

# Base Configuration Camera Link Image Acquisition

## NI PCI-1426

- High-resolution and high-speed image acquisition for base configuration Camera Link cameras
- Simple, small cabling
- Onboard programmable region of interest
- Pixel decimation and image scaling
- 4 LUTs (256 by 8-bit)
- 16 MB of onboard memory
- 4 external triggers (digital I/O lines)
- RTSI bus synchronization with data acquisition, motion, and CAN
- Camera control with LVDS (EIA-644) differential output or asynchronous serial control

### Operating Systems

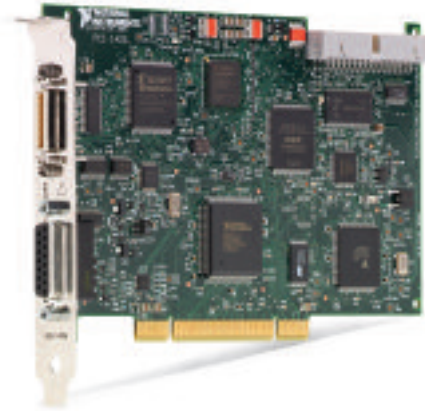
- Windows 2000/NT/XP

### Recommended Software

- LabVIEW
- LabWindows/CVI
- Measurement Studio
- Vision Development Module
- Vision Builder AI

### Driver Software (included)

- NI-IMAQ



## Overview and Applications

The National Instruments PCI-1426 board, is an image acquisition board for Camera Link cameras, is used by machine vision and scientific imaging developers who need high-throughput digital imaging at a lower cost.

## Camera Link

Camera Link is an industrial high-speed serial data and cabling standard developed by National Instruments, camera vendors, and other image acquisition companies. Created for easy connectivity between the PC and the camera, Camera Link provides simple, flexible cabling for high-speed, high-resolution digital cameras. A Camera Link cable is a slender 26-pin cable with 24-bit data, clock, and enables as well as control signals. You can control camera functionality by asynchronous serial control or LVDS differential lines through a Camera Link cable. Camera Link offers future data rate capabilities up to 2.3 Gb/s. You can interchange Camera Link digital cameras from a variety of vendors with Camera Link image acquisition hardware.

## Onboard Memory

The NI PCI-1426 comes with 16 MB of onboard high-speed synchronous dynamic RAM (SDRAM). You can use the onboard memory as a FIFO buffer for high-speed image acquisition.

## Serial Interface

Use the serial interface on the Camera Link connector to easily configure and control the camera with NI-IMAQ and NI Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX) software. The PCI-1426 includes a National Instruments counter/timer ASIC that generates real-time control signals. You can use the advanced triggering to send strobe pulses and pulse trains.

## Synchronize Motion and Vision

Onboard trigger control and mapping circuitry route, monitor, and drive the external RTSI bus trigger lines for PCI. Using the RTSI bus, you can develop applications where motion, vision, and measurements are tightly integrated. You can use the RTSI bus to route an incoming trigger on your PCI-1426 to an NI measurement device to synchronize data acquisition.

## NI-IMAQ and Interchangeable Cameras

NI-IMAQ driver software for image acquisition can scale between many types of cameras and acquisition methods. Using NI-IMAQ, you can begin by using a low-cost RS-170 camera and image acquisition device and then upgrade to a faster, higher-resolution digital Camera Link camera and acquisition device with minimal software changes. Because NI-IMAQ uses one set of function calls, it works for a wide variety of cameras, and there is no need to rewrite your software.

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## Camera Compatibility

The PCI-1426 board works with base configuration Camera Link cameras from Sony, Basler, Dalsa, and other camera manufacturers. Go to [ni.com/camera](http://ni.com/camera) for a current list of compatible cameras.

## I/O Connector

The PCI-1426 features a small 26-pin connector compatible with all Camera Link video inputs, camera control outputs, and the serial interface.

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## Ordering Information

NI PCI-1426 .....779210-01  
Includes NI-IMAQ software

### Cables

Camera Link cable (2 m) .....187676-02  
15 pin trigger cable (4 m) .....190912-04

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For complete product specifications, pricing, and accessory information, call (800) 813 3693 (U.S. only) or go to [ni.com/vision](http://ni.com/vision)

## Specifications

Typical at 25° C, unless otherwise stated.

### External Connections

Trigger sense .....	TTL
Trigger polarity .....	Programmable (positive or negative)
Pixel clock .....	Camera Link compatible
Enables .....	Camera Link compatible
Control signal .....	Camera Link compatible
Video data .....	Camera Link compatible

### Clocks

Pixel clock frequency range ..... 20 to 50 MHz

### PCI Master Performance

Sustained..... 100 MB/s

### Onboard Memory

PCI..... 16 MB

### Power Requirements

+5 VDC .....	1.5 A
+12 VDC .....	24 mA
-12 VDC .....	20 mA

### Physical

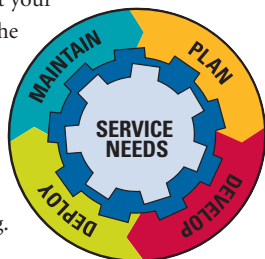
Dimensions  
PCI ..... 10.7 by 17.5 cm (4.2 by 6.9 in.)

### Environment

Operating temperature.....	0 to 55 °C
Storage temperature.....	-20 to 70 °C
Relative humidity .....	5 to 90%, noncondensing
MTBF .....	544,562 h at 25 °C
Emissions.....	EN 55011:1991 Group 1 Class A at 10 m FCC Class A at 10 m

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