used under a license from Microsoft Corporation.

NI LabVIEW SignalExpress for Windows

- Quickly configure projects without programming
- Control over 400 PC-based and stand-alone instruments
- Log data from more than 250 data acquisition devices
- Perform basic signal processing, analysis, and file I/O
- Scale your application with automatic LabVIEW code generation
- Create custom reports or easily export data to LabVIEW, DIAdem or Microsoft Excel



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Support and Services

Calibration

NI measurement hardware is calibrated to ensure measurement accuracy and verify that the device meets its published specifications. To ensure the ongoing accuracy of your measurement hardware, NI offers basic or detailed recalibration service that provides ongoing ISO 9001 audit compliance and confidence in your measurements. To learn more about NI calibration services or to locate a qualified service center near you, contact your local sales office or visit ni.com/calibration.

Technical Support

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Repair

While you may never need your hardware repaired, NI understands that unexpected events may lead to necessary repairs. NI offers repair services performed by highly trained technicians who quickly return your device with the guarantee that it will perform to factory specifications. For more information, visit ni.com/repair.

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Detailed Specifications

Specifications listed below are typical at 25 °C unless otherwise noted. Refer to the *M Series User Manual* for more information about NI 628x devices.

Analog Input		
Number of channels		
NI 6280/6281		8 differential or 16 single ended
NI 6284/6289		16 differential or 32 single ended
ADC resolution		
		18 bits
DNL		
		No missing codes guaranteed
INL		
		Refer to the <i>AI Absolute Accuracy Tables</i>
Sampling rate		
Maximum		625 kS/s single channel, 500 kS/s multi-channel (aggregate)
Minimum		No minimum
Timing accuracy		
		50 ppm of sample rate
Timing resolution		
		50 ns
Input coupling		
		DC
Input range		
		± 10 V, ± 5 V, ± 2 V, ± 1 V, ± 0.5 V, ± 0.2 V, ± 0.1 V
Maximum working voltage for analog inputs (signal + common mode)		
		± 11 V of AI GND
CMRR (DC to 60 Hz)		
		110 dB
Input impedance		
Device on		
AI+ to AI GND		>10 G Ω in parallel with 100 pF
AI- to AI GND		>10 G Ω in parallel with 100 pF
Device off		
AI+ to AI GND		820 Ω
AI- to AI GND		820 Ω
Input bias current		
		± 100 pA

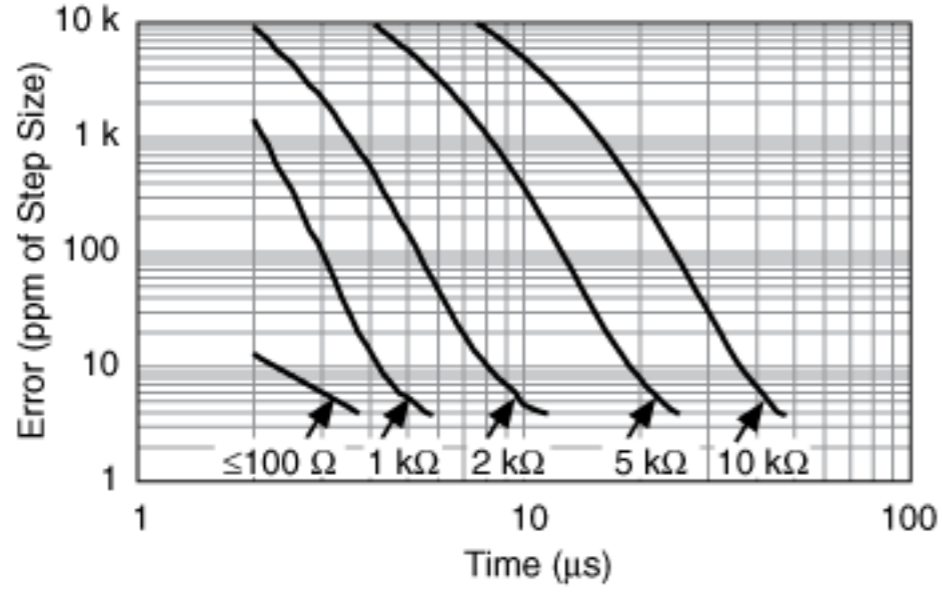
Crosstalk (at 100 kHz)	
Adjacent channels	-75 dB
Non-adjacent channels	-95 dB
Small signal bandwidth (-3 dB)	750 kHz filter off, 40 kHz filter on
Input FIFO size	2,047 samples
Scan list memory	4,095 entries
Data transfers	
PCI/PXI devices	DMA (scatter-gather), interrupts, programmed I/O
USB devices	USB Signal Stream, programmed I/O
Overvoltage protection (AI <0..31>, AI SENSE, AI SENSE 2)	
Device on	±25 V for up to eight AI pins
Device off	±15 V for up to eight AI pins
Input current during overvoltage condition	±20 mA max/AI pin

Settling Time for Multichannel Measurements

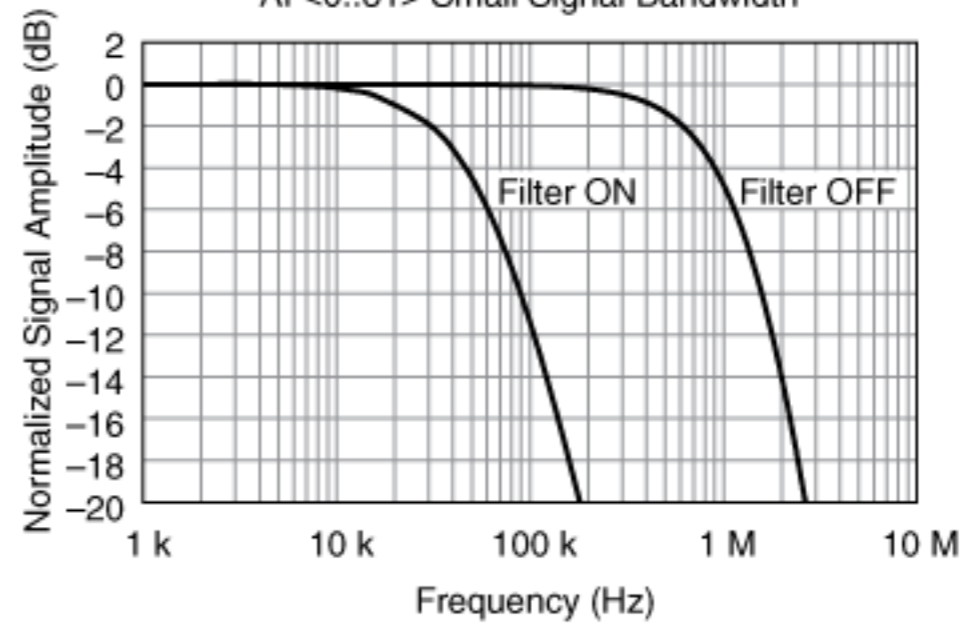
Range	Filter Off		Filter On
	±15 ppm of Step (±4 LSB for Full Scale Step)	±4 ppm of Step (±1 LSB for Full Scale Step)	±4 ppm of Step (±1 LSB for Full Scale Step)
±10 V, ±5 V	2 μs	8 μs	50 μs
±2 V, ±1 V, ±0.5 V	2.5 μs	8 μs	50 μs
±0.2 V, ±0.1 V	3 μs	8 μs	50 μs

Typical Performance Graphs

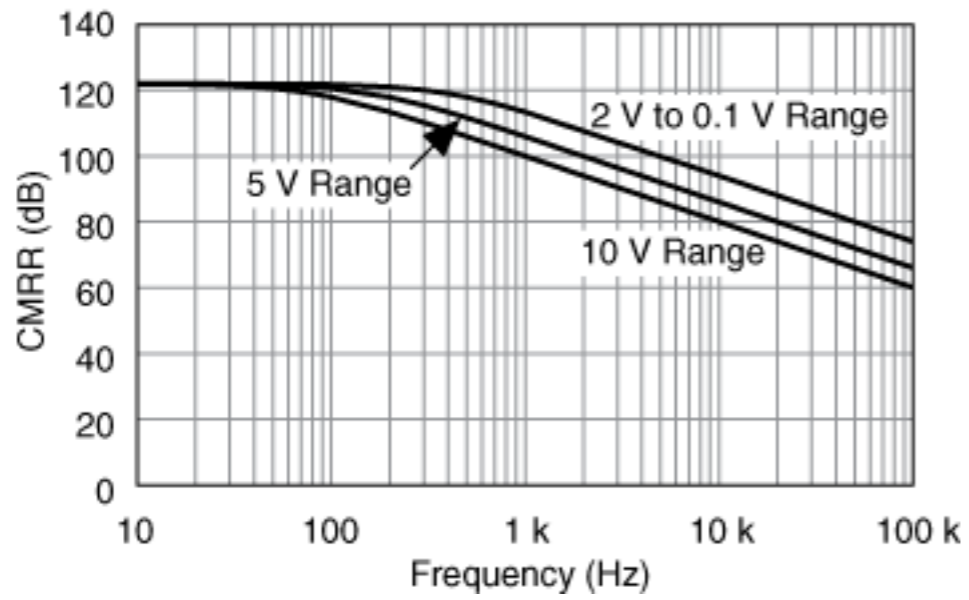
AI <0..31> Settling Error versus Time for Different Source Impedances



AI <0..31> Small Signal Bandwidth



AI <0..31> CMRR



Analog Triggers

Number of triggers	1
Source	
NI 6280/6281	AI <0..15>, APFI 0
NI 6284/6289	AI <0..31>, APFI <0..1>
Functions	Start Trigger, Reference Trigger, Pause Trigger, Sample Clock, Convert Clock, Sample Clock Timebase
Source level	
AI <0..31>	±Full scale
APFI <0..1>	±10 V
Resolution	10 bits, 1 in 1024
Modes	Analog edge triggering, analog edge triggering with hysteresis, and analog window triggering
Bandwidth (-3 dB)	
AI <0..31>	700 kHz filter off, 40 kHz filter on
APFI <0..1>	5 MHz
Accuracy	±1%
APFI <0..1> characteristics	
Input impedance	10 kΩ
Coupling	DC
Protection	
Power on	±30 V
Power off	±15 V

Analog Output

Number of channels	
NI 6280/6284	0
NI 6281	2
NI 6289	4
DAC resolution	16 bits
DNL	±1 LSB

Monotonicity	16 bit guaranteed
Accuracy	Refer to the <i>AO Absolute Accuracy Table</i>
Maximum update rate	
1 channel	2.86 MS/s
2 channels	2.00 MS/s
3 channels	1.54 MS/s
4 channels	1.25 MS/s
Timing accuracy	50 ppm of sample rate
Timing resolution	50 ns
Output range	Offset \pm reference, includes ± 10 V, ± 5 V, ± 2 V, and ± 1 V calibrated ranges
Offset	0 V, 5 V, APFI <0..1>, AO <0..3> ¹
Reference	10 V, 5 V, 2 V, 1 V, APFI <0..1>, AO <0..3> ¹
Maximum output level	± 11 V
Output coupling	DC
Output impedance	0.2 Ω
Output current drive	± 5 mA
Overdrive protection	± 25 V
Overdrive current	20 mA
Power-on state	± 5 mV
Power-on glitch	2.3 V peak for 1.2 s
Output FIFO size	8,191 samples shared among channels used
Data transfers	
PCI/PXI devices	DMA (scatter-gather), interrupts, programmed I/O
USB devices	USB Signal Stream, programmed I/O
AO waveform modes:	
• Non-periodic waveform	
• Periodic waveform regeneration mode from onboard FIFO	
• Periodic waveform regeneration from host buffer including dynamic update	
Settling time, full scale step 15 ppm (1 LSB)	3 μ s
Slew rate	20 V/ μ s
Glitch energy at midscale transition, ± 10 V range	

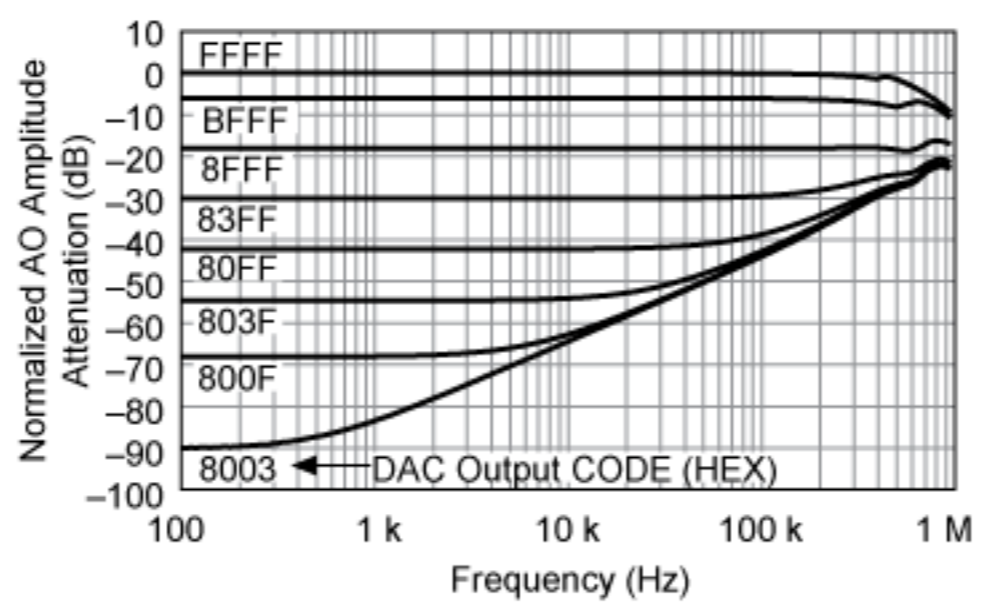
Magnitude	15 mV
Duration	0.5 μ s

¹ An AO channel cannot be a reference or offset to itself.

External Reference

APFI <0..1> characteristics	
Input impedance	10 k Ω
Coupling	DC
Protection	
Power on	\pm 30 V
Power off	\pm 15 V
Range	\pm 11 V

AO <0..3> Analog Output External Reference Bandwidth



Calibration (AI and AO)

Recommended warm-up time	
PCI/PXI devices	15 minutes
USB devices	30 minutes
Calibration interval	2 years

AI Absolute Accuracy Table (Filter On)

Nominal Range		Residual Gain Error (ppm of Reading)	Gain Tempco (ppm/°C)	Reference Tempco	Residual Offset Error (ppm of Range)	Offset Tempco (ppm of Range/°C)	INL Error (ppm of Range)	Random Noise, σ (μVrms)	Absolute Accuracy at Full Scale ¹ (μV)	Sensitivity ² (μV)
Positive Full Scale	Negative Full Scale									
10	-10	40	17	1	8	11	10	60	980	24
5	-5	45	17	1	8	11	10	30	510	12
2	-2	45	17	1	8	13	10	12	210	4.8
1	-1	55	17	1	15	15	10	7	120	2.8
0.5	-0.5	55	17	1	30	20	10	4	70	1.6
0.2	-0.2	75	17	1	45	35	10	3	39	1.2
0.1	-0.1	120	17	1	60	60	10	2	28	0.8

Accuracies listed are valid for up to two years from the device external calibration.

AbsoluteAccuracy = Reading · (GainError) + Range · (OffsetError) + NoiseUncertainty

GainError = ResidualAIGainError + GainTempco · (TempChangeFromLastInternalCal) + ReferenceTempco · (TempChangeFromLastExternalCal)

OffsetError = ResidualAIOffsetError + OffsetTempco · (TempChangeFromLastInternalCal) + INL_Error

$$\text{NoiseUncertainty} = \frac{\text{RandomNoise} \cdot 3}{\sqrt{100}} \quad \text{For a coverage factor of } 3 \sigma \text{ and averaging 100 points.}$$

¹ Absolute accuracy at full scale on the analog input channels is determined using the following assumptions:

TempChangeFromLastExternalCal = 10 °C

TempChangeFromLastInternalCal = 1 °C

number_of_readings = 100

CoverageFactor = 3 σ

For example, on the 10 V range, the absolute accuracy at full scale is as follows:

GainError = 40 ppm + 17 ppm · 1 + 1 ppm · 10 GainError = 67 ppm

OffsetError = 8 ppm + 11 ppm · 1 + 10 ppm OffsetError = 29 ppm

$$\text{NoiseUncertainty} = \frac{60 \mu\text{V} \cdot 3}{\sqrt{100}} \quad \text{NoiseUncertainty} = 18 \mu\text{V}$$

AbsoluteAccuracy = 10 V · (GainError) + 10 V · (OffsetError) + NoiseUncertainty AbsoluteAccuracy = 980 μV

² Sensitivity is the smallest voltage change that can be detected. It is a function of noise.

AI Absolute Accuracy Table (Filter Off)

Nominal Range		Residual Gain Error (ppm of Reading)	Gain Tempco (ppm/°C)	Reference Tempco	Residual Offset Error (ppm of Range)	Offset Tempco (ppm of Range/°C)	INL Error (ppm of Range)	Random Noise, σ (μVrms)	Absolute Accuracy at Full Scale ¹ (μV)	Sensitivity ² (μV)
Positive Full Scale	Negative Full Scale									
10	-10	45	17	1	10	11	10	70	1050	28.0
5	-5	50	17	1	10	11	10	35	550	14.0
2	-2	50	17	1	10	13	10	15	230	6.0
1	-1	60	17	1	17	15	10	12	130	4.8
0.5	-0.5	60	17	1	32	20	10	10	80	4.0
0.2	-0.2	80	17	1	47	35	10	9	43	3.6
0.1	-0.1	120	17	1	62	60	10	9	31	3.6

Accuracies listed are valid for up to two years from the device external calibration.

AbsoluteAccuracy = Reading · (GainError) + Range · (OffsetError) + NoiseUncertainty

GainError = ResidualAIGainError + GainTempco · (TempChangeFromLastInternalCal) + ReferenceTempco · (TempChangeFromLastExternalCal)

OffsetError = ResidualAIOffsetError + OffsetTempco · (TempChangeFromLastInternalCal) + INL_Error

$$\text{NoiseUncertainty} = \frac{\text{RandomNoise} \cdot 3}{\sqrt{100}} \quad \text{For a coverage factor of } 3 \sigma \text{ and averaging 100 points.}$$

¹ Absolute accuracy at full scale on the analog input channels is determined using the following assumptions:

TempChangeFromLastExternalCal = 10 °C

TempChangeFromLastInternalCal = 1 °C

number_of_readings = 100

CoverageFactor = 3 σ

For example, on the 10 V range, the absolute accuracy at full scale is as follows:

GainError = 45 ppm + 17 ppm · 1 + 1 ppm · 10 GainError = 72 ppm

OffsetError = 10 ppm + 11 ppm · 1 + 10 ppm OffsetError = 31 ppm

$$\text{NoiseUncertainty} = \frac{70 \mu\text{V} \cdot 3}{\sqrt{100}} \quad \text{NoiseUncertainty} = 21 \mu\text{V}$$

AbsoluteAccuracy = 10 V · (GainError) + 10 V · (OffsetError) + NoiseUncertainty AbsoluteAccuracy = 1050 μV

² Sensitivity is the smallest voltage change that can be detected. It is a function of noise.

AO Absolute Accuracy Table

Nominal Range		Residual Gain Error (ppm of Reading)	Gain Tempco (ppm/°C)	Reference Tempco	Residual Offset Error (ppm of Range)	Offset Tempco (ppm of Range/°C)	INL Error (ppm of Range)	Absolute Accuracy at Full Scale ¹ (µV)
Positive Full Scale	Negative Full Scale							
10	-10	55	15	1	30	12	32	1540
5	-5	60	15	1	30	17	32	820
2	-2	65	25	1	40	30	32	404
1	-1	85	25	1	57	50	32	259

¹ Absolute Accuracy at full scale numbers is valid immediately following internal calibration and assumes the device is operating within 10 °C of the last external calibration.

Accuracies listed are valid for up to two years from the device external calibration.

$AbsoluteAccuracy = OutputValue \cdot (GainError) + Range \cdot (OffsetError)$

$GainError = ResidualGainError + GainTempco \cdot (TempChangeFromLastInternalCal) + ReferenceTempco \cdot (TempChangeFromLastExternalCal)$

$OffsetError = ResidualOffsetError + AOffsetTempco \cdot (TempChangeFromLastInternalCal) + INL_Error$

Digital I/O/PFI

Static Characteristics

Number of channels

NI 6280/6281

24 total
8 (P0.<0..7>) 16 (PFI <0..7>/P1, PFI <8..15>/P2)

NI 6284/6289

48 total
32 (P0.<0..31>) 16 (PFI <0..7>/P1, PFI <8..15>/P2)

I/O type

5 V TTL/CMOS compatible

Ground reference

D GND

Direction control

Each terminal individually programmable as input or output

Pull-down resistor

50 k Ω typical, 20 k Ω minimum

Input voltage protection²

± 20 V on up to two pins

² Stresses beyond those listed under *Input voltage protection* may cause permanent damage to the device.

Waveform Characteristics (Port 0 Only)

Terminals used

NI 6280/6281

Port 0 (P0.<0..7>)

NI 6284/6289

Port 0 (P0.<0..31>)

Port/sample size

NI 6280/6281

Up to 8 bits

NI 6284/6289

Up to 32 bits

Waveform generation (DO) FIFO

2,047 samples

Waveform acquisition (DI) FIFO

2,047 samples

DI Sample Clock frequency

PCI/PXI devices

0 to 10 MHz³

USB devices

0 to 1 MHz system dependent³

DO Sample Clock frequency

PCI/PXI devices

Regenerate from FIFO	0 to 10 MHz
Streaming from memory	0 to 10 MHz system dependent ³
USB devices	
Regenerate from FIFO	0 to 10 MHz
Streaming from memory	0 to 1 MHz system dependent ³
Data transfers	
PCI/PXI devices	DMA (scatter-gather), interrupts, programmed I/O
USB devices	USB Signal Stream, programmed I/O
DO or DI Sample Clock source ⁴	Any PFI, RTSI, AI Sample or Convert Clock, AO Sample Clock, Ctr <i>n</i> Internal Output, and many other signals

³ Performance can be dependent on bus latency and volume of bus activity.

⁴ The digital subsystem does not have its own dedicated internal timing engine. Therefore, a sample clock must be provided from another subsystem on the device or an external source.

PFI/Port 1/Port 2 Functionality

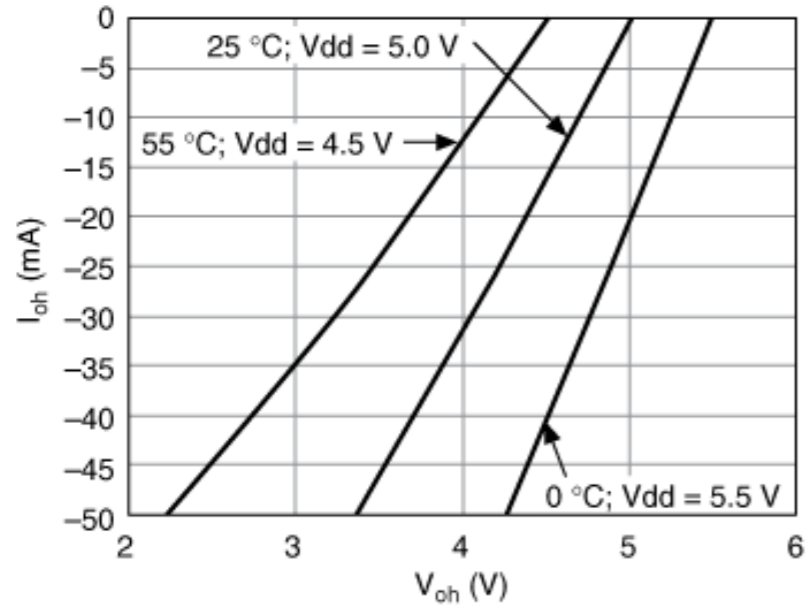
Functionality	Static digital input, static digital output, timing input, timing output
Timing output sources	Many AI, AO, counter, DI, DO timing signals
Debounce filter settings	125 ns, 6.425 μ s, 2.56 ms, disable; high and low transitions; selectable per input

Recommended Operation Conditions		
Level	Min	Max
Input high voltage (V_{IH})	2.2 V	5.25 V
Input low voltage (V_{IL})	0 V	0.8 V
Output high current (I_{OH}) P0.<0..31> PFI <0..15>/P1/P2	— —	-24 mA -16 mA
Output low current (I_{OL}) P0.<0..31> PFI <0..15>/P1/P2	— —	24 mA 16 mA

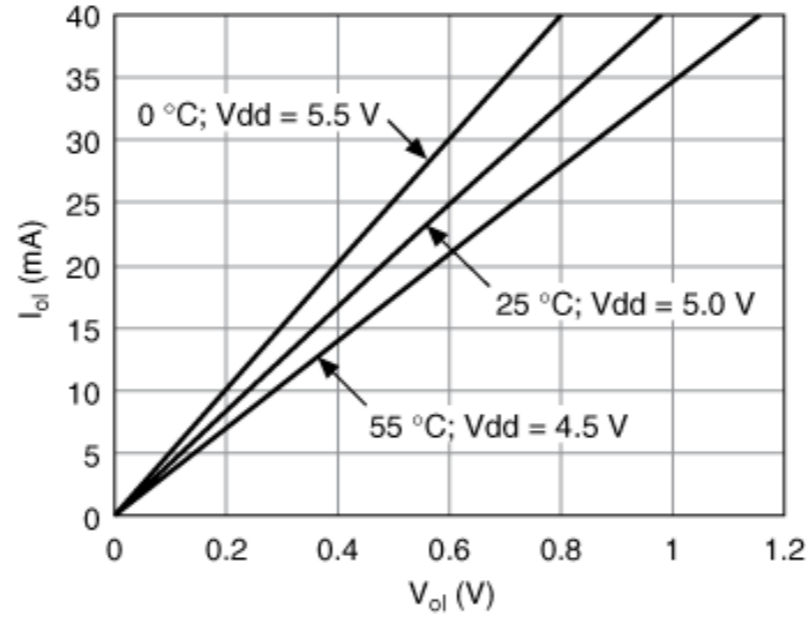
Electrical Characteristics		
Level	Min	Max
Positive-going threshold (VT+) Negative-going threshold (VT-)	— 0.8 V	2.2 V —
Delta VT hysteresis (VT+ - VT-)	0.2 V	—
I _{IL} input low current (V _{in} = 0 V) I _{IH} input high current (V _{in} = 5 V)	— —	-10 μA 250 μA

Digital I/O Characteristics

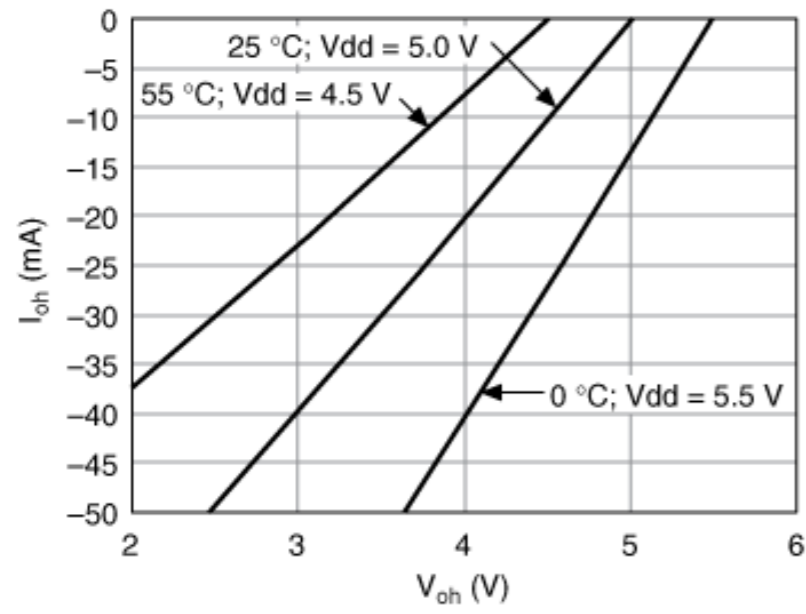
Digital I/O (P0.<0..31>): I_{oh} versus V_{oh}



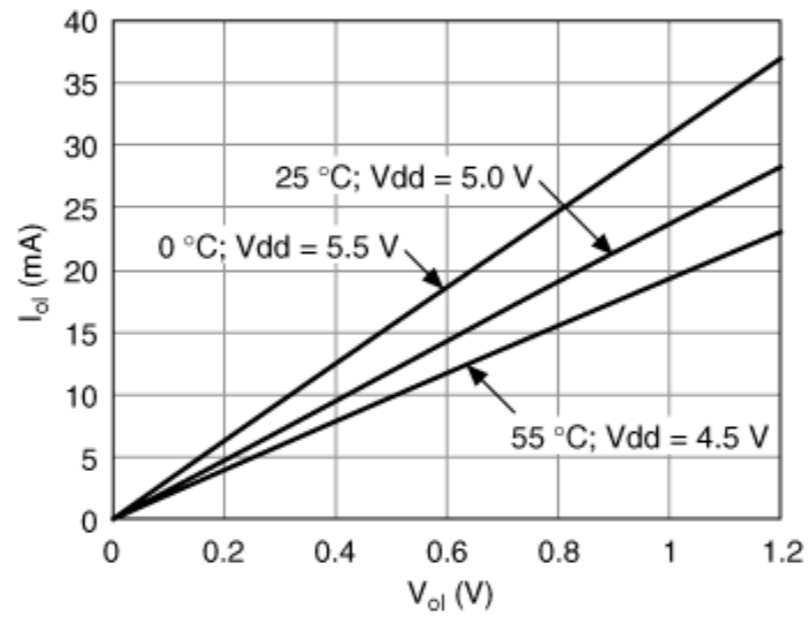
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Digital I/O (PFI<0..15>/P1/P2): I_{oh} versus V_{oh}



Digital I/O (PFI<0..15>/P1/P2): I_{ol} versus V_{ol}



General-Purpose Counter/Timers

Number of counter/timers	2
Resolution	32 bits
Counter measurements	Edge counting, pulse, semi-period, period, two-edge separation
Position measurements	X1, X2, X4 quadrature encoding with Channel Z reloading; two-pulse encoding
Output applications	Pulse, pulse train with dynamic updates, frequency division, equivalent time sampling
Internal base clocks	80 MHz, 20 MHz, 0.1 MHz
External base clock frequency	0 MHz to 20 MHz
Base clock accuracy	50 ppm
Inputs	Gate, Source, HW_Arm, Aux, A, B, Z, Up_Down
Routing options for inputs	Any PFI, RTSI, PXI_TRIG, PXI_STAR, analog trigger, many internal signals
FIFO	2 samples
Data transfers	
PCI/PCIe/PXI/PXLe devices	Dedicated scatter-gather DMA controller for each counter/timer; interrupts, programmed I/O
USB devices	USB Signal Stream, programmed I/O

Frequency Generator

Number of channels	1
Base clocks	10 MHz, 100 kHz
Divisors	1 to 16
Base clock accuracy	50 ppm
Output can be available on any PFI or RTSI terminal.	

Phase-Locked Loop (PLL)

Number of PLLs	1
Reference signal	PXI_STAR, PXI_CLK10, RTSI <0..7>
Output of PLL	80 MHz Timebase; other signals derived from 80 MHz Timebase including 20 MHz and 100 kHz Timebases

External Digital Triggers

Source	Any PFI, RTSI, PXI_TRIG, PXI_STAR
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Polarity	Software-selectable for most signals
Analog input function	Start Trigger, Reference Trigger, Pause Trigger, Sample Clock, Convert Clock, Sample Clock Timebase
Analog output function	Start Trigger, Pause Trigger, Sample Clock, Sample Clock Timebase
Counter/timer functions	Gate, Source, HW_Arm, Aux, A, B, Z, Up_Down
Digital waveform generation (DO) function	Sample Clock
Digital waveform acquisition (DI) function	Sample Clock
Device-To-Device Trigger Bus	
PCI devices	RTSI <0..7> ⁵
PXI devices	PXI_TRIG <0..7>, PXI_STAR
USB devices	None
Output selections	10 MHz Clock; frequency generator output; many internal signals
Debounce filter settings	125 ns, 6.425 μ s, 2.56 ms, disable; high and low transitions; selectable per input

⁵ In other sections of this document, *RTSI* refers to RTSI <0..7> for PCI devices or PXI_TRIG <0..7> for PXI devices.

Bus Interface

PCI/PXI devices	3.3 V or 5 V signal environment
USB devices	USB 2.0 Hi-Speed or full-speed ^{6,7}
DMA channels (PCI/PXI devices)	6, analog input, analog output, digital input, digital output, counter/timer 0, counter/timer 1
USB Signal Stream (USB devices)	4, can be used for analog input, analog output, digital input, digital output, counter/timer 0, counter/timer 1

All PXI-628x devices support one of the following features:

- May be installed in PXI Express hybrid slots
- Or, may be used to control SCXI in PXI/SCXI combo chassis

Table 1. PXI/SCXI Combo and PXI Express Chassis Compatibility

M Series Device	M Series Part Number	SCXI Control in PXI/SCXI Combo Chassis	PXI Express Hybrid Slot Compatible
PXI-6280	191501C-04	No	Yes
PXI-6281	191501C-03	No	Yes
PXI-6284	191501C-02	No	Yes
PXI-6289	191501C-01	No	Yes
	191501C-11	Yes	No
Earlier versions of PXI-628x	191501A-0x 191501B-0x	Yes	No

⁶ If you are using a USB M Series device in full-speed mode, device performance will be lower and you will not be able to achieve maximum sampling/update rates.

⁷ Operating on a full-speed bus may result in lower performance.

Power Requirements

PCI/PXI devices


Current draw from bus during no-load condition⁸

+5 V	0.03 A
+3.3 V	0.78 A
+12 V	0.40 A
-12 V	0.06 A

PCI/PXI devices

Current draw from bus during AI and AO overvoltage condition⁸

+5 V	0.03 A
+3.3 V	1.26 A
+12 V	0.43 A
-12 V	0.06 A


 **Caution** USB-628x devices must be powered with NI offered AC adapter or a National Electric Code (NEC) Class I device and has appropriate safety certification marks for country of use.

USB devices

Power supply requirements	11 to 30 VDC, 20 W, locking or non-locking power jack with 0.080 in. diameter center pin, 5/16-32 thread for locking collars
Power supply fuse	2 A, 250 V

⁸ Does not include P0/PFI/P1/P2 and +5 V terminals.

Power Limits

 **Caution** Exceeding the power limits may cause unpredictable behavior by the device and/or PC/chassis.

PCI devices

+5 V terminal (connector 0)	1 A max ⁹
+5 V terminal (connector 1)	1 A max ⁹

PXI devices

+5 V terminal (connector 0)	1 A max ⁹
+5 V terminal (connector 1)	1 A max ⁹
P0/PFI/P1/P2 and +5 V terminals combined	2 A max

USB devices

+5 V terminal	1 A max ¹⁰
P0/PFI/P1/P2 and +5 V terminals combined	2 A max

⁹ Older revisions have a self-resetting fuse that opens when current exceeds this specification. Newer revisions have a traditional fuse that opens when current exceeds this specification. This fuse is not customer-replaceable; if the fuse permanently opens, return the device to NI for repair.

¹⁰ Has a self-resetting fuse that opens when current exceeds this specification.

Physical Requirements

Printed circuit board dimensions

NI PCI-6280/6281/6284/6289	10.6 cm x 15.5 cm (4.2 in. x 6.1 in.)
NI PXI-6280/6281/6284/6289	Standard 3U PXI

Enclosure dimensions (includes connectors)

NI USB-6281/6289 Mass Termination	18.8 x 17.09 x 4.45 cm (7.4 x 6.73 x 1.75 in.)
NI USB-6281/6289 Screw Terminal	26.67 x 17.09 x 4.45 cm (10.5 x 6.73 x 1.75 in.)
NI USB-6258/6289 OEM	Refer to the <i>NI USB-622x/625x/628x OEM User Guide</i>

Weight

NI PCI-6280	151 g (5.3 oz)
NI PCI-6281	158 g (5.6 oz)

NI PCI-6284	159 g (5.6 oz)
NI PCI-6289	167 g (5.9 oz)
NI PXI-6280	218 g (7.7 oz)
NI PXI-6281	225 g (7.9 oz)
NI PXI-6284	229 g (8.1 oz)
NI PXI-6289	237 g (8.4 oz)
NI USB-6281 Mass Termination	1.04 kg (2 lb 4.5 oz)
NI USB-6289 Mass Termination	1.06 kg (2 lb 5.5 oz)
NI USB-6281 OEM	261 g (9.2 oz)
NI USB-6289 OEM	274 g (9.6 oz)
NI USB-6281 Screw Terminal	1.46 kg (3 lb 3.4 oz)
NI USB-6289 Screw Terminal	1.52 kg (3 lb 5.5 oz)
I/O connector	
NI PCI/PXI-6280/6281	1 68-pin VHDCI
NI PCI/PXI-6284/6289	2 68-pin VHDCI
NI USB-6281 Mass Termination	1 68-pin SCSI
NI USB-6289 Mass Termination	2 68-pin SCSI
NI USB-6281 OEM	1 34-pin IDC, 1 50-pin IDC
NI USB-6289 OEM	2 34-pin IDC, 2 50-pin IDC
NI USB-6281 Screw Terminal	64 screw terminals
NI USB-6289 Screw Terminal	128 screw terminals
USB-6281/6289 Screw Terminal wiring	16-28 AWG
Maximum Working Voltage¹¹	
NI 6280/6281/6284/6289 channel-to-earth	11 V, Measurement Category I



Caution Do *not* use for measurements within Categories II, III, or IV.

¹¹ *Maximum working voltage* refers to the signal voltage plus the common-mode voltage.

Environmental

Operating temperature

PCI/PXI devices	0 to 55 °C
USB devices	0 to 45 °C
Storage temperature	-20 to 70 °C
Humidity	10 to 90% RH, noncondensing
Maximum altitude	2,000 m
Pollution Degree (indoor use only)	2


Shock and Vibration (PXI Devices Only)

Operational shock	30 g peak, half-sine, 11 ms pulse (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-27. Test profile developed in accordance with MIL-PRF-28800F.)
Random vibration	
Operating	5 to 500 Hz, 0.3 g _{rms}
Nonoperating	5 to 500 Hz, 2.4 g _{rms} (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-64. Nonoperating test profile exceeds the requirements of MIL-PRF-28800F, Class 3.)

Safety

This product is designed to meet the requirements of the following standards of safety for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:


- IEC 61010-1, EN 61010-1
- UL 61010-1, CSA 61010-1

 **Note** For UL and other safety certifications, refer to the product label or visit ni.com/certification, search by model number or product line, and click the appropriate link in the Certification column.

Electromagnetic Compatibility

This product is designed to meet the requirements of the following standards of EMC for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:


- EN 61326 EMC requirements; Minimum Immunity
- EN 55011 Emissions; Group 1, Class A
- CE, C-Tick, ICES, and FCC Part 15 Emissions; Class A

 **Note** For EMC compliance, operate this device with shielded cables.

CE Compliance

This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives, as amended for CE marking, as follows:

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


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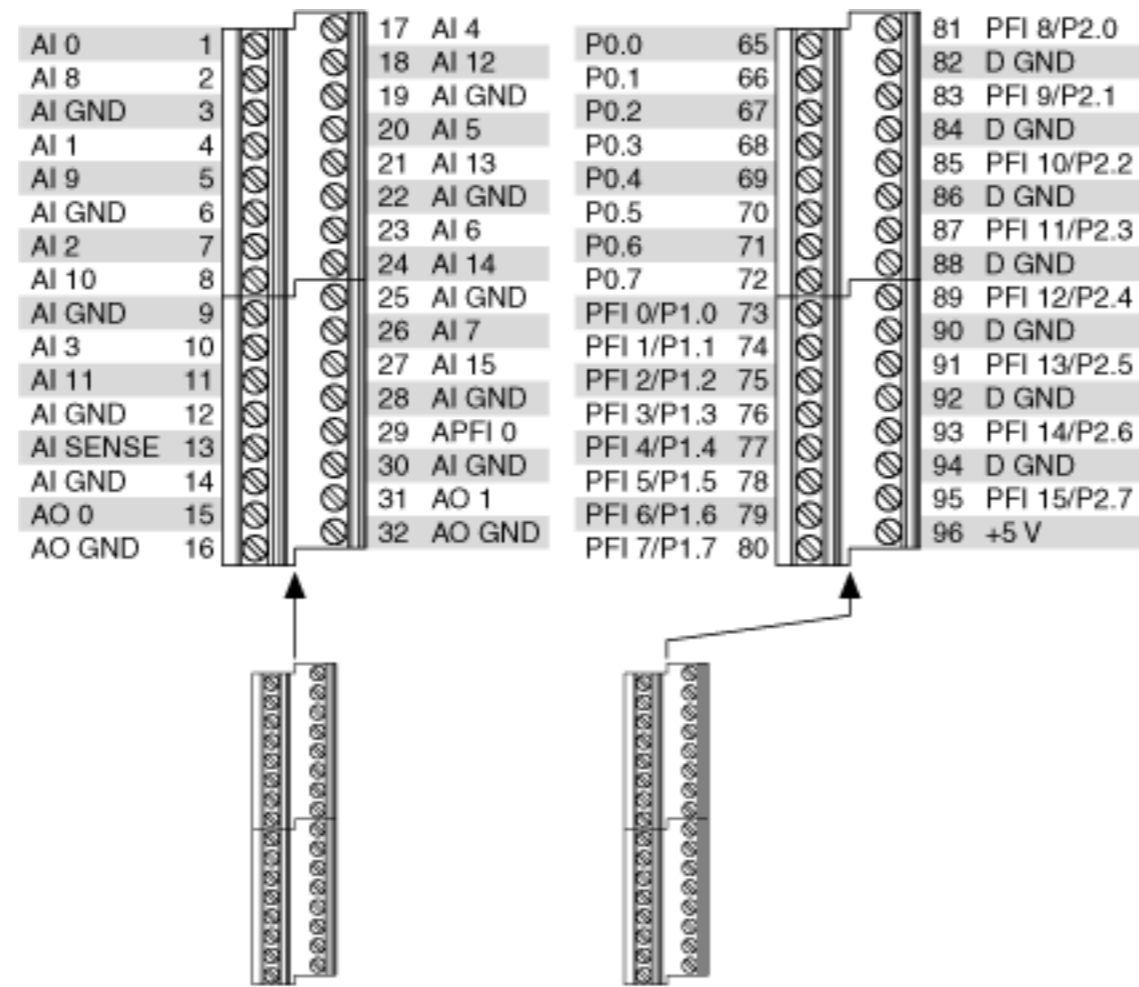
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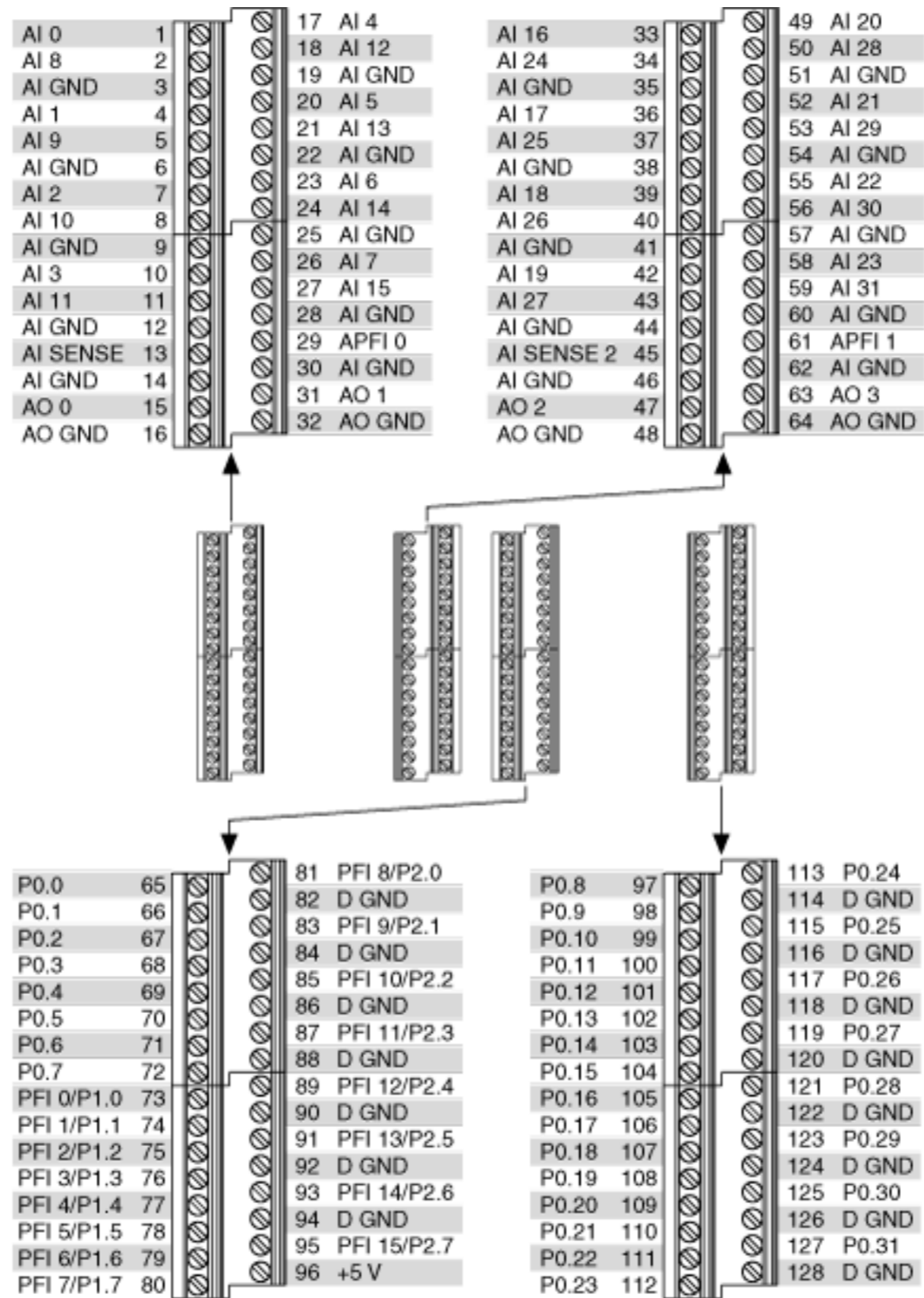
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Pinouts/Front Panel Connections



NI USB-6281 Screw Terminal Pinout



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