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This document lists specifications for the PXI-2546. All specifications are subject to change without notice.

About These Specifications

Specifications characterize the warranted performance of the instrument under the stated operating conditions. Data in this document are **Specifications** unless otherwise noted.

Typical Specifications are specifications met by the majority of the instrument under the stated operating conditions and are tested at 23 °C ambient temperature. Typical specifications are not warranted.

All voltages are specified in DC, AC_{pk}, or a combination unless otherwise specified.



Caution The protection provided by the PXI-2546 can be impaired if it is used in a manner not described in this document.

Input Characteristics

Maximum switching voltage	30 V
Maximum switching current (per channel)	0.5 A
Maximum carry current (per channel)	0.5 A
Maximum RF power	10 W

Minimum switch load	0 dBm
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Caution The switching power is limited by the maximum switching current and the maximum voltage. Channel-to-common switching power must not exceed 10 W.



Note NI recommends against switching active RF signals. As a relay actuates, the channel is momentarily unterminated. Some RF sources can be damaged by reflections if their outputs are not properly terminated. Refer to your RF source documentation for more information.



Note Switching active RF signals below 0 dBm may degrade signal integrity and decrease relay life. For more information about switching active RF signals, visit ni.com/info and enter Info Code `RFSwitching`.

DC path resistance	
Initial	<0.25 Ω , typical
End-of-life	$\geq 1.0 \Omega$, typical

Path resistance is a combination of relay contact resistance and trace resistance. Contact resistance typically remains low for the life of a relay. At the end of relay life, the contact resistance rises rapidly above 1.0 Ω .

RF Performance Characteristics

Characteristic impedance (Z_0)	50 Ω , nominal
Insertion loss	

≤1 GHz	<0.75 dB (<0.55 dB, typical)	
≤1.8 GHz	<1.0 dB (<0.8 dB, typical)	
≤2.7 GHz	<1.5 dB (<1.25 dB, typical)	
Voltage standing wave ratio (VSWR)		
≤1 GHz	<1.35 (<1.3, typical)	
≤1.8 GHz	<1.45 (<1.3, typical)	
≤2.7 GHz	<1.7 (<1.6, typical)	
Isolation		
≤1 GHz	>47 dB, typical	
≤2.7 GHz	>40 dB, typical	
Bank to bank crosstalk		
≤1 GHz	<-55 dB, typical	
≤2.7 GHz	<-50 dB, typical	
Channel-to-channel skew		<15 ps, typical

Propagation delay	980 ps, typical
Rise time (10% to 90%)	71 ps, typical

Refer to the following figures for typical insertion loss, typical VSWR, and typical isolation.

Figure 1. Insertion Loss, Typical

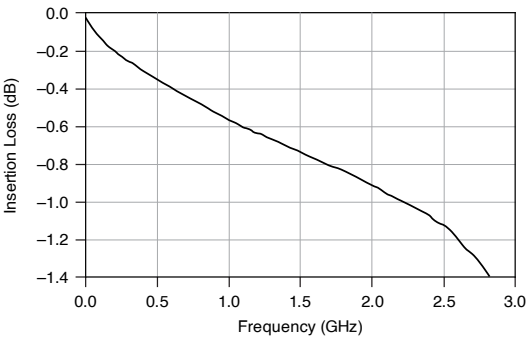


Figure 2. VSWR, Typical

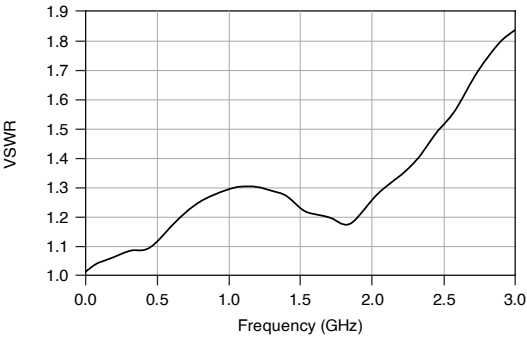
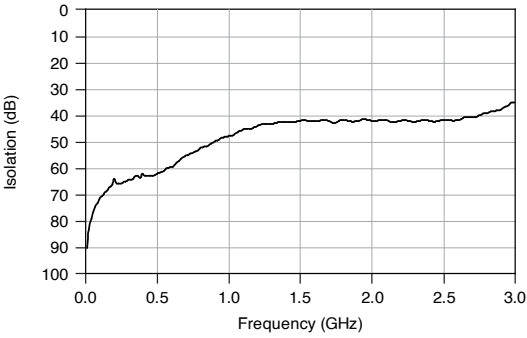


Figure 3. Isolation, Typical



Dynamic Characteristics

Maximum relay operate time	10.4 ms
Maximum scan rate	45 channels/s
Expected relay life	
Mechanical	1×10^6 cycles
Electrical (30 V, 10 mA, DC resistive)	3×10^5 cycles

Trigger

Input trigger	
Sources	PXI trigger lines <0...7>
Minimum pulse width ^[1]	150 ns
Output trigger	
Destinations	PXI trigger lines <0...7>
Pulse width	Software-selectable: 1 μ s to 62 μ s

Physical Characteristics

Relay type	Electromechanical, latching
I/O connectors	10 SMA jacks, gold plated
PXI power requirement	3.7 W at 5 V 0.3 W at 3.3 V
Dimensions (L × W × H)	3U, one slot, PXI/cPCI module 21.6 cm × 2.0 cm × 13.0 cm (8.5 in. × 0.8 in. × 5.1 in.)
Weight	255 g (9 oz)

Environment

Maximum altitude	2,000 m (at 25 °C ambient temperature)
Pollution Degree	2

Indoor use only.

Operating Environment

Ambient temperature range	0 °C to 55 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-1 and IEC 60068-2-2.)
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Relative humidity range	10% to 90%, noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-56.)
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Storage Environment

Ambient temperature range	-40 °C to 71 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-1 and IEC 60068-2-2.)
Relative humidity range	5% to 95%, noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-56.)

Shock and Vibration

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 Hz to 500 Hz, 0.31 grms (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-64.)
Nonoperating	5 Hz to 500 Hz, 2.46 grms (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-64. Test profile exceeds the requirements of MIL-PRF-28800F, Class 3.)

Compliance and Certifications

Safety Compliance Standards

This product is designed to meet the requirements of the following electrical equipment safety standards for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- IEC 61010-1, EN 61010-1
- UL 61010-1, CSA C22.2 No. 61010-1



Note For safety certifications, refer to the product label or the [Product Certifications and Declarations](#) section.

Electromagnetic Compatibility

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
- EN 55022 (CISPR 22): Class A emissions
- EN 55024 (CISPR 24): Immunity
- AS/NZS CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A emissions
- AS/NZS CISPR 22: 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, certifications, and additional information, refer to the [Product Certifications and Declarations](#) section.

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Refer to the product Declaration of Conformity (DoC) for additional regulatory compliance information. To obtain product certifications and the DoC for NI products, visit ni.com/product-certifications, search by model number, and click the appropriate link.

Environmental Management


NI is committed to designing and manufacturing products in an environmentally responsible manner. NI recognizes that eliminating certain hazardous substances from our products is beneficial to the environment and to NI customers.

For additional environmental information, refer to the ***Engineering a Healthy Planet*** web page at ni.com/environment. This page contains the environmental regulations and directives with which NI complies, as well as other environmental information not included in this document.

EU and UK Customers

-  **Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)**—At the end of the product life cycle, all NI products must be disposed of according to local laws and regulations. For more information about how to recycle NI products in your region, visit ni.com/environment/weee.

电子信息产品污染控制管理办法（中国RoHS）

-  **中国RoHS**—NI符合中国电子信息产品中限制使用某些有害物质指令 (RoHS)。关于NI中国RoHS合规性信息，请登录 ni.com/environment/rohs_china。(For information about China RoHS compliance, go to ni.com/environment/rohs_china.)