

ICE Platform Enclosure

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Please read [Limited Warranty](#) and [General Warnings and Cautions](#) prior to operating.

Description

The ICE Platform Enclosure contains the necessary [Master Control Board](#), communications ports, I/O, mounting hardware, and thermal management for supporting up to 8 daughter modules.



Absolute Maximum Ratings

Note: All modules designed to be operated in laboratory environment

Parameter	Rating
Environmental Temperature	>15°C and <30°C
Environmental Humidity	<60%
Environmental Dew Points	<15°C

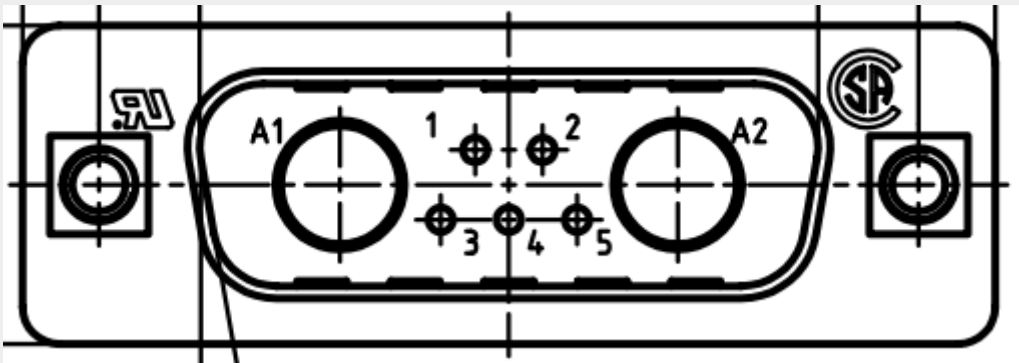
Specifications

	ICE-MC1	Units
Input Power Requirements		
<html> </html> 5V line	>5	A
<html> </html> 15V line	>1.5	A
<html> </html> -15V line	>1.5	A
Maximum Power Consumption¹⁾		

	ICE-MC1	Units
Input Power Requirements		
<html> </html> 5V line	10	A
<html> </html> 15V line	3	A
<html> </html> -15V line	3	A
Slave Boards		
<html> </html> Max Number of Slave Boards	8	
Communication Methods		
<html> </html> USB 2.0		
<html> </html> TTL Serial (3.3V)		

I/O

Power Entry Connector



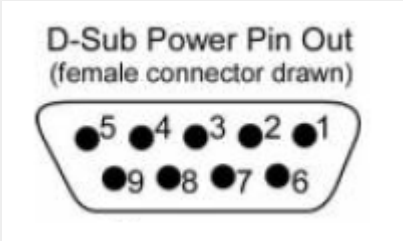
Pin	Signal
1	No Connect
2	No Connect
3	+15V
4	GND
5	-15V
A1	5V_A
A2	GND_A

Power is provided with a mixed-signal D-Sub connector (Conec P/N: 3007W2PCM99A30X). Pin definition shown in figure above. The return current path for +5V_A is GND_A. This wiring connected to this return path should be capable of carrying the maximum current of the +5V_A line. The signals GND and GND_A are shorted together on the circuit board through a jumper, but this can be removed.

USB

USB communication to the ICE Platform is done via a type-B USB connector on the back panel. The ICE Platform emulates a serial port over USB and all communications with the device should be done with Serial communication settings of '8N1' (8 bit, no parity, 1 stop bit) at 115,200 baud. The comm (or serial) port to use will be chosen by the USB host computer. The ICE Platform uses an FTDI chip to emulate a serial port over USB. Drivers can be found at <http://www.ftdichip.com/Drivers/VCP.htm>. The USB port is electrically isolated from the ICE Platform, thereby preventing any ground loops between the ICE enclosure and a computer.

D-Sub 9 Pin Connector



D-Sub Power Pin Out
(female connector drawn)

Pin	Signal
1	GPIO1
2	RXI_Serial
3	TXO_Serial
4	5V In ²⁾
5	Ground
6	GPIO2
7	No Connect
8	GPIO3
9	GPIO4

TTL Serial

This provides a TTL (low-voltage) asynchronous serial interface (USART) to communicate with the ICE Platform. Note that this serial interface is **not** compatible with RS-232 signalling levels, as found on the COM ports of older PC's. The serial interface operates at 3.3V signalling levels, 115,200 Baud, 8N1 format (8 bit, no parity, 1 stop bit), and no flow control. Bus idle state is high (3.3V). The TXO (transmit out) and RXI (receive in) nomenclature is from the perspective of the device external to the Master Controller. TXO is for an external device transmitting data into the ICE Platform. RXI is for the ICE Platform sending data out to an external device. Either the TTL serial interface or USB can be used to receive commands, but **not** simultaneously (e.g. interleaved bytes).

Note: The ground pin of the D-Sub 9 connector is connected to the ground pin of the USB connector. The shell of the D-Sub 9 connector is connected to the chassis of the ICE Enclosure. Even though the D-Sub 9 interface is opto-isolated, there are potential ground connections between the D-Sub and USB port.

5V In

This pin is used to supply the isolated interface on the ICE Platform with power. It is only necessary to supply 5V on this pin if the USB port is left unconnected. If the USB port is connected to a computer, the isolated interface will be powered from the USB cable. Even if both the USB port is connected and 5V is supplied on this pin, no damage will occur. The maximum current draw on this pin is 10mA.

GPIO

The GPIO pins are used for event system signalling. Voltage signalling is at 3.3V, active low. Pin definitions and usage is detailed in the [Event System](#) section.

Safety Interlock BNC

The safety interlock signal prevents the Master Controller from releasing the safety interlocks on all attached daughter boards. The safety interlock is only applicable to daughter boards that have laser controllers. Without the safety interlocks released, daughter boards are prevented from powering on lasers. The safety interlock signal floats high to 3.3V and must be pulled down to ground to release the interlocks. This pin can be permanently shorted directly to ground if safety interlock functionality is not required.

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External power provided to ICE-MC1 must also be able to handle the current requirements to utilize maximum power consumption specification

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leave unconnected if USB is also connected

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