

E44 & E22 PCI Express Audio Cards PRODUCT INTRODUCTION

The E44/E22 PCI Express cards are designed to satisfy the most demanding professional recording and broadcast studio requirements. Built upon the legacy of the industry-leading LynxONE and LynxTWO cards, the E series takes a leap forward to offer the highest performance A/D and D/A conversion system ever incorporated into a PCI Express card. In fact the E44 and E22 performance even eclipses that of the Lynx Aurora converters. Since 1998, Lynx has provided high-reliability add-in cards engineered for 24/7 operation. The E series improves upon this tradition with upgraded enhancements for I/O protection and shielding.

The E44/E22 cards utilize sophisticated design methodologies to achieve high performance levels. Components are meticulously chosen to support low noise and distortion. Circuit topologies are compact and cancel external noise pickup. Capacitors with solid dielectrics provide high reliability and long life. Considerable effort is applied to PCB layout which focuses on component placement and routing of traces, as well as copious use of copper planes for shielding and power distribution.

The power available from the PCI Express bus offers a particular challenge due to the lack of a negative supply rail which is required to power analog amplifier stages. The E series utilizes a unique scheme to generate supply rails that are extremely low noise while being very tolerant of poorly designed computer power supplies.

The use of field-programmable-gate-arrays (FPGA) is another core technology pioneered for use in audio devices by Lynx. The E series uses the latest devices with a wealth of resources for parallel processing in our 16 X 8 mixer and V2 DMA engine which maximizes throughput on the PCIe bus while minimizing CPU workload. The E44's FPGA firmware can be upgraded in the field in order to add features and enhancements in the future.

Ideal for:

Capturing and archiving historic and classic material with extreme accuracy and transparency.

Broadcast applications requiring 24/7 flawless operation

Audio measurement

Audio production

Medical, military and industrial applications that require full audio spectrum capabilities and extreme reliability

KEY SPECIFICATIONS AND FEATURES E44

- Four channels A/D and D/A conversion
- Four channels of AES3 or S/PDIF I/O

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- Two channels A/D and D/A conversion
- Two channels of AES3 or S/PDIF I/O

E44 and E22

- Fixed or adjustable trim level on all analog I/O's, relay controlled
- Extremely low-jitter SynchroLock sample clock generator
- Automatic output muting on power on/off (de-thump)
- FPGA-based on-board hardware mixing
- V2 DMA Engine promotes extremely low-latency operation
- Drivers for Macintosh OS X, Windows 7 & 8. Thunderbolt compatible.
- Lynx Mixer application
- RoHS compliant
- Designed and built in the USA

SPECIFICATIONS

Analog I/O

Lynx E44 Four input channels / four outputs channels
Lynx E22 Two input channels / two output channels
Type Electronically balanced or unbalanced, XLR

connectors

Level +20dBu full-scale or variable +8.23dBu to

+24dBu full-scale; jumper selectable

Input Impedance Balanced mode: 24 kohm

Unbalanced mode: 12 kohm

Output Impedance Balanced mode: 100 ohm

Unbalanced mode: 50 ohm

Output Drive Capability
A/D and D/A Type
Sample Rates

600 impedance, 0.2 µF capacitance
24-bit, multi-level, delta-sigma
All standard sample rates up to 192kHz

Analog In Performance

(Analog performance specs measured at 44.1 kHz sample rate, 24-bit,

card installed in computer)

Frequency Response $20 - 20 \text{ kHz}, \pm 0.05 \text{ dB}$

Dynamic Range 117 dB, A-wtd.

Channel Crosstalk
THD+N
-111 dB (0.0003%) @ -1 dBFS
1 kHz signal, 22Hz - 22kHz BW

Analog Out Performance

(Analog performance specs measured at 44.1 kHz sample rate, 24-bit,

card installed in computer)

Frequency Response 20 - 20 kHz, ± 0.05 dB Dynamic Range 120 dB, A-wtd.

Channel Crosstalk
THD+N
-108 dB (0.0004%) @ -1 dBFS
1kHz signal, 22Hz - 22kHz BW

Digital I/O

Number / Type

Lynx E44 Four input channels / four outputs channels
Lynx E22 Two input channels / two output channels

24 bit AES/EBU or S/PDIF format jumper selectable, transformer coupled, XLR con-

nectors

Sample Rates 44.1 kHz, 48 kHz, 88.2 kHz, 96 kHz,

177.4 kHz, 192 kHz

Clock I/O

Number External: one input and output, BNC con-

nectors on Sync Cable

Internal: one input and output on board-

mounted headers

Level / Impedance TTL / 75 ohms Type Word clock **On-board Digital Mixer**

Channel Capacity 16 input channels, 8 sub outputs Monitor Mixing 16 x 8 with no limitations

Metering Peak levels to -120 dB on all inputs and out-

puts

Connections

Audio Port Bracket-mounted 25-pin female D-sub connec-

tor for analog audio I/O

Sync Port Bracket-mounted 15-pin high-density female

D-sub connector for digital input and output,

word clock in and out

Cables (Optional)

E44 Audio Cable 25-pin male D-sub to 4 male and 4 female

XLR connectors on six-foot shielded twisted

pair cabling

E22 Audio Cable 25-pin male D-sub to 2 male and 2 female

XLR connectors on six-foot shielded twisted

pair cabling

E44 Sync 15-pin high-density male D-sub to (2) male

and (2) female XLR on six-foot shielded twisted pair cabling and (2) female BNC connectors on six-foot 75 ohm coaxial cabling 15-pin high-density male D-sub to (1) male

E22 Sync 15-pin high-density male D-sub to (1) male

and (1) female XLR on six-foot shielded twisted pair cabling and (2) female BNC connectors on six-foot 75 ohm coaxial cabling

Software

Windows Drivers Windows 7 / 8: MME / DirectSound /

WASAPI (WaveRT); ASIO 2.3

Macintosh Drivers Core Audio for OS X 10.8 and higher.

Lynx Mixer Application Provides complete control of digital mixer and

all hardware settings.

General

PCI Express Bus x1

Data Transfers Highly efficient Lynx V2 DMA engine;

bus mastering

Power +3.3V @ 630 mA, +12V @ 500 mA

Size 5.0" H X 7.4" W X 0.75" D (half-size PCI

Express card)

Shipping Weight 1 pound

Certifications CE and FCC Class B

RoHS Certified

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