PCI-1742U

16-bit, 1MS/s High-Resolution Multifunction Card

User Manual

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Before setting up the system, check that the items listed below are included and in good condition. If any item does not accord with the table, please contact your dealer immediately.

• 1 x PCI-1742U card

• 1 x Companion CD-ROM (DLL driver included)

• 1 x User Manual (This manual)

Contents

Introduction

This chapter introduces PCI-1742U and shows how to install the software and information on useful accessories.

Sections include:

- Introduction
- Features
- Installation Guide
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- Accessories

Chapter 1 Introduction

1.1 Introduction

Thank you for buying the Advantech PCI-1742U PCI card. PCI-1742U is a powerful high-resolution multifunction DAS card with 1MS/s sampling rate and 16-bit resolution, fulfills the needs of most data acquisition applications. PCI-1742U provides 16 single-ended or 8 differential analog input channels, two 16-bit D/A output channels, 16 digital input/output channels, and one 10 MHz 16-bit counter channel.

The following sections will provide further information about features of the multifunction cards, a quick installation guide, and some brief information on software and accessories for the PCI-1742U card.

1.2 Features

The Advantech PCI-1742U provides users with the most requested measurement and control functions as below:

- 16 S.E.or 8 Diff. analog input channels with 1K FIFO.
- 16-bit ADC with max. 1MS/s sampling rate
- Two 16-bit analog output channels
- 16DI/16DO TTL channels
- One 16-bit/ 10MHz counter
- Auto calibration function
- Universal PCI Bus (Support 3.3/5 V PCI Bus signal)
- Board ID switch

1.2.1 Auto-Calibration Function
The PCI-1742U provides an auto-calibration function with an calibration utility. The built-in calibration circuitry of the PCI-1742U corrects gain and offset errors in analog input channels, thereby eliminating the need for external equipment and user adjustments.

1.2.2 BoardID

The PCI-1742U has a built-in DIP switch that helps define each card's unique ID when multiple PCI-1742U cards have been installed on the same PC chassis. The BoardID setting function is very useful when building a system with multiple PCI-1742U cards. With the correct BoardID settings, you can easily identify and access each card during hardware configuration and software programming.

1.2.3 Plug-and-Play Function

The PCI-1742U is a Plug-and-Play device, which fully complies with PCI Specification Rev 2.2. During card installation, there is no need to set jumpers or DIP switches. Instead, all bus-related configurations such as base I/O address and interrupt are automatically done by the Plug & Play function.

1.2.4 Onboard FIFO Memory

PCI-1742U provides 1K samples on-board FIFO (First In First Out) memory buffer for AD. This is an important feature for faster data transfer and more predictable performance under the Windows system.

1.2.5 Onboard Programmable Timer/Counter

PCI-1742U provides a programmable timer counter for generating a pacer trigger for the A/D conversion. The timer/counter chip is 82C54, which includes three 16-bit counter 10 MHz clocks. One counter is used as an event counter for counting events coming from the input channel. The other two are cascaded together to make a 32-bit timer for pacer trigger time base.

1.3 Installation Guide

Before you install your PCI-1742U card, please make sure you have the following necessary components:

• PCI-1742U Multifunction Card

• PCI-1742U User Manual

• Driver software Advantech DLL Drivers (in the companion CD-ROM)

• Computer: PC with a PCI-bus slot running Windows 2000/XP

• Application software: ActiveDAQ, ActiveDAQ Pro, 3rd party software

After you get the necessary components and maybe some of the accessories for enhanced operation of your Multifunction card, you can then begin the Installation procedures. Fig. 1-1 on the next page provides a concise flow chart to give users a broad picture of the software and hardware installation procedures:
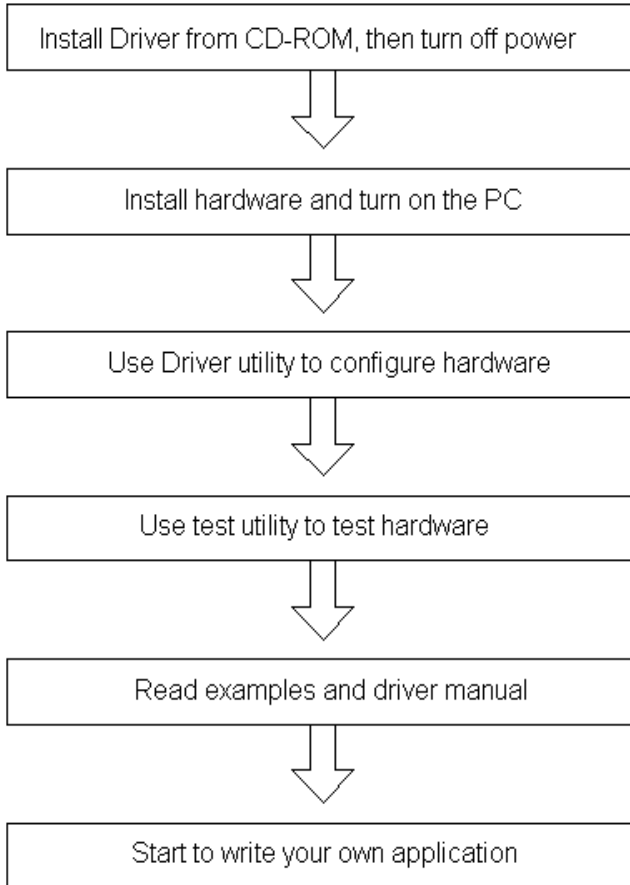
Figure 1.1: Installation Flow Chart

1.4 Software

Advantech offers a rich set of DLL drivers, 3rd-party driver support and application software to help fully exploit the functions of your PCI-1742U card:

- DLL driver (on the companion CD-ROM)
- LabVIEW driver
- Advantech ActiveDAQ
- Advantech ActiveDAQ Pro

For more information on software, please refer to *Chapter 4, Software Overview.*

Users who intend to program directly at the registers of the Multifunction card have register-level programming as an option. Since register-level programming is often difficult and labor-intensive, it is usually recommended only for experienced programmers. For more information, please refer to Appendix C, Register Structure & Format.

1.5 Accessories

Advantech offers a complete set of accessory products to support the PCI-1742U cards. These accessories include:

1.5.1 PCL-10168 Wiring Cable

The PCL-10168 shielded cable is specially designed for PCI-1742U cards to provide high resistance to noise. To achieve a better signal quality, the signal wires are twisted in such a way as to form a "twisted-pair cable", reducing cross-talk and noise from other signal sources. Furthermore, its analog and digital lines are separately sheathed and shielded to neutralize EMI/EMC problems.

1.5.2 ADAM-3968 Wiring Boards

The ADAM-3968 is a 68-pin SCSI wiring terminal module for DIN-rail mounting. This terminal module can be readily connected to the Advantech PC-Lab cards and allow easy yet reliable access to individual pin connections for the PCI-1742U card.

1.5.3 PCLD-8710

PCLD-8710 is a DIN-rail-mounted screw-terminal board to be used with any PC-LabCard products with a 68-pin SCSI connector. PCLD-8710 features the following functions:

• Two additional 20-pin flat-cable connectors for digital input and output

• Reserved space on board to meet future needs for signal-conditioning circuits (e.g. low-pass filter, voltage attenuator and current shunt)

• Industrial-grade screw-clamp terminal blocks for heavy-duty and reliable connections.

Installation

This chapter provides a packaged item checklist, proper instructions about unpacking and step-by-step procedures for both driver and card installation.

Sections include:

- Unpacking
- Driver Installation
- Hardware Installation
- Device Configuration & Testing
- Device Testing

Chapter 2 Installation

2.1 Unpacking

After receiving your PCI-1742U package, please inspect its contents first. The package should contain the following items:

• PCI-1742U card

• Companion CD-ROM (DLL driver included)

• User Manual

The PCI-1742U card harbors certain electronic components vulnerable to electrostatic discharge (ESD). ESD could easily damage the integrated circuits and certain components if preventive measures are not carefully paid attention to.

Before removing the card from the antistatic plastic bag, you should take following precautions to ward off possible ESD damage:

• Touch the metal part of your computer chassis with your hand to discharge static electricity accumulated on your body. Or one can also use a grounding strap.

• Touch the antistatic bag to a metal part of your computer chassis before opening the bag.

• Take hold of the card only by the metal bracket when removing it out of the bag.

After taking out the card, you should first:

• Inspect the card for any possible signs of external damage (loose or damaged components, etc.). If the card is visibly damaged, please notify our service department or the local sales representative immediately. Avoid installing a damaged card into your system.

Also pay extra caution to the following to ensure proper installation:

• Avoid physical contact with materials that could hold static electricity such as plastic, vinyl and Styrofoam.

• Whenever you handle the card, grasp it only by its edges. DO NOT TOUCH the exposed metal pins of the connector or the electronic components.

Note   *Keep the antistatic bag for future use. You might need the original bag to store the card if you have to remove the card from the PC or transport it elsewhere.*

2.2 Driver Installation

We recommend installing the driver before you plug the PCI-1742U Card into your system, since this will guarantee a smooth installation process.

The 32-bit DLL driver Setup program for the PCI-1742U card is included on the companion CD-ROM that is shipped with your DAS card package. Please follow the steps below to install the driver software:

Step 1: Insert the companion CD-ROM into your CD-ROM drive.

Step 2: The *Setup* program will be launched automatically if you have the *Autorun* function enabled on your system. When the *Setup* program is launched, you'll see the following setup screen.

Figure 2.1: Setup Screen

Note *If the autoplay function is not enabled on your computer, use Windows Explorer or Windows **Run** command to execute **Autorun.exe** in the companion CD-ROM.*

Step 3: Select the *Installation* option, then the *Individual Drivers* option.

Step 4: Select the specific device then just follow the installation instructions step by step to complete your device driver setup.
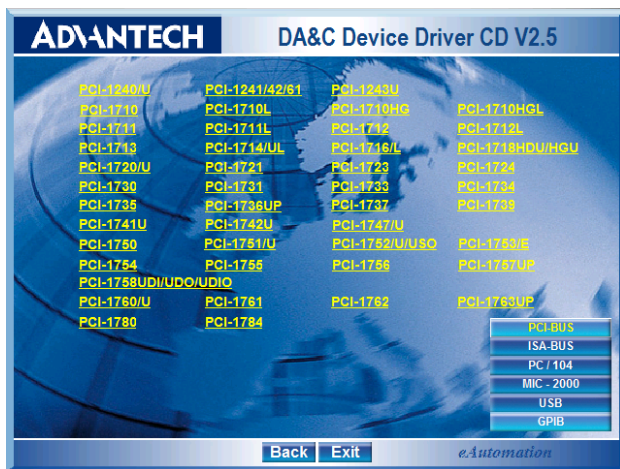

Figure 2.2: Driver Setup

For further information on driver-related issues, an online version of the *DLL Drivers Manual* is available by accessing the following path:

Start/ Programs/ Advantech Automation/ Device Manager/ Device Driver's Manual.

2.3 Hardware Installation

Note: *Make sure you install the driver before you install the card (Refer to 2.2 Driver Installation)*

After the DLL driver installation is completed, you can install the PCI-1742U card in any PCI slot. It is suggested that you refer to the user manual or related documents if you have any doubts. Please follow the steps below to install the card on your system:

Step 1: Turn off your computer and unplug the power cord and cables. Turn off your computer before installing or removing any components.

Step 2: Remove the cover of your computer.

Step 3: Remove the slot cover on the back panel of your computer.

Step 4: Touch the metal part on the surface of your computer to neutralize any static electricity that might be in your body.

Step 5: Insert the PCI-1742U card into a PCI slot. Hold the card only by its edges and carefully align it with the slot. Insert the card firmly into place. Use of excessive force must be avoided; or the card might be damaged.

Step 6: Fasten the bracket of the PCI card on the back panel rail of the computer with screws.

Step 7: Connect appropriate accessories (68-pin cable, wiring terminals, etc. if necessary) to the PCI card.

Step 8: Replace the cover of your computer chassis. Re-connect the cables you removed in step 2.

Step 9: Plug in the power cord and turn on the computer.

Note   *If you installed the card without installing the DLL driver first, Windows 2000/XP will recognize your card as an "unknown device" after rebooting, and will prompt you to provide the necessary driver. You should ignore the prompting messages (just click the **Cancel** button) and set up the driver according to the steps described in 2.2 Driver Installation.*

After the PCI-1742U card is installed, you can verify whether it is properly installed on your system in the *Device Manage*r:

1. Access the Device Manager through
    Start/ Control Panel/ System/ Device Manager.

2. The device name of PCI-1742U should be listed on the *Device Manager.*
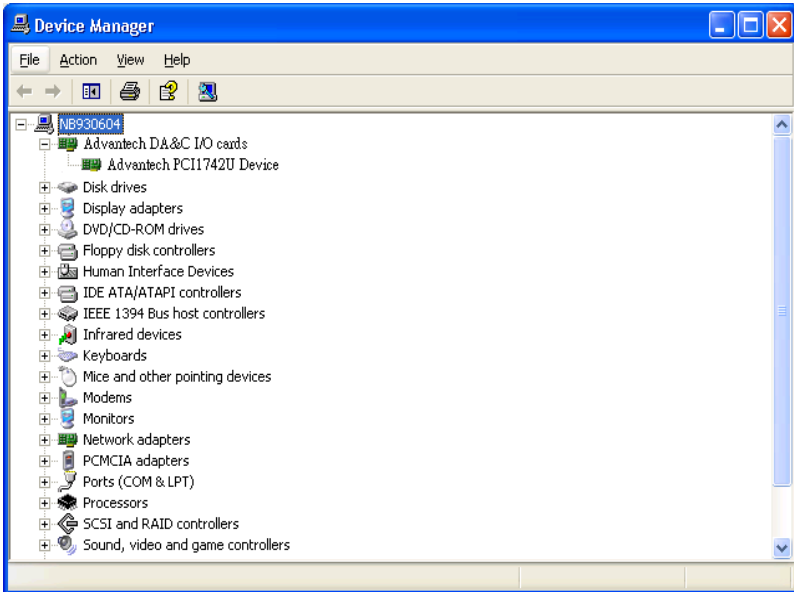
Figure 2.3: Device Manager

Note   If your card is properly installed, you should see
            the device name of your card listed on the Device
            Manager tab. If you see your device name listed,
            but marked with an exclamation sign "!", it means
            your card has not been correctly installed. In this
            case, remove the card device from the Device
            Manager by selecting its device name and press
            the Remove button. Then go through the driver
            installation process again.

After your card is properly installed on your system, you can now config-
ure your device using the *Device Manager* program that has itself already
been installed on your system during driver setup. A complete device
installation procedure should include device setup, configuration and test-
ing. The following sections will guide you through the *setup*, *configura-
tion* and *testing* of your device.

2.4 Device Configuration & Testing

The *Device Manager* program is a utility that allows you to configure and
test your device, and later stores your settings on the system registry.
These settings will be used when you call the APIs of *Advantech Device
Drivers*.

After properly installing PCI-1742U, you can now proceed to configure
and test the device by clicking the Setup/Test button on the I/O Device
Manager dialog box. (Fig. 2-4).
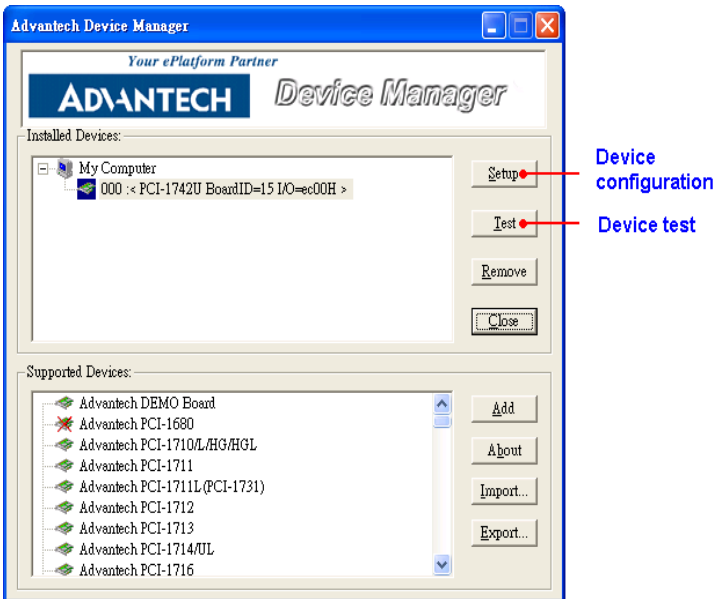
Figure 2.4: Device Manager Dialog Box

Note	As we have noted, the device name "000:<PCI-1742U BoardID=1 I/O=ec000H" begins with device number "000", which is specifically assigned to each card. The device number is passed to the driver to specify which device you wish to control.

Device Configuration

In the Device Setting dialog box (Figure2.5), you can configure the A/D channel as Single-ended or Differential and choose the D/A channel reference voltage source type.

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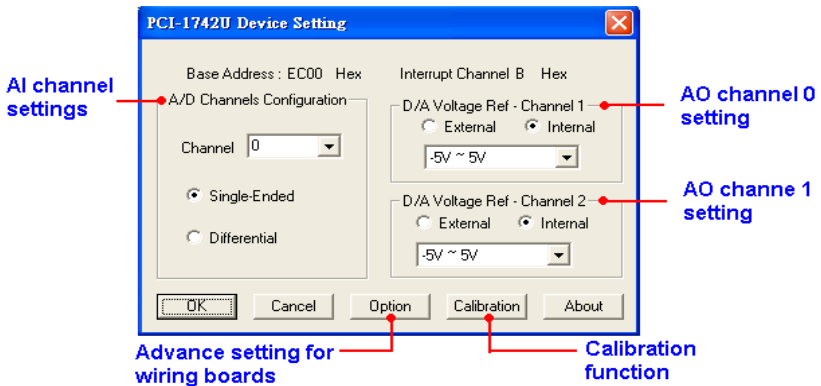
Figure 2.5: The Device Setting Dialog Box

Note   *You can configure the source of D/A reference volt-*
              age either as Internal or External, and select the
              output voltage range. When selecting Internal volt-
              age source, you have four options for the output
              voltage range : 0~5V, 0~10V, +/-5V & +/-10V.

              When selected as External, the output voltage
              range is determined by the external reference volt-
              age in the following way:

              By inputting an external reference voltage: -xV ,
              where |x| <= 10, you will get two available output
              voltage ranges: 0~xV and -x~xV.

2.5 Device Testing

After following the *Setup* and *Configuration* procedure to the last step
described in the previous section, you can now proceed to test the device
by clicking the **Test** Button on the *Device Manager* dialog box (*Fig. 2-4*).

Note: *You can access the Device Test dialog box through the*
              previous procedure for the Device Installation, or simply
              by accessing Start/Programs/Advantech Automation/
              Device Manager/Advantech Device Manager.

              All functions are performed by the software polling
              method. For high speed data acquirements or output,
              functions have to use a corresponding VC example like
              ADINT or ADBMDMA.

2.5.1 Testing the Analog Input Function

Click the Analog Input tab to bring it up to the front of the screen. Select
the input range for each channel in the Input range drop-down boxes. Con-
figure the sampling rate on the scroll bar. Switch the channels by using the
up/down arrow.
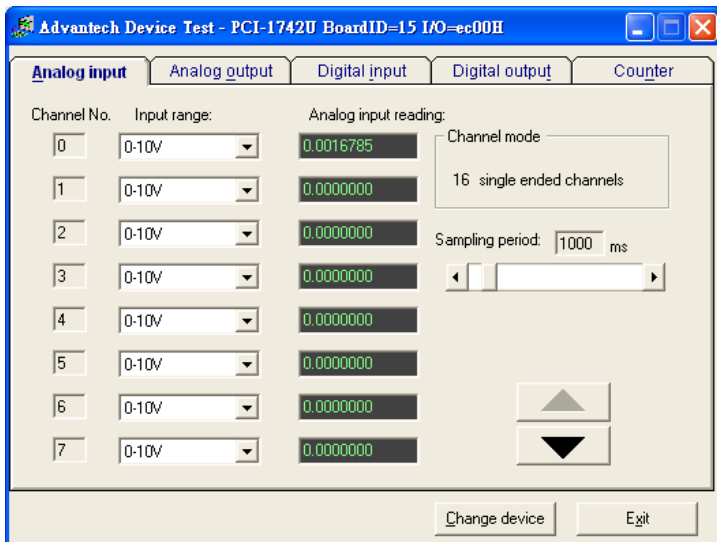
Figure 2.6: Analog Input tab

2.5.2 Testing the Analog Output Function

Click the *Analog Output* tab to bring it up to the foreground. The *Analog Output* tab allows you to output quasi-sine, triangle, or square waveforms automatically, or output single values manually. You can also configure the waveform frequency and output voltage range.
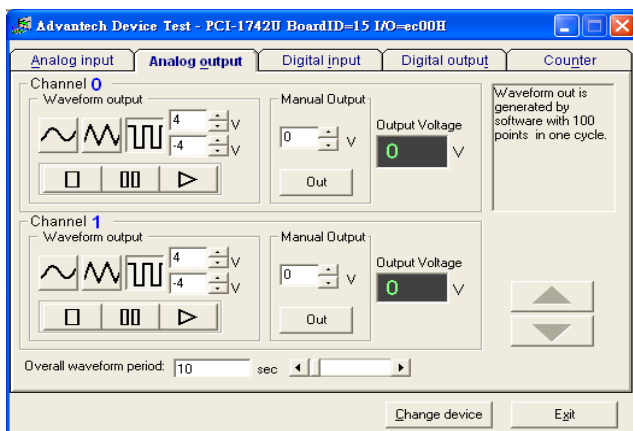
Figure 2.7: Analog Output Tab

2.5.3 Testing Digital Input Function

Click the *Digital Input* tab to show forth the *Digital Input* test panel as seen below. Through the color of the lamps, you can easily discern whether the status of each digital input channel is high or low.
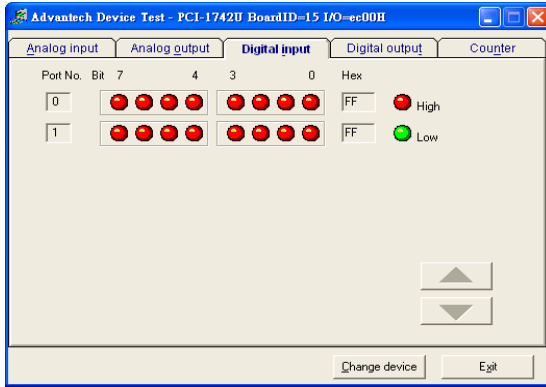
Figure 2.8: Digital Input Tab

2.5.4 Testing Digital Output Function

Click the *Digital Output* tab to bring up the *Digital Output* test panel such as the one seen on the next page. By pressing the buttons on each tab, you can easily set each digital output channel as *high* or *low* for the corresponding port.
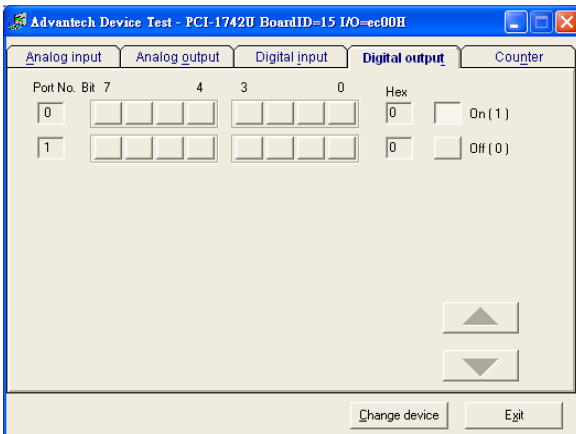
Figure 2.9: Digital Output Tab

2.5.5 Testing Counter Function

Click the *Counter* Tab to bring its test panel forth. The counter channel *(Channel 0)* offers two options: Event counting and Pulse out. If you select Event counting, you need to connect your clock source to pin CNT0_CLK. If you select Pulse Out, the clock source will be output to pin CNT0_OUT. You can configure the *Pulse Frequency* with the scroll bar right below it.
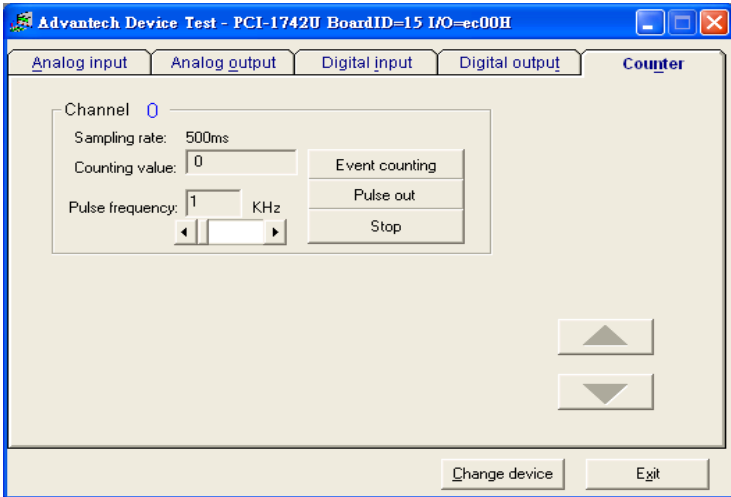
Figure 2.10: Counter Tab

Only after your card device is properly set up, configured and tested, can the device installation procedure be counted as complete. After the device installation procedure is completed, you can safely proceed to the next chapter*, Signal Connection*s.

Signal Connections

This chapter provides useful information about how to connect input and output signals to PCI-1742U via the I/O connector.

Sections include:

- I/O Connector
- Analog Input Connections
- Analog Output Connections
- Trigger Source Connections
- Field Wiring Considerations

Chapter 3 Signal Connections

3.1 I/O Connector

The I/O connector on the PCI-1742U is a 68-pin connector that enables you to connect to accessories with the PCL-10168 shielded cable.

Fig. 3-1 shows the pin assignments for the 68-pin I/O connector on the PCI-1742U, and table 3-1 shows the I/O connector signal description.

3.1.1 I/O Connector Signal Description

Table 3.1: I/O Connector Signal Description			
AI<0…15>	AIGND	Input	Analog Input Channels 0 through 15. Each channel pair, AI<i, i+1> (i = 0, 2, 4...14), can be configured as either two single-ended inputs or one differential input.
AIGND	-	-	Analog Input Ground. The three ground references (AIGND, AOGND, and DGND) are connected together.
AO0_REF AO1_REF	AOGND	Input	Analog Output Channel 0/1 External Reference.
AO0_OUT AO1_OUT	AOGND	Output	Analog Output Channels 0/1
AOGND	-	-	Analog Output Ground. The analog output voltages are referenced to these nodes. The three ground references (AIGND, AOGND, and DGND) are connected together.
DI<0..15>	DGND	Input	Digital Input channels.
DO<0..15>	DGND	Output	Digital Output channels.
DGND	-	-	Digital Ground. This pin supplies the reference for the digital channels at the I/O connector as well as the +5VDC supply. The three ground references (AIGND, AOGND, and DGND) are connected together.

Table 3.1: I/O Connector Signal Description			
CNT0_CLK	DGND	Input	Counter 0 Clock Input. The clock input of counter 0 can be either external or internal , as set by software.
CNT0_OUT	DGND	Output	Counter 0 Output.
CNT0_GATE	DGND	Input	Counter 0 Gate Control.
PACER_OUT	DGND	Output	Pacer Clock Output. This pin pulses once for each pacer clock when turned on. If A/D conversion is in the pacer trigger mode, users can use this signal as a synchronous signal for other applications.
TRG_GATE	DGND	Input	A/D External Trigger Gate. When TRG _GATE is connected to DGND, it will disable the external trigger signal to input.
EXT_TRG	DGND	Input	A/D External Trigger. This pin is external trigger signal input for the A/D conversion. A low-to-high edge triggers A/D conversion to start.
+12V	DGND	Output	+12 VDC Source.
+5V	DGND	Output	+5 VDC Source.

3.1.2 Pin Assignment

AI0	68	34	AI1
AI2	67	33	AI3
AI4	66	32	AI5
AI6	65	31	AI7
AI8	64	30	AI9
AI10	63	29	AI11
AI12	62	28	AI13
AI14	61	27	AI15
AIGND	60	26	AIGND
AO0_REF*	59	25	AO1_REF*
AO0_OUT*	58	24	AO1_OUT*
AOGND*	57	23	AOGND*
DI0	56	22	DI1
DI2	55	21	DI3
DI4	54	20	DI5
DI6	53	19	DI7
DI8	52	18	DI9
DI10	51	17	DI11
DI12	50	16	DI13
DI14	49	15	DI15
DGND	48	14	DGND
DO0	47	13	DO1
DO2	46	12	DO3
DO4	45	11	DO5
DO6	44	10	DO7
DO8	43	9	DO9
DO10	42	8	DO11
DO12	41	7	DO13
DO14	40	6	DO15
DGND	39	5	DGND
CNT0_CLK	38	4	PACER_OUT
CNT0_OUT	37	3	TRG_GATE
CNT0_GATE	36	2	EXT_TRG
+12V	35	1	+5V

Figure 3.1: I/O Connector Pin Assignments

3.2 Analog Input Connections

3.2.1 Single-ended Channel Connections

The single-ended input configuration has only one signal wire for each channel, and the measured voltage (Vm) is the voltage of the wire as referenced against the common ground.

A signal source without a local ground is also called a "floating source". It is fairly simple to connect a single-ended channel to a floating signal source. In this mode, the PCI-1742U provides a reference ground for external floating signal sources. *Fig. 3-2* shows a single-ended channel connection between a floating signal source and an input channel on PCI-1742U.
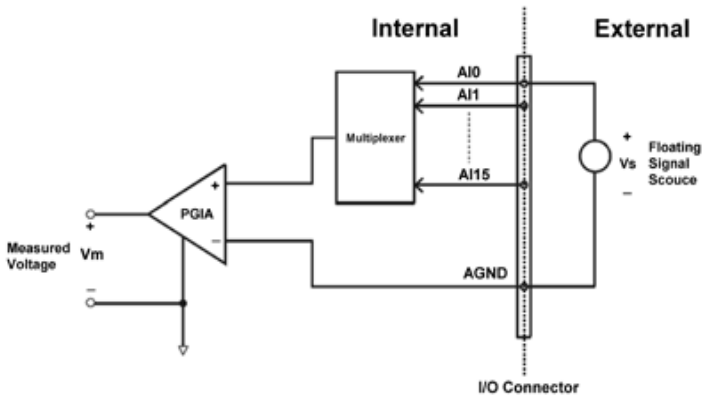
Figure 3.2: Single-ended Channel Connections

3.2.2 Differential Channel Connections

The differential input channels operate with two signal wires for each channel, and the voltage difference between both signal wires is measured. On PCI-1742U, when all channels are configured to differential input, up to 8 analog channels are available.

If one side of the signal source is connected to a local ground, the signal source is ground-referenced. Therefore, the ground of the signal source and the ground of the card will not be exactly of the same voltage. The difference between the ground voltages forms a common-mode voltage (V cm).

To avoid the ground loop noise effect caused by common-mode voltages, you can connect the signal ground to the Low input. *Figure 3-3* shows a differential channel connection between a ground-reference signal source and an input channel on the PCI-1742U. With this connection, the PGIA rejects a common-mode voltage V_{cm} between the signal source and the PCI-1742U ground, shown as V_{cm} in *Figure 3-3*.
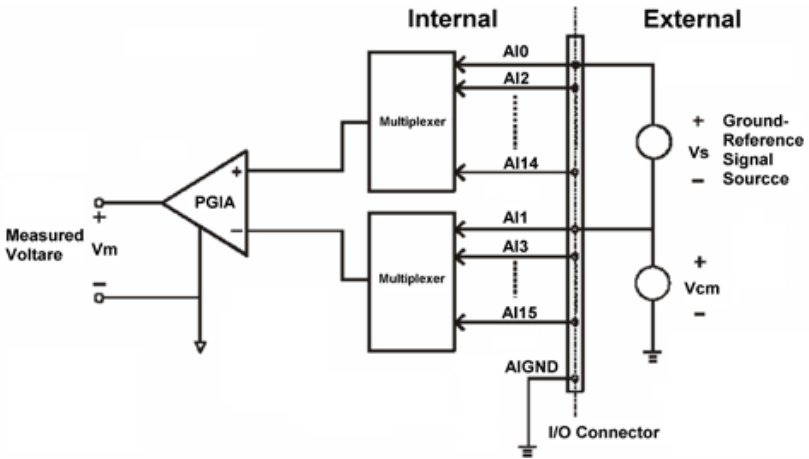
Figure 3.3: Differential Connection - Ground Signal

If a floating signal source is connected to the differential input channel, the signal source might exceed the common-mode signal range of the PGIA, and the PGIA will be saturated with erroneous voltage-readings. You must therefore reference the signal source against the AIGND.

Figure 3.4 shows a differential channel connection between a floating signal source and an input channel on PCI-1742U. In this figure, each side of the floating signal source is connected through a resistor to the AIGND. This connection can reject the common-mode voltage between the signal source and the PCI-1742U ground.
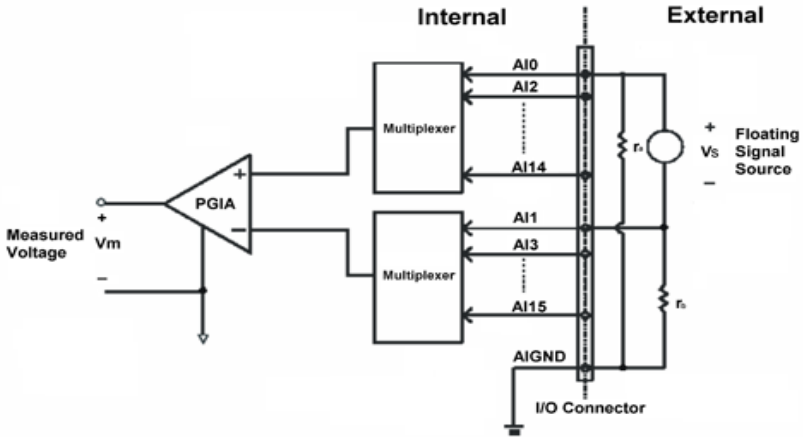
Figure 3.4: Differential Connection - Floating Signal

This connection has the disadvantage of loading the source down with the series combination (sum) of the two resistors. For ra and rb, for example, if the input impedance rs is 1 kW, and each of the two resistors are 100 kW, then the resistors load down the signal source with 200 kW (100 kW + 100 kW), resulting in a –0.5% gain error. The following gives a simplified representation of the circuit and calculating process.

V_s: ideal signal source

V_I: measured signal source

r_s: output impedance of signal source

r_a, r_b: series-wound resistors

$$V_I = \frac{r_a+r_b}{r_s+r_a+r_b} V_s = \frac{200}{1+200} V_s = \frac{200}{201} V_s$$

$$\text{Gain error} = \frac{V_I-V_s}{V_s} = -\frac{1}{201} = -0.5\%$$
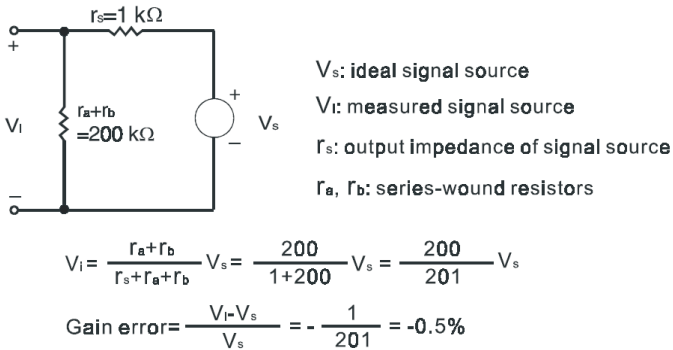
Figure 3.5: Example

3.3 Analog Output Connections

The PCI-1742U provides two D/A output channels, **AO0** and **AO1**. You may use the PCI-1742U internally-provided precision -5V (-10V) reference to generate 0 to +5 V (+10 V) D/A output range. You may also create a D/A output range through the external reference, **AO0_REF**. The external reference input range is +/-10 V. For example, connecting with an external reference of -7 V will generate 0 ~ +7 V D/A output.

Fig. 3-5 shows how to make analog output and external reference input connections on the PCI-1742U.
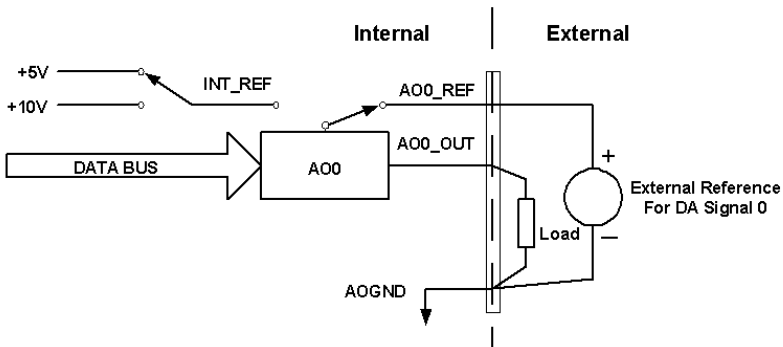
Figure 3.6: Analog Output Connections

3.4 Trigger Source Connections

3.4.1 Internal Pacer Trigger Connection

PCI-1742U includes one 82C54 compatible programmable Timer/ Counter chip which provides three 16-bit counters connected to a 10 MHz clock, each designated specifically as Counter 0, Counter 1 and Counter 2. Counter 0 is a counter which counts events from an input channel or outputting pulse. Counter 1 and Counter 2 are cascaded to create a 32-bit timer for pacer triggering. A low-to-high edge from the Counter 2 output **(PACER_OU**T**)** will trigger an A/D conversion on the PCI-1742U. At the same time, you can also use this signal as a synchronous signal for other applications.

3.4.2 External Trigger Source Connection

In addition to pacer triggering, the PCI-1742U also allows external triggering for A/D conversions. A low-to-high edge coming from **EXT_TRG** will trigger an A/D conversion on the PCI-1742U. When **DGND** is connected to **TRG_GAT**E, the external trigger function is thereby disabled.

3.5 Field Wiring Considerations

When you use the PCI-1742U to acquire data from outside, noises in the environment might significantly affect the accuracy of your measurements if due cautions are not taken. The following measures will be helpful to reduce possible interference running signal wires between signal sources and the PCI-1742U.

• The signal cables must be kept away from strong electromagnetic sources such as power lines, large electric motors, circuit breakers or welding machines, since they may cause strong electromagnetic interference. Keep the analog signal cables away from any video monitor, since it can significantly affect a data acquisition system.

• If the cable travels through an area with significant electromagnetic interference, you should adopt individually shielded, twisted-pair wires as the analog input cable. This type of cable has its signal wires twisted together and shielded with a metal mesh. The metal mesh should only be connected to one point at the signal source ground.

• Avoid running the signal cables through any conduit that might have power lines in it.

• If you have to place your signal cable parallel to a power line that has a high voltage or high current running through it, try to keep a safe distance between them. Or, you should place the signal cable at a right angle to the power line to minimize the undesirable effect.

The signals transmitted on the cable will be directly affected by the quality of the cable. In order to ensure better signal quality, we recommend that you use the PCL-10168 shielded cable.

3.6 BoardID Switch Settings

The PCI-1742U card has one Board ID switch setting. The following image shows the layout of PCI-1742U:
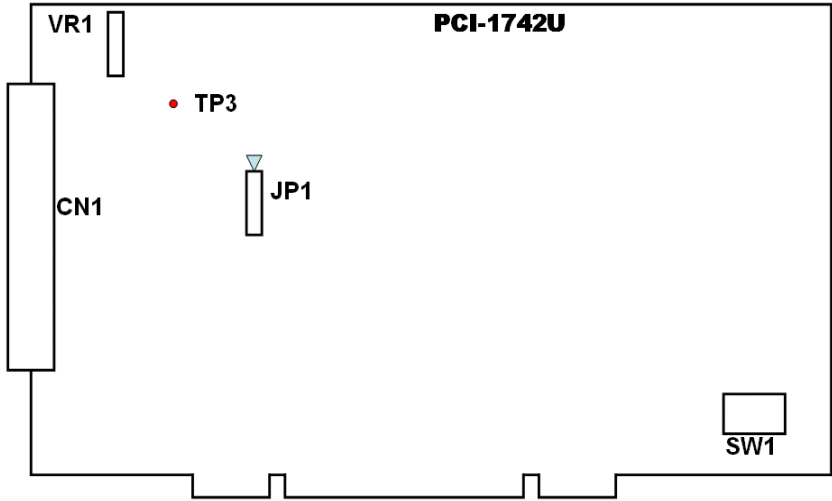
Figure 3.7: Jumpers and Switch Locations

The PCI-1742U has a built-in DIP-switch (SW1), which is used to define each the BoardID. You can determine the BoardID switch on the register. When there are multiple cards on the same chassis, this BoardID switch setting function is useful for identifying each card device number through BoardID switch. The factory setting for the PCI-1742U BoardID switch is 0. If you need to adjust it to other BoardID switchs, set SW1 while referring to Table 3.2.

Table 3.2: BoardID Setting

ID3*	ID2	ID1	ID0	Board ID
1	1	1	1	0
1	1	1	0	1
1	1	0	1	2
1	1	0	0	3
1	0	1	1	4
1	0	1	0	5
1	0	0	1	6
1	0	0	0	7
0	1	1	1	8
0	1	1	0	9
0	1	0	1	10
0	1	0	0	11
0	0	1	1	12
0	0	1	0	13
0	0	0	1	14
0	0	0	0	15

Note: On: 1, Off: 0

*ID3: the most significant bit (MSB) of BoardID

Software Overview

This chapter gives you an overview of the software programming choices available and a quick reference of source codes.

Sections include:

- Software Overview
- Programming Choices
- DLL Driver Programming

Chapter 4 Software Overview

4.1 Software Overview

Programming choices for DAS cards: You may use Advantech application software such as Advantech DLL driver. On the other hand, advanced users are allowed another option for register-level programming, although not recommended due to its laborious and time-consuming nature.

4.2 Programming Choices

4.2.1 DLL Driver

The Advantech DLL Drivers software is included on the companion CD-ROM at no extra charge. It also comes with all the Advantech DAS cards. Advantech's DLL driver features a complete I/O function library to help boost your application performance. The Advantech DLL driver for *Windows 2000/XP* works seamlessly with development tools such as Visual C++, Visual Basic, Borland C++ Builder and Borland Delphi.

4.2.2 Register-Level Programming

Register-level programming is reserved for experienced programmers who find it necessary to write code directly at the level of device registers. Since register-level programming requires much effort and time, we recommend that you use the Advantech DLL drivers instead. However, if register-level programming is indispensable, you should refer to the relevant information in *Appendix C, Register Structure and Format*, or to the example codes included on the companion CD-ROM.

4.3 DLL Driver Programming Roadmap

This section will provide you a roadmap to demonstrate how to build an application from scratch using Advantech DLL driver with your favorite development tools such as Visual C++, Visual Basic, Delphi and C++ Builder. The step-by-step instructions on how to build your own applications using each development tool will be given in the *DLL Drivers Manual*. Moreover, a rich set of example source codes are also given for your reference.

4.3.1 Programming Tools

Programmers can develop application programs with their favorite development tools:

• Visual C++

• Visual Basic

• Delphi

• C++ Builder

For instructions on how to begin programming in each development tool, Advantech offers a *Tutorial* Chapter in the *DLL Drivers Manual* for your reference. Please refer to the corresponding sections in this chapter on the *DLL Drivers Manual* to begin your programming efforts. You can also take a look at the example source codes provided for each programming tool, since they can be very helpful.

The *DLL Drivers Manual* can be found on the companion CD-ROM. Or if you have already installed the DLL Drivers on your system, The *DLL Drivers Manual* can be readily accessed through the *Start* button:

Start/Programs/Advantech Automation/Device Manager/Device Driver's Manual

The example source codes can be found under the corresponding installation folder such as the default installation path:

\Program Files\ADVANTECH\ADSAPI\Examples

For information about using other function groups or development tools, please refer to the *Creating Windows 2000/XP Application with DLL Driver* and the *Function Overview* chapters in the *DLL Drivers Manual*.

4.3.2 Programming with DLL Driver Function Library

Advantech DLL driver offers a rich function library to be utilized in various application programs. This function library consists of numerous APIs that support many development tools, such as Visual C++, Visual Basic, Delphi and C++ Builder.

According to their specific functions or services, these APIs can be categorized into several function groups:

• Analog Input Function Group

• Analog Output Function Group

• Digital Input/Output Function Group

• Counter Function Group

• Port Function Group

For the usage and parameters of each function, please refer to the *Function Overview* chapter in the *DLL Drivers Manual*.

4.3.3 Troubleshooting DLL Driver Error

Driver functions will return a status code when they are called to perform a certain task for the application. When a function returns a code that is not zero, it means the function has failed to perform its designated function. To troubleshoot the DLL driver error, you can pass the error code to **DRV_GetErrorMessage** function to return the error message. Or you can refer to the *DLL Driver Error Codes Appendix* in the *DLL Drivers Manual* for a detailed listing of the Error Code, Error ID and the Error Message.

CHAPTER **5**

Calibration

This chapter provides brief information on PCI-1742U calibration.

Sections include:

• VR Assignment

Chapter 5 Calibration

PCI-1742U has been calibrated at the factory for initial use. However, a calibration of the analog input and the analog output function every six months is recommended.

These calibration programs make calibration an easy job. With a variety of prompts and graphic displays, these programs will lead you through the calibration and setup procedures, showing you all the correct settings and adjustments.

To perform a satisfactory calibration, you will need a 7½-digit digital multi-meter and a voltage calibrator or a stable, noise-free D.C. voltage source.

Note　　　*Before you calibrate the PCI-1742U, you must turn on the power at least **15 minutes** to make sure the DAS card is stable.*

5.1 VR Assignment

There is one variable resistor (VR1) on the PCI-1742U to adjust the accurate reference voltage on the PCI-1742U. We provide a test point (See TP3 in Figure 5.1) for you to check the reference voltage on board. Before you start to calibrate A/D and D/A channels, please adjust VR1 until the reference voltage on TP3 has reached +5.0000 V. Figure 5.1 shows the locations of VR1 and TP3.
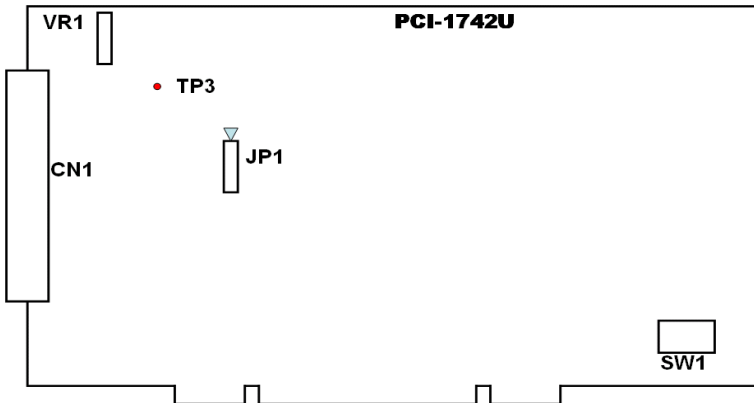
Figure 5.1: Locations of VR1 and TP3

5.1.1 Calibration Utility

Users can access the "AD and DA Auto Calibration" utility through the Advantech Device Manger
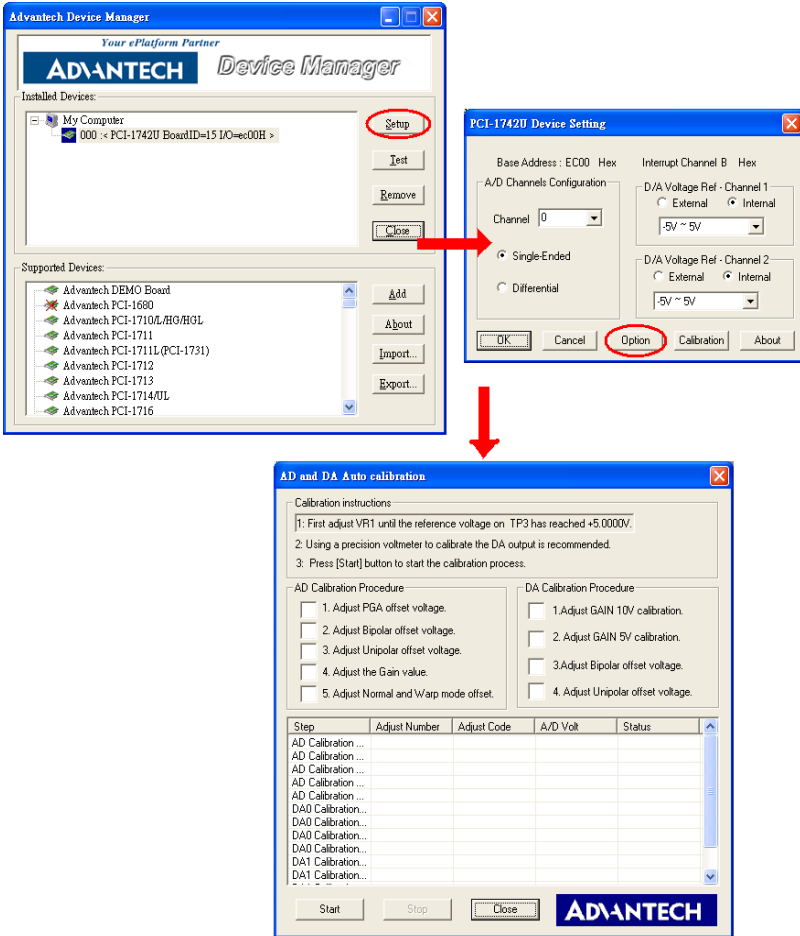

Figure 5.2: AD and DA Auto Calibration Utility

Please follow the utility instructions to complete AD/DA calibration.
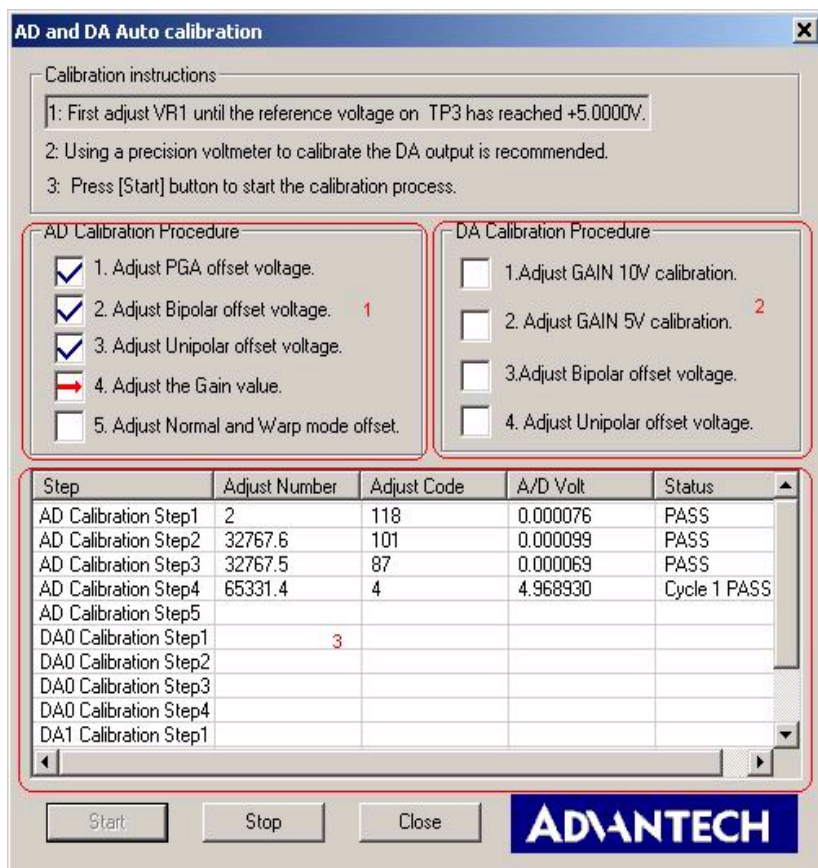
Figure 5.3: Calibration Utility Instruction

Item 1: AD calibration steps;

Item 2: DA calibration steps;

Item 3: Show AD/DA calibration parameters and status.

Specifications

Appendix A Specifications

A.1 Analog Input

Channels	16 single-ended or 8 differential or combination				
Resolution	16-bit				
FIFO Size	1K samples				
Max. Sampling Rate	1 MS/s single-channel 800kS/s multi-channel 250kS/s unipolar bipolar mixed				
A/D converter mode	Normal mode: maximum 800kS/s minimum: no Warp mode: maximum 1MS/s minimum: 1kS/s				
Input range and PGA Gain List	PGA Gain	0.5	1	2	4	8
	Unipolar	N/A	0~10	0~5	0~2.5	0~1.25
	Bipolar	±10	±5	±2.5	±1.25	±0.625
Bandwidth of PGA	PGA Gain	0.5	1	2	4	8
	Band-width	2MHz	2MHz	1MHz	1MHz	800kHz
Common Mode Voltage	±7 V max. (operational)				
Protection	±20 V				
Input Impedance	100 M/10pF(Off); 100 M/100pF(On)				
Accuracy	DC	DNLE: ±1LSB				
		INLE: ±3LSB				
		Offset error: Adjustable to ±2 LSB				
		Gain	0.5	1	2	4	8
		Gain error (% FSR)	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.04
	AC	THD: -90 dB				
		ENOB: 13.5 bits @ 1MS/s 14.5 bits @ < 250KS/s				

A.2 Analog Output:

Channels	2	
Resolution	16-bit	
Throughput	2MS/s max. per channel (FSR)	
Output Range (Internal & External Reference)	Using Internal Reference	0~+5V, 0~+10 V, -5~+5V,-10~+10V
	Using External Reference	0~+x V@ +x V (-10 x 10) -x~+x V@ +x V (-10 x 10)
Accuracy	DC	DNLE: ±1LSB (monotonic)
		INLE: ±2LSB
		Offset error: Adjustable to ±2 LSB
		Gain error: Adjustable to ±2 LSB
Dynamic Performance	Settling Time	0.5µs (to 4 LSB of FSR)
	Slew Rate	40 V/µs
Driving Capability	±2mA	
Output Impedance	2.5 ohm	
Tempco	Gain: 30 ppm/°C Offset: 15µV/°C	

A.3 Digital Input /Output:

Input channels	16	
Output channels	16	
Number of ports	2	
Input Voltage	Low	0.8 V max.
	High	2.0 V min.
Output Voltage	Low	0.5 V max.@+24 mA (sink)
	High	2.4 V min.@-15 mA (source)
Pull up resistor	10k	

A.4 Counter/Timer:

Channels	1 (82C54)
Resolution	16-bit
Clock source	10MHz max.
Clock Tempco	50 ppm/°C

A.5 General

I/O Connector Type	68-pin SCSI-II female	
Dimensions	175 × 100 mm (6.9" × 3.9")	
Power Consumption	Typical	+5 V @ 850 mA +12 V @ 600 mA
	Max.	+5 V @ 1 A
Temperature	Operation	0~+60°C (32~158°F) (refer to *IEC 68-2-1,2)*
	Storage	-20~+85°C (-4~185°F)
Relative Humidity	5 ~ 95% RH non-condensing (refer to *IEC 68-2-3*)	
Certification	CE certified	

Block Diagram

Appendix B Block Diagram

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82C54 Counter Chip Function
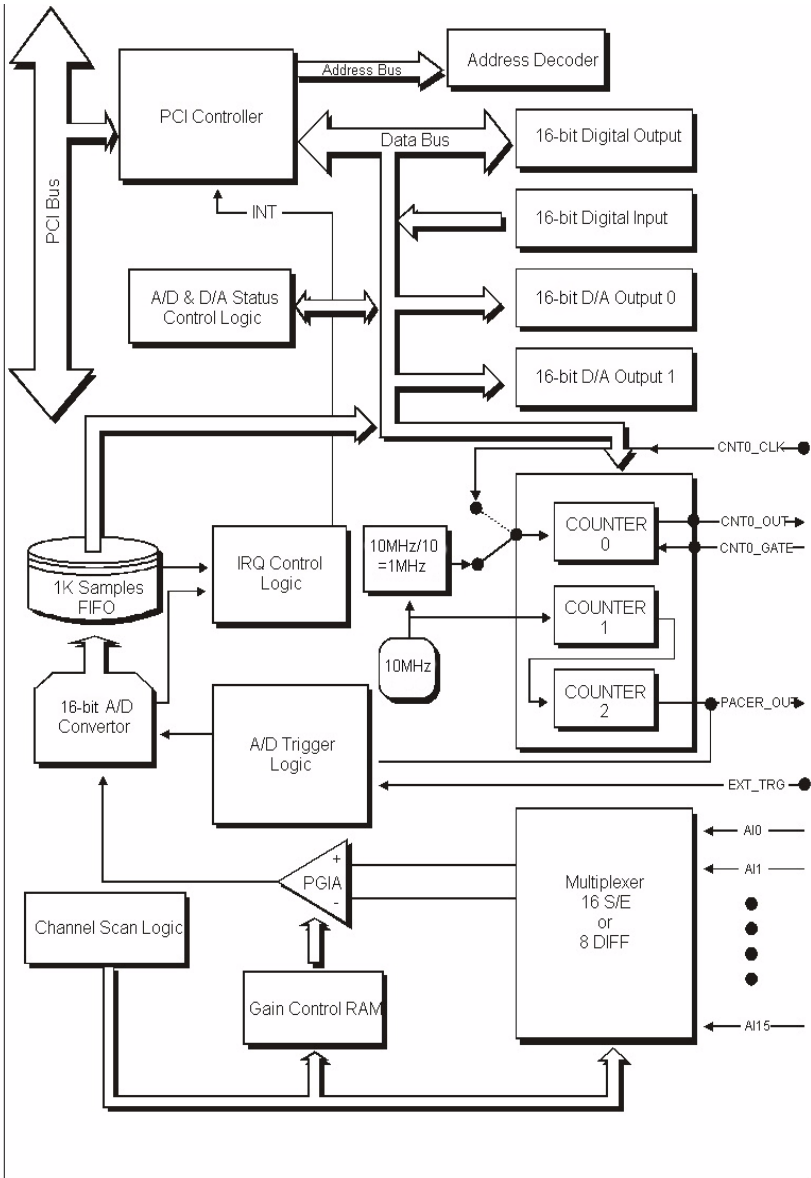
Appendix C 82C54 Counter Chip Function

C.1 Intel 82C54

The PCI-1742U uses one Intel 82C54-compatible programmable interval timer/counter chip. The popular 82C54 chip offers three independent 16-bit counters, counter 0, counters 1 and 2. You can program each counter for maximum count values from 2 to 65535.

The 82C54 has a maximum input clock frequency of 10 MHz. The PCI-1742U provides 10 MHz input frequencies to the counter chip from an onboard crystal oscillator.

Counter 0

On the PCI-1742U, counter 0 can be a 16-bit timer or an event counter as chosen by the user. When the clock source is set as an internal source, counter 0 is a 16-bit timer.

Counter 1 & 2

Counters 1 and 2 of the counter chip are cascaded to create a 32-bit timer for the pacer trigger. A low-to-high edge of counter 2's output will trigger an A/D conversion.

C.2 Counter Read/Write & Control Registers

The 82C54 programmable interval timer uses four registers at addresses BASE + 24 (Dec), BASE + 26 (Dec), BASE + 28 (Dec) and BASE + 30 (Dec) for read, write and control of counter functions. Register functions appear below:

Table C.1: Counter Registers	
Register	Function
BASE + 24 (Dec)	Counter 0 read/write
BASE + 26 (Dec	Counter 1 read/write
BASE + 28 (Dec)	Counter 2 read/write
BASE + 30 (Dec)	Counter control word

Since the 82C54 counter uses a 16-bit structure, each section of read/write data is split into a least significant byte (LSB) and most significant byte (MSB). To avoid errors, it is important that you make read/write operations in pairs and keep track of the byte order.

The data format for the control register is as below:

BASE + 30 (Dec) 82C54 control							
Bit	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Value	SC1	SC0	RW1	RW0	M2	M1	M0	BCD

Description

SC1 & SC0 Select counter		
Counter	SC1	SC0
0	0	0
1	0	1
2	1	0
Read-back command	1	1

RW1 & RW0 Select read / write operation		
Operation	RW1	RW0
counter Latch	0	0
Read/write LSB	0	1
Read/write MSB	1	0
Read/write LSB first, then MSB	1	1

M2, M1 & M0 Select operating mode				
M2	M1	M0	Mode	Description
0	0	0	0	Stop on terminal count
0	0	1	1	Programmable one shot
X	1	0	2	Rate generator
X	1	1	3	Square wave rate generator
1	0	0	4	Software triggered strobe
1	0	1	5	Hardware triggered strobe

BCD Select binary or BCD counting	
BCD	Type
0	Binary counting 16-bits
1	Binary coded decimal (BCD) counting

If you set the module for binary counting, the count can be any number from 0 up to 65535. If you set it for BCD (Binary Coded Decimal) counting, the count can be any number from 0 to 9999.

If you set both SC1 and SC0 bits to 1, the counter control register is in read-back command mode. The control register data format then becomes:

BASE + 30(Dec) 82C54 control, read-back mode								
Bit	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Value	1	1	CNT	STA	C2	C1	C0	X

CNT = 0   Latch count of selected counter(s)

STA = 0   Latch status of selected counter(s)

C2, C1 & C0   Select counter for a read-back operation

    C2 = 1 select Counter 2

    C1 = 1 select Counter 1

    C0 = 1 select Counter 0

If you set both SC1 and SC0 to 1 and STA to 0, the register selected by C2 to C0 contains a byte which shows the status of the counter. The data format of the counter read/write register then becomes:

BASE +24/26/28(Dec) Status read-back mode								
Bit	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
Value	OUT	NC	RW1	RW2	M2	M1	M0	BCD

OUT Current state of counter output

NC Null count is 1 when the last count written to the counter register has been loaded into the counting element

C.3 Counter Operating Modes

The 82C54 programmable interval timer uses four registers at addresses BASE + 24 (Dec), BASE + 26 (Dec), BASE + 28 (Dec) and BASE + 30 (Dec) for read, write and control of counter functions.

Register functions appear below:

MODE 0 - Stop on Terminal Count

The output will initially below after you set operation to this mode. After you load the count into the selected count register, the output will remain low and the counter will count. When the counter reaches the terminal count, its output will go high and remain high until you reload it with the mode or a new count value. The counter continues to decrement after it reaches the terminal count. Rewriting a counter register during counting has the following results:

1.   Writing to the first byte stops the current counting.

2.   Writing to the second byte starts the new count.

MODE 1 - Programmable One-shot Pulse

The output is initially high. The output will go low on the count following the rising edge of the gate input. It will then go high on the terminal count. If you load a new count value while the output is low, the new value will not affect the duration of the one-shot pulse until the succeeding trigger. You can read the current count at any time without affecting the one-shot pulse. The one-shot is re-triggerable, thus the output will remain low for the full count after any rising edge at the gate input.

MODE 2 - Rate Generator

The output will be low for one period of the input clock. The period from one output pulse to the next equals the number of input counts in the counter register. If you reload the counter register between output pulses, the present period will not be affected, but the subsequent period will reflect the value.

The gate input, when low, will force the output high. When the gate input goes high, the counter will start from the initial count. You can thus use the gate input to synchronize the counter.

With this mode the output will remain high until you load the count register. You can also synchronize the output by software.

MODE 3 - Square Wave Generator

This mode is similar to Mode 2, except that the output will remain high until one half of the count has been completed (for even numbers), and will go low for the other half of the count. This is accomplished by decreasing the counter by two on the falling edge of each clock pulse. When the counter reaches the terminal count, the state of the output is changed, the counter is reloaded with the full count and the whole process is repeated.

If the count is odd and the output is high, the first clock pulse (after the count is loaded) decrements the count by 1. Subsequent clock pulses decrement the count by 2. After time-out, the output goes low and the full count is reloaded. The first clock pulse (following the reload) decrements the counter by 3. Subsequent clock pulses decrement the count by two until time-out, then the whole process is repeated. In this way, if the count is odd, the output will be high for $(N+1)/2$ counts and low for $(N-1)/2$ counts.

MODE 4 - Software-Triggered Strobe

After the mode is set, the output will be high. When the count is loaded, the counter will begin counting. On terminal count, the output will go low for one input clock period then go high again. If you reload the count register during counting, the new count will be loaded on the next CLK pulse. The count will be inhibited while the GATE input is low.

MODE 5 - Hardware-Triggered Strobe

The counter will start counting after the rising edge of the trigger input and will go low for one clock period when the terminal count is reached. The counter is re-triggerable.