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Scope

This version of the MXH532 Users Guide is valid for firmware version 5 and BMC version 3.6.

Terms and Acronyms

Important terms and acronyms used in this manual

AOC	Active Optical Cable.
CMI	Cable Management Interface. The 2-wire management interface for communication between subsystems connected by a PCIe 5.0 cable. Details can be found in the PCI-SIG External Cabling Specification 5.0.
BMC	Board Management Controller - Microcontroller on the MXH532 used to manage and implement CMI communications.
eXpressWare	Dolphin's software stack for PCIe clustering and IO. Please visit www.dolphinics.com/software for more information.
Host mode	The card is installed in a root complex / Host PC.
Hot Add	Attaching an IO Expansion system after the server is booted. System dependent. To Hot Add devices utilizing larger resources, the MXH530 card with Dolphins eXpressWare SmartIO extension should be used. Please contact Dolphin for more information.
Hot Plug	PCIe Configuration option to support hot plug events.
Lane	One PCI Express Lane contains a differential pair for transmission and a differential pair for reception.
Link	A collection of one or more PCI Express Lanes providing the communication path between an Upstream and Downstream Port.
PCIe 5.0 cable	Cable compliant to the PCI-SIG External Cabling Specification 5.0. Support for CMI.
Port	PCIe Cable port. The MXH532 has four x4 ports, named P1, P2, P3, P4. These ports can be merged to two x8 ports, or one x16 port. The physical ports are identified by text on the PCIe brackets.
Target mode	The card is installed in an expansion chassis / backplane.
Wake	A mechanism used by a downstream device to request the reapplication of main power when in the L2 Link state.

MXH532 High Level Specification

The MXH532 is a low profile, half-length PCIe adapter that can be configured as a Transparent Host Adapter card or a Target adapter card. Once installed in any server's or PC's PCI Express compliant slot, a MXH532 can connect to another MXH532 configured for Transparent Target operation or any target device compliant to the PCI Express External Cabling Specification 5.0. The MXH532 configured as a Transparent Target card can be installed in a PCI Express compliant expansion upstream slot. Please contact Dolphin for a list of compliant expansion chassis. The MXH532 supports PCIe Gen1, Gen2, Gen3, Gen4 and Gen5 speeds and x1, x2, x4, x8 and x16 link-widths. The card will operate at the highest common speed shared between the slot and the card (Gen4) and the widest common link-width (x16).

- PCI Express Base Specification, Rev. 5.0.
- PCI Express CEM Specification, Rev. 5.0.
- PCI Express External Cabling specification 5.0
- PCI Express Gen5 32.0 GT/s per lane signaling – 512 GT/s total signaling.
- PCI Express Gen5 x16 edge connector. The card can be installed in any PCI Express slot that has a physical x16 connector.
- Compliant with PCI Express Gen1 through Gen5 computers and IO systems, auto detection.
- The MXH532 supports transparent connections to IO systems (Host and Target operation).
- Quad SFF-8614 cable connector
 - Durability max total 250 mating cycles
- Cable port configurations, up to
 - One x16
 - Two x8
 - Four x4
- Microsemi Switchtec PM50036 PFX PCI Express 5.0 chipset.
- 130 nanosecond cut-through latency port to port.
- Support for PCIe 5.0 SFF-8614 copper cables.
- Cable port power to support active optical cables.
- Low profile, Half-length - PCI Express Electromechanical Specification, Rev 5.0.
- Dimensions are 167.65mm (6.600 inches) x 68.90 mm (2.731 inches)
- Comes with both a low profile and a standard profile PCI Express bracket.
- Host clock isolation. Automatic support for host running CFC or SSC mode.
- Prepared for SRIS clocking.
- VAUX powered board management controllers for flexible configuration and cable management.
- Flash recovery option. PFX Multiconfiguration support.
- Maximum power ratings:
 - 12 Volt: 2.8 A (no port power) 3.3 A (max port power)
 - +3.3 Volt: Not connected
 - +3.3 Vaux: 100 mA
- Typical power ratings:
 - 12 Volt: 2.5 A (no port power)
 - +3.3 Volt: Not connected
- +3.3 Vaux: 100 mA (Copper Cables) "
- Operating Temperature: 0°C - 45°C (32°F - 131°F)
- Relative Humidity: 5% - 95% (non- condensing)
- CE, KCC, FCC, RCM, EFUP 50 markings

Packaging

The MXH532 includes the following components.

- MXH532 Adapter Board with full height profile PCIe bracket mounted
- Low profile PCIe bracket
- Anti-static bag
- Getting started guide

Pre-Installation Questions

Certain steps should be taken prior to installing the MXH532. You should determine the following configuration requirements.

- Which PCIe slot and system will the card be installed in?
- Will the board act as a host adapter or target adapter?
- What is the speed and link width of the slot that the card will be installed in?
- What is the operating environment in which the card will be installed?
- What type and length of cables will be used?
- How to establish proper operational conditions, temperature, and airflow.

PCIe Slot Determination

The MXH532 supports PCIe Gen1, Gen2, Gen3, Gen4 and Gen5 speeds and x1, x2, x4, x8 and x16 link-widths. The slot width and speed will affect the performance of the card. The card can be physically installed in a x4, x8 or x16 connector. The card will auto configure to the slot speed and width.

MXH532 Host / Target Configuration

The MXH532 can act as either a host adapter or target adapter. The MXH532 has a DIP switch bank to control these functions. The DIP switch labeled SW1 can be found close to the upper edge of the board. The main configuration options are host or target operations. The default DIP switch setting is transparent host x16 operations. Additional settings are target operations, two x8 links, four x4 links, alternative edge clock routing and quad edge target.

Airflow - Operating Environment

To maximize the product's lifetime and maintain the warranty, please honor the specified operating temperature and ensure the required airflow is present. When using the MXH532 in office cabinets with inadequate cooling, especially alongside other high-power PCIe devices, such as GPUs without active cooling—extra caution is necessary.

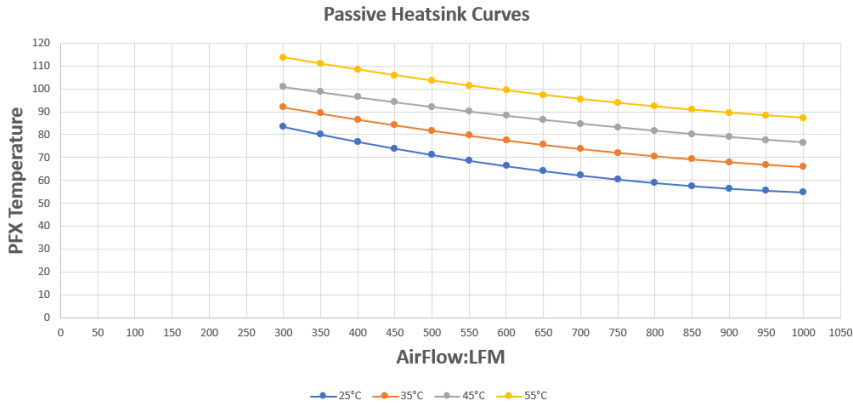
Operating Temperature: 0°C - 45°C (32°F - 131°F)

The MXH532F features a Fan heat sink, enabling the card to operate in low-air-airflow environments. The fan will automatically adjust its speed based on the board's temperature sensors.

PLEASE note: The fan will stop if the PCIe switch temperature is below 55°C (131°F).

MXH532 Passive Heatsink Performance

The table below is relevant for the MXH532 card

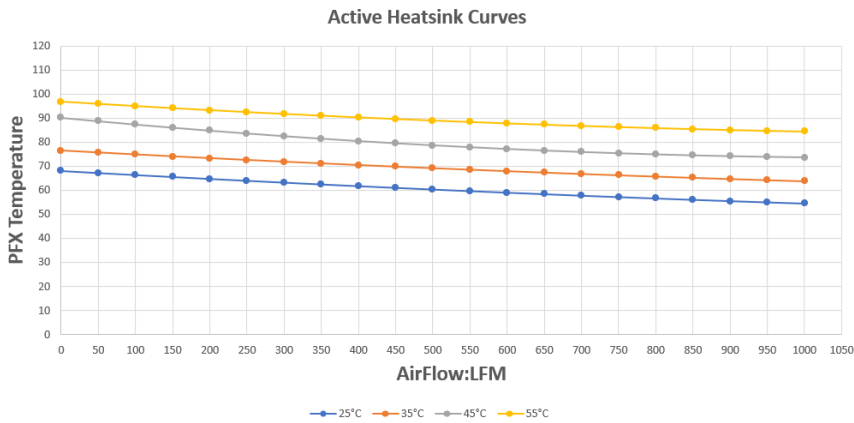


The chart shows PCIe switch temperature versus airflow (LFM) for ambient conditions of 25°C, 35°C, 45°C, and 55°C.

- Higher airflow reduces the PCIe switch temperature across all ambient conditions.
- At 300 LFM, the PCIe switch temperature ranges from ~82°C (25°C ambient) to ~115°C (55°C ambient).
- Cooling improvement diminishes above 800 LFM, indicating a performance plateau.
- Ensure airflow is sufficient for high temperature-ambient environments; passive cooling alone may not meet thermal limits at 45°C+ without >700 LFM.

MXH532F Active Heatsink Performance

The table below is relevant for the MXH532F card



- Active cooling significantly lowers PCIe switch temperature compared to passive solutions.
- At 300 LFM, PCIe switch temperature ranges from ~68°C (25°C ambient) to ~98°C (55°C ambient).
- Temperature reduction with airflow is less steep than passive cooling, as the fan provides baseline airflow.

TIP: Please use the dis_diag tool immediately after installing the software to verify the temperature. If dis_diag indicates that the chip temperature exceeds 95°C, it is advisable to improve airflow as a precautionary measure. When used with MXH532F, dis_diag will also show the fan speed.

Summary: Passive vs Active Heatsink

- **Active heatsink provides better thermal performance** than passive across all airflow and ambient conditions.
- At **300 LFM**, active cooling is ~15°C lower than passive.
- Both solutions show diminishing improvement above **700–800 LFM**.

Recommendation: Use active cooling for ambient temperatures ≥45°C; passive cooling may suffice at lower ambient temperatures with airflow ≥300 LFM.

Thermal shutdown

The MXH532 card includes overheating protection. The BMC will automatically shut down the MXH532 card if the PCIe switch temperature exceeds 105°C (221°F).

NOTE: The MXH532 link LEDs will start flashing yellow when the PCIe switch temperature reaches 95°C (203°F).

NOTE: The automatic shutdown can be disabled by setting DIP-Switch 6 ON. Before disabling automatic shutdown, please ensure proper airflow is established.

NOTE: Operating the card or AOC above the maximum specified operating temperature will void the warranty.

NOTE: If the card shuts down due to overheating, you must improve the cooling before fully powering the system and cycling it.

Cable Connections

The MXH532 is designed to support both long and short PCIe copper cables as well as PCIe active optical cables (AOC).

The MXH532 cable ports are compliant to the SFF-8614 industry specification and supports PCIe cables compliant to the PCIe External Cabling Specification 5.0. Four x4 cables are needed for full PCIe x16 connectivity.

PCI Express 5.0 Cables

When used with cables compliant to the new PCIe External Cable standard 5.0, the MXH532 card will initialize CMI communication to the link partner. The card can be connected to an MXH532 in Target mode or any PCIe device compliant to the new cable standard.

Active Optical PCIe Cables (AOC)

Dolphin offers active optical PCIe fiber cables up to 100 meters for the MXH532 cards. CWAKE and CPOWERON are not supported when using standard AOC cables. Please note: Long fiber optic cables will affect latency and throughput. Each meter adds 4-5 nanoseconds of latency.

CMI Functionality

The MXH532 BMC firmware release 3.3 and the newer supports the following CMI operations:

- Publishes card and CMI status information in readable memory map
- Supports sending and receiving CMI reset, wake and power status messages
- Supports receiving indicators (LED/messages).

Installation

Step 1 - Unpack board

The MXH532 card is shipped in an anti-static bag to prevent static electricity damage. The card should only be removed from the bag after ensuring that anti-static precautions are taken. Static electricity from your clothes or work environment can damage your PCI Express adapter card or your PC. Always wear a grounded anti-static wrist strap while opening the PC and when the MXH532 is removed from the anti-static bag. Unpack the MXH532 from the anti-static bag using proper anti-static procedures.



Step 2 - Change PCIe Bracket if necessary

The MXH532 package includes a standard and low-profile PCI Express bracket. By default, the standard height bracket is installed on the board. If you need to replace the mounted bracket with a low-profile bracket, carefully unscrew the two mounting screws to remove the full height bracket. Save the two mounting screws and replace the bracket with the low-profile bracket. Use the two mounting screws to install the low-profile bracket. The screws should be carefully tightened but be careful not to overtighten. Make sure you are properly grounded to avoid static discharges that may destroy the adapter card before performing this procedure.

Step 3 - Configure the Board for Proper Operation

Set the DIP switch settings for proper operation depending on the firmware. Please refer to the section Configuration and DIP Switches on page 12 for details.

Step 4 - Ensure proper Airflow

Please pay proper attention to ensure the selected server / slot position provides the minimum required airflow.

TIP: Immediately after installation of the software, please use the dis_diag tool to verify the temperature. If the chip temperature reported by dis_diag exceeds 95°C, it is strongly recommended to improve the airflow.

NOTE: Operating the card or AOC above the maximum specified operating temperature will void the warranty.

Step 5 - Install the Adapter Card

Before installing the adapter card, make sure you are properly grounded to avoid static discharges that may destroy your computer or the adapter card. Ensure you are properly grounded before opening your computer or the anti-static bag containing the MXH532. Please follow your computers or expansion chassis manual on how to install a PCI Express card.



The MXH532 Adapter card can be installed into any PCI Express x16 slot. The MXH532 supports PCI Express Gen1, Gen2, Gen3, Gen4 and Gen5 signaling. NOTE: A Gen5 slot is recommended as it typically doubles the performance compared to a Gen4 slot. The MXH532 is an x16 card, so maximum performance will only be attained if the slot provides full electrical x16 signaling.

The MXH532 supports hosts using either spread spectrum or constant frequency clocking. The card implements clock isolation.

Step 6 - Installing and Removing the Cable

Installing and removing cables should be done with both host and expansion system powered off. Please contact your Dolphin representative if you intend to continuously connect and disconnect the PCI Express cables.

Connecting the Cable

Please carefully install the cable connector into the connector housing on the MXH532 adapter card. Cable port 1 is located at the top of the PCIe bracket, ref Figure 1 PCIe Bracket to the right. To install the cable, match the cable house with the connector on the MXH532 adapter card. Use even pressure to insert the connector until it is secure. Adhere to ESD guidelines when installing the cables to ensure you don't damage the board. Note that for wider than x4 connections, the same cable-ports (i.e. port 1 to port 1, port 2 to port 2

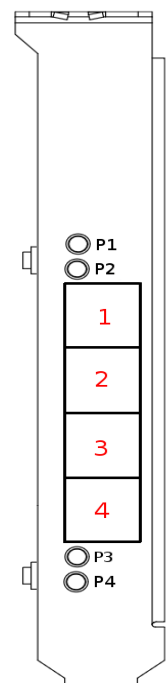


Figure 1 PCIe Bracket

through port 4) should be used on both host and target for each individual cable, to ensure that the cards properly link up as x8 or x16.

Cable strain relief

Strain-relief on PCIe cables are important to protect the PCIe card from fatigue loading and damage. The cable should be mechanically connected to the rack or cabinet. This is especially important for long heavy cables and cables going between cabinets and racks.

Supported cable lengths

The MXH532 supports both copper and active optical PCIe cables (AOC). Maximum lengths between a MXH532 card and other Dolphin products can be found in Table 1 below.

Cable - SKU	Speed	Device	Device	Distance
PCIe5L-xM	PCIe 5.0	MXH532	MXH532	Up to 3 meters
PCIe5L-xM	PCIe 5.0	MXH532	MXH530	Up to 3 meters

Table 1: Cable Specifications

Disconnecting the Cable

Please carefully pull the release tab to release the cable from the locking latches and gently pull the cable out of the connector guides.

Step 7 - Verify Installation & LEDs

The MXH532 comes with 4 bi-color LEDs which show the corresponding cable port status according to Table 2: LED below.

The LEDs are visible through cut-outs in the PCIe bracket on each side of the cable connector block.

LED color	Function
Off	No cable installed
Yellow	Cable installed; no link
Yellow blink	Link reset
Yellow blinking	Temperature overheat warning, please immediately improve cooling to avoid thermal damage or system shutdown.
Green	Cable installed; link operational
Green blinking	Link operating at lower speed

Table 2: LED behavior

Operation

Configuration and DIP Switches

The MXH532 has one bank of 8 DIP switches. The default factory setting for the MXH532 is Transparent Host mode, single (up to x16) link connection.

The MXH532 has DIP switches for setting special modes or operations, the meaning of each DIP switch depends on the loaded firmware. Please carefully read the documentation shipped with the card before modifying any DIP switch settings. Please pay close attention to ON and OFF positions written on the DIP switch.

DIP Switches

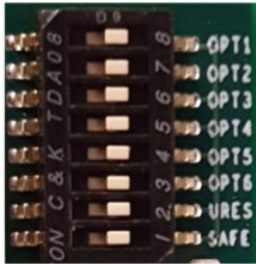


Figure 2: DIP Switch shows the DIP switch for the MXH532. It is used to configure the adapter card. Please leave all undocumented DIP switches in the default position. Table 3: DIP Switch settings shows all the various DIP switch settings for the MXH532.

Figure 2: DIP Switch

DIP no.	Name	Description	ON	OFF	Default
1-5	DIP1-5	Configuration selector, details below			OFF
6	DIP6	Thermal Shutdown Disable.	Will disable thermal shutdown	Card will shut down on thermal overheat	OFF
7	MCU Reset	Holds the management processors in reset. Do NOT ACTIVATE without instructions from Dolphin.	Board management is held in reset	Normal operation	OFF
8	Reserved	Do NOT ACTIVATE without instructions from Dolphin.	Do not activate without instructions from Dolphin	Normal operation	OFF

Table 3: DIP Switch settings

Note: DIP switch configuration options may be changed in future versions. Please always consult the latest version of the MXH532 User Guide for details. The table above is valid for BMC version 3.3

Thermal shutdown

The MXH532 card includes overtemperature overheat protection. The BMC will automatically shut down the MXH532 card if a PCIe switch temperature beyond 105°C (221°F) is detected. Similarly, if an AOC is plugged in, the MXH532 card will automatically shut down if the max operating temperature announced by the connected AOC is violated by 15°C (59°F). Please consult the AOC data sheet for details.

NOTE: The MXH532 link LEDs will start flashing yellow when a PCIe switch temperature of 95°C (203°F) is reached or when the AOC has reached the max operating temperature. Please consult the AOC data sheet for details.

NOTE: The automatic shutdown can be disabled by setting DIP-Switch 6 ON. Prior to disabling the automatic shutdown, please ensure you have established proper airflow. Operating the card or AOC above the maximum specified operating temperature will void the warranty.







NOTE: If the card shuts down due to an overtemperature situation – you must improve the cooling before completely power cycling the system.

DIP switch Settings

The following DIP Switch settings should be considered when configuring the **MXH532 for Transparent Host** operation:




DIP Switch settings for MXH532 Host operation

The following DIP Switch settings should be considered when configuring the **MXH532 for Transparent Host** operation:

Use Case	Configuration MXH532 Host	DIP ON	DIP switch view
A+D	Transparent Host One x16 downstream port (P1+P2+P3+P4) Hot Plug Enabled	(all off) (Shipping Default)	
A+D	Transparent Host One x16 downstream port (P1+P2+P3+P4) Hot Plug Disabled	DIP-4	
B	Transparent Host Two x8 downstream ports (P1+P2, P3+P4) Hot Plug Enabled	DIP-1	
B	Transparent Host Two x8 downstream ports (P1+P2, P3+P4) Hot Plug Disabled	DIP-1 DIP-4	
C	Transparent Host Four x4 downstream ports (P1, P2, P3, P4) Hot Plug Enabled	DIP-2	
C	Transparent Host Four x4 downstream ports (P1, P2, P3, P4) Hot Plug Disabled	DIP-2 DIP-4	

DIP Switch settings for MXH532 Target operation

The following DIP Switch settings should be considered when configuring the **MXH532 for Transparent Target** operation:

Use Case	Configuration MXH532 Target	DIP ON	DIP switch view
A	Transparent Target One x4 - x16 upstream port (P1+P2+P3+P4) One x16 downstream port – for use with e.g. IBP-G5X16-1	DIP-1 DIP-2	
F	Transparent Target One x4 - x16 upstream port (P1+P2+P3+P4) Dual x8 downstream ports – for use with e.g. IBP-G5X16-3	DIP 3	
G	Transparent Target One x4 - x16 upstream port (P1+P2+P3+P4) Quad xx downstream ports– for use with e.g. IBP-G5X16-5	DIP 1 DIP 3	

Transparent Use Cases

The MXH532 card may be used as both a Host card and a Target card. A Host and Target card can be used as a pair, or the Host card can be used with a PCI-SIG compliant Target device. The supported use cases and the DIP switch settings are summarized in section Configuration and DIP Switches on page 12.

Target Card Clocking Option

When the card is used in Transparent Target configuration, the default configuration settings will enable the card to provide a reference clock on the edge connector pins 13A + 14A.

Use Case A - 1 Host – Single Expansion Configuration PCIe x16

The Host system has an MXH532 adapter configured for Host operation and a direct x16 link to a MXH532 configured for Target operation. If you only need a x8 or x4 link, please configure according to use case B or C.

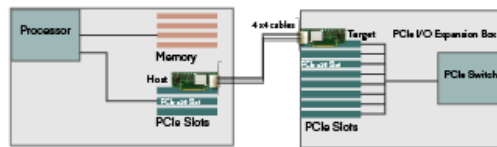


Figure 3: Use Case A

Host card ports	Target card ports
P1	P1
P2	P2
P3	P3
P4	P4

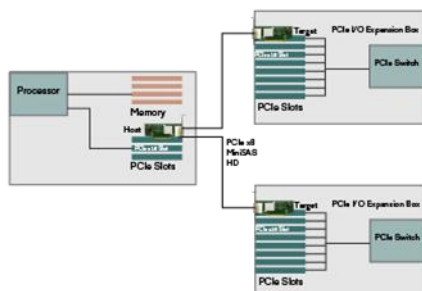
Table 4: Required x16 cabling

Always connect a cable from Port #x to Port #x

A failure connecting any of the cables will cause the link to re-train to x8 or x4.

Use Case B – 1 Host – Single or Dual Expansion Configuration – PCIe x8

The host has an MXH532 adapter configured for Transparent Host operation and a direct x8 link is used to connect one or two independent downstream target systems.



Host card ports	Target card 1 ports	Target card 2 ports
P1	P1	
P2	P2	
P3		P1
P4		P2

Table 5: Required x8 cabling

Use Case C – 1 Host - Quad Expansion Configuration – PCIe x4

The host has an MXH532 adapter configured for Transparent Host operation and 1-4 direct x4 links are used to connect 1-4 independent downstream target systems.

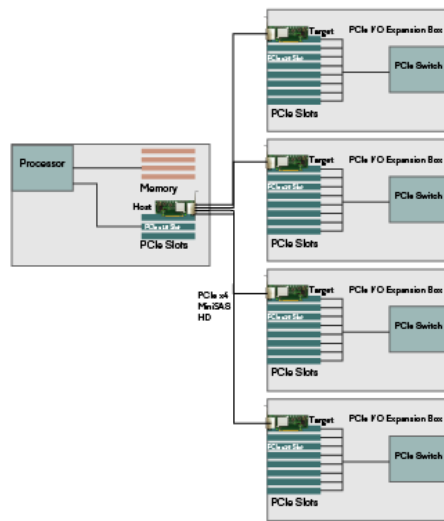


Figure 4: Use Case C

Host card ports	Target card 1 port	Target card 2 port	Target card 3 port	Target card 4 port
P1	P1			
P2		P1		
P3			P1	
P4				P1

Table 6: Required x4 cabling

Use Case F – Transparent Target with two x8 Downstream ports

The MXH532 card with BMC firmware 3.3 supports splitting the downstream edge connector to support the IBP-G5X16-3 passive backplane and two x8 Plug-In adapter cards. Please consult the IBP-G5X16-3 Users Guide for more details.

Use Case G – Transparent Target with four x4 Downstream ports

The MXH532 card with BMC firmware 3.3 supports splitting the downstream edge connector to support the IBP-G5X16-5 passive backplane and four x4 Plug-In adapter cards. Please consult the IBP-G5X16-5 Users Guide for more details.

EEPROM and Firmware Upgrade

The MXH532 design uses a microcontroller to implement the PCIe CMI protocol and other maintenance functions. Dolphin may from time to time publish updated firmware for the Board Management Controller (BMC), PCIe switch or EEPROM data for the card.

WARNING: Please note that standard Microchip tools (ChipLink) cannot be used to upgrade the firmware as this will violate the warranty. Please contact Dolphin for instructions on how to upgrade the MXH532 firmware.

Note: Please consult the MXH532 Firmware Release Note for details on supported configurations. The current BMC version is 3.3.

Identifying the Card

The card has a label-sticker with the serial number in the format 'MXH532-YY-ZZZZZ', where YY denotes the card revision (e.g. BB) and ZZZZZ denotes the serialized production number (e.g. 012345) – this whole string makes up the serial number of the card (i.e. MXH532-AC-012345).

You can also get this information using `lspci` in Linux:

First, identify the devices for the Dolphin Host card:

```
# lspci | grep "Device 5036"
01:00.0 PCI bridge: PMC-Sierra Inc. Device 5036
01:00.1 Bridge: PMC-Sierra Inc. Device 5036
02:00.0 PCI bridge: PMC-Sierra Inc. Device 5036
```

Then run `lspci` and identify the card. It will show up as something like

```
# lspci -s 1:0.0 -v
01:00.0 PCI bridge: PMC-Sierra Inc. Device 5036 (prog-if 00 [Normal decode])
  Flags: bus master, fast devsel, latency 0, IRQ 122
  Bus: primary=01, secondary=02, subordinate=03, sec-latency=0
  I/O behind bridge: 00002000-00002fff
  Prefetchable memory behind bridge: 00000000c8000000-00000000c81fffff
  Capabilities: [40] Express Upstream Port, MSI 00
  Capabilities: [7c] MSI: Enable+ Count=1/8 Maskable- 64bit+
  Capabilities: [8c] Power Management version 3
  Capabilities: [94] Subsystem: Dolphin Interconnect Solutions AS Device 0532
  Capabilities: [100] Advanced Error Reporting
  Capabilities: [148] Power Budgeting <?>
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  Capabilities: [188] #19
  Capabilities: [1b4] Device Serial Number 00-00-41-43-00-00-00-24
  Capabilities: [1c0] Latency Tolerance Reporting
  Capabilities: [1c8] Access Control Services
  Capabilities: [1f0] #25
  Capabilities: [1fc] #26
  Capabilities: [23c] #27
  Capabilities: [7f8] Vendor Specific Information: ID=ffff Rev=1 Len=808 <?>
  Kernel driver in use: pcieport
  Kernel modules: shpchp
```

Second, do

```
# lspci -s 1:0.0 -v | grep -E "Subsystem|Serial"  
Capabilities: [a4] Subsystem: Dolphin Interconnect Solutions AS Device 0532  
Capabilities: [100] Device Serial Number 00-00-41-43-00-00-00-ff
```

This shows the card as revision 0x4143 (hexadecimal values of the 'AC' letters in the ASCII table), with the production number 0x000000ff (00000255 in decimal).

Support

More information about the product, support and software download can be found at www.dolphinics.com/mx.

For general support questions, please contact Dolphin via the Jira Service Management portal: www.dolphinics.com/csp.

Technical Information

Board revision history

The following table gives a general overview of the hardware revision history. Please consult the MXH532 PCN available from Dolphin for details.

Adapter card revision	Capabilities
MXH532-AA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial product version
MXH532-BD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volume optimized version

Simplified schematics

The figure below shows the MXH532 simplified schematics. Only the main functions are shown.

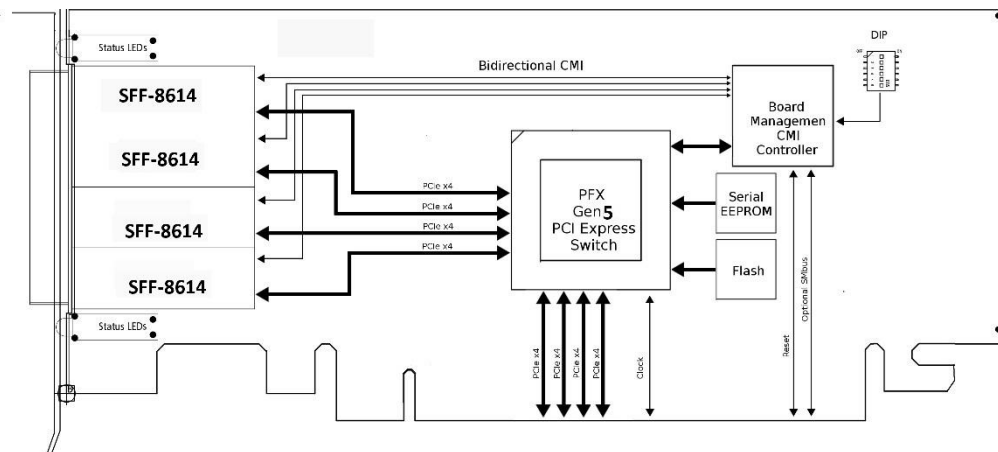


Figure 5: MXH532 Simplified Schematics

PCIe Cable Port Signals

The external PCI Express SFF-8614 cable connector supports the following signals:

- PETpN/PETnN: PCI Express Transmitter pairs, labeled where N is the Lane number (starting with 0); “p” is the true signal while “n” is the complement signal.
- PERpN/PERnN: PCI Express Receiver pairs, labeled where N is the Lane number (starting with 0); “p” is the true signal while “n” is the complement signal.
- PWR: Power to support AOC and signal conditioning components within the cable assembly.
- MGTPWR: Power supplied to the connector for cable management components that are needed while the link is not active. This needs to be active if the subsystem has power.
- CBLPRSNT#: Cable present detect, an active-low signal pulled-down by the cable when it is inserted into the MXH532 connector.
- CADDR: Signal used to configure the upstream cable management device address.
- CINT#: Signal asserted by the cable assembly to indicate a need for service via the CMI controller.
- CMISDA: Management interface data line. Used for both initial link setup and sideband messages when used with CMI compliant cables.
- CMISCL: Management interface clock line. Used for both initial link setup and sideband messages when used with CMI compliant cables.

External PCIe x4 Cable Connector Pin-Out

	Column								
Row	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
D	GND	PETn2	PETp2	GND	PETn1	PETp1	GND	MGTPWR	PWR
C	GND	PETn3	PETp3	GND	PETn0	PETp0	GND	CMISDA	CMISCL
B	GND	PERn2	PERp2	GND	PERn1	PERp1	GND	CBLPRSNT#	PWR
A	GND	PERn3	PERp3	GND	PERn0	PERp0	GND	CINT#	CADDR

Table 7; External PCIe x4 cable Pin-Out

PCIe Cable Port Mapping

The MXH532 card has a quad SFF-8614 connector. The table below show the signal / port map.

Cable Port	x16	Dual x8	Quad x4	PCIe 3.0 Cable Pin
1	L0	L0	L0	TX0/RX0
	L1	L1	L1	TX1/RX1
	L2	L2	L2	TX2/RX2
	L3	L3	L3	TX3/RX3
2	L4	L4	L0	TX0/RX0
	L5	L5	L1	TX1/RX1
	L6	L6	L2	TX2/RX2
	L7	L7	L3	TX3/RX3
3	L8	L0	L0	TX0/RX0
	L9	L1	L1	TX1/RX1
	L10	L2	L2	TX2/RX2
	L11	L3	L3	TX3/RX3
4	L12	L4	L0	TX0/RX0
	L13	L5	L1	TX1/RX1
	L14	L6	L2	TX2/RX2
	L15	L7	L3	TX3/RX3

Lx – PCIe lane X, Cable port is ref PCIe bracket marking

Table 8 : PCIe Cable Port Mapping

MXH532 PCIe x16 Edge Connector Pin-Out

The MXH532 Edge connector follows PCI Express CEM Specification, Rev. 5.0 section 6 – Card Connector Specification. Signal names are shown in Table 9. In host mode, the MXH532 is PCIe SIG compliant. The signals in **bold** are bi-directional, where the direction depends on if the card is configured for host or target mode. In the case where the MXH532 is configured as a target adapter in an expansion chassis, it will provide a 100 MHz, non-SSC, reference clock on the REFCLK+/REFCLK- pins. The shaded signals TDI and TDO are normally tri-stated but can be configured to provide an alternative 100 MHz, non-SSC, reference clock for PCIe expansion chassis utilizing these pins instead.

Pin	Side B	Note	Side A	Note
1	+12		PRSNT1#	
2	+12		+12	
3	+12		+12	
4	GND		GND	
5	SMCLK	BMC	TCK	NC
6	SMDAT	BMC	TDI	NC
7	GND		TDO	NC
8	+3,3V	PWR	TMS	NC
9	TRST#	NC	+3,3	PWR
10	+3,3V aux	Standby	+3,3	PWR
11	WAKE#	Wake up	PERST#	Reset
12		NC	GND	
13	GND		REFCLK+	Ref clock +
14	PERp0		REFCLK-	Ref clock -
15	PERn0		GND	
16	GND		PETp0	
17	PRSNT2#		PETn0	
18	GND		GND	
19	PERp1			NC
20	PERn1		GND	
21	GND		PETp1	
22	GND		PETn1	
23	PERp2		GND	
24	PERn2		GND	
25	GND		PETp2	
26	GND		PETn2	
27	PERp3		GND	
28	PERn3		GND	
29	GND		PETp3	
30		NC	PETn3	
31	PRSNT2#		GND	
32	GND			NC
33	PERp4			NC
34	PERn4		GND	
35	GND		PETp4	
36	GND		PETn4	
37	PERp5		GND	
38	PERn5		GND	
39	GND		PETp5	
40	GND		PETn5	
41	PERp6		GND	
42	PERn6		GND	
43	GND		PETp6	

Pin	Side B	Note	Side A	Note
44	GND		PETn6	
45	PERp7		GND	
46	PERn7		GND	
47	GND		PETp7	
48	PRSSNT2#		PETn7	
49	GND		GND	
50	PERp8		NC	
51	PERn8		GND	
52	GND		PETp8	
53	GND		PETn8	
54	PERp9		GND	
55	PERn9		GND	
56	GND		PETp9	
57	GND		PETn9	
58	PERp10		GND	
59	PERn10		GND	
60	GND		PETp10	
61	GND		PETn10	
62	PERp11		GND	
63	PERn11		GND	
64	GND		PETp11	
65	GND		PETn11	
66	PERp12		GND	
67	PERn12		GND	
68	GND		PETp12	
69	GND		PETn12	
70	PERp13		GND	
71	PERn13		GND	
72	GND		PETp13	
73	GND		PETn13	
74	PERp14		GND	
75	PERn14		GND	
76	GND		PETp14	
77	GND		PETn14	
78	PERp15		GND	
79	PERn15		GND	
80	GND		PETp15	
81	PRSSNT2#		PETn15	
82		NC	GND	

Table 9: PCIe Edge Connector Pin-Out

Compliance and Regulatory Testing

EMC Compliance

The Dolphin PCI Express MXH532 adapter is tested to PASS the following relevant test standards for PCI Express cards, telecommunication and industry equipment installed in a standard PC:



- EN 55032:2015 + A11:2020
- EN 55035:2017
- EN 61326:2013
- CISPR 32:2015 and KS IEC 61326-1:2020
- KS C 9832:2019
- CISPR 35:2017 and KS IEC 61326-1:2020
- KS C 9835:2019
- 47 CFR Part 15, Subpart B, last amended 2025-02-11(Clause 15.107 and 15.109) in conjunction with ANSI C63.4:2014
- ICES-003, issue 7 in conjunction with ANSI C63.4:2014 amended as per ANSI C63.4a:2017

This does not ensure that it will comply with these standards on any random PC. It is the integrator's responsibility to ensure that their products comply with all applicable regulations for the intended use.

FCC Class A

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the Class A digital device limits under Part 15 of the FCC Rules.



RoHS Compliance

The Dolphin MXH532 is RoHS compliant. A Compliance certificate issued by the manufacturer is available upon request.

KCC Certificate

The Dolphin MXH532 bears the official KCC certification mark, confirming its compliance with relevant standards, and a valid certificate of compliance has been issued for this product.



RCM Certificate

The Dolphin MXH532 bears the official RCM certification mark, confirming its compliance with EN 55032:2015+A11:2020 (Class B). A valid certificate of compliance has been issued for this product.



EFUP China RoHS

The number of years during which the Dolphin MXH532 can be used under normal conditions without hazardous substances causing environmental pollution or harm to human health, in accordance with China RoHS.



WEEE Notice

The adapter card is labelled in accordance with European Directive 2002/96/EC concerning waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE). The Directive establishes the framework for the return and recycling of used appliances, applicable across the European Union. This label is applied to products to indicate that they should not be discarded but returned to your local approved WEEE waste collector.



Limited Warranty

Dolphin Interconnect Solutions warrants this product to be free from manufacturing defects under the following terms:

Warranty Period

The warranty applies for one (1) year from the date of purchase. Extended warranty is available.

Coverage

To the extent permitted by applicable law, this warranty does not apply to:

- Damage caused by operator error or non-compliance with instructions available for the product.
- Use or attempt to use or program firmware not approved by Dolphin.
- Damage due to accidents, abuse, misuse, improper handling or installation, moisture, corrosive environments, high voltage surges, shipping, or abnormal working conditions.
- Damage caused by acts of nature, e.g. floods, storms, fire, or earthquakes.
- Damage caused by any power source out of range or not provided with the product.
- Normal wear and tear.
- Attempts to repair, modify, open, or upgrade the product by personnel or agents not authorized by Dolphin.
- Products for which the serial number label has been tampered with or removed.
- Damage to the product caused by products not supplied by Dolphin.

Service Procedure

In the event that the product proves defective during the Warranty Period, you should contact the seller that supplied you with the product, or if you purchased it directly from Dolphin, visit www.dolphinics.com/csp to obtain a valid RMA number and instructions. Products returned to Dolphin without a proper RMA number will not be serviced under this warranty.