

## SPECIFICATIONS

# NI cDAQ™ -9178

## NI CompactDAQ Eight-Slot USB Chassis

These specifications are for the National Instruments CompactDAQ 9178 chassis only. These specifications are typical at 25 °C unless otherwise noted. For the C Series I/O module specifications, refer to the documentation for the C Series I/O module you are using.

### Analog Input

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Input FIFO size.....	127 samples per slot
Maximum sample rate <sup>1</sup> .....	Determined by the C Series I/O module or modules
Timing accuracy <sup>2</sup> .....	50 ppm of sample rate
Timing resolution <sup>3</sup> .....	12.5 ns
Number of channels supported.....	Determined by the C Series I/O module or modules

### Analog Output

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Number of channels supported	
Hardware-timed task	
Onboard regeneration.....	16
Non-regeneration.....	Determined by the C Series I/O module or modules

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<sup>1</sup> Performance dependent on type of installed C Series I/O module and number of channels in the task.

<sup>2</sup> Does not include group delay. For more information, refer to the documentation for each C Series I/O module.

<sup>3</sup> Does not include group delay. For more information, refer to the documentation for each C Series I/O module.

Non-hardware-timed task.....	Determined by the C Series I/O module or modules
Maximum update rate	
Onboard regeneration.....	1.6 MS/s (multi-channel, aggregate)
Non-regeneration.....	Determined by the C Series I/O module or modules
Timing accuracy.....	50 ppm of sample rate
Timing resolution.....	12.5 ns
Output FIFO size	
Onboard regeneration.....	8,191 samples shared among channels used
Non-regeneration.....	127 samples per slot
AO waveform modes.....	Non-periodic waveform, periodic waveform regeneration mode from onboard memory, periodic waveform regeneration from host buffer including dynamic update

## Digital Waveform Characteristics

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Waveform acquisition (DI) FIFO..... 127 samples per slot

Waveform generation (DO) FIFO

    Slots 1 to 4..... 2,047 samples

    Slots 5 to 8..... 1,023 samples



**Note** When modules are installed in slots 1 through 4, FIFO is 2,047 samples per slot for all slots. When any module is installed in slots 5 through 8, FIFO is 1,023 samples per slot for all eight slots.

Digital input sample clock frequency

    Streaming to application..... System-dependent memory

    Finite..... 0 to 10 MHz

Digital output sample clock frequency

    Streaming from application..... System-dependent memory

    Regeneration from FIFO..... 0 to 10 MHz

    Finite..... 0 to 10 MHz

Timing accuracy.....50 ppm

## General-Purpose Counters/Timers

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Number of counters/timers.....4

Resolution.....32 bits

Counter measurements.....Edge counting, pulse, semi-period, period,  
two-edge separation, pulse width

Position measurements.....X1, X2, X4 quadrature encoding with  
Channel Z reloading; two-pulse encoding

Output applications.....Pulse, pulse train with dynamic updates,  
frequency division, equivalent time sampling

Internal base clocks.....80 MHz, 20 MHz, 100 kHz

External base clock frequency.....0 to 20 MHz

Base clock accuracy.....50 ppm

Output frequency.....0 to 20 MHz

Inputs.....Gate, Source, HW\_Arm, Aux, A, B, Z,  
Up\_Down

Routing options for inputs.....Any module PFI, chassis PFI BNC, analog  
trigger, many internal signals

FIFO.....Dedicated 127-sample FIFO

## Frequency Generator

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Number of channels.....1

Base clocks.....20 MHz, 10 MHz, 100 kHz

Divisors.....1 to 16 (integers)

Base clock accuracy.....50 ppm

Output.....Any chassis PFI BNC or module PFI terminal

# Module PFI Characteristics

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Functionality.....Static digital input, static digital output, timing input, and timing output

Timing output sources<sup>4</sup>.....Many analog input, analog output, counter, digital input, and digital output timing signals

Timing input frequency.....0 to 20 MHz

Timing output frequency.....0 to 20 MHz

# Chassis PFI Characteristics

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Maximum input or output frequency.....1 MHz

Cable length.....3 m (10 ft)

Cable impedance.....50 Ω

TRIG 0 (PFI 0), TRIG 1 (PFI 1).....BNC

Power-on state.....High impedance

**Table 1.** Input/Output Voltage Protection

Voltage	Minimum	Maximum
Input	-20 V	25 V
Output	-15 V	20 V

Maximum operating conditions<sup>5</sup>

$I_{OL}$  output low current.....8 mA maximum

$I_{OH}$  output high current.....-8 mA maximum

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<sup>4</sup> Actual signals available dependent on type of installed C Series I/O module.

<sup>5</sup> Stresses beyond those listed under *Maximum operating conditions* may cause permanent damage to the chassis.

**Table 2. DC Input Characteristics**

<b>Voltage</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Positive going threshold	1.43 V	2.28 V
Negative going threshold	0.86 V	1.53 V
Hysteresis	0.48 V	0.87 V

**Table 3. DC Output Characteristics**

<b>Voltage</b>	<b>Conditions</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
High	-	-	5.25 V
	Sourcing 100 $\mu$ A	4.65 V	-
	Sourcing 2 mA	3.60 V	-
	Sourcing 3.5 mA	3.44 V	-
Low	Sinking 100 $\mu$ A	-	0.10 V
	Sinking 2 mA	-	0.64 V
	Sinking 3.5 mA	-	0.80 V

## Digital Triggers

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Source.....	Any chassis PFI BNC or module PFI terminal
Polarity.....	Software-selectable for most signals
Analog input function.....	Start Trigger, Reference Trigger, Pause Trigger, Sample Clock, Sample Clock Timebase
Analog output function.....	Start Trigger, Pause Trigger, Sample Clock, Sample Clock Timebase
Counter/timer function.....	Gate, Source, HW_Arm, Aux, A, B, Z, Up_Down

# Module I/O States

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At power-on.....Module-dependent. Refer to the documentation for each C Series I/O module.



**Note** The chassis may revert the input/output of the modules to their power-on state when the USB cable is removed.

## Power Requirements

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**Caution** You must use a National Electric Code (NEC) Class 2 power source with the NI cDAQ-9178 chassis.



**Note** Some C Series I/O modules have additional power requirements. For more information about C Series I/O module power requirements, refer to the documentation for each C Series I/O module.



**Note** Sleep mode for C Series I/O modules is not supported in the NI cDAQ-9178.

Input voltage range.....9 to 30 V

Maximum required input power<sup>6</sup>.....15 W

Power input connector.....2 positions 3.5 mm pitch pluggable screw terminal with screw locks similar to Sauro CTMH020F8-0N001

Power input mating connector.....Sauro CTF020V8, Phoenix Contact 1714977, or equivalent

Power consumption from USB,.....500  $\mu$ A maximum  
4.10 to 5.25 V

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<sup>6</sup> Includes maximum 1 W module load per slot across rated temperature and product variations.

# Bus Interface

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USB specification.....	USB 2.0 Hi-Speed
High-performance data streams.....	7
Data stream types available.....	Analog input, analog output, digital input, digital output, counter/timer input, counter/timer output, NI-XNET <sup>7</sup>



**Note** If you are connecting the NI cDAQ-9178 chassis to a USB hub, the hub must be externally powered.

## Physical Characteristics

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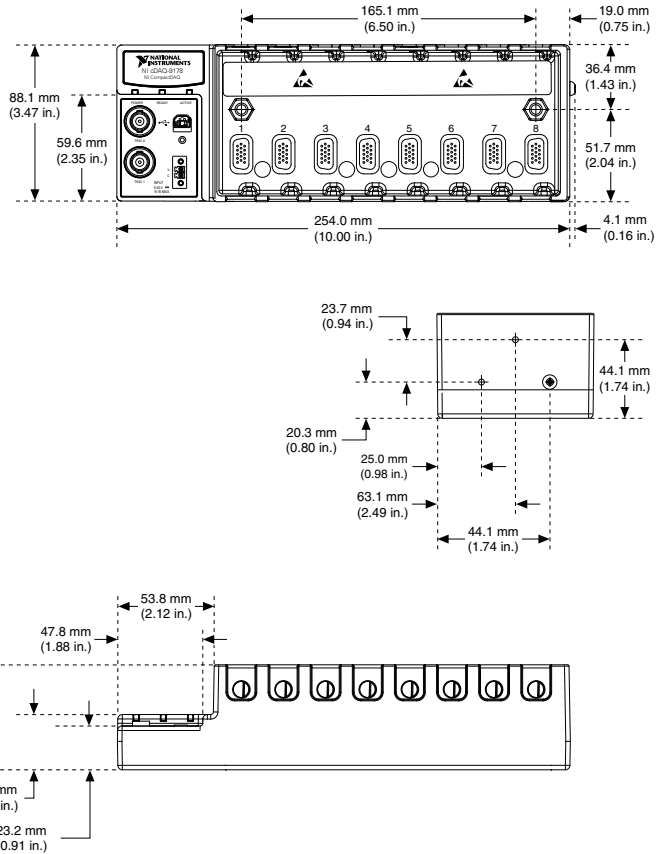
Weight (unloaded).....	Approx. 878 g (31.0 oz)
Dimensions (unloaded).....	254.0 mm × 88.1 mm × 58.9 mm (10 in. x 3.47 in. × 1.31 in.) Refer to the following figure.

If you need to clean the chassis, wipe it with a dry towel.

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<sup>7</sup> When a session is active, CAN or LIN (NI-XNET) C Series modules use a total of two data streams regardless of the number of NI-XNET modules in the chassis.

**Figure 1. NI cDAQ-9178 Dimensions**



## Environmental

Operating temperature <sup>8</sup> .....	-20 °C to 55 °C (IEC-60068-2-1 and IEC-60068-2-2)
Storage temperature.....	-40 °C to 85 °C (IEC-600068-2-1 and IEC-60068-2-2)
Ingress protection.....	IP 30

<sup>8</sup> When operating the NI cDAQ-9178 in temperatures below 0 °C, you must use the PS-15 power supply or another power supply rated for below 0 °C.



Operating humidity.....	10 to 90% RH, noncondensing (IEC-60068-2-56)
Storage humidity.....	5 to 95% RH, noncondensing (IEC-60068-2-56)
Pollution Degree (IEC 60664).....	2
Maximum altitude.....	5,000 m
Indoor use only.	

## Shock and Vibration

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To meet these specifications, you must panel mount the NI cDAQ-9178 system, use an NI locking USB cable, and affix ferrules to the ends of the terminal lines.

Operational shock.....	30 g peak, half-sine, 11 ms pulse (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-27. Test profile developed in accordance with MIL-PRF-28800F.)
Random vibration	
Operating.....	5 to 500 Hz, 0.3 g <sub>rms</sub>
Non-operating.....	5 to 500 Hz, 2.4 g <sub>rms</sub> (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-64. Non-operating test profile exceeds the requirements of MIL PRF-28800F, Class 3.)

## Safety

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

- IEC 61010-1, EN 61010-1
- UL 61010-1, CSA 61010-1



**Note** For UL and other safety certifications, refer to the product label or the [Online Product Certification](#) section.

# Electromagnetic Compatibility

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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
- FCC 47 CFR Part 15B: Class A emissions
- ICES-001: Class A emissions



**Note** In the United States (per FCC 47 CFR), Class A equipment is intended for use in commercial, light-industrial, and heavy-industrial locations. In Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand (per CISPR 11) Class A equipment is intended for use only in heavy-industrial locations.



**Note** Group 1 equipment (per CISPR 11) is any industrial, scientific, or medical equipment that does not intentionally generate radio frequency energy for the treatment of material or inspection/analysis purposes.



**Note** For EMC declarations and certifications, refer to the *Online Product Certification* section.

## CE Compliance

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This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives as follows:

- 2006/95/EC; Low-Voltage Directive (safety)
- 2004/108/EC; Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC)

## Online Product Certification

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