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PCI Bus Expansion Adapter for Low Profile PCI PC-Slot **EAD(LPCI)SF**User's Manual

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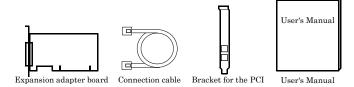
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Product Configuration List

- Expansion adapter board [BUS-PC(LPCI)SF] ...1
- Connection cable [STP-category, 5e straight cables (12m)] ...2
- User's Manual (this booklet) ...1
- Bracket for the PCI ...1



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1. Before Using the Product

This chapter provides information you should know before using the product.

About the Adapter

The EAD(LPCI)SF is an expansion adapter that connects the optional expansion chassis [ECH(PCI)SF] to a PC to extend a PCI bus expansion slot in the PC, thereby providing additional PCI bus expansion slots. The expansion adapter can connect the expansion chassis to the PC over a distance of up to 12m.

Features

- Using high-speed serial transfer (2.5 Gbps), capable of extending the PCI bus to up to 12m.
- PCI-bus compatible, eliminating the need for changing PCI bus board software.
- Using a, noise-immune, STP-category, 5e cable easy to wire and install.
- Capable of expand the PCI bus (5V/32-bit, 33 MHz) from a single PCI bus slot in the PC.
- Expansion chassis free of choice according to the number of PCI bus slots and the board size required.
- Power supply controllable in response to the turning on/off of the PC's power supply.
- Supporting both of Low Profile and standard PCI slots (exchangeable with the bundled bracket).

Expansion chassis (Option)

PCI Bus Expansion Chassis

PCI Bus Expansion Chassis (Short x 2Slots) ECH(PCI)SF-H2B PCI Bus Expansion Chassis (Long x 2Slots) ECH(PCI)SF-F2B PCI Bus Expansion Chassis (Short x 4Slots) ECH(PCI)SF-H4B PCI Bus Expansion Chassis (Long x 4Slots) ECH(PCI)SF-F4B PCI Bus Expansion Chassis (Short x 4Slots) ECH(PCI)SF-H4A PCI Bus Expansion Chassis (Short x 7Slots) ECH(PCI)SF-H7A PCI Bus Expansion Chassis (Long x 7Slots) ECH(PCI)SF-F7A PCI Bus Expansion Chassis (Short x 13Slots) ECH(PCI)SF-H13A PCI Bus Expansion Chassis (Long x 13Slots) ECH(PCI)SF-F13A

Check the CONTEC's Web site for more information on these expansion chassis.

Connection cable (Option)

Connection cables (12-meter, STP-category, 5e straight cables) are bundled with this product. The following options can also be available:

UTP-category, 5e straight cables (3m): TP-03 *1*2 UTP-category, 5e straight cables (5m): TP-05 *1*2 UTP-category, 5e straight cables (10m): TP-10 *1*2

^{*2:} When used in an environment susceptible to extraneous noise, UTP cables may cause link connection. It is advisable to use STP cables available on the market.



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^{*1:} A pair of cables are required for connection.

Combinations of Expansion Adapters and Expansion Chassis

The expansion adapters and expansion chassis can be used in the following combinations:

Expansion	Expansion chassis ECH(PCI)SF								
adapter	-H2B	-F2B	-H4B	-F4B	-H4A	-H7A	-F7A	-H13A	-F13A
EAD(CB)SF	О	О	О	О	0	x	x	x	x
EAD(LPCI)SF	О	О	О	О	О	О	О	0	О
EAD-SF-LPE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0











ECH(PCI)SF-H2B

ECH(PCI)SF-F2B



ECH(PCI)SF-H4A

ECH(PCI)SF-H7A

ECH(PCI)SF-F7A





ECH(PCI)SF-F13A

ECH(PCI)SF-H13A Expansion adapter







EAD(LPCI)SF

EAD(CB)SF

EAD-SF-LPE

Restrictions

EAD(LPCI)SF has restrictions on the types of PCs and boards that can be used.

Be sure to check the following restrictions before use.

< Restrictions of PC >

EAD(LPCI)SF uses the switch fabric to extend the bus.

The PCI boards plugged in PCI slots in the EAD(LPCI)SF are recognized if the switch fabric is recognized as the PCI-to-PCI bridge by the BIOS in the PC used. Ask the PC vendor for whether the BIOS recognizes the PCI-to-PCI bridge.

< Restrictions on transfer rate >

When the expansion chassis accommodates a board that performs high-speed transfer such as bus mastering, the overall transfer rate may be lower than that of PCI bus slots in the main unit of a desktop PC.

This is caused by bus extension by the PCI-to-PCI Bridge.

The transfer rate may vary with the system configuration and the type of the PC.

< Restrictions of PCI board >

None of the following types of boards can be used in any expansion slot in the expansion chassis.

- Video display board (VGA board)
- Board to connect a PCI bus expansion unit
- Board explicitly stated not to be used with the PCI-to-PCI Bridge

Some boards, even PCI-compliant ones, may not work depending on their specifications.



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* No product will be accepted by CONTEC group without the RMA number.

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Understand the following definitions and precautions to use the product safely.

Safety Information

This document provides safety information using the following symbols to prevent accidents resulting in injury or death and the destruction of equipment and resources. Understand the meanings of these labels to operate the equipment safely.

⚠ DANGER	DANGER indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
⚠ WARNING	WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
⚠ CAUTION	CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury or in property damage.



Handling Precautions

↑ DANGER

Do not use the product where it is exposed to flammable or corrosive gas. Doing so may result in an explosion, fire, electric shock, or failure.

♠ CAUTION -

- The Board must be plugged into an expansion slot conforming to the PCI Bus Standard on a PC.
- Do not impact or bend the board.
- Doing so may result in a malfunction, overheating, fault, or damage.
- Do not plug or unplug any board into or from the expansion slot with the PC or expansion chassis powered. Doing so may result in a malfunction, overheating, fault.
 Be sure to turn off the PC or expansion chassis and unplug their power cables before plugging or unplugging any expansion board.
- Do not plug or unplug the cable interconnecting the PC and expansion chassis with the PC or expansion chassis powered.
- Do not connect any signal other than specified to the on-board connector.
 Doing so may result in a malfunction, overheating, fault, or damage.
- If a specific expansion slot is recommended for a board, plug the board into that slot.
 Doing so may result in a malfunction, overheating, fault, or damage.
- When plugging or unplugging the power cable, be sure to hold it by the plug itself.
- Do not use or store the board where it is exposed to any chemical either directly or as vapor in the air.
- The specifications of this product are subject to change without notice for enhancement or quality improvement.
 - Even when using the product continuously, be sure to read the manual and understand the contents.
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Environment

Use this product in the following environment. If used in an unauthorized environment, the board may overheat, malfunction, or cause a failure.

Operating temperature

0 - 50°C

Humidity

10 - 90%RH (No condensation)

Corrosive gases

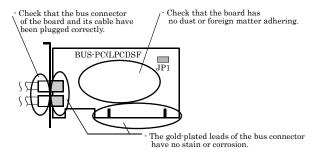
None

Floating dust particles

Not to be excessive

Inspection

Inspect the product periodically as follows to use it safely.



Storage

When storing this product, keep it in its original packing form.

- (1) Put the board in the storage bag.
- (2) Wrap it in the packing material, then put it in the box.
- (3) Store the package at room temperature at a place free from direct sunlight, moisture, shock, vibration, magnetism, and static electricity.

Disposal

When disposing of the product, follow the disposal procedures stipulated under the relevant laws and municipal ordinances.



2. Setup

This chapter explains how to set up the board.

Refer to the user's manual for the expansion chassis ECH(PCI)SF-H2B/F2B/H4B/F4B, ECH(PCI)SF-H4A/F7A/F13A as required.

What is Setup?

Setup means a series of steps to take before the product can be used.

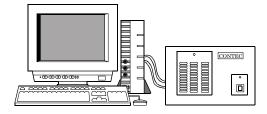
Taking the following steps in this chapter sets up the EAD(LPCI)SF.

- **Step 1 Preparation**
- Step 2 Installing the Expansion Board
- Step 3 Installing the expansion adapter board
- Step 4 Connecting the Cable
- Step 5 Setup and Check

If setup fails to be performed correctly, refer to "Setup Troubleshooting".

Step 1 Preparation

Configuration image



The photo is of the EAD(LPCI)SF+ECH(PCI)SF-H4A.

Figure 2.1. Configuration image

Items to be prepared

- PC
- Expansion adapter (This product)

(The expansion adapter consists of a board to be plugged on a PC and connection cables.)

Expansion adapter board [BUS-PC(LPCI)SF] ...(a),

Connection Cable ...(b)

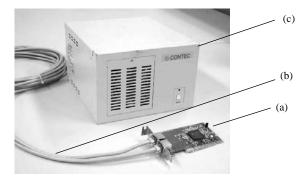
(The connection cables can be substituted for by UTP- or STP-category 5e straight cables of up to 12m in length.)

Expansion chassis

Chassis ...(c), Power cable

- PCI board to be installed
- INF file (Required only for Device Manager to detect the expansion adapter correctly)
 Even with the INF file not used, the expansion adapter works normally but is not displayed correctly in Device Manager.

Download the INF file from the CONTEC's Web site.



The photo is of the EAD(LPCDSF+ECH(PCDSF-H4A but the check points are the same as with the ECH(PCDSF-H2B/F2B/H4B/F4B/F7A/F13A.

↑ CAUTION

When used in an environment susceptible to extraneous noise, UTP cables may cause link connection. It is advisable to use STP cables available on the market.



Names of major parts

BUS-PC(LPCI)SF

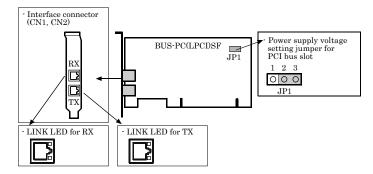


Figure 2.2. Names of major parts < BUS-PC(LPCI)SF >

Power supply voltage for PCI bus slot

Some PCI bus slots in your PC may supply power only at 3.3V but not at 5V. In that case, the expansion adapter does not work with its factory settings.

Move the JP1's jumper plug from the 2-3 position to the 1-2 position.

For power supply at 5V	For power supply not at 5V
$ \begin{array}{c c} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \\ \text{JP1} \\ \text{(Factory setting)} \end{array} $	1 2 3 O O O JP1

Figure 2.3. Power supply voltage setting for PCI bus slot

LINK LED

The LINK LEDs show whether the switch fabric device is working normally.

Both of the TX and RX LEDs remain on when the device is working normally. If they are blinking or off, see "Setup Troubleshooting.

Step 2 Installing the Expansion Board

Refer to the user's manual for the expansion chassis to install the expansion board on the expansion chassis.

Step 3 Installing the expansion adapter board

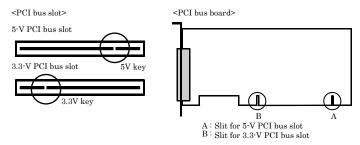
- Before plugging the board, shut down the system, unplug the power cable of your PC from a wall outlet.
- (2) Remove the cover from the PC so that the board can be mounted.
- (3) Plug the board into an expansion slot.
- (4) Attach the board bracket to the PC with a screw.
- (5) Put the cover back into place.



The photo is of the BUS-PC(LPCI)SF

Applicable PCI bus slots

PCI bus slots used in PCs have keys to prevent 5V and 3.3V PCI bus boards from being accidentally plugged into wrong bus slots. This board can be plugged into both of the 5V and 3.3V PCI bus slots.



↑ CAUTION

- Do not touch the board's metal plated terminals (edge connector) with your hands.
 Otherwise, the board may malfunction, overheat, or cause a failure.
 If the terminals are touched by someone's hands, clean the terminals with industrial alcohol.
- Do not install or remove the board to or from the expansion slot with the PC or expansion chassis powered.
 - Otherwise, the board may malfunction, overheat, or cause a failure. Be sure to turn off the PC.
- Make sure that your PC or expansion chassis can supply ample power to all the boards installed.
 Insufficiently energized boards could malfunction, overheat, or cause a failure.



Step 4 Connecting the Cable

Connecting the connection cable to the BUS-PC(LPCI)SF

Connect the connection cable to the expansion adapter board [BUS-PC(LPCI)SF] as shown in Figure 2.4 below.

Make sure that the connection cable connectors are locked.

↑ CAUTION

- Do not plug or unplug connector with the PC powered. Doing so may result in a malfunction.
- When used in an environment susceptible to extraneous noise, UTP cables may cause link connection. It is advisable to use STP cables available on the market.
- The PC may malfunction if link disconnection occurs with the LINK LED blinking or off.

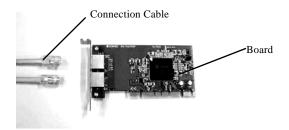


Figure 2.4. Connecting the connection cable to the BUS-PC(LPCI)SF

Connecting the connection cable to the Expansion Chassis

Refer to the user's manual for the expansion chassis ECH(PCI)SF-H2B/F2B/H4B/F4B, ECH(PCI)SF-H4A/H7A/F7A/H13A/F13A to connect its connection cable to the expansion chassis.

Connect the ECH(PCI)SF-H2B/F2B/H4B/F4B and ECH(PCI)SF-H4A/H7A/F7A/H13A/F13A to the expansion adapter EAD(LPCI)SF installed on the PC as shown below.

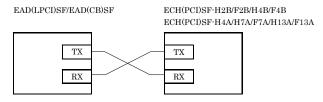


Figure 2.5. Connecting the expansion bus adapter

LINK LED

The LINK LEDs show whether the switch fabric device is working normally.

Both of the TX and RX LEDs remain on when the device is working normally. If they are blinking or off, see "Setup Troubleshooting".



The PC may malfunction if link disconnection occurs with the LINK LED blinking or off.

Plugging the Power Cable

(1) Connect the power cable to the expansion chassis.

↑ CAUTION -

Do not plug or unplug any board into or from the expansion slot with the PC or expansion chassis powered. Doing so may result in a malfunction, overheating, fault. Be sure to turn off the PC or expansion chassis and unplug their power cables before plugging or unplugging any expansion board.



Step 5 Setup and Check

Starting the system

The expansion chassis is turned on and off in sync with the PC's power supply.

Turning on the system

- Plug the power plug of the expansion chassis into a wall outlet.
 You do not need to press the POWER switch on the front panel (*1).
- (2) The power supply of a PC is turned ON.
- (3) The expansion chassis is turned on in synchronization with the PC's power supply.
- (4) Make sure that the POWER LED on the expansion chassis and the LINK LED on the RJ-45 connector is on.

Turning off the system

- (1) The power supply of a PC is turned OFF.
- (2) The expansion chassis is turned off in synchronization with the PC's power supply.
- *1 Pressing the POWER switch on the front panel of the expansion chassis turns on the expansion chassis or puts it to sleep.

 Use the switch, for example, to turn on only the expansion chassis.

↑ CAUTION

- Do not turn on or off the expansion chassis with the PC main unit powered.
 Doing so cancels the detection of the bus adapter. When turning the expansion chassis on back, restart the PC main unit.
- Do not plug or unplug any board into or from the expansion slot with the PC or
 expansion chassis powered. Doing so may result in a malfunction, overheating, fault.
 Be sure to turn off the PC or expansion chassis and unplug their power cables before plugging or
 unplugging any expansion board.
- If you turn on the PC after turning it off, keep a time interval of at least 10 seconds in between. If the power OFF-to-ON interval is too short, the expansion chassis may fail to be turned on.



Setting up the hardware in Windows

Upon startup of Windows, the switch fabric devices used by the expansion adapter and the expansion chassis are detected as a PCI-to-PCI Bridge and Other PCI Bridge Device in sequence. PCI-to-PCI Bridges are recognized automatically by a Windows standard driver but Other PCI Bridge Devices are not supported by any Windows standard driver. Therefore the Other PCI Bridge Device requires an INF file before it can be recognized correctly.

(Note that the expansion chassis works normally even without the INF file.)

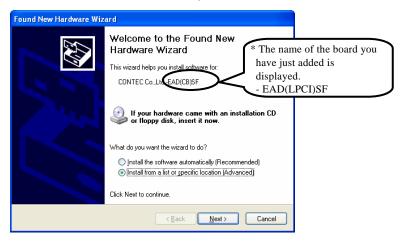
For setting up and checking the boards used on the expansion chassis, refer to their respective manuals.

Setup the "Add New Hardware Wizard"

When the INF file is not used

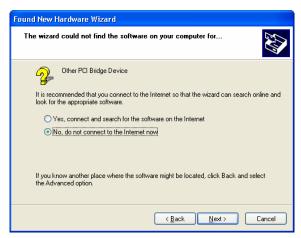
(1) The "Add New Hardware Wizard" will be started.

Select the "Install the software automatically [Recommended]" and then click on the "Next" button.





(2) INF file is not here, so the following screen is displayed.
Select the "No, do not connect to the Internet now" and then click on the "Next" button.



(3) Click on the "Finish" button and then complete the Hardware Wizard.



When the INF file is used

(1) The "Add New Hardware Wizard" will be started.

Select "Install from a list or specific location (Advanced)", then click on the [Next] button.



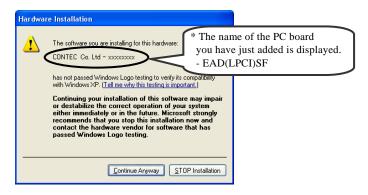
(2) Specify the location of the file downloaded from the CONTEC's web site to register the board.



↑ CAUTION

In Windows XP, the Hardware Wizard displays the following alert dialog box when you have located the INF file. This dialog box appears, only indicating that the relevant driver has not passed Windows Logo testing, and it can be ignored without developing any problem with the operation of the board.

Here, push the "Continue Anyway" button.



Now, hardware has been installed.

Checking the hardware in Windows

You can use Device Manager to check whether the expansion adapter and expansion chassis has been identified in Windows. Device Manager shows "PCI standard PCI-to-PCI bridge" under "System devices".

The expansion adapter and expansion chassis in use can be identified with the number of "PCI standard PCI-to-PCI bridge" entries.

Two entries: ECH(PCI)SF-H2B/F2B/H4B/F4B/H4A

Three entries: ECH(PCI)SF-H7A/F7A
Five entries: ECH(PCI)SF-H13A/F13A

↑ CAUTION

The expansion adapter EAD(LPCI)SF does not depend on the OS in use.

When the INF file is not used

If you install the expansion adapter without using the INF file, Device Manager looks as shown below. The Other PCI Bridge Devices are not recognized normally but the expansion adapter works with no problem.

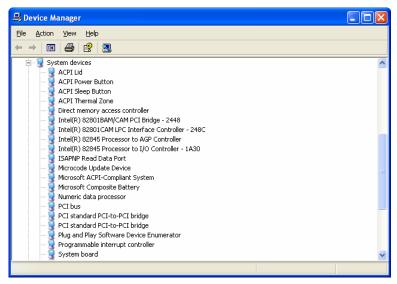


Figure 2.6. Sample screen shot of Device Manager (When the INF file is not used)

When the INF file is used

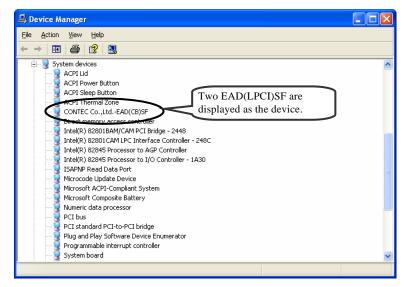


Figure 2.7. Sample screen shot of Device Manager (When the INF file is used)

Setup Troubleshooting

Please confirm followings when EAD(LPCI)SF does not work.

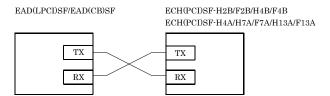
Symptoms and Actions

The chassis won't be turned on.

- a. Make sure that the power cable has been connected correctly.
- b. Make sure that the power supplies of the PC and expansion chassis are on.
- c. Make sure that you have followed the procedure in Chapter 2.
- d. Even though the chassis is still not turned on, check whether it is turned on with no board installed. If the chassis is turned on with no board installed, check the total current consumption by the installed boards. The total current consumption must not exceed the power capacity of the expansion chassis.

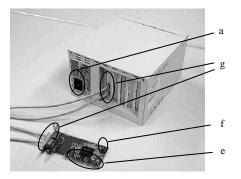
No PCI board on the expansion chassis is detected.

- e. Make sure that the expansion adapter board [BUS-PC(LPCI)SF] has been installed correctly.
- f. Make sure that the JP1 jumper on the expansion adapter board [BUS-PC(LPCI)SF] in the PC has been set correctly.
- g. Make sure that the connection cable has been installed correctly.
 When connecting the connection cable to the main chassis, insert the connector until it clicks into place.



h. Make sure that the POWER LED on the expansion chassis is turned on.

Make sure that the LED (LINK) built in the RJ-45 connector is on.
When used in an environment susceptible to extraneous noise, UTP cables may cause link connection. It is advisable to use STP cables available on the market.



The photo is of the EAD(LPCI)SF+ECH(PCI)SF-H4A but the check points are the same as with the ECH(PCI)SF-H2B/F2B/H4B/F4B/H7A/F7/H13A/F13A.

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3. About Hardware

Hardware specification

BUS-PC(LPCI)SF

Table 3.1. Specification < BUS-PC(LPCI)SF >

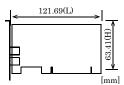
Item	Specification		
Compatible bus	PCI Local Bus Specification Rev2.2 (+5V/+3.3V type)		
Outside dimensions (mm)	121.69(L) x 63.41(H)		
Power consumption (Max.)	3.3VDC 450mA *1 (JP1 pins 1 and 2 connected) 5VDC 350mA *1 (JP1 pins 2 and 3 connected)		
Usable condition	0 - 50°C, 10 - 90%RH (No condensation)		
Weight	50g		

^{*1:} Power is supplied from the PC's main unit.

Table 3.2. Specification of the bundled cable

Item	Specification		
Bundled connection cable	STP-category, 5e straight cables 12m x 2 cables		
Weight	400g / cable		

Board Dimensions

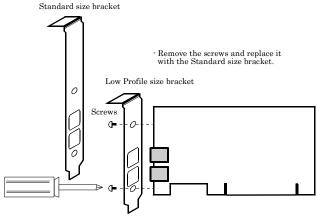


The standard outside dimension(L) is the distance from the end of the board to the outer surface of the slot cover.

Restrictions and Notes

Replacing the Bracket

This product is shipped with a Low Profile size bracket mounted. To plug the product into a standard size slot, replace the bracket with the bundled standard size bracket. The replacing method is as follows:



Use a standard screwdriver to attach and detach the screws.

Figure 3.1. Replacing the Bracket

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