

# NI 6232/6233 Specifications

Specifications listed below are typical at 25 °C unless otherwise noted.

## Analog Input

Number of channels ..... 8 differential or  
16 single ended

Channel type ..... Voltage input

Ground reference ..... AI GND

ADC resolution ..... 16 bits

DNL ..... No missing codes  
guaranteed

INL ..... Refer to the *AI Absolute  
Accuracy Table*

### Sampling rate

Maximum ..... 250 kS/s

Minimum ..... 0 S/s

Timing accuracy ..... 50 ppm of sample rate

Timing resolution ..... 50 ns

Input coupling ..... DC

Input range .....  $\pm 10$  V,  $\pm 5$  V,  
 $\pm 1$  V,  $\pm 0.2$  V

### Maximum working voltage

for analog inputs ..... Refer to the *Maximum  
Working Voltage* section

CMRR (DC to 60 Hz) ..... 95 dB  
(with respect to AI GND)

### Input impedance

#### Device on

AI+ to AI GND .....  $>10$  G $\Omega$  in parallel  
with 100 pF

AI- to AI GND .....  $>10$  G $\Omega$  in parallel  
with 100 pF

#### Device off

AI+ to AI GND ..... 820  $\Omega$

AI- to AI GND ..... 820  $\Omega$

Input bias current .....  $\pm 100$  pA

### Crosstalk (at 100 kHz)

Adjacent channels ..... -75 dB

Non-adjacent channels ..... -90 dB

Small signal bandwidth (-3 dB) ..... 700 kHz

Input FIFO size ..... 4,095 samples

Scan list memory ..... 4,095 entries

Data transfers ..... DMA (scatter-gather),  
interrupts,  
programmed I/O

### Overvoltage protection (AI $<0..7$ ) with respect to AI GND)

Device on .....  $\pm 25$  V for up to  
two AI pins

Device off .....  $\pm 15$  V for up to  
two AI pins

### Input current during

overvoltage condition .....  $\pm 20$  mA max/AI pin

## Settling Time for Multichannel Measurements

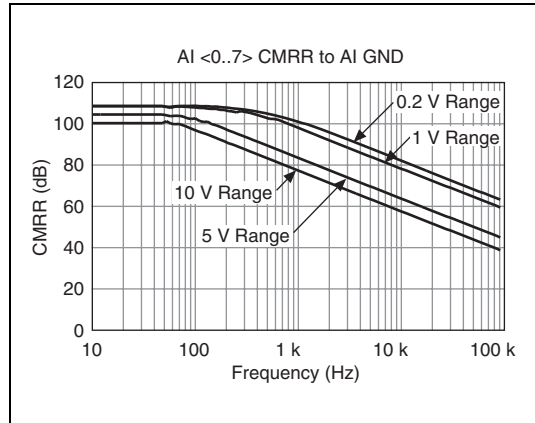
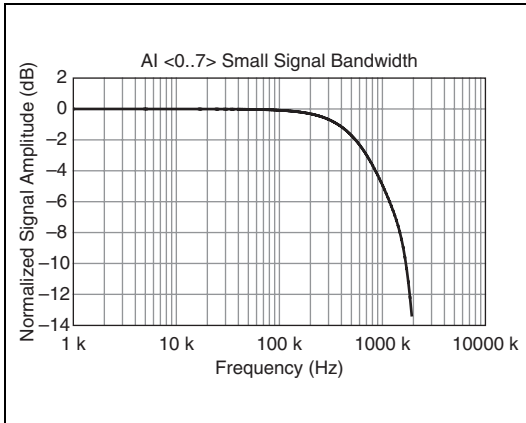
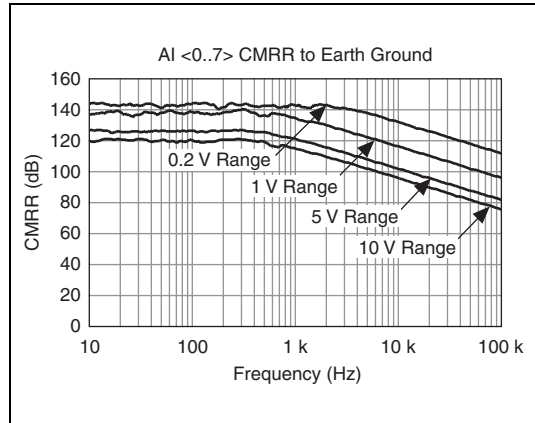
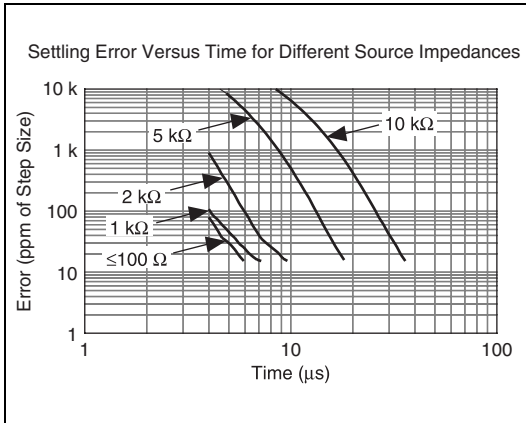
Accuracy, full scale step, all ranges

$\pm 90$  ppm of step ( $\pm 6$  LSB) ..... 4  $\mu$ s convert interval

$\pm 30$  ppm of step ( $\pm 2$  LSB) ..... 5  $\mu$ s convert interval

$\pm 15$  ppm of step ( $\pm 1$  LSB) ..... 7  $\mu$ s convert interval

## Typical Performance Graphs



## Analog Output

Number of channels .....	2
Channel type .....	Voltage output
Ground reference .....	AO GND
DAC resolution .....	16 bits
DNL .....	±1 LSB
Monotonicity .....	16 bit guaranteed
Maximum update rate	
1 channel .....	500 kS/s
2 channels .....	450 kS/s per channel
Timing accuracy .....	50 ppm of sample rate
Timing resolution .....	50 ns
Output range .....	±10 V
Output coupling .....	DC
Output impedance .....	0.4 Ω
Output current drive .....	±5 mA
Overdrive protection .....	±25 V
Overdrive current .....	10 mA
Power-on state .....	±20 mV
Power-on glitch .....	0.25 V for 1 ms
Power-off glitch .....	±100 mV for 350 ms
Output FIFO size .....	8,191 samples shared among channels used
Data transfers .....	DMA (scatter-gather), interrupts, 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).....6 μs

Slew rate.....15 V/μs

Glitch energy

    Magnitude.....100 mV

    Duration.....3 μs

## Calibration (AI and AO)

Recommended warm-up time .....15 minutes

Calibration interval.....1 year

## AI Absolute Accuracy Table

Nominal Range	Positive Full Scale	Negative Full Scale	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, $\sigma$ ( $\mu$ Vrms)	Absolute Accuracy at Full Scale <sup>1</sup> ( $\mu$ V)	Sensitivity <sup>2</sup> ( $\mu$ V)
10	-10		75	25	5	20	57	76	244	3,100	97.6
5	-5		85	25	5	20	60	76	122	1,620	48.8
1	-1		95	25	5	25	79	76	30	360	12.0
0.2	-0.2		135	25	5	80	175	76	13	112	5.2

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

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

OffsetError = ResidualAOffsetError + OffsetTempco · (TempChangeFromLastInternalCal) + INL\_Error

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

<sup>1</sup> 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  $\sigma$

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

GainError = 75 ppm + 25 ppm · 1 + 5 ppm · 10

GainError = 150 ppm

OffsetError = 20 ppm + 57 ppm · 1 + 76 ppm

OffsetError = 153 ppm

NoiseUncertainty =  $\frac{244 \mu\text{V} \cdot 3}{\sqrt{100}}$  NoiseUncertainty = 73  $\mu$ V

AbsoluteAccuracy = 10 V · (GainError) + 10 V · (OffsetError) + NoiseUncertainty AbsoluteAccuracy = 3,100  $\mu$ V

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

Accuracies listed are valid for up to one year from the device external calibration.

### 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 <sup>1</sup> (µV)
Positive Full Scale	Negative Full Scale							
10	-10	90	10	5	40	5	128	3,230

<sup>1</sup> 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 one year from the device external calibration.

AbsoluteAccuracy = OutputValue · (GainError) + Range · (OffsetError)  
GainError = ResidualGainError + GainTempco · (TempChangeFromLastInternalCal) + ReferenceTempco · (TempChangeFromLastExternalCal)  
OffsetError = ResidualOffsetError + AOffsetTempco · (TempChangeFromLastInternalCal) + INL\_Error

## Digital I/O/PFI

### Static Characteristics

Number of channels.....	10 total
Input .....	6 (PFI <0..5>/P0.<0..5>)
Output .....	4 (PFI <6..9>/P1.<0..3>)
Direction control.....	Fixed, lines are unidirectional

### PFI/Port 0/Port 1 Functionality

PFI <0..5>/P0.<0..5>.....	Static digital input, timing input
PFI <6..9>/P1.<0..3>.....	Static digital output, timing output
Timing output sources .....	Many AI, AO, counter, timing signals
Debounce filter settings.....	125 ns, 6.425 $\mu$ s, 2.54 ms, disable; high and low transitions; selectable per input

### Digital Input (Port 0)

Number of channels.....	6
Ground reference .....	P0.GND
Input voltage range.....	0 to 30 V
Minimum pulse width for timing signal.....	0.5 $\mu$ s
Logic “0” level .....	0 to 4 V
Logic “1” level .....	10 to 30 V
Minimum input impedance .....	3.3 k $\Omega$
Typical input current .....	7 mA at 24 V input 2.5 mA at 8 V input
Maximum input current.....	9 mA
Propagation delay	
Low to high.....	150 ns, typ
High to low .....	100 ns, typ

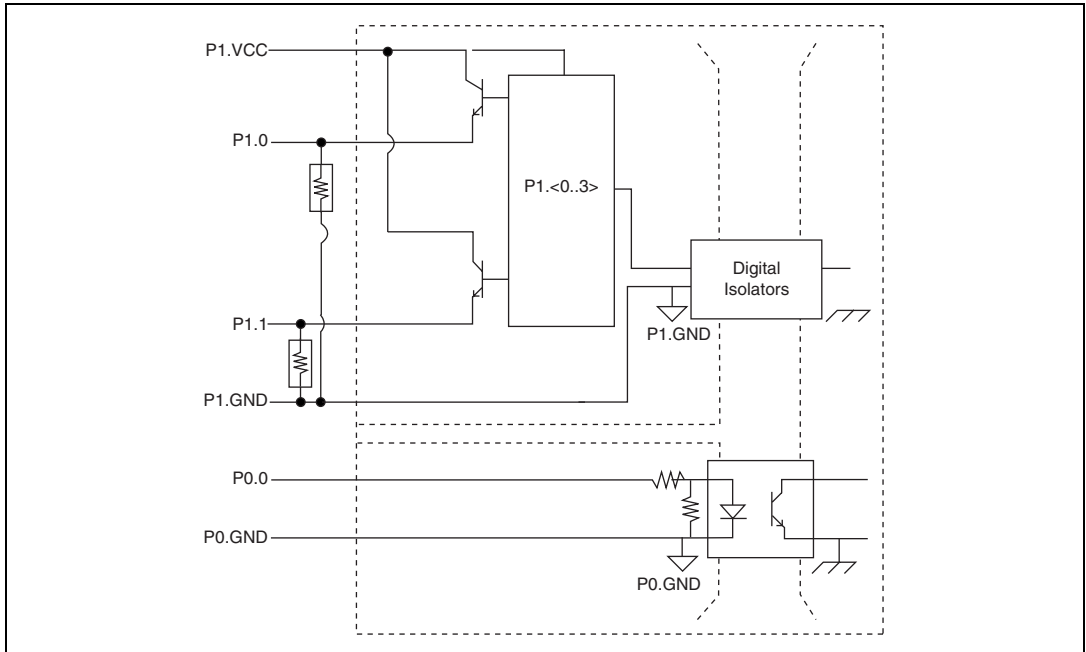
## Digital Output (Port 1)

Number of channels.....	4
Ground reference .....	P1.GND
Digital output type <sup>1</sup>	
NI 6232.....	DO source
NI 6233.....	DO sink

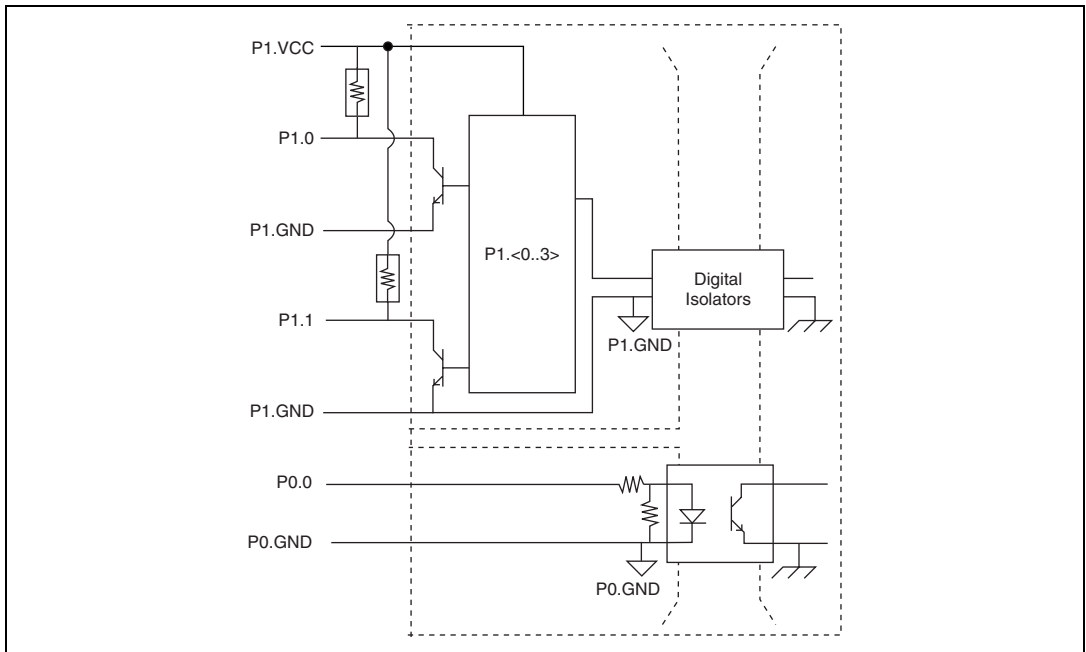
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<sup>1</sup> Refer to Figures 1 and 2.

Figures 1 and 2 show P0.<0..5> and P1.<0..3> on the NI 6232 and NI 6233 devices, respectively.



**Figure 1.** NI 6232 Digital I/O Connections



**Figure 2.** NI 6233 Digital I/O Connections

Max external supply voltage (P1.VCC).....	30 V
On state saturation voltage .....	1.6 V maximum at 350 mA
Off state leakage.....	50 $\mu$ A
Maximum current .....	100 mA for each line for simultaneous usage, 350 mA for single line usage
Minimum pulse width for timing signal	
NI 6232 (source output).....	5 $\mu$ s
NI 6233 (sink output).....	1.25 $\mu$ s
Propagation delay	
NI 6232 (source output)	
Open to close .....	0.45 $\mu$ s
Close to open .....	2.15 $\mu$ s
NI 6233 (sink output)	
Open to close .....	0.4 $\mu$ s
Close to open .....	0.4 $\mu$ s

## 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 input PFI, RTSI, PXI_TRIG, PXI_STAR, many internal signals
FIFO.....	2 samples
Data transfers .....	Dedicated scatter-gather DMA controller for each counter/timer; interrupts; 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 output 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 input PFI, RTSI, PXI_TRIG, PXI_STAR
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

## Device-To-Device Trigger Bus

PCI devices ..... RTSI <0..7><sup>1</sup>

PXI devices ..... PXI\_TRIG <0..7>,  
PXI\_STAR

Output selections..... 10 MHz Reference Clock;  
frequency generator  
output;  
many internal signals

Debounce filter settings ..... 125 ns, 6.425  $\mu$ s,  
2.54 ms, disabled;  
high and low transitions;  
selectable per input

## Bus Interface

PCI or PXI ..... 3.3 V or 5 V signal  
environment

PXI-6232/6233 devices can be installed in PXI slots or  
PXI Express hybrid slots.

DMA channels ..... 4, analog input,  
analog output,  
counter/timer 0,  
counter/timer 1

## Power Requirements

Current draw from bus during no-load condition

+5 V ..... 0.7 A

+12 V ..... 20 mA

Current draw from bus during AI and AO overvoltage  
condition

+5 V ..... 0.95 A

+12 V ..... 20 mA

## Physical Requirements

Printed circuit board dimensions

NI PCI-6232/6233 ..... 9.7 cm  $\times$  15.5 cm  
(3.8 in.  $\times$  6.1 in.)

NI PXI-6232/6233 ..... Standard 3U PXI

Weight

NI PCI-6232/6233 ..... 103 g (3.6 oz)

NI PXI-6232/6233 ..... 142 g (5.0 oz)

I/O connector ..... 37-pin D-SUB

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<sup>1</sup> In other sections of this document, *RTSI* refers to RTSI <0..7> for PCI devices or PXI\_TRIG <0..7> for PXI devices.

# Maximum Working Voltage<sup>1</sup>

## Channel-to-earth ground<sup>2</sup>

Continuous .....	≤30 Vrms/60 VDC Measurement Category I <sup>3</sup>
Withstand .....	≤840 Vrms/1200 VDC, verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test

## Channel-to-bus<sup>4</sup>

Continuous .....	≤30 Vrms/60 VDC Measurement Category I <sup>4</sup>
Withstand .....	≤1,400 Vrms/1,950 VDC, verified by a 5 s dielectric withstand test

## Analog channel to AI GND/AO GND

(in Figure 3,  $|V_a - V_b|$ ) ..... ≤11 V,  
Measurement Category I<sup>3</sup>

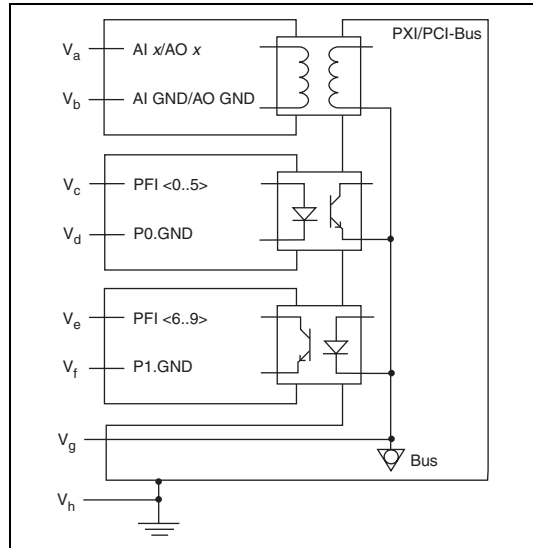
## Digital channel to P1.GND/P0.GND

(in Figure 3,  $V_c - V_d$  or  $V_e - V_f$ ) ..... ≤30 V,  
Measurement Category I<sup>3</sup>



**Caution** This device is rated for Measurement Category I and the voltage across the isolation barrier is limited to no greater than 30 Vrms/60 VDC/42.4 V<sub>pk</sub> continuous. Do *not* use for measurements within Categories II, III, or IV.

Figure 3 shows the maximum working voltage specifications.



**Figure 3.** NI 6232/6233 Maximum Working Voltage

<sup>1</sup> *Maximum working voltage* refers to the signal voltage plus the common-mode voltage.

<sup>2</sup> In Figure 3,  $|V_a - V_h|$ ,  $|V_c - V_h|$ , and  $|V_e - V_h|$ .

<sup>3</sup> Measurement Category I is for measurements performed on circuits not directly connected to the electrical distribution system referred to as *MAINS* voltage. *MAINS* is a hazardous live electrical supply system that powers equipment. This category is for measurements of voltages from specially protected secondary circuits. Such voltage measurements include signal levels, special equipment, limited-energy parts of equipment, circuits powered by regulated low-voltage sources, and electronics.

<sup>4</sup> In Figure 3,  $|V_a - V_g|$ ,  $|V_c - V_g|$ , and  $|V_e - V_g|$ .

## Environmental

Maximum altitude.....	2,000 m (at 25 °C ambient temperature)
Pollution Degree .....	2
Indoor use only.	

## Operating Environment

Ambient temperature range .....	0 to 55 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-1 and IEC-60068-2-2.)
Relative humidity range.....	10% to 90%, noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-56.)

## Storage Environment

Ambient temperature range .....	-40 to 70 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-1 and IEC-60068-2-2.)
Relative humidity range.....	5% to 95% noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-56.)

## Shock and Vibration (PXI 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, CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-1



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

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- 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 according to product documentation.

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- 73/23/EEC; Low-Voltage Directive (safety)
- 89/336/EEC; Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC)



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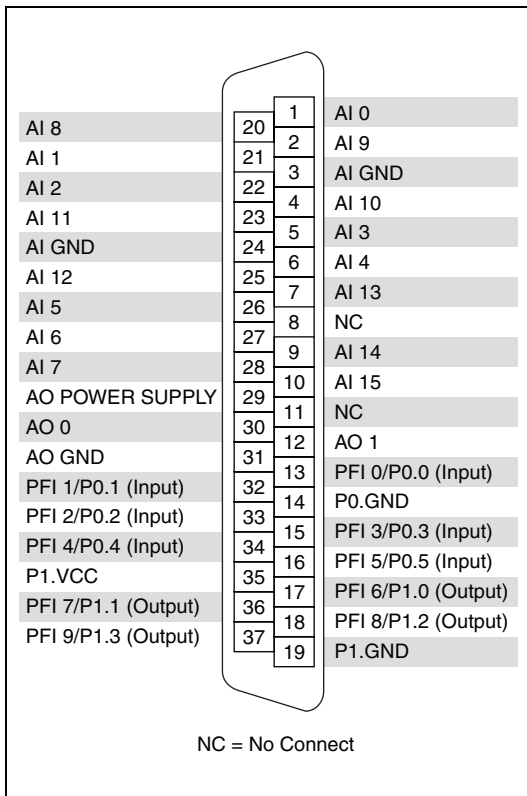


Figure 4. NI 6232 Pinout

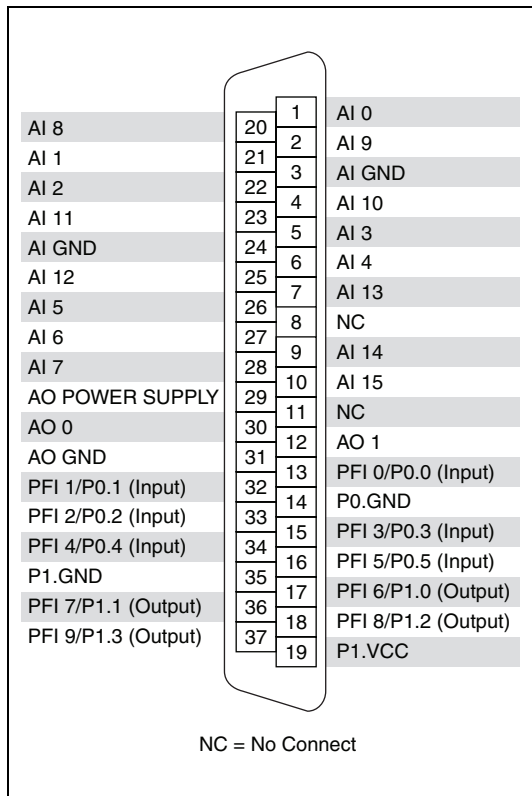


Figure 5. NI 6233 Pinout

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