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About This Manual

This manual contains detailed instructions for installing and configuring the National Instruments PXIe-8100 embedded computer kit.

How to Use the Documentation Set

Begin by reading the *NI PXIe-8100 Installation Guide*, a brief quick-start guide that describes how to install and get started with your controller.

This manual, the *NI PXIe-8100 User Manual*, contains more details about changing the installation or configuration from the defaults and using the hardware.

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Related Documentation

The following documents contain information you may find helpful as you read this manual:

- *PICMG EXP.0 R1.0 CompactPCI Express Specification*, PCI Industrial Computers Manufacturers Group
- IEEE Standard P1284.1-1997 *(C/MM) Standard for Information Technology for Transport Independent Printer/System Interface*
- *PCI Express Base Specification*, Revision 1.1, PCI Special Interest Group
- *PXI-5 PXI Express Hardware Specification*, Revision 1.0, PXI Systems Alliance
- *PXI-6 PXI Express Software Specification*, Revision 1.1, PXI Systems Alliance
- *Serialized IRQ Support for PCI Systems Specification*, Revision 6.0, Compaq Computer et al.

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1 Introduction

This chapter provides overview information for PXI Express and the NI PXIe-8100 embedded controller.

Benefits of PXI Express

The PXI (PCI eXtensions for Instrumentation) industry standard, an open specification governed by the PXI Systems Alliance (PXISA), has quickly gained adoption and grown in prevalence in test, measurement, and control systems since its release in 1998. One of the key elements driving the rapid adoption of PXI is its use of PCI in the communication backplane. As the commercial PC industry has improved the available bus bandwidth by evolving PCI to PCI Express, PXI is now able to meet even more application needs by integrating PCI Express into the PXI standard. By taking advantage of PCI Express technology in the backplane, PXI Express increases the available PXI bandwidth from up to 132 MB/s to up to 8 GB/s for a more than 60x improvement in bandwidth.

PXI Express maximizes both hardware and software compatibility with PXI modules. PXI Express hybrid slots deliver both PCI and PCI Express signaling to accept devices that use PXI communication and triggering or the newer PXI Express standard. Software compatibility is maintained because PCI Express uses the same OS and driver model as PCI, resulting in complete software compatibility among PCI-based systems, for example PXI, and PCI Express-based systems such as PXI Express.

PXI Express, like PXI, leverages from the CompactPCI specification to define a rugged, modular form factor that offers superior mechanical integrity and easy installation and removal of hardware components. PXI Express products offer higher and more carefully defined levels of environmental performance required by the shock, vibration, temperature, and humidity extremes of industrial environments. Mandatory environmental testing and active cooling is added to the CompactPCI mechanical specification to ease system integration and ensure multivendor interoperability.

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The demanding timing and synchronization requirements of instrumentation systems are met by the integrated features of PXI Express. Not only are the trigger bus, 10 MHz system reference clock, and star trigger bus available in PXI retained by PXI Express, but new timing and synchronization features that include a 100 MHz differential system reference clock for the synchronization of multiple modules and three differential star trigger buses for the distribution of precise clock and trigger signals have been added. Differential timing and synchronization signals provide PXI Express systems with increased noise immunity and the ability to transmit clock signals at higher frequencies.

NI PXIe-8100

Description

The NI PXIe-8100 PXI Express/CompactPCI Express embedded computer is a PXI Express/CompactPCI Express-compatible system controller. The NI PXIe-8100 controller integrates standard I/O features in a single unit by using state-of-the-art packaging. Combining an NI PXIe-8100 embedded controller with a PXI Express-compatible chassis, such as the PXIe-1062Q, results in a fully PC-compatible computer in a compact, rugged package.

The standard I/O on each module includes VGA video, one RS-232 serial port, two high-speed USB 2.0 ports, one Gigabit Ethernet connector, a reset button, and PXI Express triggers.

The NI PXIe-8100 has an Intel Atom Processor D410, Single Channel DDR2, 667 MHz memory controller, all the standard I/O, and an integrated solid-state drive.

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Functional Overview

This section contains functional descriptions of each major logic block on the NI PXIe-8100 embedded computer.

NI PXIe-8100 Functional Description

The NI PXIe-8100 is a modular PC in a PXI Express 3U-size form factor. Figure 1-1 is a functional block diagram of the NI PXIe-8100. Following the diagram is a description of each logic block shown.

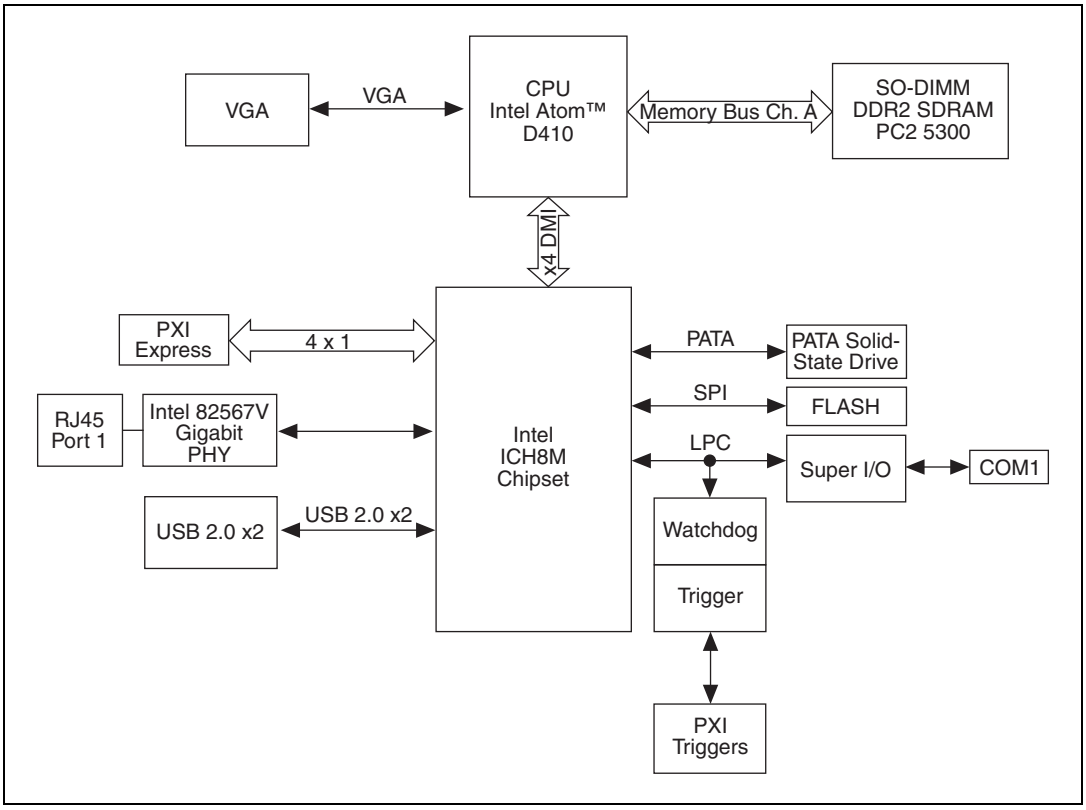


Figure 1-1. NI PXIe-8100 Block Diagram

The NI PXIe-8100 consists of the following logic blocks:

- Intel Atom processor D410.
- The *SO-DIMM* block consists of one 64-bit DDR2 SDRAM sockets that can hold up to 1 GB.

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- The *CPU* connects to the DDR2 SDRAM, VGA, and Intel ICH8M chipset.
- The *Intel Atom Processor D410* drives the graphics.
- The *Watchdog Timer* block consists of a watchdog timer that can reset the controller or generate a trigger.
- The *Intel ICH8M* chipset connects to the USB, Parallel ATA, PXI Express, and LPC buses.
- The *USB Connectors* connect the Intel ICH8M chipset to the Hi-Speed USB 2.0 interface.
- The *Parallel ATA Solid-State Drive* is a 512 MB storage device. The Parallel ATA interface enables transfer rates up to 17 MB/s in read and 5 MB/s in write.
- The *PXI Express Connector* connects the NI PXIe-8100 to the PXI Express/CompactPCI Express backplane.
- The *Super I/O* block represents the other peripherals supplied by the NI PXIe-8100. The NI PXIe-8100 has one serial port.
- The *Intel 82567V Gigabit Enet port* connects to either 10 Mbit, 100 Mbit, or 1,000 Mbit Ethernet interfaces.

National Instruments Software

National Instruments has developed several software tools you can use with the NI PXIe-8100.

National Instruments' hardware and software work together to help you make the most of your PXI Express system. The LabVIEW, Measurement Studio, and LabWindows™/CVI™ application development environments combine with leading hardware drivers such as NI-DAQmx to provide exceptional control of NI hardware. Instrument drivers are available at `ni.com/idnet` to simplify communication with instruments over a variety of buses.

LabVIEW is a powerful and easy-to-use graphical programming environment you can use to acquire data from thousands of different instruments including USB, IEEE 488.2, VXI, serial, PLCs, and plug-in boards. LabVIEW helps you convert acquired data into meaningful results using powerful data analysis routines. Add-on tools provide additional specialized functionality. For more information visit `ni.com/labview` and `ni.com/toolkits`.

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LabWindows/CVI is an interactive ANSI C programming environment designed for building virtual instrument applications. LabWindows/CVI delivers a drag-and-drop editor for building user interfaces, a complete ANSI C environment for building your test program logic, and a collection of automated code generation tools, as well as utilities for building automated test systems, monitoring applications, or laboratory experiments. For more information visit `ni.com/lwcvi`.

NI-DAQmx provides an extensive library of functions that you can call from your application development environment or interactive environment such as NI Signal Express. These functions provide an intuitive API for National Instruments' multifunction DAQ products. Features available include 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 signal conditioning, RTSI or PXI Express synchronization, self-calibration, messaging, and acquiring data to extended memory. For more information visit `ni.com/daq`.

National Instruments' Modular Instruments use specialized drivers suited to each product's specialization. Express VIs provide customized, interactive programming of instruments in a single interface and soft front panels provide an interface for testing the functionality of each instrument with no programming required. NI Switches, DMMs, High-Speed DIO, High-Speed Digitizers, and Sources each have customized drivers for high-end modular instrumentation systems. RF applications leverage two drivers, NI-RFSG and NI-RFSA and Dynamic Signal Acquisition is available through NI-DAQmx. For more information visit `ni.com/modularinstruments`.

You can expand the timing and triggering functionality of your PXI Express system with PXI Express Timing and Synchronization products. These products provide precision clock sources, custom routing of triggers for multi-chassis synchronization, clock sharing, and more and are programmed with NI-Sync. For more information visit `ni.com/pxi`.

NI-VISA is the National Instruments implementation of the VISA specification. VISA is a uniform API for communicating and controlling USB, Serial, GPIB, PXI, PXI Express, VXI, and various other types of instruments. This API aids in the creation of portable applications and

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instrument drivers. For information on writing your own PXI Express instrument driver with NI-VISA, refer to the *NI-VISA Getting Started Manual* and the `readme.txt` file in the NI-VISA directory. For more information visit `ni.com/visa`.

With LabVIEW for Linux and support for over two hundred devices on Linux with the NI-DAQmx driver, you can now create Virtual Instruments based on the Linux OS. Instrument control in Linux has been improved by the NI-VISA driver for Linux and NI Modular Instruments are partially supported. For more information visit `ni.com/linux`.

Cleaning

Use a dry, low-velocity stream of air to clean the NI PXIe-8100 controller. If needed, use a soft-bristle brush for cleaning around components.

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Installation and Configuration

This chapter contains information about installing and configuring your NI PXIe-8100 controller.

Installing the NI PXIe-8100

This section contains general installation instructions for the NI PXIe-8100. Consult your PXI Express chassis user manual for specific instructions and warnings.

1. Plug in your chassis before installing the NI PXIe-8100. The power cord grounds the chassis and protects it from electrical damage while you install the module.

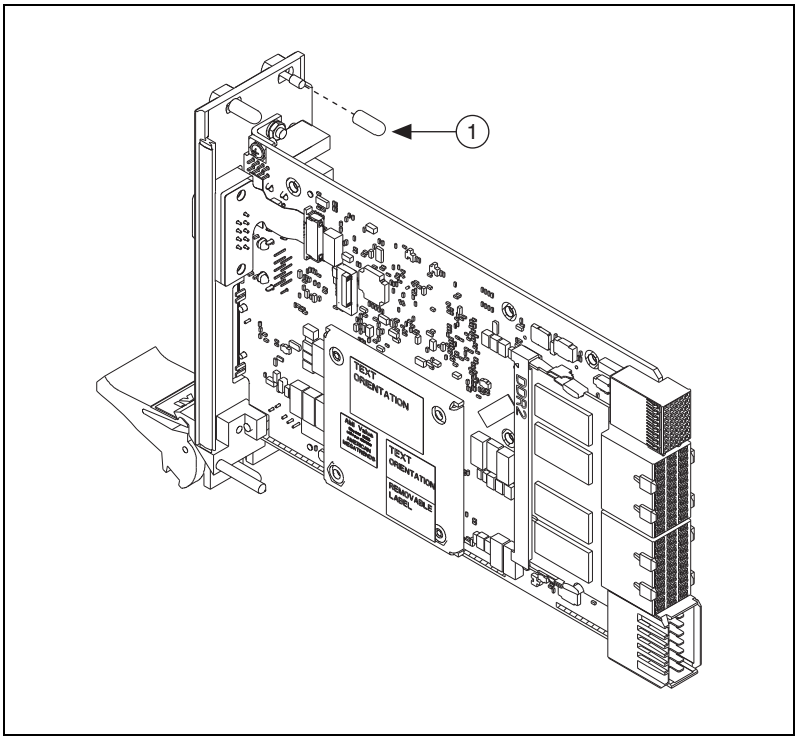


Caution To protect both yourself and the chassis from electrical hazards, leave the chassis powered off until you finish installing the NI PXIe-8100 module.

2. Remove any filler panels blocking access to the system controller slot (Slot 1) in the chassis.
3. Touch the metal part of the case to discharge any static electricity that might be on your clothes or body.

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4. Remove the protective plastic covers from the four bracket-retaining screws as shown in Figure 2-1.



1 Protective Screw Cap (4X)

Figure 2-1. Removing Protective Screw Caps

5. Make sure the injector/ejector handle is in its downward position. Align the NI PXIe-8100 with the card guides on the top and bottom of the system controller slot.

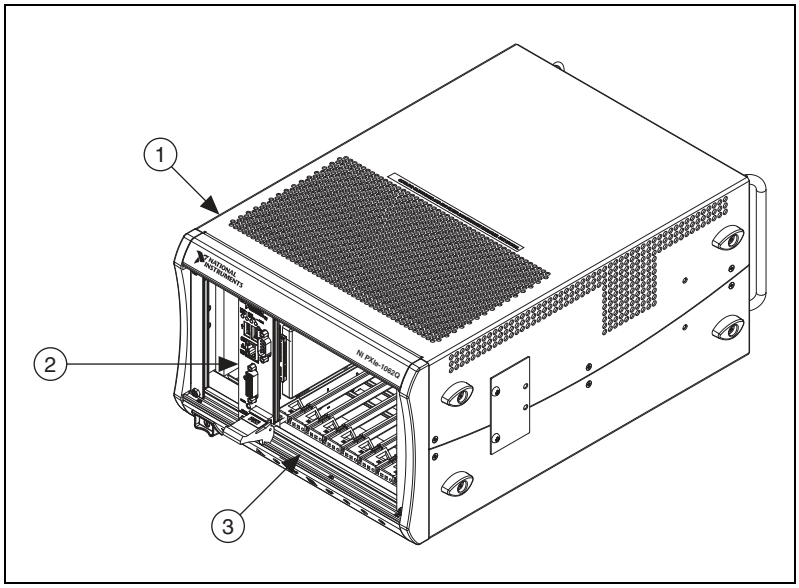
Caution Do *not* raise the injector/ejector handle as you insert the NI PXIe-8100. The module will not insert properly unless the handle is in its downward position so that it does not interfere with the injector rail on the chassis.

6. Hold the handle as you slowly slide the module into the chassis until the handle catches on the injector/ejector rail.
7. Raise the injector/ejector handle until the module firmly seats into the backplane receptacle connectors. The front panel of the NI PXIe-8100 should be even with the front panel of the chassis.

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8. Tighten the four bracket-retaining screws on the top and bottom of the front panel to secure the NI PXIe-8100 to the chassis.
9. Check the installation.
10. Connect the keyboard and mouse to the appropriate connectors. If you are using a PS/2 keyboard and a PS/2 mouse, a Y-splitter adapter is available to connect both to a single USB connector. Refer to Figure 4-1, *Y-Splitter Cable*.
11. Connect the VGA monitor video cable to the VGA connector.
12. Connect devices to ports as required by your system configuration.
13. Power on the chassis.
14. Verify that the controller boots. If the controller does not boot, refer to the *What if the NI PXIe-8100 does not boot?* section of Chapter 5, *Troubleshooting*.

Figure 2-2 shows an NI PXIe-8100 installed in the system controller slot of a National Instruments NI PXIe-1062Q chassis.



1	NI PXIe-1062Q Chassis	3	Injector/Ejector Rail
2	NI PXIe-8100 Controller		

Figure 2-2. NI PXIe-8100 Controller Installed in a PXI Express Chassis

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How to Remove the Controller from the PXI Express Chassis

The NI PXIe-8100 controller is designed for easy handling. To remove the unit from the PXI Express chassis, complete the following steps.

1. Power off the chassis.
2. Unscrew the four bracket-retaining screws in the front panel.
3. Press the injector/ejector handle down.
4. Slide the unit out of the chassis.

Note If the PXI Express chassis Inhibit Mode Selector Switch is not in the Default position, any attempt to shut down the NI PXIe-8100 through the push button reset or using Windows will result in the controller Power OK LED blinking. The user will be required to use the remote inhibit pin on the remote inhibit and voltage monitoring connector to turn off the chassis. Refer to the PXI Express chassis user manual for details on the functionality of the remote inhibit and voltage monitoring controls.

BIOS Setup Utility

You can change the NI PXIe-8100 configuration settings in the BIOS setup program. The BIOS is the low-level interface between the hardware and operating system software that configures and tests your hardware when you boot the system. The BIOS setup program includes menus for configuring settings and enabling NI PXIe-8100 controller features.

Most users do not need to use the BIOS setup program, as the NI PXIe-8100 controller ships with default settings that work well for most configurations.

Caution Changing BIOS settings may lead to incorrect controller behavior and possibly an unbootable controller. If this happens, follow the instructions for restoring default settings in the *System CMOS* section. In general, do *not* change a setting unless you are absolutely certain what it does.

Accessing BIOS Setup Utility

Complete the following steps to start the BIOS setup program.

1. Power on or reboot your NI PXIe-8100 controller.
2. When the message **`Press <DEL> or <F2> to enter setup`** appears, press the <Delete> key. The setup program loads after a short delay.

   The **Main** menu is displayed when you first enter the BIOS setup program.

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Use the following keys to navigate through the BIOS setup program:

- **Left Arrow, Right Arrow**—Use these keys to move between the different setup menus. If you are in a submenu, these keys have no effect, and you must press <Esc> to leave the submenu first. (To use the arrows on the numeric keypad, you must turn off Num Lock.)
- **Up Arrow, Down Arrow**—Use these keys to move between the options within a setup menu. (To use the arrows on the numeric keypad, you must turn off Num Lock.)
- **<Enter>**—Use this key either to enter a submenu or display all available settings for a highlighted configuration option.
- **<Esc>**—Use this key to return to the parent menu of a submenu. At the top-level menus, this key serves as a shortcut to the **Exit** menu.
- **<+> and <–>**—Use these keys to cycle between all available settings for a selected configuration option.
- **<Tab>**—Use this key to select time and date fields.
- **<F9>**—Use this key to load the optimal default values for BIOS configuration settings. The optimal default values are the same as the shipping configuration default values.

Main Setup Menu

The most commonly accessed and modified BIOS settings are in the **Main** setup menu. The **Main** setup menu reports the following configuration information:

- **BIOS Version and Build Date**—These values indicate the version of the PXIe-8100 controller BIOS and the date on which the BIOS was built.
- **Processor Type, Frequency, and Number of Cores**—These values indicate the type of processor used in the NI PXIe-8100 controller, the speed of the processor, and the number of processor cores.
- **System Memory**—This value indicates the size of system RAM detected by the BIOS.
- **PXI Express Chassis Information**—These values indicate the overall chassis link configuration, the link width of each link, and the link speed of each link.

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The **Main** setup menu also includes the following settings:

- **System Time**—This setting controls the time of day, which is stored in a battery-backed real-time clock. Most operating systems also include a way to change this setting. Use <+> and <–> in conjunction with <Enter> and <Tab> to change these values.
- **System Date**—This setting controls the date, which is stored in a battery-backed real-time clock. Most operating systems also include a way to change this setting. Use <+> and <–> in conjunction with <Enter> and <Tab> to change these values.

Advanced Setup Menu

This menu contains BIOS settings that normally do not require modification. If you have specific problems such as unbootable disks or resource conflicts, you may need to examine these settings.

Caution Changing settings in this menu may result in an unstable or unbootable controller. If this happens, follow the procedures outlined in the *System CMOS* section to restore BIOS settings to their factory defaults.

The **Advanced** setup menu includes the following settings and submenus:

- **CPU Configuration**—Use this setting to access the **CPU Configuration** submenu. Refer to the *CPU Configuration Submenu* section for more information.
- **Video Configuration**—Use this setting to access the **Video Configuration** submenu. Refer to the *Video Configuration Submenu* section for more information.
- **Power/Wake Configuration**—Use this setting to access the **Power/Wake Configuration** submenu. Refer to the *Power/Wake Configuration Submenu* section for more information.
- **IDE Configuration**—Use this setting to access the **IDE Configuration** submenu. Refer to the *IDE Configuration Submenu* section for more information.
- **USB Configuration**—Use this setting to access the **USB Configuration** submenu. Refer to the *USB Configuration Submenu* section for more information.
- **Serial Port Configuration**—Use this setting to access the **Serial/Parallel Port Configuration** submenu. Refer to the *Serial Port Configuration Submenu* section for more information.

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CPU Configuration Submenu

Use this submenu to apply alternate settings to the CPU. Normally, you do not need to modify these settings, as the factory default settings provide the most compatible and optimal configuration possible.

- **Hyper-Threading**—This setting enables or disables Intel Hyper-Threading technology. The default value is enabled. Enabling Hyper-Threading increases performance for some applications by adding virtual CPU cores. Hyper-Threading can increase application jitter, so care should be taken when enabling this setting on a Real Time system. When the BIOS is configured to boot LabVIEW Real-Time, Hyper-Threading will be automatically disabled.
- **C-States**—This setting enables or disables CPU power management. The default value is enabled. Enabling C-States allows the processor to put idle CPU cores to sleep. Enabling C-States can increase application jitter, so care should be taken when enabling this setting on a Real Time system.

Video Configuration Submenu

Use this submenu to apply alternate settings to the video configuration. Normally, you do not need to modify these settings, as the factory default settings provide the most compatible and optimal configuration possible.

- **Primary Display**—This setting specifies which video adapter the BIOS should use as the primary adapter if more than one is present. To use an external video adapter as the primary graphics adapter, choose **Add-in Board Video**. The default value is **Onboard Video**.
- **On Chip VGA Configuration**
  - **Share Memory Size**—This setting specifies memory size the Onboard Video will be sharing from system memory. A choice of 1 MB and 8 MB can be selected. For optimal video performance 8 MB has been selected by default.

Power/Wake Configuration Submenu

Use this submenu to apply alternate configurations to the power and wake features of the chipset and controller. Normally, you do not need to modify these settings, as the factory default settings provide the most compatible and optimal configuration possible.

- **Power Button Behavior**—This setting specifies how the PXI Express power button should behave. Valid options are **Normal**, **Force Off**, and **Disabled**. The default value is **Normal**. When set to **Normal**, the power button will be controlled by the OS. When set to **Force Off**, the

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system will immediately power off when the power button is pressed, overriding any OS-specific power button policy. When set to **Disabled**, pressing the power button has no effect. The **Disabled** option should only be used in conjunction with the PXI Express chassis' inhibit mode switch.

- **Restore After Power Loss**—This setting specifies the power state that the controller should return to after AC power is lost. Valid values are **Stay Off** and **Turn On**. The default is **Stay Off**. When set to **Stay Off**, the controller will return to the soft off power state after AC power is restored. When set to **Turn On**, the controller will power on when AC power is restored.
- **PXI Express Backplane WAKE#**—This setting enables or disables a PXI Express peripheral module's ability to wake a powered-off system. The default value is **Disabled**.
- **SMBus ALERT#**—This setting enables or disables a System Management device's ability to wake a powered off system by asserting the ALERT# signal. The default value is **Enabled**.

IDE Configuration Submenu

Use this submenu to display hard disk drive (HDD) interfaces detected.

- **PATA Master**—This item displays the master PATA drive detected.

USB Configuration Submenu

Use this submenu to apply alternate configurations to the USB ports. Normally, you do not need to modify these settings, as the factory default settings provide the most compatible and optimal configuration possible.

- **USB Devices**—This item lists the total number of devices detected in the system, categorized by device type.
- **Legacy USB Support**—This setting specifies whether or not legacy USB support is enabled. Legacy USB support refers to the ability to use a USB keyboard and mouse during system boot or in a legacy operating system such as DOS. The default value is **Enabled**.

Note Certain real-time applications may require you to disable this setting to reduce loop time jitter. When the controller is configured to boot LabVIEW RT, legacy USB support is automatically disabled.

- **EHCI Hand-Off**—This setting is for an OS without EHCI hand-off support.

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- **USB Transfer Timeout**—This setting specifies the timeout in seconds for Control, Bulk, and Interrupt transfers. The default is **20** seconds.
- **Device Reset Timeout**—This setting specifies the number of seconds the Power-On Self Test will wait for a USB mass storage device to start. The default is **20** seconds.
- **Device Power Up Delay**—This setting determines the maximum time a USB device will take before it properly reports itself to the controller. A choice of **Auto** (default) and **Manual** can be selected. In **Auto**, a 100 ms delay will be applied to the root port and hub port will use delay from Hub descriptor. If the **Manual** option is chosen, the Device power up delay in seconds field will be enabled to accept a delay ranging from 1 to 40 seconds.

Serial Port Configuration Submenu

Use this submenu to apply alternate configurations to the serial ports. Normally, you do not need to modify these settings, as the factory default settings provide the most compatible and optimal configuration possible.

- **Serial Port**—This setting enables or disables the onboard serial port. The default value is **Enabled**.
- **Device Settings**—This item displays the current base address and interrupt request level (IRQ) information for the onboard serial port.
- **Change Settings**—This setting changes the base address and interrupt request level (IRQ) information for the onboard serial port. The default value is **Auto**.
- **Console Redirection**—This setting enables or disables the redirection of the setup menu through serial port. The default value is **Disabled**.
- **Console Redirection Settings**—This submenu allows the setting of serial port and terminal settings when Console Redirection is enabled.

LabVIEW RT Options Setup Menu

Use this menu to configure boot options for LabVIEW RT if it is installed on the controller. If you are not using LabVIEW RT, you should leave these settings at default.

Note The settings below override the behavior of the switches shown in Figure 2-4. Refer to the *LabVIEW RT Configuration Switches* section for more information. To use the settings from the switches, select **Use Switch Setting** for each option.

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- **Boot Configuration**—This setting selects whether the controller should boot LabVIEW RT, LabVIEW RT Safe Mode, or an installed OS such as Windows. The default is **Use Switch Setting**.
- **Reset IP Address**—If the controller is deployed to a different subnet from which it was originally configured, or if the current IP address is invalid, use this switch to reset the IP address and other TCP/IP settings to their factory defaults during LabVIEW RT startup. The default is **Use Switch Setting**.

Note By default, the target will automatically attempt to connect to the network using DHCP. If the target is unable to initiate a DHCP connection, the target connects to the network with a link-local IP address or `169.254.x.x`.

- **Disable Startup VI**—If the controller becomes inaccessible because of a startup VI, this switch can prevent VIs from automatically running at startup. The default is **Use Switch Setting**.

Boot Setup Menu

Use this menu to configure settings related to the boot process and boot device priority.

- **Setup Prompt Timeout**—This setting specifies the amount of time the system will wait for a BIOS Setup menu keypress (<Delete> key) in seconds. The default value is **1** second.
- **Bootup NumLock State**—This settings specifies the power-on state of the keyboard NumLock setting. The default value is **On.**
- **Quiet Boot**—This setting enables or disables the splash screen during the boot process. The default value is **Disabled**.
- **PXE Network Boot**—This setting specifies whether or not the PXE network boot agent is enabled. When enabled, the Intel Boot Agent will be displayed in the **Boot Option Priorities** menu, allowing you to boot from a PXE server on the local subnet. Note that the Intel Boot Agent device names are preceded by **IBA GE Slot 00c8 v1338** in the **Boot Option Priorities** menu. The system must be restarted for this setting to take effect. The default value is **Disabled**.
- **SCSI Drive Boot**—This setting specifies whether or not boot support is enabled for legacy mass storage devices, such as SCSI drives. When enabled, legacy mass storage controllers with boot support will be displayed in the **Boot Option Priorities** menu. The default value is **Enabled**.

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- **Boot Option Priorities**—These settings specify the order in which the BIOS checks for bootable devices, including the local hard disk drive, removable devices such as USB flash disk drives or USB CD-ROM drives, or the PXE network boot agent. The BIOS will first attempt to boot from the device associated with **1st Boot Device**, followed by **2nd Boot Device**, and **3rd Boot Device**. If multiple boot devices are not present, the BIOS setup utility will not display all of these configuration options. To select a boot device, press <Enter> on the desired configuration option and select a boot device from the resulting menu. You can also disable certain boot devices by selecting **Disabled**.

Note Only one device of a given type will be shown in this list. If more than one device of the same type exists, use the *Device BBS Priorities* submenus to re-order the priority of devices of the same type.

The following submenus will be displayed if one or more bootable devices of the corresponding type is present:

- **Hard Drive BBS Priorities**—Use this setting to access the **Hard Drive BBS Priorities** submenu to re-order or disable bootable hard drive devices. Refer to the *Hard Drive BBS Priorities Submenu* section for more information.
- **CD/DVD ROM Drive BBS Priorities**—Use this setting to access the **CD/DVD ROM Drive BBS Priorities** submenu to re-order or disable bootable CD/DVD ROM drive devices. Refer to the *CD/DVD ROM Drive BBS Priorities Submenu* section for more information.
- **Floppy Drive BBS Priorities**—Use this setting to access the **Floppy Drive BBS Priorities** submenu to re-order or disable bootable floppy drive devices. Refer to the *Floppy Drive BBS Priorities Submenu* section for more information.
- **Network Device BBS Priorities**—Use this setting to access the **Network Device BBS Priorities** submenu to re-order or disable bootable network devices. Refer to the *Network Device BBS Priorities Submenu* section for more information.

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Boot Settings Configuration Submenu

Use this submenu to apply alternate configurations to boot settings. Normally, you do not need to modify these settings, as the factory default settings provide the most compatible and optimal configuration.

Hard Drive BBS Priorities Submenu

- **Boot Option #1, Boot Option #2, Boot Option #3**—These settings specify the boot priority of hard drive devices. The highest priority device is displayed on the main **Boot Option Priorities** list. Optionally, each device can also be **Disabled** if the device should never be used as a boot device.

CD/DVD ROM Drive BBS Priorities Submenu

- **Boot Option #1, Boot Option #2, Boot Option #3**—These settings specify the boot priority of CD/DVD ROM drive devices. The highest priority device is displayed on the main **Boot Option Priorities** list. Optionally, each device can also be **Disabled** if the device should never be used as a boot device.

Floppy Drive BBS Priorities Submenu

- **Boot Option #1, Boot Option #2, Boot Option #3**—These settings specify the boot priority of floppy drive devices. The highest priority device is displayed on the main **Boot Option Priorities** list. Optionally, each device can also be **Disabled** if the device should never be used as a boot device.

Network Device BBS Priorities Submenu

- **Boot Option #1, Boot Option #2, Boot Option #3**—These settings specify the boot priority of network devices. The highest priority device is displayed on the main **Boot Option Priorities** list. Optionally, each device can also be **Disabled** if the device should never be used as a boot device.

Security Menu

Use this menu to enable BIOS security options.

- **Administrator Password**—This setting specifies a password that must be entered to access the BIOS Setup Utility. If only the Administrator's password is set, then this only limits access to the

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BIOS setup program and is only asked for when entering the BIOS setup program. By default, no password is specified.

- **User Password**—This setting specifies a password that must be entered to access the BIOS Setup Utility or to boot the system. If only the User's password is set, then this is a power on password and must be entered to boot or enter the BIOS setup program. In the BIOS setup program, the User will have Administrator rights. By default, no password is specified.

Save & Exit Menu

The **Save & Exit** setup menu includes all available options for exiting, saving, and loading the BIOS default configuration. As an alternative to this screen, press <F9> to load optimal BIOS default settings and <F10> to save changes and exit setup.

The **Exit** setup menu includes the following settings:

- **Save Changes and Exit**—Any changes made to BIOS settings are stored in NVRAM. The setup program then exits without rebooting the controller.
- **Discard Changes and Exit**—Any changes made to BIOS settings during this session of the BIOS setup program are discarded. The setup program then exits without rebooting the controller.
- **Save Changes and Reset**—Any changes made to BIOS settings are stored in NVRAM. The setup program then exits and reboots the controller. The <F10> key can also be used to select this option.
- **Discard Changes and Reset**—Any changes made to BIOS settings during this session of the BIOS setup program are discarded. The setup program then exits and reboots the controller. The <Esc> key can also be used to select this option.
- **Save Changes**—Changes made to BIOS settings during this session are committed to NVRAM. The setup program remains active, allowing further changes.
- **Discard Changes**—Any changes made to BIOS settings during this session of the BIOS setup program are discarded. The BIOS setup continues to be active.
- **Restore Defaults**—This option restores all BIOS settings to the factory default. This option is useful if the controller exhibits unpredictable behavior due to an incorrect or inappropriate BIOS setting. Notice that any nondefault settings such as boot order, passwords, and so on, are also restored to their factory defaults. The <F9> key can also be used to select this option.

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- **Save As User Defaults**—This option saves a copy of the current BIOS settings as the User Defaults. This option is useful for preserving custom BIOS setup configurations.
- **Restore User Defaults**—This option restores all BIOS settings to the user defaults. This option is useful for restoring previously preserved custom BIOS setup configurations.
- **Boot Override**—This option lists all possible bootable devices and allows the user to override the **Boot Option Priorities** list for the current boot. If no changes have been made to the BIOS setup options, the system will continue booting to the selected device without first rebooting. If BIOS setup options have been changed and saved, a reboot will be required and the boot override selection will not be valid.

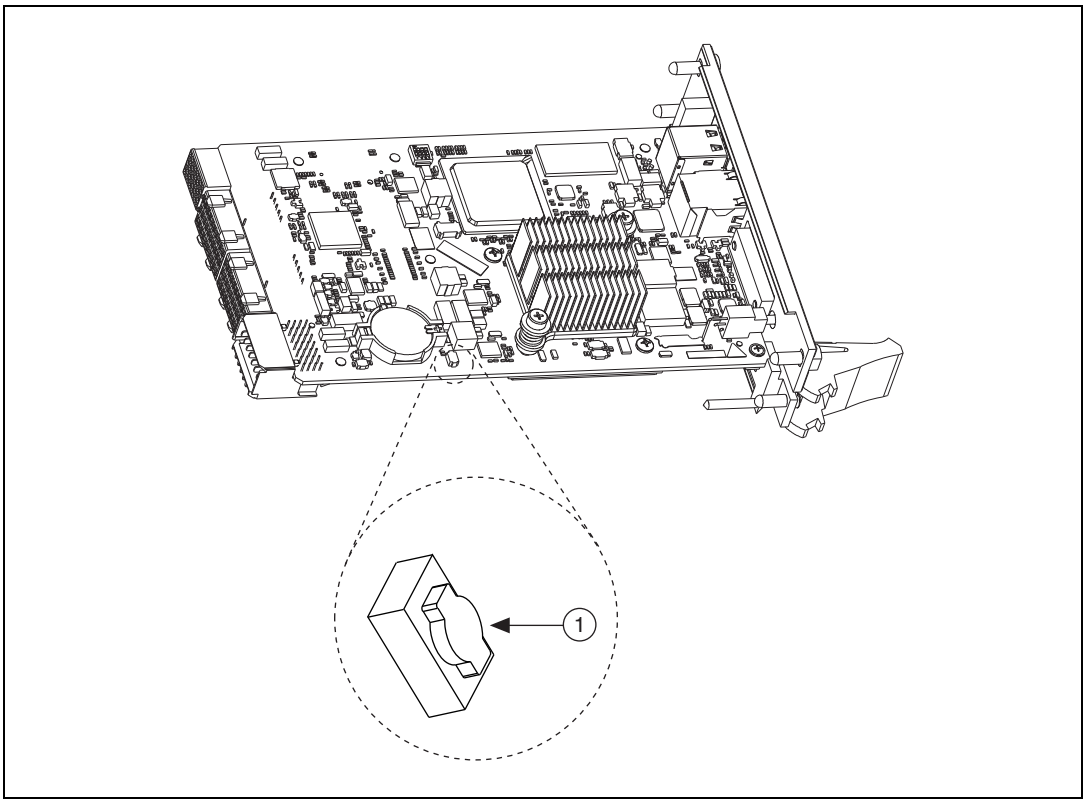
System CMOS

The NI PXIe-8100 contains memory backed up by a battery to store BIOS configuration information.

Complete the following steps to clear the CMOS contents:

1. Power off the chassis.
2. Remove the controller from the chassis.
3. Press the push button switch, as shown in Figure 2-3.
4. Wait one second.
5. Reinstall the controller in the chassis.

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1 Push Button Switch SW2

Figure 2-3. Clearing the CMOS Contents

LabVIEW RT Installation

This section explains software installation and switch configuration for LabVIEW RT on your PXI Express controller.

LabVIEW RT Software Installation

The following section describes the necessary steps to get your PXI Express embedded controller setup to run LabVIEW Real-Time. In this section you will configure the boot mode of the controller, verify or change IP settings, and install LabVIEW Real-Time software.

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Complete the following steps to install the LabVIEW RT software.

1. Boot the NI PXI Express embedded controller into the real-time operating system. Refer to the *LabVIEW RT Configuration Switches* section or the *LabVIEW RT Options Setup Menu* section in this manual to configure the controller for booting into LabVIEW RT.

   The PXI Express controller will automatically boot into LabVIEW RT Safe Mode when no software is installed. LabVIEW RT Safe Mode loads with the basic real-time operating system and will automatically attempt to connect to the network using DHCP. If DHCP is not available, it will then connect to the network with a link-local IP address.



Tip You can connect a monitor to the desktop PC to display startup messages such as the IP address and MAC address.

2. Open Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX) on another computer in the same subnet and expand the **Remote Systems** branch. MAX lists the PXI Express controller as the model name of the controller followed by the MAC address (for example, **NI-PXIe-8100 00802f108562**).



Note The other computer must have LabVIEW, LabVIEW RT, and any desired drivers installed.



Tip Record the PXI Express controller MAC address, located on the side of the controller, for use in identifying the controller. The label also can be removed and placed on the front of the controller for easier access.

3. Click on the appropriate PXI Express controller entry to access the **Network Settings** tab in the right pane view.
4. (Optional) Enter a name for the RT target in the **Name** text box.
5. (Optional) Set the network configuration options of the RT target in the **IP Settings** section and click the **Apply** button.

   For information about configuring network settings, refer to the *Configuring Network Settings* book, accessible by browsing to **MAX Remote Systems Help»LabVIEW Real-Time Target Configuration»Configuring Network Settings** from the **Contents** tab of *MAX Help*.

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Note When any IP or identification settings are changed, you will be prompted to reboot the controller for the changes to take effect. Click **Yes** to automatically reboot the RT target. You may also reboot the controller by right-clicking on the target name under **Remote Systems** and selecting **Restart**.

After rebooting the PXI Express controller it will appear in the **Remote Systems** category with the assigned name.

6. Expand the PXI Express controller view in the **Remote Systems** branch and select **Software**.
7. Click the **Add/Remove Software** button in the toolbar to launch the LabVIEW Real-Time Software Wizard.
8. Install the LabVIEW Real-Time software and device drivers that you require on the RT target. Refer to the NI Web site at `ni.com/info` and enter the Info Code `etspc` for the latest information about supported software.

After installation of the software the controller will automatically reboot and you will now be able to program it using LabVIEW Real-Time.

Note Refer to the *RT Getting Started Guide* available on your host computer for more information about setting up your RT target.

LabVIEW RT Configuration Switches

Use the LabVIEW RT configuration switches to configure LabVIEW RT if it is installed on the controller. If you are not using LabVIEW RT, these switches should remain in the OFF position. The controller reads these switches only after a system reset.

The NI PXIe-8100 controller includes the following LabVIEW RT configuration switches:

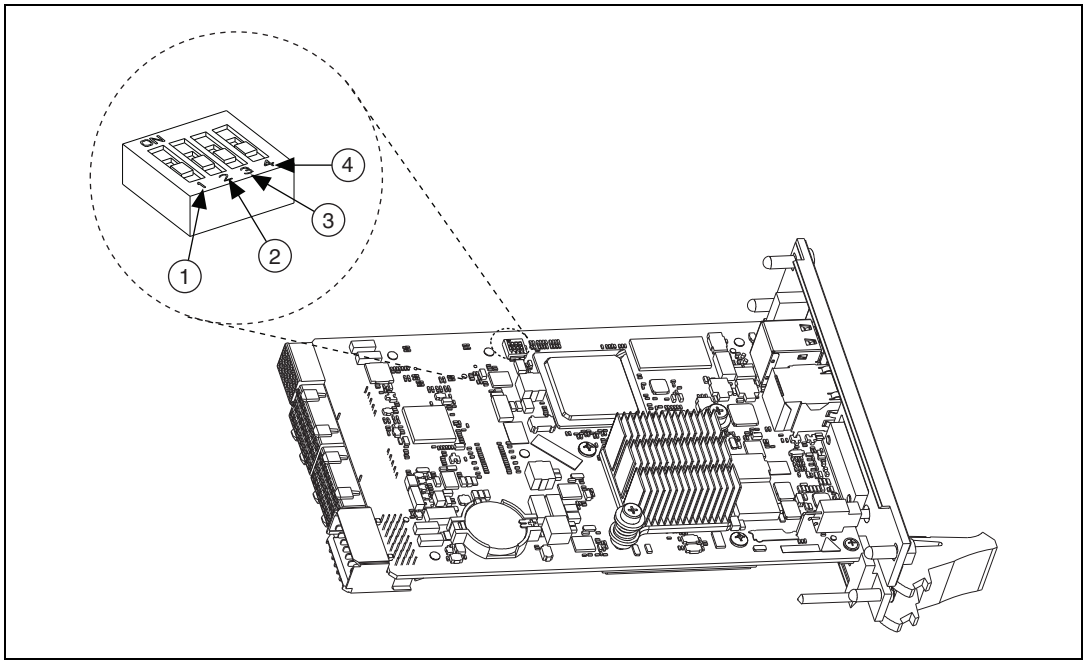
- Switch 1—**Boot LabVIEW RT**: Set this switch to ON to boot LabVIEW RT.
- Switch 2—**Boot Safe Mode**: Set this switch to ON to boot LabVIEW RT into safe mode to reconfigure TCP/IP settings and to download or update software from a host computer. This switch overrides the behavior of Switch 1. Booting the controller into safe mode does not start the embedded LabVIEW RT engine. After changing the settings or software, reboot the controller with this switch OFF to resume normal operation.

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- Switch 3—**Disable Startup VI**: Set this switch to ON to prevent VIs from automatically running at startup if the controller becomes inaccessible because of a startup VI.
- Switch 4—**Reset IP Address**: Set this switch to ON to reset the IP address and other TCP/IP settings to their factory defaults. Use this switch if moving the controller to a different subnet or if the current TCP/IP settings are valid.

Note By default, the target will automatically attempt to connect to the network using DHCP. If the target is unable to initiate a DHCP connection, the target connects to the network with a link-local IP address or `169.254.x.x`.

Figure 2-4 shows the location of the LabVIEW RT configuration switches. The switches are shown in the OFF position.



1	Switch 1—Boot LabVIEW RT	3	Switch 3—Disable Startup VI
2	Switch 2—Boot Safe Mode	4	Switch 4—Reset IP Address

Figure 2-4. LabVIEW RT Configuration Switches

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Drivers and Software

Your hard drive includes a directory called `images` in its root that contains software and soft copies of manuals for the peripherals. The directory structure under the `images` directory is logically organized into several levels.

In the `images` directory, you will find a `manuals` directory, an `os` directory, and a `drivers` directory.

The `manuals` directory contains quick reference guides, technical reference manuals, and National Instruments software manuals, all in Adobe Acrobat format. To access any manual, change your directory to `c:\images\manuals` and list the contents of that directory.

The `os` directory contains a subdirectory corresponding to the operating system installed on your computer.

The `drivers` directory contains driver installers for the system peripherals. These files and directories are copied exactly from the manufacturer distribution disks, so the naming conventions vary from peripheral to peripheral.

PXI Express Chassis Configuration

The PXI Express Platform Services software installed on your controller and available on the *National Instruments Driver DVD* or *PXI Platform Services CD* included with your kit automatically identifies your PXI Express system components to generate a `pxiesys.ini` and `pxisys.ini` file. You can configure your entire PXI Express system through Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX), included with your controller. MAX creates the `pxiesys.ini` and `pxisys.ini` file, which define your PXI Express system parameters. MAX also provides an interface to route and reserve triggers so dynamic routing, through drivers such as DAQmx, avoids double-driving and potentially damaging trigger lines. For more information about routing and reserving PXI Express triggers, refer to KnowledgeBase 3TJDOND8, *Using PXI Timing and Triggering Functionality*, at `ni.com/support`.

The configuration steps for single or multiple-chassis systems are the same.

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PXI Express System Configuration

1. Launch Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX).
2. In the **Configuration** tree, expand **Devices and Interfaces**.
3. In the **Devices and Interfaces** tree, expand **PXI System**. Your PXI Express chassis is already identified and appears in the **PXI System** tree.
4. For each unidentified PXI Express chassis in the **PXI System** tree, right-click on the chassis and select the appropriate chassis model through the **Identify As** submenu. Further expanding the **PXI System** branch shows all devices in the system that NI-VISA can recognize.

The PXI Express specification allows for many combinations of PXI Express chassis and system modules. To assist system integrators, PXI Express chassis and system module manufacturers must document their products' capabilities. PXI Express devices must provide a driver and/or `.ini` file for identification. For NI PXI Express chassis and controllers, these files are provided as part of the NI PXI Platform Services software included with your controller. System integrators, configuration utilities, and device drivers can use these `.ini` files.

The NI PXI Platform Services software uses the system module driver, chassis driver, and `chassis.ini` files to generate the PXI/PXI Express system description files (`pxisys.ini` and `pxiesys.ini`). Device drivers and other utility software read the `pxiesys.ini` and `pxisys.ini` files to obtain system information. For detailed information about initialization files, refer to the PXI Express specification at `www.pxisa.org`.

Upgrading RAM

You can change the amount of installed RAM on the NI PXIe-8100 by upgrading the SO-DIMM.

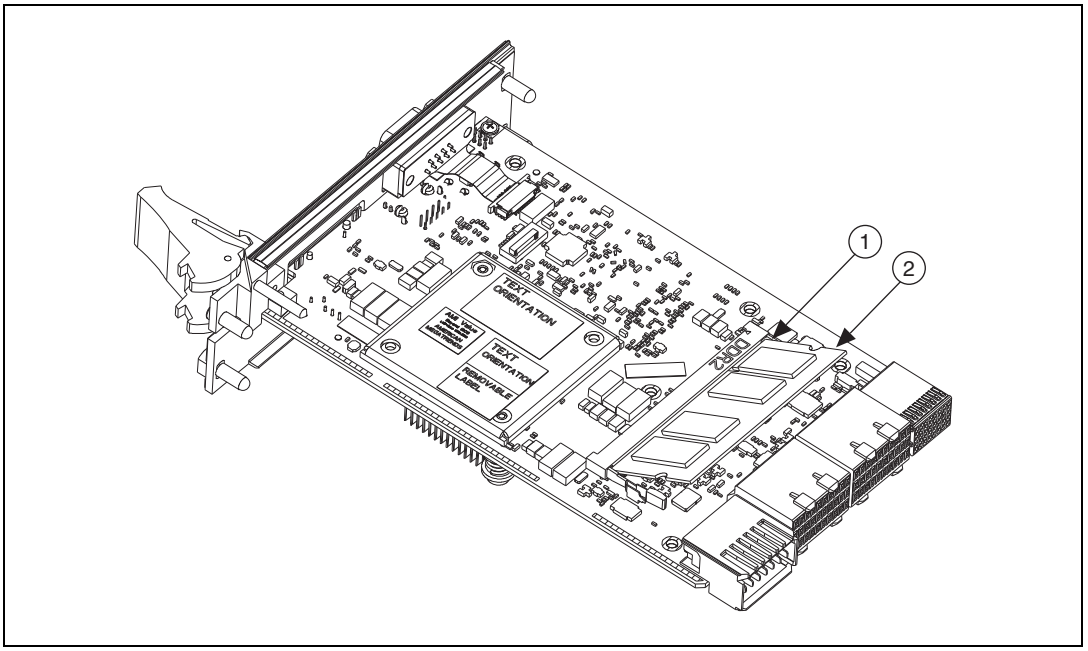
To upgrade the RAM, remove the NI PXIe-8100 from the PXI Express chassis. Larger memory capacity will improve overall system performance.

National Instruments offers the following SO-DIMM for use with the NI PXIe-8100 controller.

- PC2-5300 (DDR2 667) 512 MB, 128 MB × 64, CL 5, 1.18 in. max (NI part number 781864-512)
- PC2-5300 (DDR2 667) 1 GB, 128 MB × 64, CL 5, 1.18 in. max (NI part number 781864-1024)

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Note National Instruments has tested and verified that the DDR2 SO-DIMMs we sell work with the NI PXIe-8100. We recommend you purchase your DDR2 SO-DIMM modules from National Instruments. Other off-the-shelf DDR2 SO-DIMM modules are not guaranteed to work properly.



1	DDR2 SO-DIMM Socket	2	DDR2 SO-DIMM Module

Figure 2-5. Installing a DDR2 SO-DIMM in an NI PXIe-8100 Controller

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I/O Information

Front Panel Connectors

Table 3-1 lists various peripherals and their corresponding NI PXIe-8100 external connectors, bus interfaces, and functions.

Table 3-1. NI PXIe-8100 Peripherals Overview

Peripheral	External Connector	Description
Video	VGA (15-pin DSUB)	Intel Integrated Graphics Controller
Serial	COM1 (9-pin DSUB)	16550 RS-232 serial port
Ethernet Port 1	LAN (RJ45)	10/100/1000 Ethernet Intel 82567V WOL capable
USB	USB 4-pin Series A stacked receptacle (2 ports)	USB 2.0 capable

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Front Panel

Figure 3-1 shows the front panel layout and dimensions of the NI PXIe-8100. Dimensions are in inches [millimeters].

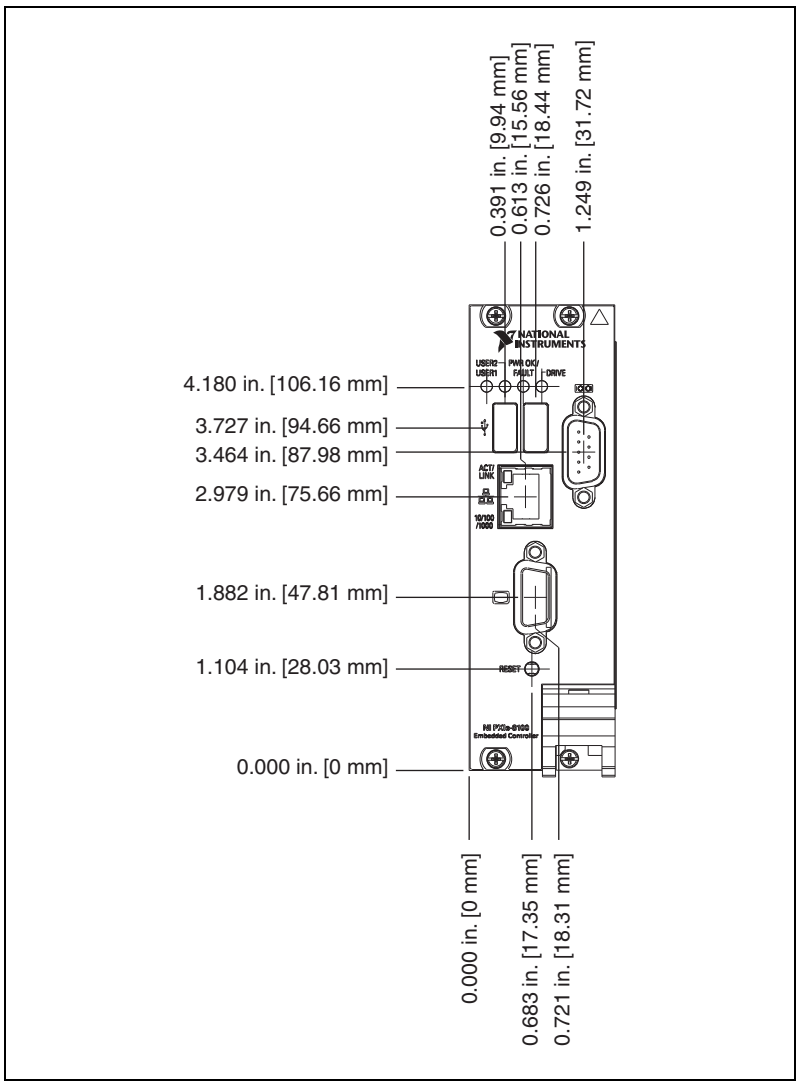


Figure 3-1. NI PXIe-8100 Front Panel Layout and Dimensions

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VGA

Figure 3-2 shows the location and pinouts for the VGA connector on the NI PXIe-8100. Table 3-2 lists and describes the VGA connector signals.

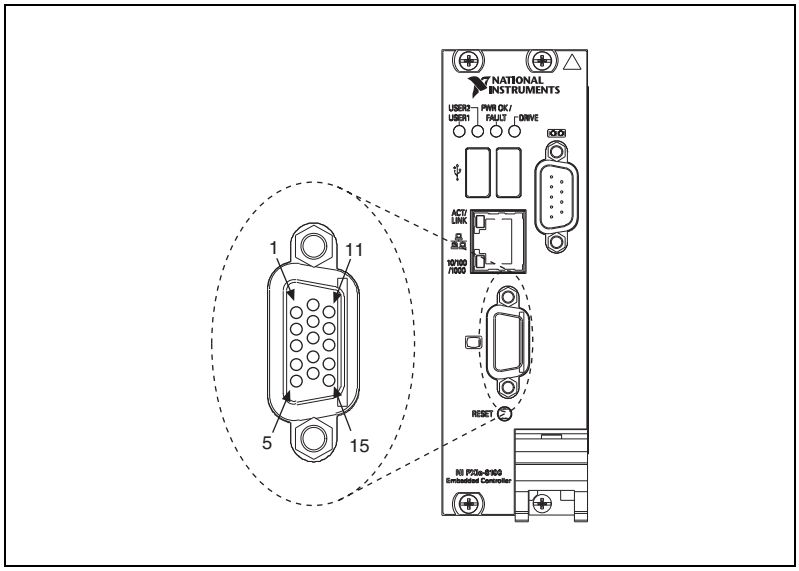


Figure 3-2. VGA Connector Location and Pinout

Table 3-2. VGA Connector Signals

Pin	Signal Name
1	Analog Red
2	Analog Green
3	Analog Blue
4	Reserved
5	Ground
6	Ground
7	Ground
8	Ground
9	+5 V Power
10	Ground

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Table 3-2. VGA Connector Signals (Continued)

Pin	Signal Name
11	Reserved
12	DDC Data [SDA]
13	Analog Horizontal Sync
14	Analog Vertical Sync
15	DDC Clock [SCL]

COM1

Figure 3-3 shows the location and pinouts for the COM1 connector on the NI PXIe-8100. Table 3-3 lists and describes the COM1 connector signal.

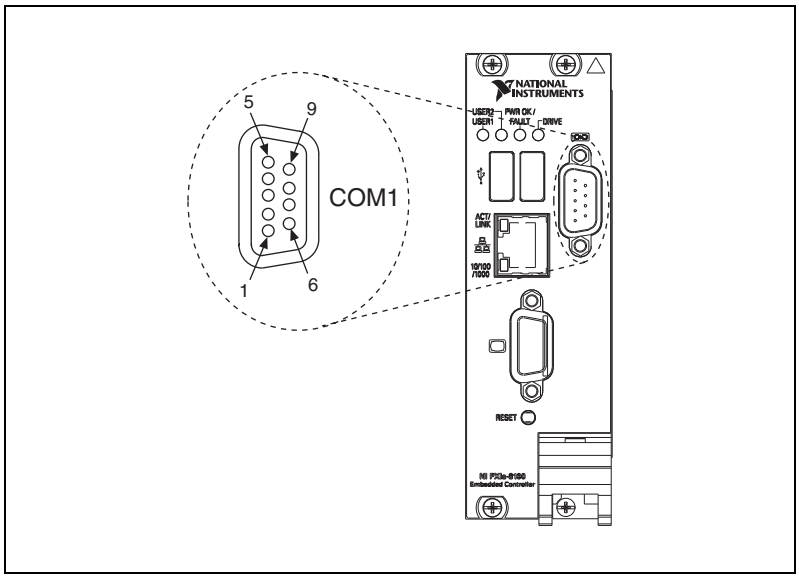


Figure 3-3. COM1 Connector Location and Pinout

Table 3-3. COM1 Connector Signals

Pin	Signal Name	Signal Description
1	DCD#	Data Carrier Detect
2	RXD#	Receive Data
3	TXD#	Transmit Data

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Table 3-3. COM1 Connector Signals (Continued)

Pin	Signal Name	Signal Description
4	DTR#	Data Terminal Ready
5	GND	Ground
6	DSR#	Data Set Ready
7	RTS#	Ready to Send
8	CTS#	Clear to Send
9	RI#	Ring Indicator
Note: The pound symbol (#) indicates an active low signal.		

Ethernet

Figure 3-4 shows the location and pinouts for the Ethernet connector on the NI PXIe-8100. Table 3-4 lists and describes the Ethernet connector signals.

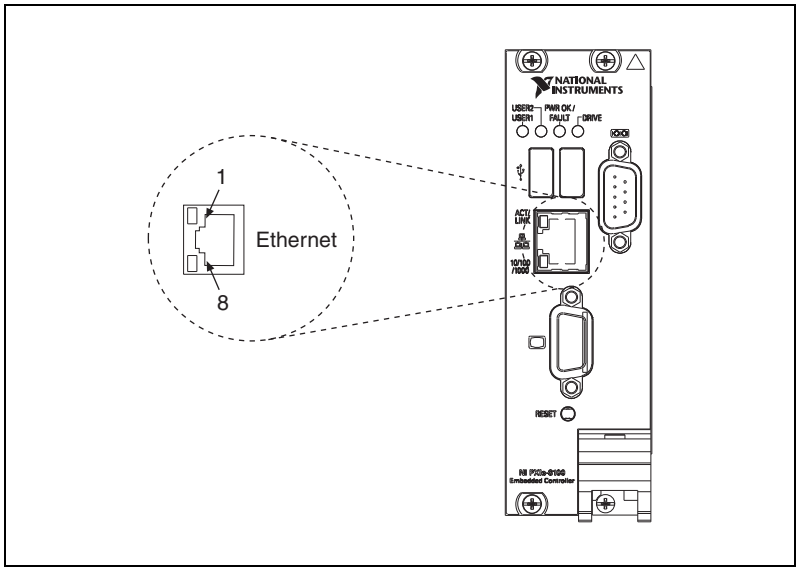


Figure 3-4. Ethernet Connector Location and Pinout

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Table 3-4. Ethernet Connector Signals

Pin	Fast Ethernet	Gigabit Ethernet
1	TX+	TX_A+
2	TX–	TX_A–
3	RX+	RX_B+
4	NC	TX_C+
5	NC	TX_C–
6	RX–	RX_B–
7	NC	RX_D+
8	NC	RX_D–

Note The Ethernet controller can perform an automatic crossover, thus eliminating the need for crossover cables.

Table 3-5. 10/100/1000 LAN Connector LED States

LED	Color	LED State	Condition
ACT/ LINK	Green	Off	LAN link is not established.
		On (steady state)	LAN link is established.
		On (blinking)	The controller is communicating with another computer on the LAN.
10/100/ 1000	(None)	Off	10 Mbit/sec data rate is selected.
	Green	On	100 Mbit/sec data rate is selected.
	Amber	On	1000 Mbit/sec data rate is selected.

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Universal Serial Bus

Figure 3-5 shows the location and pinouts for the Universal Serial Bus (USB) connector on the NI PXIe-8100. Each controller has 2 USB ports on the front panel. Table 3-6 lists and describes the USB connector signals.

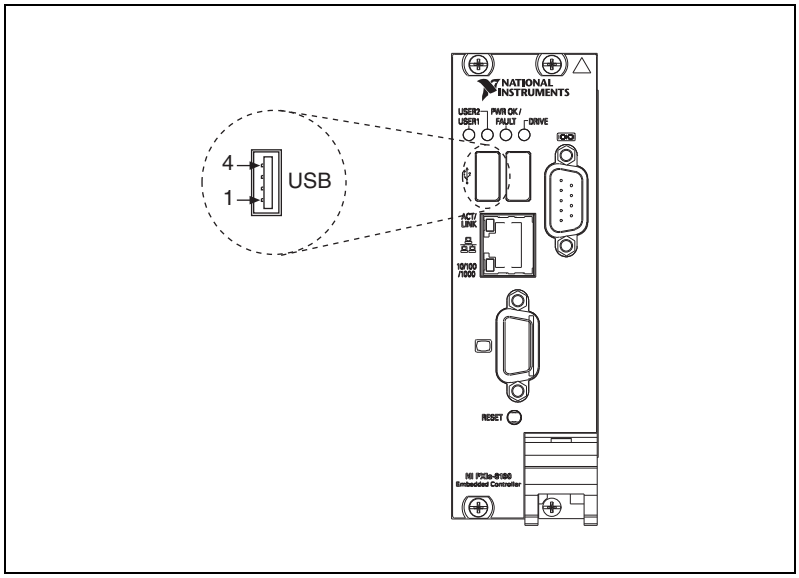


Figure 3-5. USB Connector Location and Pinout

Table 3-6. USB Connector Signals

Pin	Signal Name	Signal Description
1	VCC	Cable Power (+5 V)
2	–Data	USB Data –
3	+Data	USB Data +
4	GND	Ground

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Front Panel Features

The NI PXIe-8100 has the following front-panel features:

- A system reset push button (press the button to generate a reset to the controller)
- Two front panel LEDs that show PC status
  - The **PWR OK/FAULT** LED indicates the status of the controller. The LED will indicate one of the following states:
    - Green ON steady—PXI Express and onboard power is on and within regulation limits.
    - Green BLINKING—One of the onboard power supplies is operating outside of the normal limits or the system power supply is out of regulation.
    - OFF—The controller is powered off.
    - Red BLINKING—The controller detected a power rail fault when trying to boot.
  - The **DRIVE** LED indicates when an access to the internal hard disk is occurring.

Data Storage

The NI PXIe-8100 has the following data storage features:

- Internal Parallel ATA solid-state drive
  - 512 MB
- USB storage support—USB CD/DVD-ROM, mass storage device, or floppy drive

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4

Common Configuration Questions

This chapter answers common configuration questions you may have when using a NI PXIe-8100 embedded controller.

General Questions

What do the LEDs on the NI PXIe-8100 front panel mean?

Refer to the LED status descriptions in the *Front Panel Features* section of Chapter 3, *I/O Information*.

After shutting down my NI PXIe-8100 controller, the Ethernet LEDs continue to blink. Is it safe to remove my controller or disconnect power?

The NI PXIe-8100's Intel 82567V Ethernet device remains powered even after shutdown. It is safe to remove your controller or disconnect power.

How do I check the configuration of the memory, hard drive, time/date, and so on?

You can view these parameters in the BIOS setup. To enter the BIOS setup, reboot the NI PXIe-8100 and press <Delete> during the memory tests. Refer to the *Accessing BIOS Setup Utility* section of Chapter 2, *Installation and Configuration*, for more information.

Can I use the internal ATA drive and an external hard drive at the same time?

Yes. Refer to the *BIOS Setup Utility* section of Chapter 2, *Installation and Configuration*, for more information.

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Boot Options

What devices can I boot from?

The NI PXIe-8100 can boot from the following devices:

- The internal Parallel ATA solid-state hard drive
- An external SCSI hard drive or SCSI CD/DVD-ROM if a SCSI adapter, such as the PXI-8214, is used
- A network PXE server on the same subnet
- An external USB mass storage device such as a USB hard drive, USB CD/DVD-ROM, or USB flash drive
- An external USB floppy drive
- Most PCI or PCIe-based devices that provide an Option ROM

Note There are some limitations when booting from a USB device. The NI PXIe-8100 BIOS configures the USB devices so that they will work in a DOS environment.

How do I configure the controller to boot from these devices?

There are two methods.

- Enter the BIOS setup by rebooting the controller and pressing <Delete> during BIOS initialization. Select the **Boot** menu. You will see a list of all bootable devices, ordered by device type. You can set the boot order by altering the **1st Boot Device**, **2nd Boot Device**, and **3rd Boot Device** settings.
- To boot from a different device without permanently changing the boot order, press <F10> during POST. After the BIOS completes the POST and just before the controller boots the OS, the **Boot** menu is displayed. You can select the device type you want to boot from.

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Cables and Connections

How do I plug both a PS/2 mouse and PS/2 keyboard into the controller?

The NI PXIe-8100 has no PS/2 connector, and you need to use a USB Y-splitter cable as shown in Figure 4-1, or a similar device, to connect both a PS/2 mouse and PS/2 keyboard. National Instruments part number 778713-01 is such a cable and is available through the online catalog at `ni.com/products`.

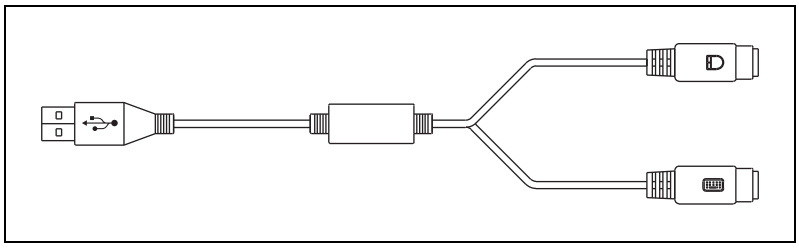


Figure 4-1. Y-Splitter Cable

What if I don't have a Y-splitter cable? Can I still use a mouse and keyboard?

If you do not have a Y-splitter cable, plug a USB keyboard into any USB connector. You can also plug a USB mouse into any USB connector.

Software Driver Installation

How do I install or reinstall the video driver?

Refer to KnowledgeBase 3H3COSD8, *What Peripheral Drivers Should I Use with My PXI or VXI Controller?*, at `ni.com/support`.

How do I install or reinstall the Ethernet driver?

Refer to KnowledgeBase 3H3COSD8, *What Peripheral Drivers Should I Use with My PXI or VXI Controller?*, at `ni.com/support`.

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Upgrade Information

How do I upgrade system memory?

You can change the amount of installed RAM on the NI PXIe-8100 by upgrading the DDR2 SO-DIMMs.

To upgrade the RAM, remove the NI PXIe-8100 from the PXI Express chassis. Larger memory capacity will improve overall system performance.

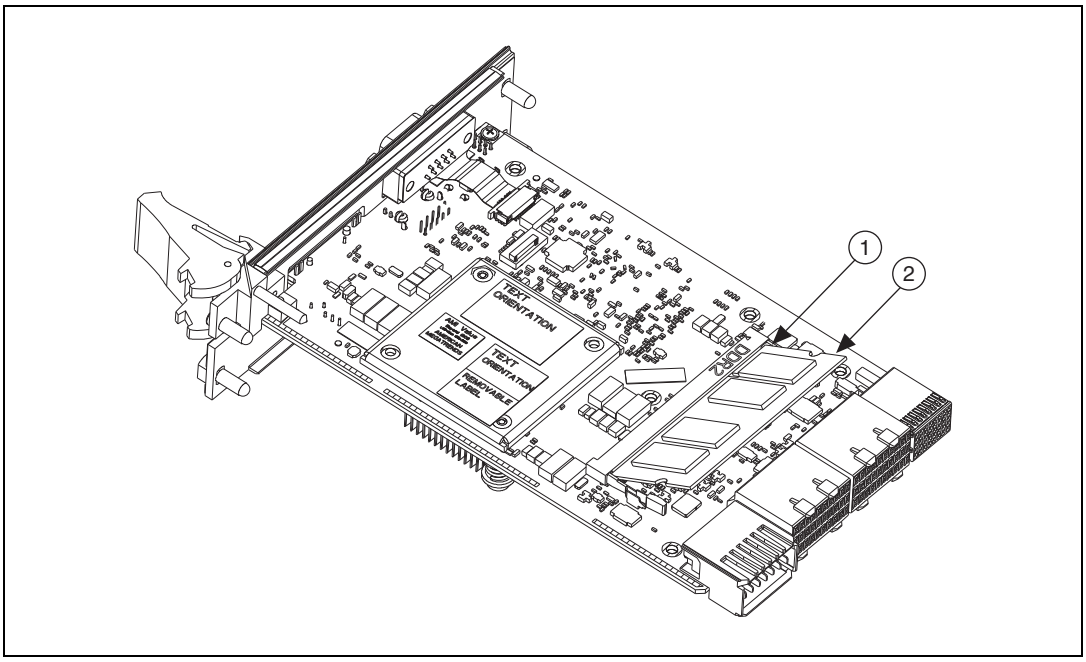
National Instruments offers the following types of SO-DIMMs for use with the NI PXIe-8100 controller.

- PC2-5300 (DDR2 667) 512 MB, 128 MB × 64, CL 5, 1.18 in. max (NI part number 781864-512)
- PC2-5300 (DDR2 667) 1 GB, 128 MB × 64, CL 5, 1.18 in. max (NI part number 781864-1024)



Note National Instruments has tested and verified that the DDR2 SO-DIMMs we sell work with the NI PXIe-8100. We recommend you purchase your DDR2 SO-DIMM modules from National Instruments. Other off-the-shelf DDR2 SO-DIMM modules are not guaranteed to work properly.

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1	DDR2 SO-DIMM Socket	2	DDR2 SO-DIMM Module

Figure 4-2. Installing a DDR2 SO-DIMM in an NI PXIe-8100 Controller

How do I flash a new BIOS?

You can download the new BIOS from `ftp.ni.com/support/pxi`. For more information, refer to KnowledgeBase 2GIGKD0Z, *Determining and Upgrading PXI and VXI Embedded Controller BIOS Versions*.

Where do I get the latest software drivers?

The latest National Instruments software is available from `ni.com/downloads`. For peripheral drivers, refer to KnowledgeBase 3H3COSD8, *What Peripheral Drivers Should I Use with My PXI or VXI Controller?*, at `ni.com`.

My NI PXIe-8100 does not have an internal floppy drive. Is there a way to use an external drive?

Yes. The NI PXIe-8100 controller supports and can boot from USB floppy drives. Refer to the *Boot Options* section for more information.

A USB floppy drive is available from National Instruments, part number 778492-02.

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Troubleshooting

This chapter answers common troubleshooting questions you may have when using the NI PXIe-8100 embedded computer.

What if the NI PXIe-8100 does not boot?

Several problems can cause a controller not to boot. Here are some things to look for and possible solutions.

Things to Notice:

- Which LEDs come on? The **PWROK/FAULT** LED should stay lit green. The **Drive** LED should blink during boot as the disk is accessed.
- What appears on the display? Does it hang at some particular point (BIOS, Operating System, and so on)? If nothing appears on the screen, try a different monitor. Does your monitor work with a different PC? If it hangs, note the last screen output that you saw for reference when consulting National Instruments technical support.
- What has changed about the system? Did you recently move the system? Was there electrical storm activity? Did you recently add a new module, memory chip, or piece of software?
- Refer to your chassis user manual for additional troubleshooting steps.

Things to Try:

- Make sure the chassis is plugged in to a working power source.
- Check any fuses or circuit breakers in the chassis or other power supply (possibly a UPS).
- Make sure the controller module is firmly seated in the chassis.
- Remove all other modules from the chassis.
- Remove any nonessential cables or devices.
- Try the controller in a different chassis.
- Try a similar controller in this same chassis.
- Clear the CMOS. (Refer to the *System CMOS* section of Chapter 2, *Installation and Configuration*.)
- Make sure the RAM is properly seated.

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My system boots fine as long as a particular module is not in my chassis.

The most common cause of this is a damaged module. Try the module in a different chassis or with a different controller. Also, remove any external cables or terminal blocks connected to the system. If the module does not work in these cases, it is likely damaged. Contact the module manufacturer for further troubleshooting.

Refer to the KnowledgeBase or product manuals section at `ni.com` for more information specific to the chassis and controller with which you are having difficulties.

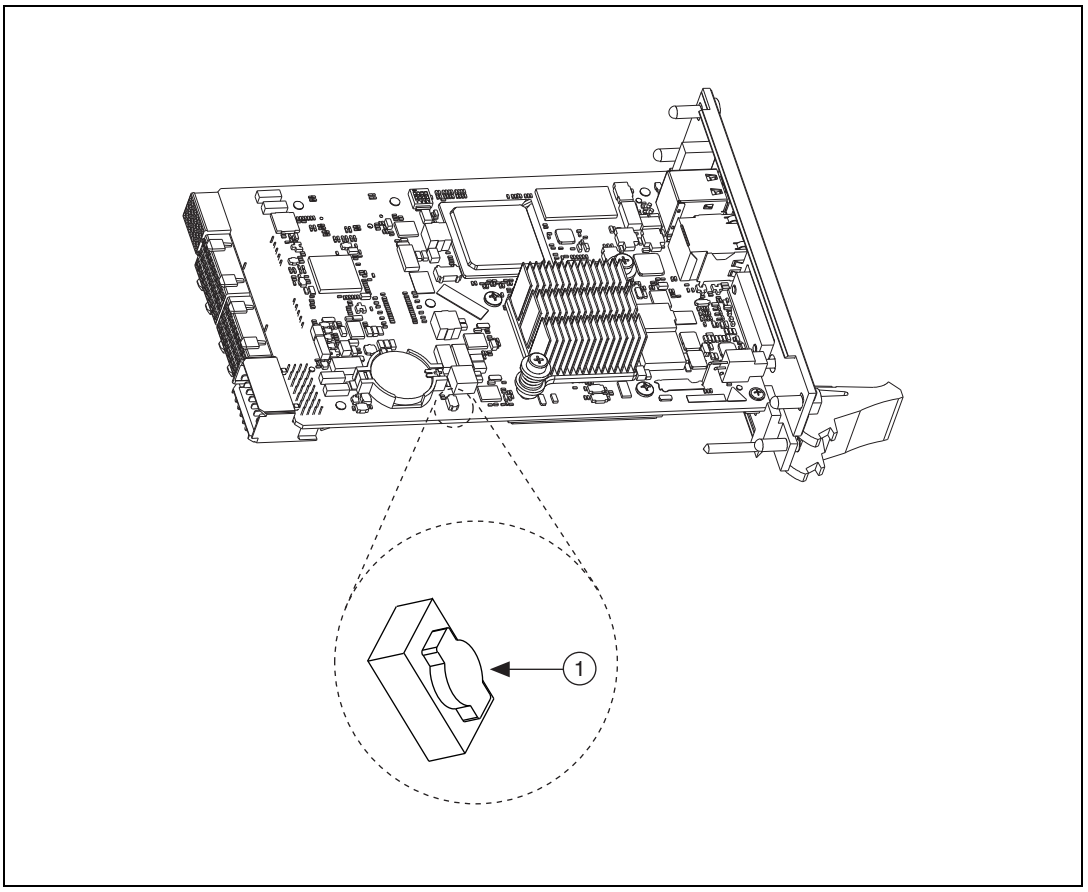
My CMOS is corrupted. How do I set it back to default?

1. Enter the BIOS setup program as described in the *Accessing BIOS Setup Utility* section of Chapter 2, *Installation and Configuration*.
2. Press <F9> to load BIOS defaults.
3. Select **Yes** to the verification prompt.
4. Select **Save Changes and Exit**.

As an alternative method, complete the following steps:

1. Power off the chassis.
2. Remove the controller from the chassis.
3. Press the Clear CMOS button (SW2) as shown in Figure 5-1.
4. Wait one second.
5. Reinstall the controller in the chassis.

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1 Push Button Switch SW2

Figure 5-1. Clearing the CMOS Contents

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A

Specifications

This appendix lists the electrical, mechanical, and environmental specifications of the NI PXIe-8100 embedded controller.

Features

NI PXIe-8100	
CPU	Intel Atom Processor D410
CPU Frequency	1.66 GHz
On-die L2 cache	512 KB
Single-Channel DDR2 RAM, PC2 5300	512 MB Standard 1 GB Maximum
Hard Drive	Onboard 512 MB Parallel ATA solid-state drive*
Ethernet	10/100/1000 BaseTX
PXI Express 4 Link Configuration	x1, x1, x1, x1
PXI Express 2 Link Configuration	x1, x1
GPIB (IEEE 488 Controller)	No
Serial Ports (RS-232)	Yes (1)
Parallel Port	No
Hi-Speed USB (2.0) Ports	Yes (2)
ExpressCard/34 Slot	No
PS/2 Keyboard/Mouse Connector	No
PXI Express Trigger Bus Input/Output	Yes
Installed Operating System	None
* Controllers configured for LabVIEW RT provide a 512 MB (minimum) PATA solid-state drive.	

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Electrical

Voltage (V)	Current (Amps)	
	Typical	Maximum
+3.3 V	1.2 A	2.1 A
+5 V	0.5 A	1.7 A
+12 V	0.5 A	0.8 A
–12 V	0.00 A	0.00 A
+5 V_{Aux}	0.42 A	0.63 A

Physical

Board dimensions .....2-slot 3U PXI Express module

Slot requirements.....One system slot plus
one controller expansion slot

Compatibility .....Fully compatible with
PXI Express Specification 1.0

Weight .....0.30 kg (0.66 lb) typical

Environment

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

Pollution Degree 2

Indoor use only.

Caution Clean the NI PXIe-8100 with a soft nonmetallic brush. Make sure that the device is completely dry and free from contaminants before returning it to service.

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Operating Environment

NI PXIe-8100

Ambient temperature range

Standard ..... 0 to 55 °C[1]
(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.)

Caution The operating temperature must not be exceeded, even when used in a chassis with a higher temperature range.

Storage Environment

NI PXIe-8100

Ambient temperature range

Standard ..... –40 to 71 °C
(Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-1 and IEC-60068-2-2. Meets MIL-PRF-28800F Class 3 limit.)

Relative humidity range ..... 5% to 95%, noncondensing
(Tested in accordance with IEC-60068-2-56.)

[1] Processor should not throttle CPU frequency under reasonable, worst case processor work loads in high operating temperatures.

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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 to 500 Hz, 0.3 g_{rms}
(with solid-state hard drive)

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.)

Note Specifications are subject to change without notice.

Safety

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

- IEC 61010-1, EN 61010-1
- UL 61010-1, CSA 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
- AS/NZS CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A emissions
- FCC 47 CFR Part 15B: Class A emissions
- ICES-001: Class A emissions

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- 2006/95/EC; Low-Voltage Directive (safety)
- 2004/108/EC; Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC)

Online Product Certification

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Environmental Management

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- **Calibration Certificate**—If your product supports calibration, you can obtain the calibration certificate for your product at `ni.com/calibration`.

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Glossary

Symbol	Prefix	Value
n	nano	10^{-9}
µ	micro	10^{-6}
m	milli	10^{-3}
k	kilo	10^{3}
M	mega	10^{6}
G	giga	10^{9}
T	tera	10^{12}

Symbols

°	Degrees.
Ω	Ohms.
%	Percent.

A

A	Amperes.
AC	Alternating Current.

B

B	Bytes.
backplane	An assembly, typically a printed circuit board, with connectors and signal paths that bus the connector pins.
BIOS	Basic Input/Output System—BIOS functions are the fundamental level of any PC or compatible computer. BIOS functions embody the basic operations needed for successful use of the computer's hardware resources.

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C

C	Celsius.
cache	Small portion of high-speed memory used for temporary storage of frequently used data.
CMOS	Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor—A process used in making chips.
CompactPCI Express	An adaptation of the PCI specification for industrial and/or embedded applications that require a more robust mechanical form factor than desktop PCI. CompactPCI Express provides a standard form factor for those applications requiring the high performance of PCI as well as the small size and ruggedness of a rack-mount system.

D

DC	Direct Current.
DDR	Double Data Rate.
DMA	Direct Memory Access—A method by which data is transferred between devices and internal memory without intervention of the central processing unit.
DVI	Digital Visual Interface—A video connector designed to maximize the visual quality of digital display devices such as flat panel LCD computer displays and digital projectors. It was developed by an industry consortium, the Digital Display Working Group (DDWG).

E

ECP	Extended Capabilities Parallel.
EEPROM	Electronically Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory.
EMC	Electromagnetic Compatibility.
EMI	Electromagnetic interference.

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EPP	Enhanced Parallel Port.
expansion ROM	An onboard EEPROM that may contain device-specific initialization and system boot functionality.

F

FCC	Federal Communications Commission.

G

g	1. Grams. 2. A measure of acceleration equal to 9.8 m/s^2.
GPIB	General Purpose Interface Bus (IEEE 488).
g_{rms}	A measure of random vibration—The root mean square of acceleration levels in a random vibration test profile.

H

Hz	Hertz—Cycles per second.

I

I/O	Input/Output—The techniques, media, and devices used to achieve communication between machines and users.
IDE	Integrated Drive Electronics—Hard disk and built-in controller.
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.
in.	Inches.
instrument driver	A set of routines designed to control a specific instrument or family of instruments, and any necessary related files for LabWindows/CVI or LabVIEW.
interrupt	A means for a device to request service from another device.
interrupt level	The relative priority at which a device can interrupt.

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IRQ#	Interrupt signal.
ISA	Industry Standard Architecture—The original PC bus architecture, specifically the 16-bit AT bus.

K

KB	Kilobytes of memory.

L

LAN	Local Area Network—Communications network that serves users within a confined geographical area. It is made up of servers, workstations, a network operating system, and a communications link.
LED	Light-emitting diode.

M

m	Meters.
master	A functional part of a PXI Express device that initiates data transfers on the PXI Express backplane. A transfer can be either a read or a write.
MB	Megabytes of memory.
MTBF	Mean time between failure.

N

NI-488 or NI-488.2	The National Instruments software for GPIB systems.
NI-DAQ	The National Instruments software for data acquisition instruments.
NI-VISA	The National Instruments implementation of the VISA standard—An interface-independent software that provides a unified programming interface for VXI, GPIB, and serial instruments.

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P

PCI	Peripheral Component Interconnect—The PCI bus is a high-performance 32-bit or 64-bit bus with multiplexed address and data lines.
PCMCIA	Personal Computer Memory Card International Association.
peripheral	Any hardware device connected to a computer, such as a monitor, keyboard, printer, plotter, disk or tape drive, graphics tablet, scanner, mouse, and so on.
PXI Express	PCI eXtensions for Instrumentation—An open implementation of CompactPCI Express that adds electrical features that meet the high-performance requirements of instrumentation applications by providing triggering, local buses, and system clock capabilities. PXI Express also offers two-way interoperability with CompactPCI Express products.

R

RAM	Random Access Memory—The computer's primary workspace.
resource	Hardware settings used by devices in a computer system, including ISA interrupt level, DMA channel, and I/O address.
RMS	Root mean squared. *See also* g_{rms}.

S

s	Seconds.
SDRAM	Synchronous Dynamic RAM (Random Access Memory)—Storage that the computer must refresh at frequent intervals.
SO-DIMM	Small Outline Dual In-line Memory Module.
SPI Bus	Serial Peripheral Interface—A standard for controlling most any digital electronics that accept a clocked serial stream of bits.

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U

USB	Universal Serial Bus.

V

V	Volts.
VGA	Video Graphics Array—The minimum video display standard for all PCs.

W

W	Watts.

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