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PMC64-HPDI32ALT

High-speed 64 Bit Parallel Digital I/O PCI Board

100 to 400 Mbytes/s Cable I/O with PCI-DMA engine



Features Include:

- 200 Mbytes per second (max) input transfer rate via the front panel connector (TTL I/O transceivers)
- 200 Mbytes per second input transfer rate via the front panel connector (LVDS transceivers)
- 264 Mbytes per second PCI transfer rate in burst mode.
- A single board can interface to a wide variety of external high-speed devices.
- "Deep FIFO buffers" (up to 512 Kbytes) allow data bursts to be transferred over the PCI bus independent of transfers over the cable.
- 64-Bit data transfers on the PCI bus.
- On-board cable controller, FIFOs, and DMA engine provide for continuous data transfer capability.
- Data input/output clock rate up to 50 MHz
- Data input/output width of 32 bits
- 64-Bit, 66MHz PCI v2.2 compliant
- "Program-and-forget" DMA engine handles D64 transfers, also DMA Chaining
- Sample code, Vx Works©, Windows 98©, Windows 2000©, Windows XP©, Linux©, Lab VIEW©, and Windows NT© drivers are available
- Interrupts available upon DMA-completion, FIFO status, cable status, frame-valid and line-valid.
- External interrupt input line
- 7 bi-directional signals can be user defined and programmed by the factory to accommodate almost any handshaking protocol (Contact factory).

Applications Include:

- ✓ High speed data acquisition and control
- ✓ Point-to-Point PCI-to-PCI bus communication
- ✓ High-speed video data capture
- ✓ General Purpose Parallel DMA interface
- ✓ Development and research

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Overview:

The PMC64-HPDI32ALT board is a very high speed parallel digital input/output board. The card provides for data I/O via the cable at 200 Mbytes per second for both TTL & LVDS transceivers and can transfer data indefinitely without host intervention. The board employs General Standards' high performance PCI-DMA (PLX) engine. The PCI-DMA is easily set up and operated by writing only a few programming instruction statements to the board. Once the link between the PMC64-HPDI32ALT board and the external customer device is established, the desired data transfers between the two devices are performed and are transparent to the user. The board employs TTL or LVDS transceivers and the data path is 32 bits wide. The board will interface to a wide variety of digital I/O devices.

Functional Description:

The PMC64-HPDI32ALT board includes the PCI-DMA engine, FIFO memory, a 32-Bit cable input/output controller, and cable receivers (LVDS or TTL). The DMA engine is capable of transferring data to host memory using D64 block transfers; while the FIFO memory provides continuous transmission of data without interrupting the DMA transfers or requiring intervention from the Host CPU.

After the DMA is initialized and started, the Host CPU will be free to proceed with other duties and will need to only respond to interrupts.

The board also includes interrupt generation for interface flexibility and end-of-transfer indication. Interrupts are also available to indicate FIFO status (Transmit and Receive FIFO almost-empty and almost-full), cable status, and frame and line valid for easy manipulation of the cable interface.

The PMC64-HPDI32ALT also offers 7 Bi-directional signals that can be customized to accommodate almost any handshaking protocol. General Standards routinely modifies the cable protocol to meet the customer's exact interface protocol.

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High Performance Architecture:

The board is designed for the highest performance level using conventional (and moderately priced) components. The PCI-DMA engine is designed to require minimal intervention from the host; it provides for high-speed transfers between the FIFO and PCI memory using DMA instructions stored in RAM. Data is transferred from the cable to the FIFO using a high-speed dedicated I/O controller.

SPECIFICATIONS

DMA Transfer Rates

- Transfer Rate over cable (TTL Transceivers):
200 Mbytes/sec at 50 MHz clock rate and 32-bit cable interface.
- Transfer Rate over cable (LVDS Transceivers):
200 Mbytes/sec (max) at 50Mhz and 32 bit.
- PCI transfer rate from on-board FIFO to PCI:
264 Mbytes/sec max
- Data transfers over the cable do not interrupt data transfers over PCI since data is decoupled using FIFO buffering.

DMA Start Latency (when started by cable input or by CPU)

Initialization and DMA start: less than 1 microsecond typ.

FIFO Memory

The FIFOs on the PMC64-HPDI32ALT are used for buffering the transmit or receive data. There is a total of eight FIFOs on the board; 1 set of 4 for transmit, and 1 set of 4 for receive. Each set consists of 32 bits of data and 4 status flags. The receive FIFOs are loaded by the cable receive control logic and read by either the CPU or the DMA.

The transmit FIFOs are loaded by either the CPU or the DMA and read by the cable transmit control logic. The 4 status flags that accompany the FIFOs are all active low ('0' being TRUE) and are as follows: Empty, Almost Empty, Almost Full, Full. The Almost Empty and the Almost Full status flags can be programmed by the software to become true at most desired levels.

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Cable Interface Transceivers

TTL levels

The Transmit Output Voltages are: High > 2.5V
 Low >0.6V

The Receive Input Voltages are: High > 2.0V
 Low >0.8V

Output sink capability 64MA, Source capability 32MA

LVDS levels

Low Voltage Differential Signaling uses ± 140 - 360 mV Output Differential Voltage on a $+1$ - 1.65 Offset Voltage. The Receiver Input Threshold is ± 100 mV. The low propagation delay of the transceivers allows the high data transmission rates. The transceivers are configured in Bi-Directional Half-Duplex Receiver with termination resistors. The Termination resistors can be removed for Multidrop Configurations.

PCI INTERFACE

- Compatibility:** Conforms to 64-Bit 66MHz PCI Specification v2.2, with D64 read/write transactions.
 Supports "plug-n-play" initialization.
 Single multifunction interrupt.
 Supports DMA transfers as bus master.

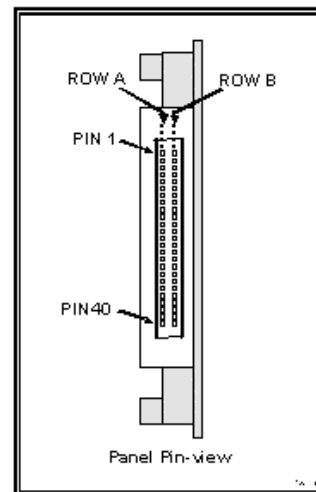
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SYSTEM I/O CONNECTIONS

System Connector Pin Functions

Pin No.	Cable Signal Name	Pin No.	Cable Signal Name
1	CABLE CLK +	41	CABLE D12 +
2	CABLE CLK -	42	CABLE D12 -
3	CABLE COMMAND D0 +	43	CABLE D13 +
4	CABLE COMMAND D0 -	44	CABLE D13 -
5	CABLE COMMAND D1 +	45	CABLE D14 +
6	CABLE COMMAND D1 -	46	CABLE D14 -
7	CABLE COMMAND D2 +	47	CABLE D15 +
8	CABLE COMMAND D2 -	48	CABLE D15 -
9	CABLE COMMAND D3 +	49	CABLE D16 +
10	CABLE COMMAND D3 -	50	CABLE D16 -
11	CABLE COMMAND D4 +	51	CABLE D17 +
12	CABLE COMMAND D4 -	52	CABLE D17 -
13	CABLE COMMAND D5 +	53	CABLE D18 +
14	CABLE COMMAND D5 -	54	CABLE D18 -
15	CABLE COMMAND D6 +	55	CABLE D19 +
16	CABLE COMMAND D6 -	56	CABLE D19 -
17	CABLE D0 +	57	CABLE D20 +
18	CABLE D0 -	58	CABLE D20 -
19	CABLE D1 +	59	CABLE D21 +
20	CABLE D1 -	60	CABLE D21 -
21	CABLE D2 +	61	CABLE D22 +
22	CABLE D2 -	62	CABLE D22 -
23	CABLE D3 +	63	CABLE D23 +
24	CABLE D3 -	64	CABLE D23 -
25	CABLE D4 +	65	CABLE D24 +
26	CABLE D4 -	66	CABLE D24 -
27	CABLE D5 +	67	CABLE D25 +
28	CABLE D5 -	68	CABLE D25 -
29	CABLE D6 +	69	CABLE D26 +
30	CABLE D6 -	70	CABLE D26 -
31	CABLE D7 +	71	CABLE D27 +
32	CABLE D7 -	72	CABLE D27 -
33	CABLE D8 +	73	CABLE D28 +
34	CABLE D8 -	74	CABLE D28 -
35	CABLE D9 +	75	CABLE D29 +
36	CABLE D9 -	76	CABLE D29 -
37	CABLE D10 +	77	CABLE D30 +
38	CABLE D10 -	78	CABLE D30 -
39	CABLE D11 +	79	CABLE D31 +
40	CABLE D11 -	80	CABLE D31 -



System Mating Connector:
Robinson Nugent # P50E-080-S-TG

*TTL- Negative side of each signal is connected to signal return (Ground).

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