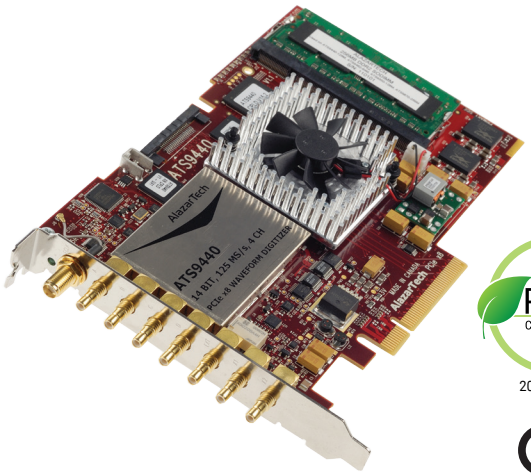
ATS9440

125 MS/s 4 channel PCIe Digitizer

- 1.6 GB/s PCI Express (8-lane) interface
- 4 channels sampled simultaneously
- 14 bit vertical resolution
- Up to 125 MS/s real-time sampling rate
- Up to 2 Gigasample dual-port memory
- Continuous streaming mode
- ±100 mV to ±4 V input range
- Asynchronous DMA device driver
- AlazarDSO oscilloscope software
- Software Development Kit supports C/C++, C#, Python, MATLAB®, LabVIEW®
- Support for Windows & Linux



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Product	Bus	Operating System	Channels	Sampling Rate	Bandwidth	Memory Per Channel	Resolution
ATS9440	PCIe x8	Windows Linux 32-bit/64-bit	4	125 MS/s to 1 KS/s	65 MHz	Up to 2 Gig in single channel mode	14 bits

Overview

ATS9440 is an 8-lane PCI Express (PCIe x8), quad-channel, high speed, 14 bit, 125 MS/s waveform digitizer card capable of streaming acquired data to PC memory at rates up to 1.6 GB/s or storing it in its deep on-board dual-port acquisition memory buffer of up to 2 Gigasamples.

Each ATS9440 board has four analog to digital converter (ADC) chips that are clocked simultaneously using a low jitter VCO to provide absolute synchronization.

SMB connectors are used to increase the I/O density on the back-panel of ATS9440.

Up to four ATS9440 boards can be configured as a Master/Slave system to create a simultaneous sampling system of up to 16 input channels.

Users can capture data from one trigger or a burst of triggers. Users can also stream very large datasets continuously to PC memory or hard disk.

ATS9440 is supplied with AlazarDSO software that lets the user get started immediately without having to go through a software development process.

Users who need to integrate the ATS9440 in their own program can purchase a software development kit, ATS-SDK, for C/C++, C#, Python, MATLAB, and LabVIEW for both Windows and Linux operating systems.

All of this advanced functionality is packaged in a low power, half-length PCI Express card.

Applications

Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)

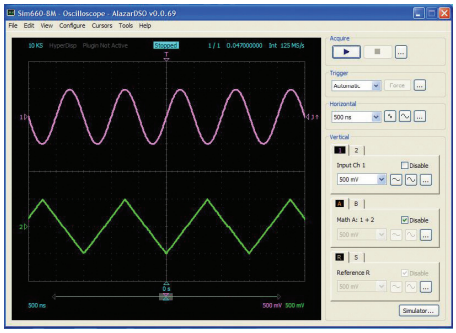
Ultrasonic & Eddy Current NDT/NDE

Terabyte Storage Oscilloscope

High Resolution Oscilloscope

Spectroscopy

Multi-Channel Transient Recording



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PCI Express Bus Interface
ATS9440 interfaces to the host computer using an 8-lane PCI Express bus. Each lane operates at 2.5 Gbps. PCIe bus specification v1.0a and v1.1 are supported. By definition, ATS9440 is also compatible with PCI Express Gen 2.

According to PCIe specification, an 8-lane board can be plugged into any 8-lane or 16-lane slot, but not into a 4-lane or 1-lane slot. As such, ATS9440 requires at least one free 8-lane or 16-lane slot on the motherboard.

The physical and logical PCIe x8 interface is provided by an on-board FPGA, which also integrates acquisition control functions, memory management functions and acquisition datapath. This very high degree of integration maximizes product reliability.

PCI Express is a relatively new bus and, as such, throughput performance may vary from motherboard to motherboard. AlazarTech's 1.6 GB/s benchmark was done on an ASUS P6T7 motherboard based on the x58 chipset for iCore processors.

Other motherboards, such as Intel S5000PSL, produced similar results, whereas older machines such as the Dell T7400 also support 1.6 GB/s.

Users must always be wary of throughput specifications from manufacturers of waveform digitizers. Some unscrupulous manufacturers tend to specify the raw, burst-mode throughput of the bus. AlazarTech, on the other hand, specifies the benchmarked sustained throughput. To achieve such high throughput, a great deal of proprietary memory management logic and kernel mode drivers have been designed.

Analog Input
An ATS9440 features four analog input channels with extensive functionality. Each channel has up to 65 MHz of full power analog input bandwidth. Note that the bandwidth can be increased to 120 MHz by purchasing the Wideband Input Upgrade.

With software selectable attenuation, you can achieve an input voltage range of ±100 mV to ±4 V.

It must be noted that input impedance of all channels is fixed at 50 Ω.

Software selectable AC or DC coupling further increases the signal measurement capability. Low frequency cut-off for ac-coupled input is at approximately 100 kHz.

Acquisition System
ATS9440 PCI Express digitizers use state of the art 125 MSPS, 14-bit ADCs to digitize the input signals. The real-time sampling rate ranges from 125 MS/s down to 1 KS/s for internal clock and 1 MS/s for external clock.

The four channels are guaranteed to be simultaneous, as they use a common clock.

An acquisition can consist of multiple records, with each record being captured as a result of one trigger event. A record can contain both pre-trigger and post-trigger data.

Infinite number of triggers can be captured by ATS9440, when it is operating using dual-port memory.

In between the multiple triggers being captured, the acquisition system is re-armed by the hardware within 256 sampling clock cycles.

This mode of capture, sometimes referred to as Multiple Record, is very useful for capturing data in applications with a very rapid or unpredictable trigger rate. Examples of such applications include medical imaging, ultrasonic testing, OCT and NMR spectroscopy.

On-Board Acquisition Memory
ATS9440 supports on-board memory buffers of 128 Megasamples, 1 Gigasamples and 2 Gigasamples. Note that one sample is stored as two bytes, so the 2 Gigasample model uses a 4 GB memory module.

Acquisition memory can either be divided equally between the four input channels or divided equally between any two of the four input channels or devoted entirely to one of the channels.

For example, ATS9440-128M provides 128 Megasamples of on-board memory when sampling in one-channel mode. In two-channel mode, it provides 64 Megasamples per channel of on-board memory. And in four-channel mode, it provides 32 Megasamples per channel of on-board memory.

When operated as dual-port memory, the on-board memory acts as a very deep FIFO between the Analog to Digital converters and PCI Express bus, allowing very fast sustained data transfers across the bus, even if the operating system or another motherboard resource temporarily interrupts DMA transfers.

Maximum Sustained Transfer Rate
PCI Express support on different motherboards is not always the same, resulting in significantly different sustained data transfer rates. The reasons behind these differences are complex and varied and will not be discussed here.

ATS9440 users can quickly determine the maximum sustained transfer rate for their motherboard by inserting their card in a PCIe slot and running the Tools:Benchmark:Bus tool provided in AlazarDSO software.

ATS9440, which is equipped with dual-port on-board memory, will be able to achieve this maximum sustained transfer rate.

Recommended Motherboards

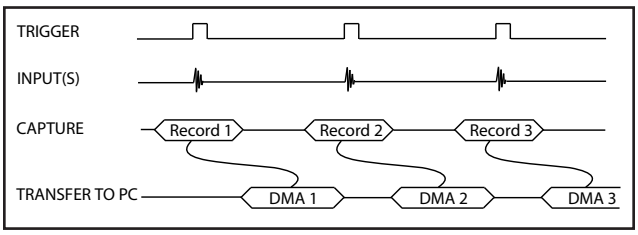
Many different types of motherboards have been benchmarked by AlazarTech. The best performance is provided by motherboards that use the Intel x58 chipset and iCore 7 processors. The motherboard that has consistently given the best throughput results (as high as 1.7 GB/s) has been the ASUS P6T7.

Older motherboards, such as Intel S5000PSLSATA that use the S5000 chipset have also provided very good (1.6 GB/s) throughput.

It should be noted that some motherboards may behave unexpectedly. For example, one customer purchased a P6T6 motherboard (instead of P6T7) and found that the throughput was limited to approximately 800 MB/s because P6T6 only supports 4-lane PCI Express connection, even though it uses the same x58 chipset.

Traditional AutoDMA

In order to acquire both pre-trigger and post-trigger data in a dual-ported memory environment, users can use Traditional AutoDMA.



Data is returned to the user in buffers, where each buffer can contain from 1 to 8191 records (triggers). This number is called RecordsPerBuffer.

Users can also specify that each record should come with its own header that contains a 40-bit trigger timestamp.

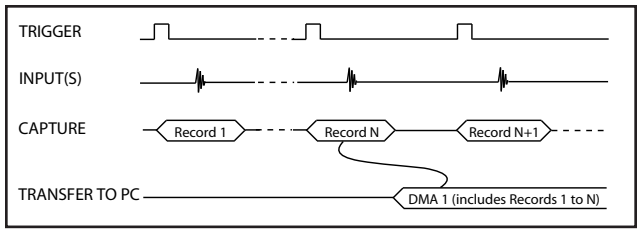
A BUFFER_OVERFLOW flag is asserted if more than 512 buffers have been acquired by the acquisition system, but not transferred to host PC memory by the AutoDMA engine.

In other words, a BUFFER_OVERFLOW can occur if more than 512 triggers occur in very rapid succession, even if all the on-board memory has not been used up.

No Pre-Trigger (NPT) AutoDMA

Many ultrasonic scanning and medical imaging applications do not need any pre-trigger data: only post-trigger data is sufficient.

NPT AutoDMA is designed specifically for these applications. By only storing post-trigger data, the memory bandwidth is optimized and the entire on-board memory acts like a very deep FIFO.



Note that a DMA is not started until RecordsPerBuffer number of records (triggers) have been acquired and written to the on-board memory.

NPT AutoDMA buffers do not include headers, so it is not possible to get trigger time-stamps.

More importantly, a BUFFER_OVERFLOW flag is asserted only if the entire on-board memory is used up. This provides a very substantial improvement over Traditional AutoDMA.

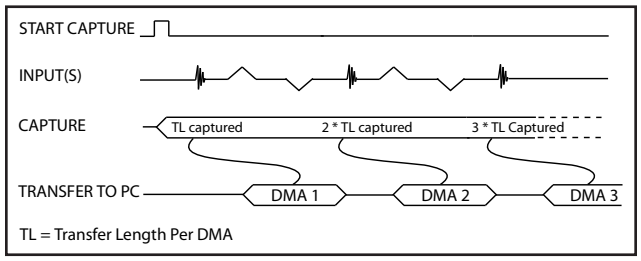
NPT AutoDMA can easily acquire data to PC host memory at the maximum sustained transfer rate of the motherboard without causing an overflow.

This is the recommended mode of operation for most ultrasonic scanning, OCT and medical imaging applications.

Continuous AutoDMA

Continuous AutoDMA is also known as data streaming mode.

In this mode, data starts streaming across the PCI bus as soon as the ATS9440 is armed for acquisition. It is important to note that triggering is disabled in this mode.



Continuous AutoDMA buffers do not include headers, so it is not possible to get trigger time-stamps.

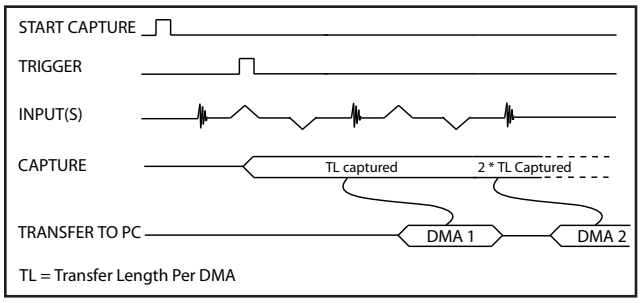
A BUFFER_OVERFLOW flag is asserted only if the entire on-board memory is used up.

The amount of data to be captured is controlled by counting the number of buffers acquired. Acquisition is stopped by an AbortCapture command.

Continuous AutoDMA can easily acquire data to PC host memory at the maximum sustained transfer rate of the motherboard without causing an overflow. This is the recommended mode for very long signal recording.

Triggered Streaming AutoDMA

Triggered Streaming AutoDMA is virtually the same as Continuous mode, except the data transfer across the bus is held off until a trigger event has been detected.



Triggered Streaming AutoDMA buffers do not include headers, so it is not possible to get trigger time-stamps.

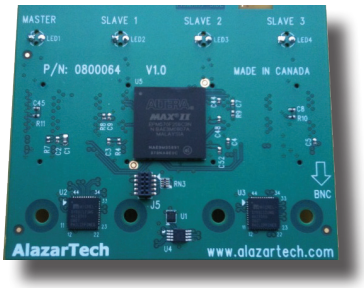
A BUFFER_OVERFLOW flag is asserted only if the entire on-board memory is used up.

As in Continuous mode, the amount of data to be captured is controlled by counting the number of buffers acquired. Acquisition is stopped by an AbortCapture command.

Triggered Streaming AutoDMA can easily acquire data to PC host memory at the maximum sustained transfer rate of the motherboard without causing an overflow. This is the recommended mode for RF signal recording that has to be started at a specific time, e.g. based on a GPS pulse.

Master/Slave Systems

Users can create a multi-board Master/Slave system by synchronizing up to four ATS9440 boards using an appropriate SyncBoard-9440.



SyncBoard-9440 is a mezzanine board that connects to the Master/Slave connector along the top edge of the ATS9440 and sits parallel to the motherboard. For additional robustness, users can secure the SyncBoard-9440 to a bracket mounted on each of the ATS9440 boards.

SyncBoard-9440 is available is available in different widths: 2x, 4x, 2x-W, 3x-W or 4x-W.

SyncBoards with the -W suffix provide 2-slot spacing between ATS9440 cards to support some of the newer motherboards that space out the on-board x8 or x16 slots by two slots. The -W SyncBoards are also a better solution from thermal point of view, as there is better air flow with 2-slot spacing.

The 2x and 2x-W models allow a 2-board Master/Slave system; the 3x-W model allows a 2 or 3-slot Master/Slave system; and the 4x and 4x-W models allow 2, 3 or 4 board Master/Slave systems.

The Master board's clock and trigger signals are copied by the SyncBoard-9440 and supplied to all the Slave boards. This guarantees complete synchronization between the Master board and all Slave boards.

It should be noted that SyncBoard-9440 does not use a PLL-based clock buffer, allowing the use of variable frequency clocks in Master/Slave configuration.

A Master/Slave system samples all inputs simultaneously and also triggers simultaneously on the same clock edge.

For optimal trigger accuracy, only the Master board is allowed to trigger the acquisition system.

Asynchronous DMA Driver

The various AutoDMA schemes discussed above provide hardware support for optimal data transfer. However, a corresponding high performance software mechanism is also required to make sure sustained data transfer can be achieved.

This proprietary software mechanism is called Async DMA (short for Asynchronous DMA).

A number of data buffers are posted by the application software. Once a data buffer is filled, i.e. a DMA has been completed, ATS9440 hardware generates an interrupt, causing an event message to be sent to the application so it can start consuming data. Once the data has been consumed, the application can post the data buffer back on the queue. This can go on indefinitely.

One of the great advantages of Async DMA is that almost 95% of CPU cycles are available for data processing, as all DMA arming is done on an event-driven basis.

To the best of our knowledge, no other supplier of waveform digitizers provides asynchronous software drivers. Their synchronous drivers force the CPU to manage data acquisition, thereby slowing down the overall data acquisition process.

Triggering

ATS9440 is equipped with sophisticated digital triggering options, such as programmable trigger thresholds and slope on any of the input channels or the External Trigger input.

While most oscilloscopes offer only one trigger engine, ATS9440 offers two trigger engines (called Engines X and Y).

The user can specify the number of records to capture in an acquisition, the length of each record and the amount of pre-trigger data.

A programmable trigger delay can also be set by the user. This is very useful for capturing the signal of interest in a pulse-echo application, such as ultrasound, radar, lidar etc.

External Trigger Input

The external trigger input on the ATS9440 is labeled EXT on the face plate.

By default, the input impedance of this input is 50 Ω and the full scale input range is +/- 3 Volts. The trigger signal is treated as an analog signal in this situation and a high speed comparator receives the signal.

Starting with hardware version 1.2, it is also possible to trigger the ATS9440 using a TTL signal. Input impedance is approximately 6.73 kΩ in this mode.

Timebase

ATS9440 timebase can be controlled either by on-board low-jitter VCO or by optional External Clock.

On-board low-jitter VCO uses an on-board 10 MHz TCXO as a reference clock.

Optional External Clock

While the ATS9440 features low jitter VCO and a 10 MHz TCXO as the source of the timebase system, there may be occasions when digitizing has to be synchronized to an external clock source.

ATS9440 External Clock option provides an SMA input for an external clock signal, which can be a sine wave or LVTTL signal.

Input impedance for the External Clock input is fixed at 50 Ω. External clock input is always ac-coupled.

There are three types of External Clock supported by ATS9440. These are described below.

Fast External Clock

A new sample is taken by the on-board ADCs for each rising edge of this External Clock signal.

In order to satisfy the clocking requirements of the ADC chips being used, Fast External Clock frequency must always be higher than 1 MHz and lower than 125 MHz.

This is the ideal clocking scheme for OCT applications

Slow External Clock

This type of clock should be used when the clock frequency is either too slow or is a burst-type clock. Both these types of clock do not satisfy the minimum clock requirements listed above for Fast External Clock.

In this mode, the ATS9440 ADCs are run at a preset internal clock frequency. The user-supplied Slow External Clock signal is then monitored for low-to-high transitions. Each time there is such a transition, a new sample is stored into the on-board memory.

It should be noted that there can be a 0 to +8 ns sampling jitter when Slow External Clock is being used, as the internal ADC clock is not synchronized to the user-supplied clock.

10 MHz Reference Clock

It is possible to generate the sampling clock based on an external 10 MHz reference input. This is useful for RF systems that use a common 10 MHz reference clock.

ATS9440 uses an on-board low-jitter VCO to generate the 125 MHz or 100 MHz high frequency clock used by the ADC. This sampling clock can then be decimated by any integer factor, e.g. 2, 3, 4 ...

Dummy Clock Switchover

OCT applications require interfacing the ATS9440 to a variable clock frequency (called k-clock) from a swept-source laser.

In most cases, k-clock frequency can be out of specification for a short period of time, i.e. the frequency is slower than 1 MHz for a short period of time.

ATS9440 has a built-in Dummy Clock generator and a clock switchover mechanism that can be used to avoid operating the A/D chips outside of their specifications.

This unique feature of the ATS9440 can be the difference between a fully working OCT system and one that cannot provide reliable data.

Data Skipping

Data Skipping is defined as a sampling technique in which the user operates the ATS9440 at a fixed sampling frequency, but can selectively ignore some samples while storing the rest. The end result is non-uniform sampling, where the time between samples is not always the same.

This type of sampling can be very useful in some OCT applications.

AUX I/O Connectors

ATS9440 provides two AUX (Auxiliary) I/O SMB connectors that can be used to input or output various signals.

When configured as a Trigger Output, AUX connector outputs a 5 Volt TTL signal synchronous to the ATS9440 Trigger signal, allowing users to synchronize their test systems to the ATS9440 Trigger.

When combined with the Trigger Delay feature of the ATS9440, this option is ideal for ultrasonic and other pulse-echo imaging applications.

AUX connector can also be used as a Trigger Enable Input and Clock Output.

Calibration
Every ATS9440 digitizer is factory calibrated to NIST-traceable standards. To recalibrate an ATS9440, the digitizer must either be shipped back to the factory or a qualified metrology lab.

On-Board Monitoring
Adding to the reliability offered by ATS9440 are the on-board diagnostic circuits that constantly monitor over 20 different voltages, currents and temperatures. LED alarms are activated if any of the values surpasses the limits.

AlazarDSO Software
ATS9440 is supplied with the powerful AlazarDSO software that allows the user to setup the acquisition hardware and capture, display and archive the signals.

The Stream-To-Memory command in AlazarDSO allows users to stream a large dataset to motherboard memory.

AlazarDSO software also includes powerful tools for benchmarking the computer bus and disk drive.

Software Development Kits
AlazarTech provides easy to use software development kits for customers who want to integrate the ATS9440 into their own software.

A Windows and Linux compatible software development kit, called ATS-SDK, includes headers, libraries and source code sample programs written in C/C++, C#, Python, MATLAB, and LabVIEW. These programs can fully control the ATS9440 and acquire data in user buffers.

ATS-GPU
ATS-GPU is a software framework developed by AlazarTech to allow users to do real-time data transfer from ATS9440 to a GPU card at rates up to 1.6 GB/s.

Modern GPUs include very powerful processing units and a very high speed graphical memory bus. This combination makes them perfectly suited for signal processing applications.

ATS-GPU is supplied with an example user application in source code. The application includes GPU kernels that use ATS-GPU to receive data, do very simple signal processing (data inversion), and copy the processed (inverted) data back to a user buffer. All this is done at the highest possible data transfer rate.

Programmers can replace the data inversion code with application-specific signal processing kernels to develop custom applications.

The optional OCT Signal Processing library for ATS-GPU contains floating point FFT routines that have also been optimized to provide the maximum number of FFTs per second. Kernel code running on the GPU can do zero-padding, apply a windowing function, do a floating point FFT, calculate the amplitude and convert the result to a log scale. It is also possible to output phase information.

FFTs can be done on triggered data or on continuous gapless stream of data. It is also possible to do spectral averaging. Our benchmarks showed that it was possible to do 400,000 FFTs per second when capturing data in single-channel mode and using a NVIDIA GeForce GTX Titan X GPU.

ATS-GPU supports Windows and Linux for CUDA-based development.

Linux Support
AlazarTech offers ATS9440 binary drivers for most of the popular Linux distributions, such as CentOS, Ubuntu,...

Users can download the binary driver for their specific distribution by choosing from the available drivers here:

ftp://release@ftp.alazartech.com/outgoing/linux

Also provided is a GUI application called AlazarFrontPanel that allows simple data acquisition and display.

ATS-SDK includes source code example programs for Linux, which demonstrate how to acquire data programmatically using a C compiler.

If customers want to use ATS9440 in any Linux distribution other than the one listed above, they can have the AlazarTech engineering team generate an appropriate driver for a nominal fee, if applicable.

Based on a minimum annual business commitment, the Linux driver source code license (order number ATS9440-LINUX) may be granted to qualified OEM customers for a fee. For release of driver source code, a Non-Disclosure Agreement must be executed between the customer's organization and AlazarTech.

All such source code disclosures are made on an as-is basis with limited support from the factory.

Export Control Classification
According to the Export Controls Division of Government of Canada, ATS9440 is currently not controlled for export from Canada. Its export control classification is N8, which is equivalent to ECCN EAR99. ATS9440 can be shipped freely outside of Canada, with the exception of countries listed on the Area Control List and Sanctions List. Furthermore, if the end-use of ATS9440, in part or in its entirety, is related to the development or deployment of weapons of mass destruction, AlazarTech is obliged to apply for an export permit.

RoHS Compliance
ATS9440 is fully RoHS compliant, as defined by Directive 2011/65/EU (RoHS 2) of the European

Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment.

All manufacturing is done using RoHS-compliant components and lead-free soldering.

EC Conformity

ATS9440 conforms to the following standards:

Electromagnetic Emissions:
CISPR 22:2006/EN 55022:2006 (Class A):
Information Technology Equipment (ITE). Radio disturbance characteristics. Limits and method of measurement.

Electromagnetic Immunity:
CISPR 24:1997/EN 55024:1998 (+A1 +A2):
Information Technology Equipment Immunity characteristics — Limits and methods of measurement.

Safety:
IEC 60950-1:2005: Information technology equipment — Safety — Part 1: General requirements.

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ATS9440 also follows the provisions of the following directives: 2006/95/EC (Low Voltage Equipment); 2004/108/EC (Electromagnetic Compatibility).

FCC & ICES-003 Compliance

ATS9440 has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15, subpart B of the FCC Rules, and the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Standard ICES-003:2004.

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System Requirements

Personal computer with at least one free x8 or x16 PCI Express (v1.0a, v1.1 or v2.0) slot, 2 GB RAM, 100 MB of free hard disk space, SVGA display adaptor and monitor with at least a 1024 x 768 resolution.

Power Requirements

+12 V	1.2 A, typical
+3.3 V	1.1 A, typical

Physical

Size	Single slot, half length PCIe card (4.2 inches x 6.5 inches)
Weight	250 g

I/O Connectors

CH A, CH B, CH C, CH D TRIG IN, AUX I/O	SMB female connectors
ECLK	SMA female connector

Environmental

Operating temperature	0 to 55 degrees Celsius
Storage temperature	-20 to 70 degrees Celsius
Relative humidity	5 to 95%, non-condensing

Acquisition System

Resolution	14 bits
Bandwidth (-3 dB)	
DC-coupled, 50 Ω	DC - 65 MHz, typical for all input ranges
AC-coupled, 50 Ω	100 kHz - 65 MHz, typical for all input ranges
Bandwidth flatness:	± 1 dB to 10 MHz
Number of channels	4, simultaneously sampled
Maximum Sample Rate	125 MS/s single shot
Minimum Sample Rate	1 KS/s single shot for internal clocking
Full Scale Input ranges 50 Ω input impedance:	±100 mV, ±200 mV, ±400 mV, ±1 V, ±2 V, and ±4 V, software selectable
DC accuracy	±2% of full scale in all ranges
Input coupling	AC or DC, software selectable
Input impedance	50 Ω ±5%
Input protection	±4 V (DC + peak AC for CH A, CH B, CH C, CH D and EXT only without external attenuation)

Timebase System

Timebase options	Internal Clock or External Clock (Optional)
Internal Sample Rates	125 MS/s, 100 MS/s, 50 MS/s, 20 MS/s, 10 MS/s, 5 MS/s, 2 MS/s, 1 MS/s, 500 KS/s, 200 KS/s, 100 KS/s, 50 KS/s, 20 KS/s, 10 KS/s, 5 KS/s, 2 KS/s, 1 KS/s
Internal Clock accuracy	±2 ppm

Dynamic Parameters

Typical values measured on the 200 mV range of CH A of a randomly selected ATS9440. Input signal was provided by a Marconi 2018A signal generator, followed by a 9-pole, 10 MHz band-pass filter (TTE Q36T-10M-1M-50-720BMF). Input frequency was set at 9.9 MHz and output amplitude was 135 mV rms, which was approximately 95% of the full scale input. Input was averaged.

SNR	65.10 dB
SINAD	64.25 dB
THD	-64.8 dB
SFDR	-63.05 dB

Note that these dynamic parameters may vary from one unit to another, with input frequency and with the full scale input range selected.

Optional ECLK (External Clock) Input

Signal Level	±100 mV to ±500 mV Sine wave or 3.3 V LVTTL (LVTTL for Slow External Clock only)
Input impedance	50 Ω
Input coupling	AC
Maximum frequency	125 MHz for Fast External Clock 60 MHz for Slow External Clock
Minimum frequency	1 MHz for Fast External Clock DC for Slow External Clock
Sampling Edge	Rising

Dummy Clock Switchover

Switchover mode	Only when Fast External Clock is selected
Switchover start	Upon end of each record
Switchover time	Programmable with 5 ns resolution

Data Skipping Sampling Mode

Software selectable	Yes
Maximum record length	Up to 32,768 points sampled by the fixed sampling clock

Optional 10 MHz Reference Input

Signal Level	±100 mV to ±500 mV Sine wave or 3.3 V LVTTL
Input impedance	50 Ω
Input Coupling	AC coupled
Input Frequency	10 MHz ± 0.25 MHz
Sampling Clock Freq.	125 MHz or 100 MHz

Triggering System

Mode	Edge triggering with hysteresis
Comparator Type	Digital comparators for internal (CH A, CH B, CH C, CH D) triggering and analog comparators for TRIG IN (External) triggering
Number of Trigger Engines	2
Trigger Engine Combination	OR

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Trigger Engine Source	CH A, CH B, CH C, CH D, EXT, Software or None, independently software selectable for each of the two Trigger Engines
Hysteresis	±5% of full scale input, typical
Trigger sensitivity	±10% of full scale input range. This implies that the trigger system may not trigger reliably if the input has an amplitude less than ±10% of full scale input range selected
Trigger level accuracy	±5%, typical, of full scale input range of the selected trigger source
Bandwidth	65 MHz
Trigger Delay	Software selectable from 0 to 9,999,999 sampling clock cycles
Trigger Timeout	Software selectable with a 10 µs resolution. Maximum settable value is 3,600 seconds. Can also be disabled to wait indefinitely for a trigger event

TRIG IN (External Trigger) Input

Input range	±3 V or TTL† Input, software selectable
Input impedance	50 Ω for ±3 V range 6.73 kΩ ±10% for TTL† input
Coupling	DC only
Bandwidth (-3 dB)	DC - 65 MHz
DC accuracy	±10% of full scale input
Input protection	±5 V (DC + peak AC without external attenuation)

TRIG OUT Output

Connector Used	AUX I/O 1
Output Signal	5 Volt TTL
Synchronization	Synchronized to the ADC sampling clock.

Materials Supplied

ATS9440 PCI Express Card

ATS9440 Installation Disk (on USB Flash Drive)

Certification and Compliances

RoHS 2 (Directive 2011/65/EU) Compliance

CE Marking — EC Conformity

FCC Part 15 Class A / ICES-003 Class A Compliance

†*Triggering with TTL signal is available with hardware version 1.2 and higher.*

All specifications are subject to change without notice

ORDERING INFORMATION

ATS9440-128M	ATS9440-002
ATS9440-1G	ATS9440-003
ATS9440-2G	ATS9440-004
ATS9440: External Clock Upgrade	ATS9440-005
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ATS9440-128M to 2G Upgrade	ATS9440-011
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ATS9440: SyncBoard 3x-W	ATS9440-021
ATS9440: SyncBoard 4x-W	ATS9440-022
ATS9440-128M: One Year Extended Warranty	ATS9440-061
ATS9440-1G: One Year Extended Warranty	ATS9440-062
ATS9440-2G: One Year Extended Warranty	ATS9440-063
Software Development Kit (Supports C/C++, Python, MATLAB, and LabVIEW)	ATS-SDK
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ATS-GPU-OCT: Signal Processing Library 1 Year Subscription (requires ATSGPU-001)	ATSGPU-101

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