

PC-HELPER

Digital to Analog Output Board for PCI

16ch type

DA12-16(PCI)

8ch type

DA12-8(PCI)

4ch type

DA12-4(PCI)

User's Guide

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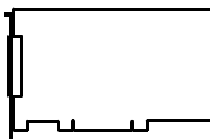
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- *1 The CD-ROM contains the driver software and User's Guide (this guide)



Board



First step guide



CD-ROM
[API-PAC(W32)]

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1. Before Using the Product

About the Board

These boards are PCI bus-compliant interface boards that performs digital-to-analog conversion.

The < DA12-16(PCI) > performs D-A conversion using 16 output channels at a conversion speed of 10 μ sec and a resolution of 12 bits.

The < DA12-8(PCI) > performs D-A conversion using 8 output channels at a conversion speed of 10 μ sec and a resolution of 12 bits.

The < DA12-4(PCI) > performs D-A conversion using 4 output channels at a conversion speed of 10 μ sec and a resolution of 12 bits.

Using the bundled driver library [API-PAC(W32)], you can create Windows application software for this board in your favorite programming language supporting Win32 API functions, such as Visual Basic or Visual C++.

Features

Support for unipolar and bipolar output ranges

An output range can be set for each channel by software.

Two output modes selectable

The board offers a choice of two output modes selectable. One updates only the output voltage of a specified channel and the other updates the output voltages of all channels.

Capable of updating the output voltage using a sampling clock

The board can update the output voltage periodically using the internal sampling clock or in synchronization with external events using an external sampling clock.

Output-voltage power-on reset function

The board resets the output voltage of all channels to 0V when the power supply is turned on.

Optional units

Using optional units facilitates connections.

For more details on the option, please refer to this chapter “Cable & Connector” or “Accessories (Option)”.

Support Software

You should use CONTEC support software according to your purpose and development environment.

Driver Library **API-PAC(W32)** (Bundled)

API-PAC(W32) is the library software that provides the commands for CONTEC hardware products in the form of Windows standard Win32 API functions (DLL). It makes it easy to create high-speed application software taking advantage of the CONTEC hardware using various programming languages that support Win32 API functions, such as Visual Basic and Visual C++.

It can also be used by the installed diagnosis program to check hardware operations.

CONTEC provides download services (at <http://www.contec.com/apipac/>) to supply the updated drivers and differential files.

For details, read Help on the bundled CD-ROM or visit the CONTEC's Web site.

< Operating environment >

OS	Windows XP, Server 2003, 2000, Me, 98, etc..
Adaptation language	Visual C++ .NET, Visual C# .NET, Visual Basic .NET, Visual C++, Visual Basic, Delphi, C++Builder, etc..

Linux version of analog I/O driver **API-AIO(LNX)** (Supplied: Stored on the API-PAC(W32) CD-ROM)

This driver is used to control CONTEC analog I/O boards (cards) from within Linux.

You can control CONTEC I/O boards easily using the shared library called from the user application, the device driver (module) for kernel version, and the board (card) configuration program (config).

CONTEC provides download services (at <http://www.contec.com/apipac/>) to supply the updated drivers and differential files.

For details, read Help on the bundled CD-ROM or visit the CONTEC's Web site.

< Operating environment >

OS	RedHatLinux, TurboLinux, etc.. (For details on supported distributions, refer to Help available after installation.)
Adaptation language	gcc, etc..

Data acquisition VI library for LabVIEW **VI-DAQ** (Available for downloading (free of charge) from the CONTEC web site.)

This is a VI library to use in National Instruments LabVIEW.

VI-DAQ is created with a function form similar to that of LabVIEW's Data Acquisition VI, allowing you to use various devices without complicated settings.

See <http://www.contec.com/vidaq/> for details and download of VI-DAQ.

Cable & Connector (Option)

Flat Cable with One 37-pin D-SUB Connector	: PCA37P-1.5 (1.5m)
Shielded Cable with One 37-pin D-SUB Connector	: PCA37PS-0.5P (0.5m)
	: PCA37PS-1.5P (1.5m)
Shielded Cable with Two 37-pin D-SUB Connectors	: PCB37PS-0.5P (0.5m)
	: PCB37PS-1.5P (1.5m)
Coaxial Cable for Single-ended Inputs (16 channels)	: PCC16PS-1.5 (1.5m)
	: PCC16PS-3 (3m)
37-pin Male Connector Set (5 Pieces)	: CN5-D37M

Accessories (Option)

Termination panel with Screw Terminals for Spade Lugs	: DTP-3(PC)
Terminal Unit for Cables	: DTP-4(PC)
Termination panel with BNC connectors for Analog Multi-function Boards	: ATP-16 *1
Relay Terminal Unit for Crimping	: EPD-37A *1
Relay Terminal Unit for Crimping	: EPD-37 *1

*1 A PCB37PS-*P optional cable is required separately (0.5m is recommended).

* Check the CONTEC's Web site for more information on these options.

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CONTEC provides up-to-date information on products.

CONTEC also provides product manuals and various technical documents in the PDF.

Free download

You can download updated driver software and differential files as well as sample programs available in several languages.

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Liability




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Safety Precautions

Understand the following definitions and precautions to use the product safely.

Safety Information

This document provides safety information using the following symbols to prevent accidents resulting in injury or death and the destruction of equipment and resources. Understand the meanings of these labels to operate the equipment safely.

 DANGER	DANGER indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
 WARNING	WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
 CAUTION	CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury or in property damage.

Handling Precautions

DANGER

Do not use the product where it is exposed to flammable or corrosive gas. Doing so may result in an explosion, fire, electric shock, or failure.

CAUTION

- There are switches and jumpers on the board that need to be set in advance.
Be sure to check these before installing to the expansion slot.
 - Only set the switches and jumpers on the board to the specified settings.
Otherwise, the board may malfunction, overheat, or cause a failure.
 - Do not strike or bend the board.
Otherwise, the board may malfunction, overheat, cause a failure or breakage.
 - Do not touch the board's metal plated terminals (edge connector) with your hands.
Otherwise, the board may malfunction, overheat, or cause a failure.
If the terminals are touched by someone's hands, clean the terminals with industrial alcohol.
 - Do not install or remove the board to or from the expansion slot while the computer's power or expansion unit is turned on.
Otherwise, the board may malfunction, overheat, or cause a failure.
Be sure that the personal computer power is turned off.
 - Make sure that your PC or expansion unit can supply ample power to all the boards installed.
Insufficiently energized boards could malfunction, overheat, or cause a failure.
 - The specifications of this product are subject to change without notice for enhancement and quality improvement.
Even when using the product continuously, be sure to read the user's guide and understand the contents.
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Environment

Use this product in the following environment. If used in an unauthorized environment, the board may overheat, malfunction, or cause a failure.

Operating temperature

0 - 50°C

Operating humidity

10 - 90%RH (No condensation)

Corrosive gases

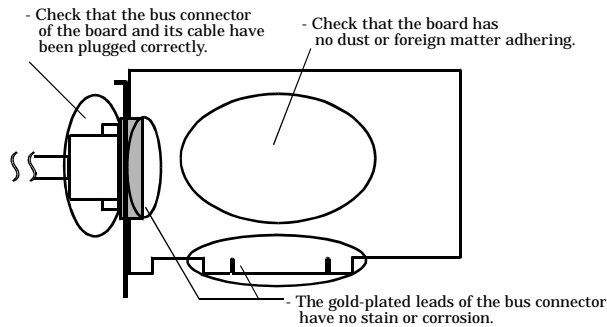
None

Floating dust particles

Not to be excessive

Inspection

Inspect the product periodically as follows to use it safely.



Storage

When storing this product, keep it in its original packing form.

- (1) Put the board in the storage bag.
- (2) Wrap it in the packing material, then put it in the box.
- (3) Store the package at room temperature at a place free from direct sunlight, moisture, shock, vibration, magnetism, and static electricity.

Disposal

When disposing of the product, follow the disposal procedures stipulated under the relevant laws and municipal ordinances.

2. Setup

This chapter explains how to set up the board.

What is Setup?

Setup means a series of steps to take before the product can be used.

Different steps are required for software and hardware.

The setup procedure varies with the OS and software used.

Using the Board under Windows

Using the Driver Library API-PAC(W32)

This section describes the setup procedure to be performed before you can start developing application programs for the board using the bundled CD-ROM “Driver Library API-PAC(W32)”.

Taking the following steps sets up the software and hardware. You can use the diagnosis program later to check whether the software and hardware function normally.

Step 1 Installing the Software

Step 2 Setting the Hardware

Step 3 Installing the Hardware

Step 4 Initializing the Software

Step 5 Checking Operations with the Diagnosis Program

If Setup fails to be performed normally, see the “Setup Troubleshooting” section at the end of this chapter.

Using the Board under Windows

Using Software Other than the Driver Library

API-PAC(W32)

For setting up software other than API-PAC(W32), refer to the user’s guide for that software. See also the following parts of this user’s guide as required.

This chapter Step 2 Setting the Hardware

This chapter Step 3 Installing the Hardware

Chapter 3 External Connection

Chapter 6 About Hardware

Using the Board under an OS Other than Windows

For using the board under an OS other than Windows, see the following parts of this user's guide.

This chapter Step 2 Setting the Hardware

Chapter 3 External Connection

Chapter 6 About Hardware

Step 1 Installing the Software

This section describes how to install the Driver libraries.

Before installing the hardware on your PC, install the Driver libraries from the bundled API-PAC(W32) CD-ROM.

The following description assumes the operating system as Windows XP. Although some user interfaces are different depending on the OS used, the basic procedure is the same.

About the driver to be used

Two analog I/O drivers are available: API-AIO(WDM) and API-AIO(98/PC)W95/NT.

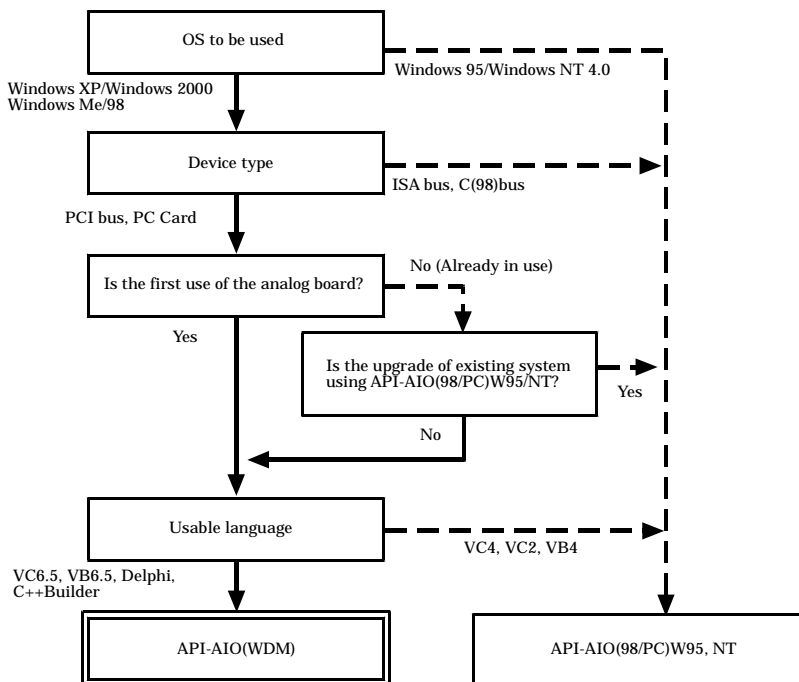
API-AIO(WDM) is a new driver to perform analog input/output under Windows.

API-AIO(WDM) was developed to improve the conventional product version of API-AIO(98/PC) in the ease of use and functionality.

It is advisable to use API-AIO(WDM) for you to use an analog I/O device. API-AIO(WDM) will support new OSs and devices in the future but will not support Windows NT 4.0, Windows 95, ISA bus.

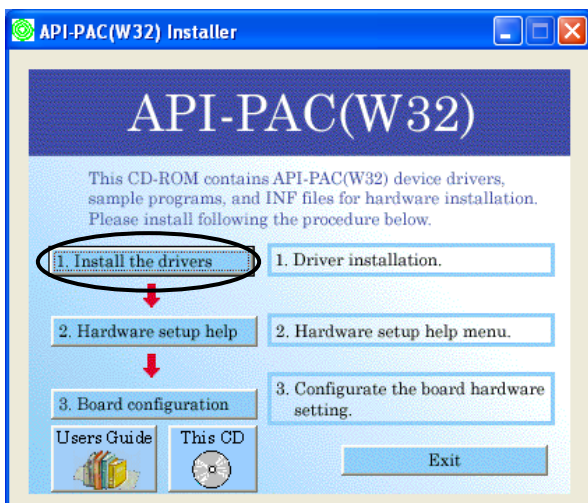
Use API-AIO(98/PC) if your operating environment contains such an unsupported piece of software or hardware.

Check the following selection guide to easily select the driver to be used.



Starting the Install Program

- (1) Load the CD-ROM [API-PAC(W32)] on your PC.
- (2) The API-PAC(W32) Installer window appears automatically.
If the panel does not appear, run (CD-ROM drive letter):\AUTORUN.exe.
- (3) Click on the [Install the drivers] button.



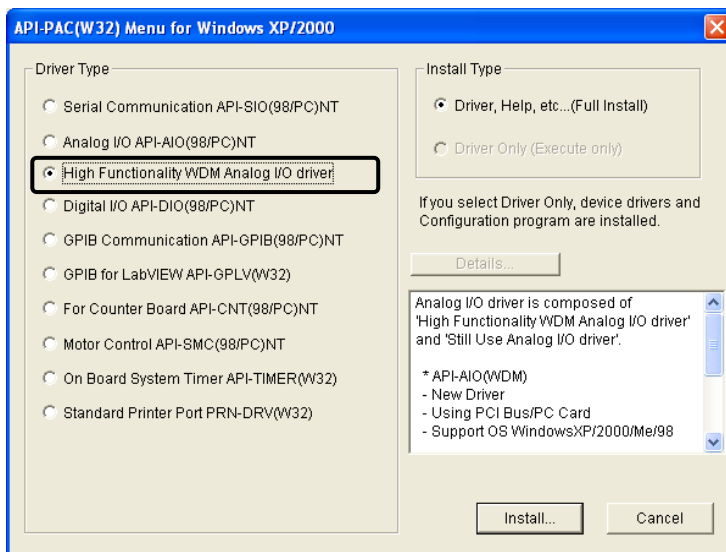
CAUTION

Before installing the software in Windows XP, or 2000, log in as a user with administrator privileges.

Select API-AIO(WDM)

Selecting API-AIO(WDM)

- (1) The following dialog box appears to select “Driver Type” and “Install Type”.
- (2) Select the "High Functionality WDM Analog I/O driver".
- (3) Click on the [Install] button.



- * Clicking the [Details] button displays detailed information about API-AIO(WDM) and API-AIO(98/PC).

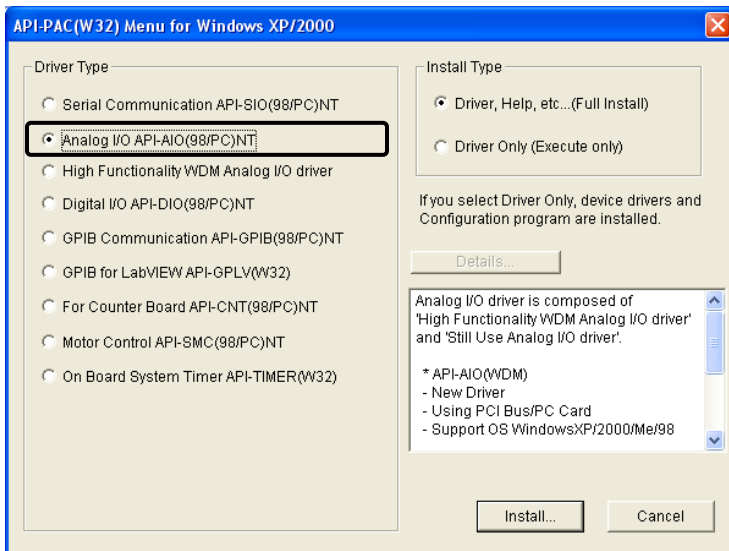
Run the installation

- (1) Complete the installation by following the instructions on the screen.
- (2) The Readme file appears when the installation is complete.

Select API-AIO(98/PC)

Selecting API-AIO(98/PC)

- (1) The following dialog box appears to select “Driver Type” and “Install Type”.
- (2) Select “Analog I/O API-AIO(98/PC)W95”.
- (3) Select “Driver, Help, etc..(Full Install)”.
- (4) Click on the [Install] button.



- * Clicking on the [Details ...] button displays detailed information on API-AIO(WDM), API-AIO(98/PC).

Executing the Installation

- (1) **Follow the on-screen instructions to proceed to install.**
- (2) When the required files have been copied, the “Perform a hardware setup now(API-TOOL Configuration)” and “Show readme file” check boxes are displayed.

When you are installing the software or hardware for the first time:

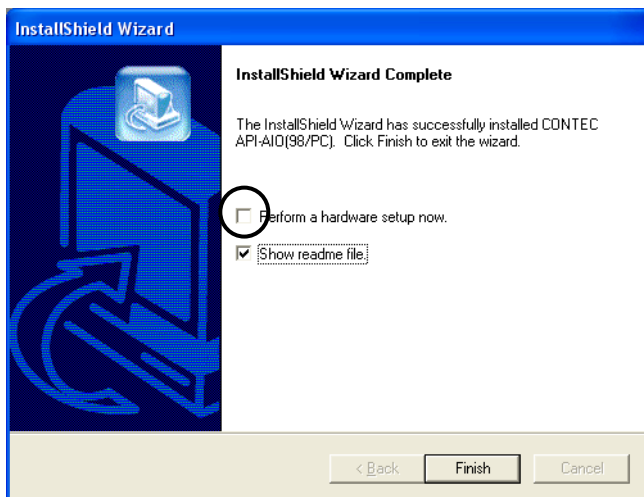
1) Uncheck “Perform a hardware setup now”.

2) Click on the [Finish] button.

Go to Step 2 to set and plug the hardware.

* When the hardware has already been installed:

Check “Perform a hardware setup now(API-TOOL Configuration)”, then go to Step 4 “Initializing the Software”.



You have now finished installing the software.

Step 2 Setting the Hardware

This section describes how to set the board and plug it on your PC.

The board has some switches and jumpers to be preset.

Check the on-board switches and jumpers before plugging the board into an expansion slot.

The board can be set up even with the factory defaults untouched. You can change board settings later.

Parts of the Board and Factory Defaults

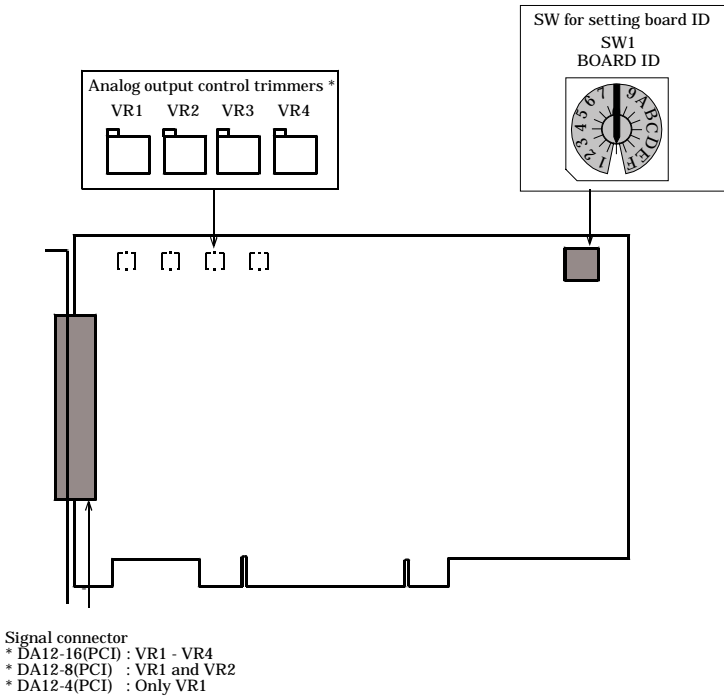


Figure 2.1. Part Names

Note that the switch setting shown below is the factory default.

Setting the Board ID

If you install two or more boards on one personal computer, assign a different ID value to each of the boards to distinguish them.

The board IDs can be set from 0 to Fh to identify up to sixteen boards.

If only one board is used, the original factory setting (Board ID = 0) should be used.

Setting Procedure

To set the board ID, use the rotary switch on the board. Turn the SW1 knob to set the board ID as shown below.

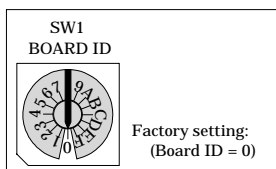


Figure 2.2. Board ID Settings (SW1)

Plugging the Board

- (1) Before plugging the board, shut down the system, unplug the power cord of your PC.
- (2) Remove the cover from the PC so that the board can be mounted.
- (3) Plug the board into an expansion slot.
- (4) Attach the board bracket to the PC with a screw.
- (5) Put the cover back into place.

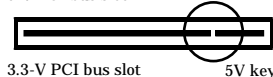


Applicable PCI bus slots

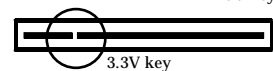
PCI bus slots used in PCs have keys to prevent 5V and 3.3V PCI bus boards from being accidentally plugged into wrong bus slots. This board can be plugged into both of the 5V and 3.3V PCI bus slots.

<PCI bus slot>

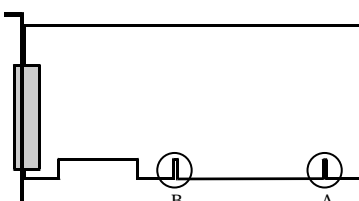
5-V PCI bus slot



3.3-V PCI bus slot



<PCI bus board>



A : Slit for 5-V PCI bus slot
B : Slit for 3.3-V PCI bus slot

⚠ CAUTION

- Do not touch the board's metal plated terminals (edge connector) with your hands. Otherwise, the board may malfunction, overheat, or cause a failure. If the terminals are touched by someone's hands, clean the terminals with industrial alcohol.
- Do not install or remove the board to or from the slot while the computer's power is turned on. Otherwise, the board may malfunction, overheat, or cause a failure. Be sure that the personal computer power is turned off.
- Make sure that your PC or expansion unit can supply ample power to all the boards installed. Insufficiently energized boards could malfunction, overheat, or cause a failure.
- Power supply from the PCI bus slot at +5V is required.

Step 3 Installing the Hardware

For using an expansion board under Windows, you have to let the OS detect the I/O addresses and IRQ to be used by the board. The process is referred to as installing the hardware.

In the case of using two or more boards, make sure you install one by one with the Add New Hardware Wizard.

Turning on the PC

Turn on the power to your PC.



CAUTION

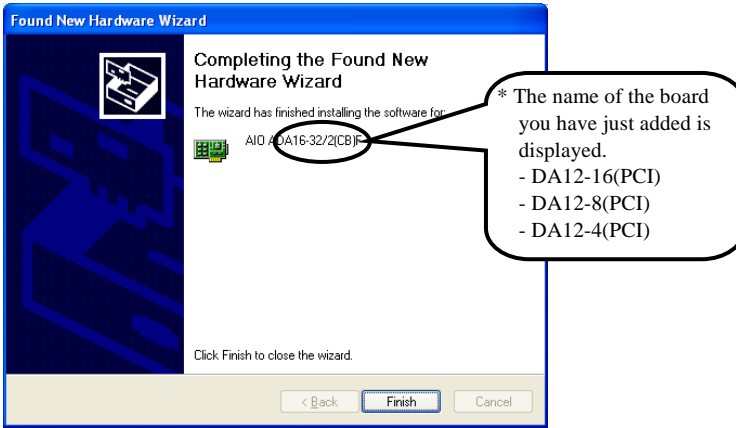
- The board cannot be properly installed unless the resources (I/O addresses and interrupt level) for the board can be allocated. Before attempting to install the board, first determine what PC resources are free to use.
- The resources used by each board do not depend on the location of the PCI bus slot or the board itself. If you remove two or more boards that have already been installed and then remount one of them on the computer, it is unknown that which one of the sets of resources previously assigned to the two boards is assigned to the remounted board. In this case, you must check the resource settings.

When Using API-AIO(WDM)

- (1) The “Found New Hardware Wizard” will be started.
Select “Install from a list or specific location[Advanced]”, then click on the [Next] button.



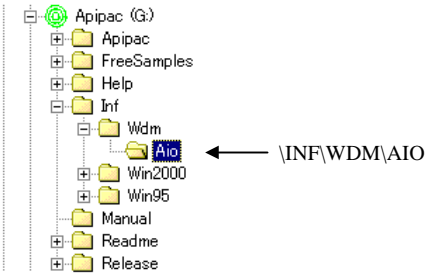
- (2) Specify that folder on the CD-ROM which contains the setup information (INF) file to register the board.



Source folder

The setup information (INF) file is contained in the following folder on the bundled CD-ROM.

\INF\WDM\AIO



You have now finished installing the hardware.

When Using API-AIO(98/PC)

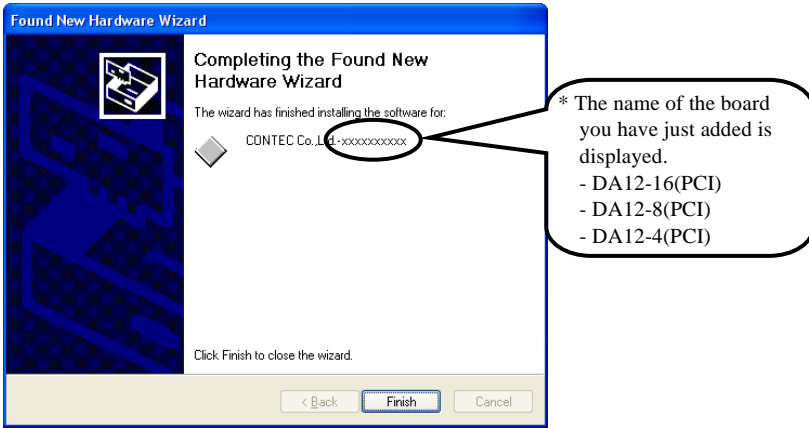
- (1) The “Add New Hardware Wizard” will be started.

Select “Specify the location of the driver (Advanced)”, then click on the [Next] button.

If you are using Windows NT 4.0, the “Add New Hardware Wizard” is not started. Go to Step 4 “Initializing the Software”.



- (2) Specify that folder on the CD-ROM which contains the setup information (INF) file to register the board.

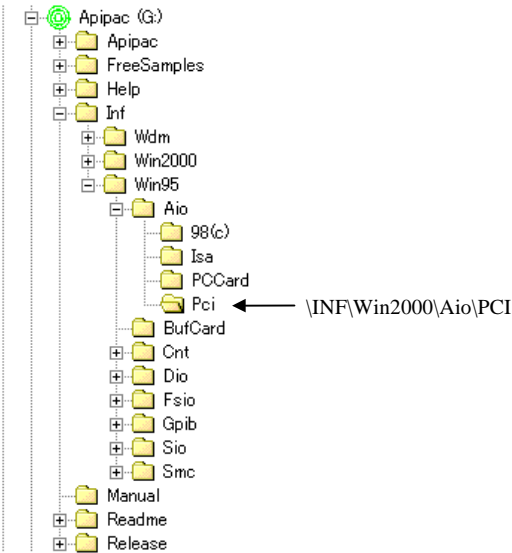


Source folder

The setup information (INF) file is contained in the following folder on the bundled CD-ROM.

Windows XP, 2000	\INF\Win2000\Aio\PCI
Windows Me, 98, 95	\INF\Win95\Aio\PCI

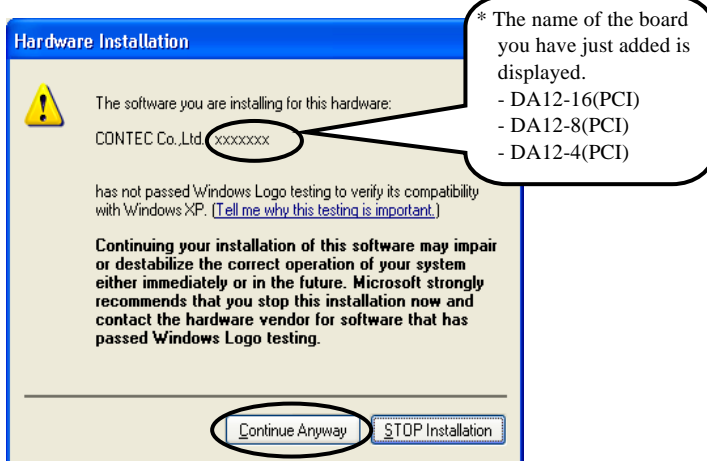
Example of specifying the folder for use under Windows Me



⚠ CAUTION

In Windows XP, the Hardware Wizard displays the following alert dialog box when you have located the INF file. This dialog box appears, only indicating that the relevant driver has not passed Windows Logo testing, and it can be ignored without developing any problem with the operation of the board.

In this case, click on the [Continue Anyway] button.



You have now finished installing the hardware.

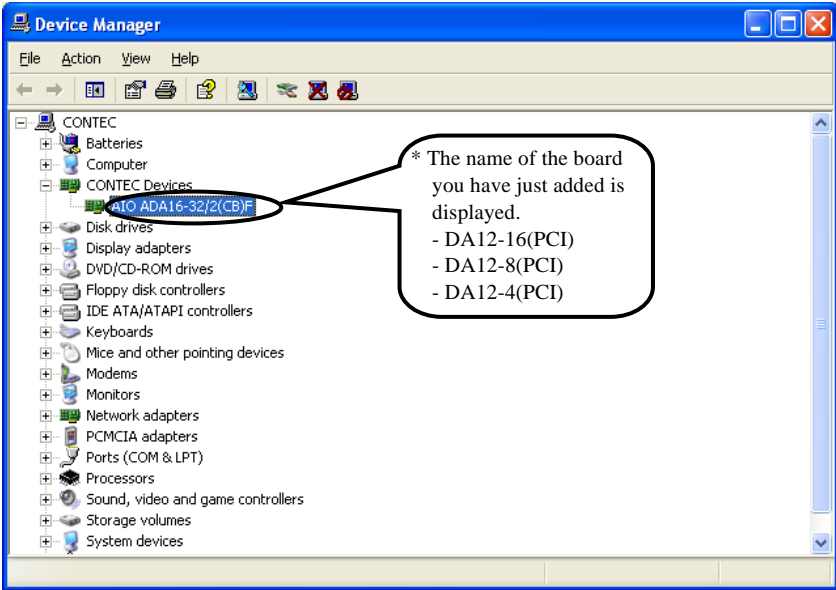
Step 4 Initializing the Software

The driver library requires the initial setting to recognize the execution environment. It is called the initialization of the driver library.

When Using API-AIO(WDM)

Setting the device name

- (1) Run Device Manager. From [My Computer] - [Control Panel], select [System] and then select the [Device Manager] tab.
(You can also open Device Manager by right clicking on My Computer and selecting Properties.)

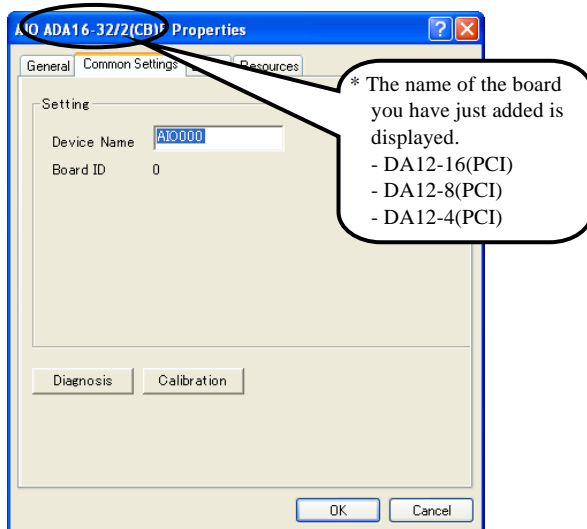


- (2) The installed hardware appears under the CONTEC Devices node. Open the CONTEC Devices node and select the device you want to setup (the device name should appear highlighted). Click [Properties].

- (3) The property page for the device opens.

Enter the device name in the common settings tab page and then click [OK].

The device name you set here is used later when programming.



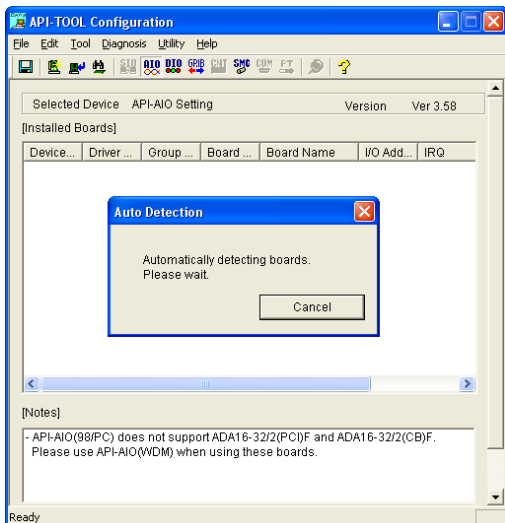
- * The initial device name that appears is a default value. You can use this default name if you wish.
- * Make sure that you do not use the same name for more than one device.

You have now finished installing the initial setting of Software.

When Using API-AIO(98/PC)

Invoking API-TOOL Configuration

- (1) Open the Start Menu, then select “Programs” – “CONTEC API-PAC(W32)” – “API-TOOL Configuration”.



- (2) API-TOOL Configuration detects boards automatically.
The detected boards are listed.

Updating the Settings

- (1) Select “Save setting to registry...” from the “File” menu.

You have now finished installing the initial setting of Software.

Step 5 Checking Operations with the Diagnosis Program

Use the diagnosis program to check that the board and driver software work normally, thereby you can confirm that they have been set up correctly.

What is the Diagnosis Program?

The diagnosis program diagnoses the states of the board and driver software.

It can also be used as a simple checker when an external device is actually connected.

Using the “Diagnosis Report” feature reports the driver settings, the presence or absence of the board, I/O status, and interrupt status.

Check Method

To check analog I/O data, connect the signal.

The diagrams below show examples of using channel 0 on the DA12-16(PCI), DA12-8(PCI), DA12-4(PCI). For details on the connections, see Chapter 3 “External Connection”. Check the board with the factory defaults untouched.

Wiring Diagram

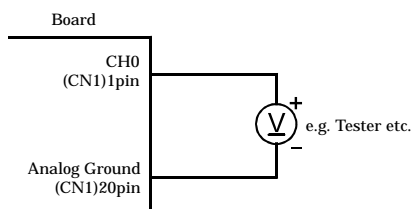
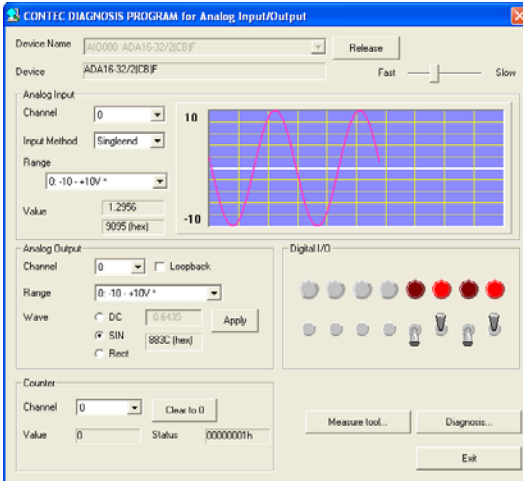
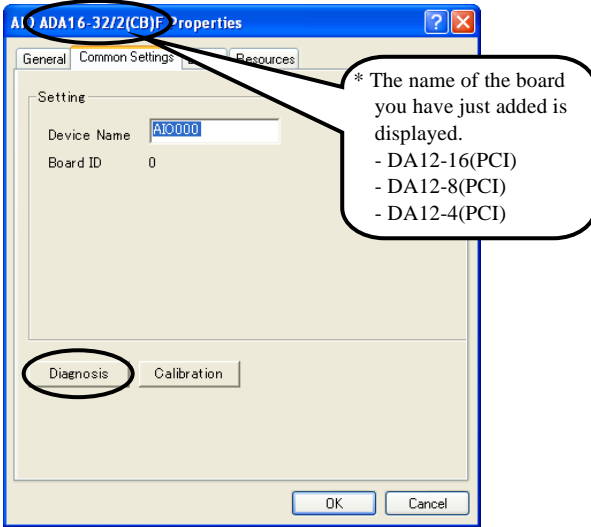


Figure 2.3. Wiring Diagram

Using the Diagnosis Program for Use of API-AIO(WDM)

Starting the Diagnosis Program

Click the [Diagnosis] button on the device property page to start the diagnosis program.



Analog output

You can select the desired output channel, output range from the lists.

You can also select the type of output data from among DC (constant voltage), SIN (sine wave), and Rect (rectangular wave).

Diagnosis Report

- (1) The diagnosis report saves detailed data, including the device settings and settings for each channel, to a text file and displays the file for you to view.

Clicking [Diagnosis Report] prompts you to specify where to save the report text file.

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CAioRep.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
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CONTEC Analog I/O diagnostic report
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** CAioDiag.exe program **
Date:2004/05/06 07:08:09
OS :Microsoft Windows XP 5.1.2600 Service Pack 1

[device information]
Device Name  AIO000
Device       ADA16-32/2(CB)P

[File Information]
G:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\CAIO.DLL      1, 3, 0, 0 2003/10/31 01:30
G:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\CMESSAGE.OCX 1, 0, 0, 1 2001/10/26 01:15
G:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\CAIODEL.EXE   1, 1, 3, 0 2003/05/29 01:13
G:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\CAIOPP32.DLL  1, 1, 2, 0 2003/08/27 01:12
G:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\DRIVERS\CAIO.SYS 1, 1, 2, 0 2003/10/31 01:30
G:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\CAIODIAG.EXE  1, 1, 4, 0 2003/10/31 01:14

[diagnosis]
Initial result  [0] Normality completion
Interrupt       [0] Normality completion

Analog input 32CH
Input method:Singleend
CH00 [0] Normality completion DATA: 3.74(AFE4hex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH01 [0] Normality completion DATA: 0.16(8200hex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH02 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.70(7701hex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH03 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.53(793Dhex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH04 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.93(7416hex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH05 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.75(7659hex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH06 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.63(77FChex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH07 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.28(7C6Dhex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH08 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.86(7506hex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH09 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.77(7623hex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH10 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.43(7A84hex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH11 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.21(7050hex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH12 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.38(7B32hex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH13 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.16(7DF6hex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH14 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.12(7E77hex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH15 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.34(7BA1hex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH16 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.54(7914hex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH17 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.44(7A52hex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH18 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.52(794Chex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH19 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.41(7ACAhex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH20 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.68(7747hex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
CH21 [0] Normality completion DATA: -0.39(7AF6hex) RANGE:-10 ~ +10V
  
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- (2) The diagnosis report contains the following data.

- Version of OS
- Device Information
- File Information
- Diagnosis results for each I/O channel

Execution time measurement

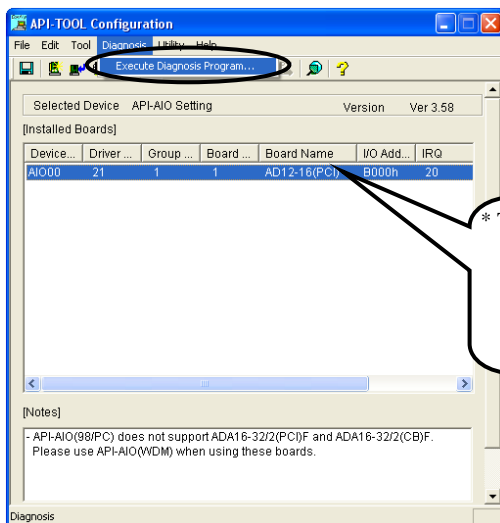
Clicking [Execution Time Measurement] runs the program to measure API function execution speed.

The operation of this program is explained in "API function Execution Speed Measurement Program" in Chapter 5.

Using the Diagnosis Program for Use of API-AIO(98/PC)

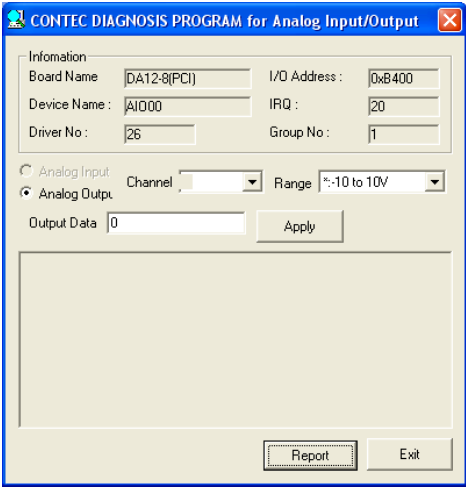
Starting the Diagnosis Program

After selecting the board in [API-TOOL Configuration], run the diagnosis program. Follow the on-screen instructions.



* The name of the board
you have just added is
displayed.
- DA12-16(PCI)
- DA12-8(PCI)
- DA12-4(PCI)

Checking the Analog Output



Analog output

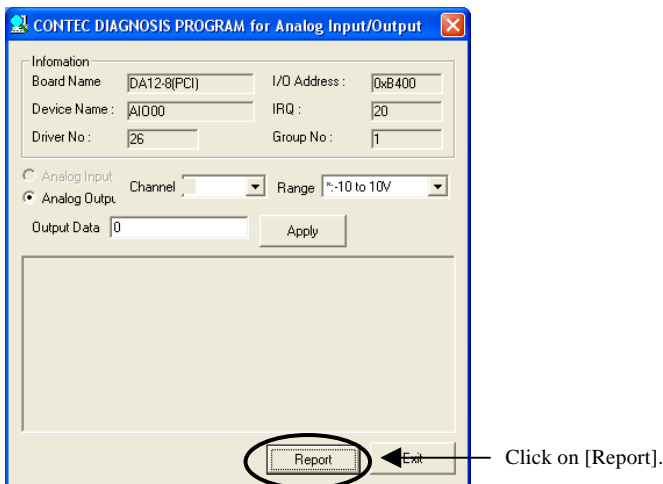
You can select the output channel and output range from the lists.

Diagnosis Report

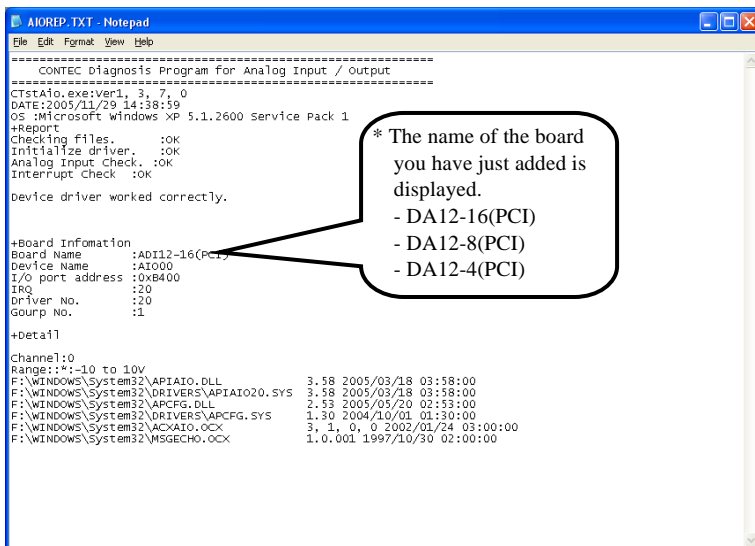
- (1) Clicking on the [Report] button displays detailed data such as a board, channel settings and the diagnosis results while saving them in text format.

The results are saved and displayed as a text file (AioRep.txt) in the install folder (CONTEC/CONTECW95).

The Diagnosis Program performs “board presence/absence check”, “interrupt test”, “driver file test”, “board setting test”, and so on.



- (2) A diagnosis report is displayed as shown below.



Setup Troubleshooting

Symptoms and Actions

The board cannot be initialized. [Windows NT 4.0]

The driver may not yet be activated. When your PC is running under Windows NT 4.0, set the PnP OS option in the BIOS Setup menu to “NO”.

For details on BIOS settings, refer to the user’s guide for your PC.

The board cannot output data normally

- Run the Diagnosis Program to check whether the board has been registered correctly and whether any initialization error has occurred.
- Check the settings and connections of the board. Also check the output ranges.

The board works with the Diagnosis Program but not with an application.

The Diagnosis Program is coded with API-TOOL functions. As long as the board operates with the Diagnosis Program, it is to operate with other applications as well. In such cases, review your program while paying attention to the following points:

- Check the return values of functions.
- Check the Driver No. and Board No.

The OS won't normally get started or detect the board. [Windows 2000]

Turn off the power to your PC, then unplug the board. Restart the OS and delete the board settings of API-TOOL Configuration. Turn off the PC again, plug the board, and restart the OS. Let the OS detect the board and use API-TOOL Configuration to register board settings.

If your problem cannot be resolved

Refer to the troubleshooting section of API-AIO HELP. If there is no answer in it, please contact your retailer.

3. External Connection

This chapter describes the interface connectors on the board and the external I/O circuits.
Check the information available here when connecting an external device.

Using the On-board Connectors

Connecting a Device to a Connector

To connect an external device to this board, plug the cable from the device into the interface connector (CN1) shown below.

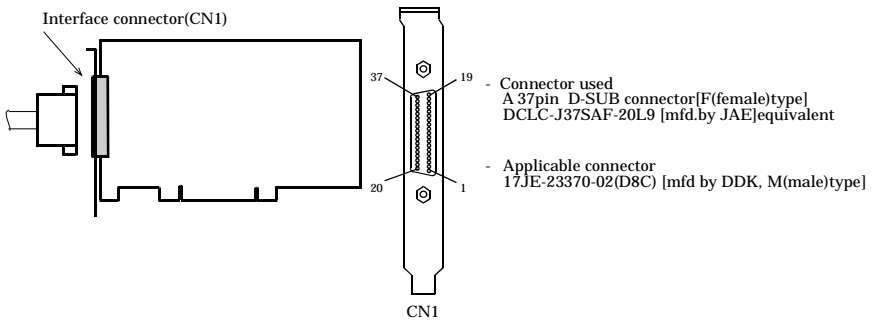


Figure 3.1. Interface Connectors and Mating Connectors

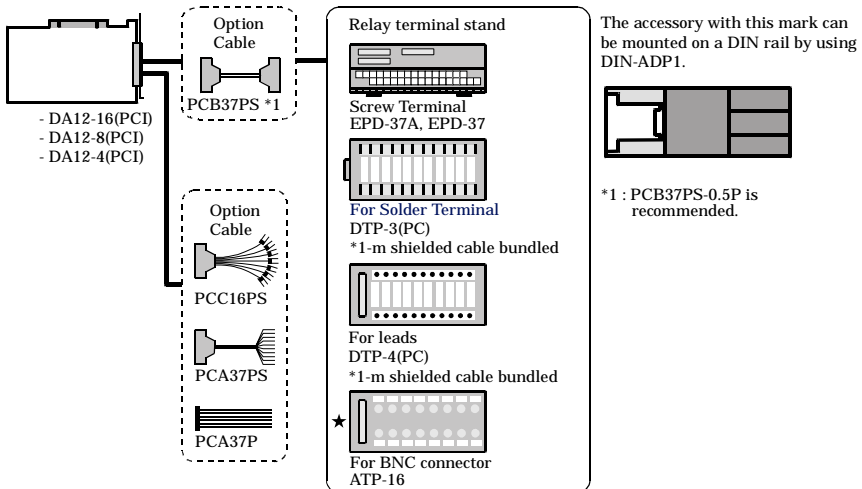
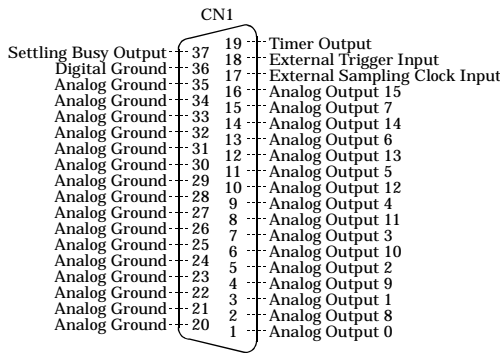


Figure 3.2. Examples of Connecting Options

Connector Pin Assignment

Pin Assignment of DA12-16(PCI) CN1



Analog Output 0 to Analog Output 15	Analog output signal. The numbers correspond to channel numbers.
Analog Ground	Common analog ground for analog output signals.
External Trigger Input	External trigger input signal.
External Sampling Clock Input	External sampling clock input signal.
Timer Output	Programmable timer output signal.
Settling Busy Output	Output signal indicating the settling time from the beginning of DA conversion until the analog output reaches a predetermined value.
Digital Ground	Digital ground common to the signals other than the analog output signal, including the external sampling clock input signal.

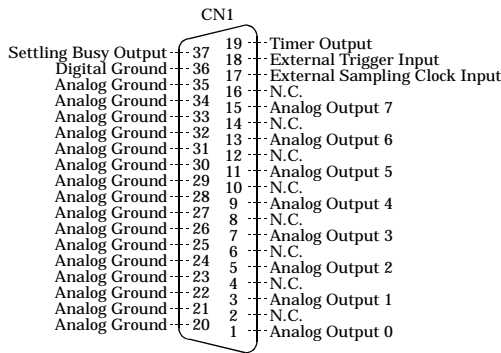
Figure 3.3. Pin Assignment of DA12-16(PCI) CN1



CAUTION


Do not connect any of the outputs and power outputs to the analog or digital ground.
Neither connect outputs to each other. Doing either can result in a fault.

Pin Assignment of DA12-8(PCI) CN1



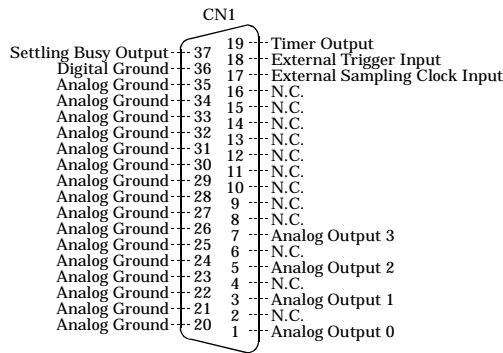
Analog Output 0 to Analog Output 7	Analog output signal. The numbers correspond to channel numbers.
Analog Ground	Common analog ground for analog output signals.
External Trigger Input	External trigger input signal.
External Sampling Clock Input	External sampling clock input signal.
Timer Output	Programmable timer output signal.
Settling Busy Output	Output signal indicating the settling time until the analog output reaches a predetermined voltage after output data is set.
Digital Ground	Comm Digital ground common to the signals other than the analog output signal, including the external sampling clock input signal.
N.C.	No connection to this pin.

Figure 3.4. Pin Assignment of DA12-8(PCI) CN1

**CAUTION**

Do not connect any of the outputs and power outputs to the analog or digital ground.
Neither connect outputs to each other. Doing either can result in a fault.

Pin Assignment of DA12-4(PCI) CN1



Analog Output 0 to Analog Output 3	Analog output signal. The numbers correspond to channel numbers.
Analog Ground	Common analog ground for analog output signals.
External Trigger Input	External trigger input signal.
External Sampling Clock Input	External sampling clock input signal.
Timer Output	Programmable timer output signal.
Settling Busy Output	Output signal indicating the settling time until the analog output reaches a predetermined voltage after output data is set.
Digital Ground	Digital ground common to the signals other than the analog output signal, including the external sampling clock input signal.
N.C.	No connection to this pin.

Figure 3.5. Pin Assignment of DA12-4(PCI) CN1



CAUTION

Do not connect any of the outputs and power outputs to the analog or digital ground.
Neither connect outputs to each other. Doing either can result in a fault.

Analog Output Signal Connection

The sections below describe how to connect the signals using flat cable and shielded cable.

The following figure shows an example of optional flat cable (PCA37P) connection.

Connect the CN1 analog output channels and ground to the external device's input and ground.

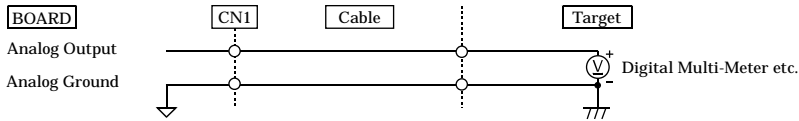


Figure 3.6. Analog Output Connection (Flat Cable)

The following example connects a signal source to the board using a shielded cable such as a coaxial cable (PCC16PS) available as an option.

Use shielded cable if the distance between the board and external device is long or if you want to provide better protection from noise.

Use the core of the shielded cable to connect the analog output of CN1 to the input of the external device and use the shield braid to connect the CN1's analog ground to the external device's ground.

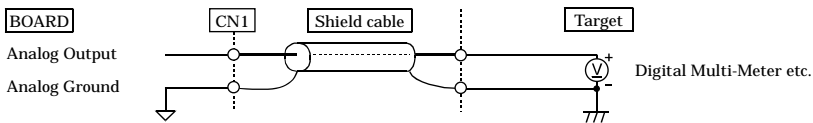


Figure 3.7. Analog Output Connection (Shield Cable)



CAUTION

- If the board and the target receive noise or the distance between the board and the signal source is too long, data may not be input properly.
- The maximum output current-carrying capacity of the analog output signal is ± 5 mA. Check the specifications of the target before connecting the board to it.
- Do not connect any of the outputs and power outputs to the analog or digital ground.
- Do not connect the analog output signal to the other analog output signal and output signal of external device. Doing so may malfunction.
- Do not plug or unplug the interface connector to or from while the PC or external device power is turned on. Doing so may malfunction.
- The DA converter may cause glitches as it contains no deglitcher.
- The analog output signal may temporarily vary in output voltage when the power is turned on or when the range is switched. If this variation in output voltage is a problem, insert, for example, a relay between the board and the external device.

Control signals Connection

This section shows how to connect the control signal(“External Trigger Input”, “Settling Busy Output” and so on) by using a flat cable.

All the control signals are TTL level signals.

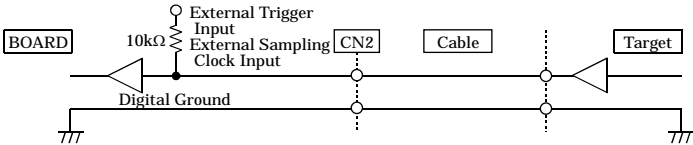


Figure 3.8. Input Signal Connection

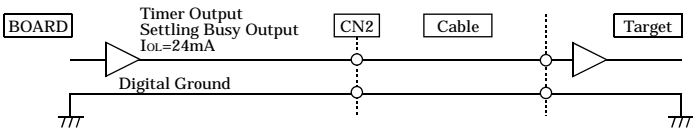


Figure 3.9. Output Signal Connection

CAUTION

- Do not short the output signals to analog ground, digital ground, and/or power line. Doing so may damage the board.
- Do not connect the each output signal to the other output signal and output signal of external device. Doing so may malfunction.

Reference

For the operation timings for control signal input, see “Timing of External Control Signals” in Chapter 6 “Hardware”.

4. Functions

This chapter describes the different functions that can be implemented using the hardware and driver together. Unless stated otherwise, the driver is assumed to be API-AIO(WDM).

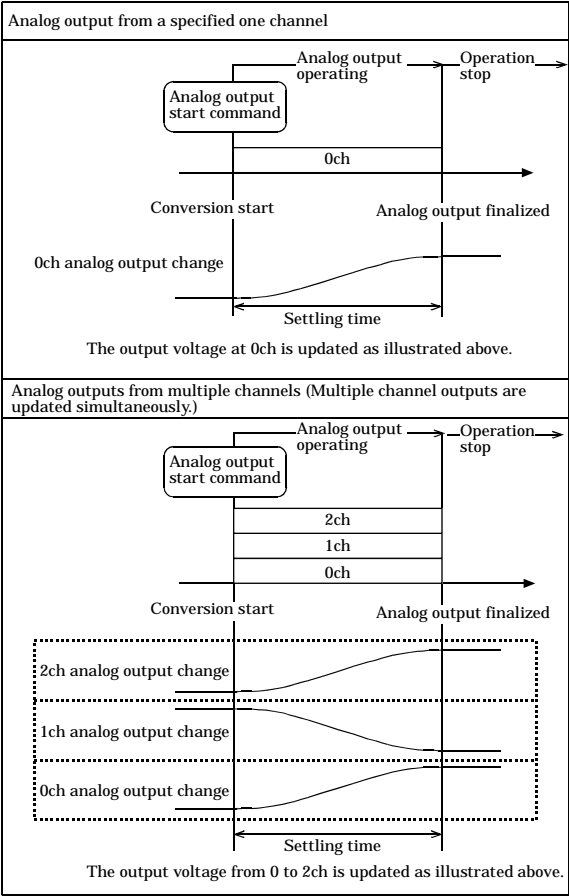
Analog Output Function

Analog output processes are classified as follows:

- Simple Analog Output
- High-functional analog output

Simple Analog Output

When an analog output start command is executed by software, output data is set for one or more channels, DA conversion is performed, and then the analog output operation is terminated.



- * The analog output is finalized after the settling time after conversion is started.
The conversion speed is determined by the settling time per channel.

Simple analog output assumes the following conditions and settings.

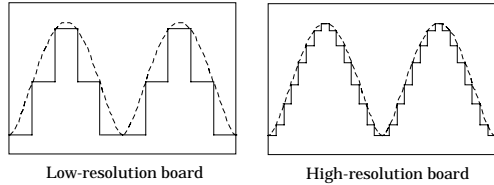
Resolution

“Resolution” signifies the number of bits used by an analog output device to represent analog signals. The higher the resolution, the more finely the voltage range is segmented, allowing the device to convert to analog value more precisely.

A device with a resolution of 12-bit divides the range width into 4096 segments.

When the device covers the range of 0 - 10V, the minimum unit of converted voltages is $10 \div 4096 \approx 2.44\text{mV}$.

If the device has a resolution of 16-bit, it is $10 \div 65536 \approx 0.153\text{mV}$ instead.



DA12-16(PCI), DA12-8(PCI), DA12-4(PCI) : The resolution is 12-bit.

Range

“Range” means the range of voltages (current) at which analog output can be performed. The output range can be selected by setting the output signal type (voltage and current) and the upper and lower output signals.

DA12-16(PCI), DA12-8(PCI), DA12-4(PCI) : Range is set by the software.

Output data

The following equation represents the relationship between output data and voltage.

Output data = ((voltage – Min. range value) x Resolution) ÷ (Max. range value – Min. range value)

The value of resolution for the 12-bit device is 4096; that for the 16-bit device is 65536.

The table below shows the relationship between output data and voltage in the ± 10 -V range.

Voltage	Conversion data (12-bit)	Voltage	Conversion data (16-bit)
+9.995V	4095	+9.99970V	65535
:	:	:	:
0.005V	2049	0.00030V	32769
0V	2048	0V	32768
-0.005V	2047	-0.00030V	32767
:	:	:	:
-10.000V	0	-10.000V	0

Ex.: When 3V is output at a resolution of 12-bit in the ± 10 -V range

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Output data} &= (3 - (-10)) \times 4096 \div (10 - (-10)) \\ &= 2662.4^*\end{aligned}$$

- * The value that can be set as output data at this time is an integer. Select "2662" or "2663" as the output data.

The analog signal corresponding to the output data contains an error as follows:

- Output data "2662" converted to: 2.9980 V

- Output data "2663" converted to: 3.0029 V

This error is a consequential error occurring when output data is obtained from an expected analog value.

Channel

"Channel" represents each point of analog output.

For individual channel numbers, see "Using the On-board Connectors" to "Connector Pin Assignment" in Chapter 3 "External Connection".

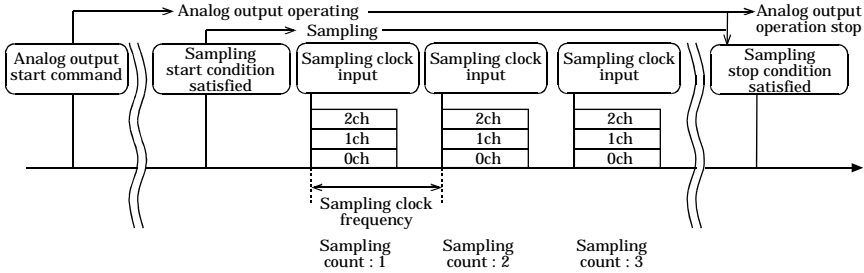
You can specify an arbitrary number of points of analog output by setting the channels by means of software.

- * The above conditions and settings are also required for "high-functional analog output" described on the next page.

High-functional analog output

When an analog output start command is executed by software, DA conversion is performed in synchronization with the sampling clock from when the sampling start condition is met to when the sampling stop condition is met.

The analog output operation stops when the sampling stop condition is met.



Sampling is defined as a series of operations performed from when the sampling start condition is met to when the sampling stop condition is met.

The number of times DA conversion is executed during sampling is counted as a sampling count.

The sampling count can be used as the sampling stop condition (as described later).

The following settings are required for high-functional analog output:

Sampling clock

The internal or external sampling clock can be selected as the sampling clock that determines the DA conversion period. The sampling clock is selected by means of software.

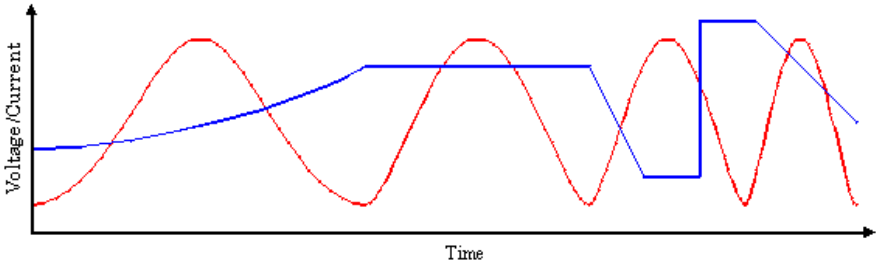
- Internal sampling clock
The clock signal from the on-board clock generator is used.
- External sampling clock
The edge of the digital signal input from an external device is used for the sampling clock.

Memory

Output data can be stored in driver's memory in advance so that DA conversion can be executed repeatedly. You can select the memory type between FIFO and RING depending on the application of analog output. The memory type is selected with software.

- FIFO(First In First Out)format

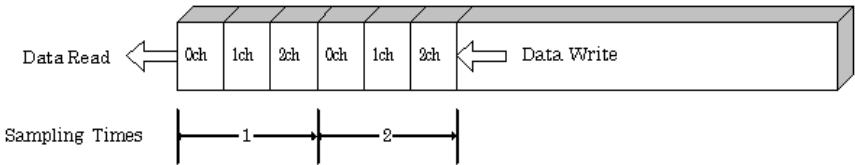
Use FIFO format if you wish to output a continuous arbitrary analog output like that shown below.



When using FIFO format, writing of conversion data to memory is always performed from after the most recent data and DA conversion is performed on the oldest data in memory.

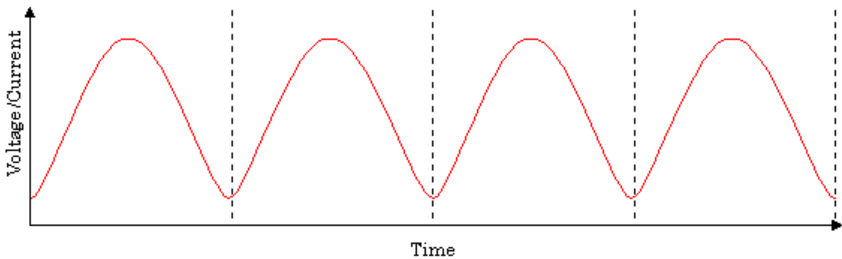
You can write to memory during analog output operation.

An error occurs if the volume of data exceeds the memory size. However, this error does not stop analog output if it is in progress.



- Ring format

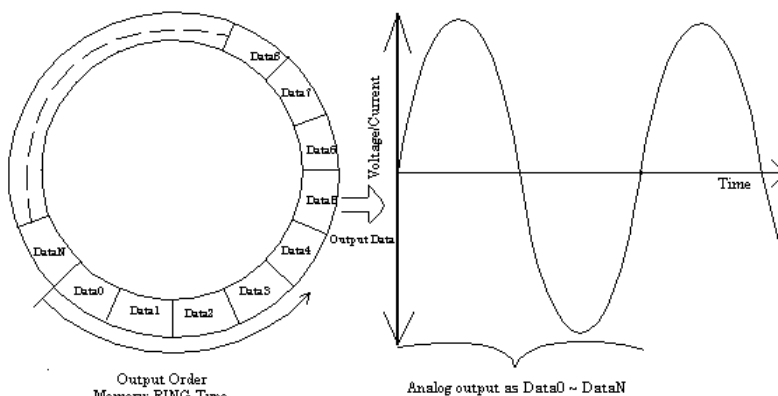
Use ring format if you wish to output a repeated pattern like that shown below.



When using ring format, write the data for one complete cycle of the output waveform before starting operation.

You cannot write to the memory during its operation of analog output.

DA conversion data is output continuously in the sequence in which the ring format data is stored.



- * Although the figure shows a single analog output channel, output from multiple channels is also possible.

Sampling Start Condition

The condition for controlling the start of sampling can be selected from both software and an external trigger. The conditions for controlling the start and stop of sampling are completely independent of each other; they can be set separately.

- Software
The analog output start command executed by software is set as the sampling start condition. The board starts sampling upon execution of the analog output start command.
- External trigger
The board starts waiting for an external control signal as soon as the analog output start command is output. Sampling when the specified edge (rising edge or falling edge) is input from the external control signal.

Sampling Stop Condition

The condition for controlling the stop of sampling can be selected from both the last setting count, and an external trigger. The board stops sampling whenever an error occurs irrespective of the stop condition setting.

Last setting count

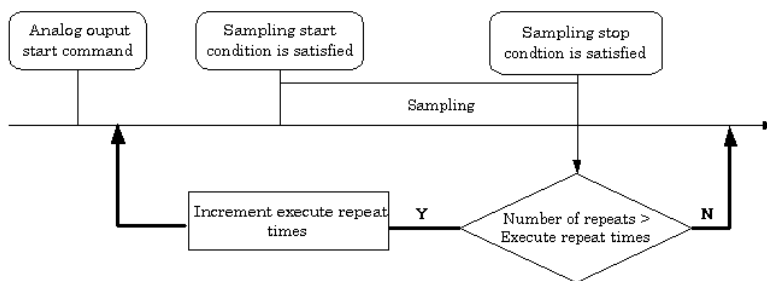
When the memory type is FIFO, the board stops sampling the moment the sample count reaches the specified value.

For RING memory, specify the sampling count equivalent to one period of an arbitrary waveform.

- External trigger
The board starts waiting for an external control signal after the sampling have been started. Sampling stops when the specified edge (rising edge or falling edge) is input from the external control signal.

Repeat

You can specify a repeat count to perform sampling for a specified number of times.



Memory must be set to ring format if a number of repetitions is to be specified.

(The number of repetitions cannot be specified for FIFO memory format.)

The number of repetitions is set by software and sampling is repeated for the specified number of times.

You can also specify that operation continue indefinitely. If set to repeat indefinitely, analog output operation is stopped by outputting an analog output stop command by software.

Event

"Event" works as a function for reporting the occurrence of a certain board state to the application.

The following events can be used in combination depending on the specifications and purpose of the application.

- "Sampling start condition satisfied" event
This event occurs when the sampling start condition is satisfied. The event is nullified when the sampling conversion start condition is "software".
- "Sampling stop condition satisfied" event
This event occurs whenever the sampling stop condition is met if the number of repetitions has been set.
- "End of device operation" event
This event occurs when the analog output operation is terminated.
- "Specified number of output samples complete" event
This event occurs when DA conversion is executed for the specified number of times. When the memory type is FIFO, the event occurs only once during sampling. When the memory type is RING, the event occurs as many times as the number of repetitions.
- Sampling clock error event
This event occurs when conversion stops as an error occurs due to a sampling clock period that is too short.
- DA conversion error event
This event occurs when the analog output operation stops upon detection of a device malfunction by the driver.

Starting/Stopping Operation

Analog output operation is started by a software command (the analog output start command).

Similarly, you can stop analog output at any time using a software command (the analog output stop command).

Monitoring the Status

You can use a software command to check the status of analog output operation and of the output data stored in memory.

Status

The current state of the device can be checked by obtaining the device status.

The following types of device status are available:

- Analog output operating
This status remains ON, after the board performs the analog output start command until the analog output operation is stopped.
- Waiting for start trigger
This status remains ON, after the board performs the analog output start command until the sampling start condition is satisfied, if the sampling start condition is an external trigger. The status is set to OFF when the external trigger is input to start sampling.
This status is set to ON whenever the board enters the conversion start wait status even when repeated operation has been set.
- Specified number of data items already output
- Sampling clock error
This error occurs when the analog output operation stops as the sampling clock cycle is too short.
- DA conversion error
This status is turned on when the analog output operation stops upon detection of a device malfunction by the driver.

Sampling count

The number of sampled items of output data transferred from in memory can be obtained by the software command.

Repeat

The current repeat count can be obtained by the software command.

Reset

Various states can be reset by executing the following reset commands:

All reset

This command resets the entire device, thereby initializing the device.

Status

This command resets the sampling clock error status and AD conversion error status.

Memory

This command resets the following memory related states.

- Resets the conversion data in memory.
- Resets the output sampling count.
- Resets the repeat count to 0.
- Resets the status information for the specified data save count.

5. About Software

CD-ROM Directory Structure

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|
|  Readmej.html         Version information on each driver (Japanese)
|  Readmeu.html         Version information on each driver (English)
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|—APIPAC                Each installer
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|  |—AIO
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|  |  |—DISK1
|  |  |—DISK2
|  |  |—.....
|  |  |—DISKN
|  |—AioWdm
|  |—CNT
|  |—DIO
|  |—.....
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|  .
|—HELP                  HELP file
|
|  |—Aio
|  |—Cnt
|  |—.....
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|  .
|  .
|—INF                   Each INF file for OS
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|  |—WDM
|  |—Win2000
|  |—Win95
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|  .
|—linux                 Linux driver file
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|  |—cnt
|  |—dio
|  |—.....
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|—Readme                Readme file for each driver
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|—Release                Driver file on each API-TOOL
|  |—API_NT              (For creation of a user-specific install program)
|  |—API_W95
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|—UsersGuide            Hardware User's Guide(PDF files)

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About Software for Windows

The bundled CD-ROM “Driver library API-PAC(W32)” contains the functions that provide the following features:

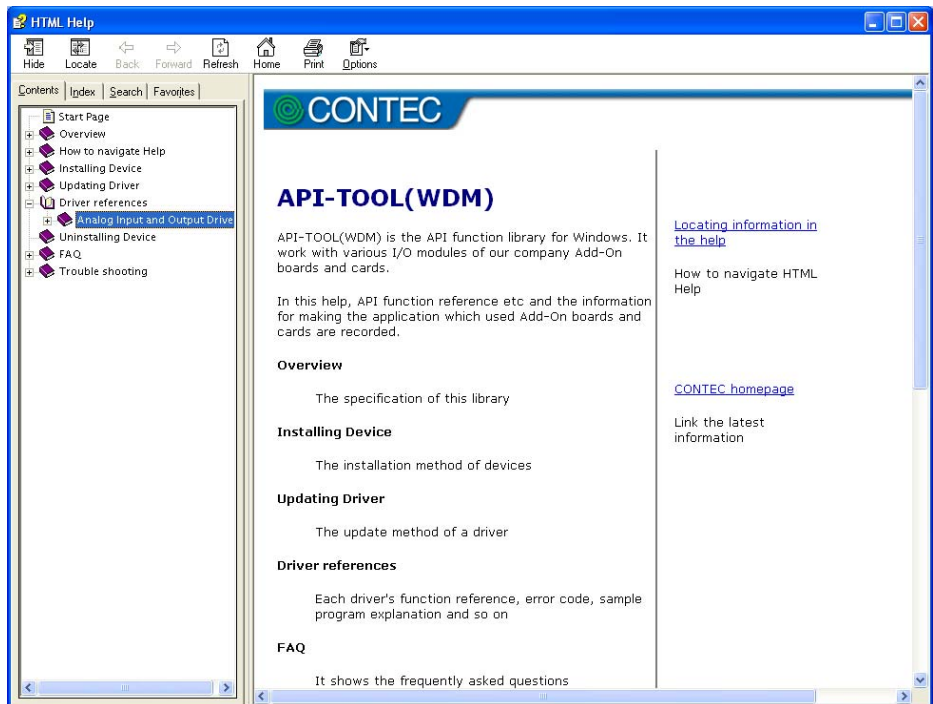
- Analog input or output through arbitrary channels
- Analog input at arbitrary intervals using the internal or external sampling clock
- Simultaneous monitoring of the termination of analog input sampling, buffer memory usage, and interrupt events such as occurrences of errors
- Driver option check using a demo driver even without the board installed

For details, refer to the help file. The help file provides various items of information such as “Function Reference”, “Sample Programs” and “Q&A”. Use them for program development and troubleshooting.

When using the API-AIO(WDM)

Accessing the Help File

- (1) Click on the [Start] button on the Windows taskbar.
- (2) From the Start Menu, select “Programs” – “CONTEC API-PAC(W32)” – “AIOWDM” – “API-AIO(WDM) HELP” to display help information.

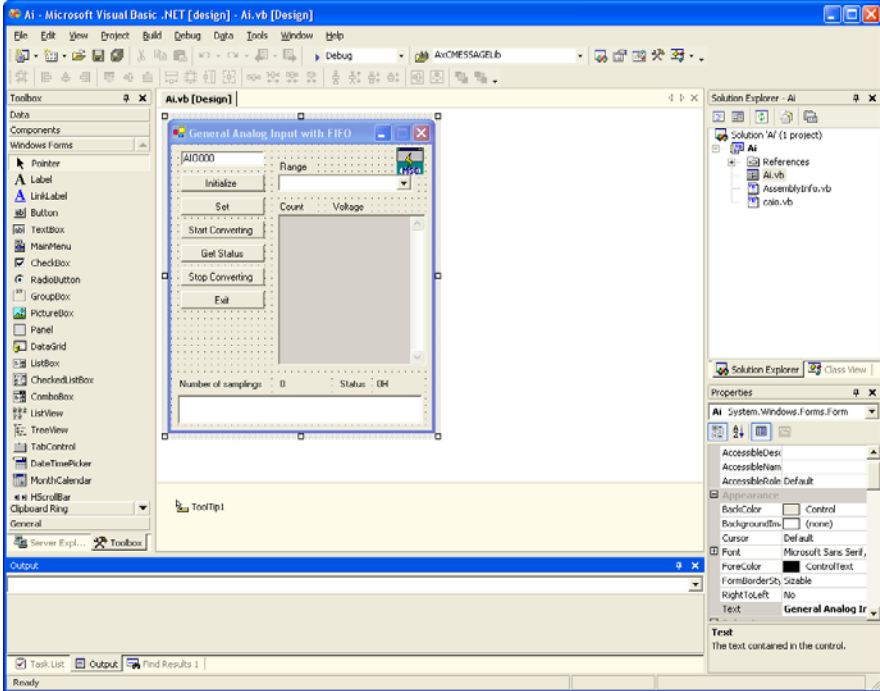


Using Sample Programs

Sample programs are provided for each of the basic operations. You can use these to check the operation of the board and as a reference when writing your own programs.

To use the sample programs, specify the device name in the property page for the program.

The sample programs are stored in [Program Files\CONTEC\API-PAC(W32)\AIOWDM\Samples.



Running a Sample Program

- (1) Click on the [Start] button on the Windows taskbar.
- (2) From the Start Menu, select “Programs” – “CONTEC API-PAC(W32)” – “AIOWDM” – “SAMPLE...”.
- (3) A sample program is invoked.

Sample Programs - Examples

Analog input

- SingleAi Perform single analog input from specified channel
- MultiAi Perform single analog input from multiple channels
- Ai Perform standard analog input using a FIFO buffer
- AiPoll Perform standard analog input by polling
- AiEx Perform analog input for multiple channels using a FIFO buffer
- AiLong Perform long-duration analog input using a FIFO buffer
- AiExt Perform analog input using an external clock
- AiTrg Perform analog input using an external trigger to start and stop operation
- AiLevel1 Use a level trigger to start analog input
- AiLevel2 Use a level trigger to stop analog input
- Ai2 Perform standard analog input using more than one board

Analog output

- SingleAo Perform single analog output from specified channel
- MultiAo Perform single analog output from multiple channels
- Ao Perform standard analog output using a FIFO buffer
- AoPoll Perform standard analog output by polling
- AoEx Perform analog output for multiple channels using a FIFO buffer
- AoLong Perform long-duration analog output using a FIFO buffer
- AoExt Perform analog output using an external clock
- AoRing Perform continuous analog output using a ring buffer
- AoTrg Perform analog output using an external trigger to start and stop operation
- Ao2 Perform standard analog output using more than one board

Digital input/output

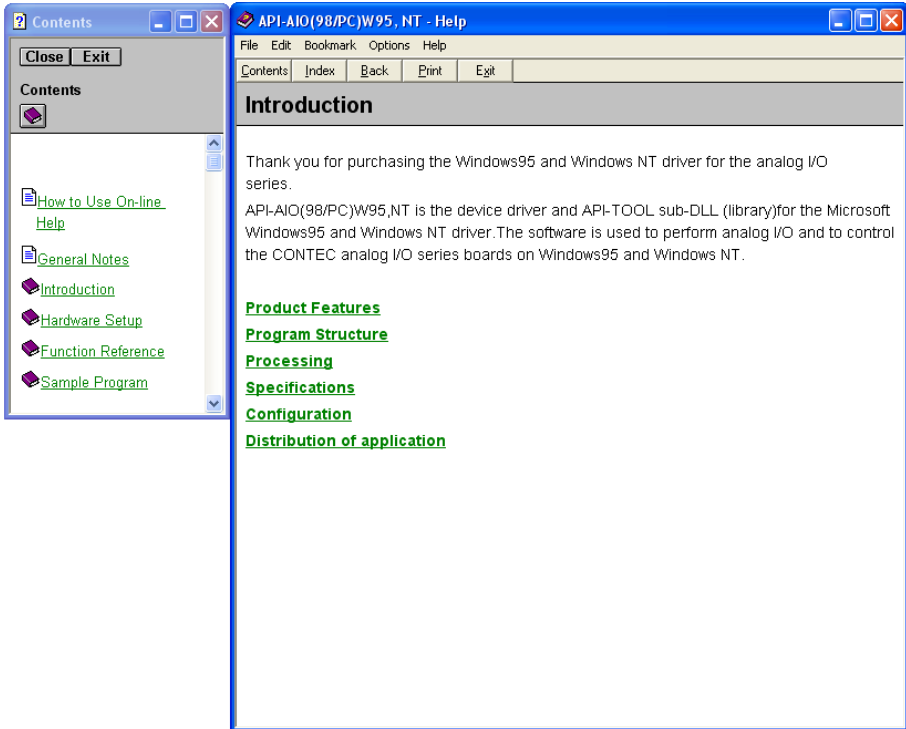
- DioBit Perform digital I/O using bit values
- DioByte Perform digital I/O using port values

* Sample programs executable vary with the functions of boards in use.

When using the API-AIO(98/PC)

Accessing the Help File

- (1) Click on the [Start] button on the Windows taskbar.
- (2) From the Start Menu, select “Programs” – “CONTEC API-PAC(W32)” – “Aio” – “API-AIO HELP” to display help information.



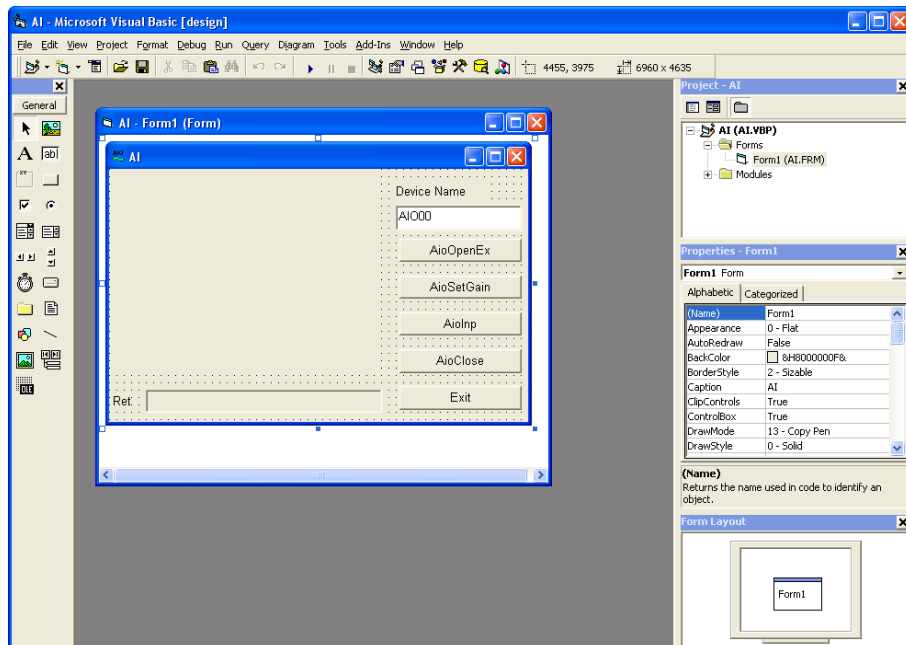
Using Sample Programs

Sample programs have been prepared for specific basic applications.

To use each sample program, enter its device name set by API-TOOL Configuration.

Use these sample programs as references for program development and operation check.

The sample programs are stored in \Program Files\CONTEC\API-PAC(W32)\Aio\Samples.



Running a Sample Program

- (1) Click on the [Start] button on the Windows taskbar.
- (2) From the Start Menu, select “Programs” – “CONTEC API-PAC(W32)” – “Aio” – “SAMPLE...”.
- (3) A sample program is invoked.

Sample Programs - Examples

Analog input

- AI : Uses AioInp to convert an analog signal only once and display the data.
- AIBack : Uses AioInpBack to perform memory-less board analog input.
- AIMemory : Uses AioInpBdMem to perform continuous conversion and AioReadBuf to acquire data from board memory (an example of using an external clock).
- AIInt : Infinite sampling example that uses AioInpBdMem for half/full interrupts and AioReadBuf to acquire data at interrupt events.
- AITimer : Infinite sampling example that uses AioInpBdMem to perform continuous conversion and AioReadBuf to acquire data at system timer events.
- AISync : Sample that uses AioInpBdMem and AioDO to perform simultaneous sampling of two memory-mounted boards.
- AioInp : Sample console application that uses AioOpenEx and AioInp.

Analog output

- AO : Uses AioOut to perform analog output once.
- AOBack : Uses AioOutBack to perform analog output at fixed intervals.
- AioOut : Sample console application that uses AioOpenEx and AioOut.

Digital input and output

- DIO : Uses AioDO and AioDI to perform digital input/output.

Counter

- Timer : Sample program using a timer. It uses the counter function to measure the lapse of time.
- Counter : Sample program using a counter. It uses the counter function to count external pulses.

The following sample program in Visual Basic is available.

- ANALOG : Versatile sample program using AioInp, AioInpBack, AioInpBdMem, AioOut, AioOutBack, AioDO, and AioDI.

* Sample programs executable vary with the functions of boards in use.

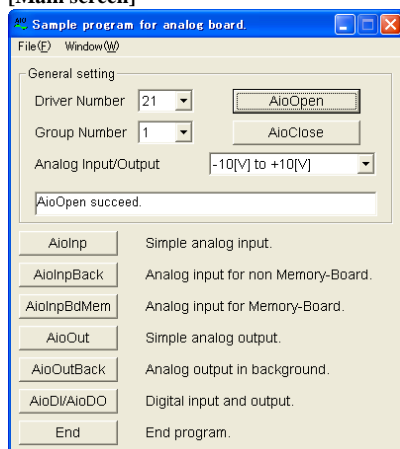
Using the Utility Program

Operation Check Tool

This program is a comprehensive operation check tool that can use all the features of the AioOpen, AioClose, AioSetRangeAioInp, AioInpBack, AioInpBdMem, AioOut, AioOutBack, AioDo, and AioDi functions.

Invoke the tool by selecting the Start Menu – “CONTEC API-PAC(W32)” – “AIO” – “SAMPLE Analog”.

[Main screen]



AioInp : Simple analog input

AioInpBack : Analog input for non Memory-Board

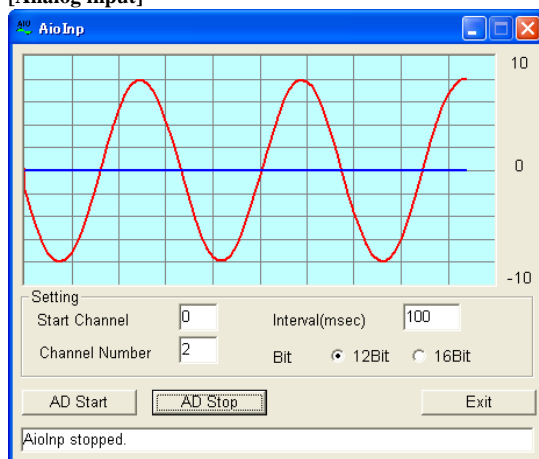
AioInpBdMem: Analog input for Memory-Board

AioOut : Simple analog output

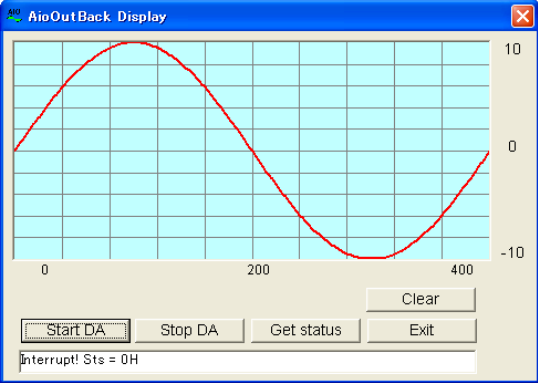
AioOutBack : Analog output in background

AioDi/AioDo : Digital input and output

[Analog input]



[Analog output]



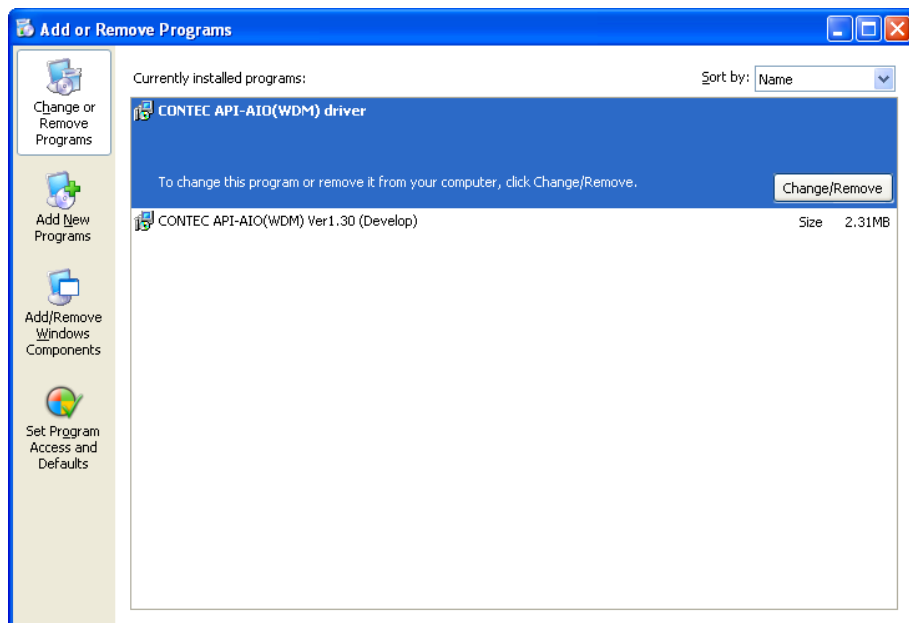
[Digital input and output]

The screenshot shows a window titled "Digital Input/Output". It is divided into two main sections: "Digital Input" and "Digital Output".
In the "Digital Input" section, there are four red circular indicators labeled DI3, DI2, DI1, and DI0. Below them are two input fields: "Digital Input Data" with the value "FH" and "DI Interval(msec)" with the value "100". A "StopDI" button is located to the right of these fields.
In the "Digital Output" section, there are four dark red rectangular indicators labeled DO3, DO2, DO1, and DO0. Below them is an input field for "Digital Output Data".
At the bottom left, a status bar displays "AioDI succeed.". An "Exit" button is located at the bottom right.

Uninstalling the Driver Libraries

To uninstall API-PAC(W32), follow the procedure below.

- (1) Click on the [Start] button on the Windows taskbar. From the Start Menu, select “Settings” – “Control Panel”.
- (2) Double-click on “Add/Remove Programs” in the Control Panel.
- (3) If the API-AIO(WDM), select “CONTEC API-AIO(WDM) driver” and “CONTEC API-AIO(WDM) VerX.XX (Development)” from the displayed application.
If the API-AIO(98/PC), select “CONTEC API-AIO(98/PC)xx VerX.XX (Development) and “CONTEC API-AIO(98/PC)xx VerX.XX (Runtime)”
Click on the [Add/Remove] button. Follow the on-screen instructions to uninstall the function libraries.



About Software for Linux

The Linux version of analog I/O function driver, API-AIO(LNX), provides functions that execute the following features:

- The analog input/output of a specified channel can be done.
- It is possible to operate as a set parameter to the analog input/output board is preserved by the default value, and the setting of the parameter doesn't exist.

For details, refer to the help file. The help file provides various items of information such as “Function Reference”, “Sample Programs”, and “FAQs”. Use them for program development and troubleshooting.

Driver Software Install Procedure

The Linux version for digital I/O driver, API-AIO(LNX), is supplied as a compressed file /linux/aio/caioXXX.tgz on the bundled API-PAC(W32)CD-ROM. (Note: XXX represents the driver version.)

Mount the CD-ROM as shown below, copy the file to an arbitrary directory, and decompress the file to install the driver.

For details on using the driver, refer to readme.txt and the help file in HTML format extracted by installation.

To install the driver, log in as a superuser.

Decompression and setup procedure

# cd	
# mount /dev/cdrom /mnt/cdrom	Mount the CD-ROM.
# cp /mnt/cdrom/linux/aio/caioXXX.tgz ./	Copy the compressed file.
# tar xvfz caioXXX.tgz	Decompress the compressed file.
.....	
# cd contec/caio	
# make	
	Compile the file.
.....	
# make install	Install.
.....	
# cd config	
# ./config	Set up the board to be used.
..... Set as follows.....	
# ./contec_aio_start.sh	Start the driver.
# cd	

Accessing the Help File

- (1) Invoke a web browser in your X-Window environment.
- (2) In the browser, open diohelp.htm in the contec/caio/help directory.

Using Sample Programs

Sample programs have been prepared for specific basic applications.

Sample programs for each language are contained in the contec/caio/samples directory. For compiling them, refer to the manual for the desired language.

Uninstalling the driver

To uninstall the driver, use the uninstall shell script contained in the contec/caio directory. For details, check the contents of the script.

6. About Hardware

This chapter provides hardware specifications and hardware-related supplementary information.

For detailed technical information

For further detailed technical information (“Technical Reference” including the information such as an I/O map, configuration register, etc.), visit the Contec's web site (<http://www.contec.com/support/>) to call for it.

Hardware specification

Table 6.1. Common specification

Item	DA12-16(PCI)		DA12-8(PCI)	DA12-4(PCI)
Analog Output				
Isolated specification	Unisolated			
Number of output channels	16ch		8ch	4ch
Output range	Bipolar ±10V, ±5V, Unipolar 0 - +10V (Software setting by channel)			
Absolute max. output current	±5mA			
Output impedance	10Ω or less			
Resolution	12bit			
Non-Linearity error *1	±3LSB			
Conversion speed *2	10μsec (Max.)			
Sampling clock	Internal sampling clock : 10,000 - 1,073,741,824,000nsec (Can be set in 250nsec units) External sampling clock : TTL level falling edge			
Output mode	Transparent output, synchronization output			
Programmable timer				
Setting frequency	500 - 1,073,741,824,000nsec (Can be set in 250nsec units)			
Status	Count up, count up overrun			
Timer output signal	TTL level 250nsec Low pulse, Low level output current I _{OL} = 24mA			
External trigger input				
External trigger input signal	Unisolated input 1 channel (TTL level falling edge)			
Status	Trigger input, trigger input overrun			
Interface connector				
CN1	37 pin D-SUB (Female), Thumb screws #4-40UNC			
I/O address	32 ports boundary			
Interrupt level	1 point			
Operating condition	0 - 50°C, 10 - 90%RH (No condensation)			
Power consumption (Max.)	+5VDC 1400mA		+5VDC 800mA	+5VDC 600mA
PCI bus specification	32bit, 33MHz, Universal key shapes supported *3 *4			
Dimension (mm)	176.41(L) x 106.68(H)			
Weight	140g		135g	130g

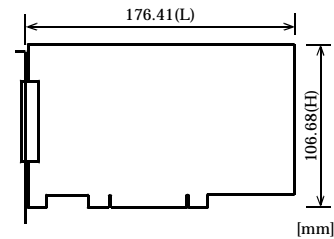
*1 When the environment temperature is near $0^{\circ}C$ or $50^{\circ}C$, the non-linearity error may become larger.
The error can be reduced by calibrating under the actual temperature conditions.

*2 The minimum clock speed actually available depends on the OS and driver.

*3 The board requires +5V power supply from the expansion slot (it does not work in a +3.3V environment).

*4 DA12-16(PCI): If the board No. is 7146A, PCI bus specification is 32bit, 33MHz, 5V.
DA12-8(PCI): If the board No. is 7184, PCI bus specification is 32bit, 33MHz, 5V.
DA12-4(PCI): If the board No. is 7147, PCI bus specification is 32bit, 33MHz, 5V.

Board dimension



The standard outside dimension (L) is the distance from the end of the board to the outer surface of the slot cover.

Block Diagram

Figure 6.1 is a circuit block diagram of this board.

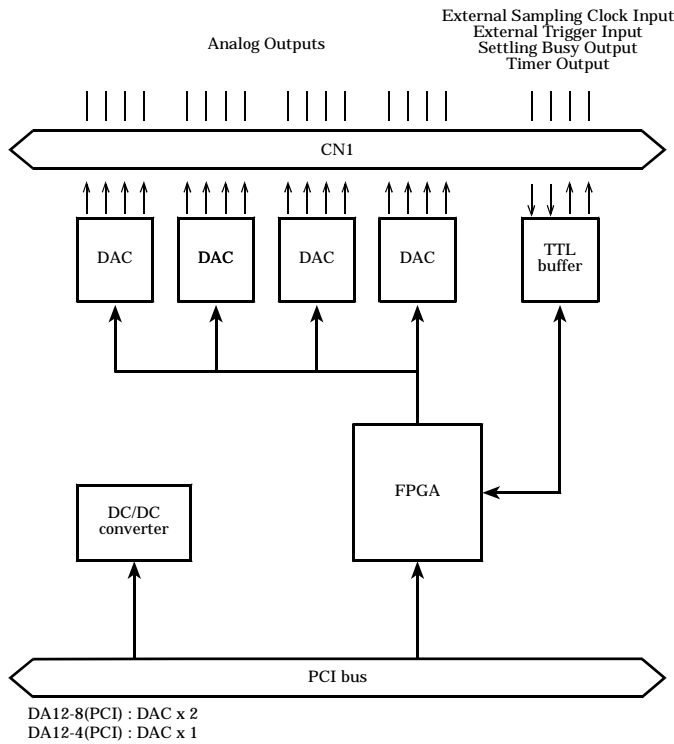


Figure 6.1. Block Diagram

Timing of Sampling Control Signals

There are timing chart diagrams and a table about sampling control signals as shown Fig.6.2, 6.3.

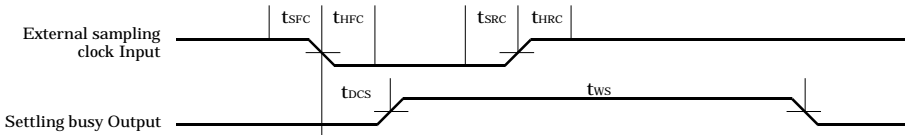


Figure 6.2. External sampling clock input signal and “Settling busy Output”

Table 6.2. Details on each part

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Max.	Unit
External sampling clock signal Setup time of falling edge	t_{SFC}	100	--	nsec
External sampling clock signal Hold time of falling edge	t_{HFC}	100	--	nsec
External sampling clock signal Setup time of rising edge	t_{SRC}	100	--	nsec
External sampling clock signal Hold time of rising edge	t_{HRC}	100	--	nsec
Delay from the rise of external sampling clock signal to the beginning of settlement	t_{DCS}	--	165	nsec
Settling time	t_{WS}	--	10000	nsec



Figure 6.3. Timing of external trigger input signal

Table 6.3. Details on each part

Parameter	Symbol	Min.	Max.	Unit
External trigger signal Setup time of falling edge	t_{SFT}	100	--	nsec
External trigger signal Hold time of falling edge	t_{HFT}	100	--	nsec
External trigger signal Setup time of rising edge	t_{SRT}	100	--	nsec
External trigger signal Hold time of rising edge	t_{HRT}	100	--	nsec

About Calibration

This board is calibrated before shipment.

Contact your retailer if the board does not provide its prescribed performance.

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