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About This Manual

The PXI-1050 User Manual describes the features of the PXI-1050 chassis and contains information about configuring the chassis, installing the modules, and operating the chassis.

How To Use the Manual Set

The PXI-1050 User Manual is one piece of the documentation set for your PXI system. You could have any of several types of documents, depending on the hardware and software in your system. Use the documents you have as follows:

- *Getting Started with SCXI*—This is the first manual you should read. It gives an overview of the SCXI system and contains the most commonly needed information for the modules, chassis, and software.
- *Your SCXI hardware documentation*—Read these next for detailed information about signal connections and module configuration. They also explain in greater detail how the module works and contain application hints.
- *Your data acquisition (DAQ) hardware documentation*—This documentation has detailed information about the DAQ hardware that plugs into or is connected to your computer. Use these documents for hardware installation and configuration instructions, specification information about your DAQ hardware, and application hints.
- *Software documentation*—You might have several sets of software documentation, including LabVIEW, LabWindows™/CVI™, and NI-DAQ. After you have set up your hardware system, use either the application software (LabVIEW or LabWindows/CVI) or the NI-DAQ documentation to help you write your application. If you have a large and complicated system, it is worthwhile to look through the software documentation before you configure your hardware.
- *Accessory installation guides or manuals*—If you are using accessory products, read the terminal block and cable assembly installation guides or accessory user manuals. They explain how to physically connect the relevant pieces of the system. Consult these guides when you are making your connections.
- *PXI-1050 User Manual*—Read this manual for maintenance information on the chassis and installation instructions. This manual serves as your SCXI chassis manual.
About This Manual

Conventions

The following conventions appear in this manual:

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The » symbol leads you through nested menu items and dialog box options to a final action. The sequence File»Page Setup»Options directs you to pull down the File menu, select the Page Setup item, and select Options from the last dialog box.

This icon denotes a note, which alerts you to important information.

This icon denotes a caution, which advises you of precautions to take to avoid injury, data loss, or a system crash.

bold

Bold text denotes items that you must select or click on in the software, such as menu items and dialog box options. Bold text also denotes parameter names.

italic

Italic text denotes variables, emphasis, a cross reference, or an introduction to a key concept. This font also denotes text that is a placeholder for a word or value that you must supply.

monospace

Text in this font denotes text or characters that you should enter from the keyboard, sections of code, programming examples, and syntax examples. This font is also used for the proper names of disk drives, paths, directories, programs, subprograms, subroutines, device names, functions, operations, variables, filenames, and extensions.

NI-DAQ

NI-DAQ is used throughout this manual to refer to the NI-DAQ software.

PXI chassis

PXI chassis or simply chassis refers to the PXI-1050.

SCXIbus

SCXIbus refers to the backplane in the chassis SCXI subsystem. A signal on the backplane is referred to as the SCXIbus <signal name> line (or signal). The SCXIbus descriptor may be omitted when the meaning is clear.

Slot 0

Slot 0 refers to the power supply and control circuitry in the SCXI subsystem.
Related Documentation

The following document contains information that you might find helpful as you read this manual:

- Your computer technical reference manual

If you are designing your own module, the following National Instruments specification, available by request, describes the physical, electrical, and timing requirements for PXI:

- PXI Specification, Revision 2.1
Introduction

This chapter describes the PXI-1050, lists what you need to get started, describes the optional equipment, and explains how to unpack the PXI-1050 chassis.

About the PXI-1050 Chassis

Thank you for purchasing the National Instruments PXI-1050 chassis. This chassis integrates a high-performance 8-slot PXI subsystem with a 4-slot SCXI subsystem to offer a complete solution for signal conditioning applications. The PXI section of the chassis accepts an embedded controller and a wide variety of peripheral modules (such as multifunction I/O, digital I/O, and instrument modules). The four SCXI slots integrate signal conditioning modules into your PXI system. These modules provide analog and digital input conditioning, isolation, and other functions. The PXI-1050 is ideal for applications where rack-mount space is limited because it combines the computer, plug-in devices, and signal conditioning in a single chassis. You can daisy-chain additional SCXI chassis to the PXI-1050 to build very high channel-count systems.

What You Need to Get Started

To set up and use your PXI-1050 chassis, you will need the following items:

- PXI-1050 chassis
- Power cable (refer to Table 1-1)
- PXI-1050 Chassis User Manual
- One of the following software packages and documentation:
  - BridgeVIEW
  - ComponentWorks
  - LabVIEW for Windows
  - LabWindows/CVI for Windows
- Measure
- NI-DAQ for PC compatibles
- VirtualBench

- PXI Chassis Initialization File for PXI-1050, version 1.0 (CD) with chassis.ini
- PXI system controller and software
- PXI DAQ module
- SCXI module
- Flathead screwdriver
- Needle-nose pliers

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<td>Standard 120 V (USA)</td>
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<td>SEV</td>
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<td>Australia 240 V</td>
<td>AS C112</td>
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<td>Universal Euro 240 V</td>
<td>CEE (7), II, IV, VII IEC83</td>
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<td>North America 240 V</td>
<td>ANSI C73.20/NEMA 5-15-P/IEC83</td>
</tr>
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<td>United Kingdom 240 V</td>
<td>BS 1363/IEC83</td>
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If you are missing any of the items listed or if you have the incorrect power cable, contact National Instruments.

**Unpacking**

Carefully inspect the shipping container and the chassis for damage. Check for visible damage to the metal work. Check to make sure all handles, hardware, and switches are undamaged. Inspect the inner chassis for any possible damage, debris, or detached components. If damage appears to have been caused in shipment, file a claim with the carrier. Retain the packing material for possible inspection and/or reshipment.
Software Programming Choices

You have several options to choose from when programming your National Instruments DAQ and SCXI hardware. You can use National Instruments application software, NI-DAQ, or register-level programming.

National Instruments Application Software

ComponentWorks contains tools for data acquisition and instrument control built on NI-DAQ driver software. ComponentWorks provides a higher-level programming interface for building virtual instruments through standard OLE controls and DLLs. With ComponentWorks, you can use all of the configuration tools, resource management utilities, and interactive control utilities included with NI-DAQ.

LabVIEW features interactive graphics, a state-of-the-art user interface, and a powerful graphical programming language. The LabVIEW Data Acquisition VI Library, a series of VIs for using LabVIEW with National Instruments DAQ hardware, is included with LabVIEW. The LabVIEW Data Acquisition VI Library is functionally equivalent to NI-DAQ software.

LabWindows/CVI features interactive graphics, state-of-the-art user interface, and uses the ANSI standard C programming language. The LabWindows/CVI Data Acquisition Library, a series of functions for using LabWindows/CVI with National Instruments DAQ hardware, is included with the NI-DAQ software kit. The LabWindows/CVI Data Acquisition Library is functionally equivalent to the NI-DAQ software.

VirtualBench features virtual instruments that combine DAQ products, software, and your computer to create a stand-alone instrument with the added benefit of the processing, display, and storage capabilities of your computer. VirtualBench instruments load and save waveform data to disk in the same forms that can be used in popular spreadsheet programs and word processors.

Using ComponentWorks, LabVIEW, LabWindows/CVI, or VirtualBench software will greatly reduce the development time for your data acquisition and control application.
NI-DAQ Driver Software

The NI-DAQ driver software is included at no charge with all National Instruments DAQ hardware. NI-DAQ has an extensive library of functions that you can call from your application programming environment. These functions include routines for analog input (A/D conversion), buffered data acquisition (high-speed A/D conversion), analog output (D/A conversion), waveform generation, digital I/O, counter/timer operations, SCXI, PXI Trigger Bus (RTSI), self-calibration, messaging, and acquiring data to extended memory.

NI-DAQ also internally addresses many of the complex issues between the computer and the plug-in board, such as programming interrupts and DMA controllers. NI-DAQ maintains a consistent software interface among its different versions so that you can change platforms with minimal modifications to your code. Whether you are using conventional programming languages or National Instruments application software, your application uses the NI-DAQ driver software, as illustrated in Figure 1-1.

![Diagram](image-url)

**Figure 1-1.** The Relationship among the Programming Environment, NI-DAQ, and Your Hardware
Register-Level Programming

Another option for programming any National Instruments DAQ hardware is to write register-level software. Writing register-level programming software can be very time-consuming and inefficient and is not recommended.

Even if you are an experienced register-level programmer, consider using National Instruments application software to program your National Instruments DAQ hardware. Using National Instruments application software is easier than and as flexible as register-level programming and can save weeks of development time.

Optional Equipment

National Instruments offers a variety of products to use with your PXI-1050 chassis, including cables and other accessories, as follows:

- Cables and cable accessories, shielded and ribbon
- Shielded and unshielded 68- and 100-pin screw terminals
- SCXI modules and accessories for isolating, amplifying, exciting, and multiplexing signals for relays and analog output
- PXI modules and accessories for multifunction I/O and instrumentation

For more specific information about these products, refer to your National Instruments catalog or call the office nearest you.

Key Features

The PXI-1050 combines a high-performance 8-slot PXI subsystem with a 4-slot SCXI subsystem. The PXI-1050 has a structural design that is optimized for maximum use in a wide range of applications. The PXI-1050 fully complies with the PXI Specification, Revision 2.1, offering advanced timing and synchronization features.

The SCXI subsystem supplies a low-noise environment for signal conditioning, supplying power and control circuitry for the SCXI modules. Use this general-purpose chassis with current and future SCXI modules.

The PXI-1050 has a built-in interconnect between the PXI and SCXI subsystems that allows a DAQ device in the eighth PXI slot to control the SCXI subsystem without additional cables.
Chassis Description

Figure 1-2 shows the front view of the PXI-1050. Table 1-2 describes the front view items.

Table 1-2. PXI-1050 Chassis Front View Items

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<tr>
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<tr>
<td>PXI module guides</td>
<td>Guide PXI modules to mate with PXI bus connectors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PXI backplane connectors</td>
<td>Connect PXI modules to the PXI bus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PXI indicator light</td>
<td>When lit, indicates that the PXI subsystem is powered on</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PXI power switch</td>
<td>Turns the PXI subsystem on and off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Front-threaded strips</td>
<td>Secure modules in the chassis and attach front panels</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCXI indicator light</td>
<td>When lit, indicates that the SCXI subsystem is powered on</td>
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Figure 1-2. Front View of the PXI-1050 Chassis
Table 1-2. PXI-1050 Chassis Front View Items (Continued)

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<td>SCXI power switch</td>
<td>Turns the SCXI subsystem on and off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCXI reset button</td>
<td>Reinitializes Slot 0 and all SCXI modules to their power-on state when pressed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DIP switches</td>
<td>Determine the SCXI subsystem address</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCXI module guides</td>
<td>Guide modules to mate with the SCXI bus connector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCXI backplane</td>
<td>Brings power, control lines, and analog bus connections to SCXI modules</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SCXI Slot 0/power supply</td>
<td>Contains the power supply and control circuitry for the SCXI subsystem</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PXI SCXI Control slot</td>
<td>Device in this slot can control SCXI subsystem</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PXI peripheral slots</td>
<td>Hold PXI peripheral modules</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PXI Star Trigger slot</td>
<td>Holds PXI star trigger controller or any PXI peripheral module</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PXI System Controller slot</td>
<td>Holds PXI system controller</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PXI controller expansion slots</td>
<td>Provide space for large controllers</td>
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Figure 1-3 shows the chassis rear view items that are then described in Table 1-3.
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**Figure 1-3.** Rear View of the PXI-1050 Chassis

**Table 1-3.** PXI-1050 Chassis Rear View Items

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<td>Rear threaded strips</td>
<td>Secure cable connections, mounting brackets, or filler panels to the chassis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rear connector space</td>
<td>For module space, connector mounting brackets, or adapter boards</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power entry module</td>
<td>IEC receptacle for power input, voltage selection wheel, and fuse</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Voltage selection wheel</td>
<td>Configures the chassis for the AC line voltage</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fuse</td>
<td>Protects both you and the SCXI subsystem in case of a fault in the SCXI subsystem</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Circuit breaker</td>
<td>Protects both you and the PXI subsystem in case of a PXI subsystem fault</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fans and filters</td>
<td>Cool the chassis; prevent dirt from contaminating the chassis circuitry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Backplane fuses</td>
<td>Protect the SCXI subsystem power supply from module shorts</td>
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SCXI Subsystem Backplane Overview

You can use the SCXI subsystem in the following ways:

- Install several SCXI modules and a PXI DAQ device in Slot 8 of the PXI backplane to control and/or acquire data from all the SCXI modules.
- Install several SCXI modules and cable one of them to a DAQ device that controls and/or acquires data from all of the SCXI modules.
- Install several SCXI modules and an SCXI-1200 module that operates similarly to a DAQ device, except that it communicates with the host computer through a parallel port instead of the computer plug-in bus.
- Install SCXI modules that are each dedicated to conditioning signals for only a single DAQ device (for example, in parallel mode), or that operate independently and only use the SCXI subsystem as a power source and/or container. You can use the chassis this way in addition to or instead of one of the first three methods.

PXI Subsystem Backplane Overview

The following sections describe the PXI subsystem backplane.

Interoperability with CompactPCI

The PXI backplane is interoperable with PXI-compatible products and standard CompactPCI products. This is an important feature, because many PXI-compatible systems may require components that do not implement PXI-specific features.

For example, you may want to use a standard CompactPCI network interface card in a PXI chassis. The signals on the PXI-1050 backplane P1 connector meet the requirements of the CompactPCI specification for both the peripheral and system modules. The PXI-specific signals are located on the P2 connector and are found only on the signals that are reserved or not used in the CompactPCI 64-bit specification. Therefore, all modules that meet the CompactPCI 64-bit specification requirements will function in the PXI-1050.
System Controller Slot

The System Controller slot is located in Slot 1 of the chassis as defined by the PXI specification. It has three controller expansion slots, which are used for system controller modules wider than one slot. As defined in the PXI specification, these slots allow the controller to expand to the left so it does not use up peripheral slots.

Peripheral Slots

The PXI-1050 has seven peripheral slots located in Slots 2 through 8. You can use PXI modules in peripheral slots to add functionality to the PXI subsystem not already provided by the system controller. Examples of PXI peripheral modules are multifunction I/O, digital I/O, and instrument modules. Some peripheral slots also have special capabilities, such as the Star Trigger slot and the SCXI Control slot, which are explained in the following sections.

Star Trigger Slot

The Star Trigger slot is located at Slot 2. This slot has a dedicated trigger line between each peripheral slot (refer to Figure 1-4) and is intended for modules with Star Trigger functionality to provide individual triggers to all other peripherals. However, if you do not require advanced trigger functionality, you can install any standard peripheral module into this slot.

Local Bus

The PXI backplane local bus is a daisy-chained bus that connects each peripheral slot with its adjacent left and right peripheral slots, as shown in Figure 1-4.

For example, a given peripheral slot’s right local bus connects to the adjacent slot’s left local bus and so on. Each local bus is 13 lines wide and can pass analog signals between modules or provide a high-speed side-band communication path that does not affect the PXI bandwidth.

Local bus signals may range from high-speed TTL signals to analog signals as high as 42 V. Initialization software keys adjacent modules to prohibit the use of incompatible devices. This software uses the configuration information specific to each peripheral module to evaluate compatibility. This method is a flexible way to define local bus functionality that is not limited by keying hardware.
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Figure 1-4. PXI Star Trigger and Local Bus Routing

**SCXI Connection**

Slot 8 of the PXI backplane has connections for a PXI peripheral module to control the SCXI subsystem. These connections use the available local bus right pins (PXI_LBR0:12). The SCXI connection passes communication, timing, and analog signals between the SCXI backplane and the PXI module in Slot 8.

**Trigger Bus**

The eight PXI trigger lines are bused to each slot. You can use the trigger lines in a variety of ways. For example, you can use triggers to synchronize the operation of several different PXI peripheral modules. In other applications, one module can control carefully timed sequences of operations performed on other modules in the system. Modules can pass triggers to one another, allowing precisely timed responses to asynchronous external events the system is monitoring or controlling.
System Reference Clock

The PXI-1050 supplies the PXI 10 MHz system clock signal (PXI_CLK10) independently to each peripheral slot. An independent buffer (having a source impedance matched to the backplane and a skew of less than 1 ns between slots) drives the clock signal to each peripheral slot. You can use this common reference clock signal to synchronize multiple modules in a measurement or control system. You can drive PXI_CLK10 from an external source through the PXI_CLK10_IN pin on the P2 connector of the Star Trigger slot. (Refer to Table B-4, *P2 (J2) Connector Pinout for the Star Trigger Slot.*) Sourcing an external clock on this pin automatically disables the backplane 10 MHz source.
Installation and Configuration

This chapter describes how to prepare and operate your PXI-1050 chassis.

Mounting Information

The PXI-1050 is designed to operate on a bench or in an instrument rack. Determine how you want to use your PXI-1050 and follow the appropriate installation instructions.

Apertures in the rear, along both sides, and on top of the chassis facilitate power supply and module cooling. Air enters through filters and fan inlets located in the lower rear of the chassis and exits through the upper side sections and through the top. Place your PXI-1050 on a bench top or in an instrument rack so that the fans (air inlets) and the air outlet apertures along both sides of the chassis have adequate ventilation. Keep other equipment a minimum of 3.0 in. (76.2 mm) away from the air inlets and outlets.

Install your chassis for easy access to the rear panel. This simplifies the air filter replacement.

Rack-mount applications require the optional rack-mount kit available from National Instruments. Refer to the rack-mount kit documentation to install your PXI-1050 in an instrument rack.

Chassis Configuration

Chassis configuration involves selecting an SCXI subsystem address, line voltage, and fuse value, described briefly in the following sections.

SCXI Subsystem Address Selection

Note: Unless you are using multiple chassis and need to configure one or more SCXI chassis for a different address, you can skip this section. The SCXI subsystem will have the factory-default address of 0.
You can configure the SCXI subsystem for one of 32 different addresses so that you can connect multiple SCXI chassis to the same control source. The five switches on the front panel of Slot 0 determine the chassis address. Switches one through five represent the values 1, 2, 4, 8, and 16 respectively, when set to the ON position. When set to the OFF position, their value is 0. The chassis address is the sum of the switch values. Figure 2-1 shows examples of both the factory-default setting of the chassis address 0 and the switch setting for chassis address 19.

![Address Setting Examples](image)

**Figure 2-1.** Address Setting Examples

### Line Voltage Selection and Fuse Values

The voltage selection wheel and fuse should be correct for operation in your geographical region (the \(-\times\) extension of the kit part number corresponds to your geographical region). Check the voltage on the voltage selection wheel to ensure that you have the correct voltage setting and fuse.

The PXI-1050 chassis can operate with line voltages of 100, 120, 220, and 240 V AC. The voltage selection wheel in the power entry module determines the voltage for which the chassis is configured. Identify the operating voltage by looking at the number on the power entry module when the selection wheel door is closed. The fuse is a 5 by 20 mm SLO-BLO type, which has a current rating relative to the operating voltage. Table 2-1 shows the proper voltage selection and fuse ratings for different geographical regions.

⚠️ **Caution** For continued protection against fire, replace fuses only with fuses of the same type and rating.
Table 2-1. PXI-1050 Voltage Selection and Fuse Ratings by Region

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<th>Line Voltage</th>
<th>Fuse Rating</th>
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<tr>
<td>North America</td>
<td>120 V AC</td>
<td>1/2 A</td>
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<tr>
<td>Japan</td>
<td>100 V AC</td>
<td>3/4 A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Europe</td>
<td>240 V AC</td>
<td>1/4 A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Switzerland</td>
<td>220 V AC</td>
<td>1/4 A</td>
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Table 2-2 shows the manufacturer part numbers National Instruments uses for these fuses.

Table 2-2. PXI-1050 Fuse Part Numbers

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<tr>
<th>Fuse Rating</th>
<th>Manufacturer</th>
<th>Part Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>1/4 A</td>
<td>Littelfuse</td>
<td>218.250</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/2 A</td>
<td>Littelfuse</td>
<td>239.500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/4 A</td>
<td>Littelfuse</td>
<td>239.750</td>
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</table>

To select a line voltage, refer to Figure 1-3, *Rear View of the PXI-1050 Chassis*, as needed and complete the following steps:

1. Turn off the PXI-1050 power.
2. Remove the power cable from the power-entry module.
3. Using a flathead screwdriver, pry the door to the selection wheel open from the top.
4. Remove the selection wheel.
5. Rotate the wheel for the appropriate voltage and reinsert it into the power-entry module.
6. Close the door.
7. Check that the voltage showing on the selection wheel is correct.
8. Reinsert the power cable.
PXI-1050 Chassis Installation

Caution  Equipment described in this document must be used in a Measurement Category II environment per IEC 644. This category requires local level supply mains-connected installation.

Complete the following steps to install the PXI-1050 chassis:

1. If you are *not* using multiple chassis, skip this step and leave the address at its factory-default setting of 0. If you are using multiple chassis, change the SCXI chassis address of the SCXI subsystem by following the instructions in the *SCXI Subsystem Address Selection* section earlier in this chapter.

2. Place the PXI chassis on a sturdy, level surface. Leave at least 10 cm (4 in.) of space behind the chassis for adequate air circulation.

3. Turn off the power switches.

4. Check that the voltage selection wheel in the power-entry module is set for your outlet line voltage. Refer to the *Line Voltage Selection and Fuse Values* section earlier in this chapter, if necessary.

5. Insert the female end of your power cable into the power-entry module.

6. Insert the male end of your power cable into the wall outlet.

7. Install the SCXI and PXI modules into the chassis (refer to the appropriate sections later in this chapter).

   If you are *not* using a DAQ device in Slot 8 of the PXI backplane to control the SCXI modules, install the necessary cabling for your modules. Consult your SCXI module documentation for cabling installation instructions.

8. Install any front and rear filler panels (refer to the appropriate sections later in this chapter).

9. Turn on the chassis power switches.

PXI Module Installation

Caution  Turn off the PXI subsystem power using the power switch shown in Figure 1-2, *Front View of the PXI-1050 Chassis*, before installing CompactPCI or PXI modules.
Complete the following steps to install a PXI module into a chassis slot:

1. Place the module edges into the PXI module guides (top and bottom), as shown in Figure 1-2, *Front View of the PXI-1050 Chassis*.

2. Slide the module to the rear of the chassis, making sure that the injector/ejector handle is pushed down as shown in Figure 2-3.

3. When you begin to feel resistance, push up on the injector/ejector handle to inject the module into the frame.

4. Secure the module’s front panel to the chassis using the module front-panel mounting screws.

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*Figure 2-2. Installing PXI or CompactPCI Modules (PXI Module Shown)*

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<tr>
<td>PXI-1050 Chassis</td>
<td>System Controller</td>
<td>PXI Module</td>
<td>Injector/Ejector Handle</td>
<td>Injector/Ejector Rail</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
PXI Filler Panel Installation

To optimize module cooling performance, install filler panels into unused or empty slots. Secure the filler panels with the captive mounting screws.

SCXI Module Installation

Complete the following steps to install SCXI modules:

1. Power off the SCXI subsystem using the switch shown in Figure 1-2, *Front View of the PXI-1050 Chassis*.
2. Remove the front filler panel of an empty SCXI slot.
3. Insert the module into the module guide rails and slide the module to the back of the chassis. Do not force the module into place.
4. Screw the front mounting panel of the module to the top and bottom threaded strips of the SCXI chassis using the thumbscrews on the module front panel.
5. Install any necessary cabling.

The installation is complete.

Refer to your SCXI module documentation for specific instructions pertaining to the module, especially module cabling.
SCXI Filler Panel Installation

The SCXI front and rear filler panel accessories protect the inside of the SCXI subsystem and installed modules by preventing unwanted material from entering the PXI chassis and damaging modules or forming conductive paths that may degrade performance. Install all SCXI modules first, then, in any unused SCXI slots, install filler panels from the edge of the module front panels.

Front Filler Panel Installation

Front filler panels are the height of a full slot. Complete the following steps to install SCXI front filler panels:
1. Place the filler panel with the captive screws to the right of the PXI chassis front. Line up the screws with the threaded strip holes.
2. Using a flathead screwdriver, screw the two captive screws into the threaded strip holes.

Rear Filler Panel Installation

Rear filler panels are half the height of front filler panels. To install SCXI rear filler panels, complete the following steps:
1. Place the filler panel at the rear of the chassis between the two threaded strips. Align the filler panel so that the serial number faces into the chassis and the screw holes are on the right of the rear panel.
2. Using a flathead screwdriver, screw the two screws through the rear panel into the threaded strip holes.

Using the PXI Chassis Initialization File

To assist system integrators, the PXI specification requires manufacturers of PXI chassis and system modules to document their product capabilities. The minimum documentation requirements are in .ini files, which consist of ASCII text. The system integrator can read the .ini file, and configuration utilities and device drivers can also use this file. The PXI-1050 chassis initialization file, chassis.ini, is included on the media for your PXI-1050.
This chapter describes basic maintenance procedures for the PXI-1050 chassis.

Maintenance Procedures

Service Interval

Clean the chassis fan filters at a maximum interval of six months. Depending upon the amount of use and ambient dust levels in the operating environment, the filters may require more frequent cleaning.

Clean dust from the chassis exterior and interior as needed, based on the operating environment. Periodic cleaning increases reliability.

Preparation

The information in this section is designed for use by qualified service personnel.

Caution  Many components within the chassis are susceptible to static discharge damage. Service the chassis only in a static-free environment. Observe standard handling precautions for static-sensitive devices while servicing the chassis. Always wear a grounded wrist strap or equivalent while servicing the chassis.

Cleaning

Cleaning procedures consist of cleaning the exterior and interior of the chassis and fan filters. Refer to your PXI module documentation for information on cleaning the individual CompactPCI or PXI modules.

Caution  Always power off the chassis and disconnect the power cable before cleaning or servicing the chassis.

Interior Cleaning

Use a dry, low-velocity stream of air to clean the chassis interior. Use a soft-bristle brush for cleaning around components.
Exterior Cleaning

Clean the exterior surfaces of the chassis with a dry lint-free cloth or a soft-bristle brush. If any dirt remains, wipe with a cloth moistened in a mild soap solution. Remove any soap residue by wiping with a cloth moistened with clear water.

Cautions  Do not use abrasive compounds on any part of the chassis.

Avoid getting moisture inside the chassis during exterior cleaning.

Do not wash the front- or rear-panel connectors or switches. Cover these components while cleaning the chassis.

Do not use chemical cleaning agents: they may damage the chassis. Avoid chemicals that contain benzene, toluene, xylene, acetone, or similar solvents.

PXI Subsystem Fan Filter Cleaning

To easily remove the chassis cooling filters from the rear of the chassis, remove the plastic housing attached to each fan.

To clean the fan filters, wash them in a mild soap solution and then vacuum or blow air through them. Rinse the filters with water and allow them to dry before reinstalling them onto the chassis.

SCXI Subsystem Fan Filter Cleaning

The fan on the rear of the SCXI subsystem cools the SCXI subsystem and its modules. To keep the fan effective, the fan filters must be clean. Dust and dirt accumulation reduces airflow, which makes the inside of the chassis hotter, shortening the life of the chassis and modules. Complete the following steps to clean the fan filters:

1. Power off the chassis.
2. Remove the power cable from the power-entry module.
3. Place the chassis face down on a flat surface so that the fan is on top. If the chassis is so heavily cabled that you cannot practically place it in this position, leave the chassis as it is but be careful to support the fan during removal and reinstallation to prevent breaking the fan wires.

   To remove the fan filter, remove the four screws that secure the fan and filter to the rear of the chassis. When removing the last screw, be careful to hold the fan to prevent breaking the fan wires.
4. Clean the fan filter by moving the filter around under a gentle stream of cold tap water until all the dust has been removed. Dry the filter.

5. Replace the fan filter by aligning the fan and filter with the fan holes, making sure that the label side of the fan is face down. Reinstall the four screws and make sure the assembly is secure.

**Resetting the AC Main Circuit Breaker**

If your PXI subsystem encounters an over-current condition, the circuit breaker located on the rear panel will trip to prevent chassis damage. Refer to Figure 1-2, *Front View of the PXI-1050 Chassis*, and Figure 1-3, *Rear View of the PXI-1050 Chassis*, as you complete the following steps:

1. Turn off the PXI power switch.
2. Depress the circuit breaker to reset it.
3. Turn on the PXI power switch.

If the circuit breaker trips again, complete the following steps:

1. Turn off the PXI power switch.
2. Remove all modules from the chassis.
3. Depress the circuit breaker to reset it.
4. Turn on the power switch and verify that the circuit breaker does not trip.
5. Verify that your PXI-1050 can meet the power requirements of your CompactPCI or PXI modules. Overloading the chassis can cause the breaker to trip. Refer to Appendix A, *Specifications*, for power requirements.
6. The over-current condition that caused the circuit breaker to trip may be due to a faulty CompactPCI or PXI module. Refer to your module documentation to troubleshoot your modules.
SCXI Subsystem Fuse Replacement

Power Entry Module Fuse Replacement

Caution Disconnect all power before removing cover.

Refer to Figure 1-3, *Rear View of the PXI-1050 Chassis*, as you complete the following steps to replace the power-entry module fuse:

1. Power off the chassis.
2. Remove the power cable from the power-entry module.
3. Using a flathead screwdriver, pry the door to the voltage selection wheel open from the top.
4. Pull out the fuse drawer.
5. Remove the fuse.
6. Install the new fuse in the drawer.
7. Reinsert the fuse drawer in the right side slot with the arrow pointing to the right.
8. Close the door.
9. Reinsert the power cable.

SCXI Subsystem Backplane Fuse Replacement and Check

In addition to the power entry module fuse, the analog supply lines on the backplane are fused at 1.5 A. The fuse manufacturer is Littelfuse, part number 251 01.5.

If you are going to make your own modules, fuse your module at 250 mA to avoid blowing the backplane fuses. Fusing your module also better protects your module because a failure can result in a large amount of current drawn, but not enough to blow the backplane fuses.

The backplane fuses are located behind the SCXI subsystem fan.

Complete the following steps to check or replace fuses:

1. Remove the appropriate fan and filter from the rear of the chassis, following the instructions in the *SCXI Subsystem Fan Filter Cleaning* section in this chapter. Make sure to power off the chassis and remove the power cable.
2. The fuse marked with a copper + on the backplane is for the positive analog supply, and the fuse marked with a copper – is for the negative
analog supply. To check whether a fuse is blown, connect an ohmmeter across the leads. If the reading is not 0 Ω, replace the fuse.

3. Use a pair of needle-nose pliers to carefully extract the fuse.

4. Take a new fuse and bend its leads so the component is 1.27 cm (0.5 in.) long (the dimension between the fuse sockets), and clip the leads to a length of 0.635 cm (0.25 in).

5. Using the needle-nose pliers, insert the fuse into the socket holes.

6. Repeat, if necessary, for the other fuse.

7. Check the fan filter and, if it is dirty, clean it as described in the SCXI Subsystem Fan Filter Cleaning section of this chapter.

8. Reinstall the fan and filter.

Troubleshooting the PXI-1050

Refer to Table 3-1 to troubleshoot the PXI-1050 chassis. The table lists possible causes for power failure and recommends ways to correct the problem.

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<th>Possible Cause</th>
<th>What to Do</th>
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<tr>
<td>PXI-1050 chassis is not connected to power source.</td>
<td>Make sure that the PXI-1050 is connected to a live electrical outlet. Try operating another piece of equipment from this outlet.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power switch is not switched on.</td>
<td>Set the PXI power switch to the <em>On</em> position.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Circuit breaker is tripped.</td>
<td>Reset the circuit breaker. Refer to the <em>Resetting the AC Main Circuit Breaker</em> section of this chapter.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Power supply has failed.</td>
<td>Contact National Instruments.</td>
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Specifications

This appendix contains complete specifications for the PXI-1050 chassis.

PXI Subsystem Electrical Characteristics

AC Input

Input voltage range................................. 100/120/220/240 VAC

Operating voltage range¹....................... Refer to Table A-1 for ranges determined by user configuration

Input frequency ...................................... 50/60 Hz

Operating frequency range¹ .................... 47 to 63 Hz

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Line Voltage Selection</th>
<th>Range (VAC)</th>
<th>Current (MAX)</th>
<th>Fuse, 250 V, 5 x 20 mm</th>
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<tr>
<td>100 VAC</td>
<td>90–110</td>
<td>8 A</td>
<td>.75 A Slow</td>
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<td>120 VAC</td>
<td>108–132</td>
<td>8 A</td>
<td>.5 A Slow</td>
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<tr>
<td>220 VAC</td>
<td>198–242</td>
<td>4 A</td>
<td>.25 A Slow</td>
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<tr>
<td>240 VAC</td>
<td>216–264</td>
<td>4 A</td>
<td>.25 A Slow</td>
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Line regulation

3.3 V................................. <±0.2%
5 V................................. <±0.1%
±12 V................................. <±0.1%

Efficiency................................. 70% typical

¹ The operating range is guaranteed by design.
Power disconnect.................................The AC power cable provides main power disconnect. The front-panel power switch causes the internal chassis power supply to provide DC power to the CompactPCI/PXI backplane.

**PXI Subsystem DC Output**

**DC current capacity**

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<tr>
<th>Voltage</th>
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<tr>
<td>+3.3 V</td>
<td>30 A</td>
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<td>+5 V</td>
<td>20 A</td>
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<tr>
<td>+12 V</td>
<td>4 A</td>
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<td>−12 V</td>
<td>2 A</td>
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**Load regulation**

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<td>+12 V</td>
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**Maximum ripple and noise (20 MHz bandwidth)**

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<th>Voltage</th>
<th>Maximum Ripple and Noise</th>
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<td>+3.3 V</td>
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<td>+12 V</td>
<td>120 mV&lt;sub&gt;pp&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
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<td>+5 V</td>
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<td>−12 V</td>
<td>120 mV&lt;sub&gt;pp&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
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Over-current protection .........................All outputs protected from short circuit and overload with automatic recovery
Over-voltage protection

3.3 V and 5 V................................. Clamped at 20 to 30% above nominal output voltage
+12 V and –12 V............................. Clamped at 26 to 29 V difference between +12 and –12 V outputs

**SCXI Subsystem Electrical Characteristics**

**DC Output**

V+ output
- Tolerance limits include peaks ...... +18.5 to +25 V
- Ripple (peak-to-peak) ............... 1.5 V
- Max load .................................. 680 mA

V– output
- Tolerance limits include peaks ...... –18.5 to –25 V
- Ripple (peak-to-peak) ............... 1.5 V
- Max load .................................. 680 mA

+5 V output
- Tolerance limits include peaks ...... +4.75 to +5.25 V
- Ripple (peak-to-peak) ............... 50 mV
- Max load .................................. 200 mA

Maximum loads are the supply current for the entire chassis. Scaling the maximum power gives the allotted current per slot, as follows:

V+ output ........................................ 170 mA
V– output ........................................ 170 mA
+5 V output ...................................... 50 mA

**PXI Subsystem Cooling**

Per slot cooling capacity .................. Slot cooling capacity in worst-case slot is 25 W

Module cooling system ..................... Forced air circulation (positive pressurization) through two fans
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Slot airflow direction ....................... P1 to P2, bottom of module to top of module

Module cooling intake ........................ Bottom rear of chassis

Module cooling exhaust ...................... Along sides and top of chassis

Power supply cooling system ............... Forced air circulation from integrated fan

Power supply cooling intake ............... Rear of chassis

Power supply cooling exhaust .............. Sides of chassis

Module cooling fan MTBF .................. 30,000 h

Environmental

Operating location ........................... Indoor use

Maximum altitude ............................ 2,000 m

Measurement Category ...................... II

Pollution Degree .............................. 2

Operating Environment

Ambient temperature range ............... 0 to 50 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-1 and IEC-60068-2-2.)

Relative humidity range ................... 10 to 90%, noncondensing

(Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-56.)

Storage Environment

Ambient temperature range ............... -20 to 70 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-1 and IEC-60068-2-2.)

Relative humidity range ................... 5 to 95%, noncondensing

(Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-56.)
Shock and Vibration

Operational shock .................................. 30 g peak, half-sine, 11 ms pulse
(Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-27. Test profile developed in accordance with MIL-PRF-28800F.)

Random Vibration

Operating............................................. 5 to 500 Hz, 0.3 g rms
Nonoperating........................................ 5 to 500 Hz, 2.4 g rms
(Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-64. Nonoperating test profile exceeds the requirements of MIL-PRF-28800F, Class 3.)

Safety

The PXI-1050 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 certifications, 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

EMC/EMI ............................................ CE, C-Tick, and FCC Part 15
(Class A) Compliant

1 DC input exempt from emissions requirements.
**Note** For EMC compliance, operate this device with shielded cabling. In addition, all covers and filler panels must be installed.

**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](http://ni.com/certification), search by model number or product line, and click the appropriate link in the Certification column.

**Backplane**

Size .......................................................... 3U-sized; one system slot (with three system expansion slots) and seven peripheral slots. Compliant with IEEE 1101.10 mechanical packaging. PXI Specification Revision 2.1 compliant. Accepts both PXI and CompactPCI (PICMG 2.0 R2.1) 3U modules.

Backplane bare-board material ............... UL 94 V-0 recognized (File No. E 116551)

Backplane connectors ......................... Conform to IEC 917 and IEC 1076-4-101, and are UL 94 V-0 rated
10 MHz System Reference Clock (PXI_CLK10)

Maximum clock skew between slots ........................................ 250 ps

Built-in 10 MHz clock
- Accuracy ........................................... ±25 ppm (guaranteed over the operating temperature range)
- Maximum jitter ................................ 5 ps RMS in 10 Hz to 1 MHz range

External clock sources
- Connectors ...................................... Slot 2 J2 (pin D17; refer to Table B-4, P2 (J2) Connector Pinout for the Star Trigger Slot)
- Input frequency ............................... 10 MHz ±100 ppm or better
- Input amplitude
  - Slot 2 ........................................ 5 V or 3.3 V, 10 MHz TTL signal
- Maximum jitter introduced by backplane circuitry ............. 1 ps RMS in 10 Hz to 1 MHz range

Mechanical

- Overall dimensions .................................. Refer to Figure A-1 through Figure A-3 for the physical dimensions of the PXI-1050 chassis
- Weight .................................................. 13 kg (29 lb)
Appendix A  Specifications

Figure A-1. PXI-1050 Dimensions (Front View Shown)

Figure A-2. PXI-1050 Dimensions (Rear View Shown)
Figure A-3. PXI-1050 Dimensions (Top View Shown)
This appendix describes the P1 and P2 connector pinouts for the PXI-1050 backplane.

Table B-1 shows the P1 (J1) connector pinout for the System Controller slot.

Table B-2 shows the P2 (J2) connector pinout for the System Controller slot.

Table B-3 shows the P1 (J1) connector pinout for the star trigger slot.

Table B-4 shows the P2 (J2) connector pinout for the star trigger slot.

Table B-5 shows the P1 (J1) connector pinout for the peripheral slots.

Table B-6 shows the P2 (J2) connector pinout for the peripheral slots.

Note PXI signals are shown in bold.

For more detailed information, refer to the PXI Hardware Specification, Revision 2.1. Contact the PXI Systems Alliance for a copy of the specification or visit www.pxisa.org.
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<td>mega</td>
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Symbols

° Degrees
%

A

A Amperes
AC Alternating current
ANSI American National Standards Institute

asynchronous

1. Software—an action or event that occurs at an unpredictable time with respect to the execution of a program
2. Hardware—a property of an event that occurs at an arbitrary time, without synchronization to a reference clock

B

backplane An assembly, typically a printed circuit board, with connectors and signal paths that bus the connector pins

bandwidth The range of frequencies present in a signal, or the range of frequencies to which a measuring device can respond
### Glossary

| **bus** | The group of connectors that interconnect individual circuitry in a computer. Typically, a bus is the expansion vehicle to which I/O or other devices are connected. Examples of PC buses are the ISA and PCI buses. |
| **C** | Celsius |
| **CSA** | Canadian Standards Association |
| **D** | A method of propagating signals along a bus, in which the devices are prioritized on the basis of their position on the bus |
| **DC** | Direct current |
| **EMC** | Electromagnetic Compatibility |
| **FCC** | Federal Communications Commission |
| **G** | 1. Grams  
2. A measure of acceleration equal to 9.8 m/s² |
| **GND** | Ground signal |
| **g** | A measure of random vibration; the root mean square of acceleration levels in a random vibration test profile |

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H

h Hour
Hz Hertz; cycles per second

I

I/O Input/output
IEC International Electrotechnical Commission; an organization that sets international electrical and electronics standards
IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
I_{MP} Mainframe peak current
in. Inches

L

lb Pounds
local bus A group of signals that connect two peripheral slots

M

m Meters
MTBF Mean time between failure

N

NEMA National Electrical Manufacturers Association

O

over-current condition When the lead on a power supply draws more current than what the power supply is rated for
**Glossary**

**P**

PXI | PCI eXtensions for Instrumentation
---|---
PXI 10 MHz system clock signal | A 10 MHz clock reference provided by the PXI backplane to all peripheral modules
PXI backplane | The board in the PXI subsystem that connects the PXI modules
PXI_CLK10 | The pin that provides the PXI 10 MHz system clock signal to a peripheral slot
PXI_CLK_10_IN | The pin that a star trigger module uses to supply the PXI 10 MHz system clock signal
PXI module | A PXI module that plugs into a PXI slot
PXI peripheral module | A PXI module that plugs into a PXI peripheral slot
PXI peripheral slot | Holds PXI peripheral modules
PXI subsystem | The PXI-1050 chassis section that uses PXI modules

**R**

RMS | Root mean square—A method used to measure electrical output in volts and watts

**S**

s | Seconds
---|---
SCXI | SCXI stands for Signal Conditioning eXtensions for Instrumentation and is a National Instruments product line designed to perform front-end signal conditioning for National Instruments plug-in DAQ devices.
SCXI subsystem | The PXI-1050 chassis section that uses SCXI modules
slot | The slot in the chassis where a module is inserted
Slot 0 | The power and control circuitry for the SCXI subsystem
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<td>Star Trigger slot</td>
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<td>System Controller</td>
<td>A module configured for installation in Slot 0 of a VXIbus mainframe. This device is unique in the VXIbus system in that it performs the VMEbus system controller functions, including clock sourcing and arbitration for data transfers across the backplane. Installing such a device into any other slot can damage the device, the VXIbus backplane, or both.</td>
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<td>system integrator</td>
<td>The party who connects pieces of hardware and software to create a complete system for the end user.</td>
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<tr>
<td>trigger</td>
<td>Any event that causes or starts some form of data capture.</td>
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<td>Transistor-transistor logic.</td>
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<td>UL</td>
<td>Underwriter’s Laboratories</td>
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<td>VAC</td>
<td>Volts alternating current.</td>
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<td>voltage selection wheel</td>
<td>Configures the chassis for the AC line voltage.</td>
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