

# 24 DIGITAL I/O WITH CoS IRQs FOR MINI PCI EXPRESS HARDWARE MANUAL

MODELS

MPCIE-DIO-24S AND MPCIE-DIO-24



## CHAPTER 1: QUICK START

It is recommended that you install the software package before installing the PCI Express Mini Card (mPCIe) in your computer. You can install the software<sup>1</sup> using either a stand-alone installer downloaded from the website or an optional Software Master CD.

Run the installer you downloaded (or autorun.exe on the Software Master CD) and follow the prompts to install the software for your device.

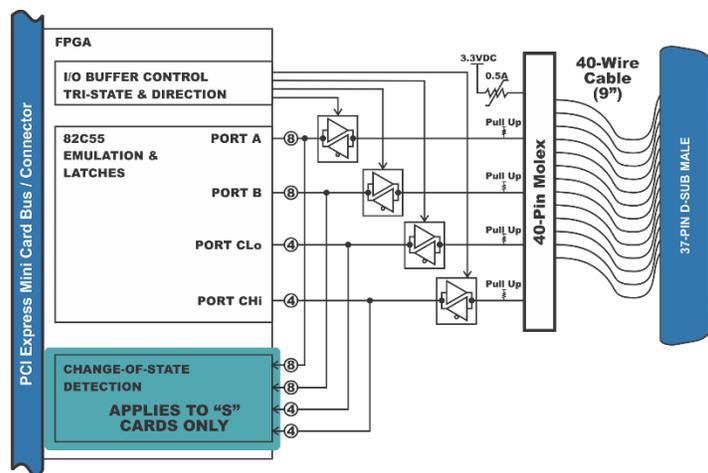
*Please note: during the installation you may be prompted regarding the installation of non-WHQL-certified drivers; please carefully confirm the digitally signed source of the drivers and accept the installation.*

Once the software has been installed, shut down your system and carefully install the mPCIe card.

Re-start your system. Once the computer finishes booting, your new digital I/O should already be installed and ready for use; you can confirm this by launching Device Manager and looking under the “Data Acquisition” section. If, for any reason, the device displays a warning triangle, right-click and select “Update Driver”.

<sup>1</sup> In Linux or OSX please refer to the instructions in those directories.

## CHAPTER 2: INTRODUCTION



PCI Express Mini Card (mPCIe), a low-profile small-footprint bus standard originally intended for adding peripherals to notebook computers, has become the de-facto standard for high-performance, small form-factor devices in many applications.

- PCI Express Mini Card (mPCIe) type F1, with latching I/O connector
- 24 high-current DIO lines (24mA source/sink)
- Change-of-State (CoS) detection IRQ generation
- 2x 8-bit and 2x 4-bit ports, independently selectable for inputs or outputs
- All signals brought out to an optional panel-mountable 37-pin male D-sub connector
- RoHS ships as standard

The advanced logic circuit supports a wide variety of features in addition to simple digital control or monitoring, and additional features can be created, just for you!

The mPCIe-DIO-24S retains backward compatibility with both the PCI and PCIe models, but introduces a wide array of alternate features, fully leveraging the power of the onboard FPGA.

## CHAPTER 3: HARDWARE

This manual applies to the following models:

**mPCIe-DIO-24S** 24 Digital I/O w/CoS IRQ mPCIe Card  
**mPCIe-DIO-24** 24 Digital I/O mPCIe Card

These models are full-length “F1” mPCIe devices (30 × 50.95 mm). All units are RoHS compliant.

### INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKAGE

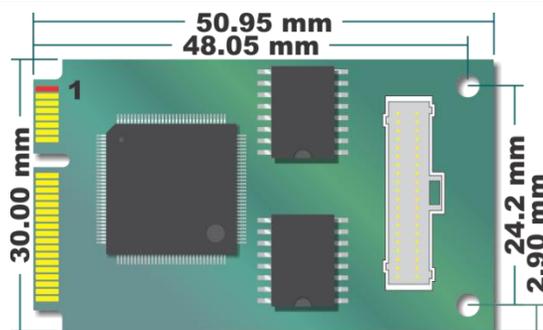
mPCIe-DIO card  
Printed QuickStart Guide

Available accessories include:

**CAB-mPCIe-DB37M** DB37 cable accessory  
**ADAP37, STA-37** 37-pin Screw Terminal Accessories  
**mPCIe-HDW-KIT2** Mounting hardware for 2mm  
**mPCIe-HDW-KIT2.5** Mounting hardware for 2.5mm

Contact the factory for information regarding additional accessories, options, and specials that may be available to best fit your specific application requirements, such as Industrial Temp (-40°C to 85°C).

## CHAPTER 4: CONFIGURATION SETTINGS



All configuration of this device is performed through software; there are no jumpers or switches to set.

## CHAPTER 5: PC INTERFACE

This product interfaces with a PC using a PCI Express Mini Card (mPCIe) connection; a small-form-factor, high-performance, rugged peripheral interconnect technology first introduced for use in laptops and other portable computers.

mPCIe’s small size and powerful performance, combined with perfect software compatibility with PCI and PCIe peripheral designs, have led to its recent adoption as a go-to standard for embedded Data Acquisition and Control, and many other applications.

Although mPCIe is a broadly-adopted industry standard, the actual connection to the computer shares a specification with mSATA: both mSATA and mPCIe use the same edge-connector. In fact, well-designed PCs can automatically detect and configure their onboard connectors to work with either mPCIe or mSATA devices – and, according to the standards for mPCIe and mSATA they are *supposed* to do so! However, some PC manufacturers ship computers that *only* support mSATA devices. Please confirm in your PC

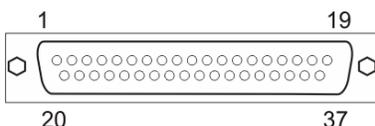
documentation that your edge-connector is *actually* PCI Express Mini Card compliant before installing this, or any, mPCIe card. Damage might occur if you install an mPCIe device into a computer that only supports mSATA.

mPCIe defines mounting holes for securing the otherwise loose end of the card, so it is impossible for these cards to wiggle or flap themselves loose (which was a recurring problem with the older PCI Mini devices). Eliminating this concern for PCI Express Mini Cards is a major reason this standard has seen rapid adoption by the Data Acquisition and Control industry. Unfortunately, a variety of mounting standoff lengths exist; ACCES offers stand-off kits in both 2mm and 2.5mm sizes. Some computers may provide stand-offs. Please consult your computer manufacturer if it requires a different size.

The mPCIe standard, like its PCI Mini Card predecessor, was designed assuming use primarily in Laptop or Notebook and similar devices, where physical dimension is often the paramount design constraint. In Data Acquisition and Control applications low-weight and vibration tolerance tend to be of more concern.

## CHAPTER 6: I/O INTERFACE

Most customers will use the optional CAB-mPCIe-DB37M's D-Sub Miniature 37-pin Male connector.

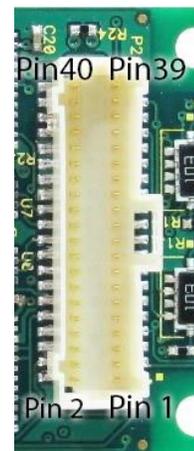


CAB-mPCIe-DB37M Male 37-Pin Pinout		
Assignment	Pin	Assignment
Ground	1 20	*Fused +3.3VDC
No Connect	2 21	Ground
DIO Port CHI bit 7	3 22	DIO Port B bit 7
DIO Port CHI bit 6	4 23	DIO Port B bit 6
DIO Port CHI bit 5	5 24	DIO Port B bit 5
DIO Port CHI bit 4	6 25	DIO Port B bit 4
DIO Port CLO bit 3	7 26	DIO Port B bit 3
DIO Port CLO bit 2	8 27	DIO Port B bit 2
DIO Port CLO bit 1	9 28	DIO Port B bit 1
DIO Port CLO bit 0	10 29	DIO Port B bit 0
No Connect	11 30	DIO Port A bit 7
No Connect	12 31	DIO Port A bit 6
No Connect	13 32	DIO Port A bit 5
No Connect	14 33	DIO Port A bit 4
No Connect	15 34	DIO Port A bit 3
*Fused +3.3VDC	16 35	DIO Port A bit 2
*Fused +3.3VDC	17 36	DIO Port A bit 1
Ground	18 37	DIO Port A bit 0
Ground	19	

**Notes:** Pin 20 is connected to 16 & 17.  
 \*Fused +3.3VDC signals are outputs from the mPCIe bus with standard card version.  
 If -TTL Factory Option is ordered, these become User VCCIO inputs which can be 4.5VDC to 5VDC.

For customers needing deeper integration the on-card connector is a 40-pin latching Molex 501190-4017 connector. The mating connector is the Molex 501189-4010.

40-Pin latching wire-to-board connector		
Assignment	Pin	Assignment
Fused +3.3VDC	40 39	DIO Port C bit 3
Fused +3.3VDC	38 37	DIO Port C bit 2
Fused +3.3VDC	36 35	DIO Port C bit 1
Fused +3.3VDC	34 33	DIO Port C bit 0
Ground	32 31	DIO Port B bit 7
Ground	30 29	DIO Port B bit 6
Ground	28 27	DIO Port B bit 5
Ground	26 25	DIO Port B bit 4
Factory Use Only	24 23	DIO Port B bit 3
Factory Use Only	22 21	DIO Port B bit 2
Factory Use Only	20 19	DIO Port B bit 1
Factory Use Only	18 17	DIO Port B bit 0
Factory Use Only	16 15	DIO Port A bit 7
Factory Use Only	14 13	DIO Port A bit 6
Factory Use Only	12 11	DIO Port A bit 5
Factory Use Only	10 9	DIO Port A bit 4
DIO Port C bit 7	8 7	DIO Port A bit 3
DIO Port C bit 6	6 5	DIO Port A bit 2
DIO Port C bit 5	4 3	DIO Port A bit 1
DIO Port C bit 4	2 1	DIO Port A bit 0



Alternately, custom hardware cables and/or interfaces can be produced to fit your specific application requirement.

## CHAPTER 7: SOFTWARE INTERFACE

The simplest way to program for the device is using legacy-compatibility mode: the device boots into this mode, and you can control it exactly like you would a PCIe-DIO-24S. In this mode the unit provides I/O-mapped registers: 4 DIO registers, basically compatible with the 82C55 Mode 0, and several control registers. Note several functions are duplicated for compatibility with a broader range of existing software and devices.

I/O Registers at BAR [2]			
	Register [hex]	Write Operation	Read Operation
8	Port A [ + 0 ]	Bits 0-7 output	Bits 0-7 input
2	Port B [ + 1 ]	Bits 8-15 output	Bits 8-15 input
5	Port Chi & Clo [ + 2 ]	Bits 16-23 output	Bits 16-23 input
5	Control [ + 3 ]	Per-Port Direction Control	
	[ + 4 ... + 9 ]	<i>unused</i>	
	DIO Buffer Control [ + A ]	Control DIO Buffer direction / enable	
	CoS Mask [ + B ]	Per-Port Change-of-State Enable	
	[ + C ]	<i>unused</i>	
	Global IRQ Disable [ + D ]	Write anything to disable all IRQ sources	
	C3 IRQ Enable [ + E ]	En- / Dis-able C3	C3 IRQ Enable Status
	IRQ Clear [ + F ]	Clear IRQ	<i>unused</i>
	IRQ Control [ + 28 ]	En- / Dis-able C3	<i>unused</i>
	IRQ Clear/Status [ + 29 ]	Clear IRQ	IRQ Status

Note: Registers marked with a grey background are deprecated.

**Note: Writes to inputs are ignored. Reads of ports configured as output, and of control registers, read-back the value last written**

Certain registers are deprecated: they are provided to enable broad compatibility with previous software / hardware, but new software is encouraged to use modern equivalents.

BAR[2]	BIT	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Port A [+0]	Pin <sup>1</sup>	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
	Bit <sup>2</sup>	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Port B [+1]	Pin	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
Port CHI [+2]	Pin	3	4	5	6				
	Bit	23	22	21	20				
Port CLo [+2]	Pin					7	8	9	10
	Bit					19	18	17	16
Control [+3]	Note: Mode 0 only	1 <sup>3</sup>	0	0	A	CHi	0	B	CLo
	A, B, CHi, CLo direction bits: 1 for input, 0 for output.								
Buffer [+A]		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dis
	Set bit D0 to 1 to disable DIO buffers; 0 to enable								
CoS	value	1	1	1	1	1	C	B	A
Mask [+B]	A, B, CHi, CLo CoS IRQ bits: 1 for Masked, 0 for Enabled								

+ E	Dir	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
<b>C3 IRQ</b>	Wr								C3 En

Setting Bit D0 to 1 enables Port CLo's 3<sup>rd</sup> bit (pin 7 of the DB37M) rising edges to generate IRQs. Clearing Bit D0 to 0 disables these IRQs.

+ F	Dir	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
<b>Clear</b>	W								0

Writing any value to +F clears all pending IRQ source latches.

+ 28	Dir	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
<b>IRQ En</b>	W	C3 IRQ ENABLE							

Writing "FF" will enable rising-edge IRQs on Port C bit 3 (pin 7 of the DB37M). Write 00 to disable.

+ 29	Dir	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
<b>IRQ Clr</b>	W	Write 0xFF to clear pending IRQs							
<b>IRQ Stat</b>	R								INT

Write "1" to each IRQ status bit to clear the pending IRQ. Bits D1 through D7 are reserved, for best results write "1" to all bits (0xFF).

<sup>1</sup> Pin refers to the pin number at the DSub37 Male connector on the optional CAB-mPCIe-DB37M cable accessory.

<sup>2</sup> Bit refers to both the sequential, logical bit index of the bit (relative to the device's capabilities), and also to the bit index relative to a 32-bit register access of the Port A [+0]. If this device provided 48 bits of DIO, the two numbers would be different: the sequential, logical bit index of Group 1 Port A0 would be "24", while the 32-bit register bit index would be "0".

<sup>3</sup> This bit is a read/write scratchpad. For maximum compatibility with the 8255, always set this bit (to 1).

Reading will give the current IRQ latch state. Bit D0 "1" means "an IRQ was generated".

In addition to the I/O registers at BAR[2], BAR[0] contains one register for compatibility with the PCIe-DIO-24S: Register 0x69 contains a read-only status bit [d7] which indicates the card is generating an IRQ when set [1], and, when clear [0], is not generating an IRQ.

All of these registers can be operated from any operating system using any programming language, using either no driver at all (kernel mode, Linux ioperm(3), DOS, etc.) or using one of the ACCES provided drivers (AIOWDM [for Windows], APCI or AIOComedi [for Linux & OSX]), or using any 3<sup>rd</sup> party APIs such as provided with Real-Time OSes.

In Windows<sup>4</sup>, please consult the various samples (C#, Delphi, VC6, VB6, and more) to explore how to program the device. The Software Reference Manual.pdf provides reference material covering all AIOWDM driver APIs, and tips for simplifying tasks such as Plug-and-Play card detection. Please note that the Software Reference Manual.pdf will include numerous functions that don't apply to this device. A quick reference of the most-applicable functions is provided, below:

AIOWDM API Quick Reference, DIO w/CoS IRQs	
Function name	Function Purpose
ReInPortL()	Read 32-bits of data
ReOutPortB()	Write 8-bits of data
GetNumCards()	Determine how many cards AIOWDM has detected in the system
COSWaitForIRQ()	Block the thread until the device reports a change-of-state has occurred on a pin of an enabled I/O group (or the wait is aborted). Note: only applies to the mPCIe-DIO-24S.

There are quite a few additional entry points provided by AIOWDM.dll; please consult the Software Reference Manual.pdf, and/or the sample programs, for more information.

Under certain circumstances the following information might prove useful:

PCI Express Mini Card Plug-and-Play Data	
Vendor / Device ID	Card Type
0x494F / 0x0E57	mPCIe-DIO-24S
0x494F / 0x0100	mPCIe-DIO-24S with Active Module support
0x494F / 0x0C57	mPCIe-DIO-24

Note: The 0x0100 mPCIe-DIO-24S serves as the baseboard for an entire line of products based on adding an optional active signal-conditioning module via the 40-pin cable. When any of these active modules are connected the mPCIe-DIO-24S reports itself as a different product by changing the reported PCIe DeviceID.

The following DeviceID values are defined as of this writing:

- 0x0100: No active Module detected (DIO-24S mode)
- 0x0101: IDIO-8 Module detected
- 0x0102: IIRO-8 Module detected

<sup>4</sup> In Linux or OSX please refer to the documentation at [github.com/accesio/AIOComedi](https://github.com/accesio/AIOComedi).

0x0103: IDIO-4 Module detected  
 0x0104: IIRO-4 Module detected  
 0x0105: IDO-8 Module detected  
 0x0106: RO-8 Module detected  
 0x0107: II-16 Module detected  
 0x0108: II-8 Module detected  
 0x0109: II-4 Module detected  
 0x010A: mPCIe-QUAD-4 detected  
 0x010B: mPCIe-QUAD-8 pair detected

#### PCI Express Mini Card Plug-and-Play Data

BAR[n]	Description
0	PCI-DIO-24S compatibility
1	Advanced Memory Register Set
2	I/O Register Set [see above]

#### A NOTE ABOUT PERFORMANCE

The PCI Express bus and the PCI Express Mini Card standard are capable of very high bandwidth, but the latency per-transaction is roughly the same as all the other busses – it hasn't improved in decades. This means you can expect to usually see a not-less-than 1MHz transaction rate. Typical rates exceed 3MHz [0.3µs].

Unfortunately, modern Operating Systems have introduced a new source of latency, the kernel / userland division. Application code runs in userland, which must transition to the kernel in order to perform any hardware operation. This transition adds quite a lot of latency, which varies between different OSes, motherboards and revisions thereof, etcetera. A Windows XP system can see an additional 7µs per transaction; a modern computer might see 3µs or less. Any transaction from the kernel itself, however, avoids this additional overhead.

Real-time operating systems will enable the highest transaction rates possible, all the way up to the hardware limits.

The latest information can always be found on the product page on the website. Here are some useful links:

#### Links to useful downloads

ACCES web site <http://aces.io>  
 Product web page <aces.io/mPCIe-DIO-24S>  
 This manual <aces.io/MANUALS/mPCIe-DIO-24S.pdf>  
 Install Package <aces.io/files/packages/mPCIe-DIO-24S/Install.exe>  
 Linux / OSX <github.com/acesio/AIOComedi>

## CHAPTER 8: SPECIFICATIONS

### PC Interface

PCI Express Mini Card Type F1 "Full Length" V1.2

### Digital Input / Output Interface

Digital Bits	24
Compatibility	8255 Mode 0
Performance	1 µs per 32-bit transaction max ~3.5µs in Windows
Digital Inputs	Logic High 2.0V to VCCIO (3.3VDC, 5VDC tolerant) Logic Low 0V to 0.8V
Digital Outputs (Standard Version)	Logic High 2.0V (min) 24mA source Logic Low 0.55V (max) 24mA sink Power Output +3.3 VDC via 0.5A polyfuse (resetting)
CMOS w/user VCCIO	74LVC8T245 Buffer chip
Digital Inputs (-TTL Option)	Logic High 3.5V to 5V, UVCCIO = 5V Logic Low 0V to 1.5V, UVCCIO = 5V

CMOS w/user VCCIO	1.65V to 5.5V At DB37M, via polyfuse
Digital Outputs (-TTL Option)	Logic High 3.8V (min) 32mA UVCCIO = 4.5V Logic Low 0.55V (max) 32mA UVCCIO = 4.5V

### Environmental

Temperature	Operating 0°C to 70°C (order "-T" for -40° to 85°C) Storage -65° to 150°C
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Humidity 5% to 95%, non-condensing

Power required +3.3VDC @ 330mA (typical)

### Physical

Weight	6.2 grams (+ 22.2g for the cable)
Size	Length 50.95mm (2.006")
	Width 30.00mm (1.181")
I/O connector	On-card Molex 501190-4017 40-pin latching mating Molex 501189-4010 On cable Male, D-Sub Miniature, 37-pin mating Female, D-Sub Miniature, 37-pin

## CHAPTER 9: CERTIFICATIONS

### CE & FCC

These devices are designed to meet all applicable EM interference and emission standards. However, as they are intended for use installed on motherboards, and inside the chassis of industrial PCs, important care in the selection of PC and chassis is important to achieve compliance for the computer as a whole.

### UL & TUV

Neither DC voltages above 3.3V, nor AC voltages of any kind, are consumed or produced during normal operation of this device.

This product is therefore exempt from any related safety standards. Use it with confidence!

### ROHS / LEAD-FREE STATEMENT

All models are produced in compliance with RoHS and various other lead-free initiatives.

### WARNING

**A SINGLE STATIC DISCHARGE CAN DAMAGE YOUR CARD AND CAUSE PREMATURE FAILURE! PLEASE FOLLOW ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT A STATIC**

**DISCHARGE SUCH AS GROUNDING YOURSELF BY TOUCHING ANY GROUNDED SURFACE PRIOR TO TOUCHING THE CARD. ALWAYS CONNECT AND DISCONNECT YOUR FIELD CABLING WITH THE COMPUTER POWER OFF. ALWAYS TURN COMPUTER POWER OFF BEFORE INSTALLING A CARD. CONNECTING AND DISCONNECTING CABLES, OR INSTALLING CARDS, INTO A SYSTEM WITH THE COMPUTER OR FIELD POWER ON MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE I/O CARD AND WILL VOID ALL WARRANTIES, IMPLIED OR EXPRESSED.**

## WARRANTY

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If a unit is suspected of failure, contact ACCES' Customer Service department. Be prepared to give the unit model number, serial number, and a description of the failure symptom(s). We may suggest some simple tests to confirm the failure. We will assign a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number which must appear on the outer label of the return package. All units/components should be properly packed for handling and returned with freight prepaid to the ACCES designated Service Center, and will be returned to the customer's/user's site freight prepaid and invoiced.

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