
PXle-4136

Specifications

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Definitions

Warranted specifications describe the performance of a model under stated operating conditions and are covered by the model warranty.

Characteristics describe values that are relevant to the use of the model under stated operating conditions but are not covered by the model warranty.

- **Typical** specifications describe the performance met by a majority of models.
- **Nominal** specifications describe an attribute that is based on design, conformance testing, or supplemental testing.

Specifications are **Warranted** unless otherwise noted.

Conditions

Specifications are valid under the following conditions unless otherwise noted.

- Ambient temperature¹ of $23\text{ °C} \pm 5\text{ °C}$
- Calibration interval of 1 year
- 30 minutes warm-up time
- Self-calibration performed within the last 24 hours
- NI-DCPower Aperture Time property is set to 2 power-line cycles (PLC)
- Fans set to the highest setting if the PXI Express chassis has multiple fan speed settings

Cleaning Statement



Notice Clean the hardware with a soft, nonmetallic brush. Make sure that the hardware is completely dry and free from contaminants before returning

1. The ambient temperature of a PXI system is defined as the temperature at the chassis fan inlet (air intake).

it to service.

PXIe-4136 Pinout

The following figure shows the terminals on the PXIe-4136 connector.

Figure 1. PXIe-4136 Connector Pinout

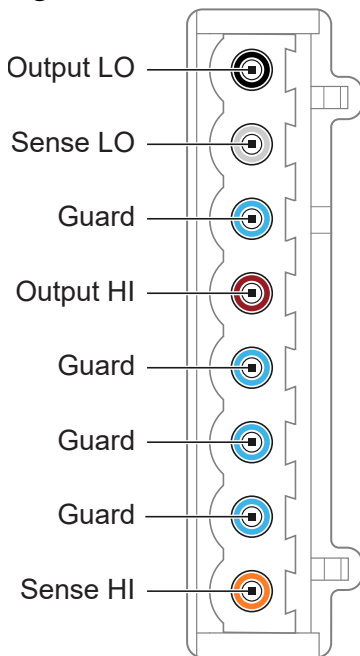


Table 1. Signal Descriptions

Signal Name	Description
Output LO	LO force terminal connected to channel power stage (generates and/or dissipates power). Positive polarity is defined as voltage measured on HI > LO.
Sense LO	Voltage remote sense input terminals. Used to compensate for $I \cdot R$ voltage drops in cable leads, connectors, and switches.
Guard	Buffered output that follows the voltage of the HI force terminal. Used to drive shield conductors surrounding HI force and Sense HI conductors to minimize effects of leakage and capacitance on low level currents.
Output HI	HI force terminal connected to channel power

Signal Name	Description
	stage (generates and/or dissipates power). Positive polarity is defined as voltage measured on HI > LO.
Sense HI	Voltage remote sense input terminals. Used to compensate for $I \cdot R$ voltage drops in cable leads, connectors, and switches.

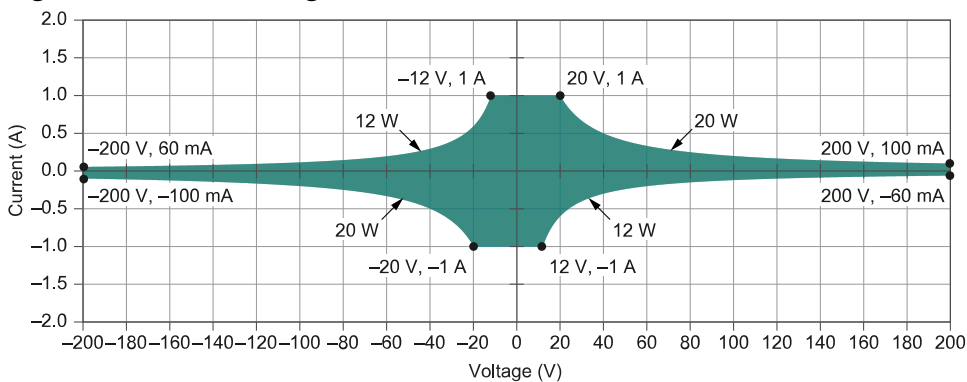
Device Capabilities

The following table and figure illustrate the voltage and the current source and sink ranges of the PXle-4136.

Table 2. Current Source and Sink Ranges

DC voltage ranges	DC current source and sink ranges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 600 mV • 6 V • 20 V • 200 V² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 μA • 10 μA • 100 μA • 1 mA • 10 mA • 100 mA • 1 A

Figure 2. Quadrant Diagram



DC sourcing power is limited to 20 W, regardless of output voltage.³

2. Voltage levels and limits > |40 V DC| require the safety interlock input to be closed.



Caution Limit DC power sinking to 12 W. Additional derating applies to sinking power when operating at an ambient temperature of >45 °C. If the PXI Express chassis has multiple fan speed settings, set the fans to the highest setting.

Voltage

T_{cal} is the internal device temperature recorded by the PXIe-4136 at the completion of the last self-calibration.

Table 3. Voltage Programming and Measurement Accuracy/Resolution

Range	Resolution (noise limited)	Noise (0.1 Hz to 10 Hz, peak to peak), Typical	Accuracy (23 °C ± 5 °C) ± (% of voltage + offset) 4	Tempco ± (% of voltage + offset)/°C, 0 °C to 55 °C
			$T_{cal} \pm 5 \text{ °C}$	
600 mV	1 μV	4 μV	0.020% + 100 μV	0.0005% + 1 μV
6 V	10 μV	12 μV	0.020% + 640 μV	
20 V	100 μV	40 μV	0.022% + 2 mV	
200 V	1 mV	400 μV	0.025% + 20 mV	

Related reference:

- [Remote Sense](#)
- [Load Regulation](#)

Current

T_{cal} is the internal device temperature recorded by the PXIe-4136 at the completion of the last self-calibration

3. Power limit defined by voltage measured between HI and LO terminals.
4. Accuracy is specified for no load output configurations. Refer to **Load Regulation** and **Remote Sense** sections for additional accuracy derating and conditions.

Table 4. Current Programming and Measurement Accuracy/Resolution

Range	Resolution (noise limited)	Noise (0.1 Hz to 10 Hz, peak to peak), Typical	Accuracy (23 °C ± 5 °C) ± (% of current + offset)	Tempco ± (% of current + offset)/°C, 0 °C to 55 °C
			T _{cal} ± 5 °C	
1 μA	1 pA	8 pA	0.03% + 200 pA	0.0006% + 4 pA
10 μA	10 pA	60 pA	0.03% + 1.4 nA	0.0006% + 22 pA
100 μA	100 pA	400 pA	0.03% + 12 nA	0.0006% + 200 pA
1 mA	1 nA	4 nA	0.03% + 120 nA	0.0006% + 2 nA
10 mA	10 nA	40 nA	0.03% + 1.2 μA	0.0006% + 20 nA
100 mA	100 nA	400 nA	0.03% + 12 μA	0.0006% + 200 nA
1 A	1 μA	4 μA	0.04% + 120 μA	0.0006% + 2 μA

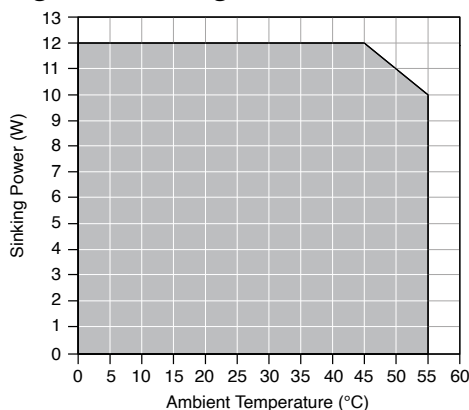
Noise

Wideband source noise	<20 mV peak-to-peak in 20 V range, device configured for normal transient response, 10 Hz to 20 MHz, typical
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Sinking Power vs. Ambient Temperature Derating

The following figure illustrates sinking power derating as a function of ambient temperature for the PXIe-4136.

Figure 3. Sinking Power vs. Ambient Temperature Derating



Overvoltage Protection

Accuracy ⁵ (% of OVP limit + offset)	0.1% + 200 mV, typical
Temperature coefficient (% of OVP limit + offset)/°C	0.01% + 3 mV/°C , typical
Measurement location	Local sense
Maximum OVP limit value	210 V
Minimum OVP limit value	2 V

Transient Response and Settling Time

Settling time is measured as the time to settle to within 0.1% of step amplitude, device configured for fast transient response.

Transient response	<70 μ s to recover within 0.1% of voltage range after a load current change from 10% to 90% of range, device configured for fast transient response, typical	
Settling time		
Voltage mode, 180 V step, unloaded, current limit set to $\geq 60 \mu$ A and $\geq 60\%$ of the selected current limit range		<500 μ s, typical
Voltage mode, 5 V step or smaller, unloaded, current limit set to $\geq 20 \mu$ A and $\geq 20\%$		<70 μ s, typical

5. Overvoltage protection accuracy is valid with an ambient temperature of $23 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \pm 5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and with $T_{\text{cal}} \pm 5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. T_{cal} is the internal device temperature recorded by the PXIe-4136 at the completion of the last self-calibration.

of selected current limit range	
Current mode, full-scale step, 3 A to 100 μ A ranges, voltage limit set to ≥ 2 V, resistive load set to 1 V/selected current range	<50 μ s, typical
Current mode, full-scale step, 10 μ A range, voltage limit set to ≥ 2 V, resistive load set to 1 V/selected current range	<150 μ s, typical
Current mode, full-scale step, 1 μ A range, voltage limit set to ≥ 2 V, resistive load set to 1 V/selected current range	<300 μ s, typical

The following figures illustrate the effect of the transient response setting on the step response of the PXIe-4136 for different loads.

Figure 4. 1 mA Range, No Load Step Response, Nominal

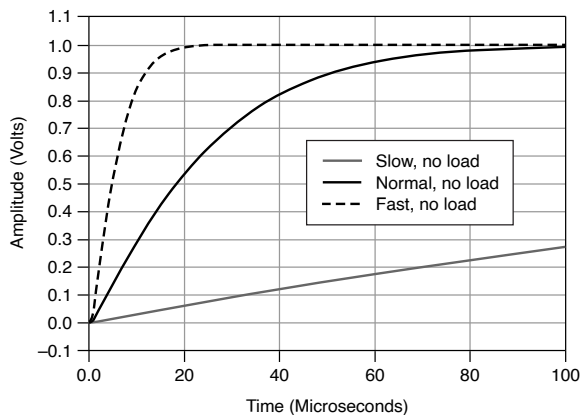
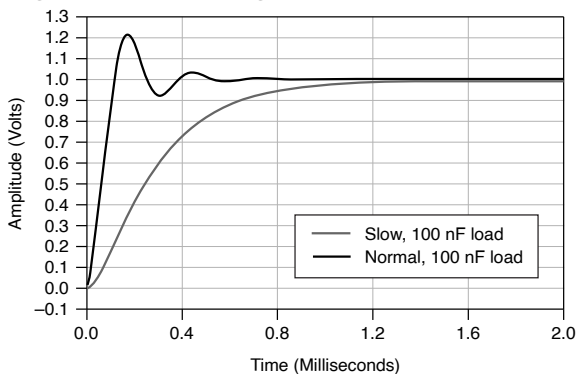


Figure 5. 1 mA Range, 100 nF Load Step Response, Nominal



Load Regulation

Voltage	
Device configured for local sense	200 mV per A of output load change (measured between output channel terminals), typical
Device configured for remote sense	100 μ V per A of output load change (measured between sense terminals), typical

Current, device configured for local or remote sense	Load regulation effect included in current accuracy specifications, typical
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Related reference:

- [Voltage](#)

Expected Relay Life

Output Connected	≥ 100 k cycles
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Note To avoid excessive relay wear, do not set Output Connected to **TRUE** when a non-zero voltage is connected to the output.

Measurement and Update Timing Characteristics

Pulse on time is measured from the start of the leading edge to the start of the trailing edge.

Pulse off time is measured from the start of the trailing edge to the start of a subsequent leading edge.

Available sample rates ⁶	(1.8 MS/s)/N where N = 1, 2, 3, ... 2 ²⁴ , nominal	
Sample rate accuracy	Equal to PXIe_CLK100 accuracy, nominal	
Maximum measure rate to host	1.8 MS/s per channel, continuous, nominal	
Maximum source update rate⁷		
Sequence mode	100,000 updates/s (10 μs/update), nominal	
Timed output mode	80,000 updates/s (12.5 μs/update), nominal	
Input trigger to		
Source event delay	10 μs, nominal	
Source event jitter	1 μs, nominal	
Measure event jitter	1 μs, nominal	
Pulse timing and accuracy⁸		
Minimum pulse on time	50 μs, nominal	
Minimum pulse off time ⁹	50 μs, nominal	

6. When sourcing while measuring, both the Source Delay and Aperture Time affect the sampling rate. When taking a measure record, only the Aperture Time affects the sampling rate.
7. As the source delay is adjusted or if advanced sequencing is used, maximum source rates vary. Timed output mode is enabled in Sequence Mode by setting Sequence Step Delta Time Enabled to True.
8. Shorter minimum on times for in-range pulses can be achieved using Sequence mode or Timed

Pulse on time or off time programming resolution	100 ns, nominal
Pulse on time or off time programming accuracy	$\pm 5 \mu\text{s}$, nominal
Pulse on time or off time jitter	1 μs , nominal

Remote Sense

Voltage accuracy	Add 3 ppm of voltage range per volt of HI lead drop plus 1 μV per volt of lead drop per ohm of corresponding sense lead resistance to voltage accuracy specifications
Maximum sense lead resistance	100 Ω
Maximum lead drop per lead	3 V, maximum 202 V between HI and LO terminals



Note Exceeding the maximum lead drop per lead value may cause the driver to report a sense lead error.

Related reference:

- [Voltage](#)

Safety Interlock

The safety interlock feature is designed to prevent users from coming in contact with

Output mode with Output Function set to Voltage or Current.

9. Pulses fall inside DC limits.

hazardous voltage generated by the SMU in systems that implement protective barriers with controlled user access points.



Caution Hazardous voltages of up to the maximum voltage of the PXIe-4136 may appear at the output terminals if the safety interlock terminal is closed. Open the safety interlock terminal when the output connections are accessible. With the safety interlock terminal open, the output voltage level/limit is limited to ± 40 V DC, and protection will be triggered if the voltage measured between the device HI and LO terminals exceeds $\pm(42$ V peak ± 0.4 V).



Attention Des tensions dangereuses allant jusqu'à la tension maximale du PXIe-4136 peuvent apparaître aux terminaux de sortie si le terminal de verrouillage de sécurité est fermé. Ouvrez le terminal de verrouillage de sécurité lorsque les connexions de sortie sont accessibles. Lorsque le terminal de verrouillage de sécurité est ouvert, le niveau ou la limite de tension de sortie est limité à ± 40 V CC, et la protection se déclenche si la tension mesurée entre les terminaux HI et LO de l'appareil dépasse $\pm (42$ Vpic $\pm 0,4$ V).



Caution Do not apply voltage to the safety interlock connector inputs. The interlock connector is designed to accept passive, normally open contact closure connections only.



Attention N'appliquez pas de tension aux entrées du connecteur de verrouillage de sécurité. Le connecteur de verrouillage est conçu pour accepter uniquement des connexions à fermeture de contact passives, normalement ouvertes.

Safety interlock terminal open

Output	$<\pm 42.4$ V peak
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Setpoint	$<\pm 40$ V DC
Safety interlock terminal closed	
Output	Maximum voltage of the device
Setpoint	Maximum selected voltage range

Related information:

- [NI DC Power Supplies and SMUs Help](#)

Examples of Calculating Accuracy Specifications

Specifications listed in examples are for demonstration purposes only and do not necessarily reflect specifications for this device.

T_{cal} is the internal device temperature recorded by the PXIe-4136 at the completion of the last self-calibration.

Example 1: Calculating 5 °C Accuracy

Calculate the accuracy of 900 nA output in the 1 μ A range under the following conditions:

Ambient temperature	28 °C
Internal device temperature	within $T_{cal} \pm 5$ °C
Self-calibration	within the last 24 hours

Because the device internal temperature is within $T_{cal} \pm 5$ °C and the ambient temperature is within 23 °C ± 5 °C, the appropriate accuracy specification is the following value:

0.03% + 200 pA

Calculate the accuracy using the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Accuracy} &= 900 \text{ nA} * 0.03 \% + 200\text{pA} \\ &= 270 \text{ pA} + 200 \text{ pA} \\ &= 470\text{pA} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the actual output is within 470 pA of 900 nA.

Example 2: Calculating Remote Sense Accuracy

Calculate the remote sense accuracy of 500 mV output in the 600 mV range. Assume the same conditions as in Example 1, with the following differences:

HI path lead drop	3 V
HI sense lead resistance	2 Ω
LO path lead drop	2.5 V
LO sense lead resistance	1.5 Ω

Because the device internal temperature is within $T_{\text{cal}} \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ and the ambient temperature is within $23^\circ\text{C} \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$, the appropriate accuracy specification is the following value:

0.02% + 100 μV

Because the device is using remote sense, use the following remote sense accuracy specification:

Add 3 ppm of voltage range plus 11 μV per volt of HI lead drop plus 1 μV per volt of lead drop per Ω of corresponding sense lead resistance to voltage accuracy specifications.

Calculate the remote sense accuracy using the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Accuracy} &= \left(500 \text{ mV} * 0.02 \% + 100 \mu\text{V} \right) + \frac{600 \text{ mV} * 3 \text{ ppm} + 11 \mu\text{V}}{1 \text{ V of lead drop}} * 3 \text{ V} + \frac{1 \mu\text{V}}{\text{V} * \Omega} * 3 \text{ V} * 2 \Omega + \frac{1 \mu\text{V}}{\text{V} * \Omega} * 2.5 \text{ V} * 1.5 \Omega \\ &= 100 \mu\text{V} + 100 \mu\text{V} + 12.8 \mu\text{V} * 3 + 6 \mu\text{V} + 3.8 \mu\text{V} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 248.2 \mu\text{V}$$

Therefore, the actual output is within 248.2 μV of 500 mV.

Example 3: Calculating Accuracy with Temperature Coefficient

Calculate the accuracy of 900 nA output in the 1 μA range. Assume the same conditions as in Example 1, with the following differences:

Ambient temperature	15 °C
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Because the device internal temperature is within $T_{\text{cal}} \pm 5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, the appropriate accuracy specification is the following value:

$$0.03\% + 200 \text{ pA}$$

Because the ambient temperature falls outside of $23 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \pm 5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, use the following temperature coefficient per $^\circ\text{C}$ outside the $23 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \pm 5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ range:

$$0.0006\% + 4 \text{ pA}$$

Calculate the accuracy using the following formula:

$$\text{TemperatureVariation} = (23 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} - 5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}) - 15 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} = 3 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\text{Accuracy} = (900 \text{ nA} * 0.03 \% + 200 \text{ pA}) + \frac{900 \text{ nA} * 0.0006 \% + 4 \text{ pA}}{1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}} * 3 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

$$= 350 \text{ pA} + 28.2 \text{ pA}$$

$$= 498.2 \text{ pA}$$

Therefore, the actual output is within 498.2 pA of 900 nA.

Related reference:

- [Voltage](#)
- [Current](#)

Trigger Characteristics

Input triggers

Types	Start, Source, Sequence Advance, Measure, Pulse	
Sources (PXI trigger lines <0...7>)¹⁰		
Polarity	Configurable	
Minimum pulse width	100 ns, nominal	
Destinations¹¹ (PXI trigger lines <0...7>)		
Polarity	Active high (not configurable)	
Pulse width	>200 ns, typical	

Output triggers (events)

Types	Source Complete, Sequence Iteration Complete, Sequence Engine Done, Measure Complete, Pulse Complete, Ready for Pulse	
Destinations (PXI trigger lines <0...7>)		
Polarity	Configurable	
Pulse width	Configurable between 250 ns and 1.6 μ s, nominal	

10. Pulse widths and logic levels are compliant with ***PXI Express Hardware Specification Revision 1.0 ECN 1***.

11. Input triggers can be re-exported.

Protection

Output channel protection

Overcurrent or overvoltage	Automatic shutdown, output disconnect relay opens
Sink overload protection	Automatic shutdown, output disconnect relay opens
Overtemperature	Automatic shutdown, output disconnect relay opens
Safety interlock	Disable high voltage output, output disconnect relay opens

Related reference:

- [Safety Interlock](#)

Safety Voltage and Current



Notice The protection provided by the PXle-4136 can be impaired if it is used in a manner not described in the user documentation.



Warning Take precautions to avoid electrical shock when operating this product at hazardous voltages.



Caution Isolation voltage ratings apply to the voltage measured between any channel pin and the chassis ground. When operating channels in series or floating on top of external voltage references, ensure that no terminal exceeds this rating.



Attention Les tensions nominales d'isolation s'appliquent à la tension mesurée entre n'importe quelle broche de voie et la masse du châssis. Lors

de l'utilisation de voies en série ou flottantes en plus des références de tension externes, assurez-vous qu'aucun terminal ne dépasse cette valeur nominale.

DC voltage	±200 V
Channel-to-earth ground isolation	
Continuous	250 V DC, CAT I
Withstand	1,000 V RMS, verified by a 5 s withstand



Caution Do not connect the PXle-4136 to signals or use for measurements within Measurement Categories II, III, or IV.



Attention Ne connectez pas le PXle-4136 à des signaux et ne l'utilisez pas pour effectuer des mesures dans les catégories de mesure II, III ou IV.

Measurement Category I is for measurements performed on circuits not directly connected to the electrical distribution system referred to as **MAINS** voltage. MAINS is a hazardous live electrical supply system that powers equipment. This category is for measurements of voltages from specially protected secondary circuits. Such voltage measurements include signal levels, special equipment, limited-energy parts of equipment, circuits powered by regulated low-voltage sources, and electronics.



Note Measurement Categories CAT I and CAT O are equivalent. These test and measurement circuits are for other circuits not intended for direct connection to the MAINS building installations of Measurement Categories CAT II, CAT III, or CAT IV.

DC current range	± 1 A
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Guard Output Characteristics

Cable guard	
Output impedance	3 k Ω , nominal
Offset voltage	1 mV, typical

Calibration Interval

Recommended calibration interval	1 year
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Power Requirement



Note You can impair the protection provided by the PXIe-4136 if you use it in a manner not described in this document.

PXI Express power requirement	2.5 A from the 3.3 V rail and 2.7 A from the 12 V rail
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Physical

Dimensions	3U, one-slot, PXI Express/CompactPCI Express module 2.0 cm \times 13.0 cm \times 21.6 cm (0.8 in. \times 5.1 in. \times 8.5 in.)
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Weight	419 g (14.8 oz)
Front panel connectors	5.08 mm (8 position)
Safety interlock connector	3.55 mm (4 position)

Environmental Guidelines



Notice This product is intended for use in indoor applications only.



Notice Cover all empty slots using filler panels.

Environmental Characteristics

Table 5. Temperature

Operating	0 °C to 55 °C
Storage	-40 °C to 71 °C

Table 6. Humidity

Operating	10% to 90%, noncondensing
Storage	5% to 95%, noncondensing

Table 7. Pollution Degree

Pollution degree	2
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Table 8. Maximum Altitude

Maximum altitude	2,000 m (800 mbar) (at 25 °C ambient temperature)
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Table 9. Shock and Vibration

Operating vibration	5 Hz to 500 Hz, 0.3 g RMS
Non-operating vibration	5 Hz to 500 Hz, 2.4 g RMS
Operating shock	30 g, half-sine, 11 ms pulse

Safety Compliance Standards

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

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



Note For safety certifications, refer to the product label or the [Product Certifications and Declarations](#) section.

Electromagnetic Compatibility

This product meets the requirements of the following EMC standards for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- EN 61326-1 (IEC 61326-1): Class A emissions; Basic immunity
- EN 55011 (CISPR 11): Group 1, Class A emissions
- AS/NZS CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A emissions



Note Group 1 equipment is any industrial, scientific, or medical equipment that does not intentionally generate radio frequency energy for the treatment of material or inspection/analysis purposes.




Notice For EMC declarations and certifications, and additional information, refer to the [Product Certifications and Declarations](#) section.

Environmental Management


NI is committed to designing and manufacturing products in an environmentally responsible manner. NI recognizes that eliminating certain hazardous substances from our products is beneficial to the environment and to NI customers.

For additional environmental information, refer to the ***Engineering a Healthy Planet*** web page at ni.com/environment. This page contains the environmental regulations and directives with which NI complies, as well as other environmental information not included in this document.

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-  **Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)**—At the end of the product life cycle, all NI products must be disposed of according to local laws and regulations. For more information about how to recycle NI products in your region, visit ni.com/environment/weee.

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