

# USER GUIDE

# NI TBX-68

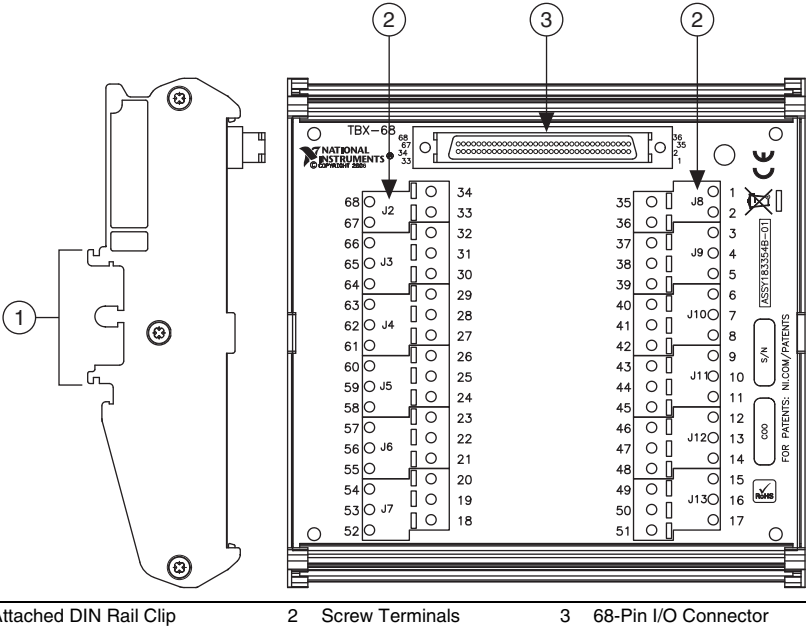
## Unshielded 68-Pin Screw Terminal Accessory

The NI TBX-68, shown in Figure 1, is an unshielded I/O accessory with 68 screw terminals for easy signal connection to a National Instruments 68-pin DAQ device.



**Note** The TBX-68 accessory is excluded from the scope of the low-voltage directive (LVD) and electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) directive. The CE marking indicates compliance with the RoHS directive 2011/65/EU.

**Figure 1. TBX-68 Parts Locator Diagram**



**Note** If the accessory is missing any of the components in Figure 1, contact NI.

# What You Need to Get Started

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To set up and use your TBX-68, you need the following:

- TBX-68 accessory kit(s)<sup>1</sup>
- Compatible 68-pin DAQ device and device documentation
- The correct cable(s) for your device
- 0.125 in. flathead screwdriver
- 12-30 AWG wire
- Wire cutters
- Wire insulation stripper

## Getting Started with the TBX-68

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Remove all cables from the TBX-68 before getting started. If you have not already installed your DAQ device, refer to the installation guide that came with your DAQ device for instructions. Complete the following steps to set up the TBX-68.

1. (Optional) Mount the TBX-68 to a standard 35 mm DIN rail using the attached clip on the back of the accessory.
2. Connect the wires to the screw terminals by stripping 6 mm (0.25 in.) of insulation, inserting the wires into the screw terminals, and securely tightening the screws with the flathead screwdriver to a torque of  $0.8 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$  (7 lb · in.). Refer to your device documentation for the DAQ device pinout and signal information.



**Caution** Do *not* connect input voltages  $>30 \text{ V}_{\text{rms}}/42 \text{ V}_{\text{pk}}/60 \text{ VDC}$  to the TBX-68. The TBX-68 is not designed for any input voltages  $>30 \text{ V}_{\text{rms}}/42 \text{ V}_{\text{pk}}/60 \text{ VDC}$ , even if a user-installed voltage divider reduces the voltage to within the input range of the DAQ device. Input voltages  $>30 \text{ V}_{\text{rms}}/42 \text{ V}_{\text{pk}}/60 \text{ VDC}$  can damage the TBX-68, all devices connected to it, and the host computer.



**Caution** Do *not* use for measurements within Categories II, III, or IV.

3. Connect the TBX-68(s) to the DAQ device using the appropriate cable(s) for your device.
4. Launch Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX). In the left panel, expand **Devices and Interfaces** to confirm that your DAQ device is recognized, and then configure your device settings.
5. Test specific device functionality. Run a Test Panel in MAX by right-clicking your DAQ device and selecting **Test Panels**. Click **Start** to test the device functions.

When you have finished using the TBX-68, power off any external signals connected to the TBX-68 before you power off your computer.

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<sup>1</sup> You can use up to two TBX-68 accessories with M/X Series devices with two connectors.

# Specifications

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These specifications are typical at 25 °C unless otherwise noted.



**Caution** Do *not* connect hazardous voltages ( $>30 V_{\text{rms}}/42 V_{\text{pk}}/60 \text{ VDC}$ ) to the TBX-68.

## Physical Characteristics

Dimensions .....	12.8 cm × 12.5 cm × 6.0 cm (5.02 in. × 4.93 in. × 2.36 in.)
Weight .....	251 g (8.8 oz)
I/O connector .....	One 68-pin male SCSI connector
Screw terminals .....	68, all I/O signals are available at screw terminals
Wire gauge .....	12-30 AWG
Torque .....	0.8 N · m (7 lb · in.)

## Environmental

### Temperature

Operating .....	0 to 70 °C
Storage .....	-20 to 70 °C

### Relative humidity

Operating .....	5 to 90% RH, noncondensing
Storage .....	5 to 90% RH, noncondensing

Pollution Degree .....

Maximum altitude..... 2,000 m

Indoor use only.

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## Related Documentation

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For more information about using the TBX-68 with your DAQ device, refer to the following resources:

- Documentation for your DAQ device at [ni.com/manuals](http://ni.com/manuals)
- *Measurement & Automation Explorer Help*
- *NI-DAQmx Help*
- NI KnowledgeBase at [ni.com/kb](http://ni.com/kb)
- NI Developer Zone at [ni.com/zone](http://ni.com/zone)

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