

## HIGH-SPEED BOARD-TO-BOARD & BACKPLANE

INTERCONNECT SOLUTIONS GUIDE

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Samtec offers the largest variety of high-speed board-to-board and backplane interconnects in the industry with full engineering support, online tools and an unmatched service attitude.



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## HIGH-DENSITY ARRAYS

### **EXTREME PERFORMANCE • OPEN-PIN-FIELD • LOW-PROFILE**



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## EXTREME PERFORMANCE ARRAYS

- 4.0 Tbps aggregate data rate 9 IEEE 400G channels
- Two points of contact ensure a more reliable connection
- Fully shielded differential pair design
- Extremely low crosstalk (to 40 GHz) and incredibly tight impedance control
- Minimal variance in data rate as stack height increases
- Utilizes 40% less space with the same data throughput as compared to traditional arrays





### MICRO ARRAYS

- Flexible open-pin-field and cost optimized, extreme performance solution
- Low-profile 5 mm stack height and up to 10 mm
- 0.635 mm pitch
- Four row design with up to 400 total pins
- Data rate compatible with PCIe® Gen 5 and 100 GbE
- Cable assembly in development

## **ACCELE**RATE®



## LOW-PROFILE ARRAYS

- Up to 400 total pins in 4, 6 or 8 rows
- 1.27 mm pitch
- Dual beam contact system
- Solder crimped termination for ease of processing
- Compatible with mPower<sup>™</sup> (UMPT/UMPS) for power/signal flexibility \_\_\_\_
- Press-in or threaded standoffs available to assist unmating (JSO)





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(actual size shown)



LPAM/LPAF

LPAM Series: 120 pins (actual size shown)

## **HIGH-DENSITY ARRAYS**

## 1.27 mm PITCH ARRAYS

- Maximum grounding and routing flexibility
- Up to 560 Edge Rate<sup>®</sup> contacts optimized for signal integrity performance
- 7 mm to 40 mm stack heights; right-angle available
- Supports high-speed protocols such as Ethernet, PCI Express<sup>®</sup>, Fibre Channel and InfiniBand<sup>™</sup>
- Compatible with mPower<sup>™</sup> (UMPT/UMPS) for power/signal flexibility



#### **OPEN-PIN-FIELD FLEXIBILITY**





1.15 mm (.045") contact wipe



Solder charge terminations (IPC-A-610F & IPC J-STD-001F Class 3)



Elevated stack heights available (SEAR)



Press-fit tails available (SEAMP/SEAFP)



Jack screw standoffs (JSO)

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## HIGH-DENSITY 0.80 mm PITCH ARRAYS

- 2x the density of 1.27 mm pitch arrays
- 0.80 mm pitch
- Up to 720 Edge Rate<sup>®</sup> contacts; higher pin counts in development
- 7 mm and 10 mm stack heights
- 2 mm extended wipe in development
- Compatible with mPower<sup>™</sup> (UMPT/UMPS) for power/signal flexibility





SEAM8/SEAF8



0.80 mm pitch vs. 1.27 mm pitch (actual size shown; 60 pins)

## ULTRA-LOW PROFILE ONE-PIECE ARRAYS

- 0.80 mm or 1.00 mm pitch
- 1 mm body height (ZA8/ZA1); 0.33 mm body height provides the shortest signal path (ZA8H)
- 1.27 mm and 2 mm body heights (GMI)
- Up to 400 pins standard; 3,000+ pins with custom capabilities on Z-Ray®
- Z-Ray<sup>®</sup> is customizable in X, Y, and Z axes, stack height, pin count, shape, plating thickness, etc.
- Alignment/compression hardware available for Z-Ray<sup>®</sup> (ZHSI, ZSO, ZD)



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Dual compression, or single compression with solder balls

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(Z-Ray®)

## EDGE RATE® CONNECTOR STRIPS

### **OPTIMIZED FOR SPEED • HIGH CYCLES • INCREASED CONTACT WIPE**



#### EDGE RATE<sup>®</sup> CONTACT SYSTEM:

- Smooth milled mating surface reduces wear and increases durability
- Lower insertion and withdrawal forces
- Robust when "zippered" during unmating
- Minimized parallel surface area reduces broadside coupling and crosstalk
- Designed, simulated and optimized for 50  $\Omega$  and 100  $\Omega$  systems

STACK HEIGHT FLEXIBILITY



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## 0.80 mm PITCH SYSTEM

- 1.5 mm contact wipe for a reliable connection
- Differential pair and hot swap options
- Stack heights from 7 mm to 18 mm (8 mm in development)
- Supports high-speed protocols including Ethernet and PCI Express®



Rugged 360° shielding and metal latching options

## 0.635 mm PITCH SYSTEM

- Extremely slim 2.5 mm body width
- Up to 120 positions in a 2-row design
- 5 mm stack height (others in development)
- Compatible with mPower<sup>™</sup> (UMPT/UMPS) for power/signal flexibility



## 0.50 mm PITCH SYSTEM

- 1.00 mm contact wipe
- Up to 40% PCB space savings with 0.50 mm pitch vs. 0.80 mm pitch
- Stack heights from 7 mm to 12 mm
- 20 to 150 total positions



Compatible with mPower™ (UMPT/UMPS) for power/signal flexibility







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## GROUND PLANE CONNECTORS

### **RELIABLE SI PERFORMANCE • LOW-PROFILE • SLIM FOOTPRINT**



#### INTEGRAL GROUND/POWER PLANE

- Surface mount ground plane between two signal rows improves electrical performance
- Significantly reduces row-to-row crosstalk
- Integral metal plane for power to 25 Amps



#### **FEATURES**



Differential pairs reduce noise







Options for power, retention & RF

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## LOW-PROFILE GROUND PLANE CONNECTORS

- 0.50 mm, 0.635 mm and 0.80 mm pitch
- 5 mm to 25 mm stack heights
- Integral ground/power plane
- Compatible with mPower<sup>™</sup> (UMPT/UMPS) for power/signal flexibility



## SLIM GROUND PLANE CONNECTORS

- 0.80 mm pitch and 1.20 mm contact wipe
- Edge Rate<sup>®</sup> contacts optimized for superior signal integrity performance
- Right-angle available for coplanar and perpendicular mating
- Compatible with mPower<sup>™</sup> (UMPT/UMPS) for power/signal flexibility



## RUGGED GROUND PLANE CONNECTORS

- 0.635 mm pitch
- Increased insertion depth for rugged applications
- Up to 156 signal pins/48 signal pairs standard
- Vertical, right-angle and edge mount
- Shielded systems available (QMSS/QFSS)
- Compatible with mPower™ (UMPT/UMPS) for power/signal flexibility





**QRM8/QRF8** And the second second ...... 8.6 A .......... Slim 4.60 mm

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QMS/QFS

body width saves board space

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## **ULTRA MICRO** INTERCONNECTS

### **SPACE SAVING DESIGNS • HERMAPHRODITIC • HIGH-DENSITY**









stack height

**ACTUAL SIZE SHOWN - SLIM BODY DESIGNS** (40 total positions each) 5.00 4.60 6.50 5.00 5.00 4 70 5.00 5.00 20.40 17.45 ADM6/ADF6 ST4/SS4 ST5/SS5 TLH/SLH LTH/LSH LSS LSEM LSHM

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## HIGH-DENSITY MULTI-ROW STRIPS

- Low-profile 5 mm stack height and slim 5 mm width
- 0.635 mm pitch Edge Rate<sup>®</sup> contacts
- Up to 400 I/Os in a 4-row design
- Open-pin-field design for grounding and routing flexibility



Right-angle and other stack heights in development (ADF6-RA)





## RUGGED HERMAPHRODITIC CONNECTORS

- Razor Beam<sup>™</sup> contacts for high-speed and fine-pitch systems
- 0.50 mm, 0.635 mm and 0.80 mm pitch
- Stack heights from 5 mm to 12 mm
- 10 100 positions



### LOW-PROFILE STRIPS

- Micro 0.40 mm and 0.50 mm pitch
- Stack heights from 2 to 6 mm
- Slim body designs for increased PCB space savings
- 20 160 positions





Actual Size Shown



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# EDGE CARD SYSTEMS

SPEEDS TO 56 Gbps • EDGE RATE® CONTACTS • VARIETY OF OPTIONS



- **Orientation**: Vertical, right-angle, edge mount, pass-through
- **Options**: Power/signal combo, press-fit tails, PCI Express<sup>®</sup>, rugged weld tabs, locks and latches

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HSEC8

MEC8

MEC6

HSEC6

MEC5

MECE

PCIE-G5

MEC2

PCIE-LP

HSEC1

MEC1

SAL1

HSEC8-DP

PCIE

## 0.60 mm PITCH SOCKETS

- Differential pair Edge Rate® contacts
- Compliant to SFF-TA-1002: x4 (IC), x8 (2C), x16 (4C and 4C+)
- Mates with .062" (1.60 mm) thick cards
- PCI Express<sup>®</sup> Gen 5 compatible





## 0.80 mm PITCH SOCKETS

- Up to 200 high-speed Edge Rate® contacts
- Mates with .062" (1.60 mm) and .093" (2.36 mm) thick cards
- Power/signal combo (HSEC8-PV)
- PCI Express<sup>®</sup> Gen 3/4 compatible; rugged Gen 4 compatible socket in development (HTEC8)



## 1.00 mm PITCH SOCKETS

- Edge Rate® contact system for decreased crosstalk
- 20 140 positions
- Mates with .062" (1.60 mm) thick cards
- PCI Express<sup>®</sup> Gen 3/4 compatible; Gen 5 compatible differential pair socket in development (HSEC1-DP)



Custom designs can aid with misalignment in the X-Y axes

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HSEC8-EM

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HSEC1-DV



## **EDGE CARD SYSTEMS**

## 0.50 mm PITCH HIGH-SPEED, LOW-COST SOCKETS

- Justification beam enables use of standard PCB tolerance
- Up to 200 total I/Os; 300 I/Os in development
- PCIe<sup>®</sup> Gen 4 compatible
- Mates with .062" (1.60 mm) thick cards





Beam ensures card and body are flush



## 0.635 mm & 0.80 mm PITCH MICRO SOCKETS

- Up to 140 total I/Os
- Vertical and right-angle; edge mount (MEC8)
- Press-fit tails available (MEC8)
- Mates with .062" (1.60 mm) thick cards



Staggered press-fit tails



## 1.00 mm, 1.27 mm & 2.00 mm PITCH SOCKETS

- Up to 140 total I/Os
- Right-angle and edge mount available (MEC1)
- Optional weld tabs, alignment pins and polarization
- Mates with .062" (1.60 mm) and .093" (2.36 mm) thick cards





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## GEN 3 & 4 PCI EXPRESS® SOCKETS

- 1.00 mm pitch in x1, x4, x8 or x16
- Gen 3 compliant (PCIE) and Gen 4 compatible (PCIE-LP)
- Low-profile version for space savings; through-hole tails in development
- Mates with .062" (1.60 mm) thick cards
- Gen 4 slim body socket with Edge Rate<sup>®</sup> contacts in development (PCIE-G4)



### GEN 5 PCI EXPRESS® SOCKETS

- Differential pair system
- Design-in today for future-proof data rates
- Mates with standard PCIe® expansion cards
- 1, 4, 8 and 16 PCI Express® link options
- Currently in development





### 1.00 mm PITCH MICRO PLANE SOCKETS

- 40 to 80 I/Os per pair
- Mounts in pairs on same or opposite sides for easy signal routing
- BeCu contacts with large deflection
- PCI Express<sup>®</sup> Gen 3 compatible
- Mounting flexibility for variable mating card thickness and pass-through applications



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## HIGH-SPEED BACKPLANE SYSTEMS

**HIGH-DENSITY • DESIGN FLEXIBILITY • HIGH RELIABILITY** 



## EXAMAX® HIGH-SPEED BACKPLANE

- Meets industry specifications such as PCI Express<sup>®</sup>, Intel OPI and VPI, SAS, SATA, Fibre Channel, InfiniBand<sup>™</sup> and Ethernet
- Exceeds OIF CEI-28G-LR specification for 28 Gbps standards
- 24 72 pair designs (4 and 6 pairs; 6, 8, 10 and 12 columns)
- Wafer design increases isolation for reduced crosstalk
- Press-fit tails provide a reliable electrical connection
- Cable assemblies available (see pages 22 23)







Two reliable points of contact



Staggered differential pair design with an embossed ground plane



Coplanar available to bypass the midplane (EBTM-RA)



Direct-mate orthogonal (EBDM-RA) eliminates the midplane for a shorter signal path

#### **PERFORMANCE CHARTS**

ExaMAX® is engineered for 92  $\Omega$  impedance to address both 85  $\Omega$  and 100  $\Omega$  applications





ExaMAX<sup>®</sup> is a trademark of AFCI

## **HIGH-SPEED BACKPLANE SYSTEMS**

## XCEDE® HD HIGH-DENSITY BACKPLANE

- Small form factor and modular design provides significant space-savings and flexibility
- High-performance system
- Up to 84 differential pairs per linear inch
- 3, 4 and 6-pair designs on 4, 6 and 8 columns
- Integrated power, guidance, keying and end walls available
- 85  $\Omega$  and 100  $\Omega$  options
- Combine any configuration of modules to create one integrated receptacle (BSP Series); corresponding terminal modules are individually mounted to the backplane



#### **SMALL FORM FACTOR**



3, 4 and 6-pair designs (actual size shown with 8 columns)

#### DENSITY COMPARISON



(Both shown with six 4-pair; 8 column receptacles)

XCede<sup>®</sup> HD Up to 84 pairs per linear inch

> **Traditional Backplane** Up to 76 pairs per linear inch

#### SIGNAL/GROUND PIN STAGING



#### Ground Pins

Ground pins mate before signal pin pairs for hot plugging, preventing system downtime



#### Signal Pins

Signal pin pairs achieve up to 3.00 mm contact wipe for a reliable connection

#### **MODULAR DESIGN**

XCede<sup>®</sup> HD consists of signal, power and keying/guidance modules for incredible design flexibility. The modules can be customized in any configuration to meet specific application requirements. Contact **HSBP@samtec.com** for more information about building a full XCede<sup>®</sup> HD solution.

#### How to build a full solution:



PRODUCT BREAKDOWN (BSP Custom Configuration Shown)



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Top View

## **HIGH-SPEED BACKPLANE SYSTEMS**

## EXAMAX® BACKPLANE CABLE ASSEMBLIES

- Utilizes Samtec's Eye Speed® ultra low skew twinax cable technology for improved signal integrity, increased flexibility and routability
- Highly customizable with modular flexibility
- Reduce costs due to lower layer counts
- 30 and 34 AWG
- Multiple end options available



#### **DESIGN FLEXIBILITY**



4 and 6 pairs; 6, 8, 10 and 12 columns

**HIGH-DENSITY APPLICATION** 



Intermateable with all ExaMAX<sup>®</sup> connectors (EBTM/EBTF-RA)



EBCF

EBTM/ EBCL



Integrated guidance and keying options



Cable-to-DMO (Direct Mate Orthogonal)



Increases architectural flexibility by overcoming the limitations of traditional connector-to-connector backplane



#### **ULTRA LOW SKEW TWINAX CABLE**

Samtec's Eye Speed® co-extruded twinax cable technology eliminates the performance limitations and inconsistencies of individually extruded dielectric twinax cabling, improving signal integrity, bandwidth and reach for high-performance system architectures.

- Tight coupling between signal conductors
- Improved bandwidth and reach
- Improved signal integrity and eye pattern opening





✓ Good design coupling with ★ Bad design coupling with co-extruded low skew twinax



paralleled pair twinax

## HIGH-SPEED CABLE ASSEMBLIES

### EYE SPEED® COAX & TWINAX CABLE • MIX & MATCH

Samtec offers both sides of the system – high-speed connectors and mating cable assemblies. This vertical integration allows for the ultimate combination of design flexibility and customer service.

### SEARAY<sup>™</sup> HIGH-DENSITY ASSEMBLIES

- Up to 14 Gbps
- 34 AWG coax (ESCA); 36 AWG coax or 34 AWG twinax (SEAC)
- Mates with SEARAY<sup>™</sup> and SEARAY<sup>™</sup> 0.80 mm (pages 6 7)

## EDGE RATE® ASSEMBLIES

- Up to 14 Gbps
- 34 AWG coax (ERCD);
  30 AWG twinax (ERDP)
- Mates with 0.80 mm Edge Rate<sup>®</sup> connectors (pages 8 - 9)

## Q SERIES® ASSEMBLIES

- Up to 14 Gbps
- 34 and 38 AWG coax; 30 AWG twinax
- 0.50 mm (HQCD/HQDP) and 0.80 mm pitch (EQCD/EQDP/EQRD)
- Mates with Q Series<sup>®</sup> connectors (pages 10 11)

## ULTRA MICRO & EDGE CARD ASSEMBLIES

- Up to 14 Gbps
- 38 AWG coax mates with 0.50 mm pitch Razor Beam™ (HLCD; pages 12-13)
- 30 AWG twinax mates with 0.80 mm pitch edge card sockets (ECDP; pages 14 15)
- Mating assembly for PCI Express<sup>®</sup> edge cards (PCIEC; page 17)





NovaRay<sup>™</sup> cable system to 112 Gbps PAM4 (NVAC)







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## TECHNOLOGY CENTERS

### **COMPLETE SYSTEM OPTIMIZATION FROM SILICON-TO-SILICON™**

Samtec's Technology Centers offer high-level design and development of advanced interconnect systems and technologies, along with industry-leading signal integrity expertise which allows us to provide effective strategies and technical support for optimizing the entire serial channel of high-performance systems.

Because Samtec's Technology Centers are not limited by the boundaries of traditional business units, we are able to work in a fully integrated capacity that enables true collaboration and innovation to support the demands of today, and the challenges of tomorrow.



## **INTEGRATION** LEADS TO **INNOVATION**



#### ADVANCED INTERCONNECTS

High precision stamping, plating, molding and automated assembly

#### **HIGH-SPEED CABLE**

In-house R&D and manufacturing of precision extruded cable and assemblies



#### OPTICS

R&D, design, development and support of micro optical engines and assemblies

#### SYSTEM SIGNAL INTEGRITY

Full channel signal and power integrity analysis, testing and validation services

#### **PRECISION RF**

RF interconnect design and development expertise, with testing to 65 GHz

#### MICROELECTRONICS

Advanced IC packaging design, support and manufacturing capabilities

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# ONLINE TOOLS

## **DESIGN • PERFORMANCE • SIMULATION**

## QUICKLY BUILD MATED CONNECTOR SETS ONLINE

Solutionator

- Wide variety of search parameters and filters: pitch, signaling, stack height, pin count, etc.
- Easily sort search results to find the right mated set
- Live chat with engineers for custom options
- Immediately download models and open Specs Kit
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### REAL-TIME HIGH-SPEED PERFORMANCE SIMULATIONS

- Integrates and blends data from models to project performance in the user-defined system
- Outputs include:
  - Insertion and return loss
  - Crosstalk (NEXT and FEXT)
  - Eye diagrams
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## **ONLINE FULL CHANNEL SIMULATION & ANALYSIS**

- Channel modeling based on inputs provided by the user
- Results for standards and transceivers at varying equalization levels and data rates
- Individual receiver performance data per Tx/Rx assignments
- Channel overview and strategies for improved performance
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## MODIFIED & CUSTOM SOLUTIONS

## WILLINGNESS, SUPPORT & EXPERTISE



A substantial percentage of Samtec's high-speed board-to-board product segments are custom

23%	ARRAYS
<mark>11%</mark>	MEZZANINE
23%	ULTRA MICRO
44%	EDGE CARDS

#### INDUSTRY LEADING CUSTOMER SERVICE



#### FLEXIBLE IN-HOUSE MANUFACTURING



#### SIGNAL INTEGRITY EXPERTISE



## FLEXIBLE CAPABILITIES

- Full engineering, design and prototype support
- Design, simulation and processing assistance
- Quotes and samples turned around in 24 hours
- Flexible, quick-turn manufacturing
- Dedicated Application Specific Product engineers and technicians
- Modified or custom options for board level connectors and cable assemblies including: contacts, bodies, stamping, plating, wiring, molding, ruggedizing features and much more



Express Modification Standard low-profile compression array (GMI) with non-standard pin-out

#### **Engineered Custom** Custom body and pin layout with rotated pairs to cancel magnetic coupling

Contact the Application Specific Products Group at **asp@samtec.com** for express modifications or engineered customs.





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