



Meinberg Radio Clocks

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PCI510: DCF77 PCI Clock (PCI/PCI-X Bus)

DCF77 radio clock for synchronisation of computers and networks

The board PCI510 has been designed for the reception of the DCF77 signal, the transfer of the time information to a computer with PCI (PCI-X) bus interface and the translation of the received codes into a serial telegram.

The **Windows** driver package includes a time synchronization service which runs in the background and adjusts the Windows system time continuously and invisibly. This package also includes a monitor program to enable the user to check the status of the device and time adjustment service. If the monitor program is run with administrator rights, it can also be used to modify configurable parameters.

The **Linux** and **FreeBSD** driver packages include a kernel driver which allows the product to be used as a reference time source for the NTP daemon included in most Unix-like operating systems. This also allows the computer to be used as an NTP time server to provide accurate time to NTP clients on the network. Some command line tools can be used to modify configurable parameters and monitor the status of the clock in use.

Please contact Meinberg's Support Team for more information on using the card with other operating systems: [1]techsupport@meinberg.de.

The device's serial port is not required for operation but can be used to update the card's firmware, or to provide another computer with the current time via a serial time string.

Important Note

This product is no longer available and may have been replaced by a newer product. We will, of course, continue to provide support for units that have already been purchased and are still in use. Please contact our [2][Sales Department](#) for further details.

This product has been discontinued and has been replaced with: [3]

Key Features

- PCI LOCAL BUS interface, 3.3V or 5V, 33MHz or 66MHz, PCI-X compatible
- Plug and play
- Pulses per second and per minute
- Periodic interrupts
- RS-232 interface

- Reception status indicated by LED
- Buffered hardware clock
- Configurable time zone
- Driver software for all popular operating systems

Characteristics

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| Receiver Type | Narrowband DCF77 quadrature receiver with automatic gain control, bandwidth: approx. 20Hz |
| Status Indicators | RF Signal: Indicated by LED, antenna alignment enhanced by utility program Free running: Indicated by LED and utility program without RF signal the clock runs on quartz basis with an accuracy of $\pm 1 \cdot 10^{-6}$ (after 24 hours of synchronous operation) Modulation: Indicated by LED and utility program |
| Reception Monitoring | Incoming time string undergoes multiple checks Plausibility test using two full consecutive time strings |
| Pulse Outputs | Pulses per second (RS232/TTL level) and per minute (TTL level), pulse duration: 100 msec, active high |
| Interface | PCI LOCAL BUS (PCI), PCI-X compatible |
| Serial Time String Output | Baudrate: 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600 baud Framing: 7E2, 8N1, 8E1, 8N2 Output string: 32 ASCII characters with date, time and status information |
| Statusbyte | Informations about free running mode, daylight savings time and DST pre-switch announcement, synchronization since last reset, GMT/UTC time and validity of the hardware clock data |
| Electrical Connectors | 9 pin sub D male connector BNC female connector |
| Computer interface | 33MHz- or 66MHz-PCI BUS (PCI-X) 32 Bit/3.3V or 5V card slot |
| Backup Battery Type | In case of supply voltage failure the on-board RTC keeps the time based on XTAL for more than 150 hours (buffer capacitor) Optional: lithium backup battery (life time: 10 years) |
| Board type | PCI card short |
| Supported Temperature | Operational: 0 - 50 °C (32 - 122 °F) Storage: -20 - 70 °C (-4 - 158 °F) |
| Supported Humidity | Max. 85 % (non-condensing) at 40 °C |
| Contents of Shipment | Scope of supply includes an active ferrite antenna [4] AI01 and 5m of RG174 coaxial cable with BNC connectors. Optional: [5] AW02 with RG58 and patch cord, other length of cable |

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| Options | Second RS232 interface via additional bracket |
| RoHS Status of Product | This product is fully RoHS-compliant. |
| WEEE Status of Product | This product is handled as a B2B (Business to Business) category product. To ensure that the product is disposed of in a WEEE-compliant fashion, it can be returned to the manufacturer. Any transportation expenses for returning this product (at end-of-life) must be covered by the end user, while Meinberg will bear the costs for the waste disposal itself. |

Manual

The English manual is available as a PDF file: [6][Download \(PDF\)](#)

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[1] <https://www.meinbergglobal.com/english/products/>

[2] <mailto:sales@meinberg.de>

[3] <https://www.meinbergglobal.com/english/products/pzf180pex.htm>

[4] <https://www.meinbergglobal.com/english/products/dcf77-indoor-antenna.htm>

[5] <https://www.meinbergglobal.com/english/products/dcf77-outdoor-antenna.htm>

[6] <https://www.meinbergglobal.com/download/docs/manuals/english/pci510.pdf>