

FireWire Image Acquisition with Digital I/O

NI PCI-8254R

- 2 IEEE 1394a camera inputs
- 400 Mb/s image data transfer
- 29 TTL and isolated DIO lines
 - 15 input, 14 output
- Reconfigurable DIO with LabVIEW FPGA

Operating Systems

- Windows 2000/XP

Recommended Software

- LabVIEW and the NI Vision Development Module
- Vision Builder AI

Driver Software

- NI Vision Acquisition Software (included)



Overview

With the National Instruments PCI-8254R image acquisition board, you can build machine vision systems that trigger and synchronize multiple IEEE 1394 (FireWire) cameras without requiring additional digital I/O boards or custom circuitry. The NI PCI-8254R board, which features NI reconfigurable I/O (RIO) technology, has two direct-connect IEEE 1394a ports and includes all the digital I/O you need for industrial control and communication. The PCI-8254R, an OHCI-compliant IEEE 1394a board, offers up to 400 Mb/s of bandwidth. While two IEEE 1394 ports are provided, you can connect up to 16 FireWire cameras with the addition of an IEEE 1394 hub.

About FireWire

FireWire, or IEEE 1394, is a PC bus standard ideally suited for machine vision. Any FireWire camera that complies with the DCAM (or IIDC) standard works with National Instruments NI-IMAQ for IEEE 1394 Cameras driver. With digital image quality, simple cabling, standard software, and a lower cost, FireWire cameras are quickly replacing analog cameras in machine vision applications. Today, there are more than 300 industrial FireWire cameras available from nearly every major vision company.

NI-IMAQ for IEEE 1394 Cameras

NI-IMAQ for IEEE 1394 offers a mobile, easy-to-use solution for acquiring images from IEEE 1394 cameras. The driver software integrates with NI Measurement & Automation Explorer, so you can easily configure your camera. You also can quickly set up your system by connecting a FireWire camera to your computer and immediately begin acquiring images. With a set of easy-to-use programs, you can quickly create applications in National Instruments LabVIEW, C/C++, or Visual Basic. NI-IMAQ for IEEE 1394 Cameras is compatible with IIDC-compliant cameras. You can connect a maximum of 16 cameras to your system and acquire from each one. Advanced functionality includes the ability to query the camera for onboard parameters and to change programmatic parameters on the fly.

Onboard Digital I/O

The PCI-8254R has 15 digital input lines – 13 isolated 24 V lines and two dedicated TTL lines. There are also 14 digital output lines – four isolated 24 V and 10 dedicated TTL. You can access all 29 digital lines for synchronizing vision components such as cameras, triggers, and lights. You also can use quadrature encoder inputs, product selection lines, and general-purpose digital I/O for communicating with actuators, PLCs, and NI programmable automation controllers (PACs).

Reconfigurable I/O

As with the Compact Vision System, you can extend the PCI-8254R functionality with NI RIO technology. Using the NI LabVIEW FPGA Module, you can customize the personality of all 29 digital I/O lines to perform a wider variety of packaging inspection, assembly verification, and robot control applications.

Multicamera Inspection

The PCI-8254R provides a low-cost way to inspect from several angles. With two FireWire ports, you can directly connect two cameras to the board with ease. Each camera shares a portion of the 400 Mb/s of bandwidth.

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Choice of Sensor

By using FireWire image acquisition, the PCI-8254R helps you use the sensor that is right for your application. You can choose from more than 300 cameras to complete your application, from a low-cost, low-resolution sensor to a high-performance sensor. There are also FireWire specialty cameras such as infrared and linescan. To find a complete list of cameras, visit the NI Camera Advisor at ni.com/camera. In addition, as new, improved industrial FireWire cameras enter the marketplace, you can upgrade your system with the latest cameras without changing the image acquisition board or your software.

Specifications

These specifications are typical at 25 °C, unless otherwise stated.

Power Requirements

IEEE 1394 bus power ¹	18 W, maximum (shared by both ports)
Isolated supply ²	5 to 30 VDC
Camera interface.....	IEEE 1394a

TTL Inputs and Outputs

Digital logic levels..... Refer to Table

Level	Minimum	Maximum
Input low voltage (VIL)	0 V	0.5 V
Input high voltage (VIH)	2.2 V	5 V
Output low voltage (VOL), at 5 mA	–	0.4 V
Output high voltage (VOH), at 5 mA	2.4 V	–

Table 1. Digital Logic Levels

TTL Inputs

Number of channels.....	2
Maximum pulse rate.....	2 MHz
Minimum pulse detected.....	500 ns
Power-on state.....	Input (high-impedance); 61.9 kΩ, pull-up to 5V

¹ The bus power specification assumes that power is provided to the NI 8254R device from the host computer power supply via the ATX power connector. If power is not supplied through this connector, camera power is supplied by the PCI bus and should be limited to 5 W, shared by both ports.
² Do not draw more than 500 mA combined from the Viso pins on the 44-pin D-SUB connector. Do not draw more than 100 mA from 30 V isolated outputs. Do not draw more than 50 mA from 5 V isolated outputs.

TTL Outputs

Number of channels.....	10
Output voltage range.....	0 V to 5 V
Maximum pulse rate.....	2 MHz

Optically Isolated Inputs and Outputs

Isolated (Current Sinking) Inputs

Number of channels.....	13
Input voltage range.....	0 V to 30 V
Input ON voltage.....	3.5 V to 30 V
Input OFF voltage.....	0 V to 2 V
Turn-on current.....	7.1 mA, typical; 14 mA, maximum
Maximum pulse rate.....	100 kHz
Minimum pulse detected.....	10 μs
Reverse polarity protection.....	Yes, –30 V

Isolated (Current Sourcing) Outputs

Number of channels.....	4
On-state voltage range.....	5 V to 30 V, maximum
Maximum on-state voltage drop from V.....	1.2 V at 100 mA

Output current

5 V isopower.....	50 mA, maximum
24 V isopower.....	100 mA, maximum
30 V isopower.....	100 mA, maximum
Maximum pulse rate.....	10 kHz (maximum load resistance 100 kΩ)
Minimum pulse generated.....	100 μs
Reverse polarity protection.....	Yes

Ordering Information

NI PCI-8254R.....779303-01

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IEEE 1394

Number of ports.....	2
Speed.....	100, 200, or 400 Mbps

Physical Characteristics

Dimensions.....	10.7 cm * 17.5 cm (4.2 in. * 6.9 in.)
Weight.....	114 g (4.0 oz)

Environment

The NI 8254R device is intended for indoor use only.

Operating temperature.....	0 °C to 55 °C
Storage temperature.....	–20 °C to 70 °C
Relative humidity.....	5% to 90%, noncondensing
Pollution Degree.....	2

Caution Do not use the NI 8254R for connection to signals within Measurement Categories II, III, or IV.

Measurement Category.....	I
Approved at altitudes up to.....	2,000 m.

Safety

The NI 8254R is designed to meet the requirements of the following standards of safety for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- EN 61010-1, IEC 61010-1
- UL 61010-1
- CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-1

Note For UL and other safety considerations, refer to the product label, or visit ni.com/certification, search by model number or product line, and click the appropriate link in the Certification column.

Electromagnetic Compatibility

Emissions.....	EN 55011 Class A at 10 m FCC Part 15A above 1 GHz
Immunity.....	EN 61326:1997 + A2:2001, Table 1 CE, C-Tick, and FCC Part 15 (Class A) Compliant

Note For EMC compliance, operate this device with shielded cabling.

CE Compliance

This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives, as amended for CE marking, as follows:

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

Note Refer to the Declaration of Conformity (DoC) for this product for any additional regulatory compliance information. To obtain the DoC for this product, visit ni.com/certification, search by model number or product line, and click the appropriate link in the Certification column.

Note The NI 8254R may experience temporary data interruption if exposed to electrostatic discharge (ESD).

NI Vision Accessories for FireWire – NI CVS-145x, NI PCI-8254R, and NI 8252



Software – Configure or Program Vision Builder for Automated Inspection

The National Instruments Vision Builder for Automated Inspection (AI) is a configurable machine vision development environment that requires

no programming. With the NI Vision Builder AI, you can:

- Build, benchmark, and deploy complete machine vision applications without programming
- Configure more than 40 powerful machine vision tools including geometric matching, OCR, and particle analysis
- Acquire and process images with any NI frame grabber, more than 300 IEEE 1394 cameras, or the NI Compact Vision System
- Communicate triggering and inspection results directly to NI M Series DAQ devices or to industrial devices over serial and Ethernet protocols



LabVIEW Real-Time Vision Development Kit

The National Instruments LabVIEW Real-Time Vision Development Kit includes all the software you need to program a real-time machine vision application with LabVIEW. You must purchase LabVIEW

separately. The kit includes:

- LabVIEW Real-Time Module
- LabVIEW Application Builder
- NI Vision Development Module

The NI Vision Development Module is a library of image processing and machine vision functions. The NI Vision Development Module includes Vision Assistant, an interactive prototyping environment that generates ready-to-run code. The NI Vision Development Module delivers:

- Hundreds of image processing functions including pattern and geometric matching, OCR, bar code readers, object classification, and particle analysis
- Tools to enhance images, check for presence, locate features, identify objects, and gauge parts
- Fast application prototyping and code generation with Vision Assistant
- Subpixel accuracy down to 1/10 of a pixel and 1/10 of a degree

Cameras and Camera Accessories

NI vision is compatible with any DCAM-compliant IEEE 1394 (FireWire) camera. To find a FireWire that fits your application, visit the Camera Advisor at ni.com/camera. To simplify purchases, National Instruments provides a few FireWire cameras that address many applications.



High-Speed

Basler A601E, IEEE 1394, 640x480,
60 FPS778785-01
Trigger cable for Basler
600 cameras190264-01



High-Resolution

Camera, Sony XCD-X710, IEEE 1394,
1024x768, 30 FPS778849-01
Trigger cable for Sony XCD-Xxxx
series cameras763422-01

Camera Cables

IEEE 1394 (FireWire) cable 2.0 m185797-01
IEEE 1394 (FireWire) cable with jackscrews778796-01
Trigger cable for Prosilica cameras763422-01

Lens

12 mm Tamron, C-mount.....778789-01

Digital I/O Accessories

SMB Trigger Cable (CVS only)763422-01
Cable with female SMB connectors at both ends that you can use to trigger certain Prosilica cameras.

SMB to BNC Trigger Cable (CVS only)763422-01
Cable with female SMB connector at one end and a BNC at the other that you can use to trigger certain Sony cameras.

Terminal Block and Prototyping Accessory779166-01



Terminal block you can use to prototype and troubleshoot digital I/O for the Compact Vision System and the NI PCI-8254R image acquisition board. A demo mode can simulate triggers, encoder inputs, and product selection

lines. Outputs are displayed with LEDs.

Terminal Block – Vertical778791-01

Terminal Block – Horizontal.....778790-01

Lighting

Advanced Illumination LED Ring Light778787-01
Ring light comes with power supply and mounting bracket. Other lights are available from Advanced Illumination (www.advill.com) and CCS America (www.ccs.com).

Compact Vision System Mounting

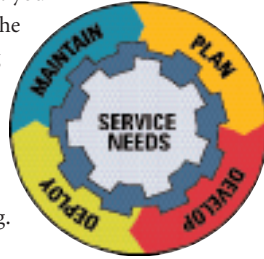
Panel and DIN-Rail Mount Kit.....189154-01

Power Supply

NI 1450 Power Supply, 24 V, 50 W778794-01
Includes Compact Vision System power connector that you can use to power the isolated input of the PCI-8254R.

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