The NI roboRIO is a portable reconfigurable I/O (RIO) device that students can use to design control, robotics, and mechatronics systems used in the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC). This document contains pinouts, connectivity information, dimensions, and mounting instructions for the NI roboRIO. The NI roboRIO provides the I/O shown in Figure 1 and connects to a host computer over USB and 10/100 Ethernet.

Figure 1. NI roboRIO Features

1. Digital input and output (DIO) port
2. RS-232 port
3. I2C port
4. CAN port
5. Power connector
6. USB Device port
7. USB Host retention mount
8. USB Host ports
9. Ethernet port
10. Serial peripheral interface bus (SPI) port
11. LEDs
12. Pulse-width modulation (PWM) port
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Safety Information

Caution Do not operate the hardware in a manner not specified in the user
documentation. Misuse of the hardware can result in a hazard. You can compromise
the safety protection if the hardware is damaged in any way. If the hardware is
damaged, contact National Instruments for repair.

Clean the hardware with a soft, nonmetallic brush. Make sure that the hardware is completely
dry and free from contaminants before returning it to service.

Electromagnetic Compatibility Guidelines

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

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

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

Caution To ensure the specified EMC performance, the maximum length for DIO,
RS-232, I2C, CAN, SPI, PWM, AI, Relay, and RSL signal wires is 2.0 m (6.56 ft).
The maximum length for USB cables is 5.0 m (16.40 ft). The maximum length for
Ethernet cables is 30.0 m (98.43 ft). Refer to the Compatible USB and Ethernet
Cables section of this document for information about compatible USB and Ethernet
cables.
Figure 2 shows the arrangement and functions of NI roboRIO components.

**Figure 2. NI roboRIO Hardware Block Diagram**
Setting Up the NI roboRIO

Wiring Power to the NI roboRIO

The NI roboRIO requires an external power supply that meets the specifications in the Power Requirements section of the NI roboRIO Specifications. The NI roboRIO filters and regulates the supplied power and provides power for all of the I/O and user voltage. The NI roboRIO has one layer of reverse-voltage protection. Complete the following steps to connect a power supply to the chassis.

1. Ensure that the power supply is turned off.

   **Caution**  Do not install or remove the power connector from the front panel of the NI roboRIO while power is applied.

2. Connect the positive lead of the power supply to the V terminal of the COMBICON power connector shipped with the NI roboRIO, and tighten the terminal screw. Figure 3 shows the terminal screws, which secure the wires in the screw terminals, and the connector screws, which secure the power connector on the front panel.

   ![Figure 3. NI roboRIO COMBICON Power Connector](image)

3. Connect the negative lead of the power supply to the C terminal of the power connector and tighten the terminal screw.

4. Install the power connector on the front panel of the NI roboRIO and tighten the connector screws.

5. Turn on the power supply.

Powering On the NI roboRIO

When you apply power, the NI roboRIO runs a power-on self test (POST). During the POST, the Power and Status LEDs turn on. The Status LED turns off, indicating that the POST is complete. If the LEDs do not behave in this way when the system powers on, refer to the LED Indications section.
Connecting the NI roboRIO to a Network
Connect the NI roboRIO to an Ethernet network using the Ethernet port. Use a standard Category 5 (CAT-5) or better shielded, twisted-pair Ethernet cable to connect the NI roboRIO to an Ethernet hub, router, or directly to a computer.

⚠️ Caution  To prevent data loss and to maintain the integrity of your Ethernet installation, do not use a cable longer than 30 m.

The first time you power up the chassis, it attempts to initiate a DHCP network connection. If the chassis is unable to initiate a DHCP connection, it connects to the network with a link-local IP address with the form 169.254.x.x.

Preparing the NI roboRIO for Competition
For information about configuring the controller for competitive use, refer to the Tutorials tab in the Getting Started window of LabVIEW for FRC.

User Power
Table 1 describes the user voltage rails for powering external sensors and peripherals. The rails are independent from the power supplies of internal systems, such as the processor and memory.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Voltage Rail</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>+6 V</td>
<td>Power from PWM ports for use with servos.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>+5 V</td>
<td>Power for DIO and AI ports for sensors, and power for the MXP for powering expansion circuits.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>+3.3 V</td>
<td>Power for I2C, SPI, and the MXP.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Input Voltage Brownout Behavior

The NI roboRIO input voltage range is 7 V to 16 V. The input voltage monitoring circuit monitors the voltage on the input voltage pin. When the input voltage drops to between 4.5 V and 6.8 V, the NI roboRIO enters brownout mode with a staged response, as Table 2 describes.

Table 2. NI roboRIO Input Voltage Brownout Behavior

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Stage</th>
<th>Input Voltage Range</th>
<th>Behavior</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>6.3 V to 6.8 V</td>
<td>The +6 V voltage rail starts to drop.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| 2     | 4.5 V to 6.3 V      | The NI roboRIO enters a brownout fault condition and the following precautions are taken:  

- User voltage rails become disabled.  
- All PWM generation stops at the conclusion of the current cycle.  
- GPIOs configured as outputs go to High-Z.  
- Relay control outputs are driven low.  
- CAN-based motor controllers become disabled.  

The following systems continue to function normally with valid data and communication:  

- FPGA, processor, RAM, disk, and user code  
- USB power and communication  
- Radio, if powered by USB  
- Ethernet  
- CAN  
- AI and AO  
- I2C  
- SPI  
- RS-232 serial  
- LED and RSL status lights  

Stage 2 continues until the input voltage rises to greater than 7.5 V or drops to less than 4.5 V. |
| 3     | Less than 4.5 V     | All controller functions cease and the controller state is lost. This condition continues until the input voltage rises to greater than 4.65 V, at which point the controller starts the normal booting sequence. At startup, the controller remains in Stage 2 until the input voltage rises to greater than 7.5 V. |
Pinouts

The following describe the pins and signals on the NI roboRIO ports.

MXP

Figure 4 and Table 3 describe the MXP pins and signals. Note that some pins carry both primary and secondary functions.

**Figure 4. MXP Pinout**

![MXP Pinout Diagram]

**Table 3. MXP Signal Descriptions**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Signal Name</th>
<th>Reference</th>
<th>Direction</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>+5V</td>
<td>DGND</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>+5 V power output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AI &lt;0..3&gt;</td>
<td>AGND</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>0 to 5 V, referenced, single-ended AI channels. Refer to the <em>AI Channels</em> section for more information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AO &lt;0..1&gt;</td>
<td>AGND</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>0 to 5 V referenced, single-ended AO. Refer to the <em>AO Channels</em> section for more information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AGND</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>Reference for AI and AO.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>+3.3V</td>
<td>DGND</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>+3.3 V power output.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 3. MXP Signal Descriptions (Continued)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Signal Name</th>
<th>Reference</th>
<th>Direction</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DIO &lt;0..15&gt;</td>
<td>DGND</td>
<td>Input or Output</td>
<td>General-purpose digital lines with 3.3 V output, 3.3 V/5 V-compatible input. Refer to the DIO, PWM, and Relay Lines section for more information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UART.RX</td>
<td>DGND</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>UART receive input. UART lines are electrically identical to DIO lines.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UART.TX</td>
<td>DGND</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>UART transmit output. UART lines are electrically identical to DIO lines.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DGND</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>Reference for digital signals, +5 V, and +3.3 V.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

CAN Port

Figure 5 and Table 4 describe the CAN port pins and signals.

![Figure 5. CAN Port Pinout](image)

Table 4. CAN Port Signal Descriptions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Signal Name</th>
<th>Direction</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>L (GRN)</td>
<td>Input/Output</td>
<td>CAN bus differential low signal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>H (YEL)</td>
<td>Input/Output</td>
<td>CAN bus differential high signal.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note**  The NI roboRIO contains an internal 120 W termination resistor between L (GRN) and H (YEL).
I2C Port

Figure 6 and Table 5 describe the I2C port pins and signals.

**Figure 6. I2C Port Pinout**

![I2C Port Pinout](image)

**Table 5. I2C Port Signal Descriptions**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Signal Name</th>
<th>Direction</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>GND</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>Reference for digital lines and +3.3 V power output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.3V</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>+3.3 V power output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCL</td>
<td>Input or Output</td>
<td>I2C lines with 3.3 V output, 3.3 V/5 V-compatible input. Refer to the I2C Lines section for more information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SDA</td>
<td>Input or Output</td>
<td>I2C lines with 3.3 V output, 3.3 V/5 V-compatible input. Refer to the I2C Lines section for more information.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

RS-232 Port

Figure 7 and Table 6 describe the RS-232 port pins and signals.

**Figure 7. RS-232 Serial Port Pinout**

![RS-232 Serial Port Pinout](image)

**Table 6. RS-232 Serial Port Signal Descriptions**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Signal Name</th>
<th>Direction</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TXD</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Serial transmit output with ±5 V to ±15 V signal levels. Refer to the UART and RS-232 Lines section for more information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RXD</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>Serial receive input with ±15 V input voltage range. Refer to the UART and RS-232 Lines section for more information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GND</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>Reference for digital lines.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
DIO Port

Figure 8 and Table 7 describe the DIO port pins and signals.

Table 7. DIO Port Signal Descriptions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Signal Name</th>
<th>Direction</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>S (DIO) &lt;0..9&gt;</td>
<td>Input/Output</td>
<td>General-purpose digital lines with 3.3 V output, 3.3 V/5 V-compatible input. Refer to the DIO, PWM, and Relay Lines section for more information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5V</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>+5 V power output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GND</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>Reference for digital lines and +5 V power output.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

RSL Port

Figure 9 and Table 8 describe the RSL port pins and signals.

Table 8. RSL Port Signal Descriptions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Signal Name</th>
<th>Direction</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>S</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Switched power output to drive RSL when RSL is enabled. The voltage level depends on the connected input voltage. RSL current is limited at 120 mA.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GND</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>Reference for S.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Relay Port

Figure 10 and Table 9 describe the Relay port pins and signals.

**Figure 10. Relay Port Pinout**

![Relay Port Pinout Diagram]

**Table 9. Relay Port Signal Descriptions**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Signal Name</th>
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<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FWD &lt;0..3&gt;</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Relay digital lines with 5 V output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>REV &lt;0..3&gt;</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Relay digital lines with 5 V output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GND</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>Reference for digital lines.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

AI Port

Figure 11 and Table 10 describe the AI port pins and signals.

**Figure 11. AI Port Pinout**

![AI Port Pinout Diagram]

**Table 10. AI Port Signal Descriptions**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Signal Name</th>
<th>Direction</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>S (AI) &lt;0..3&gt;</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>0 V to 5 V referenced, single-ended AI channels. Refer to the <em>AI Channels</em> section for more information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5V</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>+5 V power output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GND</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>Reference for AI and +5 V power.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
PWM Port

Figure 12 and Table 11 describe the PWM port pins and signals.

**Figure 12. PWM Port Pinout**

![PWM Port Pinout Diagram](image)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Signal Name</th>
<th>Direction</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>S (PWM) &lt;0..9&gt;</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>PWM digital lines with 5 V output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6V</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>+6 V power output for servos only.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GND</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>Reference for digital lines and +6 V power output.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Table 11. PWM Port Signal Descriptions**

SPI Port

Figure 13 and Table 12 describe the SPI port pins and signals.

**Figure 13. SPI Port Pinout**

![SPI Port Pinout Diagram](image)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Signal Name</th>
<th>Direction</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>3.3V</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>+3.3 V power output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5V</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>+5 V power output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CS &lt;0..3&gt;</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>SPI with 3.3 V output, 3.3 V/5 V-compatible input. Refer to the SPI Lines section for more information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCLK</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MOSI</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MISO</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GND</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>Reference for digital lines and +3.3 V and +5.5 V power output.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Table 12. SPI Port Signal Descriptions**
Signal Ground References

To minimize noise on analog measurement channels, use the ground reference of the corresponding port. For example, when you are using AI, the measurement should reference the GND of the AI port.

Interfaces

AI Channels

The NI roboRIO has AI channels on the MXP and on the AI port. The channels are multiplexed to a single analog-to-digital converter (ADC) that samples all channels.

The MXP and the AI port each has four single-ended AI channels, AI0-AI3, which you can use to measure 0-5 V signals.

Note  For important information about improving measurement accuracy by reducing noise, visit ni.com/info and enter the Info Code analogwiring.

Figure 14 shows the AI topology of the NI roboRIO.

AO Channels

The NI roboRIO MXP has two AO channels, AO0 and AO1, which you can use to generate signals of 0 V to 5 V. Each channel has a dedicated digital-to-analog converter (DAC), which allows all AO channels to update simultaneously. The maximum update rate is specified as an aggregate rate in the Analog Output section of the NI roboRIO Specifications.

Figure 15 shows the AO topology of the NI roboRIO.
DIO, PWM, and Relay Lines

The NI roboRIO provides the following DIO lines:

- 3.3 V general-purpose DIO lines on the MXP
- 3.3 V digital lines on the DIO, I2C, and SPI ports
- 5 V digital lines on the PWM and Relay ports.

DIO <9..0> on the DIO port, CS <3..0> on the SPI port, and DIO <13..0> on the MXP all have 40 kΩ pullup resistors to 3.3 V, as shown in Figure 16.

DIO <15..14> on the MXP and the two lines on the I2C port all have 2.2 kΩ pullup resistors to 3.3 V, as shown in Figure 17.

<CLK, MOSI, MISO> on the SPI port and the lines on the PWM and Relay ports all have 40 kΩ pulldown resistors to ground, as shown in Figure 18.
You can program all MXP DIO lines and on-board DIO lines individually as inputs or outputs. Secondary digital functions include SPI, I2C, PWM, and quadrature encoder input. Refer to the NI roboRIO software documentation for information about configuring the behavior of the DIO lines.

When a DIO line is floating, it floats in the direction of the pull resistor. A DIO line may be floating in any of the following conditions:

- When the NI roboRIO device is starting up
- When the line is configured as an input
- When the NI roboRIO device is powering down

You can add a stronger resistor to a DIO line to cause it to float in the opposite direction.

**UART and RS-232 Lines**

The NI roboRIO has one UART connected to the UART lines on the MXP and one UART connected to the RS-232 port.

The UART lines on the MXP are electrically identical to DIO lines 0 to 13 on the MXP. Like those lines, UART.RX and UART.TX have 40 kΩ pullup resistors to 3.3 V.

The RS-232 lines are compliant with TIA/EIA-232-F voltage levels.

**SPI Lines**

The SPI port can support up to four devices by using each of the four Chip Select (CS) lines.

**I2C Lines**

The I2C lines can be used to connect to a network of I2C slave devices.

**USB Device Port**

You can deploy and debug code by connecting a USB cable from the USB device port on the NI roboRIO to a computer.

**USB Host Port**

The NI roboRIO USB host port supports the following devices:

- Web cameras that conform to the USB Video Device Class (UVC) protocol.
- Machine vision cameras that conform to the USB Vision standard and are backward compatible with the USB 2.0 specification.
- Basler ace USB3 cameras.
- USB Flash drives.
- USB-to-IDE adapters formatted with FAT16 and FAT32 file systems.

LabVIEW usually maps USB devices to the /U, /V, /W, or /X drive, starting with the /U drive if it is available.
Accelerometer

The NI roboRIO contains a three-axis accelerometer, MMA8452Q. Refer to the Accelerometer section of the NI roboRIO Specifications for the accelerometer sample rates.

Converting Raw Data Values to Voltage

You can use the following equations to convert raw data values to volts:

\[ V = \text{Raw Data Value} \times \text{LSB Weight} \]

\[ \text{LSB Weight} = \frac{\text{Nominal Range}}{2^{\text{ADC Resolution}}} \]

where \( \text{Raw Data Value} \) is the value returned by reading in the input channel, \( \text{LSB Weight} \) is the value in volts of the increment between data values, \( \text{Nominal Range} \) is the absolute value in volts of the full, peak-to-peak nominal range of the channel, and \( \text{ADC Resolution} \) is the resolution of the ADC in bits. (\( \text{ADC Resolution} = 12 \).)

- For AI and AO channels on the MXP,
  \[ \text{LSB Weight} = \frac{5 \text{ V}}{2^{12}} = 1.221 \text{ mV} \]
  \[ \text{Maximum reading} = 4095 \times 1.221 \text{ mV} = 4.999 \text{ V} \]

- For the accelerometer,
  \[ \text{LSB Weight} = \frac{16 \text{ g}}{2^{12}} = 3.906 \text{ mg} \]
  \[ \text{Maximum Positive Reading} = +2047 \times 3.906 \text{ mg} = +7.996 \text{ g} \]
  \[ \text{Maximum Negative Reading} = -2048 \times 3.906 \text{ mg} = -8.000 \text{ g} \]

Front Panel Buttons

Reset Button

Pressing and releasing the Reset button restarts the processor and the FPGA. Pressing and holding the Reset button until the status LED lights (about five seconds) and then releasing the Reset button restarts the processor and the FPGA and forces the NI roboRIO into safe mode. In safe mode, the NI roboRIO launches only the services necessary for updating configuration and installing software.

When the NI roboRIO is in safe mode, you can communicate with it by using the serial lines on the RS-232 serial port. You must configure your serial-port terminal program with the following settings:

- 115,200 bits per second
- Eight data bits
• No parity
• One stop bit
• No flow control

User Button
The User Button produces a logic TRUE when depressed and a logic FALSE when not depressed. The User Button is not debounced in hardware.

LED Indications

Power LED
The Power LED is a tri-color red/green/yellow LED that indicates specific conditions, as shown in Table 13.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Color</th>
<th>State</th>
<th>Indication</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Off</td>
<td>Off</td>
<td>Power is outside valid input range.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Solid</td>
<td>Power is valid with no fault condition.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Solid</td>
<td>Fault condition detected. One or more user voltage rails are in short-circuit or overcurrent condition.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Flashing</td>
<td>The input voltage is too high (greater than 16 V) and all outputs, including the RSL output, are disabled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yellow</td>
<td>Solid</td>
<td>Brownout condition detected. The 6 V user rail and outputs are disabled.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Status LED

The Status LED is a single-color yellow LED. The Status LED is off during normal operation. The NI roboRIO runs a power-on self test (POST) when you apply power to the device. During the POST, the Power and Status LEDs turn on. When the Status LED turns off, the POST is complete. The NI roboRIO indicates specific error conditions by flashing the Status LED a certain number of times every few seconds, as shown in Table 14.

Table 14. Status LED Indications

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number of Flashes Every Few Seconds</th>
<th>Indication</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>The device has detected an error in its software. This usually occurs when an attempt to upgrade the software is interrupted. Reinstall software on the device.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>The device is in safe mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>The software has crashed twice without rebooting or cycling power between crashes. This usually occurs when the device runs out of memory. Review your RT VI and check the memory usage. Modify the VI as necessary to solve the memory usage issue.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Continuously flashing or solid</td>
<td>The device has detected an unrecoverable error. Contact National Instruments.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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Radio LED

The Radio LED is a tri-color red/green/yellow LED that indicates specific conditions for an USB-connected radio, as shown in Table 15.

Table 15. Radio LED Indications

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Color</th>
<th>State</th>
<th>Indication</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Off</td>
<td>Off</td>
<td>No connection detected.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yellow</td>
<td>Blinking</td>
<td>Booting as access point. Radio is enabled and access point is being constructed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yellow</td>
<td>Solid</td>
<td>Access point active. Radio is enabled and in access point mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Blinking</td>
<td>Booting as bridge. Radio is enabled and bridging is in progress.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Solid</td>
<td>Bridge active. Radio is enabled and has bridge configured with SSID settings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Any</td>
<td>Reserved.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Other LED states may indicate other, undetermined radio issues or failures. This LED is undefined if a USB radio is not used.

Comm LED
The Comm LED is a tri-color red/green/yellow LED that indicates robot communication conditions, as shown in Table 16.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Color</th>
<th>State</th>
<th>Indication</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Off</td>
<td>Off</td>
<td>No communication detected. No heartbeat detected.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Solid</td>
<td>No code. The protocol indicates that no user code has been loaded.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Blinking</td>
<td>E-Stop. The protocol indicates that the driver station has E-Stopped the robot.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Solid</td>
<td>Active. The protocol is active and the driver station is in control of the robot.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yellow</td>
<td>Any</td>
<td>Reserved.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Mode LED
The Mode LED is a tri-color red/green/yellow LED that indicates the mode of the NI roboRIO outputs, as shown in Table 17.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Color</th>
<th>State</th>
<th>Indication</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Off</td>
<td>Off</td>
<td>Outputs disabled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Solid</td>
<td>Outputs enabled. Autonomous mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yellow</td>
<td>Solid</td>
<td>Outputs enabled. TeleOperated mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Solid</td>
<td>Outputs unknown, undetermined, or in test mode.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
RSL (Safety) LED

The RSL LED is a single-color yellow LED that functions identically to the RSL, which is an external indicator connected to the NI roboRIO using a dedicated connector, and indicates specific conditions, as shown in Table 18.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Color</th>
<th>State</th>
<th>Indication</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Off</td>
<td>Off</td>
<td>Outputs disabled. No power.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yellow</td>
<td>Solid</td>
<td>Outputs disabled. Robot is powered.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yellow</td>
<td>Blinking</td>
<td>Outputs enabled. Robot is powered.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Physical Dimensions

Figures 19 through 22 describe the physical dimensions of the NI roboRIO enclosure and its features.

Figure 19. NI roboRIO Dimensions, Primary Side
Figure 20. NI roboRIO Dimensions, Primary Side LEDs
Figure 21. NI roboRIO Dimensions, Secondary Side
Mounting the NI roboRIO

You can mount the NI roboRIO in the following ways:

- Using cable ties to secure one edge of the NI roboRIO to perfboard with 6.35 mm (0.25 in.) diameter holes on 12.7 mm (0.5 in.) straight centers, such as AndyMark part number am-0836.
- Using cable ties to secure one corner of the NI roboRIO to perfboard.
- Using screws to secure the bottom of the NI roboRIO to a metal plate.

Method One: Using Cable Ties to Secure One Edge of the NI roboRIO to Perfboard

Figures 23 through 26 show how to secure one edge of the NI roboRIO to perfboard.

Figure 22. NI roboRIO Dimensions, Side

Figure 23. Cable Ties, Method One, Step One
Figure 24. Cable Ties, Method One, Step Two

Figure 25. Cable Ties, Method One, Step Three
Method Two: Using Cable Ties to Secure One Corner of the NI roboRIO to Perfboard

Figures 27 through 31 show how to secure one corner of the NI roboRIO to perfboard.
Figure 28. Cable Ties, Method Two, Step Two

Figure 29. Cable Ties, Method Two, Step Three
Figure 30. Cable Ties, Method Two, Step Four

Figure 31. Cable Ties, Method Two, Step Five
Method Three: Using Screws to Secure the Bottom of the NI roboRIO to a Metal Plate

Figure 32 shows how to secure the bottom of the NI roboRIO to a metal plate using the built-in 4-40 screw holes. The length of the screws required depends on the thickness of the plate you use. For example, if the plate is 4.76 mm (0.188 in.) thick, the recommended screw length is 7.94 mm (0.313 in.).

![Figure 32. Mounting NI roboRIO Using Screws](image)

1 Metal Mounting Plate  
2 4-40 Screws x 4

Compatible USB and Ethernet Cables

Table 19 lists the USB and Ethernet cables available from NI that you can use with the NI roboRIO.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Cable</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>NI Part Number</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>USB cable</td>
<td>USB 2.0 A/B, black, 2 m</td>
<td>192256A-01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Peripheral USB cable</td>
<td>USB 2.0 A/A, locking, black, 2 m</td>
<td>152166A-01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ethernet cable</td>
<td>CAT-5E, thin profile, 2 m</td>
<td>151733A-01</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Warranty

For customers other than private individual users in the EU: The NI roboRIO is warranted against defects in materials and workmanship for a period of three years from the date of shipment, as evidenced by receipts or other documentation. National Instruments will, at its option, repair or replace equipment that proves to be defective during the warranty period. This warranty includes parts and labor.

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