IEEE-488 (GPIB) Interface Solutions

Keithley’s GPIB interface solutions make it easy to add standard IEEE-488.2 bus control to any PC system. These high speed tools can control as many as 14 GPIB instruments or other devices over a distance of up to 20 meters. They are ideal for use with automated test equipment in laboratory and industrial applications.

The Keithley Model KPCI-488LPA is a low-profile, GPIB interface plug-in card that is 32-bit/33MHz PCI bus compatible. Its PCI interface supports both 3.3V and 5V PCI environments, making it suitable for most desktop computers and industrial PCs, including the new low-profile desktop systems. This low-cost solution supports Windows 7/Vista/XP/2000, and its driver library is command compatible with National Instruments™ and Capital Equipment Corporation™ command functions.

The Keithley Model KUSB-488B USB-to-GPIB interface turns any computer with a USB port into a fully functional GPIB controller. The KUSB-488B’s small form factor makes it perfect for use with laptop computers in portable applications or for other applications in which the computer has no available PCI plug-in board slots. The product is USB 2.0 compliant and has an IEEE data transfer rate upwards of 1.5 MB/s through the USB port. No external power is required. KUSB-488B has a built-in 2-meter USB cable.

Software

The included utility software simplifies the setup and use of Keithley GPIB interface solutions and saves programming time. Every solution ships with 32-bit dynamic link libraries for Application Development Environments (ADEs) running under Windows 7/Vista/XP/2000 and drivers for the most current programming languages. This adds up to full compatibility with a full array of software, including:

- Microsoft Visual Studio 6.0 (Visual Basic, Visual C++)
- Microsoft Visual Studio .NET (Visual Basic.NET, C#)
- Microsoft Visual Studio 2005 and up
- Borland Delphi, Borland C Builder 6.0
- LabVIEW Version 7.0 and up (VISA and IEEE-488.2)
- LabWindows®/CVI Version 7.0 and up (VISA and IEEE-488.2)

Hardware Compatibility

These GPIB Interface solutions are fully compatible with all of Keithley’s GPIB capable instruments. The Model 7010 adapter is required for the Model 428-PROG when used with the KUSB-488B.