

Non-isolation type low price high precision
analog I/O board for Low Profile PCI
ADA16-8/2(LPCI)L



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Features

Rich set of basic functions

Compact system providing high-precision analog inputs/outputs. This product is a control single(6 points) of analog input(16bits, 8ch), analog output(16bit, 2ch), analog I/O. Digital inputs (four channels), digital outputs (four channels), and a counter (32-bit one channel).

Substantial control functions

Capable of analog input in time-based mode or external-signal synchronous mode.

Filter function facilitating external signal connection

Digital filters provided for external control analog input signals, preventing chattering

Buffer memory

The analog inputs have own buffer memory.

You can also perform analog input in the background, independent of software and the current status of the PC.

Software-based adjustment function

Adjustment of analog input can be all performed by software. Apart from the adjustment information prepared before shipment, additional adjustment information can be stored according to the use environment.

Exchangeable low-profile and standard PCI slots

Support for both of low-profile and standard PCI slots (interchangeable with a bundled bracket).

Windows/Linux compatible device drivers

Using the device driver API-TOOL provided on the CONTEC Web site, it possible to create applications of Windows/Linux. In addition, a diagnostic program by which the operations of hardware can be checked is provided.

This product is a PCI-compliant interface card that incorporates high-precision analog in-puts, high-precision analog outputs, digital inputs, digital outputs, and a counter function.

This product supports a Low Profile size slot and if replaced with the supplied bracket, supports a standard size slot, too.

The card can make your space-saving PC into a cost-effective analog input system.

Windows/Linux device driver is supported with this product.

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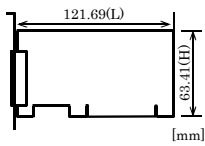
Specifications

Item	Specification
Analog input	
Isolated specification	Unisolated
Input type	Single-Ended Input
Number of input channels	8ch
Input range	Bipolar $\pm 10V$
Absolute max. input voltage	$\pm 20V$
Input impedance	$1M\Omega$ or more
Resolution	16bit
Non-Linearity error *1*2	$\pm 5LSB$
Conversion speed	$10\mu sec/ch$
Buffer memory	1k Word
Conversion start trigger	Software / external trigger
Conversion stop trigger	Number of sampling times / external trigger/software
External start signal	TTL level (Rising or falling edge can be selected by software) Digital filter (1 μsec can be selected by software)
External stop signal	TTL level (Rising or falling edge can be selected by software) Digital filter (1 μsec can be selected by software)
External clock signal	TTL level (Rising or falling edge can be selected by software) Digital filter (1 μsec can be selected by software)
Analog output	
Isolated specification	Unisolated
Number of output channels	2ch
Output range	Bipolar $\pm 10V$
Absolute max. input current	$\pm 3mA$
Output impedance	1Ω or less
Resolution	16bit
Non-Linearity error *1	$\pm 5LSB$
Conversion speed	$10\mu sec$
Buffer memory	1k Word
Conversion start trigger	Software / external trigger
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External clock signal	TTL level (Rising or falling edge can be selected by software) Digital filter (1 μsec can be selected by software)
Digital I/O	
Number of input channels	Unisolated input 4ch (TTL level positive logic)
Number of output channels	Unisolated output 4ch (TTL level positive logic)
Response time	200nsec (Max.)
Counter	
Number of channels	1ch
Counting system	Up count
Max. count	FFFFFFFFh (Binary data, 32bit)
Number of external inputs	2 TTL level (Gate/Up)/ch Gate (High level), Up (Rising edge)
Number of external outputs	TTL level Count match output (positive logic, pulse output)
Response frequency	10MHz (Max.)
Common section	
I/O address	64 ports
Interrupt level	Errors and various factors, One interrupt request line as INTA
Connector	10250-52A2JL3M
Power consumption	5VDC 540mA (Max.)
Operating condition	0 - 50°C, 10 - 90%RH (No condensation)
PCI bus specification	32bit, 33MHz, Universal key shapes supported *3
Dimension (mm)	121.69 (L) x 63.41 (H)
Weight	60g
Standard	VCCI Class A, CE Marking (EMC Directive Class A, RoHS Directive), UKCA

*1 The non-linearity error means an error of approximately 0.1% occurs over the maximum range at 0°C and 50°C ambient temperature.

- *2 At the time of the source use of a signal which built in the high-speed operational amplifier.
 *3 This board requires power supply at +5V from an expansion slot (it does not work on a machine with a +3.3V)

Board Dimensions



The standard outside dimension(L) is the distance from the end of the board to the outer surface of the slot cover.

Support Software

For more details on the supported OS, applicable languages, or to download the latest version of software, visit the CONTEC Web site.

Name	Contents	How to get
Windows Version Analog I/O Driver software API-AIO(WDM)	Driver software of analog input and output for Windows	Download from the CONTEC website *1
Linux Version Analog I/O Driver software API-AIO(LNX)	Driver software of analog input and output for Linux.	Download from the CONTEC website *1
Development Support Tools and Support Software	In addition to device drivers, we offer a variety of software for convenient use of our devices.	Download from the CONTEC website *2

*1 Download the files from the following URL.

<https://www.contec.com/download/>

*2 For compatible software, search for this product on the Contec website and see the product page.

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Cable & Connector

Cable (Option)

Shield Cable with 50-Pin Mini-Ribbon Connectors at either Ends

: PCB50PS-0.5P (0.5m)

: PCB50PS-1.5P (1.5m)

Shield Cable with 50-Pin Mini-Ribbon Connector at one End

: PCA50PS-0.5P (0.5m)

: PCA50PS-1.5P (1.5m)

Accessories

Accessories (Option)

Screw Terminal Unit (M3 x 50P) : EPD-50A *1 *5

Buffer Amplifier Box for Analog Input Boards (8ch type)
 : ATBA-8L *1*2*3

Buffer Amplifier Box for Analog Input Boards (16ch type)
 : ATBA-16L *1*2

BNC Terminal Unit (for analog input 8ch) : ATP-8L *1*4

*1 PCB50PS-0.5P or PCB50PS-1.5P optional cable is required separately.

*2 An external power supply is necessary (optional AC adaptor POA200-20 prepared).

*3 Capable of using the analog input of up to 8ch.

*4 Capable of using the analog input of up to 8ch, and analog output of up to 2ch.

*5 "Spring-up" type terminal is used to prevent terminal screws from falling off.

* Check the CONTEC's Web site for more information on these options.

Packing List

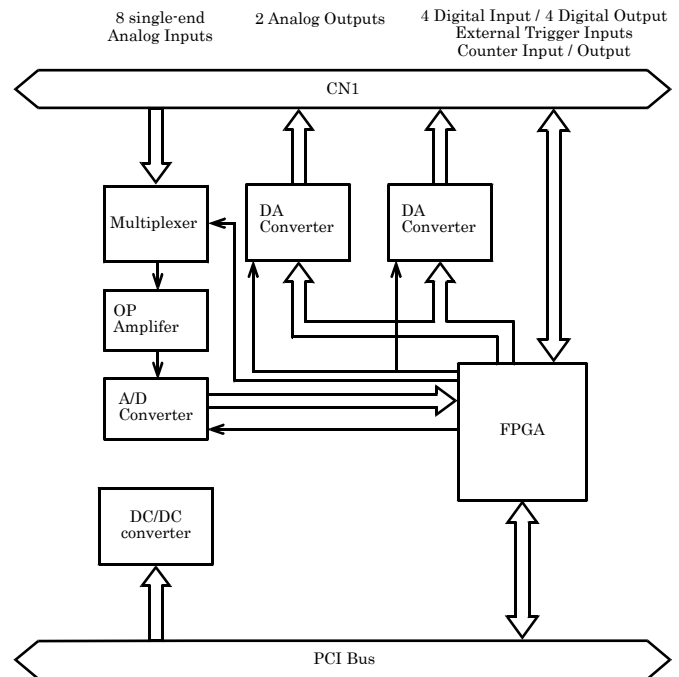
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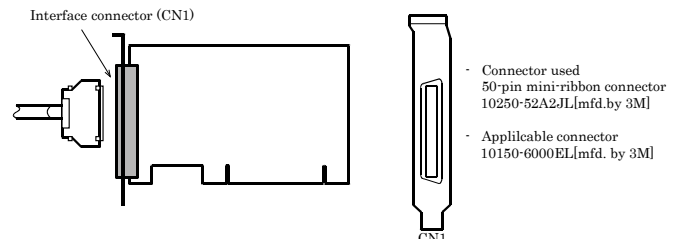
Block Diagram



How to connect the connectors

Connector shape

To connect an external device to this board, plug the cable from the device into the interface connector (CN1) shown below.



Connector Pin Assignment

Pin Assignments of Interface Connector (CN1)

Non Connect	N.C.	50	25	- AO 00	Analog Output 00
Analog Ground (for AO)	AGND	49	24	- AGND	Analog Ground (for AO)
Non Connect	N.C.	48	23	- AO 01	Analog Output 01
Analog Ground (for AO)	AGND	47	22	- AGND	Analog Ground (for AO)
Analog Input 04	AI 04	46	21	- AI 00	Analog Input 00
Non Connect	N.C.	45	20	- N.C.	Non Connect
Analog Input 05	AI 05	44	19	- AI 01	Analog Input 01
Non Connect	N.C.	43	18	- N.C.	Non Connect
Analog Ground (for AI)	AGND	42	17	- AGND	Analog Ground (for AI)
Analog Ground (for AI)	AGND	41	16	- AGND	Analog Ground (for AI)
Analog Input 06	AI 06	40	15	- AI 02	Analog Input 02
Non Connect	N.C.	39	14	- N.C.	Non Connect
Analog Input 07	AI 07	38	13	- AI 03	Analog Input 03
Non Connect	N.C.	37	12	- N.C.	Non Connect
AO External Start Trigger Input	AO START	36	11	- AI START	AI External Start Trigger Input
AO External Stop Trigger Input	AO STOP	35	10	- AI STOP	AI External Stop Trigger Input
AO External Sampling Clock Input	AO EXCLK	34	9	- AI EXCLK	AI External Sampling Clock Input
Digital Ground	DGND	33	8	- DGND	Digital Ground
Digital Output 00	DO 00	32	7	- DI 00	Digital Input 00
Digital Output 01	DO 01	31	6	- DI 01	Digital Input 01
Digital Output 02	DO 02	30	5	- DI 02	Digital Input 02
Digital Output 03	DO 03	29	4	- DI 03	Digital Input 03
Digital Ground	DGND	28	3	- DGND	Digital Ground
Counter UP Clock Input	CNT UPCLK	27	2	- CNT GATE	Counter Gate Control Input
Reserved	Reserved	26	1	- CNT OUT	Counter Output

Analog Input00 - Analog Input07	Analog input signal. The numbers correspond to channel numbers.
Analog Output00 - Analog Output01	Analog output signal. The numbers correspond to channel numbers.
Analog Ground	Common analog ground for analog I/O signals.
AI External Start Trigger Input	External trigger input for starting analog input sampling.
AI External Stop Trigger Input	External trigger input for stopping analog input sampling.
AI External Sampling Clock Input	External sampling clock input for analog input.
AO External Start Trigger Input	External trigger input for starting analog output sampling.
AO External Stop Trigger Input	External trigger input for stopping analog output sampling.
AO External Sampling Clock Input	External sampling clock input for analog output.
Digital Input00 - Digital Input03	Digital input signal.
Digital Output00 - Digital Output03	Digital output signal.
Counter Gate Control Input	Gate control input signal for counter.
Counter Up Clock Input	Count-up clock input signal for counter.

Counter Output	Counter output signal.
Digital Ground	Common digital ground for digital I/O signals, external trigger inputs, external sampling clock inputs, and counter I/O signals.
Reserved	Reserved pin.
N.C.	No connection to this pin.

CAUTION

- Do not connect any of the outputs and power outputs to the analog or digital ground. Neither connect outputs to each other. Doing either can result in a fault.
- If analog and digital ground are shorted together, noise on the digital signals may affect the analog signals. Accordingly, analog and digital ground should be separated.
- Leave "Reserved" pins unconnected. Connecting these pins may cause a fault in the board.

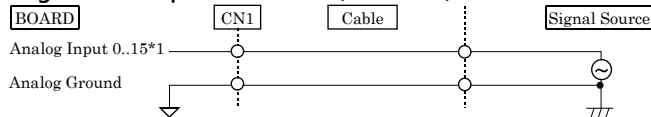
Analog Input Signal Connection

Analog signal input types are divided into single-ended input and differential input. This board uses single-ended input fixed. The following examples show how to connect analog input signals using a flat cable and a shielded cable.

Single-ended Input

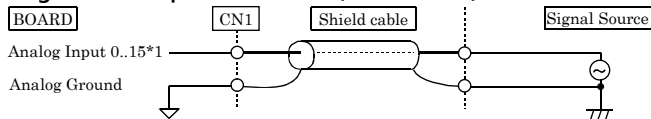
The following figure shows an example of flat cable connection. Connect separate signal and ground wires for each analog input channel on CN1.

Single-ended Input Connection (Flat Cable)



The following figure shows an example of shield cable connection. Use shielded cable if the distance between the signal source and board is long or if you want to provide better protection from noise. For each analog input channel on CN1, connect the core wire to the signal line and connect the shielding to ground.

Single-ended Input Connection (Shield Cable)



*1 The number of channels depends on each board. This product has 8 channels.

CAUTION

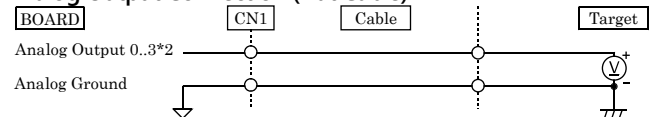
- If the signal source contains over 1MHz signals, the signal may effect the cross-talk noise between channels.
- If the board and the signal source receive noise or the distance between the board and the signal source is too long, data may not be input properly.
- An input analog signal should not exceed the maximum input voltage (relate to the board analog ground). If it exceeds the maximum voltage, the board may be damaged.
- Connect all the unused analog input channels to analog ground.
- The signal connected to an input pin may fluctuate after switching of the multiplexer. If this occurs, shorten the cable between the signal source and the analog input pin or insert a high-speed amplifier as a buffer between the two to reduce the fluctuation.
- An input pin may fail to obtain input data normally when the signal source connected to the pin has high impedance. If this is the case, change the signal source to one with lower output impedance or insert a high-speed amplifier buffer between the signal source and the analog input pin to reduce the effect.

Analog Output Signal Connection

This section shows how to connect the analog output signal by using a flat cable or a shielded cable.

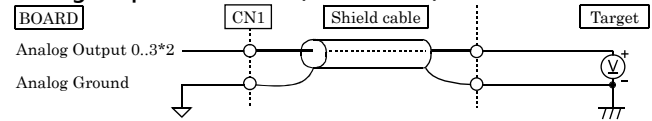
The following figure shows an example of flat cable connection. Connect the signal source and ground to the CN1 analog output.

Analog Output Connection (Flat Cable)



The following figure shows an example of shield cable connection. Use shielded cable if the distance between the signal source and board is long or if you want to provide better protection from noise. For each analog input channel on CN1, connect the core wire to the signal line and connect the shielding to ground.

Analog Output Connection (Shield Cable)



*2 The number of channels depends on each board. This product has two channels.

CAUTION

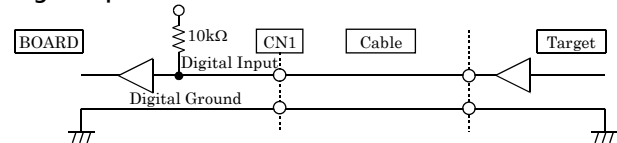
- If the board or the connected wire receives noise, or the distance between the board and the target is long, data may not be outputted properly.
- For analog output signal, the current capacity is $\pm 3\text{mA}$ (Max.). Check the specification of the connected device before connecting the board.
- Do not short the analog output signal to analog ground, digital ground, and/or power line. Doing so may damage the board.
- Do not connect an analog output signal to any other analog output, either on the board or on an external device, as this may cause a fault on the board.

Digital I/O signals, Counter signals and Control signals Connection

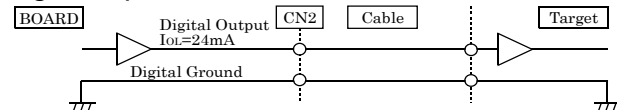
The following sections show examples of how to connect digital I/O signals, counter I/O signals, and other control I/O signals (external trigger input signals, sampling clock input signals, etc.).

All the digital I/O signals and control signals are TTL level signals.

Digital Input Connection



Digital Output Connection



About the counter input control signal

Counter Gate Control Input (refer to the page 3 Connector Pin Assignment) acts as an input that validate or invalidate the input of an external clock for the counter. This function enables the control of an external clock input for the counter. The external clock for the counter is effective when input is "High", and invalid when input is "Low". If unconnected, it is a pull-up in the board (card) and remains "High". Therefore the external clock for the counter is effective when the counter gate control input is not connected.

CAUTION

- Do not short the output signals to analog ground, digital ground, and/or power line. Doing so may damage the board.