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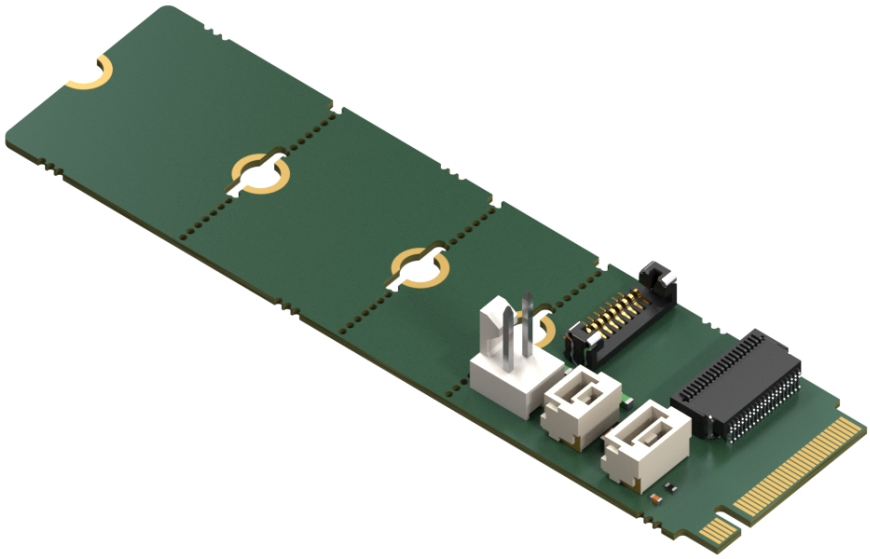

ADPT-MX-X4G3-FF-M2
Adapter board

XIMEA Accessories
Technical Manual
Version v260903

Introductions

About this manual

Dear customer,

Thank you for purchasing a product from XIMEA.

We hope that this manual can answer your questions, but should you have any further queries or if you wish to claim a service or warranty case, please contact your local dealer or refer to XIMEA Support on our website: www.ximea.com/support

The purpose of this document is to provide a description of XIMEA Accessories and to describe the correct way to install related software, drivers and run it successfully. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating your new XIMEA Accessories for the first time. Please follow all instructions and observe the warnings.

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1 General description

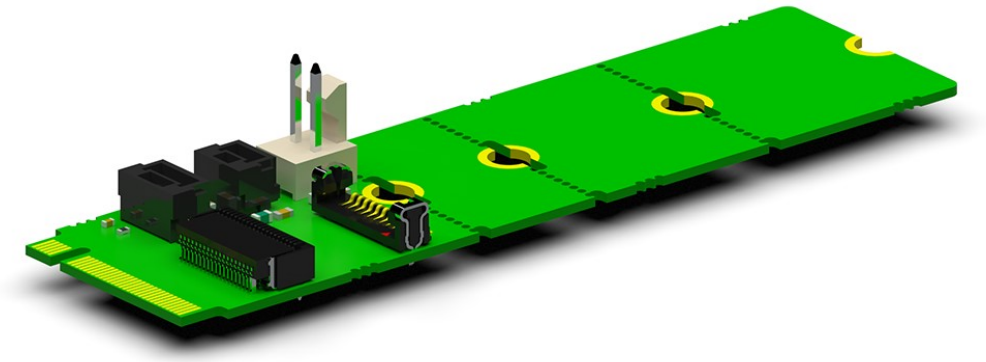

Figure 1: Isometric view of the adapter

The adapter provides a PCIe Gen3 x4 interface for connecting xiX X4 cameras (X4G2 or X4G3 target) equipped with a FireFly connector to an M.2 host interface.

- Interface: PCIe Gen3 x4
- Camera interface: FireFly connector
- Cable support: Copper FireFly cables
- Host interface: M.2 socket
- Mechanical customization: The PCB can be shortened by removing designated board sections to accommodate space-constrained applications.

2 Dimensional drawings

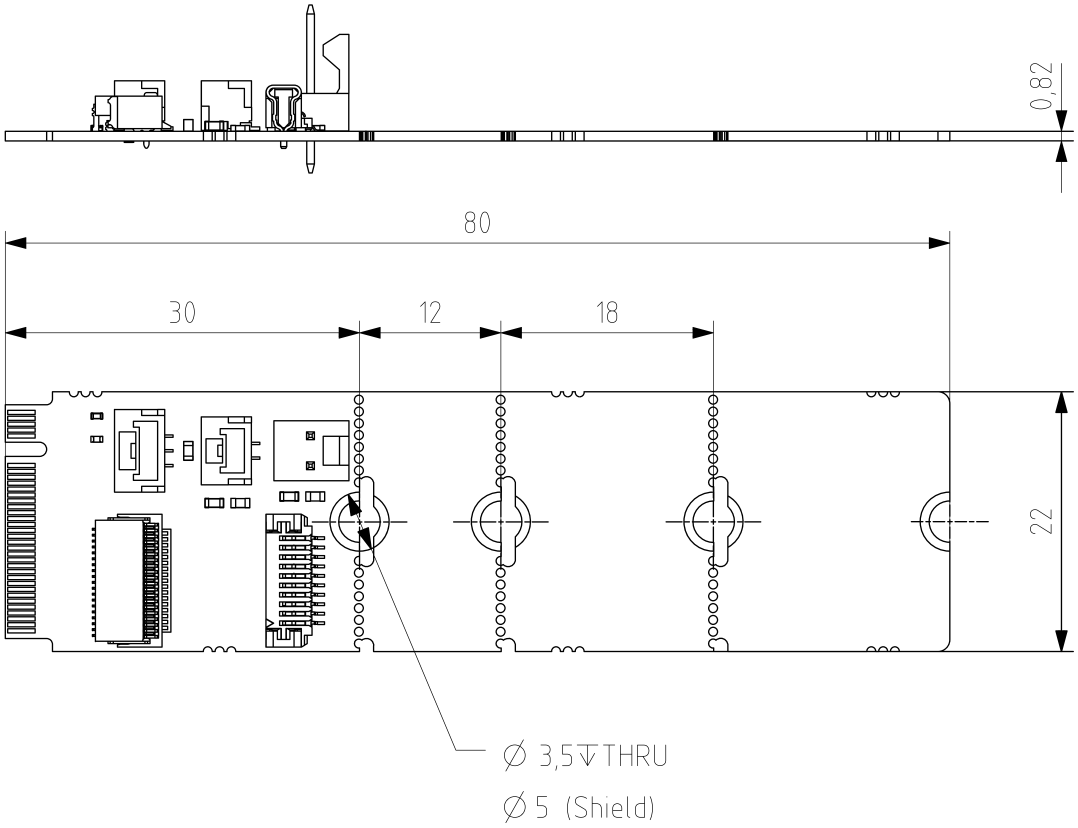

Figure 2: Dimensional drawing of ADPT-MX-X4G3-FF-M2

Width [W]	Height [H]	Depth [D]	Mass [M]	Material and technology
22 mm	0.82 mm	30 to 80 mm	14 g	FR4

Table 1: Parameters and mass

3 Connectors

3.1 Location of connectors

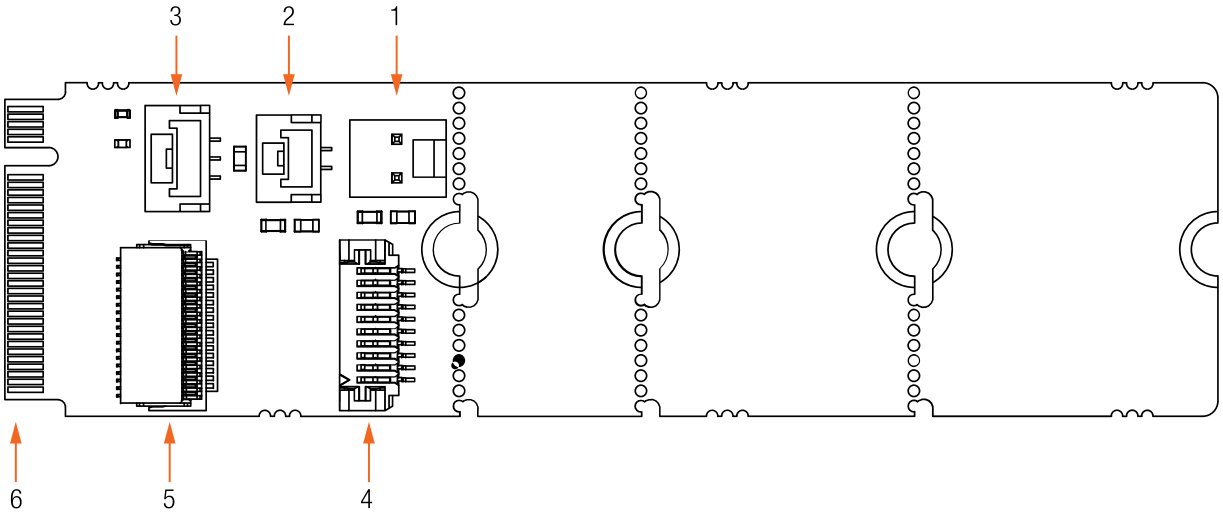

Figure 3: ADPT-MX-X4G3-FF-M2 location of connectors

num.	connector
1	Power - HEADER 1x2 Polarized
2	Power - BM02B
3	IO - BM03B
4	Samtec UCC8-010-1-H-S-1-A
5	Samtec UEC5-019-1-H-D-RA-1-A
6	M.2

Table 2: ADPT-MX-X4G3-FF-M2 connectors description

3.1.1 FireFly connector

Item	Value
Connector	Samtec (UEC5-019-1-H-D-RA-1-A + UCC8-010-1-H-S-1-A)
Signals	PCIe, IO, GND
Mating cables	Ximea PN: CBL-ECUE-X4G3-1M0, CBL-ECUE-X4G3-2M0

Table 3: FireFly connector description

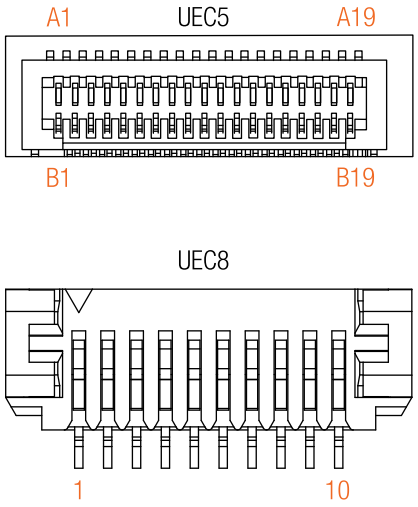

Figure 4: Firefly connector pinout

Pin	Name	Description
1	VCC_TX	TX Power output
2	GND	Ground
3	PRESENTL	Module presence detect
4	SELECT	Signal for selection
5	CPERST	PCIe reset signal
6	CPRSNT	Card presence detect
7	SDA	I2C data line
8	SCL	I2C clock line
9	GND	Ground
10	VCC_RX	RX power output

Table 4: FireFly connector UCC8 pin assignment

Pin	Name	Description	Pin	Name	Description
A1	GND	Signal and power ground	B1	GND	Signal and power ground
A2	PCIe_PETN_2	PCIe TX differential pair 2	B2	PCIe_PETN_3	PCIe TX differential pair 3
A3	PCIe_PETP_2	PCIe TX differential pair 2	B3	PCIe_PETP_3	PCIe TX differential pair 3
A4	GND	Signal	B4	GND	Signal and power ground
A5	PCIe_PETN_1	PCIe TX differential pair 1	B5	PCIe_PETN_0	PCIe TX differential pair 0
A6	PCIe_PETP_1	PCIe TX differential pair 1	B6	PCIe_PETP_0	PCIe TX differential pair 0
A7	GND	Signal and power ground	B7	GND	Signal and power ground
A8	SPARE	Unused/reserved pin	B8	PWR	Power input
A9	CPERST	PCIe reset signal	B9	PWR	Power input
A10	GND	Signal and power ground	B10	GND	Signal and power ground
A11	ISO_GND	Isolated Ground	B11	ISO_GND	Isolated Ground
A12	ISO_GPI	Isolated Input	B12	ISO_GPO	Isolated Output
A13	GND	Signal and power ground	B13	GND	Signal and power ground
A14	PCIe_PERP_2	PCIe RX differential pair 2	B14	PCIe_PERN_3	PCIe RX differential pair 3
A15	PCIe_PERN_2	PCIe RX differential pair 2	B15	PCIe_PERP_3	PCIe RX differential pair 3
A16	GND	Signal and power ground	B16	GND	Signal and power ground
A17	PCIe_PERP_1	PCIe RX differential pair 1	B17	PCIe_PERN_0	PCIe RX differential pair 0
A18	PCIe_PERN_1	PCIe RX differential pair 1	B18	PCIe_PERP_0	PCIe RX differential pair 0
A19	GND	Signal and power ground	B19	GND	Signal and power ground

Table 5: FireFly connector UEC5 pin assignment

3.2 HEADER 1x2 Polarized / Power

Item	Value
Connector	TE Connectivity 640456-2, 2 Positions Header
Signals	Power, GND
Mating cables	

Table 6: HEADER 1x2 Polarized connector description

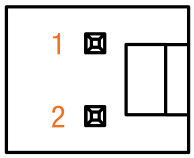

Figure 5: HEADER 1x2 Polarized pinout

Pin	Signal	Description
1	VCC_IN	Power
2	GND	Ground return

Table 7: HEADER 1x2 polarized pin assigment

3.3 BM02B / Power

Item	Value
Connector	JST GH Connector Header Surface Mount, 2 position
Signals	Power, GND
Mating connectors	2-pin GHR-02V-S

Table 8: BM02B connector description

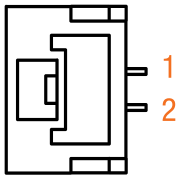

Figure 6: BM02B pinout

Pin	Signal	Description
1	VCC_IN	Power
2	GND	Ground return

Table 9: BM02B pin assignment

3.4 BM03B / GPIO

Item	Value
Connector	JST GH Connector Header Surface Mount, 3 position
Signals	IO, GND
Mating connectors	3-pin GHR-03V-S

Table 10: BM03B connector description

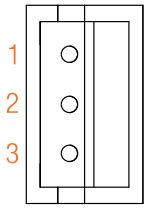

Figure 7: BM03B pinout

Pin	Signal	Description
1	ISO_GPI	Opto-isolated input 1
2	ISO_GND	(common) Isolated Ground for the IO subsystem
3	ISO_GPO	Opto-isolated output 1

Table 11: BM03B pin assignment

4 Quickstart guide

4.1 Hardware setup

4.1.1 Essential components

It is important that the power is turned off when inserting/detaching the cables. General ESD precautions need to be applied. Failing this requirement may lead to product damage.

- Host PC with M.2 PCIe slot (Spread Spectrum Clock operation needs to be disabled)
- Any ECUE cable (e.g. CBL-ECUE-12-015-T1-FF-011)
- Any xiX camera equipped with FireFly connector

4.1.2 Connecting the components

Step 1. Deploy the host adapter to the turned-off PC and ensure the PC is also unplugged from the power source

Step 2. Connect an FF cable to the FF port on the adapter

Step 3. Connect an FF cable to the turned-off camera

Step 4. Power up the connected device

Step 5. Power up the PC

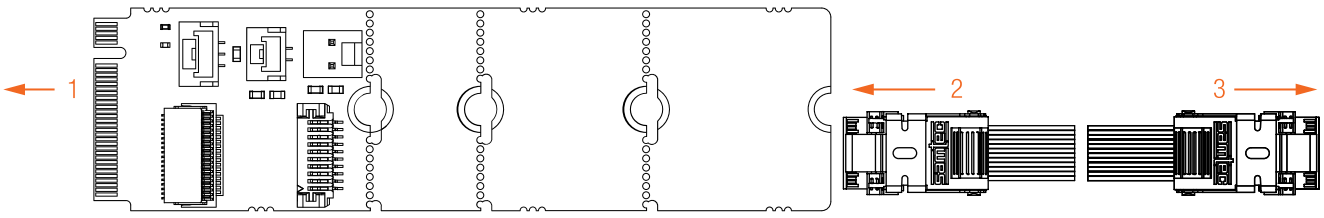

Figure 8: Connecting steps

For more information about ADPT-MX-X4G3-FF-M2 please contact: sales@ximea.com.

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