

NI 628x Specifications

Specifications listed below are typical at 25 °C unless otherwise noted.

Analog Input

Number of channels

NI 6280/NI 6281 8 differential or
16 single ended

NI 6284/NI 6289 16 differential or
32 single ended

ADC resolution 18 bits

DNL No missing codes
guaranteed

INL Refer to the *AI
Absolute Accuracy
Tables*

Sampling rate

Maximum 625 kS/s
single channel,
500 kS/s
multi-channel

Minimum 0 S/s

Timing accuracy 50 ppm of
sample rate

Timing resolution 50 ns

Input coupling DC

Input range ± 10 V, ± 5 V, ± 2 V,
 ± 1 V, ± 0.5 V,
 ± 0.2 V, ± 0.1 V

Maximum working voltage for analog inputs
(signal + common mode) ± 11 V of AI GND

CMRR (DC to 60 Hz) 110 dB

Input impedance

AI+ to AI GND >10 G Ω in parallel
with 100 pF

AI- to AI GND >10 G Ω in parallel
with 100 pF

Input bias current ± 100 pA

Crosstalk (at 100 kHz)

Adjacent channels -75 dB

Non-adjacent channels -95 dB

Small signal bandwidth

(-3 dB) 750 kHz filter off,
40 kHz filter on

Input FIFO size 2,047 samples

Scan list memory 4,095 entries

Data transfers DMA
(scatter-gather),
interrupts,
programmed I/O

Overvoltage protection

(AI <0..31>, AI SENSE, AI SENSE 2)

Device on ± 25 V for up to
eight AI pins

Device off ± 15 V for up to
eight AI pins

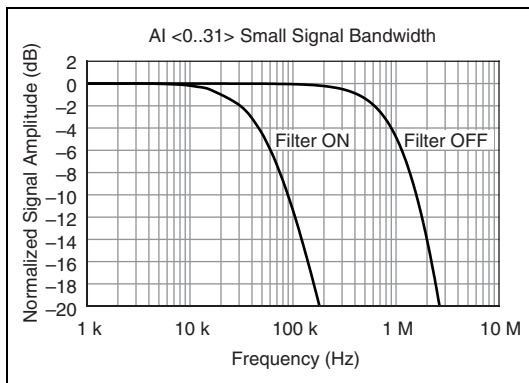
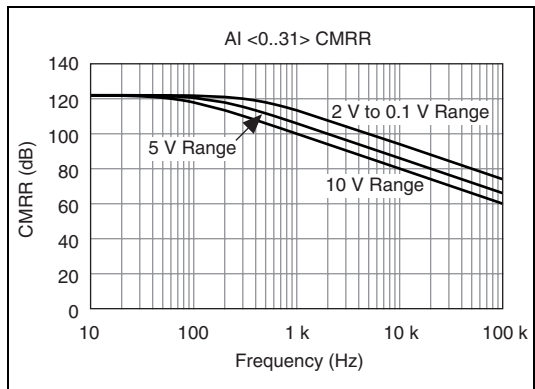
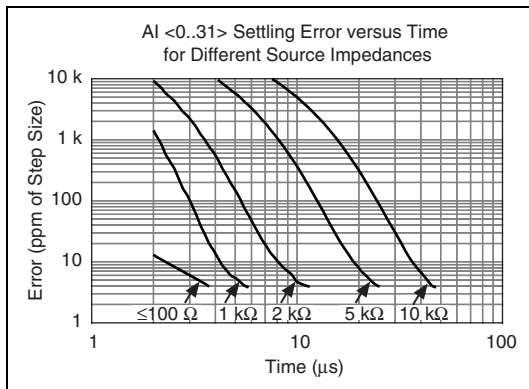
Input current during

overvoltage condition ± 20 mA max/AI pin

Settling Time for Multichannel Measurements

Range	Filter Off		Filter On
	± 15 ppm of Step (± 4 LSB for Full Scale Step)	± 4 ppm of Step (± 1 LSB for Full Scale Step)	± 4 ppm of Step (± 1 LSB for Full Scale Step)
± 10 V, ± 5 V,	2 μ s	8 μ s	40 μ s
± 2 V, ± 1 V, ± 0.5 V	2.5 μ s	8 μ s	40 μ s
± 0.2 V, ± 0.1 V	3 μ s	8 μ s	40 μ s

Typical Performance Graphs



Analog Triggers

Number of triggers	1
Source	
NI 6280/NI 6281	AI <0..15>, APFI 0
NI 6284/NI 6289	AI <0..31>, APFI <0..1>
Functions	Start Trigger, Reference Trigger, Pause Trigger, Sample Clock, Convert Clock, Sample Clock Timebase
Source level	
(AI <0..31>)	±full scale
(APFI <0..1>)	±10 V
Resolution	10 bits
Modes	Level triggering, level triggering with hysteresis, window triggering
Bandwidth (–3 dB)	
AI <0..31>	700 kHz filter off, 40 kHz filter on
APFI <0..1>	5 MHz
Accuracy	±1%
APFI <0..1> characteristics	
Input impedance	10 kΩ
Coupling	DC
Protection	
Power on	±30 V
Power off	±15 V

Analog Output

Number of channels	
NI 6280	0
NI 6281	2
NI 6284	0
NI 6289	4
DAC resolution	16 bits
DNL	±1 LSB
Monotonicity	16 bit guaranteed
Accuracy	Refer to the <i>AO Absolute Accuracy Table</i>
Maximum update rate	
1 channel	2.86 MS/s
2 channels	2.00 MS/s
3 channels	1.54 MS/s
4 channels	1.25 MS/s
Timing accuracy	50 ppm of sample rate
Timing resolution	50 ns
Output range	offset ± reference, includes ±10 V, ±5 V, ±2 V, and ±1 V calibrated ranges
Offset	0 V, 5 V, APFI <0..1>, AO <0..3> ¹
Reference	10 V, 5 V, 2 V, 1 V, APFI <0..1>, AO <0..3> ¹
Maximum output level	±11 V
Output coupling	DC
Output impedance	0.2 Ω

¹ An AO channel cannot be a reference or offset to itself.

Output current drive±5 mA
 Overdrive protection±25 V
 Overdrive current20 mA
 Power-on state±5 mV
 Power-on glitch2.3 V peak for 1.2 s
 Output FIFO size8,191 samples
 shared among
 channels used

Data transfersDMA
 (scatter-gather),
 interrupts,
 programmed I/O

AO waveform modes:

- Non-periodic waveform
- Periodic waveform regeneration mode from onboard FIFO
- Periodic waveform regeneration from host buffer including dynamic update

Settling time, full scale step
 15 ppm (1 LSB)3 μs

Slew rate20 V/μs

Glitch energy at midscale transition, ±10 V range
 Magnitude15 mV
 Duration0.5 μs

External Reference

APFI <0..1> characteristics

Input impedance 10 kΩ

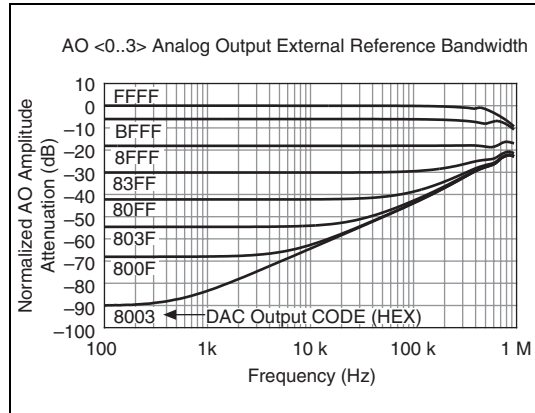
Coupling DC

Protection

Power on ±30 V

Power off ±15 V

Range ±11 V



Calibration (AI and AO)

Recommended

warm-up time 15 minutes

Calibration interval 2 years

AI Absolute Accuracy Table (Filter On)

Nominal Range		Residual Gain Error (ppm of Reading)	Gain Tempco (ppm/°C)	Reference Tempco	Residual Offset Error (ppm of Range)	Offset Tempco (ppm of Range/°C)	INL Error (ppm of Range)	Random Noise, σ (μ V rms)	Absolute Accuracy at Full Scale ¹ (μ V)	Sensitivity ² (μ V)
Positive Full Scale	Negative Full Scale									
10	-10	40	17	1	8	11	10	60	980	24
5	-5	45	17	1	8	11	10	30	510	12
2	-2	45	17	1	8	13	10	12	210	4.8
1	-1	55	17	1	15	15	10	7	120	2.8
0.5	-0.5	55	17	1	30	20	10	4	70	1.6
0.2	-0.2	75	17	1	45	35	10	3	39	1.2
0.1	-0.1	120	17	1	60	60	10	2	28	0.8

AbsoluteAccuracy = Reading · (GainError) + Range · (OffsetError) + NoiseUncertainty
 GainError = ResidualAIGainError + GainTempco · (TempChangeFromLastInternalCal) + ReferenceTempco · (TempChangeFromLastExternalCal)
 OffsetError = ResidualAIOffsetError + OffsetTempco · (TempChangeFromLastInternalCal) + INL_Error
 NoiseUncertainty = $\frac{\text{RandomNoise} \cdot 3}{\sqrt{100}}$ For a coverage factor of 3 σ and averaging 100 points.

¹ Absolute accuracy at full scale on the analog input channels is determined using the following assumptions:

TempChangeFromLastExternalCal = 10 °C
 TempChangeFromLastInternalCal = 1 °C
 number_of_readings = 100
 CoverageFactor = 3 σ

For example, on the 10 V range, the absolute accuracy at full scale is as follows:

GainError = 40 ppm + 17 ppm · 1 + 1 ppm · 10 GainError = 67 ppm
 OffsetError = 8 ppm + 11 ppm · 1 + 10 ppm OffsetError = 29 ppm
 NoiseUncertainty = $\frac{60 \mu\text{V} \cdot 3}{\sqrt{100}}$ NoiseUncertainty = 18 μ V

AbsoluteAccuracy = 10 V · (GainError) + 10 V · (OffsetError) + NoiseUncertainty Absolute Accuracy = 980 μ V

² Sensitivity is the smallest voltage change that can be detected. It is a function of noise.

AI Absolute Accuracy Table (Filter Off)

Nominal Range		Residual Gain Error (ppm of Reading)	Gain Tempco (ppm/°C)	Reference Tempco	Residual Offset Error (ppm of Range)	Offset Tempco (ppm of Range/°C)	INL Error (ppm of Range)	Random Noise, σ (μ Vrms)	Absolute Accuracy at Full Scale ¹ (μ V)	Sensitivity ² (μ V)
Positive Full Scale	Negative Full Scale									
10	-10	45	17	1	10	11	10	70	1050	28.0
5	-5	50	17	1	10	11	10	35	550	14.0
2	-2	50	17	1	10	13	10	15	230	6.0
1	-1	60	17	1	17	15	10	12	130	4.8
0.5	-0.5	60	17	1	32	20	10	10	80	4.0
0.2	-0.2	80	17	1	47	35	10	9	43	3.6
0.1	-0.1	120	17	1	62	60	10	9	31	3.6

AbsoluteAccuracy = Reading · (GainError) + Range · (OffsetError) + NoiseUncertainty

GainError = ResidualAIGainError + GainTempco · (TempChangeFromLastInternalCal) + ReferenceTempco · (TempChangeFromLastExternalCal)

OffsetError = ResidualAIOffsetError + OffsetTempco · (TempChangeFromLastInternalCal) + INL_Error

NoiseUncertainty = $\frac{\text{RandomNoise} \cdot 3}{\sqrt{100}}$ For a coverage factor of 3 σ and averaging 100 points.

¹ Absolute accuracy at full scale on the analog input channels is determined using the following assumptions:

TempChangeFromLastExternalCal = 10 °C

TempChangeFromLastInternalCal = 1 °C

number_of_readings = 100

CoverageFactor = 3 σ

For example, on the 10 V range, the absolute accuracy at full scale is as follows:

GainError = 45 ppm + 17 ppm · 1 + 1 ppm · 10

GainError = 72 ppm

OffsetError = 10 ppm + 11 ppm · 1 + 10 ppm

OffsetError = 31 ppm

NoiseUncertainty = $\frac{70 \mu\text{V} \cdot 3}{\sqrt{100}}$ NoiseUncertainty = 21 μ V

AbsoluteAccuracy = 10 V · (GainError) + 10 V · (OffsetError) + NoiseUncertainty

Absolute Accuracy = 1050 μ V

² Sensitivity is the smallest voltage change that can be detected. It is a function of noise.

AO Absolute Accuracy Table

Nominal Range		Residual Gain Error (ppm of Reading)	Gain Tempco (ppm/°C)	Reference Tempco	Residual Offset Error (ppm of Range)	Offset Tempco (ppm of Range/°C)	INL Error (ppm of Range)	Absolute Accuracy at Full Scale ¹ (µV)
Positive Full Scale	Negative Full Scale							
10	-10	55	15	1	30	12	32	1540
5	-5	60	15	1	30	17	32	820
2	-2	65	25	1	40	30	32	404
1	-1	85	25	1	57	50	32	259

$AbsoluteAccuracy = OutputValue \cdot (GainError) + Range \cdot (OffsetError)$
 $GainError = ResidualGainError + GainTempco \cdot (TempChangeFromLastInternalCal) + ReferenceTempco \cdot (TempChangeFromLastExternalCal)$
 $OffsetError = ResidualOffsetError + AOffsetTempco \cdot (TempChangeFromLastInternalCal) + INL_Error$

¹ Absolute Accuracy at full scale numbers is valid immediately following internal calibration and assume the device is operating within 10 °C of the last external calibration.

Digital I/O/PFI

Static Characteristics

Number of channels

NI 6280/NI 6281	24 total
	8 (P0.<0..7>)
	16 (PFI <0..15>/P1/P2)
NI 6284/NI 6289	48 total
	32 (P0.<0..31>)
	16 (PFI <0..15>/P1/P2)

I/O type5 V TTL/CMOS compatible

Ground referenceD GND

Direction controlEach terminal individually programmable as input or output

Pull-down resistor50 k Ω to 75 k Ω

Input voltage protection¹ ± 20 V on up to 2 pins

Waveform Characteristics (Port 0 Only)

Terminals used

NI 6280/NI 6281	Port 0 (P0.<0..7>)
NI 6284/NI 6289	Port 0 (P0.<0..31>)

Port/sample size

NI 6280/NI 6281	Up to 8 bits
NI 6284/NI 6289	Up to 32 bits

Waveform generation

(DO) FIFO2,047 samples

Waveform acquisition

(DI) FIFO2,047 samples

DO or DI Sample

Clock frequency 0 to 10 MHz

DO or DI Sample

Clock source..... Any PFI, RTSI, AI Sample or Convert Clock, AO Sample Clock, DI change event, Ctr *n* Internal Output, and many other signals

PFI/Port 1/Port 2 Functionality

Functionality Static digital input, static digital output, timing input, timing output

Timing output sources..... Many AI, AO, counter, DI, DO timing signals

Debounce filter settings 125 ns, 6.425 μ s, 2.54 ms, disable; high and low transitions; selectable per input

¹ Stresses beyond those listed under *Input voltage protection* may cause permanent damage to the device.

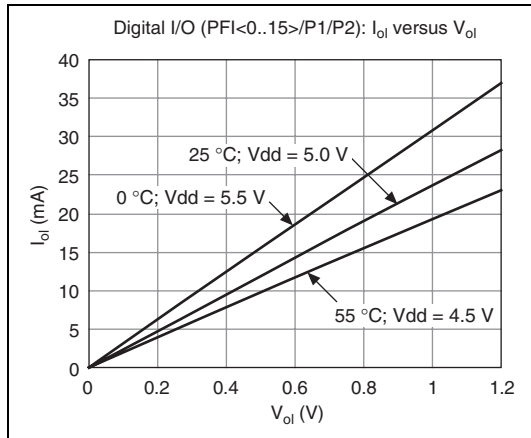
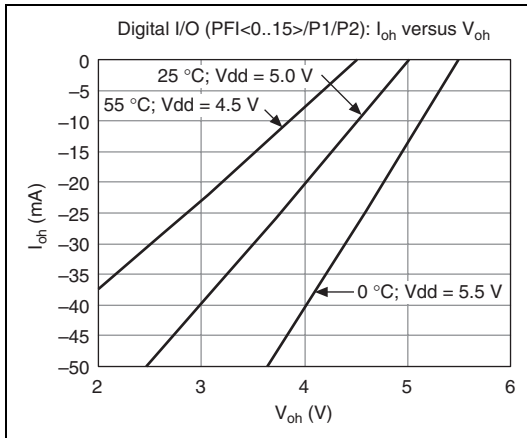
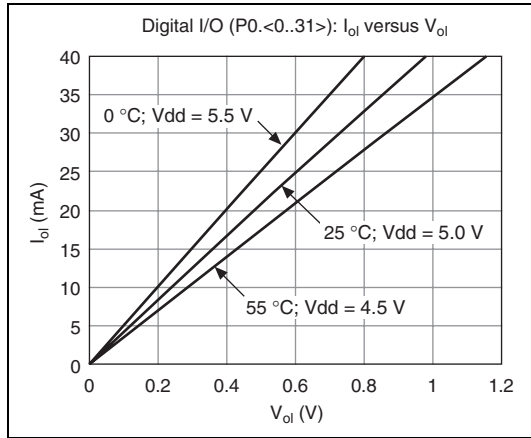
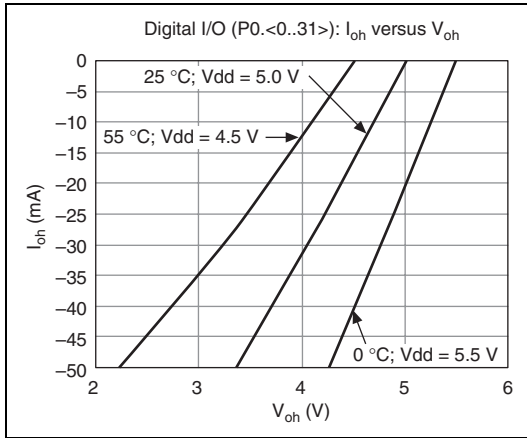
Recommended Operation Conditions

Level	Min	Max
Input high voltage (V_{IH})	2.2 V	5.25 V
Input low voltage (V_{IL})	0 V	0.8 V
Output high current (I_{OH})		
P0.<0..31>	—	-24 mA
PFI <0..15>/P1/P2	—	-16 mA
Output low current (I_{OL})		
P0.<0..31>	—	24 mA
PFI <0..15>/P1/P2	—	16 mA

Electrical Characteristics

Level	Min	Max
Positive-going threshold (V_{T+})	—	2.2 V
Negative-going threshold (V_{T-})	0.8 V	—
Delta VT hysteresis ($V_{T+} - V_{T-}$)	0.2 V	—
I_{IL} input low current ($V_{in} = 0$ V)	—	-10 μ A
I_{IH} input high current ($V_{in} = 5$ V)	—	250 μ A

Digital I/O Characteristics



General-Purpose Counter/Timers

Number of counter/timers ...	2
Resolution.....	32 bits
Counter measurements	Edge counting, pulse, semi-period, period, two-edge separation
Position measurements.....	X1, X2, X4 quadrature encoding with Channel Z reloading; two-pulse encoding
Output applications	Pulse, pulse train with dynamic updates, frequency division, equivalent time sampling
Internal base clocks	80 MHz, 20 MHz, 100 kHz
External base clock frequency	0 to 20 MHz
Base clock accuracy	50 ppm
Inputs	Gate, Source, HW_Arm, Aux, A, B, Z, Up_Down
Routing options for inputs...	Any PFI, RTSI, PXI_TRIG, PXI_STAR, analog trigger, many internal signals
FIFO	2 samples
Data transfers.....	Dedicated scatter-gather DMA controller for each counter/timer; interrupts; programmed I/O

Frequency Generator

Number of channels.....	1
Base clocks	10 MHz, 100 kHz
Divisors	1 to 16
Base clock accuracy	50 ppm
Output can be available on any PFI or RTSI terminal.	

Phase-Locked Loop (PLL)

Number of PLLs.....	1
Reference signal	PXI_STAR, PXI_CLK10, RTSI <0..7>
Output of PLL	80 MHz Timebase; other signals derived from 80 MHz Timebase including 20 MHz and 100 kHz Timebases

External Digital Triggers

Source	Any PFI, RTSI, PXI_TRIG, PXI_STAR
Polarity	Software-selectable for most signals
Analog input function.....	Start Trigger, Reference Trigger, Pause Trigger, Sample Clock, Convert Clock, Sample Clock Timebase
Analog output function.....	Start Trigger, Pause Trigger, Sample Clock, Sample Clock Timebase

Counter/timer functions Gate, Source,
HW_Arm, Aux,
A, B, Z, Up_Down

Digital waveform generation
(DO) function Sample Clock

Digital waveform acquisition
(DI) function Sample Clock

Device-To-Device Trigger Bus

PXI devices PXI_TRIG <0..7>,
PXI_STAR

Output selections 10 MHz Clock;
frequency generator
output; many
internal signals

Debounce filter settings 125 ns, 6.425 μ s,
2.54 ms, disable;
high and low
transitions;
selectable per input

Bus Interface

PXI 3.3 V or 5 V signal
environment

DMA channels 6, analog input,
analog output,
digital input,
digital output,
counter/timer 0,
counter/timer 1

Power Requirements

Current draw from bus during no-load condition

+5 V 0.03 A

+3.3 V 0.78 A

+12 V 0.40 A

-12 V 0.06 A

Current draw from bus during AI and AO
overvoltage condition

+5 V 0.03 A

+3.3 V 1.26 A

+12 V 0.43 A

-12 V 0.06 A

Power available from

+5 V terminal 1 A max, each
connector, with
self-resetting fuse

Other power limit for

PXI devices Current drawn from
+5 V terminals and
all P0/PFI/P1/P2
terminals should not
exceed 2 A

Physical Requirements

Printed circuit board dimensions

NI PXI 6280/6281/
6284/6289 Standard 3U PXI

I/O connector

NI 6280/NI 6281 1 68-pin VHDCI

NI 6284/NI 6289 2 68-pin VHDCI

Maximum Working Voltage¹

NI 6280/NI 6281/NI 6284/NI 6289
Channel to earth 11 V, Installation
Category I

Environmental

Operating temperature 0 to 55 °C
Storage temperature -20 to 70 °C
Humidity 10 to 90% RH,
noncondensing
Maximum altitude 2,000 m
Pollution Degree
(indoor use only) 2

Safety

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

- IEC 61010-1, EN 61010-1
- UL 61010-1
- CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 61010.1



Note For UL and other safety certifications, refer to the product label, or visit ni.com/certification, search by model number or product line, and click the appropriate link in the Certification column.

Electromagnetic Compatibility

Emissions EN 55011 Class A at
10 m FCC Part 15A
above 1 GHz
Immunity EN 61326:1997 +
A2:2001, Table 1

CE, C-Tick, and FCC Part 15 (Class A)
Compliant



Note For EMC compliance, operate this device with shielded cabling.

CE Compliance

This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives, as amended for CE Marking, as follows:

Low-Voltage Directive
(safety) 73/23/EEC

Electromagnetic Compatibility
Directive (EMC) 89/336/EEC



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¹ *Maximum working voltage* refers to the signal voltage plus the common-mode voltage.

