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Before operating this instrument:
1. Ensure the proper fuse is in place for the power source to operate.
2. Ensure all other devices connected to or in proximity to this instrument are properly grounded or connected to the protective third-wire earth ground.

If the instrument:
- fails to operate satisfactorily
- shows visible damage
- has been stored under unfavorable conditions
- has sustained stress

Do not operate until performance is checked by qualified personnel.
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Chapter 1

Overview and Features

The PXIe-1209 (Figure 1-1) is a fully programmable, dual independent pulse generator that allows the generation of precisely-timed pulses of programmable frequency, pulse width, delay, and amplitude in two channels simultaneously. Each channel offers operational modes which include single, continuous, burst, and follow trigger functions. Single, double, and inverted pulses are supported. Extensive trigger and gating logic provide comprehensive control of pulse timing independently. Within each channel, the internal base clock can be disciplined to an external reference clock for long-term stability.

The PXIe-1209 can be used in a wide variety of applications including functional verification of digital systems, signal simulation, design verification, and research and development.

Key Features:

- Dual Independent Channels
- 0.1 Hz – 100 MHz
- Programmable Pulse Width, Pulse Delay, and Double Pulse Spacing
- -1.5 V to +6.5 V Programmable Pulse Output
- Programmable Rise/Fall Time
- Single Pulse or Continuous Pulsing
- Single Pulse, Double Pulse, and Inverted Pulse Modes
- Burst Mode (1 to >2B pulses output on command or trigger)
- Follow Trigger Mode
- External Triggering
- Asynchronous or Synchronous Gating Modes
- On-board can be disciplined to 1 PPS, 100 PPS, or 10 MHz external clock for long-term stability
The PXIe-1209 utilizes programmable gate array logic, a microcontroller, digital/analog converters, pin driver devices, and variety of other digital and analog electronics to provide the pulse generation function. Register-based commands are received through the PXI interface and acted upon either directly by the pulse generation logic or the microcontroller. In many cases, the microcontroller translates the register data into appropriate DAC or programmable clock values to produce the desired functionality. A simplified block diagram is shown in Figure 1-2.
The PXIe Interface allows communication between the PXIe-1209 and the carrier module. The interface is an asynchronous 32-bit data bus with interrupt and trigger capabilities. A single PXIe channel controls both Channel 1 and Channel 2 via internal bus interfaces with address allocations for both channels. The internal bus interfaces are not user accessible.

**Pulse and Timing Control Logic**

The pulse and timing control logic provides the main control and generation of the raw pulse. It contains the user programmable control and status registers, the delay lock loop elements for precise clock control, the interface logic for the microcontroller and other functions, and numerous counters and control logic elements for the pulse formatting functions.

**Microcontroller**

The microcontroller performs extensive interface functions to program the DDS, DACs, driver, counter registers, and delay values to produce the desired pulse. The DDS and DACs are programmed through the pulse and timing control logic via a serial interface to set the appropriate frequency, delay values, and pin driver amplitude. New values are computed anytime a user modifies a user register.

**Direct Digital Synthesizer (DDS)**

The DDS produces the main internal clock that controls the output pulse repetition rate. The DDS output is converted to a square wave clock signal using a high
speed comparator.

**VCXO**

The voltage controlled oscillator (VCXO) provides the base clock for the module. Even though the internal VCXO is fairly accurate and stable on its own, it can also be disciplined to a high precision 1 PPS, 100 PPS, or 10 MHz external clock, if one is available.

**Pin Drivers**

The pin driver provides the output voltage, current, and slew rate of the output pulse and Sync Out signals. The output impedance of both pulses is fixed at 50 Ω.

**Front Panel Input Signals**

Two front panel trigger signals are provided for trigger, gate, or clock reference control from an external source. The inputs have switch selectable input impedance and threshold level control.

**Backplane Trigger Signals**

Four backplane PXI trigger signals are provided via trigger bus allocation via DLL drivers. As inputs, these signals can be used for external control of the trigger, gate, or clock reference. As outputs, they can be used to output the pulse and Sync Out signals. To utilize this feature, the PXI carrier must support triggers (third row on PXI interface). Trigger operation differs depending on the carrier; see your carrier’s documentation for details.

**Operational Modes**

The PXle-1209 can be configured for many different operating modes. In order to fully understand the operation, it is important to have a clear understanding of the terminology used and relationship of the various signals as shown in Figure 1-3.
**Frequency (Pulse Repetition Rate)**

The frequency of the output pulse can be controlled internally using the frequency value and mode registers or externally using an external trigger signal.

**Pulse Width**

The width of the output pulse can be controlled internally using the pulse width register or externally using an external trigger signal.

**Pulse Delay and Double Pulse Spacing**

The time from the Sync Out signal to the first output pulse and the space between the first pulse and second pulse, if Double Pulse is enabled, is programmable using the pulse delay and double pulse spacing registers.

**Single Pulse or Double Pulse**

The output pulse can be either a single or a double pulse. In Double Pulse mode, the widths of both pulses are the same.

**Run Modes**

There are four run modes: single, continuous, burst, and follow trigger. In all cases, except follow trigger, the output pulse can be a single pulse or a double pulse. The run event can be initiated by software or an external trigger. Single pulse mode produces one pulse (or a double pulse) for each software or trigger signal. Continuous mode continues pulsing until software disables the run. Burst mode allows a preset number of pulses to be produced. In the follow trigger mode, the output pulse follows both the pulse width and period of the trigger input.
Pulse Output

The amplitude of the output pulse is programmable using the high and low level amplitude registers. The high level of the pulse and the low level of the pulse are controlled separately. The output can be enabled or disabled (placed in a high-impedance state) and the polarity (active-high or active-low) and slew rate are programmable. The output impedance is fixed at 50 Ω.

Sync Out

The Sync Out signal indicates the start (T0) of the pulse generation internal timing. The signal output can be enabled or disabled (placed in a high-impedance state) and its polarity (active-high or active-low) is programmable. The output level is switch selectable for 5.0 V or 6.5 V. The output impedance is fixed at 50 Ω.

External Trigger

An external signal can be used to control the pulse repetition rate, instead of the internal counter. Either the positive going or negative going transition can be used. Additionally, the output pulse can follow the pulse width and period of the trigger input signal.

External Gate

The module can be configured to enable pulsing only during the presence of an external signal. The gate operation can be asynchronous or synchronous (see Pulse Gating in Chapter 4 for details). The external gate can be active-high or active-low.

External Reference Clock

An external 1 PPS, 100 PPS, or 10 MHz signal can be used to discipline the internal clock. After an initial 10-minute module warm-up period, the internal clock will discipline in typically 30 seconds to within one decade of the external reference, up to the specified stability. Software register bits allow enabling the disciplining operation and provide status of the state of the reference and the internal clock.

Hardware Configuration

The PXIe-1209 contains three sets of four switches that select the input impedance of the FPSIGA and FPSIGB front panel inputs, the mode of operation for the pulse generation logic, and the Sync Out level and impedance. The switches are located as shown in Figure 1-4. The switches are only accessible with the module removed from the carrier.
Front Panel Signals A & B Input Impedance

These switches select the input impedance of the signal A and signal B front connector signals.

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<th>Input Signal A Impedance</th>
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<td>&gt;100 KΩ</td>
<td>OFF</td>
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<td>50 Ω</td>
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<th>Input Signal B Impedance</th>
<th>Switch INB</th>
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<td>&gt;100 KΩ</td>
<td>OFF</td>
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<tr>
<td>50 Ω</td>
<td>ON</td>
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Sync Out Level

These switches control the output level and impedance of the Sync Out signal.

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<td>+5 V</td>
<td>OFF</td>
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These switches control special modes of operation. These modes are undefined at this time, but are available for future implementations with special purpose modes.

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<th>Special Mode 1</th>
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<td>Normal</td>
<td>OFF</td>
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<td>Factory Debug Mode*</td>
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<td>Undefined</td>
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<td>Undefined</td>
<td>ON</td>
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CONFIG Switch 4 is not used.

**Input/Output Signals**

The front panel input/output signals for each channel are as shown in Figure 1-5 and are briefly described below. The connector shield of each of the connectors are tied to chassis ground.

**Figure 1-5, Front Panel**

**INA** This MCX connector is the input signal A. This input is software configurable as the trigger, gate, or reference clock signal. The threshold level and input active high/low are programmable. The input impedance
is switch selectable.

**INB**  This MCX connector is the input signal B. This input is software configurable as the trigger, gate, or reference clock signal. The threshold level and input active high/low are programmable. The input impedance is switch selectable.

**SYNC**  This MCX connector is the output Sync Out signal. The output level is switch selectable.

**OUT**  This MCX connector is the output Pulse signal. The high and low levels are programmable.
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Specifications

Maximum Ratings Per Module

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<td>Operating Temperature</td>
<td>0 to +50°C</td>
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<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Non-Operating Temperature</td>
<td>-40 to +70°C</td>
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<tr>
<td>Humidity</td>
<td>non-condensing</td>
<td>5 to 95%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Power Consumption</td>
<td>+3.3 VDC at 3 A</td>
<td>3000</td>
<td>mA</td>
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<td></td>
<td>+12 VDC at 1.6 A</td>
<td>1600</td>
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AC Characteristics Per Channel
(across operating temperature, unless otherwise specified)

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<td>- Range</td>
<td></td>
<td>5ns</td>
<td>5s</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>- Accuracy²</td>
<td>at calibration temperature</td>
<td>±(5% + 250 ps)</td>
<td>% + ps</td>
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<td><strong>Double Pulse Spacing</strong></td>
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<td>- Range</td>
<td>(width + 3ns) to (period – width – 3ns)</td>
<td>ns</td>
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<td>- Accuracy²</td>
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<td>(see note 4)</td>
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<td>- Temperature Coefficient</td>
<td>time increases with temperature rise</td>
<td>13, 17, 23</td>
<td>ppm/°C</td>
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### Parameter Conditions | Min Limit (Typ) | Max | Units
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**Pulse Output Characteristics**
Output Voltage Range | \( R_L = \infty \) | -1.5 | +6.5 | V
| | | | |
Output Impedance | | 50 | | Ω
| | 2 | | mV
Resolution | 12 bit | | | |
Accuracy | ±(2.0% + 100 mV) | % | mV
Output Current | Source | 60 | | mA
| Sink | 60 | | mA
Short Circuit Current | Dynamic | ±120 | | mA
Rise/Fall Time | \( SR = 00 \) (100%) | 2.5 | | V/ns
| \( SR = 01 \) (75%) | 1.875 | | V/ns
| \( SR = 10 \) (50%) | 1.25 | | V/ns
| \( SR = 11 \) (25%) | 0.625 | | V/ns

**Input Characteristics (FPSIGA & FPSIGB)**
Input Threshold | Software programmable | -5.0 | +5.0 | V
Resolution | 8 bit | 39 | | mV
Input Impedance | Switch selectable | 49 | 10K | Ω
| | 50 | | Ω
Accuracy | mid-point falling/rising | ± (5% + 150 mV) | % | mv
Hysteresis | | 50 | | 350 mVpp
Frequency | | 0 | 100 | MHz
Width | | 3 | | ns

**Sync Out Characteristics**
Timing | Time from external trigger | 20 | 27 | 35 | ns
Output Impedance | | 50 | | Ω
Amplitude | Switch selectable, \( R_L = \infty \) | 5.0 | | V
| | 6.5 | | V
Output Current | source | 60 | | mA
| sink | 60 | | mA
Short Circuit Current | Dynamic | ±120 | | mA
Rise/Fall Time | Fixed, \( R_L = \infty \) | 2200 | 2500 | 2800 | V/μs
Width | Software programmable | 4 | 5 | 6 | ns

**On-Board Clock & External Reference Disciplining**
Frequency Stability | without ext. ref. disciplining | | | 50 | ppm
| with ext. ref. disciplining | | | 0.01 | ppm
External Ref. Frequency | programmable | 1, 100, or 10M | | Hz
Time to discipline lock | after 10 minute module warm-up | 30 | | sec

**Notes:**
1. The frequency accuracy and long-term stability can be improved by using an external precision reference clock to discipline the internal oscillator. See *External Reference Disciplining* specifications (in this table) for details.
2. Accuracy is within the tolerance specified at the calibration temperature. The calibration temperature is the ambient air temperature flowing across the module. Adequate airflow is assumed. The timing temperature coefficient can be used to correct for temperature variation.
3. The pulse delay can be programmed to zero; however, the minimum Sync Out time to output pulse specification applies. After the minimum time, the accuracy specification applies.
4. For times >24 ns, the timing resolution is increases approximately 10 ps for every 12 ns increase in time.
5. The rise/fall time is specified for a programmed 5 Vpp pulse (amplitude low = 0 V, amplitude high = 5 V) with output terminated into a 50 Ω load. The slew rate is specified as the programmed amplitude divided by the 10% to 90% rise/fall time. Given the driver’s output impedance of 50 Ω, terminating the pulse output into a 50 Ω load will effectively cut the voltage in half at the load and reduce the slew rate to half the specified rate. In addition, the slew rate will be slightly less at lower amplitudes.
6. The Sync Out time specified is from the external front panel input to the external front panel Sync Out. Backplane triggering and Sync Out will vary depending on the carrier used.
7. When using long Sync Out, only the leading edge should be used to ensure low jitter to Pulse Out. The falling edge and hence the width of Sync Out varies up to 10 ns.
8. The on-board oscillator will discipline to within one decade of the external reference, up to the specified stability.

Mechanical
The mechanical dimensions of the module are in conformance with PXI Industry Standard per PXI Systems Alliance. The nominal dimensions are 160 mm long by 100 mm wide.

Bus Compliance
The module complies with the PXI Express Hardware Specification Revision 1.0.
Module Type: PXIe
Addressing: 32-bit
Data: D32
Interrupts Both Channels: INTA, INTB, INTC, and INTD
DMA: not supported
Triggers Per Channel: Input/Output Trig A and Trig B
Device ID: 1209_{16}
Vendor ID: 1D5D_{16}
Class Code: 110000_{24}
Revision ID 0A_{8}
Sub System ID: 0001_{16}
SubSystem Vendor ID: 1D5D_{16}

Environmental
Temperature/Altitude
- Operating: 0° C to 55° C/10,000 ft
- Storage: -40° C to 75° C/15,000 ft
Relative Humidity
- 5 to 95%, non-condensing <30° C
- 5 to 75%, non-condensing <40° C
Mechanical
- Shock: 30 g, 11 ms, ½ sinewave
- Vibration: 0.013 in (pk-pk), 5 to 55 Hz
- Bench Handling: 4-inch drop at 45°
CE Certifications


MTBF (MIL-HDBK-217 FN2, GB GC, 25°)

- 379878 hrs

Mechanical

Weight

- 1.26 lbs (0.567 kg)

Dimensions

- 1 Slot Width PXI Express Module
Unpacking and Inspection

Verify that there has been no damage to the shipping container. If damage exists then the container should be retained, as it will provide evidence of carrier caused problems. Such problems should be reported to the shipping courier immediately, as well as to our Customer Support department. If there is no damage to the shipping container, carefully remove the module from its box and inspect for any signs of physical damage. If damage exists, report immediately to Astronics Customer Support.

Installing the Module into a PXIe Chassis

**WARNING**

The PXIe-1209 module is NOT hot-swappable. The power to the PXIe chassis must be turned off before installing a PXIe-1209. Plugging the module in before the power is off may result in damage to the electronics.

The PXIe-1209 should be installed in any PXIe chassis hybrid or PXIe slot.

When inserting the module into the chassis, it should be gently rocked back and forth to seat the connectors into the backplane receptacles.

Software Installation

Prior to hardware installation of the PXIe-1209, install the following four software drivers:

1. VISA software, available from your PXI slot 0 device vendor
2. Windows PXI Device Driver (from LabVIEW driver installer)
3. LabWindows/CVI Instrument Driver (optional)
4. LabVIEW Instrument Driver (optional)

*Note:* You will need system administrator privileges to install these software items.

**Installing the VISA driver**

The LabVIEW and LabWindows/CVI driver communicate with the instrument using
the VISA software interface layer. The VISA software is provided by the manufacturer of your PXI controller. Obtain the VISA software from your PXI controller vendor, and follow their instructions for installing on your computer.

**Installing the PXI device driver**

The PXI Device Driver is included on both the LabWindows / CVI Instrument Driver Installer and the LabVIEW Instrument Driver Installer. You MUST install this driver so that the instrument will be properly recognized by Windows.

If you execute the LabVIEW Driver Installer, the PXI device driver is installed by default.

If you execute the LabWindows/CVI driver installer, the installer creates a subdirectory named “Windows Driver” inside the directory selected for installation. By default, on a 64-bit operating system, this directory will be:

C:\Program Files (x86)\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\ri1209e

On a 32-bit operating system, the default would be:

C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\ri1209e

To install the PXI device driver:

1. Use the Windows explorer to navigate to the “Windows Driver” subdirectory.
2. Right-mouse click on the file “ri1209e.inf”.
3. Select “Install”.

**Installing the LabVIEW instrument driver**

1. Insert the install media disk into your computer.
2. Navigate to the “Drivers” folder on the install media.
3. Navigate to the LabVIEW Driver folder.
4. Double-click on the file “setup.exe”.
5. The driver installer will provide you with a choice for a standard or customer installation.
   a. The standard installation will install the Windows PXI device driver for the 1209e. It will also install the driver for the version(s) of LabVIEW that is currently installed on your computer.
   b. The customer installation allows you to select which version(s) of LabVIEW for which the driver will be installed. If you are running a version of LabVIEW that is not supported by the installer, you can select an older version of driver to use. For example, if you are running LabVIEW 2013, you can install the LabVIEW 2011 version and let LabVIEW re-compile the driver when it is first used.
6. The driver installer creates a directory “Astronics ri1209e” within the “instr.lib” subdirectory of the version of LabVIEW you are using.
Installing the LabWindows/CVI instrument driver

1. Insert the install media disk into your computer.
2. Navigate to the “Drivers” folder on the install media.
3. Select the version of the installer that meets your needs.
   a. Select the “InstallerWithRTE” folder if you do NOT have a version of the LabWindows/CVI run-time engine installed on your computer. The executable soft front panel requires the LabWindows/CVI run-time engine to work properly.
   b. Select the “InstallerWithoutRTE” folder if you already have a version of the LabWindows/CVI run-time engine installed on your computer.
4. Double-click on the file “setup.exe”.
5. Follow the command prompts, and select the destination folder for installation.
6. By default, the installer will place the files within the VISA directory structure.
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Chapter 4
Operation

The PXIe-1209 is a register-based instrument that is controlled through a series of I/O registers described in Chapter 6. The exact method of accessing and addressing the I/O registers is dependent on the PXI carrier used to interface the module to your data acquisition or test system. Refer to the carrier’s documentation for information on the address mapping of a PXI’s I/O registers and to your system software documentation for details on data access.

Programming

NOTE: For most users, it is advisable to use either the LabWindows/CVI or the LabVIEW driver in your application development environment to program the PXIe-1209. Consult Chapter 5, Software Operation, of this manual for a description of how to use the software drivers supplied with this module.

Writing Register Values

Normal 16-bit wide register values can be written in one write operation using 32-bit register access. However, some pulse parameters, such as the pulse period, pulse width, and pulse delay, require more than 16-bits. Special attention must be given when programming these values. To prevent a pulse parameter from changing until the entire value is written, the order of the write operations is important. The internal logic is configured to only accept the change when the high-order bits are written. Therefore, the application software must write the low bits first, then the middle bits, and lastly the high bits.

Pulse Programming

With the RUN bit disabled (0) in the Control/Status register, set the desired pulse frequency, pulse width, pulse delays, high/low amplitude, desired trigger control mode, pulse mode (single or double pulse), and run mode (single, continuous, burst, or follow trigger). After setting the desired pulse parameters, a finite amount of time (<20 ms) is required for configuration of the internal logic. The module will signal that it is ready to run by setting the RDY bit. Application software should verify the module is ready by reading the RDY bit. If desired, an interrupt can be generated to signal this event. Once the RDY bit is verified, enable the RUN bit (1). Modifications can be made to all settings except for RMODE without clearing the RUN bit; however, the RDY bit will go low momentarily and there may be a pulse glitch while the configuration is being adjusted.

Pulse Delay

The pulse delay is defined as the amount of time from the leading edge of Sync...
Out to the leading edge of the output pulse. Pulse delay is user programmable from 5 ns to 5 seconds.

**Sync Out**

Sync Out marks the beginning of a single or double pulse sequence. The time from Sync Out to Pulse Out is user programmable from 5 ns to 5 seconds. The width of Sync Out is programmable as short (~5 ns) or long (~50 ns). The short width should be used when pulsing at frequencies above 20 MHz. For frequencies less than 20 MHz, the short or long width can be used.

In addition, when using external triggering, it is important to keep in mind the time from external trigger to Sync Out time as specified in **Sync Out** in Chapter 1. This time is due to intrinsic propagation delays of the input circuitry and pulse generation logic. The time may vary from board to board, but will not vary significantly for a particular board.

In burst mode and when using synchronous gating, the time from the external trigger to Sync Out will jitter 5-10 ns from trigger to trigger, if the DDS/Divider Mode (FGM = 1) is being used (see **Pulse and Timing Control Logic** in Chapter 1 for more details). This is due to the required synchronization of the asynchronous external trigger to the internal clock on the PXie-1209. Synchronization is not required when producing a Single or Double pulse sequence, so this jitter does not occur.

**Frequency (Internal Pulse Repetition Rate)**

The internal pulse repetition rate can be derived directly from the DDS output or controlled by a combination of the DDS output and a divider value. The direct DDS output should be used when producing continuous fixed frequency pulses, software initiated pulse burst, or asynchronous gating operations. This method allows the most flexible control and highest resolution of the frequency.

The combination of the DDS output and a divider value should be used when doing externally triggered pulse burst or synchronous gating operations. When using the divider, the DDS must be set to a frequency between 25 and 50 MHz. This clock is multiplied by four internally to provide a 100 to 200 MHz base clock for the input to the divider. The first pulse after an incoming external trigger or gate signal will occur synchronous to this base clock, which varies in period from 5 to 10 ns, depending on the x4 internal clock frequency. If the direct DDS output were used, the pulse would be synchronous to that output clock, which may have a much longer period than 10 ns.

**Single Pulse vs. Double Pulse**

The DP bit in the Control/Status Register selects whether a single pulse (or double pulse) occurs when triggered. It is important to remember that the Double Pulse Spacing is the time from the rising edge of the first pulse to the rising edge of the second pulse; therefore, the Double Pulse Spacing must be set to a value greater than the Pulse Width.
Single, Continuous, and Burst Modes

The RMODE bits in the Control/Status Register select whether a single pulse (or double pulse) or a series of pulses is output for each software run or external trigger. To output a continuous stream of pulses, set the RMODE to Continuous Cycle mode, then the RUN bit to 1. If the Trigger Source in the Trigger/Gate Control register is set to “Software RUN bit,” the pulses will start immediately. Otherwise, the pulse will start when the selected trigger becomes active. To stop the stream of pulses, set the RUN bit to 0. To output a specific number of pulses, set the Burst Count registers to the desired number, then set the RMODE to Burst mode. Use the software RUN bit or an external trigger to initiate the output of the desired number of pulses. The burst of pulses is outputted each time the RUN bit or external trigger go from inactive (0) to active (1). If desired, an interrupt can be generated at the end of the burst.

NOTE: Always set the RUN bit to 0 before changing the RMODE. Do not change the RMODE at the same time the RUN bit is changed (use separate write operations).

Follow Trigger Mode

Setting the RMODE bits in the Control/Status Register to “Follow Trigger Input” causes the output pulse to follow both the pulse width and period of the selected Trigger Source specified in the Trigger/Gate Control register. This feature can be used to provide level shifting of an input signal.

Pulse Gating

The pulse output can be gated to be present only during the active level of an external signal. To use this function, set the Gate Mode (GM) bit to a 1 in the Trigger/Gate Control register, the desired type of gating to synchronous or asynchronous using the SG bit, and select the gate source with the GATESEL bits.

With synchronous gating, the first pulse is synchronized with the rising edge of the gate signal. A pulse (or double pulse) will continue to be output as long as the gate signal is active when the Sync Out signal occurs.

With asynchronous gating, the pulse runs free internally, but will be low when the gate signal is inactive. The pulse output is not synchronized to the gate signal. Active pulses will only be present when the gate signal is active.

Calibration

Calibration values are used to adjust the timing accuracy for each of the delay elements, the pulse width, pulse delay, and double pulse spacing. These values should only be modified by trained factory personnel. The values can always be reset to Factory Default Values by setting the CRST bit in the first Calibration register. This bit resets all calibration values to their factory default values. Calibration is recommended every 12 months.
Reference Disciplining

The PXIe-1209’s internal oscillator can be disciplined to an external clock by selecting the reference clock source (REFSEL bits) in the control/status register. Enable disciplining and select the frequency of the input reference by setting the RFE bits (RFE1 and RFE0) in the control/status register. If a reference clock is detected, the DET bit in the control/status will be a one.

When the internal clock is disciplined to within approximately one decade of the reference clock, the LOK bit will transition high. If the module has warmed to a stable operating temperature, this typically requires around 30 seconds. The disciplining logic checks the internal clock frequency against the external reference clock every three seconds. If the module temperature is not stable, the disciplining logic may require longer to achieve lock and may transition out of lock. Since the purpose of reference disciplining is to achieve long term stability, occasional out of lock conditions are typically not detrimental. The disciplining status can be monitored by reading the Reference Count register. This register indicates the difference between the internal VCXO frequency and the external reference clock. The PXIe-1209 will continue to discipline itself to the reference clock as long as the reference clock is present. If the reference clock is removed, the PXIe-1209 will hold its internal clock at the disciplined frequency; however, normal drift will occur.

Reference Disciplining only affects the output frequency of the pulses. It does not affect the pulse width, pulse delay, or double pulse spacing accuracy.

Interruptions

The PXIe-1209 supports interrupts INTA, INTB, INTC, and INTD with allocations specified by the DLL driver.
Chapter 5
Software Operation

Using the Soft Front Panel

The soft front panel allows the operator interactive control over the PXIe-1209 to allow instrument operation. All major functions are provided.

Starting the Soft Front Panel

The Soft Front Panel application is installed when you install the LabWindows / CVI driver. After the Soft Front Panel is installed, you may start it by selecting “Start -> All Programs -> VXIPNP -> Astronics Test Systems 1209e Dual Pulse Generator” from the task bar.

Figure 5-1, Starting Soft Front Panel
The soft front panel looks for one or more PXle-1209 Dual Pulse Generators in the system. If it finds exactly one, it will display the main panel and start executing as shown below. If it finds none, then it will ask if you want to run the program in demonstration mode. If it finds more than one, it will display a list of those found and let you choose the one you want to communicate with.

Once the instrument has been found and selected, the main panel will be displayed. It will appear as shown below:

![Figure 5-2, RI1209e Main Panel](image)

The PXle-1209 instrument consists of two independent pulse generators. You can select which one is being accessed by selecting the “Active PGEN” switch in the middle of the right hand-side of the main panel.

In order to generate a pulse, you must set the high and low amplitude, the pulse width, and pulse frequency. You must then push the “Enable” and “Run” buttons.

You may also generate a pulse quickly by clicking on the “Quick Setup” button on the lower left-hand side of the main panel.

The main panel provides the selection for one of the four main operating modes provided by the pulse generator:

- Single Pulse or Pulse Pair – a single pulse or pulse pair is generated for each trigger received.
- Continuous Cycle – a continuous stream of pulses is generated once a trigger is received
- Burst Count Mode – a set of N pulses is generated for each trigger received. The number of pulses (burst count) may be set
- Follow Trigger – if the voltage input for the selected trigger is below the programmed threshold voltage, the output will be at the low amplitude voltage. If the voltage input for the selected trigger is above the programmed threshold voltage, the output will be at the high amplitude voltage.
The Soft Front Panel program provides three different main menus at the top of the window. These are the Instrument, Configure, and Help menus.

The **Instrument** menu is shown below:

![Figure 5-3, Instrument Menu](image)

The selections available from this menu are:

- Select – choose a different 1209e to control
- Reset – Reset the instrument to a default state, both generators off
- Close – close the program and terminate operation

The **Configure** menu is shown below:

![Figure 5-4, Configure Menu](image)

The selections available from this menu include:
- Pulse Output – configure miscellaneous aspects about the output pulse
- Sync Output – configure miscellaneous aspects for the Sync Output
- Gate & Triggers – configure the gate and input triggers for the instrument
- External Reference – select the external reference for the instrument
- Front Panel Inputs – set the input thresholds for the front panel inputs
- Calibration – provide the calibration interface for the module (NOTE: this is intended primarily for factory calibration and should generally not be changed by the end user)
- Auto Update Rate – configure how often the main panel is refreshed
- Frequency Generation Mode – select how the pulse frequency is generated

The Configure sub-menu items provide access to the various configurable aspects of the instrument that are not available via the main panel.

The **Pulse Output** configuration window is shown below.

![Figure 5-5, Pulse Output Configuration Window](image)

The Slew Rate allows the operator to select from 4 available output pulse slew rates: Fastest (100%), Medium-Fast (75%), Medium Slow (50%) and Slowest (25%).

The Polarity control allows the pulse to be output in the normal polarity, or in the inverted polarity.

The **Sync Output** configuration window is shown below. This allows the user to enable or disable the sync pulse, to select the polarity for the sync pulse, and to select the pulse width of the sync pulse.

![Figure 5-6, Sync Output Configuration Window](image)
The Gate & Triggers configuration window consists of three different subwindows. The Gate & Triggers configuration window is shown below:

![Gate & Trigger Configuration Window](image1)

**Figure 5-7, Gate & Trigger Configuration Window**

There are two different triggers that can be routed to/from the PXI backplane. These are referred to as “M Trigger A” and “M Trigger B”. Each of these can be selected as either an input to, or output from the pulse generator. The choices are:

- Trigger Input – this is a trigger input to the module
- Output pulse – the pulse output is routed here
- Output sync – the sync pulse is routed here
- DDS SYNC_IN or SYNC_OUT – this is used to synchronize two pulse generators. When this is selected, you can choose slave (SYNC_IN) for one pulse generator and master (SYNC_OUT) for the second pulse generator.

The second sub-window is the M-Triggers Routing window as shown below:

![M-Triggers Routing Window](image2)

**Figure 5-8, M-Triggers Routing Window**

When M-Trigger A is configured as a trigger input, the “M Trigger A input” selection
will be enabled. When it is configured as an output, the “M Trigger A Output”
selection will be enabled. The same is true for M Trigger B.

The possible selections for M Trigger A input are:

- Not Connected – default
- PXI TRIG 0 – the input is connected to the PXI TRIG0 line (PGEN 1 only)
- PXI TRIG 1 – the input is connected to the PXI TRIG1 line (PGEN 1 only)
- PXI TRIG 4 – the input is connected to the PXI TRIG0 line (PGEN 2 only)
- PXI TRIG 5 – the input is connected to the PXI TRIG1 line (PGEN 2 only)
- Inter-trigger connect – the input is routed to an on-board trigger interconnection
  module, and so could be connected to M Trigger B output of this pulse
generator or M Trigger A output or M Trigger B output of the alternate pulse
generator.
- PXI 10 MHz – the input is connected to the PXI 10 MHz clock

The possible selections for M Trigger A output are:

- Not Connected – default
- PXI TRIG 2 – the output is connected to the PXI TRIG2 line (PGEN 1 only)
- PXI TRIG 6 – the output is connected to the PXI TRIG6 line (PGEN 2 only)
- Inter-trigger connect – the output is routed to an on-board trigger
  interconnection module, and so could be connected to M Trigger B of this
  pulse generator or M Trigger A or M Trigger B of the alternate pulse
generator.

The possible selections for M Trigger B input are:

- Not Connected – default
- PXI TRIG 0 – the input is connected to the PXI TRIG0 line (PGEN 1 only)
- PXI TRIG 1 – the input is connected to the PXI TRIG1 line (PGEN 1 only)
- PXI TRIG 4 – the input is connected to the PXI TRIG0 line (PGEN 2 only)
- PXI TRIG 5 – the input is connected to the PXI TRIG1 line (PGEN 2 only)
- Inter-trigger connect – the input is routed to an on-board trigger interconnection
  module, and so could be connected to M Trigger A output of this pulse
generator or M Trigger A output or M Trigger B output of the alternate pulse
generator.
- PXI 10 MHz – the input is connected to the PXI 10 MHz clock

The possible selections for M Trigger B output are:

- Not Connected – default
- PXI TRIG 3 – the output is connected to the PXI TRIG3 line (PGEN 1 only)
- PXI TRIG 7 – the output is connected to the PXI TRIG7 line (PGEN 1 only)
- Inter-trigger connect – the output is routed to an on-board trigger
  interconnection module, and so could be connected to M Trigger A of this
  pulse generator or M Trigger A or M Trigger B of the alternate pulse generator.
The **Gate and Trigger** subwindow is shown below:

![Gate and Trigger Subwindow](image)

**Figure 5-9, Gate and Trigger Subwindow**

This window allows the user to enable or disable the gate operation for the pulse generator. It also allows the user to select whether the gate mode is synchronous or asynchronous. In addition, it allows the user to select which input acts as the gate and which input acts as the trigger.

The gate input selection options are:

- Ignore gate – same as setting the gate to disabled
- Front Panel signal A (high level). A high level on the IN 1 A input (for PGEN #1) or IN 2 A input (for PGEN #2) enables the pulse output. A high level means that the voltage at the input is above the programmed threshold by the “Input A threshold” setting of the “Front Panel Inputs” configuration window.
- Front Panel signal A (low level). A low level on the IN 1 A input (for PGEN #1) or IN 2 A input (for PGEN #2) enables the pulse output. A low level means that the voltage at the input is below the programmed threshold by the “Input A threshold” setting of the “Front Panel Inputs” configuration window.
- Front Panel signal B (high level). A high level on the IN 1 B input (for PGEN #1) or IN 2 B input (for PGEN #2) enables the pulse output. A high level means that the voltage at the input is above the programmed threshold by the “Input B threshold” setting of the “Front Panel Inputs” configuration window.
- Front Panel signal B (low level). A low level on the IN 1 B input (for PGEN #1) or IN 2 B input (for PGEN #2) enables the pulse output. A low level means that the voltage at the input is below the programmed threshold by the “Input B threshold” setting of the “Front Panel Inputs” configuration window.
- Backplane Trigger A (high level). A logic 1 level on the currently selected M Trigger A input enables the pulse.
- Backplane Trigger A (low level). A logic 0 level on the currently selected M Trigger A input enables the pulse.
- Backplane Trigger B (high level). A logic 1 level on the currently selected M Trigger B input enables the pulse.
• Backplane Trigger B (low level). A logic 0 level on the currently selected M Trigger B input enables the pulse.

The trigger input selections are:

• Software Run Bit (default) – the pulse is generated immediately when the RUN and ENABLE buttons on the front panel are set.

• Front Panel Signal A (rising edge) – An input signal which crosses the programmed “Input A Threshold” with a rising edge on the IN 1 A input (for PGEN #1) or IN 2 A input (for PGEN #2) triggers the pulse generator.

• Front Panel Signal A (falling edge) – An input signal which crosses the programmed “Input A Threshold” with a falling edge on the IN 1 A input (for PGEN #1) or IN 2 A input (for PGEN #2) triggers the pulse generator.

• Front Panel Signal B (rising edge) – An input signal which crosses the programmed “Input B Threshold” with a rising edge on the IN 1 B input (for PGEN #1) or IN 2 B input (for PGEN #2) triggers the pulse generator.

• Front Panel Signal B (falling edge) – An input signal which crosses the programmed “Input B Threshold” with a falling edge on the IN 1 B input (for PGEN #1) or IN 2 B input (for PGEN #2) triggers the pulse generator.

• Backplane Trigger A (rising edge) – A rising edge of the signal that is presently selected input for M Trigger A triggers the pulse generator.

• Backplane Trigger A (falling edge) – A falling edge of the signal that is presently selected input for M Trigger B triggers the pulse generator.

• Backplane Trigger B (rising edge) – A rising edge of the signal that is presently selected input for M Trigger B triggers the pulse generator.

• Backplane Trigger B (falling edge) – A falling edge of the signal that is presently selected input for M Trigger B triggers the pulse generator.

The External Reference configuration window is shown below. This window allows the external reference to be enabled or disabled. When enabled, it provides the means to select the reference frequency (1 PPS, 100 PPS, or 10 MHz), and the external reference source (Front Panel Signal A, Front Panel Signal B, Backplane Trigger A, or Backplane Trigger B).

![Figure 5-10, External Reference Configuration Window](image-url)
The **Front Panel Inputs** configuration window is shown below:

![Front Panel Inputs Configuration Window](image)

**Figure 5-11, Front Panel Inputs Configuration Window**

This window provides the ability to program the input thresholds for the IN 1 A and IN 1 B front panel inputs (for PGEN 1) or the IN 2 A and IN 2 B front panel inputs (for PGEN 2). It also allows the user to set the hysteresis voltage. This panel provides the means to set the threshold DACs directly, but that feature is generally used for calibration and / or troubleshooting and is generally not needed.

The Calibration window is not shown as this is intended for use primarily for factory calibration.

The Auto-Update window allows the user to set how often the main front panel is refreshed. In order for this value to have any effect, the “Auto” checkbox on the main front panel, next to the “Update” button, must be checked.

The Frequency Generation Mode menu item allows the user to select how the pulse frequency is derived. It may be “Auto”, “DDS”, or “DDS and Divider”. In general, this should be left in “Auto” mode.

### Using the LabWindows / CVI Driver

The LabWindows / CVI driver provides a ‘C’ language programming interface. This driver also includes a 32-bit and 64-bit DLL that can be used within various programming environments such as Microsoft Visual Studio C++ and C#.

The first step to using any of the functions in the driver is to call the “ri1209e_init()” function. This function takes the VISA descriptor that identifies which instrument is being accessed and returns a “handle”. All of the other functions in the driver use this handle.

The last step in using the driver is to call the “ri1209e_close()” function. Each time you make a call to the “ri1209e_init()” function, it returns a new handle and allocates some memory for that driver session. Calling the “ri1209e_close()” functions releases the memory and resources associated with the handle.
A skeleton program will look something like what is shown below.

```c
#include <ri1209e.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    ViSession hdll1209e;
    ViStatus err;

    // call the initialize function
    err = ri1209e_init("PXI32::15::INSTR", VI_TRUE, VI_TRUE,
                        &hdll1209e);

    // check the error code
    if (err < 0) {
        // do something / report error
        ViChar errMsg[256];
        ri1209e_error_message(hdl, err, errMsg);

        printf("ri1209e_init() returned error code %d\n", err);
        printf("error message = '%s'\n", errMsg);
        return err;
    }

    // use other functions of the driver
    // ...

    // done using the driver, call ri1209e_close()
    err = ri1209e_close( hdll1209e );
}
```

The various functions in the driver allow you to configure the dual pulse generators within the 1209e. They also provide a means to retrieve current status from these pulse generators. For detailed information on the driver, consult the help information in the help file “ri1209e.hlp” that is included with the driver.
Using the LabVIEW Driver

The LabVIEW driver provides the means to control and interact with the PXIe-1209 from within the National Instruments LabVIEW programming environment.

The first step in using any of the VIs in the LabVIEW driver is to initialize the instrument using the “ri1209e Initialize.vi”. You can select this from within a LabVIEW diagram by right-mouse clicking and selecting Instrument I/O -> Instr Drivers -> Astronics ri1209e -> ri1209e Initialize.vi

Once in the diagram, the VI must be supplied with the instrument descriptor for the 1209e. This will be assigned by the VISA software provided by the PXI controller. A typical instrument descriptor is “PXI34::15::INSTR”.

A rudimentary VI block diagram with just the ri1209e Intiialize.vi is shown in the next figure.

This next VI illustration shows that the instrument descriptor has been selected and wired into the VI.
The next step is to add the various driver VIs that provide the information you need in your application. The image below demonstrates that three more VIs have been added to the diagram. These VIs set the pulse repetition frequency, pulse width, and pulse amplitude for the selected pulse generator (PGEN 1).

One requirement for using the driver is to wire the “instrument handle out” output from one VI to the “instrument handle” input on the next VI. A second requirement for using the driver is to wire the “error out” output from one VI to the “error in” input of the next VI. These two required connections are shown for each of the 3 newly added VIs:

The last recommendation, as with the LabWindows/CVI driver, is that every handle you open with the “ri1209e Initialize.vi” should be closed with the “ri1209e Close.vi”. Every time you execute the “ri1209e Initialize.vi”, it opens a new handle.
to the instrument, and that handle allocates some memory. Repeated use of the “ri1209e Initialize.vi” without closing it via the “ri1209e Close.vi” will ultimately result in an execution error.

The use of the “ri1209e Close.vi” as the last VI in the chain is shown in the diagram below:

The LabVIEW driver contains several executable example VIs. You can locate this in one of two ways:

Select the menu item “Instrument I/O -> Instr Drivers -> Astronics ri1209e -> Examples -> ri1209e Create Continuous Pulse Pair”. Then open the front panel on the VI.
Alternatively, from the LabVIEW menu of any front panel, you can select “Help -> Find Examples...”. This will launch the NI Example Finder. From there, you can look under the “instruments” folder and select the “ri1209e Create Continuous Pulse Pair.vi”.

You may find full help information on the driver by selecting the “Help -> Astronics ri1209e -> ri1209e LabVIEW Help” menu item from any VI’s front panel.
Chapter 6  
Identification and Configuration Registers

I/O Registers

The PXI Offset address space between 0x10000 and 0x100014 is reserved for general PXI control of the module. The Address Offset for Channel 1 is 0x101000 whereas address offset for Channel 2 is 0x102000.

There are a variety of registers used to configure and control the PXIe-1209 module. These registers are located in the IOSpace. The address map of the registers for each channel is shown in Table 6-1. Details of the registers are provided in the following sections.

Channel 1 I/O register access requires a base address of 0x101000 + the register address increment. Channel 2 I/O register access requires a base address of 0x102000 + the register address increment.

Table 6-1, I/O Address Map/Command Summary

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RDY ⇒ Ready (1 = ready)
LOK ⇒ Internal VCXO Locked to External Reference Clock (0 = not locked, 1 = locked)
SI ⇒ Sync Out Inversion (0 = normal (active high) (default), 1 = inverted (active low))
SOE ⇒ Sync Out Enable (0 = disabled (default), 1 = enabled)
RFE1/0 ⇒ Reference Clock Enable (00 = default) ²
00 Disabled
01 100PPS Input
10 10MHz Input
11 1PPS Input
DET ⇒ Reference Clock Detected (0 = not detected, 1 = detected)
REFSEL ⇒ Reference Clock Source Select (if enabled)
00 Front Panel Signal A
01 Front Panel Signal B
10 Backplane Trigger A
11 Backplane Trigger B
PI ⇒ Pulse Inversion (0 = normal (active high) (default), 1 = inverted (active low))
POE ⇒ Pulse Output Enable (0 = disabled (default), 1 = enabled front panel output)
DP ⇒ Double Pulse Mode (0 = single pulse (default), 1 = double pulse)
SPW ⇒ Sync Out Pulse Width (0 = 5ns (default), 1 = 50ns)
RMODE ⇒ Run Mode
00 Single pulse or double pulse (default)
01 Continuously cycle
10 Burst count
11 Follow Trigger Input
RUN ⇒ Run (0 = enable (default), 1 = disable)

Notes:
1. Always set the RUN bit to 0 before changing the RMODE. Do not change the RMODE at the same time the RUN bit is changed (use separate write operations).
Interrupt Control

MIEN $\Rightarrow$ Master Interrupt Enable (0 = disabled (default), 1 = enable)
VL4X $\Rightarrow$ Internal VCXO 4X DLL Lock (0 = locked, 1 = not locked)
VL2X $\Rightarrow$ Internal VCXO 2X DLL Lock (0 = locked, 1 = not locked)
DL4X $\Rightarrow$ Internal DDS 4X DLL Lock (0 = locked, 1 = not locked)
DL2X $\Rightarrow$ Internal DDS 2X DLL Lock (0 = locked, 1 = not locked)
IT $\Rightarrow$ Interrupt Type (0 = Type A, software-end-of-interrupt (default), 1 = Type C, hardware-end-of-interrupt)
EOB $\Rightarrow$ End of Burst (1 = EOB occurred (write a 1 to this bit to clear))
RDI $\Rightarrow$ Ready Interrupt (1 = Ready bit went high (write a 1 to this bit to clear))
BIEN $\Rightarrow$ End of Burst Interrupt Enable (0 = disabled (default), 1 = enabled)
RIEN $\Rightarrow$ Ready Interrupt Enable (0 = disabled (default), 1 = enabled)

Notes:
1. These bits are for diagnostic purposes only. They indicate proper locking of the internal DLL clocks. DDS locking (DL2X & DL4X) will not occur when FGM = 0 (direct DDS mode).
2. When using Type C interrupts (IT = 1), the interrupt pending bits 7-0 are presented as the interrupt vector during the interrupt acknowledge cycle. The interrupt is also disabled and must be re-enabled during the interrupt service routine.
Trigger/Gate Control

### PXIe-1209 Reg. 04

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- **SG**  ⇨ Synchronous Gating (0 = asynchronous gating, 1 = synchronous gating)
- **GM**  ⇨ Gated Mode (0 = disabled, 1 = enabled)
- **DSMS**  ⇨ DDS Sync Master/Slave (0 = use this DDS SYNC_CLK as master synchronization signal, 1 = this DDS accepts synchronization from other unit) 

**Gate Source Select**

**High Level**

- 0000 Ignore Gate (default)
- 0001 Front Panel Signal A
- 0010 Front Panel Signal B
- 0011 (reserved)
- 0100 Backplane M-Trigger A
- 0101 Backplane M-Trigger B
- 0110 (reserved)
- 0111 (reserved)

**Low Level**

- 1000 Front Panel Signal A
- 1010 Front Panel Signal B
- 1100 Backplane M-Trigger A
- 1101 Backplane M-Trigger B
- 1110 (reserved)
- 1111 (reserved)

**MTRGSELx**  ⇨ M-Trigger A and M-Trigger B Control

- 00 Trigger Input (default)
- 01 Output Pulse
- 10 Output Sync
- 11 DDS SYNC_IN or DDS SYNC_OUT

**Trigger Source Select**

**Rising Edge**

- 0000 Software RUN bit (default)
- 0001 Front Panel Signal A
- 0010 Front Panel Signal B
- 0011 (reserved)
- 0100 Backplane M-Trigger A
- 0101 Backplane M-Trigger B
- 0110 (reserved)
- 0111 (reserved)

**Falling Edge**

- 1000 Front Panel Signal A
- 1010 Front Panel Signal B
- 1100 Backplane M-Trigger A
- 1101 Backplane M-Trigger B
- 1110 (reserved)
- 1111 (reserved)

Notes:
1. Setting the RUN bit will cause a pulse or pulse train to occur.
2. All unused bits should be written as 0’s to ensure future revision compatibility.
3. The DSMS bit sets the direction and usage of the signals. When DSMS = 0, DDS SYNC_OUT is output to the selected M-Trigger. When DSMS = 1, DDS SYNC_IN is input from the selected M-Trigger.

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- **FWMAJ**  ⇨ Firmware Major Version (first major release is 1, prerelease is 0)
- **FWMIN**  ⇨ Firmware Minor Version (minor releases involve insignificant changes or corrections)
- **LGMAJ**  ⇨ Logic Major Version (first major release is 1, prototype is 0)
- **LGMIN**  ⇨ Logic Minor Version (minor releases involve insignificant changes or corrections)
**DDS Frequency - Low**

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**DDS Frequency - High**

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Notes:
1. Each bit represents ~0.093Hz (use 400MHz ÷ (2^32 − 1) for programming).
2. When FGM = 1 (frequency divider mode), the frequency must be set to a value >25MHz and ≤50MHz.
3. The registers must be written in the order low then high. The new frequency divider value does not take effect until the high order register is written.

**Frequency Divider – Low**

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FGM \(\triangleq\) Frequency Generation Mode (0 = DDS output directly controls the pulse frequency (default), 1 = pulse frequency is controlled by a combination of the DDS output and a divider value)

Notes:
1. These registers are only used when the FGM bit the Frequency Mode Control register is set.
2. The pulse frequency is equal to \((\text{DDS Frequency} \times 4) \div \text{Frequency Divider value}\).
3. The minimum divider value is two (2).
4. The registers must be written in the order low then high. The new frequency divider value does not take effect until the high order register is written.
**Pulse Width - Low**

PXIe-1209

Reg. 10

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**Pulse Width - High**

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Notes:
1. Each bit represents 10ps with 0 equal to the minimum delay (see note 3).
2. The value must be greater than 4ns and less that 99% of the pulse period.
3. The registers must be written in the order low, mid., and then high. The new pulse delay does not take effect until the high order register is written.
**Pulse Delay - Low**

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Notes:
1. Each bit represents 10ps with 0 equal to the minimum delay (see note 3).
2. The registers must be written in the order low, mid., and then high. The new pulse delay does not take effect until the high order register is written.
3. The time to an un-delayed output pulse as specified in Sync Out Characteristics, must be taken into account when programming the desired pulse delay time.
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**Notes:**

1. Each bit represents 10ps with 0 equal to 0ns.
2. The value must be greater than the Pulse Width + 1ns and less than the pulse period – the pulse width – 1ns.
3. The registers must be written in the order low, mid., and then high. The new pulse delay does not take effect until the high order register is written.
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**Notes:**
1. The minimum burst count is one.
2. The registers must be written in the order low then high. The new burst count does not take effect until the high order register is written.

### Output Amplitude – Low Level

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**Note:** Each bit represents ~2mV (use $8V \div (2^{12} - 1)$ for programming) with zero representing -1.5V (default = 0, -1.5V).

### Output Amplitude – Low Level

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**Identification and Configuration Registers** 6-9
**Slew Rate**

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SR ⇔ Output Pulse Slew Rate
- 00 100% of specified slew rate (default)
- 01 75% of specified slew rate
- 10 50% of specified slew rate
- 11 25% of specified slew rate

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**Input Threshold Level**

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Note: Each bit represents ~39 mV (use 10V ÷ (2^8 – 1) for programming) with zero representing -5.0V (default = 0, -5.0V).

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**Calibration Control**

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Reg. 30

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CRST ⇔ Calibration Reset (1 = Resets all calibration values to factory default) 1,2
ECAL ⇔ Enable Calibration (1 = enable writing of calibration values (default = 0))
CFGMD ⇔ Configuration Mode (indicates status of Mode configuration switches, OFF = 0, ON = 1)
- 00 Normal Operation (default)
- 01 Factory Debug Mode
- 10 Unspecified
- 11 Unspecified

Notes:
1. CRST must be set to zero in order to write any of the calibration values.
2. Writing a one to CRST will reset all calibrations values to the factory default values.
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Notes:
1. The count is a 2’s complement integer value. Each count represents a difference of approximately 0.0025ppm. A positive value indicates that the internal VCXO is slower than the external reference.
2. The registers must be read in the order low then high.
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