

# RedLab 1808X

Eight-Channel Simultaneous-Sampling Multifunction Device

## User's Guide

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# Introducing the RedLab 1808X

The RedLab 1808X is a multifunction data acquisition device providing the following features:

- Eight 18-bit simultaneous-sampling differential (DIFF) or single-ended (SE) analog input channels – software-selectable per channel as DIFF or SE
- Sample rate of 200 kS/s per channel maximum
- Analog input ranges of  $\pm 10$  V,  $\pm 5$  V, 0 V to 10 V, and 0 V to 5 V – software-selectable per channel
- Two 16-bit analog outputs
- Four individually-configurable digital I/O channels
- Two high-speed general purpose counters
- Two quadrature encoder inputs
- Two timer outputs
- One external digital trigger for data acquisition and one external digital trigger for data generation
- Two external clock inputs and two clock outputs for synchronous input and output operations with more than one device.
- Screw terminals for field wiring connections

The device is powered by the +5 V USB supply from the computer, requiring no external power.

The RedLab 1808X is a USB 2.0 high-speed device that is fully compatible with both USB 1.1, USB 2.0, and USB 3.0 ports.

## Functional block diagram

RedLab 1808X functions are illustrated in the block diagram shown here.

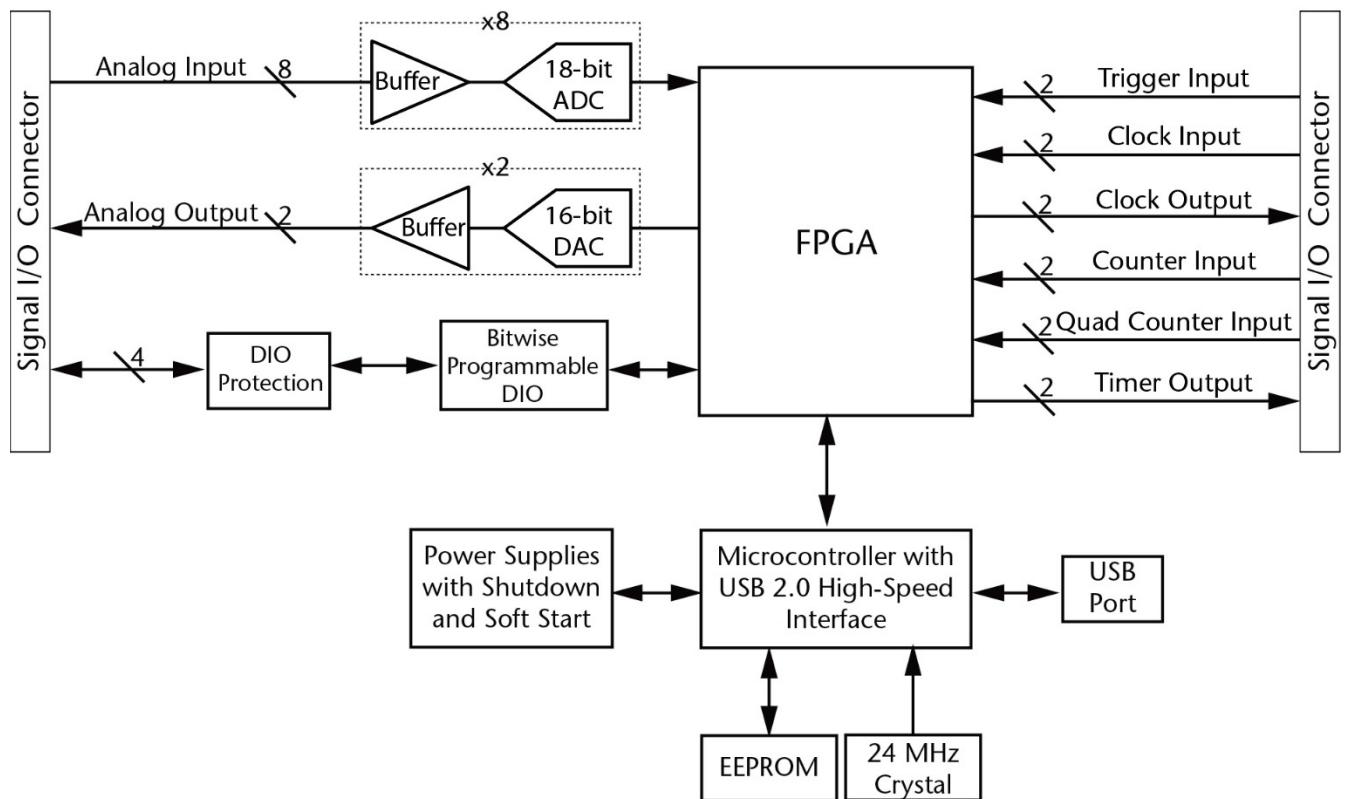


Figure 1. Functional block diagram

# Installing the RedLab 1808X

## Unpacking

As with any electronic device, you should take care while handling to avoid damage from static electricity. Before removing the device from its packaging, ground yourself using a wrist strap or by simply touching the computer chassis or other grounded object to eliminate any stored static charge.

If any components are missing or damaged, contact us immediately using one of the following methods:

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## Installing the hardware

To connect the RedLab 1808X to your system, connect the USB cable to an available USB port on the computer or to an external USB hub connected to the computer. Connect the other end of the USB cable to the USB connector on the device. No external power is required.

When connected for the first time, a **Found New Hardware** dialog opens when the operating system detects the device. When the dialog closes, the installation is complete. The **Status** LED on the RedLab 1808X turns on after the device is successfully installed.

### If the Status LED turns off

If communication is lost between the device and the computer, the device LED turns off. To restore communication, disconnect the USB cable from the computer and then reconnect it. This should restore communication, and the LED should turn on.

## Calibrating the hardware

The Meilhaus Electronic Manufacturing Test department performs the initial factory calibration. Return the device to Meilhaus Electronic when calibration is required. The recommended calibration interval is one year.

# Functional Details

## External components

The RedLab 1808X has the following external components (see Figure 2 through Figure 4 on pgs. 7-8):

- USB connector
- LEDs
- Screw terminals

### USB connector

The USB connector provides +5 V power and communication. No external power supply is required.

### Screw terminals

The screw terminals provide the following connections:

- Eight DIFF analog inputs (**CH0H/CH0L** to **CH7H/CH7L**) or eight SE analog inputs (**CH0H** to **CH7H**)  
Refer to Figure 2 and Figure 3 on page 7 for DIFF and SE pinouts.
- Two analog outputs (**AOUT0** and **AOUT1**)
- Four digital I/O lines (**DIO0** to **DIO3**)
- Two general-purpose counter inputs (**CTR0** and **CTR1**)
- Two quadrature encoder inputs (**ENC0A**, **ENC0B**, **ENC0Z** and **ENC1A**, **ENC1B**, **ENC1Z**)
- Two timer outputs (**TMR0** and **TMR1**)
- An external trigger input (**ITRIG**) and an external trigger output **OTRIG**
- Two external clock inputs (**ICLK1** and **OCLK1**) and two external clock outputs (**ICLK0**, **OCLK0**)
- One +5 V power output (**+VO**) connection
- Ten analog ground (**AGND**) and seven digital ground (**GND**) connections

Use 16 AWG to 30 AWG wire when making connections to the screw terminals.







Figure 6 shows the location of the **DIO** jumper on the circuit board.

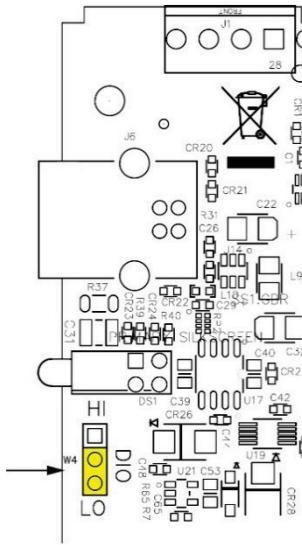


Figure 6. Pull-up/down jumper location

5. Configure the **DIO** jumper for pull-up or pull-down, as shown in Figure 7.

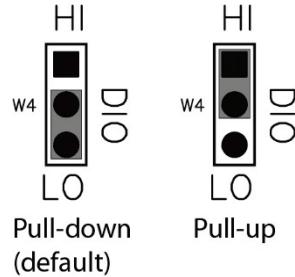


Figure 7. Pull-up/down jumper configuration

6. Replace the top section of the housing, and fasten it to the bottom section with the four screws.

## Counter input

Counter inputs can be read asynchronously under program control, or synchronously as part of a digital scan group.

The **CTR0** and **CTR1** terminals are 32-bit general-purpose counters that can accept frequency inputs up to 50 MHz.

The RedLab 1808X supports the following counter input modes:

- Totalize
- Period measurement
- Pulse-width measurement

Counter input modes are programmable with software. Each mode supports additional counter operation options.

Typically, when data is acquired with no counter operation options set, the count of each counter channel is set to 0 and latched at the beginning of the acquisition.

When counter options are set the counters can concurrently monitor time periods, frequencies, pulses, and other event-driven incremental occurrences directly from pulse-generators, limit switches, proximity switches, and magnetic pick-ups.







In Figure 10 all mask bits are excluded except bit 3. The result of this operation is that only bit 3 is included in the pattern to detect.

Bit	Bit
3	0
Pattern 1010	
Mask <u>1000</u> (AND)	
1000	

Figure 10. Trigger mask with some bits excluded

## Ground

The analog ground (**AGND**) terminals provide a common ground for all analog channels.

The digital ground (**GND**) terminals provide a common ground for the digital, trigger, counter, and encoder terminals.

## Power output

The **+VO** terminal can output up to 10 mA maximum. You can use this terminal to supply power to external devices or circuitry.

## Mechanical drawings

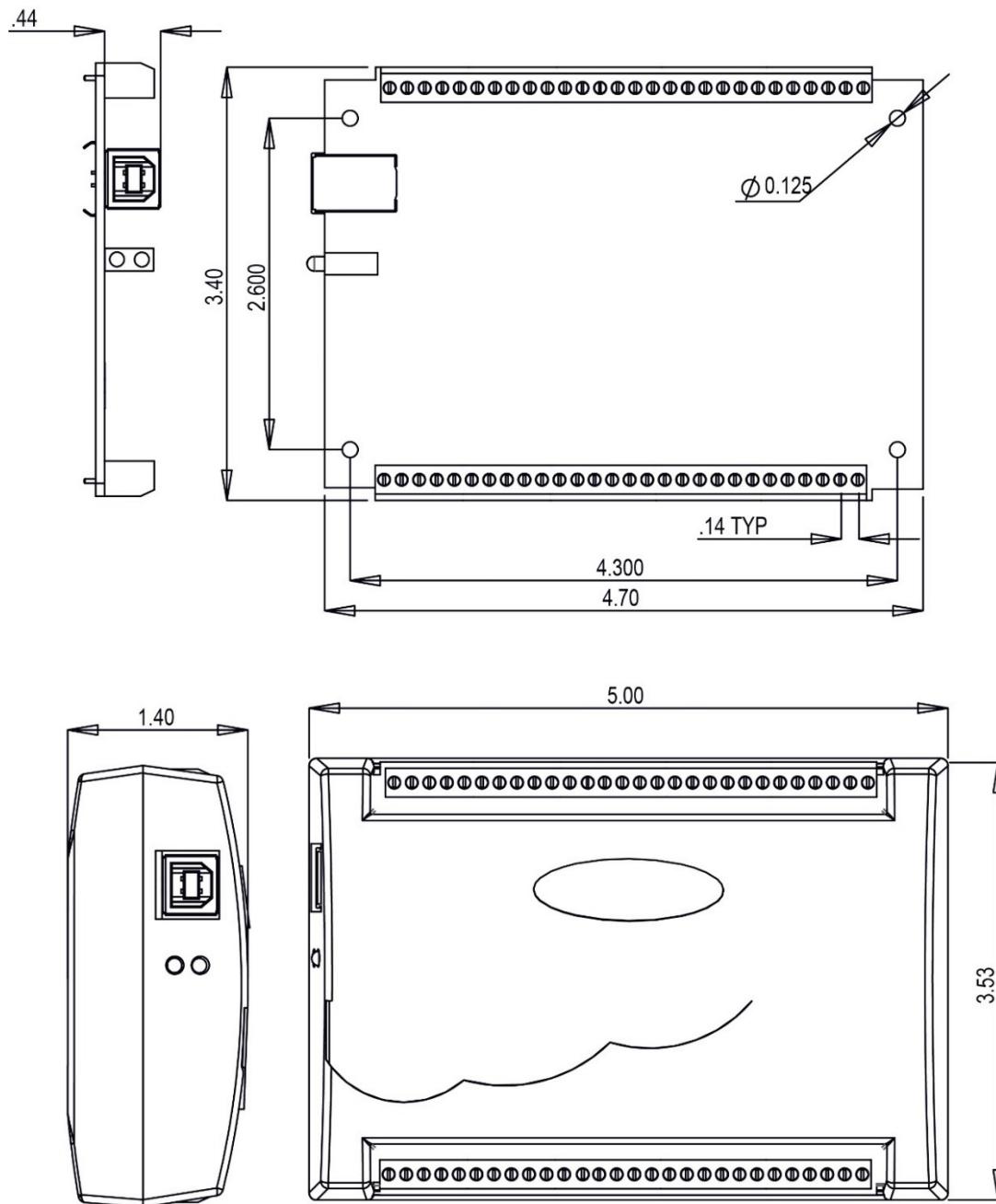


Figure 11. RedLab 1808X circuit board (top) and enclosure dimensions







## Analog input/output calibration

Table 9. Analog I/O calibration specifications

Parameter	Specification
Warm-up time	15 minutes recommended min
Calibration method	Factory calibration
Calibration interval	1 year

## Digital input/output

Table 10. Digital I/O specifications

Parameter	Specification
Digital type	CMOS
Number of I/O	4
Configuration	Each bit may be configured as input (power on default) or output
Pull-up configuration	The port has 47 kΩ resistors configurable as pull-up or pull-down (default) via internal jumper (DIO).
Digital I/O transfer rate (system-paced, asynchronous)	33 to 8,000 port reads/writes or single bit reads/writes per second typ, system dependent.
Digital I/O transfer rate (synchronous)	0.023 Hz to 200 kHz input, 500 kHz output, based on the internal clock speed of 100 MHz
Scan clock source for input	Internal input scan clock or external input scan clock (ICLK1 pin)
Scan clock source for output	Internal output scan clock or external output scan clock (OCLK1 pin)
Trigger source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ ITRIG for inputs, OTRIG for outputs (see <i>External trigger</i> on page 22)</li> <li>■ Digital pattern detection for inputs and outputs (see <i>Pattern trigger</i> on page 22)</li> </ul>
Input high voltage	2.0 V min 5.5 V absolute max
Input low voltage	0.8 V max −0.5 V absolute min 0 V recommended min
Output high voltage	4.4 V min (IOH = −50 µA) 3.76 V min (IOH = −2.5 mA)
Output low voltage	0.1 V max (IOL = 50 µA) 0.44 V max (IOL = 2.5 mA)
Output current	±2.5 mA max







## USB

Table 19. USB specifications

Parameter	Specification
USB device type	USB 2.0 (high-speed)
Device compatibility	USB 1.1, USB 2.0, USB 3.0
USB cable type	A-B cable, UL type AWM 2725 or equivalent. (Min 24 AWG VBUS/GND, min 28 AWG D+/D-)
USB cable length	3 m (9.84 ft) max

## Environmental

Table 20. Environmental specifications

Parameter	Specification
Operating temperature range	0 °C to 55 °C max
Storage temperature range	-40 °C to 85 °C max
Humidity	0% to 90% non-condensing max

## Mechanical

Table 21. Mechanical specifications

Parameter	Specification
Dimensions (L × W × H)	127 × 89.9 × 35.6 mm (5.00 × 3.53 × 1.40 in.)
User connection length	3 m (9.84 ft) max

## Screw terminal connector

Table 22. Screw terminal connector specifications

Parameter	Specification
Connector type	Screw terminal
Wire gauge range	16 AWG to 30 AWG



## Single-ended mode pinout

Table 24. 16-channel single-ended mode pinout

Terminal			Terminal		
#	Label	Use	#	Label	Use
1	CH0H	AI channel 0 HI	29	NC	No connection
2	NC	No connection	30	CH7H	AI channel 7 HI
3	AGND	Analog ground	31	AGND	Analog ground
4	CH1H	AI channel 1 HI	32	NC	No connection
5	NC	No connection	33	CH6H	AI channel 6 HI
6	AGND	Analog ground	34	AGND	Analog ground
7	CH2H	AI channel 2 HI	35	NC	No connection
8	NC	No connection	36	CH5H	AI channel 5 HI
9	AGND	Analog ground	37	AGND	Analog ground
10	CH3H	AI channel 3 HI	38	NC	No connection
11	NC	No connection	39	CH4H	AI channel 4 HI
12	AGND	Analog ground	40	AGND	Analog ground
13	+VO	+5V power output	41	AOUT0	AO channel 0
14	AGND	Analog ground	42	AOUT1	AO channel 1
15	GND	Digital Ground	43	AGND	Analog ground
16	TMR0	Timer 0 output	44	GND	Digital Ground
17	TMR1	Timer 1 output	45	DIO0	DIO channel 0
18	ICLKO	Input scan clock output	46	DIO1	DIO channel 1
19	OCLKO	Output scan clock output	47	GND	Digital Ground
20	GND	Digital ground	48	DIO2	DIO channel 2
21	ICLKI	Input scan clock input	49	DIO3	DIO channel 3
22	OCLKI	Output scan clock input	50	GND	Digital Ground
23	ITRIG	Input Trigger	51	CTR0	Counter 0 input
24	OTRIG	Output Trigger	52	CTR1	Counter 1 input
25	GND	Digital ground	53	GND	Digital ground
26	ENC1A	Encoder 1 Input A	54	ENC0A	Encoder 0 Input A
27	ENC1B	Encoder 1 Input B	55	ENC0B	Encoder 0 Input B
28	ENC1Z	Encoder 1 Input Z	56	ENC0Z	Encoder 0 Input Z

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