

# RUGGEDIZED EUROCARD PACKAGING



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Level 2 Mechanical Assembly



Level 3 Electronic Enclosure Assembly

#### Commercial Off the Shelf (COTS) & Ruggedized Mechanical Packaging

Triple E has more than three decades experience supplying ruggedized products to customers in aerospace, defense, harsh industrial and rugged commercial markets. With patents for extruded all metal handles, the Triple E front panels and all metal extruded card guides offer customers performance and durability. Triple E products are unique in their design and their ability to withstand extreme environments.

#### Injector/Ejector Handles

Triple E's all metal handles are fully compliant with the mechanical specifications of IEEE1101.1 and IEEE1101.10. Triple E features a new VPX handle design offering the all metal design – combined with enhanced locking.

#### **Front Panels**

Triple E offers a range of front panels – from sheet metal VME solutions to extruded U Channel designs. We offer standard kits and components via our **ONLINE STORE ()**, and fully customized solutions featuring your cutouts and accessory components. Unique features include optional integral pb holders – with the PB Holder integrated into the extruded front panel for extra reliability and durability. We provide a full range of labeling and finish options including Chromate (clear or yellow), powder coat, and anodizing.

#### Card Guide Clusters / Card Decks

Only Triple E offers all metal card guide clusters and guide decks for VME, VME64x, cPCI, PXI, VXI – and the NEW VPX designs which add the locking feature. And the 901 VPX series offers users the flexibility of mixing the different Pitch options typical of VPX configurations. Just let us design the right card cage for your requirements. Because they are extruded, our card guide clusters and decks eliminate the problems of flexing and breaking found with plastic guides.

#### Card Frames / Card Cages / Systems

Triple E manufactures and assembles a full line of rugged card cages and card frames which feature all aluminum construction, including the card guides. For fully integrated solutions – our applications team will help you to configure the backplane, cooling, and mechanical packaging solution which best addresses your requirements. For development we have a range of open frame systems – perfect for Debugging!



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### **About Triple E**

Triple E offers a complete line of ruggedized Eurocard electronic packaging solutions including front panels, metal front panel handles, extruded aluminum card guide assemblies, rugged card cages, backplanes, power supplies and enclosures for VME (1101.1), VME64x (1101.10), VXI, VPX, VXS, PXI and cPCI (1101.10) systems.



#### UNIQUE SOLUTIONS

Triple E is the only vendor to offer a ruggedized stainless steel injector/ejector plate for VME64x, cPCI and PXI systems. Typical commercial solutions are aluminum injector/ejector plates, which can be easily damaged and prevent a board for being inserted into or ejected from the card cage. When Triple\*Ease<sup>™</sup> stainless steel plates are combined with Triple E's all metal injector/ejector handles, both handle and card cage will withstand virtually unlimited insertion/extraction cycles. From instruments which are being constantly reconfigured, to critical control systems, only Triple\*Ease<sup>™</sup> offers truly rugged sub-systems capable of confident operation, every time.

#### **MARKET FOCUS**

Triple E provides OEM's in the Military, Avionics, and Commercial industries with ruggedized system level components and complete turnkey system solutions.

#### **COMPANY BACKGROUND**

Triple E products are manufactured in Randolph, Massachusetts at an ITAR facility. From prototyping to volume production, we can support any customer need. Value added services offered include:

- Customized Designs
- Design and Applications Engineering
- Simulation and Testing Capabilities
- Standardized Expertise

- Labelling and Finishing Options
- Logistics and Support Services
- Program Management

# Rugged VPX Tool Kit from Triple E



#### FEATURES

Demanding Defense and Aerospace Requirements Make the Need for Rugged Hardware Paramount-<u>Performance is Key</u>

The VPX Architecture is a Defense Targeted Design-So We Built a Tool Box of Durable Parts to Keep Electronics Running Smoothly in Any Environment

From Metal Teeth Handles to Sturdy Front Panels and Ruggedized Card Cages, Our Extruded Aluminum Products Will Protect Delicate Electronics and Give Users a Simple Interface

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# HANDLES



# 1101.10 Handles with Die Cast Mounting Block made of Extruded Aluminum or Plastic with Locking Button Handles are Hot Swappable 4 Metal Teeth Models: -COTS Hybrid, with Button -Stainless Steel, with Button -HT, with Lever Handle -DT, with Metal Spring 1 Plastic, Less Rugged Model: -COTS, with Button These Handles are Designed to Grab the Chassis and Provide Excellent Insertion and Extraction Forces

#### 1101.10 Front Panels 6005-A Series 1101.10 Card Cages and Guides-Rugged Aluminum (Other Materials Available Extruded Aluminum Construction **Upon Request**) Rails are RoHS Compliant Clear Gasketing in 3 Versions: Chromated, with Aluminum Front Ejector -Beryllium Copper (Be/Cu) Bar (Stainless Steel Upon Request) -Stainless Steel -Fabric Over Foam (Special Request) Includes Nutbars & Backplane Insulators Standard Size Panels: Side Plates with Gasket and Flanges for -Height: 3U and 6U Rack Mounting are Included -Width: 4HP and 5HP Card Guides: -Other sizes available (i.e. 4.25HP), - IEEE 1101.10, Dot Ten Compliant **Please Contact Sales** Standard 901 Version Attached or Integral PCB Holders are -VPX Version: Stopper Extruded into Offered to Secure Your Printed Circuit Guide to Prevent Backwards Instalation Board to the Panel -Both guides feature ESD clip -Contact Sales for PSU (Green), Control Optional Metal Collar Sleeves in (Red), or Other Colored Guides Round or Oval Shape on the 3U Panels (Screws Included) New VPX Card Guide Features a Stopper to Prevent Backwards Installation! Eliminates need to engineer a feature into chassis or backplane . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

FRONT PANELS CARD CAGES

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#### Rugged Metal VME Handles For VME and VXI

#### FEATURES

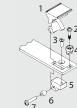
All metal handles in extruded aluminum, with patented mounting block Conform to IEEE 1101.1 specifications for VME and VXI applications Our aluminum handles completely eject the PCB from the backplane Handles have flat plane for board labeling by either silkscreen or overlay All metal construction offers significant improvement over plastic No risk of out-gassing or burning in extreme environments

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# Single CAM (VM-N, VM-W)

- Unique, robust design for rugged COTS VME applications Finger grips are extruded into the handles for a sure eject every time
  - •N Style is direct replacement for Schroff VME plastic handle
- •W Style is direct replacement for APW plastic handle

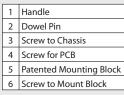


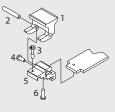


# Twin CAM (VM-T, LM-T)

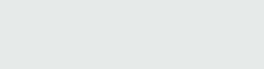
- Patented, all metal handle with traditional VME look
- Applies even ejection pressure across panel, reducing stress on PCB - even with stacked boards or wide panels

Come in two versions: VM and LM





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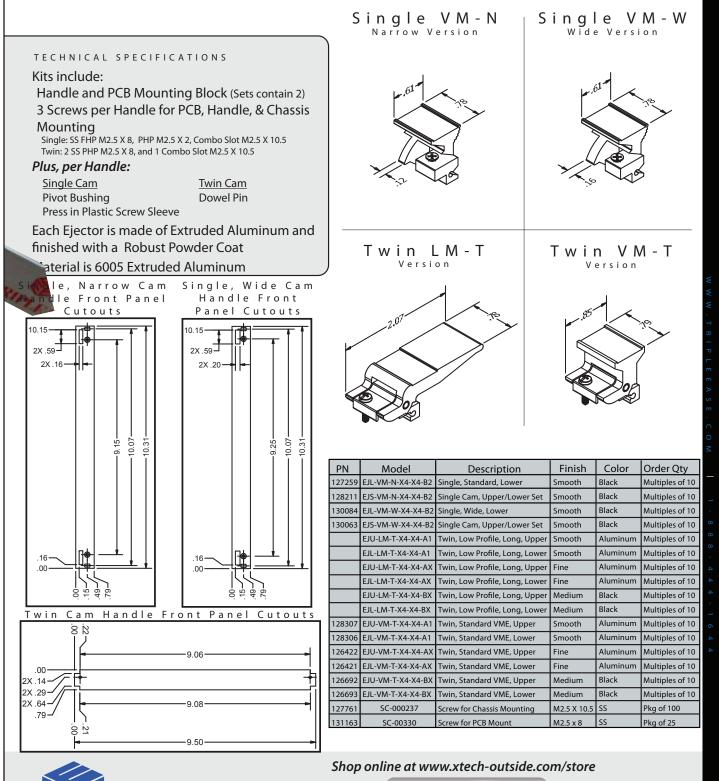
LM-T in Medium Black





M-T in Smooth Aluminum









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#### Ruggedized VME Single Cam Front Panels For VME and VXI

#### FEATURES

Rugged Aluminum Front Panels

- Conform to IEEE 1101.1 specifications for VME and VXI applications
- Fit all of the Triple E Single Cam, all metal handles
- **Optional PCB mount configurations**
- Variety of customizable features: cutouts, finishing, labeling

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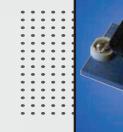
# Unshielded Single CAM Panel

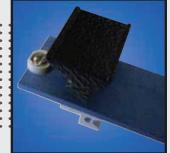
Standard Sizes: 3Ux4HP, 3Ux8HP, 6Ux4HP, and 6Ux8HP Standard Panels come with black powdercoat VM handles

Special Order Sizes: 3Ux12HP, 6Ux12HP

Available to Narrow and Wide CAM Versions

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XTech can modify your front panel with finishes, cutouts, and labeling. Contact our Sales Department for more information on customizing your front panels.



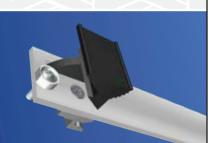




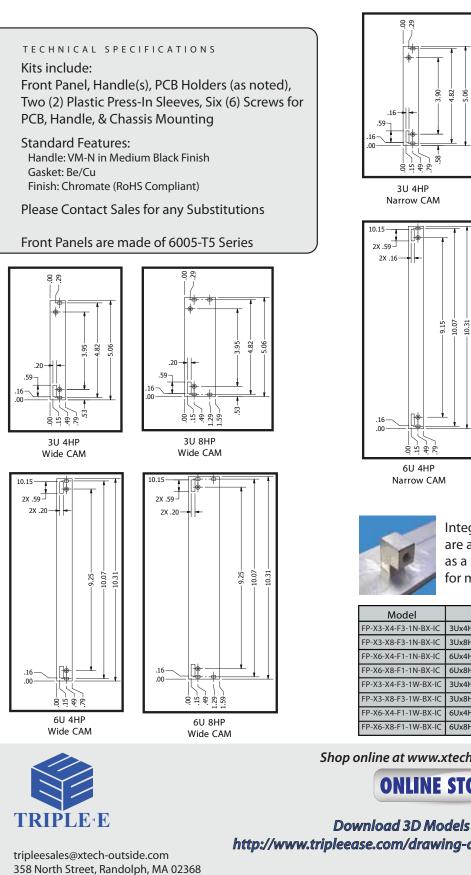
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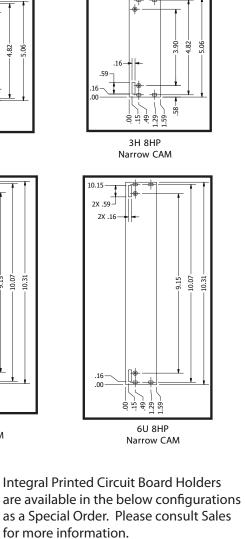




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Model	Description	Sheilding
FP-X3-X4-F3-1N-BX-IC	3Ux4HP, 1 Free Standing Attached PCB Mount	Unshielded
FP-X3-X8-F3-1N-BX-IC	3Ux8HP, 1 Free Standing Attached PCB Mount	Unshielded
FP-X6-X4-F1-1N-BX-IC	6Ux4HP, 0 Free Standing PCB Mounts	Unshielded
FP-X6-X8-F1-1N-BX-IC	6Ux8HP, 0 Free Standing PCB Mounts	Unshielded
FP-X3-X4-F3-1W-BX-IC	3Ux4HP, 1 Free Standing Attached PCB Mount	Unshielded
FP-X3-X8-F3-1W-BX-IC	3Ux8HP, 1 Free Standing Attached PCB Mount	Unshielded
FP-X6-X4-F1-1W-BX-IC	6Ux4HP, 0 Free Standing PCB Mounts	Unshielded
FP-X6-X8-F1-1W-BX-IC	6Ux8HP, 0 Free Standing PCB Mounts	Unshielded

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#### **Ruggedized VME Twin Cam Front Panels** Assemblies and Kits For VME and VXI

**Rugged Aluminum Front Panels** Conform to IEEE 1101.1 specifications for VME and VXI applications Fit all of the Triple E Twin Cam, all metal handles Optional shielding and PCB mount configurations Variety of customizable features: cutouts, finishing, labeling

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# Unshielded VME Panel

Versions

Standard Sizes: 3Ux4HP, 3Ux8HP, 6Ux4HP, and 6Ux8HP

Special Panel Sizes: 3Ux12HP, 6Ux12HP

Standard Panels come with Black Powder Coat VM-T Handles

#### Shielded VME Panel Versions

• Shielding is Be/Cu

Special Order Sizes: 3Ux12HP, 6Ux12HP

Standard Panels come with Black Powder Coat VM-T Handles

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customizing your front panels.

XTech can modify your front panel with finishes, cutouts, and labeling. Contact our Sales Department for more information on







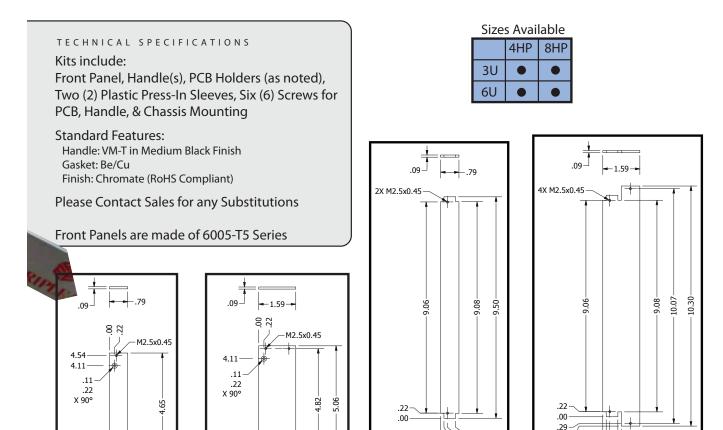












Model	Description	Sheilding
FP-X3-X4-F3-14-BX-IC	3Ux4HP, 1 Free Standing Attached PCB Mount	Unshielded
FP-X3-X8-F3-14-BX-IC	3Ux8HP, 1 Free Standing Attached PCB Mount	Unshielded
FP-X6-X4-F1-14-BX-IC	6Ux4HP, 0 Free Standing PCB Mounts	Unshielded
FP-X6-X8-F1-14-BX-IC	6Ux8HP, 0 Free Standing PCB Mounts	Unshielded
FP-X3-X4-R3-14-BX-IC	3Ux4HP, 1 Free Standing Attached PCB Mount	Shielded
FP-X3-X8-R3-14-BX-IC	3Ux8HP, 1 Free Standing Attached PCB Mount	Shielded
FP-X6-X4-R1-14-BX-IC	6Ux4HP, 0 Free Standing PCB Mounts	Shielded
FP-X6-X8-R1-14-BX-IC	6Ux8HP, 0 Free Standing PCB Mounts	Shielded

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Integral Printed Circuit Board Holders are available as a Special Order. Please consult Sales for more information.

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#### Rugged Metal IEEE 1101.10 Handles For cPCI, VME64x, VXS, and VPX



#### FEATURES

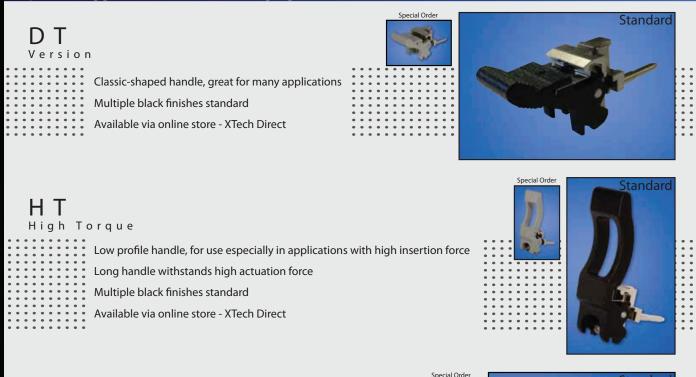
All metal handles in extruded aluminum

Conform to IEEE 1101.10 specifications for electrostatic discharge, keying, and hot swap

Designed specifically for ruggedized applications

All metal handles offer significant improvement over nylon No risk of out-gassing or burning in extreme environments Extremely strong, will not warp

#### Custom Colors and Labeling available upon request Triple E - Ruggedized Eurocard Packaging



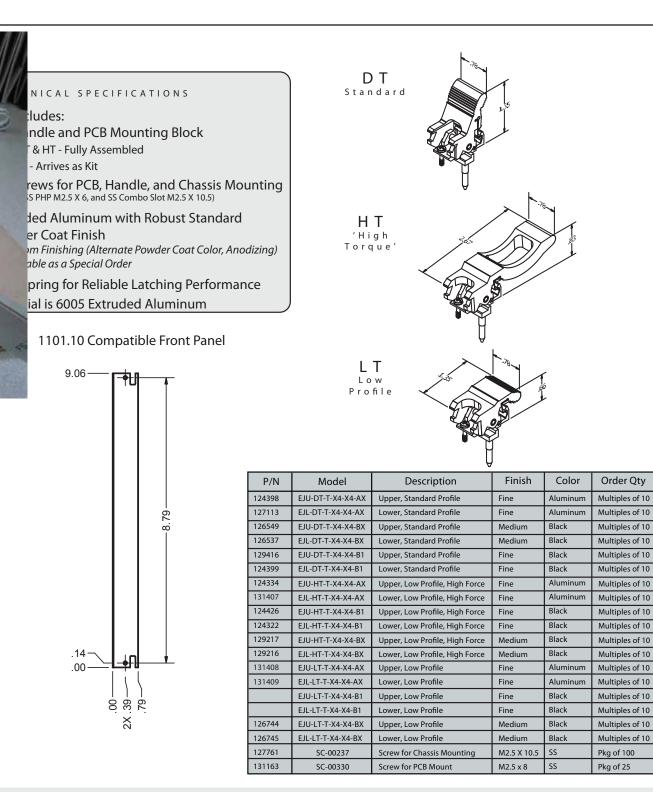
L T L o w P r o fi l e Low profile handle - maximize panel space for cutouts/labels Arrives as a kit to facilitate board mounting New assembly video online Available via online store - XTech Direct

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#### Ruggedized Metal IEEE1101.10 Front Panels For cPCI, VME64x, VXS and VXI



#### FEATURES

Ruggedized, all metal, COTS front panels

Conform to IEEE 1101.10 specifications for electrostatic discharge, keying, and hot swap

Designed specifically to withstand rugged applications

All metal construction offers significant improvement over plastic No risk of out-gassing or burning in extreme environments

Optional Inegral Printed Circuit Board Holders for Enhanced Performance

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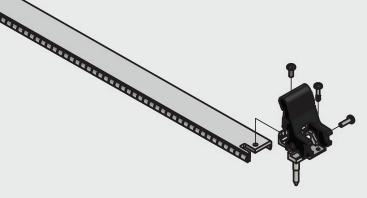
## Shielded 1101.10 Panel

Standard Sizes: 3Ux4HP, 3Ux8HP, 6Ux4HP, and 6Ux8HP

Standard Panels come with Black Powder Coat DT Style Handles

Unique, robust design for rugged COTS cPCI, VPX, and VME64X applications





XTech can modify your front panel with finishes, cutouts, and labeling. Contact our Sales Department for more information on customizing your front panels.







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#### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

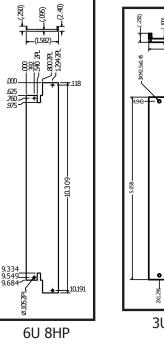
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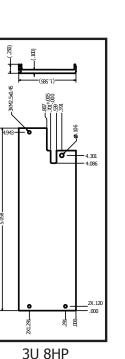
Front Panel, Handle(s), PCB Holders (as noted), Two (2) Plastic Press-In Sleeves, Six (6) Screws for PCB, Handle, & Chassis Mounting

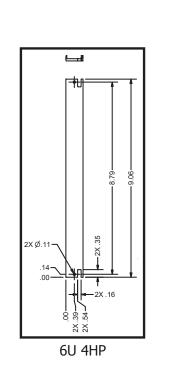
Standard Features: Handle: DT in Medium Black Finish Gasket: Be/Cu Finish: Chromate (RoHS Compliant)

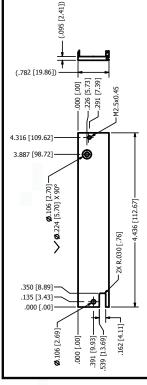
Please Contact Sales for any Substitutions

Front Panels are made of 6005-T5 Series









3U 4HP



Integral Printed Circuit Board Holders are available in the below configurations as a Special Order. Please consult Sales for more information.

Model	Description	Finish	Order Qty
FP-X3-X4-E3-24-BX-IC	3Ux4HP, 1 Free Standing Attached PCB Mount	Clear Chromate	
FP-X6-X4-E1-24-BX-IC	6Ux4HP, 0 Free Standing PCB Mounts	Clear Chromate	
FP-X3-X8-E3-24-BX-IC	3Ux8HP, 1 Free Standing Attached PCB Mount	Clear Chromate	
FP-X6-X8-E1-24-BX-IC	6Ux8HP, 0 Free Standing PCB Mounts	Clear Chromate	
FP-X3-X4-D1-24-BX-IC	3Ux4HP, 2 Free Standing Integral PCB Mounts	Clear Chromate	MOQ 10
FP-X3-X8-D1-24-BX-IC	3Ux8HP, 2 Free Standing Integral PCB Mounts	Clear Chromate	MOQ 10
FP-X3-X8-D2-24-BX-IC	3Ux8HP, 4 Free Standing Integral PCB Mounts	Clear Chromate	MOQ 10
FP-X3-X4-E1-24-BX-IC	3Ux4HP, 1 Free Standing Integral PCB Mount	Clear Chromate	MOQ 10
FP-X3-X8-E1-24-BX-IC	3Ux8HP, 1 Free Standing Integral PCB Mounts	Clear Chromate	MOQ 10
FP-X6-X4-D1-24-BX-IC	6Ux4HP, 2 Free Standing Integral PCB Mounts	Clear Chromate	MOQ 10
FP-X6-X8-D1-24-BX-IC	6Ux8HP, 2 Free Standing Integral PCB Mounts	Clear Chromate	MOQ 10
FP-X6-X8-D2-24-BX-IC	6Ux8HP, 4 Free Standing Integral PCB Mounts	Clear Chromate	MOQ 10



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#### Rugged Metal Card Guides, Decks, and Frames 901 Series for VME, VME64X, VXS, and cPCI



#### FEATURES

Triple E offers single piece card guides made of extruded aluminum All metal construction offers significant improvement over plastic No risk of out-gassing, burning, or breaking in extreme environments Designed to withstand harsh military and industrial applications Custom width decks can be configured Visit our website for more information: www.tripleease.com

Flexible - can be configured to accomodate different board widths Triple E - Ruggedized Eurocard Packaging

## 901 Series Card Guide

1101.10 Single Card Guide with Interface with Alignment Pin

Sold as Pair of Top and Bottom

ESD Clip is Included and Removable

Gray and Green (PSU) Powder Coat Finish is Standard Other Finishes Available Upon Request



## 901 Series Card Deck

Uses Single 901 Series Card Guides

Sold as Pair of Top and Bottom

Perfect Kit for Lab/Prototyping

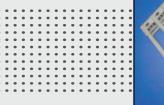
Various Board Widths

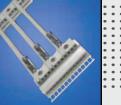
Standard Offering is 21 Slots Contact Sales to Custom Configure Other Slot Widths

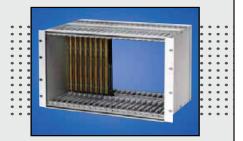
901 Series Card Frame

Flexible - Can be Configured for 4HP, 8HP, and 12HP Pitch to Accomodate

Standard Configuration is 21 Slots, 4HP Spacing Contact Sales to Custom Configure Other Slot Widths





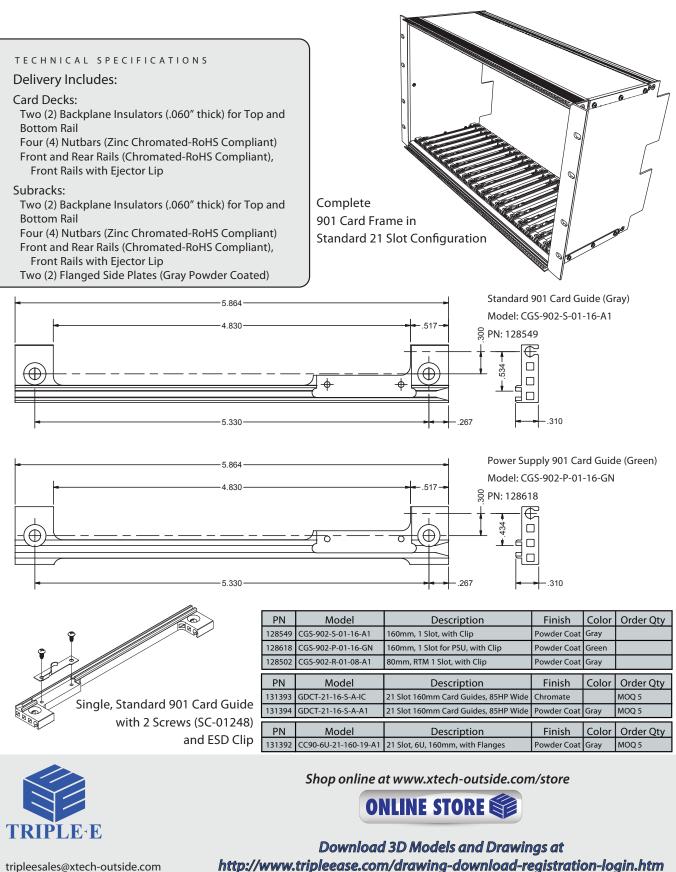


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#### Rugged Metal Card Guide Decks and Frames MaxAir Series for VME, VME64x, VXS, and cPCI



FEATURES

Triple E offers patented card guides made of extruded aluminum

All metal construction offers significant improvement over plastic No risk of out-gassing, burning, or breaking in extreme environments Allows for greater air flow and heat dissipation than plastic

Designed to withstand harsh military and industrial applications

Custom sizes can be accomodated via different length extruded guides Visit our website for more information Triple E - Ruggedized Eurocard Packaging

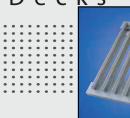
# MaxAir Series Card Decks

1101.1 and 1101.11 Versions

Available in 1101.1 and 1101.10 Configurations

Standard Slot Number is 21, Custom Sizes Available

Sold as a Set (Top and Bottom Guide Decks)





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.10 Version VME64x, cPCI

.1 Version VME

# MaxAir Series Card Frame

Uses MaxAir .1 or .10 Card Decks

Lengths of 240mm and 340mm are Available as Special Order

Standard Offering is 21 Slots

Contact Sales to Custom Configure Other Slot Widths



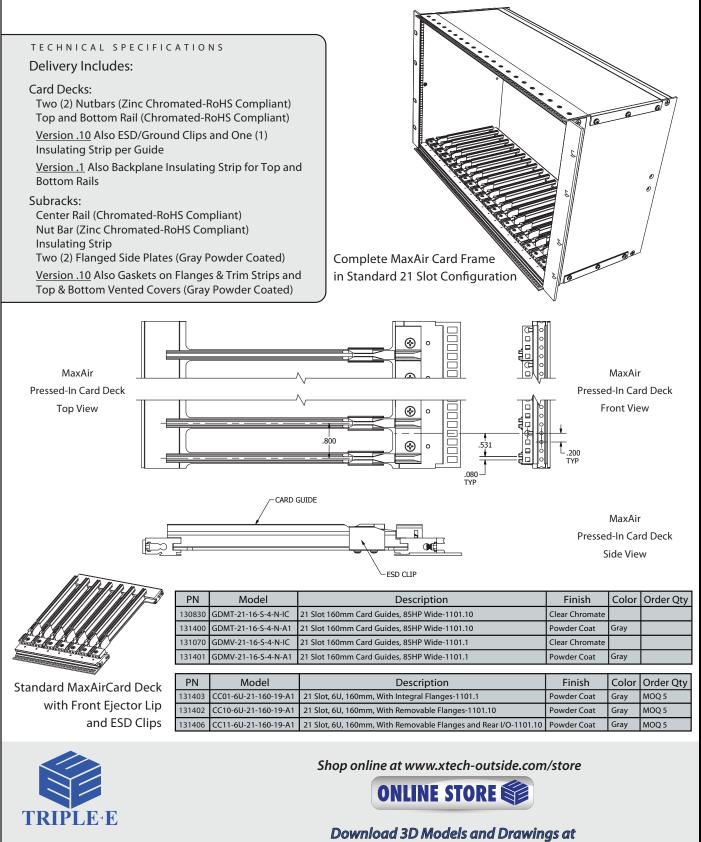
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# **Triple E Solutions -**

# Helping to Solve your Mechanical Packaging Challenges with Products that <u>Perform</u>!

From standard components to customized mechanical eurocard solutions the Triple E applications engineering team will work with you to configure the solution which best meets your requirements.

We offer a full range of standard components - from front panel extractors to fully assembled custom card cages.

#### Vibration an issue?

Take a look at our front panel solutions with integral board mounts, eliminating the screw attachment of a key component.

#### Extractor Breakage?

Check out the all metal Triple E handles for VME, VME 64X, VXS, and now an all new VPX handle. They feature all metal construction and are available in a variety of finishes. From stainless springs, to die cast bases to all metal extractors - the Triple E handles are all about ruggedized performance.

#### Board Stability a Problem?

In high vibration or shock environments - card guide stability and rail rigidity are often a major challenge. Triple E offers a wide range of solutions including:

• Ruggedized rails - heavy duty rails to provide a strong, more rigid card cage

• All Metal Card guides (with or without ESD clip) - minimize any bending or flexing which might occur. In addition they are secured to rail which eliminates the possibility that they would 'pop' out in a high shock event.

• Rail Wear - in a high vibration environment - concerns over wear on the front lip of the rail can occur. To address this - Triple E offers a stainless front lip option on IEEE 1101.10 rails.

Bottom Line - When it comes to performance in Eurocard Packaging - Triple E is the solution!







# Triple E Online Store -

Buy blank panels, ejectors, card guides, and compnents now! Best for quick prototypes, small orders, and replacement parts

Visit <u>www.tripleease.com</u> to learn about all our products. From the product pages, you can request a sample or download drawings and STP models. Then buy right away by clicking on the store button-which will take you directly to the product's store page.

On the store, you can see pricing, quantity breaks, lead time, and even estimated shipping costs before you buy. We also post datasheets at the top of each store page, so you have dimensional drawings and special configuration options right at your fingertips.



# Glossary

1U Height is specified by the unit 'U' ('Unit'), with 1 U being 1.75 inches (44.5 mm).

6063 Aluminum AA 6063 is an aluminium alloy, with magnesium and silicon as the alloying elements. The standard controlling its composition is maintained by The Aluminum Association. It has generally good mechanical properties and is heat treatable and weldable. It is similar to the British aluminium alloy HE9. 6063 is mostly used in extruded shapes for architecture. It is typically produced with very smooth surfaces fit for anodizing.

6005 Aluminum Alloy Aluminum alloy 6005/6005A is a medium strength, heat treatable alloy with excellent corrosion resistance. Alloy 6005/6005A has properties between those of alloys 6106 and 6082 and can sometimes be used interchangeably with these alloys but 6005/6005A has better extrusion characteristics. It has a better mill surface finish, but it is difficult to produce thin-wall complicated shapes in 6005/6005A.

6063-T5 T5 temper 6063 has an ultimate tensile strength of at least 22,000 psi (152 MPa) in thicknesses up to 0.5-inch (13 mm), and 21,000 psi (145 MPa) from 0.5 to 1.0-inch (25 mm) thick, and yield strength of at least 16,000 psi (110 MPa) up to 0.5-inch (13 mm) and 15,000 psi (103 MPa) (from 0.5 to 1.0-inch (25 mm). It has elongation of 8%.

CPCI - CompactPCI CompactPCI (cPCI) system is a 3U or 6U Eurocard-based industrial computer, where all boards are connected via a passive PCI backplane. The connector pin assignments are standardized by the PICMG US and PICMG Europe organizations. The connectors and the electrical rules allow for 8 boards in a PCI segment. Multiple segments are allowed with bridges.

EIA - Electronic Industries Alliance The Electronic Industries Alliance (EIA, until 1997 Electronic Industries Association) is a trade organization composed as an alliance of trade associations for electronics manufacturers in the United States. Those associations in turn govern sectors of EIA standards activity. The associations include: ECA – The Electronic Components, Assemblies, and Materials Association, GEIA – The Government Electronics and Information Technology Association, JEDEC – The JEDEC Solid State Technology division, formerly Joint Electron Devices Engineering Councils, TIA – The Telecommunications Industry Association. EIA is accredited by ANSI to help develop standards on electronic components, consumer electronics, electronic information, telecommunications, and Internet security. The recommended standards (formerly designated as RS-#, currently EIA-#) are designed so that manufacturer's equipment can be interchanged and compatible.

Front Panel The official definition of a front panel is: "Any type of metal or plastic plate designed to fit over a device or computer component to enhance the device's functionality or its looks." As it relates to circuit boards, the terms front panel and face plate are often used interchangeably. They are typically metal panel which enable a board to be attached/installed in a chassis, and to facilitate attaching cabling/connectors. The metal plate also protects the board from environmental factors and tampering.

HP Width is specified by the unit 'HP' ('Horizontal Pitch') or 'T' with 1 HP equal to 0.20 inches (5.08 mm).

IEEE1101.1 IEEE Std 1101.1 – 1998 IEEE Standard for Mechanical Core Specifications for Microcomputers Using IEC 60603-2 Connectors. The basic dimensions of a range of modular subracks conforming to 60297-3 (1984-01) and 60297-4 (1995-03) for mounting in equipment according to 60297-1 (1986-09) and 310-D-1992, together with the basic dimensions of a compatible range of plug-in units, printed boards, and backplanes, are covered. The dimensions and tolerances necessary to ensure mechanical function compatibility are provided. This standard offers total system integration guidelines with attendant advantages, such as reduction in design and development time, manufacturing cost savings, and distinct marketing advantages.

IEEE 1101.10 IEEE Std 1101.10 – 1996 IEEE Standard for Additional Mechanical Specifications for Microcomputers Using the IEEE Std 1101.1-1991 Equipment Practice. A generic standard that may be applied in all fields of electronics where equipment and installations are required to conform to the 482.6 mm (19 in) equipment practice based on IEEE 1101.1-1991, IEC 297-3 (1984), and IEC 297-4 (1995). Dimensions are provided that will ensure mechanical interchangeability of subracks and plug-in units.

Mill Finish The natural appearance of aluminum as it comes from the rolling mill (Alcoa, Reynolds, Kaiser, or Alcan) or the extrusion mill. It is "as is" with no external mechanical or chemical finishing. Extruded metal is considered "mill finish."

PICMG (PCI Industrial Computers Manufacturers Group) A consortium of companies who collaboratively develop open specifications for high performance telecommunications and industrial computing applications. The consortium members have a long history of developing leading edge products.

The Shingo Prize Named for Japanese industrial engineer Shigeo Shingo. Established in 1988 as the standard of excellence to educate, assess, and recognize organizations that achieve the highest level of world-class operational excellence. The philosophy behind the prize is that sustainable results are achieved through the application of universal, self-evident principles of operational excellence plus the alignment of management systems and improvement techniques through the entire organization. The Prize is administered by the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business at Utah State University. <u>www.shingoprize.org</u>

VITA - VMEBUS INDUSTRY TRADE ASSOCIATION Accredited as an American National Standards developer and a submitter of Industry Technical Agreements to the IEC, the VITA Standards Organization provides its members with the ability to develop and promote open technology standards. The VSO has created more than 30 standards in the past 10 years that promote open technology systems. No one member decides which technology becomes standard, it is a membership-wide decision.

VME VMEbus is a computer bus standard, originally developed for the Motorola 68000 line of CPUs, but later widely used for many applications and standardized by the IEC as ANSI/IEEE 1014-1987. It is physically based on Eurocard sizes, mechanicals and connectors (DIN 41612), but uses its own signalling system. It was first developed in 1981 and continues to see widespread use today.

VPX VPX, formerly known as VITA 46, is an ANSI standard (ANSI/VITA 46.0-2007) that provides VMEbus-based systems with support for switched fabrics over a new high speed connector. Defined by the VITA (VME International Trade Association) working group (comprising major industry organizations such as Boeing, Curtiss-Wright, Elma Electronic, GE Fanuc Embedded Systems, Hybricon, Kontron, Mercury Computer Systems and Northrop Grumman), it has been designed specifically with defense applications in mind, with an enhanced module standard that enables applications and platforms with superior performance. VPX retains VME's existing 6U and 3U form factors, supporting existing PCI Mezzanine Card and XMC mezzanines (PMC with high-speed serial fabric interconnect), and maintaining the maximum possible compatibility with VMEbus.

VXS ANSI/VITA 41, VMEbus Switched Serial or VXS, is an ANSI standard that combines parallel VMEbus with enhancements to support switched serial fabrics including PCI Express, RapidIO, StarFabric and InfiniBand over a new high speed PO connector. Backward compatibility is maintained with existing backplanes that do not have a conflicting PO scheme. Combining the VME2eSST parallel bus with switch fabric technologies for multi-point, high-speed data transfers creates choices for embedded computing designs of all types. The standard also incorporates ANSI/VITA 1.7, allowing more DC power input into each board.

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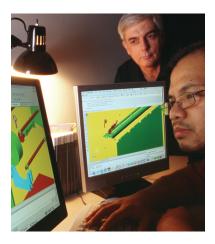
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