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A down facing 100 pin Samtec connector will mate with the carrier card. Fifty of these signals are available as field I/O signals.

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Key Features & Benefits
- PCI Express Generation 1 interface
- Independent 16-bit D/A converters per channel
- Mix and match countless I/O combinations in a single slot.
- Sample software and diagnostics
- Double-buffered DACs
- Built-in calibration coefficients
- Independent selectable output ranges
- Outputs reset to 0 volts
- Internally stored calibration coefficients ensure accuracy.
- Software provides easy selection of transparent or simultaneous output modes.
- Double-buffered DACs allow new data to be written to each channel before the simultaneous trigger updates the outputs.
- Alarm function
- Solid-down connector I/O interface
- Wide temperature range
- PCIe, VPX and XMC carriers
- Linux®, Windows®, and VxWorks® support

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**Description**

**Model:** AP231-16E-LF

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AP231 16-bit DAC Analog Voltage Output

Performance Specifications

■ Analog Output
Output configuration
16 non-isolated bipolar/unipolar differential outputs. Each channel is paired with a signal return reference.

D/A Resolution
16 bits.

Output ranges
Unipolar: 0V to 5V, 0V to 10V.
BiPolar: -2.5V to 7.5V, ±3V, ±5V, ±10V.

Settling time
9μS - 20V step to 1 LSB at 16-bit resolution.
7.5μS - 10V step to 1 LSB at 16-bit resolution.

Maximum throughput rate
Outputs can be updated simultaneously or individually.
One channel: 7.5μS/conversion.
Sixteen channels simultaneously: 17μS/16 channels.

Calibrated system accuracy
Linearity error: ±2 LSB.
Offset error: ±0.0625 LSB.
Gain error: ±0.0625 LSB.
Total error: ±2.125 LSB (±0.0032% FSR) maximum.

Data format (left-justified)
Straight Binary or Two’s Complement.

Output at reset
0 volts.

Output current
10mA (maximum). This corresponds to a minimum load resistance of 1K ohms with a 10V output.

Short circuit protection
Indefinite at 25°C.

Alarm function
Software readable for brownout, short-circuit and temperature exceeding 150 degrees C conditions.

■ PCI Express Base Specification
Conforms to PCIe base specification
Revision 2.1.

Lanes
1 lane in each direction.

Bus Speed
2.5 Gbps (Generation 1).

Memory
4k space required.
1 base address register.

■ Environmental
Operating temperature
-40 to 70°C.
-40 to 85°C.
(requires an AcroPack heatsink conduction-cool kit)

Storage temperature
-55 to 150°C.

Relative humidity
5 to 95% non-condensing.

MTBF

Power
+3.3 VDC ±5% 400mA Typical, 480mA Maximum.
+12 VDC ±5% 85mA Typical, 275mA Maximum.
-12 VDC ±5% 50mA Typical, 200mA Maximum.

■ Physical
Length
70mm.

Width
30mm.

Ordering Information

AcroPack® Modules
AP231-16E-LF
16 voltage outputs, 16-bit DAC
(Note: AcroPack modules are compatible only with the carriers listed below)

Accessories
AP-CC-01
Conduction-cool kit

Carrier Cards
APCe7010E-LF
PCIe AcroPack carrier, holds one AcroPack module, air-cooled.

APCe7022E-LF
PCIe AcroPack carrier, holds two AcroPack modules, air-cooled.

APCe7040E-LF
PCIe AcroPack carrier, holds four AcroPack modules, air-cooled.

VXP4500E-LF
3U VPX AcroPack carrier, holds three AcroPack modules, air-cooled.

VXP4500-CC-LF
3U VPX AcroPack carrier, holds three AcroPack modules, conduction-cooled.

XMCAP2020-LF
XMC AcroPack carrier; holds two AcroPack modules, 2-slots out front, air-cooled.

XMCAP2021-LF
XMC AcroPack carrier; holds two AcroPack modules, 2-slots out rear, air-cooled.

Software (see software documentation for details)
APSW-API-VXW
VxWorks® software support package.

APSW-API-WIN
Windows® DLL driver software support package.

APSW-API-LNX
Linux® support (website download only).

AP-CC-01 Conduction-Cool Kit