iNET-AP620

Full-speed ABB Procontrol P bus interface with PCI



Product Highlights

- 32-bit PCI data transfers
- Integrated DSP processor
- Redundant bus operation
- Bus analyser function
- Time synchronisation with GPS

Overview

The iNet-AP620 PCI-to-ABB Procontrol-P bus host adapter brings the proprietary P13 and P42 bus to an open platform.

Its innovative architecture ensures optimum performance even for the most demanding configurations. High performance data acquisition systems can benefit from the minimum latency and extensive pre-processing by the integrated Digital Signal Processor (DSP).

The iNet-AP620 host adapter provides unsurpassed compatibility with multiple hardware platforms and operating systems.

Key Benefits

Leading-edge performance

Based on the second generation (G2) of the Procontrol-P bus controller chip, the iNET-AP620 delivers maximum bandwidth and minimum latency. Supporting 32-bit PCI data transfers, the iNET-AP620 adapter moves data at a burst rate of 132 MByte/sec. It integrates a parallel protocol engine (PPE) that manages multiple redundant data streams, providing an intelligent selection of valid data. This coupled with a 1600 MIPS DSP, provides a performance level which is comparable to supercomputers. Real-time response issues concerning host operating systems are not relevant since the DSP is responsible for all time critical tasks.

Many other advanced capabilities contribute to the unmatched performance of the iNET-AP620 adapter. For example zero-wait-state PCI bus master transfers promote sustained performance.

Scalable solutions

The iNET-AP620 combines advanced processing functions in the DSP by means of loadable modules. Most traditional process computer tasks are available, whilst development tools exist for custom applications. Additional hardware interface modules are available for modern field bus systems, such as InterBus-S and Profibus. These may be combined with the ABB Procontrol-P interface to form an integrated solution which co-exists on a single host adapter.

Time stamping is realised in the iNET-AP620, and is based on a global positioning system (GPS) time reference. Events may be monitored on two remote continents with a deviation of less than 1 microsecond. The resolution of the time stamp is also one microsecond.

Utilities such as the on-line bus analyser are able to record all bus events at the protocol frame level. This is invaluable for identifying bus faults, and monitoring bus cycle times.

Fault tolerant systems

Fault tolerant systems may be built up using dual hosts and which are interconnected by a parallel cluster link. This ensures a continuous stream of data for mission critical systems.

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Interface Components

Standard kit

iNET-AP620 PCI-to-ABB Procontrol-P bus adapter Interface cable to either P13 or P42 bus Driver for Windows NT Bus diagnostic utility

Optional components

Cluster communication link InterBus-S interface and firmware extensions Profibus interface and firmware extensions OPC Server software Bus analyser software Advanced process acquisition software GPS clock hardware

Technical Specifications

| PCI features: | 32-bit PCI data path 32-bit PCI addressing |
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| | Zero-wait-state PCI bus master transfers |
| | Plug and Play hardware |
| Parallel protocol engine (PPE) features: | Management of Procontrol-P bus, redundant bus links, time stamping, and data stream queuing Downloadable microcode for simplified updates Diagnostic execution for subsystem Built-in-Self- Test (BIST) |
| Software support: | Support for Windows NT OPC Server Advanced process acquisition modules DSP development kits |
| DSP features: | TMS320C6201 processor at 200 MHz 1600 MIPS 16 MBytes SDRAM |

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