

PCI-SyncClock32 Bus-Level Timing Board

The PCI-SyncClock32 Bus-Level Timing Board provides precision time with zero latency to the host computer over the PCI bus.



Features

- Single-slot 32 bit 5 Volt PCI module
- · IRIG A, B, NASA 36, 1 PPS sync inputs
- GPS sync option (maintains single-slot)
- Have Quick sync input option

- Propagation delay correction
- · Zero latency time reads
- Match Time output
- IRIG-B time code output (Option)
- External Event time tags

Key Benefits

An on-board microprocessor automatically synchronizes the clock to reference signal inputs. The reference signal inputs can be 1 PPS, IRIG or NASA time codes and optionally, GPS or Have Quick. The clock can free run and be set by commands from the host over the PCI bus.

The on-board clock accepts an IRIG A, B, or NASA 36 input and accepts user input reference input signal delay information. An IRIG B code generator is optionally available.

The advanced microprocessor on the PCI-SyncClock32 module constantly measures the time error between the onboard clock and the reference input code and adjusts the error measurement for propagation delay. In units with a disciplined TCXO or OCXO the residual error is used in an adaptive gain loop to adjust the frequency of the oscillator for minimum error. If the incoming time code is missing, or corrupted by noise, the on-board clock is updated using the disciplined oscillator. When the input code is again useable the correction loop is smoothly closed.

58 bits of BCD time data are available to the host computer using two zero latency time reads. The time message contains units of microseconds through units of years. A status word is available using an additional read.

The exact time-of-occurrence of random external events may be captured by using the Event Time input. When the event input is sensed the current time is saved in a buffer for later interrogation by the host. The resolution of the time tag is 100 nanoseconds.

Internal or external processes may be automatically initiated or terminated by using the Match Time feature. This feature asserts an output when the clock's time matches that of the user input start time. The output is terminated under user control or when the pre-programmed stop time is encountered. The resolution of the Match Time comparison is one microsecond.

Three user programmable pulse rates are provided. Two pulse rates, Clock Low and Clock High, are available on the multi-pin connector. The third rate generator provides heartbeat timing to the host. The divider for each of the three rate generators is programmable by the host over the range 2–65,535. The inputs to the rate generators are 3 MHz or 100 Hz for the heartbeat, 3 MHz for Clock High and 100 Hz for Clock Low.

The GPS synchronization option adds worldwide time transfer capability that can be traced to the U.S. Government standard UTC-USNO. Very precise synchronization, automatic leap year and leap second correction, and accurate position information are additional benefits provided by the GPS option.

Software packages for Windows 95/98, Windows NT, DOS, VxWorks and Linux are available. C language samples are supplied with the PCI-SyncClock32.

In addition to the comprehensive set of standard capabilities of the PCI-SyncClock32, we offer a wide range of options that may be specified. These options allow the user to customize the PCI-SyncClock32 to fit almost any application.



PCI-SyncClock32 Specifications

General Input Specifications

Input Codes IRIG A & B, NASA 36 (1kHz

Carrier)

Input Amplitude .25 to 10 Vpp
Input Impedance >10k Ohms
Ratio 2:1 to 6:1

Frequency Error 100 PPM maximum

Code Sync Accuracy One microsecond

1PPS Input TTL, positive edge

External Event TTL, positive or negative edge
Resolution 100 nanoseconds–units of year

One microsecond

Min. event spacing None

General Output Specifications

1PPS Sync Accuracy

IRIG B DC Shift TTL (Option)

Match Pulse TTL level toggles at Match time

Resolution Microsecond

Clock Low Rate TTL, negative going

Clock Divisor 2–65,535
Clock Input 100 PPS
Default output 1 PPS

Clock High Rate TTL, negative going

Clock Divisor 2–65,535

Clock Input 3 MPPS

Default output 76.923k PPS

Heartbeat Rate Interrupt, flag and TTL,

negative going

Clock Divisor 2–65,535

Clock Input 100 PPS or 3 MPPS

Default output 1k PPS

BCD Time Microseconds-unit year on

demand, zero latency 58 bits in

two 32 bit words

Status word 8 bits

Status LED Flashes coded patterns
Interrupts External Event, RAM FIFO,

Heartbeat, Match Time

Flags Dual Port RAM data ready, FIFO

data ready, In sync, Heartbeat, Match Time, External Event

Connectors BNC, high density DB-26

MTBF 155,000 Hours

Per MIL 217 F, Notice 2, at 25°C

Mechanical & Environmental

Size 107mm X 175mm

Type Single-slot 32-bit 5 V PCI

Power

+5Vdc ±5%, 400 mA maximum +12 Vdc ±5%, 100 mA maximum -12Vdc ±5%, 50 mA maximum

Operating Temperature 0°C to +70°C Storage Temperature -40°C to +85°C

Humidity To 95% without condensation

Options

1/2 Card Length Non-GPS only GPS Sync Input C/A code

Sync Accuracy 100 nanoseconds
Position Accuracy 25 meters SEP

Tracking Eight parallel channels

Antenna L1 magnetic mount, 25' cable

Antenna Options

Hi-gain L1, mast mount, 100' cable
Fiber Optic Kit Fiber optic transmitter-receiver

pair for long antenna cable runs

Differential GPS Inputs Per RTCM 104

IRIG B Modulated Output 2.5 Vpp into 600 Ohms
Input Code Isolation Transformer coupling
Input Codes IRIG G, XR3, 2137, IRIG E,

109-60

Output codes IRIG A, NASA 36, IRIG G

Eight External Event Inputs TTL positive or negative edge

Have Quick Input Per ICD-GPS-060
Have Quick Output Per ICD-GPS-060
Binary Time Words Replaces BCD

Oscillator Upgrades Disciplined TCXO, 1 PPM
Disciplined OCXO, .01 PPM

1 PPS 10 Vdc input Sync input, +10 Vdc, 50 ohms STANAG 4430 Time code sync input

STANAG 4430 Time code output

IRIG B D.C. shift time code TTL

Software packages Windows NT, 2000

Windows 95/98, Linux