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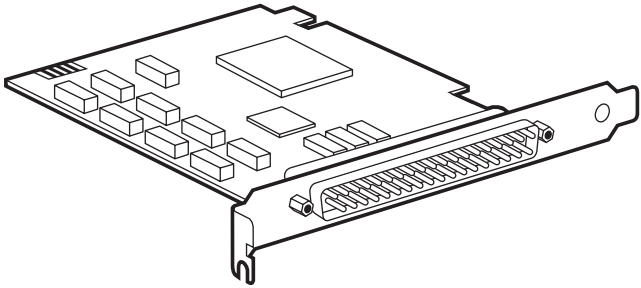
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14. El equipo eléctrico debe ser limpiado únicamente de acuerdo a las recomendaciones del fabricante.

15. En caso de existir, una antena externa deberá ser localizada lejos de las lineas de energia.

16. El cable de corriente deberá ser desconectado del cuando el equipo no sea usado por un largo periodo de tiempo.

17. Cuidado debe ser tomado de tal manera que objectos liquidos no sean derramados sobre la cubierta u orificios de ventilación.

18. Servicio por personal calificado deberá ser provisto cuando:

    A: El cable de poder o el contacto ha sido dañado; u

    B: Objectos han caído o líquido ha sido derramado dentro del aparato; o

    C: El aparato ha sido expuesto a la lluvia; o

    D: El aparato parece no operar normalmente o muestra un cambio en su desempeño; o

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1. Specifications

Temperature Tolerance—*Operating:* 32 to 122°F (0 to 50°C); *Storage*: -4 to +158°F (-20 to +70°C)

Humidity —10 to 90%, noncondensing

Supply line—+5 VDC

MTBF—Greater than 150,000 hours (calculated)

Connectors—(1) DB37 male

Power—10 to 29 mA (19 mA factory default), +5 VDC

Size—3.9"H x 5"L (9.9 x 12.7 cm) including goldfingers; 3.6"H x 5"L (9.1 x 12.7 cm) without goldfingers

Weight—3.2 oz. (90.7 g)

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2. Introduction

2.1 Overview

The 8 Input/8 Output PCI Card provides 8 reed relays that can latch power, data and other electronic signals for control applications. The Card also has 8 optically isolated inputs to allow monitoring of off-board switch closures or relays, or for any other general purpose monitoring needs. The Card conforms to the PCI 2.1 specification.

2.2 What's Included

The 8 Input/8 Output PCI Card comes with the following items. If anything is missing or damaged, please contact Black Box at 724-746-5500.

- (1) 8 Input/8 Output PCI Card
- (1) 3.5" diskette containing DIO Software
- This users' manual

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2.3 Technical Description

The 8 Input/8 Output PCI Card provides two parallel input/output (I/O) ports. The ports are organized as ports A, B, C, and D. Port A is an input port interfaced to optically isolated inputs, while port C is the reed-relay output port.

2.3.1 Features

- 8 SPST relays
- One eight-bit optically isolated input port.
- DB37 male connector.
- Highly reliable 10-VA DIP reed relays used.
- Multiple adapters can reside in same computer.
- PCI 2.1 Bus compliant.

2.3.2 Input Port

Port A is an 8-bit input port connected to optically isolated input sensors. Each sensor can be used to interface a voltage input and then sense whether the voltage is on or off. Each sensor is isolated (with respect

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to a common ground) from every other sensor, and also isolated with respect to the host PC ground. This means that signals such as low-voltage AC, motor-servo voltage, and control-relay signals can be "sensed," (or read) by the PC without risking damage caused by ground loops or ground faults.

Each sensor input pair has a current-limiting resistor that is used to limit the input current to the opto-isolator. The opto-isolator has two internal"back-to-back" diodes. This allows AC or DC signals to be sensed, regardless of polarity. When the applied voltage is high enough to cause the LED in the opto-isolator to turn-on, the output of the opto-isolator goes low (0 volts) and the signal is read as a low logic level (binary 0) by the PC. When the input signal is too low to turn on the opto-isolator, the output goes high and the port bit is read by the PC as a high logic level (binary 1).

The input impedance of each isolated input is approximately 560 ohms (factory default). The opto-isolator requires approximately 3 mA to turn on. The maximum input current is 60 mA.

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When selecting the input resistor, consider:

1. Power-on voltage for the circuit to sense.

2. The maximum input voltage. Maximum input voltage must not overload the input resistor, *and* must not overdrive the opto-isolator input-current specification. The following formulas apply:

   - Power-on current: 3 mA

   - Isolator diode drop: 1.1 V

   - Resistor power max: 0.25 W

Power-on voltage = diode drop + power-on current x resistance

Or:

1.1 + (.003 A) x R

Maximum voltage = square root of (0.25 [resistor value])

The table on the next page shows four common input resistors and the ranges associated with each.

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Input Resistor (Ohms)	Value Power-On (Volts)	Max. Input Range (Volts)	Max. Current (mA)
220	1.76 to 7.4	2 to 6	29
560*	2.8 to 11.8	3 to 12	19
1K	4.1 to 15	4 to 16	15
2.2K	7.7 to 23.4	8 to 24	10

*Factory default

Increasing the input resistor can increase the maximum input voltage. Because the PCI Card uses socketed DIP resistor networks, they can easily be replaced (at the factory) with a different value. The input circuits are not intended for monitoring 120-volt AC circuits.

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3. Installation

3.1 Card Setup

The 8 Input/8 Output PCI Card is a fully compliant PCI "plug-and-play" adapter. All card resources (such as I/O address and IRQ selection) are auto-assigned by either your system BIOS or your plug-and-play operating system.

3.2 Operating System Installation

Please install the proper software for your adapter before installing the hardware. Refer to the supplied software for the correct operating system installation procedure.

3.3 System Installation

You can install the 8 Input/8 Output PCI Card in any of the PCI expansion slots. To install the Card:

1. Turn off the PC's power. Disconnect the power cord.

2. Remove the PC case cover.

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3. Locate an available PCI slot and remove the screw that secures the blank metal slot cover. Remove the cover.

4. Gently insert the PCI Card into the slot. Make sure that the Card is seated properly.

5. Replace the screw.

6. Replace the cover.

7. Connect the power cord. Installation is complete.

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4. Additional Information

4.1 Sensor Input Port Pin Assignments (P3 DB37 Male)

Port A Bit	P1
0	2,20
1	3,21
2	4,22
3	5,23
4	6,24
5	7,25
6	8,26
7	9,27

4.2 Output Port (Reed Relay)

Reed relays provide very high quality, long life, low current (0.5 amps max.), dry-contact switch closures. Reed relays are not suited for high-current applications, and can be destroyed by inductive load switching where a spark occurs across the contacts internally. The relays are normally open; then close when energized. Writing a "1" to the proper port bit can individually energize each relay.

4.3 Relay Specifications

- Contact Power Ratings: 10 watts maximum

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- Contact Voltage Maximum: 100 Volts DC or AC maximum
- Contact Current Maximum: 0.5 Amps DC or AC RMS
- Contact Resistance, Initial: 0.15 Ohms
- Rated Life: *Low Load:* 200 million closures; *Maximum Load:* 100 million closures
- Contact Speed: 0.5 mSec each for Operate, Bounce, and Release
- Maximum Operating Speed: 600 Hz

4.4 Output Port (Reed Relay) Pin Assignments (P3 DB37 Male)

Port C Bit	Relay	P2 Pin
0	K1	10,28
1	K2	11,29
2	K3	12,30
3	K4	13,31
4	K5	14,32
5	K6	15,33
6	K7	16,34
7	K8	17,35

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4.5 Power and Ground Pin Assignments (P3 DB37 Male)

Ground	18,36,37
+ 5 Volts	19
+ 12 Volts	1

4.6 Software

The 8 Input/8 Output PCI Card ships with an I/O suite of Windows® 95, 98, and NT drivers. The software provides a consistent and straightforward API, so the developer can concentrate on the details of the application instead of low-level driver development. Popular development environments, including Visual C++, Visual Basic, and Delphi, are supported for application development. The software includes a utility for configuring the driver parameters under Windows NT. Configuration is automatic with Windows 95 or 98.

For DOS, and other operating systems, please refer to the software included with your card.

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4.7 Register Description

Address	Mode	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Base+0	RD/WR	PAD7	PAD6	PAD5	PAD4	PAD3	PAD2	PAD1	PAD0
Base+1	RD	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}
Base+2	RD/WR	PCD7	PCD6	PCD5	PCD4	PCD3	PCD2	PCD1	PCD0
Base+3	RD	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}
Base+4	RD	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}
Base+5	RD/WR	IRQEN	IRQST	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	IRC1	IRS0
Base+6	RD	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}
Base+7	RD	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}	{0}

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Appendix A. Troubleshooting

A.1 Read This First

Following these simple steps can eliminate most common problems without calling Technical Support.

1. Install the software first. After installing the software, add the hardware. This places the required installation files in the correct locations.

2. Identify all I/O adapters currently installed in your system. This includes your on-board serial ports, controller cards, sound cards, etc. Identify the I/O addresses used by these adapters, as well as the IRQs (if any).

3. Make sure that there is no conflict with currently installed adapters. No two adapters can occupy the same I/O address and may not be allowed to share IRQs.

4. Make sure the PCI Card is securely installed in a motherboard slot.

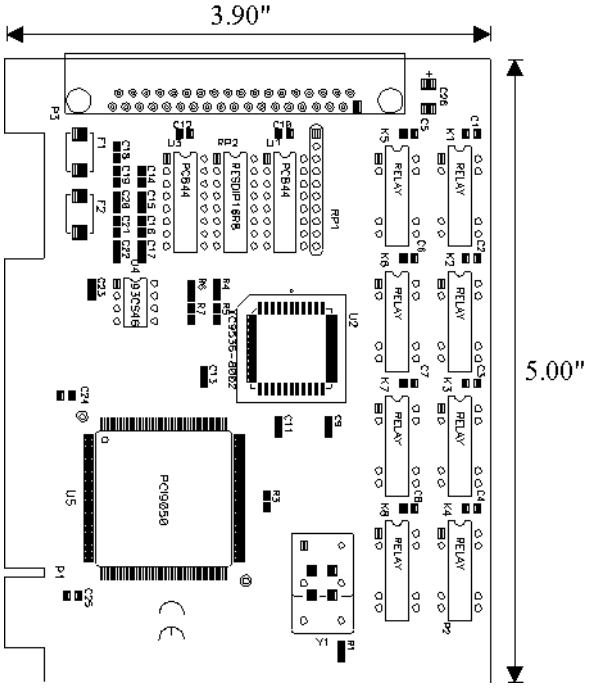
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A.2 Calling for Technical Support

If the troubleshooting suggestions listed in **Section A.1** do not solve your problem, call Black Box Techncial Support at 724-746-5500. When calling for technical support, please have your user manual and current adapter settings. If possible, please have the adapter installed in a computer ready to run diagnostics.

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Appendix B. Block Diagram



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