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SPECIFICATIONS

PXIe-4138

±60 V, 3 A System PXI Source Measure Unit

These specifications apply to the PXIe-4138.

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Definitions

Warranted specifications describe the performance of a model under stated operating conditions and are covered by the model warranty.

Characteristics describe values that are relevant to the use of the model under stated operating conditions but are not covered by the model warranty.

- *Typical* specifications describe the expected performance met by a majority of the models.
- *Nominal* specifications describe parameters and attributes that may be useful in operation.

Specifications are *Warranted* unless otherwise noted.

Conditions

Specifications are valid under the following conditions unless otherwise noted.

- Ambient temperature[1] of 23 °C ± 5 ºC
- Calibration interval of 1 year
- 30 minutes warm-up time
- Self-calibration performed within the last 24 hours
- **niDCPower Aperture Time** property or `NIDCPOWER_ATTR_APERTURE_TIME` attribute set to 2 power-line cycles (PLC)
- Fans set to the highest setting if the PXI Express chassis has multiple fan speed settings

Cleaning Statement

Caution Clean the hardware with a soft, nonmetallic brush. Make sure that the hardware is completely dry and free from contaminants before returning it to service.

Device Capabilities

The following table and figure illustrate the voltage and the current source and sink ranges of the PXIe-4138.

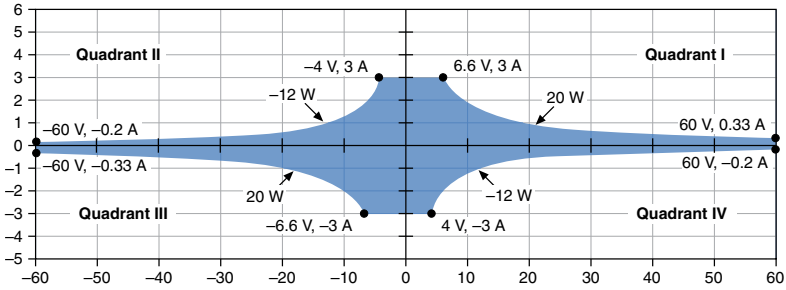
[1] The ambient temperature of a PXI system is defined as the temperature at the chassis fan inlet (air intake).

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Table 1. Current Source and Sink Ranges

DC voltage ranges	DC current source and sink ranges
600 mV	1 µA
6 V	10 µA
60 V	100 µA
	1 mA
	10 mA
	100 mA
	1 A
	3 A

Figure 1. Quadrant Diagram



DC sourcing power is limited to 20 W, regardless of output voltage.[2]

Caution Limit DC power sinking to 12 W. Additional derating applies to sinking power when operating at an ambient temperature of >45 °C. If the PXI Express chassis has multiple fan speed settings, set the fans to the highest setting.

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[2] Power limit defined by voltage measured between HI and LO terminals.

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Voltage Programming and Measurement Accuracy/Resolution

Table 2. Voltage Programming and Measurement Accuracy/Resolution

Range	Resolution (noise limited)	Noise (0.1 Hz to 10 Hz, peak to peak), Typical	Accuracy (23 °C ± 5 °C) ± (% of voltage + offset),[3] T_{cal} ±5 °C[4]	Tempco ± (% of voltage + offset)/°C, 0 °C to 55 °C
600 mV	1 µV	4 µV	0.02% + 100 µV	0.0005% + 1 µV
6 V	10 µV	12 µV	0.02% + 600 µV	
60 V	100 µV	120 µV	0.02% + 6 mV	

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Current Programming and Measurement Accuracy/Resolution

Table 3. Current Programming and Measurement Accuracy/Resolution

Range	Resolution (noise limited)	Noise (0.1 Hz to 10 Hz, peak to peak), Typical	Accuracy (23 °C ± 5 °C) ± (% of current + offset), T_{cal} ±5 °C[5]	Tempco ± (% of current + offset)/°C, 0 °C to 55 °C
1 µA	1 pA	8 pA	0.03% + 200 pA	0.0006% + 4 pA
10 µA	10 pA	60 pA	0.03% + 1.4 nA	0.0006% + 22 pA
100 µA	100 pA	400 pA	0.03% + 12 nA	0.0006% + 200 pA
1 mA	1 nA	4 nA	0.03% + 120 nA	0.0006% + 2 nA

[3] Accuracy is specified for no load output configurations. Refer to *Load Regulation* and *Remote Sense* sections for additional accuracy derating and conditions.

[4] T_{cal} is the internal device temperature recorded by the PXIe-4138 at the completion of the last self-calibration.

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Table 3. Current Programming and Measurement Accuracy/Resolution (Continued)

Range	Resolution (noise limited)	Noise (0.1 Hz to 10 Hz, peak to peak), Typical	Accuracy (23 °C ± 5 °C) ± (% of current + offset), T_{cal} ±5 °C[5]	Tempco ± (% of current + offset)/°C, 0 °C to 55 °C
10 mA	10 nA	40 nA	0.03% + 1.2 µA	0.0006% + 20 nA
100 mA	100 nA	400 nA	0.03% + 12 µA	0.0006% + 200 nA
1 A	1 µA	4 µA	0.03% + 120 µA	0.0006% + 2 µA
3 A	10 µA	40 µA	0.083% + 1.8 mA	0.002% + 20 µA

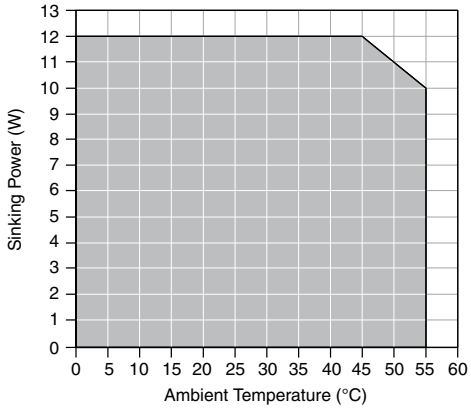
Noise

Wideband source noise	<20 mV peak-to-peak in 60 V range, device configured for normal transient response, 10 Hz to 20 MHz , typical

Sinking Power vs. Ambient Temperature Derating

The following figure illustrates sinking power derating as a function of ambient temperature for the PXIe-4138.

Figure 2. Sinking Power vs. Ambient Temperature Derating



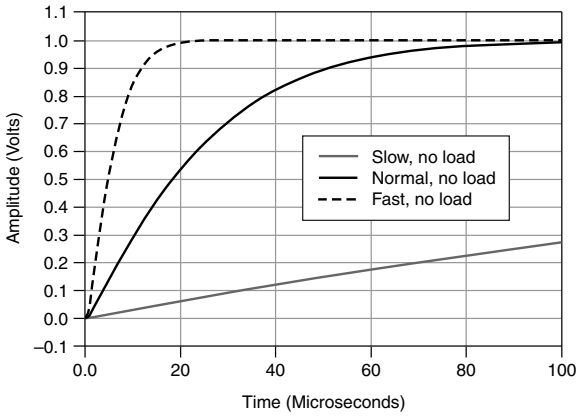
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Transient Response and Settling Time

Transient response	<70 µs to recover within 0.1% of voltage range after a load current change from 10% to 90% of range, device configured for fast transient response, typical
Settling time[6]	
Voltage mode, 50 V step, unloaded[7]	<200 µs, typical
Voltage mode, 5 V step or smaller, unloaded[8]	<70 µs, typical
Current mode, full-scale step, 3 A to 100 µA ranges[9]	<50 µs, typical
Current mode, full-scale step, 10 µA range[9]	<150 µs, typical
Current mode, full-scale step, 1 µA range[9]	<300 µs, typical

The following figures illustrate the effect of the transient response setting on the step response of the PXIe-4138 for different loads.

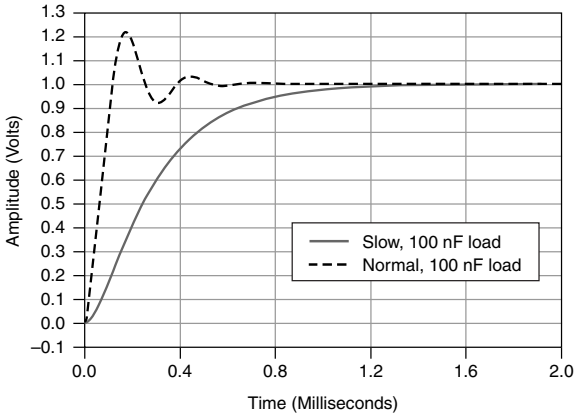
Figure 3. 1 mA Range, No Load Step Response, Nominal



[6] Measured as the time to settle to within 0.1% of step amplitude, device configured for fast transient response.
[7] Current limit set to ≥50 µA and ≥50% of the selected current limit range.
[8] Current limit set to ≥20 µA and ≥20% of selected current limit range.
[9] Voltage limit set to ≥2 V, resistive load set to 1 V/selected current range.

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Figure 4. 1 mA Range, 100 nF Load Step Response, Nominal



Load Regulation

Voltage	
Device configured for local sense	100 µV per mA of output load change (measured between output channel terminals), typical
Device configured for remote sense	Load regulation effect included in voltage accuracy specifications, typical
Current, device configured for local or remote sense	Load regulation effect included in current accuracy specifications, typical

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Measurement and Update Timing Characteristics

Available sample rates[10]	(1.8 MS/s)/*N* where *N* = 1, 2, 3, … 2^{24}, nominal
Sample rate accuracy	Equal to PXIe_CLK100 accuracy, nominal
Maximum measure rate to host	1.8 MS/s per channel, continuous, nominal
Maximum source update rate[11]	100,000 updates/s, nominal
Input trigger to	
Source event delay	10 µs, nominal
Source event jitter	1 µs, nominal
Measure event jitter	1 µs, nominal
Pulse timing and accuracy	
Minimum pulse on time[12]	50 µs, nominal
Minimum pulse off time[13]	50 µs, nominal
Pulse on time or off time programming resolution	100 ns, nominal
Pulse on time or off time programming accuracy	±5 µs, nominal
Pulse on time or off time jitter	1 µs, nominal

[10] When sourcing while measuring, both the **niDCPower Source Delay** and **niDCPower Aperture Time** properties affect the sampling rate. When taking a measure record, only the **niDCPower Aperture Time** property affects the sampling rate.

[11] As the source delay is adjusted, maximum source rates vary.

[12] *Pulse on time* is measured from the start of the leading edge to the start of the trailing edge.

[13] *Pulse off time* is measured from the start of the trailing edge to the start of a subsequent leading edge.

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Remote Sense

Voltage accuracy	Add (3 ppm of voltage range + 11 µV) per volt of HI lead drop plus 1 µV per volt of lead drop per Ω of corresponding sense lead resistance to voltage accuracy specifications.
Maximum sense lead resistance	100 Ω
Maximum lead drop per lead	3 V

Note Exceeding the maximum lead drop per lead value may result in additional error.

Related Information

Voltage Programming and Measurement Accuracy/Resolution on page 4

Examples of Calculating Accuracy[14]

Example 1: Calculating 5 °C Accuracy

Calculate the accuracy of 900 nA output in the 1 µA range under the following conditions:

ambient temperature	28 °C
internal device temperature	within T_{cal} ± 5 °C [15]
self-calibration	within the last 24 hours.

Solution

Since the device internal temperature is within T_{cal} ± 5 °C and the ambient temperature is within 23 °C ± 5 °C, the appropriate accuracy specification is:

0.03% + 200 pA

Calculate the accuracy using the following formula:

$$\text{Accuracy} = 900\,\text{nA} * 0.03\,\% + 200\,\text{pA}$$

$$= 270\,\text{pA} + 200\,\text{pA}$$

[14] Specifications listed in examples are for demonstration purposes only and do not necessarily reflect specifications for this device.

[15] T_{cal} is the internal device temperature recorded by the PXIe-4138 at the completion of the last self-calibration.

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$$= 470\,\text{pA}$$

Therefore, the actual output will be within 470 pA of 900 nA.

Example 2: Calculating Remote Sense Accuracy

Calculate the remote sense accuracy of 500 mV output in the 600 mV range. Assume the same conditions as in Example 1, with the following differences:

HI path lead drop	3 V
HI sense lead resistance	2 Ω
LO path lead drop	2.5 V
LO sense lead resistance	1.5 Ω

Solution

Since the device internal temperature is within T_{cal} ± 5 °C and the ambient temperature is within 23 °C ± 5 °C, the appropriate accuracy specification is:

0.02% + 100 µV

Since the device is using remote sense, use the remote sense accuracy specification:

Add (3 ppm of voltage range + 11 µV) per volt of HI lead drop plus 1 µV per volt of lead drop per Ω of corresponding sense lead resistance to voltage accuracy specifications.

Calculate the remote sense accuracy using the following formula:

$$\text{Accuracy} = \left(500\,\text{mV} * 0.02\,\% + 100\mu\text{V}\right) + \frac{600\,\text{mV} * 3\text{ppm} + 11\mu\text{V}}{1V\,\text{of lead drop}} * 3V + \frac{1\mu V}{V * \Omega} * 3 V * 2\,\Omega + \frac{1\mu V}{V * \Omega} * 2.5V * 1.5\Omega$$

$$= 100\mu\text{V} + 100\mu\text{V} + 12.8\mu\text{V} * 3 + 6\mu\text{V} + 3.8\,\mu\text{V}$$

$$= 248.2\,\mu\text{V}$$

Therefore, the actual output will be within 248.2 µV of 500 mV.

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Example 3: Calculating Accuracy with Temperature Coefficient

Calculate the accuracy of 900 nA output in the 1 µA range. Assume the same conditions as in Example 1, with the following differences:

ambient temperature	15 °C

Solution

Since the device internal temperature is within T_{cal} ± 5 °C, the appropriate accuracy specification is:

0.03% + 200 pA

Since the ambient temperature falls outside of 23 °C ± 5 °C, use the following temperature coefficient per degree Celsius outside the 23 °C ± 5 °C range:

0.0006% + 4 pA

Calculate the accuracy using the following formula:

$$\text{TemperatureVariation} = \left(23°C - 5\ °C\right) - 15°C = 3°C$$

$$\text{Accuracy} = \left(900\ \text{nA} * 0.03\ \% + 200\ \text{pA}\right) + \frac{900\ \text{nA} * 0.0006\ \% + 4pA}{1°C} * 3°C$$

$$= 470\ \text{pA} + 28.2\ \text{pA}$$

$$= 498.2\ \text{pA}$$

Therefore, the actual output will be within 498.2 pA of 900 nA.

Trigger Characteristics

Input triggers	
Types	Start, Source, Sequence Advance, Measure, Pulse
Sources (PXI trigger lines <0...7>)[16]	
Polarity	Configurable
Minimum pulse width	100 ns, nominal

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Destinations[17] (PXI trigger lines <0...7>)[16]	
Polarity	Active high (not configurable)
Pulse width	>200 ns, typical
Output triggers (events)	
Types	Source Complete, Sequence Iteration Complete, Sequence Engine Done, Measure Complete, Pulse Complete, Ready for Pulse
Destinations (PXI trigger lines <0...7>)[16]	
Polarity	Configurable
Pulse width	Configurable between 250 ns and 1.6 µs, nominal

Protection

Output channel protection	
Overcurrent or overvoltage	Automatic shutdown, output disconnect relay opens
Overtemperature	Automatic shutdown, output disconnect relay opens

Isolation

Caution Do not connect to MAINs. Do not connect to signals or use for the measurements within CAT II, III, or IV.

Isolation voltage, channel-to-earth ground[18]	
Continuous	150 VDC, CAT I
Withstand	1,000 V_{RMS}

Note Measurement Categories CAT I and CAT O (Other) are equivalent. These test and measurement circuits are not intended for direct connection to the MAINs building installations of Measurement Categories CAT II, CAT III, or CAT IV.

Hazardous Voltage Take precautions to avoid electrical shock when operating this product at hazardous voltages.

16 Pulse widths and logic levels are compliant with *PXI Express Hardware Specification Revision 1.0 ECN 1*.
17 Input triggers can be re-exported.
18 Verified with a 5-second dielectric withstand test.

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Note Isolation voltage ratings apply to the voltage measured between any channel pin and the chassis ground connector of the front panel. When operating channels in series or floating on top of external voltage references, ensure that no terminal exceeds this rating.

Guard Output Characteristics

Cable guard	
Output impedance	2 kΩ, nominal
Offset voltage	1 mV, typical

Calibration Interval

Recommended calibration interval	1 year

Power Requirement

PXI Express power requirement	2.5 A from the 3.3 V rail and 2.2 A from the 12 V rail

Physical Characteristics

Dimensions	3U, one-slot, PXI Express/CompactPCI Express module; 2.0 cm × 13.0 cm × 21.6 cm (0.8 in. × 5.1 in. × 8.5 in.), nominal
Weight	419 g (14.8 oz) , nominal
Front panel connectors	5.08 mm (8 position)

Environment

Maximum altitude	2,000 m (800 mbar) (at 25 °C ambient temperature)
Pollution Degree	2

Indoor use only.

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Operating Environment

Ambient temperature range	0 °C to 55 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-1 and IEC 60068-2-2. Meets MIL-PRF-28800F Class 3 low temperature limit and MIL-PRF-28800F Class 2 high temperature limit.)
Relative humidity range	10% to 90%, noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-56.)

Storage Environment

Ambient temperature range	-40 °C to 70 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-1 and IEC 60068-2-2. Meets MIL-PRF-28800F Class 3 limits.)
Relative humidity range	5% to 95%, noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-56.)

Shock and Vibration

Operating shock	30 g peak, half-sine, 11 ms pulse (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-27. Meets MIL-PRF-28800F Class 2 limits.)
Random vibration	
Operating	5 Hz to 500 Hz, 0.3 g_{rms} (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-64.)
Nonoperating	5 Hz to 500 Hz, 2.4 g_{rms} (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-64. Test profile exceeds the requirements of MIL-PRF-28800F, Class 3.)

Compliance and Certifications

Hazardous Voltage This icon denotes a warning advising you to take precautions to avoid electrical shock.

Caution You can impair the protection provided by the PXIe-4138 if you use it in a manner not described in this document.

Note If your device is hardware revision F or earlier, a snap-on ferrite bead is required to remain in EMC compliance. Refer to the *PXIe-4138 Getting Started Guide* included in your original shipping kit for information about this bead.

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To determine which revision of a device you have, open Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX) and select the device in question. The hardware revision is displayed in the settings pane on the right-hand side.

Safety

This product is designed to meet the requirements of the following electrical equipment safety standards for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

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

Note For UL and other safety certifications, refer to the product label or the *Online Product Certification* section.

Electromagnetic Compatibility

This product meets the requirements of the following EMC standards for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- EN 61326-1 (IEC 61326-1): Class A emissions; Basic immunity
- EN 55011 (CISPR 11): Group 1, Class A emissions
- EN 55022 (CISPR 22): Class A emissions
- EN 55024 (CISPR 24): Immunity
- AS/NZS CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A emissions
- AS/NZS CISPR 22: Class A emissions
- FCC 47 CFR Part 15B: Class A emissions
- ICES-001: Class A emissions

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Note For EMC declarations, certifications, and additional information, refer to the *Online Product Certification* section.

CE Compliance CE

This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives, as follows:

- 2014/35/EU; Low-Voltage Directive (safety)
- 2014/30/EU; Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC)

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