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PXI Express Chassis

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- Size that fits any application, four – 18 slots
- Hybrid slots for flexibility
- Highest performance - up to 24 GB/s system and 8 GB/s per-slot dedicated bandwidth
- Compatibility with PXI, PXI Express, CompactPCI, and CompactPCI Express modules
- Up to 58 W per slot of power and cooling 0 – 55 °C without derating

Built for Automated Test and Measurement
NI PXI Express chassis incorporate all the features of the latest PXI specification, accepting both PXI and PXI Express modules. NI offers several different chassis, featuring four to 18 slots, to meet your specific application needs. PXI Express chassis are the highest performance chassis in the NI portfolio, incorporating high-bandwidth backplanes with PCI Express data communication to enable significantly higher system bandwidth than PXI-1 chassis. In addition, each chassis includes a 10 MHz and 100 MHz reference clock and trigger bus, and many also include a timing slot for high precision and multichassis timing and synchronization capabilities.
Table 1. NI offers PXI Express chassis ranging from four to 18 slots and up to 24GB/s of system bandwidth.

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<th>Total Slots</th>
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<td>3 + 1 ST¹</td>
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<td>1 GB/s</td>
<td>38 W</td>
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1 ST = System Timing  
2 Slot cooling capacity indicates the cooling capacity in each peripheral slot, but power budgeting may still be required for the full system. See the specifications document for more details regarding available system power and operating environment.  
3 Product contains redundant fans and power supplies to enable hot-swappable replacement for high-availability applications.  
4‡ The PXIe-1095 offers two hot-swappable power supplies. To dissipate 58 W of power in every slot, both power supplies are required. For applications consisting entirely of modules dissipating up to 38 W each, only one power supply is required – a second power supply is redundant to such applications.  
³‡ The PXIe-1095 offers an optional timing and synchronization upgrade at time of purchase that includes an integrated oven-controlled crystal oscillator (OCXO) for increased clock accuracy as well as external clock and trigger routing. This upgrade option is coming soon.  
⁶ The PXIe-1084Q offers an optional timing and synchronization upgrade at time of purchase that includes external clock and trigger routing. This upgrade option is coming soon.  
⁷ The PXIe-1073 includes an integrated MXI-Express controller.
Power and Cooling Caveats

Some NI chassis can dissipate and cool more than 38 W in a peripheral slot to support new PXI modules that either recommend or require additional power to achieve full capability. These chassis vary in total power, so system power budgeting is always recommended. For a full list of NI modules that recommend or require more than 38 W, see this white paper.

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<th>Slot Cooling Capacity</th>
<th>Total Power</th>
<th>Operating Environment</th>
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<td>PXIe-1095</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>58 W</td>
<td>2400 W(^1)</td>
<td>38 W or 58 W / slot 0 – 55 °C</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>58 W</td>
<td>800 W</td>
<td>38 W / slot 0 – 50 °C</td>
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\(^1\) The PXIe-1095 offers two hot-swappable power supplies. To dissipate 58 W of power in every slot, both power supplies are required. For applications consisting entirely of modules dissipating up to 38 W each, only one power supply is required – a second power supply is redundant to such applications.

Detailed View of PXIe-1085 Series Chassis
Key Features

Cooling
NI chassis are designed and validated to meet or exceed the cooling requirements for the most power-demanding PXI modules. The PXI specification requires a minimum of 25 W of power be available to each peripheral slot and that each slot can dissipate that same amount of heat. The PXI Express power specification increased this requirement by about 20 percent, stipulating that the chassis must provide a minimum of 30 W of power to each slot and dissipate the associated heat.

Chassis designed by NI exceed PXI and PXI Express requirements by providing 30 W and at least 38.25 W of power and cooling in every peripheral slot for PXI and PXI Express chassis, respectively. Some chassis push slot cooling capacity even further and provide 58 W of power and cooling in a peripheral slot. This extra power and cooling makes advanced capabilities of high-performance modules, such as digitizers, high-speed digital I/O, and RF modules, possible in applications that may require continuous acquisition or high-speed testing. It is always best practice to perform a system-level power budget when configuring a new system.

All-Hybrid Slots
You can insert both PXI Express and PXI (hybrid-compatible) modules in the PXle-1085 chassis because all 16 peripheral slots are hybrid slots.

![Figure 1. The PXle-1085 features 16 hybrid peripheral slots.](image)

Acoustics
Even with their advanced cooling capabilities, NI PXI chassis are designed to minimize the overall system acoustic emissions. This is important as PXI systems are used in both rack-mounted automated test and benchtop validation environments, where acoustic emission requirements differ. Combining fan speed control, the type of fan used, and fan mounting method make cooling optimization possible while minimizing the acoustic noise emitted.

NI implements pulse-width modulated (PWM) fans in many of its PXI chassis to reduce acoustic emissions further than that of traditional voltage-controlled fans. PWM signal control of the fan permits the NI chassis designer to use a wider range of the fan’s RPM settings, thus making it possible to fine tune the chassis’ acoustic emissions and cooling performance.
Power Supplies
NI maintains design ownership of the instrument-grade power supplies in many of its eight to 18-slot PXI and PXI Express chassis. Thus, NI can guarantee long-term availability of these power supplies and fewer design changes to its chassis due to power supply manufacturer changes. In contrast, other PXI vendors who rely solely on a standard PC power supply have little to no control over the quality of their power supplies.

The instrument-grade power supplies implemented within NI PXI chassis are optimized to meet the unique power requirements of PXI as opposed to ATX power supplies, which are designed for general use in personal computers. They are custom-designed for NI chassis to meet and exceed the PXI specification minimum power requirements. With these power supplies, NI PXI Express chassis can deliver 38.25 W to all modules in a filled chassis. The PXIe-1095 chassis pushes this further and can deliver 58 W to all modules in a filled chassis.

As NI PXI chassis implement instrument-grade power supplies, they can provide the minimum power requirement over the entire specified operating temperature range (0–50/55 °C) with no power derating. To reiterate, with an NI PXI chassis you can operate a chassis filled with modules at the highest temperature specified on the data sheet (please refer to product manuals for operating temperature ranges for specific NI PXI chassis models).

The electrical noise generated by moving mechanical features within the chassis, specifically cooling fans, can degrade the measurement accuracy of PXI and PXI Express peripheral modules. To prevent this, many NI chassis not only place cooling fans in the rear of the chassis, but also implement a dedicated 12 V power supply to power the chassis cooling fans, system controller slot, and in some cases the power supply fans, to avoid coupling noise from these components into the rails powering the measurement modules.

Most NI chassis also feature remote sensing of the output voltage on the backplane power rails, to compensate for voltage drops. This design feature is important for PXI and PXI Express chassis particularly for applications with high-power modules, as it provides better regulation at the backplane when there are large load swings.

Temperature Monitoring
The PXIe-1085 has many temperature sensors throughout the chassis. These temperature readings give you the ability to understand the operating temperatures of your system and instruments for troubleshooting purposes, and some temperature readings are even used in the fan speed algorithm of the chassis.

![Figure 2. PXIe-1085 chassis with top casing removed to show four outlet air temperature sensors (front of chassis is at bottom of image).](image-url)
Field-Replaceable Power Supply
Instrumentation power supply failures are costly for most automated test systems. You can easily access, remove, and replace the power supply of the PXIe-1085 from the rear of the chassis to avoid de-racking the chassis or removing I/O connections.

![Figure 3. Removing the field-replaceable power supply shuttle of the PXIe-1085 chassis.](image)

10 MHz REF SMA Connectors
When the 10 MHz Ref In connector on the front panel of the PXIe-1085 chassis detects a signal, the backplane automatically phase locks the PXI_CLK10, PXIe_CLK100, and PXIe_SYNC100 signals to this external clock and distributes these signals to the peripheral slots for synchronization.

Additionally, you can use the 10 MHz Ref Out connector to route the backplane’s PXI_CLK10 to another chassis for synchronization. You can insert a timing and synchronization module (for example, the PXIe-6674T) in the system timing slot (slot 10 on the PXIe-1085 chassis) to drive the PXI_CLK10 of the PXIe-1085 chassis.

![Figure 4. 10 MHz Reference In and Out SMA connectors on the PXIe-1085 chassis for multi-chassis synchronization.](image)
Remote Power On/Off
When a PXI system is in a larger automated test system or a remote location, the ability to control the power without physically pressing the power button on the front of the chassis is beneficial. When the inhibit mode switch is set to the Default position, a controller must be present when the power button is pressed for the chassis to turn on.

![Inhibit mode set to “manual” on the rear of the PXIe-1085 chassis.](image)

Front Panel LED Indicators
Although NI PXI chassis undergo rigorous design and test procedures, field troubles can arise. Three LED indicators just beneath the system controller (slot 1) of the PXIe-1085 chassis let you know how the system is running.

![A PXIe-1085 chassis with a PXIe-8880 embedded controller showing the temperature, fan, and power supply all within normal operating ranges.](image)

Power Supply Voltage Level Monitoring
You can use a digital voltmeter to ensure all voltage levels in the PXIe-1085 chassis are within the allowable limits while troubleshooting your test and measurement system.

![Eight-pin inhibit/remote voltage monitor connector on the rear of the PXIe-1085 chassis.](image)
Peer-to-Peer Streaming
Processing-intensive applications such as prototyping 5G wireless communications or performing real-time spectrum analysis (RTSA) warrant the addition of in-line, user-defined FPGA processing. NI PXI Express chassis and software enable peer-to-peer communication from a modular instrument to an FPGA module for in-line signal processing that bypasses the PXI embedded controller.

For more information, read the white paper, Streaming Architecture of the Industry’s Highest Performance PXI Express Platform.

![Figure 8. The PXIe-1085 24 GB/s chassis provides 8 GB/s peer-to-peer streaming bandwidth.](image)

Timing and Synchronization Quality
A key advantage of a PXI system is the integrated timing and synchronization capabilities. A PXI chassis incorporates a dedicated 10 MHz system reference clock, PXI trigger bus, star trigger bus, and slot-to-slot local bus, while a PXI Express chassis adds a 100 MHz differential system clock, differential signaling, and differential star triggers to address the need for advanced timing and synchronization.

![Figure 9. The PXIe-1085 star signal routing diagram.](image)

The phase noise and stability of the backplane system reference clocks are important characteristics of the PXI chassis, as they indicate how reliably you can expect to synchronize modules within the system. Given the choice of components and backplane design, phase noise performance of the PXI Express 100
MHz differential system clock on NI PXI Express chassis has performed orders of magnitude better than other vendors’ chassis in the same class.

You can phase-lock-loop (PLL) the 10 MHz and 100 MHz system reference clocks to a higher stability clock source than that which is provided on the chassis backplane. This helps higher-sample-rate PXI modules to better align their samples across multiple instruments. The PLL circuitry of the NI PXI chassis is designed to suppress more noise when locking to an external reference, thus permitting cleaner transmission of the higher stability clock source. With other vendors’ chassis, depending on the system clock source phase noise required by the application, you may need to phase-lock the external reference clock to each module individually, rather than at a system level to the chassis backplane, resulting in an increase in system complexity and cost.

### PXIe Chassis Configuration and Monitoring Software

#### MAX Configuration

The PXI Platform Services software included with your chassis automatically identifies your PXI Express system components to generate a pxiesys.ini file. You can configure your entire PXI system and identify PXI chassis through Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX), included with your system controller. MAX creates the pxiesys.ini and pxisys.ini file, which define your PXI system parameters. MAX also provides an interface to route and reserve triggers so dynamic routing, through drivers such as DAQmx, avoids double-driving and potentially damaging trigger lines. For more information about routing and reserving PXI triggers, refer to Knowledge Base 3TJDOND8.

The configuration steps for single or multiple-chassis systems are the same.
System Configuration (API)

The System Configuration API gathers information about devices on both local and remote systems. Use the System Configuration API to programmatically reboot a system, save and load system images, install and uninstall software, and obtain information about a system to be used in other applications. You can find the System Configuration palette on the functions sub-palette in LabVIEW within the Measurement I/O palette.
Platform-Based Approach to Test and Measurement

What Is PXI?
Powered by software, PXI is a rugged PC-based platform for measurement and automation systems. PXI combines PCI electrical-bus features with the modular, Eurocard packaging of CompactPCI and then adds specialized synchronization buses and key software features. PXI is both a high-performance and low-cost deployment platform for applications such as manufacturing test, military and aerospace, machine monitoring, automotive, and industrial test. Developed in 1997 and launched in 1998, PXI is an open industry standard governed by the PXI Systems Alliance (PXISA), a group of more than 70 companies chartered to promote the PXI standard, ensure interoperability, and maintain the PXI specification.

Integrating the Latest Commercial Technology
By leveraging the latest commercial technology for our products, we can continually deliver high-performance and high-quality products to our users at a competitive price. The latest PCI Express Gen 3 switches deliver higher data throughput, the latest Intel multicore processors facilitate faster and more efficient parallel (multisite) testing, the latest FPGAs from Xilinx help to push signal processing algorithms to the edge to accelerate measurements, and the latest data converters from TI and ADI continually increase the measurement range and performance of our instrumentation.
PXI Instrumentation

NI offers more than 600 different PXI modules ranging from DC to mmWave. Because PXI is an open industry standard, nearly 1,500 products are available from more than 70 different instrument vendors. With standard processing and control functions designated to a controller, PXI instruments need to contain only the actual instrumentation circuitry, which provides effective performance in a small footprint. Combined with a chassis and controller, PXI systems feature high-throughput data movement using PCI Express bus interfaces and sub-nanosecond synchronization with integrated timing and triggering.

- **Oscilloscopes**
  Sample at speeds up to 12.5 GS/s with 5 GHz of analog bandwidth, featuring numerous triggering modes and deep onboard memory

- **Digital Multimeters**
  Perform voltage (up to 1000 V), current (up to 3A), resistance, inductance, capacitance, and frequency/period measurements, as well as diode tests

- **Digital Instruments**
  Perform characterization and production test of semiconductor devices with timing sets and per channel pin parametric measurement unit (PPMU)

- **Waveform Generators**
  Generate standard functions including sine, square, triangle, and ramp as well as user-defined, arbitrary waveforms

- **Frequency Counters**
  Perform counter timer tasks such as event counting and encoder position, period, pulse, and frequency measurements

- **Source Measure Units**
  Combine high-precision source and measure capability with high channel density, deterministic hardware sequencing, and SourceAdapt transient optimization

- **Power Supplies & Loads**
  Supply programmable DC power, with some modules including isolated channels, output disconnect functionality, and remote sense

- **FlexRIO Custom Instruments & Processing**
  Provide high-performance I/O and powerful FPGAs for applications that require more than standard instruments can offer

- **Switches (Matrix & MUX)**
  Feature a variety of relay types and row/column configurations to simplify wiring in automated test systems

- **Vector Signal Transceivers**
  Combine a vector signal generator and vector signal analyzer with FPGA-based, real-time signal processing and control

- **GPIB, Serial, & Ethernet**
  Integrate non-PXI instruments into a PXI system through various instrument control interfaces

- **Data Acquisition Modules**
  Provide a mix of analog I/O, digital I/O, counter/timer, and trigger functionality for measuring electrical or physical phenomena
Hardware Services

All NI hardware includes a one-year warranty for basic repair coverage, and calibration in adherence to NI specifications prior to shipment. PXI systems also include basic assembly and a functional test. NI offers additional entitlements to improve uptime and lower maintenance costs with service programs for hardware. Learn more at ni.com/services/hardware.

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<td>System Configuration, Assembly, and Test¹</td>
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<td>NI technicians assemble, install software in, and test your system per your custom configuration prior to shipment.</td>
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<td>Advanced Replacement²</td>
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<td>NI stocks replacement hardware that can be shipped immediately if a repair is needed.</td>
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<td>System Return Material Authorization (RMA)¹</td>
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<td>NI accepts the delivery of fully assembled systems when performing repair services.</td>
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<td>Standard</td>
<td>Expedited³</td>
<td>NI performs the requested level of calibration at the specified calibration interval for the duration of the service program.</td>
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¹This option is only available for PXI, CompactRIO, and CompactDAQ systems.
²This option is not available for all products in all countries. Contact your local NI sales engineer to confirm availability.
³Expedited calibration only includes traceable levels.

PremiumPlus Service Program

NI can customize the offerings listed above, or offer additional entitlements such as on-site calibration, custom sparing, and life-cycle services through a PremiumPlus Service Program. Contact your NI sales representative to learn more.

Technical Support

Every NI system includes a 30-day trial for phone and e-mail support from NI engineers, which can be extended through a Software Service Program (SSP) membership. NI has more than 400 support engineers available around the globe to provide local support in more than 30 languages. Additionally, take advantage of NI’s award winning online resources and communities.