



Installation and Operating instructions for  
**Control Cabinet PC C6250**

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# General instructions

## Notes on the Documentation

This description is only intended for the use of trained specialists in control and automation engineering who are familiar with the applicable national standards. It is essential that the following notes and explanations are followed when installing and commissioning these components.

## Liability Conditions

The responsible staff must ensure that the application or use of the products described satisfy all the requirements for safety, including all the relevant laws, regulations, guidelines and standards.

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## Description of safety symbols

The following safety symbols are used in this operating manual. They are intended to alert the reader to the associated safety instructions.



**Danger**

This symbol is intended to highlight risks for the life or health of personnel.



**Warning**

This symbol is intended to highlight risks for equipment, materials or the environment.



**Note**

This symbol indicates information that contributes to better understanding.

## Basic safety measures

*Only switch the PC off after closing the software*

**Before the Industrial PC is switched off, software that is running must be properly closed.**

Otherwise it is possible that data on the hard disk is lost. Please read the section on [Switching the Industrial PC on and off](#).



**Warning**

**Switch off all parts of the equipment, then uncouple the fieldbus!**

Before opening the housing of the PC, and whenever the PC is being used for purposes other than plant control, such as during functional tests following repair, all parts of the equipment must first be switched off, after which the Industrial PC can be uncoupled from the plant.

Pulling out the fieldbus connection plug uncouples the PC (optional).

Items of equipment that have been switched off must be secured against being switched on again.

The Industrial PC's power supply unit must be supplied with 100-240 V<sub>AC</sub> or 24 V<sub>DC</sub> (optional).



**Danger**

**Do not open the power supply unit while voltage is applied!**

The supply voltage must be switched off before the power supply unit housing is opened.

**Do not exchange any parts when under power!**

When components are being fitted or removed, the supply voltage must be switched off.

Fitting work on the Industrial PC can result in damage:

- If metal objects such as screws or tools fall onto operating circuit boards.
- If connecting cables internal to the PC are removed or inserted during operation.
- If plug-in cards are removed or inserted when the PC is switched on.

## Operator's obligation to exercise diligence

The operator must ensure that

- the Industrial PC is only used for its intended use (see also [Product Description](#)).
- the Industrial PC is in a sound condition and in working order during operation.
- the operation manual is in good condition and complete, and always available for reference at the location of the Industrial PC.
- the Industrial PC is operated, maintained and repaired only by sufficiently qualified and authorised personnel.
- the personnel is instructed regularly about relevant occupational safety and environmental protection aspects, and is familiar with the operating manual and in particular the safety notes contained herein.
- none of the safety and warning notes attached to the Industrial PC are removed, and that all notes remain legible.

*National regulations depending on the machine type*

Depending on the type of machine and plant in which the Industrial PC is being used, there will be national regulations for the control of such machines and plant that the operator must observe. These regulations cover, amongst other things, the intervals between inspections of the controller.

The operator must initiate such inspections in good time.



**Warning**

### **Only trained persons may open the Industrial PC housing!**

The operator is responsible for ensuring that only trained electrical staff opens the housing of the Industrial PC.

*Procedure in the event of a fault*

In the event of a fault in the Industrial PC, appropriate measures can be determined with the aid of the list in the [Fault correction](#) section.

## Operator requirements

*Read the operating instructions*

Every user of the Industrial PC must have read these operating instructions.

*Software knowledge*

Every user must be familiar with any of the functions of the software installed on the PC that he can reach.

## Appropriate Use

The C6250 Industrial PC is designed for mounting in control cabinets in machine and plant engineering applications. The ambient conditions specified in the technical data (see Appendix) must be observed for both operation and storage of the C6250 Industrial PC.

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## Structure

*Front view of the C6250  
(Similar photograph)*



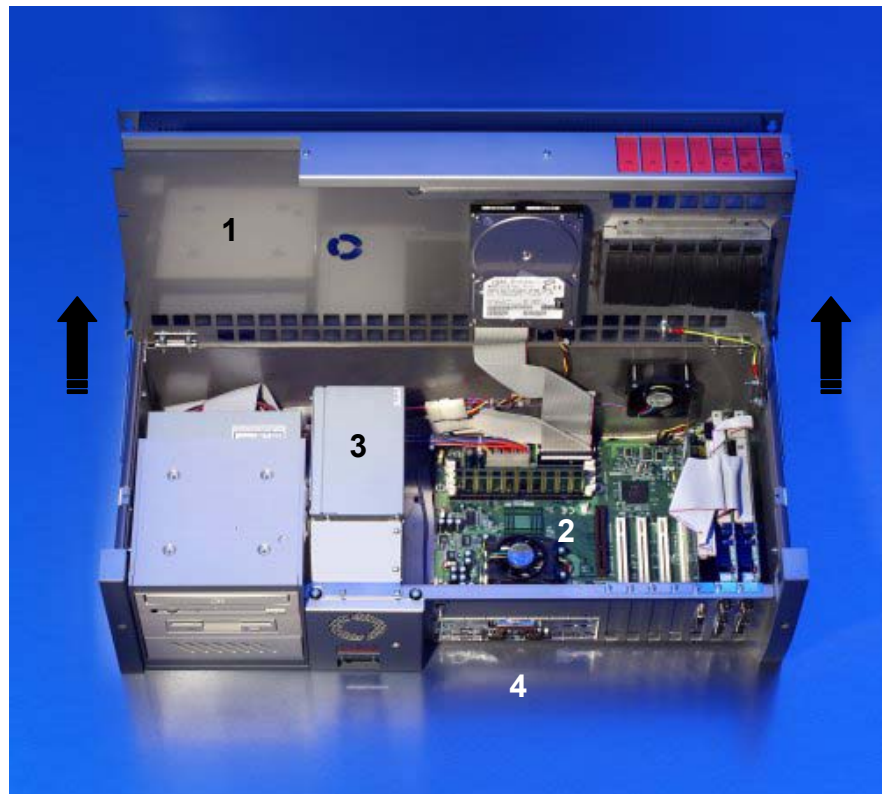
*Opening the housing*

To open the PC housing, initially rotate the two fast closing screws (see photograph above) by 90 degrees in either direction using a screwdriver. The inner chassis can now be pulled out on telescopic guide supports (see photograph below).

*Removable  
inner chassis*



Undo the two screws (1) of the upper housing cover (2). The upper housing cover can now be tilted upwards (see photograph below), thus providing access to the disk drive, the 3 ½ inch hard disk, the processor, the memory and the plug-in cards.

*View of the open PC*

Under the housing cover (1) is a 7 slot computer core with standard ATX motherboard (2) and power supply unit (3). The connections are located at the front of the housing (4).

## Interfaces

*ATX motherboard  
interfaces*



### PS/2 connections

*PS/2*

The upper PS/2 connector (1) allows a PS/2 mouse to be used, while a PC keyboard can be connected to the lower PS/2 connector (2).

### Parallel interface

*Printer  
LPT1*

The parallel interface (3) corresponds to the Centronics standard, and is addressed by the software as LPT1.

### Serial interfaces

*RS 232  
COM1 - COM2*

The basic version of the Industrial PC has two serial interfaces, COM1 (4) and COM2, using the type RS 232, which are each brought to a 9 pin SUB-D plug connector. The interface COM2 is located in the upper part of the first slot right beside the ATX-slot.

### Video connection

*Video*

A 15-pin SUB-D socket connector (5) allows a VGA monitor to be connected.

### USB interfaces

*USB1 – USB4*

The four USB interfaces (6 - 9) are used to connect peripheral devices with USB connections.

### Network connection

*Network*

The RJ-45 connector (10) allows the PC to be connected to a Local Area Network (LAN).

### Sound-On-Board

*Sound*

The Industrial PC has a on-board-interface with the following connectors: Line In jack (11), Line Out jack (12) and Microphone jack (13).

### Additional plug-in cards (optional)

*Type plate*

There is a type plate on the top of the Industrial PC which provides information about the hardware configuration of the Industrial PC at the time it was supplied.

# Installation Instructions

Please also refer to chapter [General instructions](#).

## Transport and Installation

The specified storage conditions must be observed (see chapter [Technical data](#)).

### Transport

Despite the robust design of the unit, the components are sensitive to strong vibrations and impacts. During transport, your Industrial PC should therefore be protected from excessive mechanical stress. Therefore, please use the original packaging.



#### Warning

Danger of damage to the unit!

If the device is transported in cold weather or is exposed to extreme variations in temperature, make sure that moisture (condensation) does not form on or inside the device.

Prior to operation, the unit must be allowed to slowly adjust to room temperature. Should condensation occur, a delay time of approximately 12 hours must be allowed before the unit is switched on.

### Unpacking

Proceed as follows to unpack the unit:

1. Remove packaging.
2. Do not discard the original packaging. Keep it for future relocation.
3. Check the delivery for completeness by comparing it with your order.
4. Please keep the associated paperwork. It contains important information for handling the unit.
5. Check the contents for visible shipping damage.
6. If you notice any shipping damage or inconsistencies between the contents and your order, you should notify Beckhoff Service.

## Installation of the PC in the control cabinet

The C6250 Industrial PC is designed for mounting in control cabinets in machine and plant engineering applications.

The ambient conditions specified for operation must be observed (see the section on [Technical data](#)).

*Preparation of the control cabinet*

Four holes for the fixing bolts have to be provided in the control cabinet according to the dimensions of the PC (see chapter [Assembly dimensions](#)).



**Note**

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**When the unit is installed in an enclosure, adequate space for ventilation and for opening the PC must be provided.**

**The clearance above and below the housing must be at least 50 mm in order to ensure adequate ventilation of the PC.**

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**Warning**

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**Extreme environmental conditions should be avoided as far as possible. Protect the PC from dust, moisture and heat.**

**The ventilation slots of the PC must not be covered.**

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*Earthing measures*



### Earthing measures

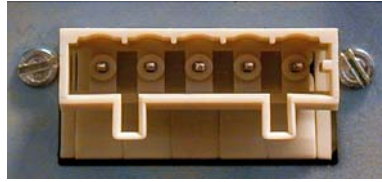
Earthing connections dissipate interference from external power supply cables, signal cables or cables to peripheral equipment.

Establish a low-impedance connection from the earthing point on the PC housing to the central earthing point on the control cabinet wall, in which the computer is being installed.

## Power Supply Connection

The 5-pin CAGE CLAMP plug connector and mounting flange illustrated is located on the PC housing in order to connect the power supply.

*Socket at the PC housing*



Technical data	Connecting socket
Number of contacts	5
Contact spacing	5 mm
Minimum conductor cross-section	1.5 mm <sup>2</sup>
Minimum conductor cross-section (AWG)	16
Rated voltage (EN)	250 V
Rated voltage (CSA)	300 V
Current EN [A]	12 A
Current CSA [A]	15 A
Length of stripped conductor	8 to 9 mm

*Supplied mains power unit* The Industrial PCs is either fitted with a 100-240 V, 50-60 Hz power supply unit (standard) or with a 24 V<sub>DC</sub> power supply unit (with the option of an uninterruptible power supply, UPS).

*Current carrying capacity of the 100-240 V power supply unit*

Output voltages from the 100-240 V power supply unit	Current loading maximum
+3,3 V	16 A
+5 V stand by	2 A
+5 V	25 A
-5 V	0,3 A
+12 V	13 A
-12 V	0,8 A

*Current carrying capacity of the 24 V power supply unit*

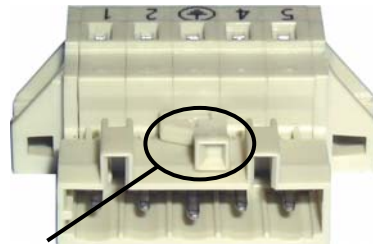
Output voltages from the 24 V power supply unit	Current loading maximum
+5 V	25 A
-5 V	1 A
+12 V	10 A
-12 V	1,5 A

## Fitting the Power Supply Cable

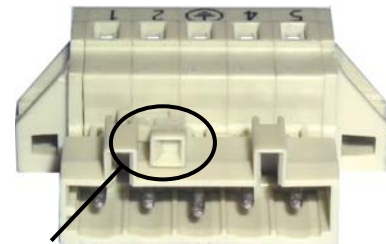
Coding pieces



Differently coded plug connectors



Coding for the 100-240 V<sub>AC</sub>, 50-60 Hz power supply unit



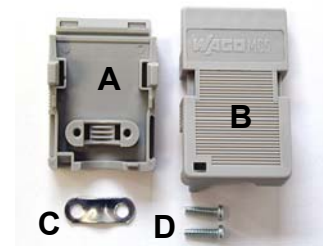
Coding for the 24 V<sub>DC</sub> power supply unit

A 5-pin female plug connector with CAGE CLAMP connection and insertion catches is supplied along with a snap-on strain relief housing in order to assemble the PC power supply cable.

Materials for assembly of the connector



Female plug connector



Strain relief housing

Female plug connector is correspondingly coded

This female plug connector is also coded at the factory, according to the type of power supply fitted, so that the plug, when assembled, will fit the Industrial PC's connecting socket.

Technical data	Female plug connector
Number of contacts	5
Contact spacing	5 mm
Minimum conductor cross-section	1.5 mm <sup>2</sup>
Minimum conductor cross-section (AWG)	16
Rated voltage (EN)	250 V
Rated voltage (CSA)	300 V
Current (EN)	16 A
Current (CSA)	15 A
Length of stripped conductor	8 to 9 mm

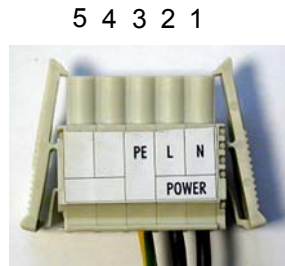
### Pin assignment and cable requirements

*Pin assignment*

There is an adhesive label with the pin assignments on the top of the female plug connector. **The minimum permitted conductive cross-section is 1.5 mm<sup>2</sup>, fused for 10 A (AWG 16).**

#### Industrial PCs with 100-240 V<sub>AC</sub>, 50-60 Hz power supply unit

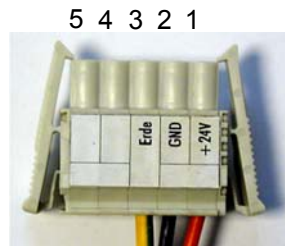
Pin assignment for the 100-240 V, 50-60 Hz power supply unit



Pin	Function
1	N
2	L
3	⊕
4	not used
5	not used

#### Industrial PCs with 24 V<sub>DC</sub> power supply unit

Pin assignment for the 24 V<sub>DC</sub> power supply unit



Pin	Function
1	+
2	-
3	⊕
4	not used
5	not used

*Fitting the connector to the cable*

The plug is fitted to the cable as follows:

1. Strip insulation from the cable ends. Follow the technical data for the female plug connector in the above table!
2. Push the conductors into their mountings, simply by pushing them in as indicated on the pin assignment label.
3. Push the lower part (part **A**) of the strain relief housing onto the top of the female plug connector until it snaps into place.
4. Relieve the strain on the supply cable by fixing it in place with the cable clamp (part **C**) and fixing screws (part **D**).

*Applying the strain relief*



Fix the upper part (part **B**) of the strain relief housing by snapping it onto the lower part.

## Connecting devices



**Warning**

The power supply plug must be withdrawn!

Please read the documentation for the external devices prior to connecting them.

During thunderstorms, plug connector must neither be inserted nor removed.

When disconnecting a plug connector, always handle it at the plug. Do not pull the cable!

### Connecting cables

The connections are located on the front of the Industrial PC, and are documented in the section where the product is described.

When connecting the cables to the Industrial PC, proceed according to the following sequence:

- Switch off all the devices that are to be connected.
- Disconnect all the devices that are to be connected from the power supply.
- Connect all the cables between the Industrial PC and to the devices that are to be connected.
- Connect all data transfer cables (if present) to the appropriate plug-in receptacles of the data/telecommunication networks.
- Reconnect all devices to the power supply.

### Check voltage rating and connect.

#### With Standard ATX power supply 100-240 V<sub>AC</sub> 50/60 Hz:

1. Check that the mains voltage is correct.
2. Insert the power supply cable that you have assembled (see the section on [Fitting the Power Supply Cable](#)) into the Industrial PC's power supply socket. Then connect it to a power socket with a grounded earth connection.

#### When fitted with the (optional) 24 V<sub>DC</sub> power supply unit:

1. Check that the external power supply is providing the correct voltage.
2. Insert the power supply cable that you have assembled (see the section on [Fitting the Power Supply Cable](#)) into the Industrial PC's power supply socket. Then connect it to your external 24 V power supply.



**Warning**

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**If a 24 V UPS is installed, the correct type of rechargeable battery must be used.**

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# Operating Instructions

Please also refer to chapter [General instructions](#).

## Switching the Industrial PC on and off

### Switch on

The Industrial PC does not have its own mains switch. When the plant is switched on, or when it is connected to its power supply, the Industrial PC will start up.

### Shutting down and switching off

When the plant is switched off, or when it is disconnected from its power supply, the Industrial PC will be switched off.

Control software such as is typically used on Industrial PCs permits various users to be given different rights. A user who may not close software may also not switch the Industrial PC off, since data can be lost from the hard disk by switching off while software is running.



**Warning**

### First shut down, then switch off the PC!

If the Industrial PC is switched off as the software is writing a file to the hard disk, the file will be destroyed. Control software typically writes something to the hard disk every few seconds, so that the probability of causing damage by switching off while the software is running is very high.



**Warning**

When you have shut down the Industrial PC, you have to switch off power supply for at least 10 seconds before rebooting the system. After resetting power supply the PC will start booting automatically.

### First switching on and driver installation

When you switch on the Industrial PC for the first time, the pre-installed operating system (optional) will be started. In this case, all the required drivers for any additional, optional hardware components ordered with the PC will already have been installed.

If the PC was ordered without operating system, you have to install the operating system and the driver software for any auxiliary hardware yourself. Please follow the instructions in the documentation for the operating system and the additional devices.

## Maintenance

Please also refer to chapter [General instructions](#).

### Cleaning the Industrial PC



Switch off the Industrial PC and all connected devices, and disconnect the Industrial PC from the power supply.

The Industrial PC can be cleaned with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use any aggressive cleaning materials, thinners, scouring material or hard objects that could cause scratches.

### Replacing the battery on the motherboard



A used battery on the motherboard has to be replaced according to the rules of the board manufacturer.

Danger of Explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with same or equivalent type recommended by the manufacturer. Dispose of used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

### Servicing

The Industrial PC requires no maintenance.

## Shutting down

### Disposal

*Dismantling the Industrial PC*

The device must be fully dismantled in order to dispose of it. The housing can be sent for metal recycling.

*Observe national electronics scrap regulations*

Electronic parts such as disk drives and circuit boards must be disposed of in accordance with national electronics scrap regulations.

# Troubleshooting

Please also refer to chapter [General instructions](#).

## Fault correction

Fault	Cause	Procedure
Nothing happens after the Industrial PC has been switched on	No power supply to the Industrial PC.  Other cause.	Check power supply cable.  Call Beckhoff Service.
The Industrial PC does not boot fully	Floppy disk or CD in the drive.  Setup settings are incorrect.  Other cause.	Remove floppy disk or CD and press any key.  Check the setup settings.  Call Beckhoff Service.
Computer boots, software starts, but control does not operate correctly	Cause of the fault is either in the software or in parts of the plant outside the Industrial PC.	Call the manufacturer of the machine or the software.
Error during floppy disk access	Faulty disk or CD.  Faulty disk drive.	Check disk or CD in another drive.  Call Beckhoff Service.
The Industrial PC functions only partially or only part of the time, e.g. no or dark picture, but disk drive responds when switching on	Defective components in the Industrial PC.	Call Beckhoff Service.

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*Quote the project number*

If servicing is required, please quote the **project number** of your Industrial PC.

# Assembly dimensions

The following pages show diagrams of the Industrial PC, with dimensions in mm.

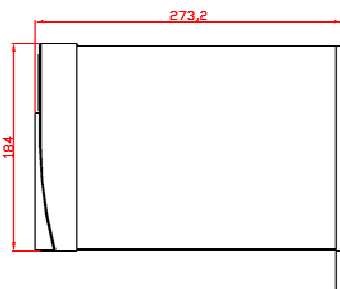


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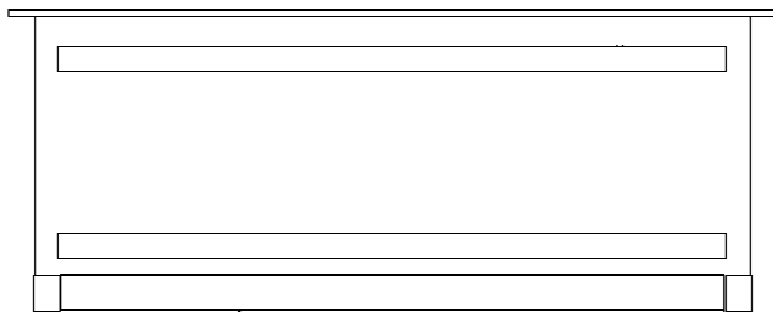
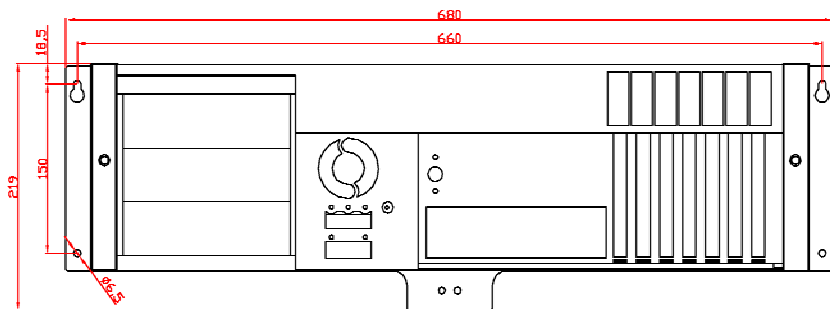
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## Horizontal Installation

Side View



Front View



Top View

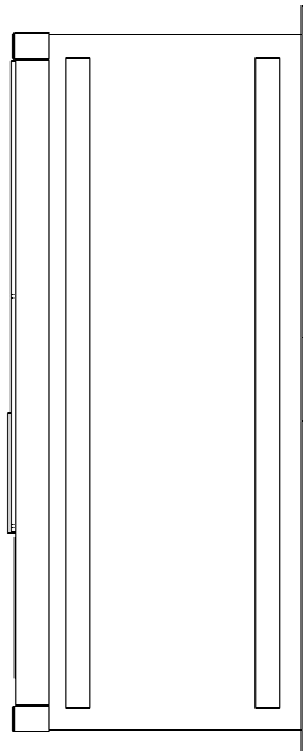


**Warning**

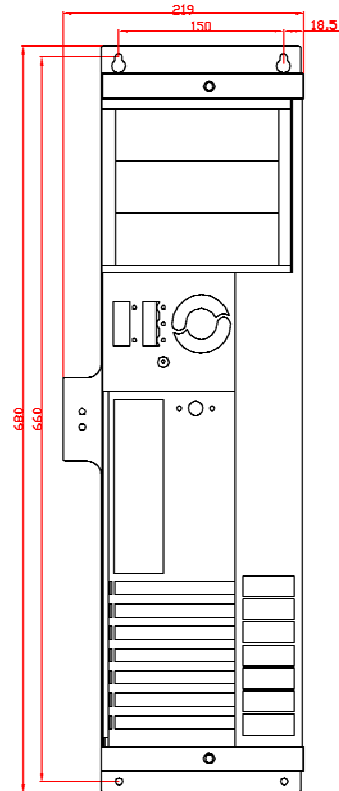
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*Vertical Installation*

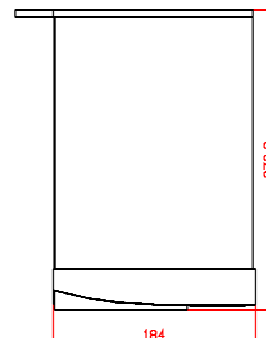
Side View



Front View



Top View



# Appendix

## Technical data

<i>Dimensions</i>	<b>Dimensions (W x H x D):</b> 680 x 184 x 268 mm
	<b>Weight:</b> 22.2 kg (basic configuration)
<i>Do not use the PC in areas of explosive hazard</i>	<b>The Industrial PC may not be used in areas of explosive hazard.</b>
<i>Environmental conditions</i>	<b>The following conditions must be observed during operation:</b> <b>Ambient temperature:</b> 0 to 55°C <b>Atmospheric humidity:</b> Maximum 95%, non-condensing
<i>Shock resistance</i>	<b>Sinusoidal vibration:</b> <b>(EN 60068-2-6)</b> 10 to 58 Hz: 0.035 mm 58 to 500 Hz: 0.5 G (~ 5 m/ s <sup>2</sup> ) <b>During reading of CD-ROM:</b> 10 to 58 Hz: 0.019 mm 58 to 500 Hz: 0.25 G (~ 2.5 m/ s <sup>2</sup> ) <b>Impact:</b> <b>(EN 60068-2-27/ -29)</b> 5 G (~ 50 m/ s <sup>2</sup> ), duration: 30 ms <b>During reading of CD-ROM:</b> 5 G (~ 50 m/ s <sup>2</sup> ), duration: 11 ms
<i>Protection class</i>	<b>Protection class:</b> IP20
<i>Power supply</i> <i>100-240 V<sub>AC</sub> power supply unit</i>	<b>Supply voltage:</b> 100-240 V 50-60 Hz <b>Power consumption:</b> 100 W for the basic version
<i>Power supply</i> <i>24 V<sub>DC</sub> power supply unit (optional)</i>	<b>Supply voltage:</b> 24 V <sub>DC</sub> <b>Power consumption:</b> 100 W for the basic version
<i>Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)</i>	<b>Interference resistance:</b> according to EN 61000-6-2 <b>Emitted resistance:</b> according to EN 61000-6-4
<i>Transport and storage</i>	The same values for atmospheric humidity and shock resistance are to be observed during transport and storage as in operation. The shock resistance during transport can be improved by means of suitably packing the Industrial PC. The ambient temperature during storage and transport must be between -20°C and +65°C.

## Approvals

### FCC: Federal Communications Commission

#### Radio Frequency Interference Statement

*FCC Approval for USA*

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

#### FCC: Canadian Notice

*FCC Approval for Canada*

This equipment does not exceed the Class A limits for radiated emissions as described in the Radio Interference Regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.