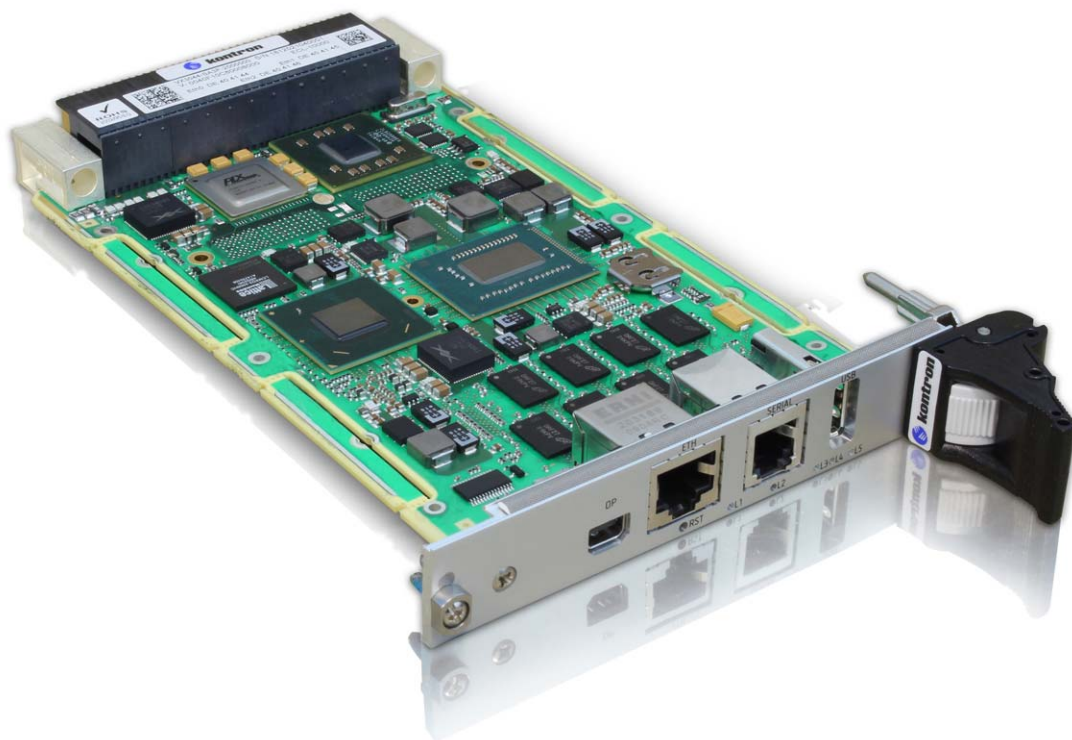


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Final disposition of this product after its service life must be accomplished in accordance with applicable country, state, or local laws or regulations.



Environmental protection is a high priority with Kontron.

Kontron follows the DEEE/WEEE directive.

You are encouraged to return our products for proper disposal.

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive aims to:

- > reduce waste arising from electrical and electronic equipment (EEE)
- > make producers of EEE responsible for the environmental impact of their products, especially when they become waste
- > encourage separate collection and subsequent treatment, reuse, recovery, recycling and sound environmental disposal of EEE
- > improve the environmental performance of all those involved during the lifecycle of EEE

Conventions

This guide uses several types of notice: Note, Caution, ESD.



Note: this notice calls attention to important features or instructions.



Caution: this notice alert you to system damage, loss of data, or risk of personal injury.



ESD: This banner indicates an Electrostatic Sensitive Device.

All numbers are expressed in decimal, except addresses and memory or register data, which are expressed in hexadecimal. The prefix '0x' shows a hexadecimal number, following the 'C' programming language convention.

The multipliers 'k', 'M' and 'G' have their conventional scientific and engineering meanings of $*10^3$, $*10^6$ and $*10^9$ respectively. The only exception to this is in the description of the size of memory areas, when 'K', 'M' and 'G' mean $*2^{10}$, $*2^{20}$ and $*2^{30}$ respectively.



When describing transfer rates, 'k', 'M' and 'G' mean $*10^3$, $*10^6$ and $*10^9$ *not* $*2^{10}$, $*2^{20}$ and $*2^{30}$.

In PowerPC terminology, multiple bit fields are numbered from 0 to n, where 0 is the MSB and n is the LSB. PCI and CompactPCI terminology follows the more familiar convention that bit 0 is the LSB and n is the MSB.

Signal names ending with an asterisk (*) or a hash (#) denote active low signals; all other signals are active high.

For Your Safety

Your new Kontron product was developed and tested carefully to provide all features necessary to ensure its compliance with electrical safety requirements. It was also designed for a long fault-free life. However, the life expectancy of your product can be drastically reduced by improper treatment during unpacking and installation. Therefore, in the interest of your own safety and of the correct operation of your new Kontron product, you are requested to conform with the following guidelines.

High Voltage Safety Instructions



Warning!

All operations on this device must be carried out by sufficiently skilled personnel only.



Caution, Electric Shock!

Before installing a not hot-swappable Kontron product into a system always ensure that your mains power is switched off. This applies also to the installation of piggybacks. Serious electrical shock hazards can exist during all installation, repair and maintenance operations with this product. Therefore, always unplug the power cable and any other cables which provide external voltages before performing work.

Special Handling and Unpacking Instructions



ESD Sensitive Device!

Electronic boards and their components are sensitive to static electricity. Therefore, care must be taken during all handling operations and inspections of this product, in order to ensure product integrity at all times

Do not handle this product out of its protective enclosure while it is not used for operational purposes unless it is otherwise protected.

Whenever possible, unpack or pack this product only at EOS/ESD safe work stations. Where a safe work station is not guaranteed, it is important for the user to be electrically discharged before touching the product with his/her hands or tools. This is most easily done by touching a metal part of your system housing.

It is particularly important to observe standard anti-static precautions when changing piggybacks, ROM devices, jumper settings etc. If the product contains batteries for RTC or memory backup, ensure that the board is not placed on conductive surfaces, including anti-static plastics or sponges. They can cause short circuits and damage the batteries or conductive circuits on the board.

General Instructions on Usage

In order to maintain Kontron's product warranty, this product must not be altered or modified in any way. Changes or modifications to the device, which are not explicitly approved by Kontron and described in this manual or received from Kontron's Technical Support as a special handling instruction, will void your warranty.

This device should only be installed in or connected to systems that fulfill all necessary technical and specific environmental requirements. This applies also to the operational temperature range of the specific board version, which must not be exceeded. If batteries are present, their temperature restrictions must be taken into account.

In performing all necessary installation and application operations, please follow only the instructions supplied by the present manual.

Keep all the original packaging material for future storage or warranty shipments. If it is necessary to store or ship the board, please re-pack it as nearly as possible in the manner in which it was delivered.

Special care is necessary when handling or unpacking the product. Please consult the special handling and unpacking instruction on the previous page of this manual.

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Chapter 1 - Introduction

This document describes the engineering evolution of the referenced products to the up-to-date ones which are detailed in the Kontron hardware documentation.



Functional changes that differ from previous version of the document are identified by a vertical bar in the margin.

You will find in the following pages:

- How to identify the Engineering Change (E.C.) level and the Order Code of the board you have in hand: Chapter 2 page 2
- What is the important information related to the different revisions of the board and the VX304x User's Guide:
 - ▶ General information for VX304x boards Chapter 3 page 3
 - ▶ Information related to a specific E.C. level Chapter 4 page 4

In this document the term VX304x will be associated to the 3U VPX board family, including VX3042 dual core and VX3044 quad core module.

This document applies to all VX304x Environment Classes (if available): Standard and Rugged Conduction-Cooled versions.

If a specific information applies only to a specific environment class, it is clearly specified in the information description. For example, the reference VX304x/RC applies only to VX304x Rugged Conduction-Cooled environment class.

This document refers to the up-to-date release of the following hardware documentation:

- VX304x User's Guide CA.DT.A98



Please contact Kontron for further information regarding EFT (Early Field Test samples) E.C. Levels not shown in the following tables.

Chapter 2 - Board Identification

» Engineering Change Level and Order Code

The Engineering Change Level (E.C. Level) and Order Code information are available on the "Board Identification" label, located on the top side of the board.

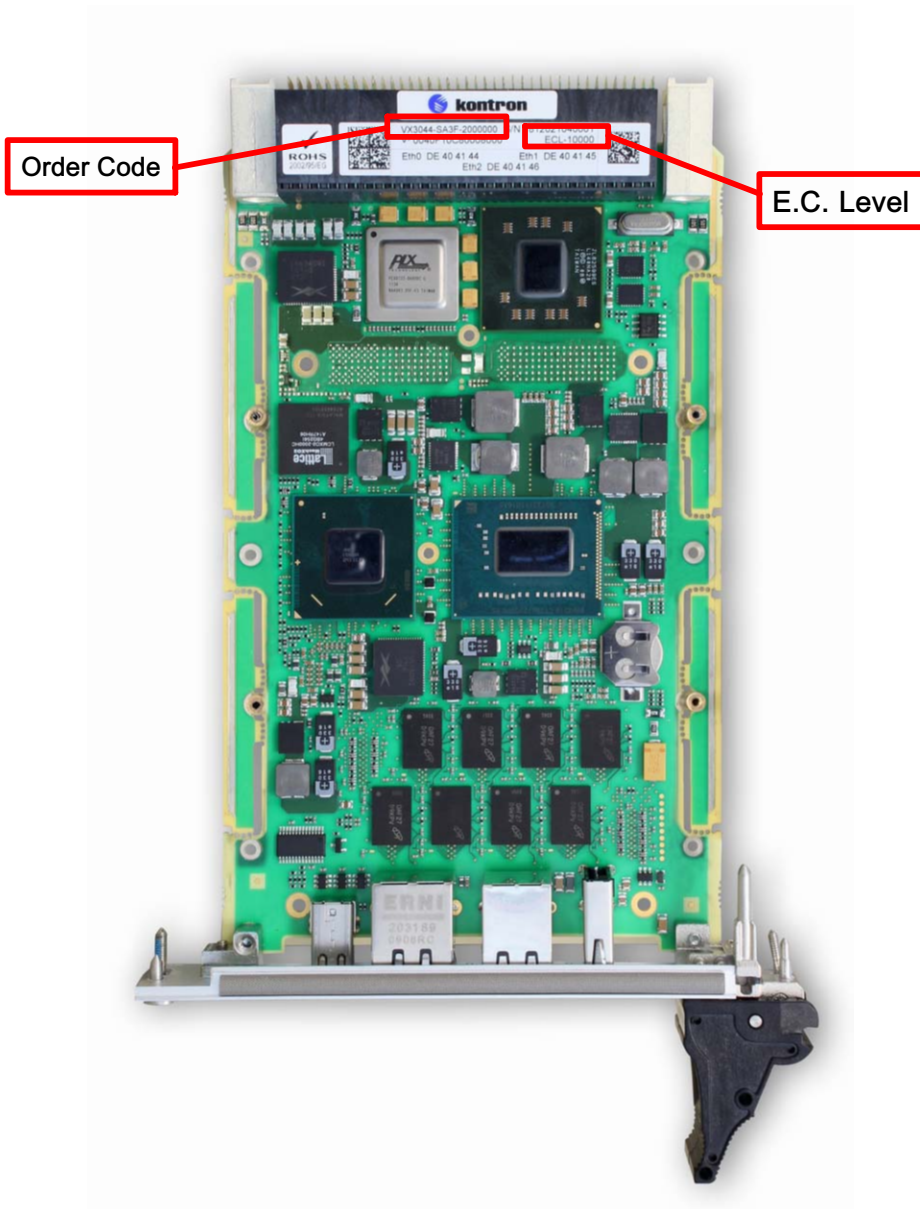


Figure 1: VX304x Identification

Chapter 3 - General Information

» Personal Injuries

> VX304x/SA



- ▶ Do not touch the CPUs heatsink while removing the board from a rack because it can get very hot.
- ▶ Be careful while handling the board, because of the cutting edges of the heatsink.
- ▶ Do not place the board on any surface or in any form of storage container until the board and its heatsink have cooled down to room temperature.

» EMC Gasket

In order to protect the EMC gasket located in the front panel, be careful during the insertion of the boards in the rack. It is recommended to insert the boards in a rack starting from the higher slot number and extract them starting from the lowest slot number.

» Power Supplies

On +5V and +12V power supplies, monotonic rise time shall comply with VS1/VS3 VPX standard rise time requirements.

For a power off condition to be valid, the +5V and +12V power supply inputs should remain at 0V for at least one second.

» VX304x/SA Handling



Do not lie the board on the CPUs heatsink to avoid damages on the processor.

» Battery Replacement

Make sure not to remove the battery support, this could damage the heatsink.

To replace the battery, proceed as follows:

- ▶ Turn off power.
- ▶ Use a small plier to pull the battery outside the safety cache.
- ▶ Remove the battery.
- ▶ Place the new battery in the socket.
- ▶ Make sure that you insert the battery the right way round. The plus pole must be on the top.

Chapter 4 - Board Revision Guide

4.1 How to Use the Board Revision Guide Table

1. Find the E.C. Level associated to your board as described in the Chapter 2 "Board Identification" page 2.
2. Find the column associated to the E.C. Level of your board in this table.
3. Check for a specific item in the table lines:
 - 3.1. A x (cross) in the E.C. Level column indicates that this item applies to this E.C. Level.
 - 3.2. No x (cross) in the E.C. Level column indicates that this item does not apply to this E.C. Level.
 - 3.3. If the functionality described by the item is not available on your board don't take into account this item. To know the functionalities available or not on your board, read the User's Guide associated with your board version.



Each item is fully described in section 4.3 "Item Detailed Description" page 5.

4.2 Revision Guide Table - Functional E.C. Levels

| Item | CRP | Description | E.C. Level | | |
|------|------|--|--------------|--|--|
| | | | 2x003 EFT | | |
| 1 | 4056 | COM2 RTS/CTS handshaking not functional. | X | | |
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4.3 Item Detailed Description for Functional E.C. Levels



Each item applies only to a specific group of E.C. Levels. Refer to the table available in section 4.2 "Revision Guide" page 4 to find the specific E.C. Levels associated to a specific item.

Item #1 COM2 RTS/CTS Handshaking not functional - CRP 4056

Description: COM2 is only available with Rx/Tx simplified mode. No RTS/CTS handshaking available.

Impact: COM2 in Rx/Tx simplified mode only.

Workaround: None. May be fixed in future design evolution.

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