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EtherCAT Box modules with ID switch



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1 Foreword

1.1 Notes on the documentation

This description is intended exclusively for trained specialists in control and automation technology who are familiar with the applicable national standards.

The documentation and the following notes and explanations must be complied with when installing and commissioning the components.

The trained specialists must always use the current valid documentation.

The trained specialists must ensure that the application and use of the products described is in line with all safety requirements, including all relevant laws, regulations, guidelines, and standards.

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Read the following explanations for your safety.

Always observe and follow product-specific safety instructions, which you may find at the appropriate places in this document.

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Personal injury warnings

⚠ DANGER

Hazard with high risk of death or serious injury.

⚠ WARNING

Hazard with medium risk of death or serious injury.

⚠ CAUTION

There is a low-risk hazard that could result in medium or minor injury.

Warning of damage to property or environment

NOTICE

The environment, equipment, or data may be damaged.

Information on handling the product



This information includes, for example: recommendations for action, assistance or further information on the product.

1.3 Documentation issue status

Version	Comment
1.0	• First release

Firmware and hardware versions

This documentation refers to the firmware and hardware version that was applicable at the time the documentation was written.

The module features are continuously improved and developed further. Modules having earlier production statuses cannot have the same properties as modules with the latest status. However, existing properties are retained and are not changed, so that older modules can always be replaced with new ones.

The firmware and hardware version (delivery state) can be found in the batch number (D-number) printed on the side of the EtherCAT Box.

Syntax of the batch number (D-number)

D: WW YY FF HH

WW - week of production (calendar week)

YY - year of production

FF - firmware version

HH - hardware version

Example with D no. 29 10 02 01:

29 - week of production 29

10 - year of production 2010

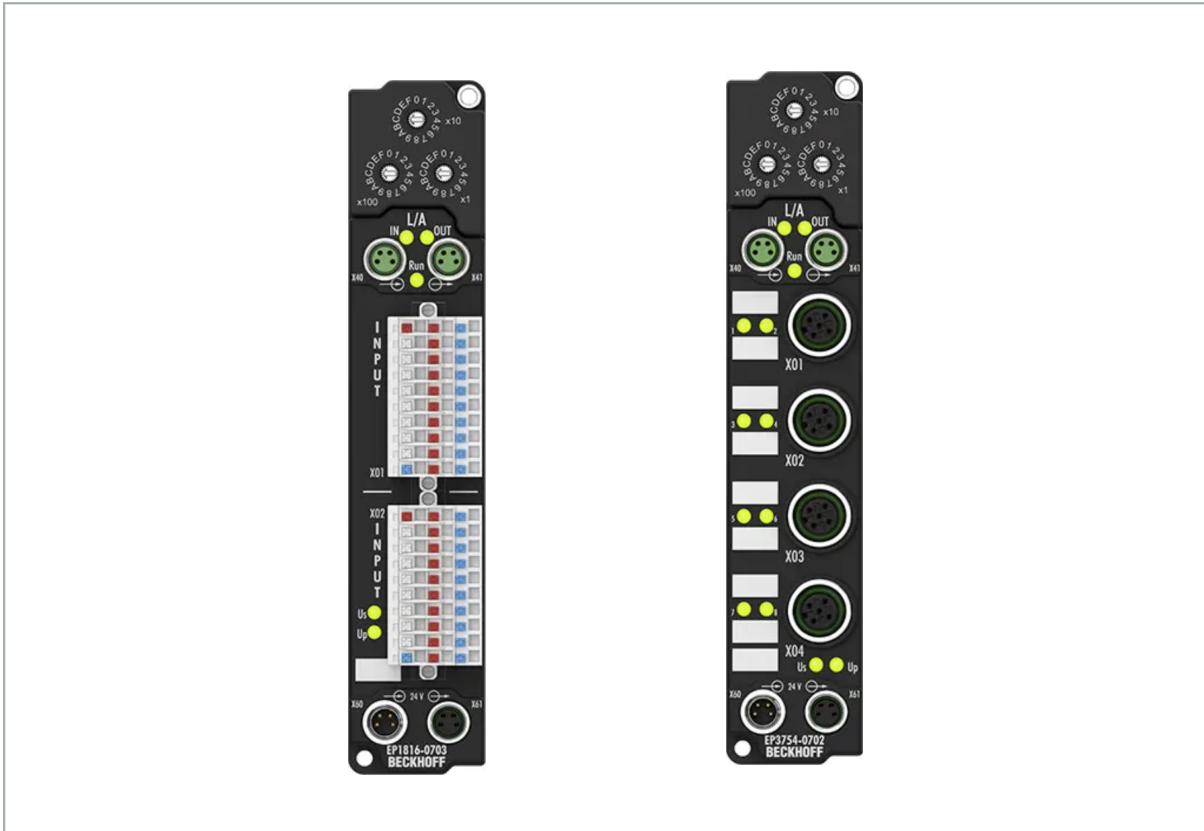
02 - firmware version 02

01 - hardware version 01

Further information on this topic: [Version identification of EtherCAT devices \[► 17\]](#).

2 Product series

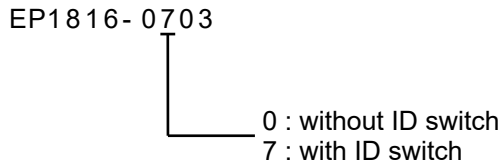
2.1 Introduction



In modular and often dynamic systems such as Hot Connect groups, individual devices within a network must be uniquely addressed. Products with rotary selection switches make it quick and easy to assign addresses that identify the device within the system. The EtherCAT Box modules with ID switch feature three hexadecimal rotary addressing switches. In this way, an individual address from 0...4095 can be set, allowing unique identification regardless of installation position, as required by some device profiles for certain industries, such as the semiconductor industry.

2.2 Product documentation

For every EtherCAT Box with ID switch, there is an EtherCAT Box without ID switch that has the same I/O functionality. The product designations differ as shown in the following example:



You can find complete information on I/O functionality in the product documentation for the corresponding EtherCAT Box modules without ID switch:

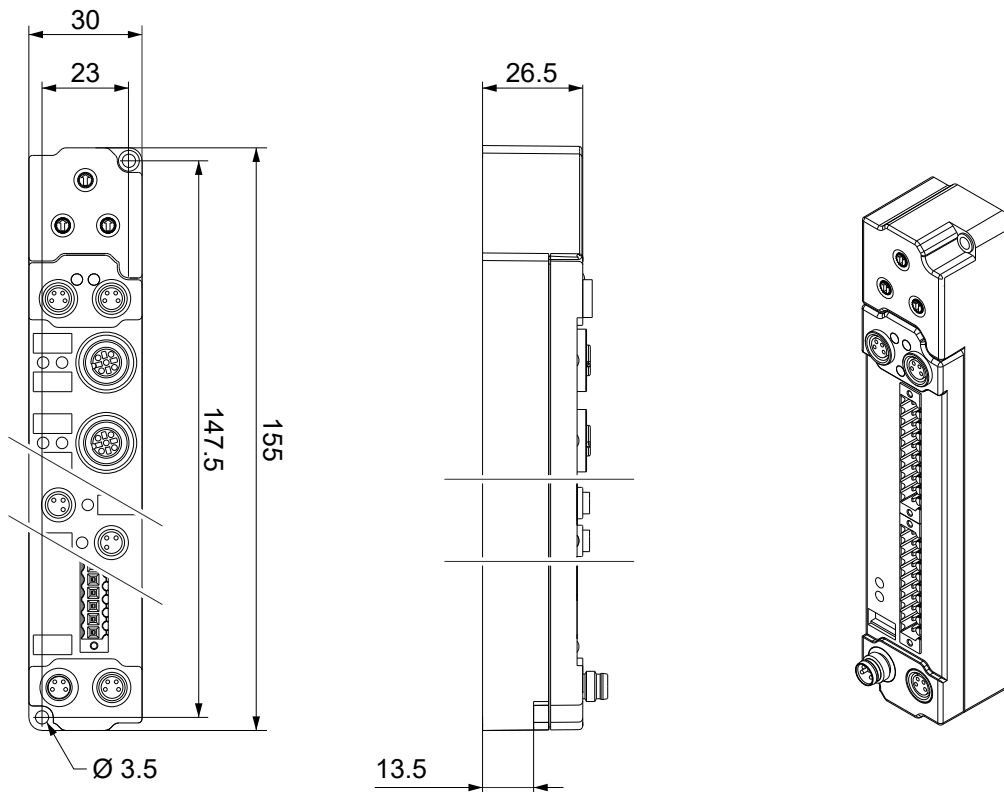
- Technical data
- Connections
- Commissioning and configuration
- Distributed Clocks support

Examples

EtherCAT Box with ID switch	Corresponding EtherCAT Box without ID switch	Links to documentation
EP1816-0703	EP1816-0003	EP1xxx
EP2339-0703	EP2339-0003	EP23xx

3 Installation

3.1 Dimensions



All dimensions are given in millimeters.
The drawing is not true to scale.

Housing features

Housing material	PA6 (polyamide)
Sealing compound	polyurethane
Mounting	two mounting holes Ø 3.5 mm for M3
Metal parts	brass, nickel-plated
Contacts	CuZn, gold-plated
Power feed through	max. 4 A
Installation position	variable
Protection class	IP65, IP66, IP67 (conforms to EN 60529) when screwed together
Dimensions (W x H x D)	approx. 30 x 155 x 26.5 mm (without connectors)

3.2 Fixing

NOTICE

Dirt during assembly

Dirty connectors can lead to malfunctions. Protection class IP67 can only be guaranteed if all cables and connectors are connected.

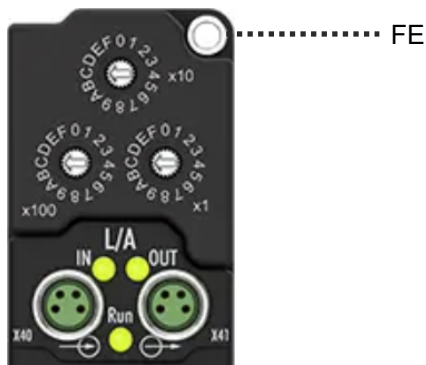
- Protect the plug connectors against dirt during the assembly.

Mount the module with two M3 screws on the mounting holes in the corners of the module. The mounting holes have no thread.

3.3 Functional earth (FE)

The upper mounting holes also serves as a connection for functional earth (FE).

Make sure that the box is grounded to low impedance via the functional earth (FE) connection. You can achieve this, for example, by mounting the box on a grounded machine bed.



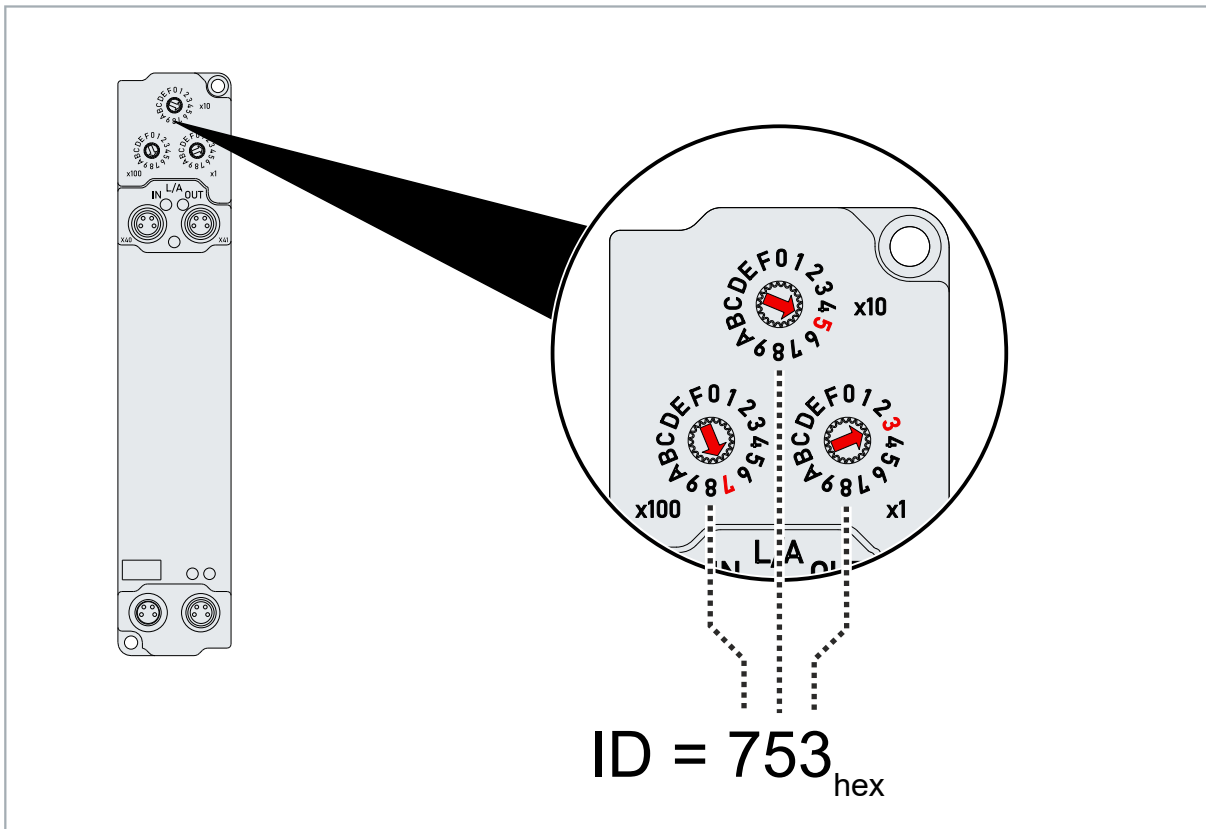
4 Commissioning

4.1 Setting the ID switches

The ID is a three-digit hexadecimal number. There is a hexadecimal ID switch for each digit of the ID. The ID switches are labeled accordingly:

- "x1": First digit from the right.
- "x10": Second digit from the right.
- "x100": Third digit from the right.

Example

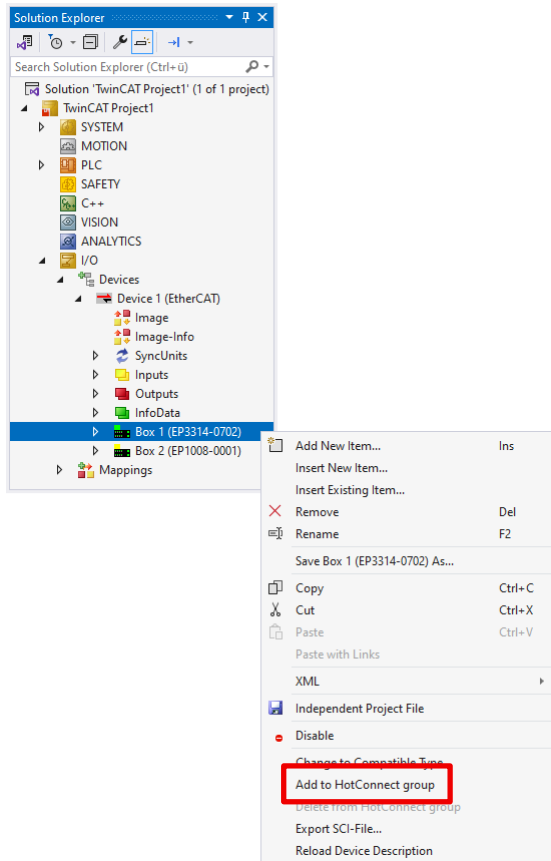


4.2 Creating a Hot Connect group

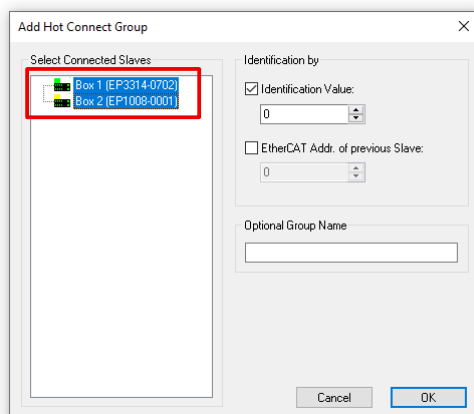
You can use an EtherCAT Box with ID switch to create a Hot Connect group.

Proceed as follows:

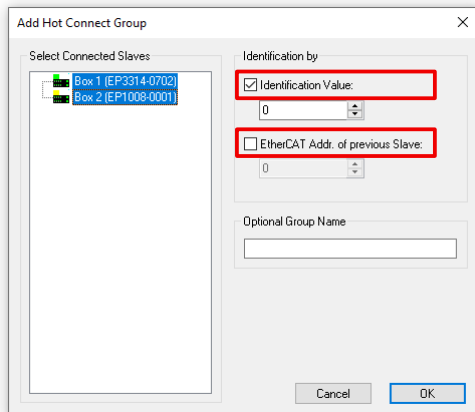
1. Arrange the EtherCAT devices so that the box with ID switch is the first EtherCAT device in the planned Hot Connect group.
2. Right-click on the box in the Solution Explorer and select "Add to HotConnect group" in the context menu.



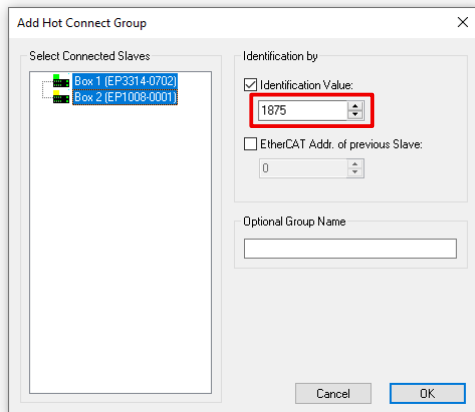
3. Select the EtherCAT devices for the Hot Connect group in the "Select Connected Slaves" field on the left.



4. Ensure that the checkboxes are set correctly:
 - check in "Identification Value".
 - check removed in "EtherCAT Addr. of previous Slave".



5. Set the desired ID under "Identification Value" (0 ... 4095_{dec}).

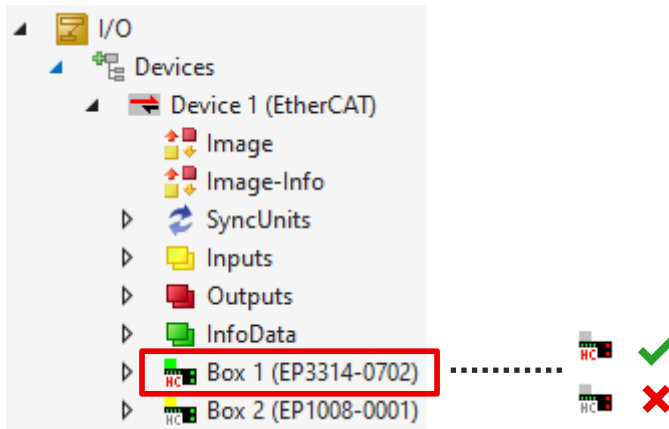


⇒ If this ID matches the ID set via the ID switches, the Hot Connect group is successfully identified.

4.2.1 Troubleshooting

Check the structure of the Hot Connect group

The box with ID switch must be the first device in the Hot Connect group.
The first EtherCAT device in a Hot Connect group is marked with a red "HC" symbol.

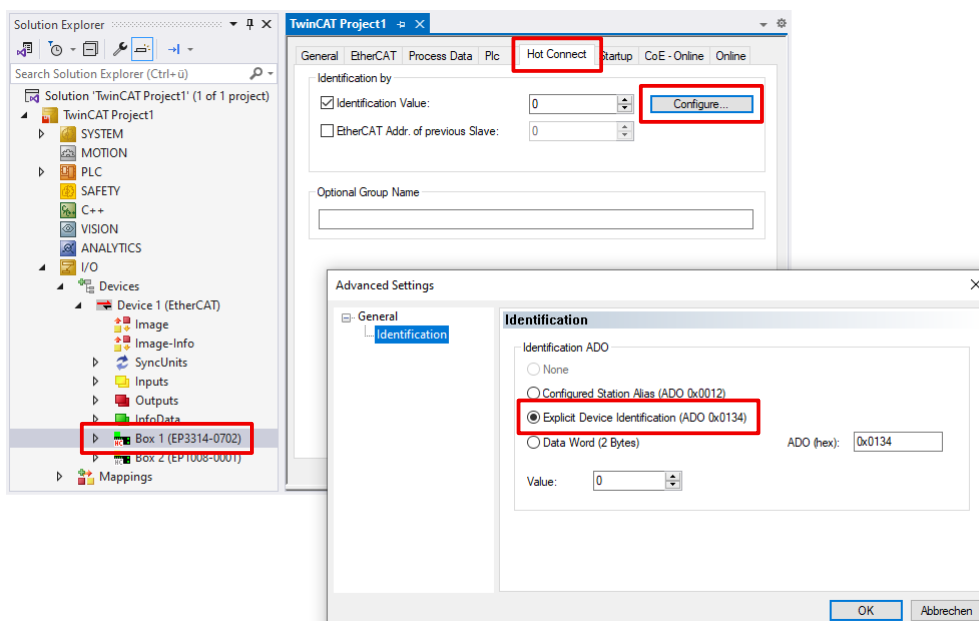


If an EtherCAT device other than the box with ID switch is marked with a red "HC" symbol, proceed as follows:

1. In the Solution Explorer, right-click on the EtherCAT device with the red "HC" symbol.
2. Click on "Delete from Hotconnect group" in the context menu.
3. Create the Hot Connect group correctly. See chapter Creating a Hot Connect group.

Check the addressing method

1. Click on the box with the ID switch in the Solution Explorer.
2. Select the "Hot Connect" tab.
3. Click the "Configure" button.
4. Ensure that "Explicit Device Identification" is selected.



5 Appendix

5.1 General operating conditions

Protection rating according to IP code

The degrees of protection are defined and divided into different classes in the IEC 60529 standard (EN 60529). Degrees of protection are designated by the letters "IP" and two numerals: **IPxy**

- Numeral x: Dust protection and contact protection
- Numeral y: Protection against water

x	Meaning
0	Not protected
1	Protected against access to dangerous parts with the back of the hand. Protected against solid foreign objects of 50 mm Ø
2	Protected against access to dangerous parts with a finger. Protected against solid foreign objects of 12.5 mm Ø
3	Protected against access to dangerous parts with a tool. Protected against solid foreign objects of 2.5 mm Ø
4	Protected against access to dangerous parts with a wire. Protected against solid foreign objects of 1 mm Ø
5	Protection against access to dangerous parts with a wire. Dust-protected. Ingress of dust is not prevented completely, although the quantity of dust able to penetrate is limited to such an extent that the proper function of the device and safety are not impaired
6	Protection against access to dangerous parts with a wire. Dust-tight. No ingress of dust

y	Meaning
0	Not protected
1	Protection against vertically falling water drops
2	Protection against vertically falling water drops when enclosure tilted up to 15°
3	Protection against spraying water. Water sprayed at an angle of up to 60° on either side of the vertical shall have no harmful effects
4	Protection against splashing water. Water splashed against the enclosure from any direction shall have no harmful effects
5	Protection against water jets.
6	Protection against powerful water jets.
7	Protected against the effects of temporary immersion in water. Ingress of water in quantities causing harmful effects shall not be possible when the enclosure is immersed in water at a depth of 1 m for 30 minutes

Chemical resistance

The resistance refers to the housing of the IP67 modules and the metal parts used. In the table below you will find some typical resistances.

Type	Resistance
Water vapor	unstable at temperatures > 100 °C
Sodium hydroxide solution (ph value > 12)	stable at room temperature unstable > 40 °C
Acetic acid	unstable
Argon (technically pure)	stable

Key

- resistant: Lifetime several months
- non inherently resistant: Lifetime several weeks
- not resistant: Lifetime several hours resp. early decomposition

5.2 Version identification of EtherCAT devices

5.2.1 General notes on marking

Designation

A Beckhoff EtherCAT device has a 14-digit designation, made up of

- family key
- type
- version
- revision

Example	Family	Type	Version	Revision
EL3314-0000-0016	EL terminal 12 mm, non-pluggable connection level	3314 4-channel thermocouple terminal	0000 basic type	0016
ES3602-0010-0017	ES terminal 12 mm, pluggable connection level	3602 2-channel voltage measurement	0010 high-precision version	0017
CU2008-0000-0000	CU device	2008 8-port fast ethernet switch	0000 basic type	0000

Notes

- The elements mentioned above result in the **technical designation**. EL3314-0000-0016 is used in the example below.
- EL3314-0000 is the order identifier, in the case of "-0000" usually abbreviated to EL3314. "-0016" is the EtherCAT revision.
- The **order identifier** is made up of
 - family key (EL, EP, CU, ES, KL, CX, etc.)
 - type (3314)
 - version (-0000)
- The **revision** -0016 shows the technical progress, such as the extension of features with regard to the EtherCAT communication, and is managed by Beckhoff.
In principle, a device with a higher revision can replace a device with a lower revision, unless specified otherwise, e.g. in the documentation.
Associated and synonymous with each revision there is usually a description (ESI, EtherCAT Slave Information) in the form of an XML file, which is available for download from the Beckhoff web site.
From 2014/01 the revision is shown on the outside of the IP20 terminals, see Fig. "EL2872 with revision 0022 and serial number 01200815".
- The type, version and revision are read as decimal numbers, even if they are technically saved in hexadecimal.

5.2.2 Version identification of IP67 modules

The serial number/ data code for Beckhoff IO devices is usually the 8-digit number printed on the device or on a sticker. The serial number indicates the configuration in delivery state and therefore refers to a whole production batch, without distinguishing the individual modules of a batch.

Structure of the serial number: **KK YY FF HH**

KK - week of production (CW, calendar week)

YY - year of production

FF - firmware version

HH - hardware version

Example with serial number 12 06 3A 02:

12 - production week 12

06 - production year 2006

3A - firmware version 3A

02 - hardware version 02

Exceptions can occur in the **IP67 area**, where the following syntax can be used (see respective device documentation):

Syntax: D ww yy x y z u

D - prefix designation

ww - calendar week

yy - year

x - firmware version of the bus PCB

y - hardware version of the bus PCB

z - firmware version of the I/O PCB

u - hardware version of the I/O PCB

Example: D.22081501 calendar week 22 of the year 2008 firmware version of bus PCB: 1 hardware version of bus PCB: 5 firmware version of I/O PCB: 0 (no firmware necessary for this PCB) hardware version of I/O PCB: 1

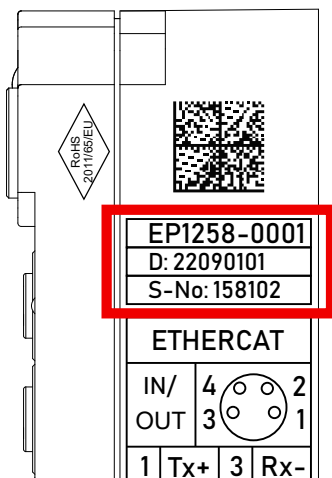


Fig. 1: EP1258-00001 IP67 EtherCAT Box with batch number/DateCode 22090101 and unique serial number 158102

5.2.3 Beckhoff Identification Code (BIC)

The Beckhoff Identification Code (BIC) is increasingly being applied to Beckhoff products to uniquely identify the product. The BIC is represented as a Data Matrix Code (DMC, code scheme ECC200), the content is based on the ANSI standard MH10.8.2-2016.

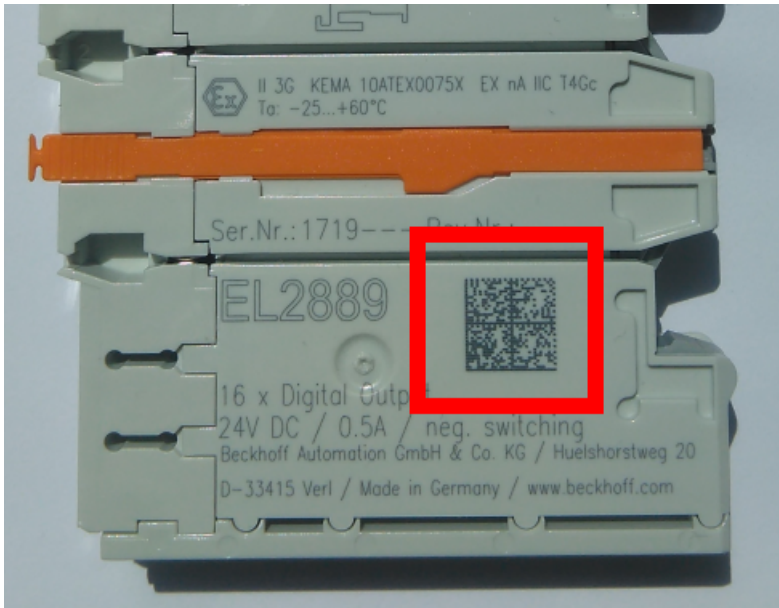


Fig. 2: BIC as data matrix code (DMC, code scheme ECC200)

The BIC will be introduced step by step across all product groups.

Depending on the product, it can be found in the following places:

- on the packaging unit
- directly on the product (if space suffices)
- on the packaging unit and the product

The BIC is machine-readable and contains information that can also be used by the customer for handling and product management.

Each piece of information can be uniquely identified using the so-called data identifier (ANSI MH10.8.2-2016). The data identifier is followed by a character string. Both together have a maximum length according to the table below. If the information is shorter, spaces are added to it.

Following information is possible, positions 1 to 4 are always present, the other according to need of production:

Position	Type of information	Explanation	Data identifier	Number of digits incl. data identifier	Example
1	Beckhoff order number	Beckhoff order number	1P	8	1P 072222
2	Beckhoff Traceability Number (BTN)	Unique serial number, see note below	SBTN	12	SBTN k4p562d7
3	Article description	Beckhoff article description, e.g. EL1008	1K	32	1K EL1809
4	Quantity	Quantity in packaging unit, e.g. 1, 10, etc.	Q	6	Q 1
5	Batch number	Optional: Year and week of production	2P	14	2P 401503180016
6	ID/serial number	Optional: Present-day serial number system, e.g. with safety products	51S	12	51S 678294
7	Variant number	Optional: Product variant number on the basis of standard products	30P	12	30P F971, 2*K183
...					

Further types of information and data identifiers are used by Beckhoff and serve internal processes.

Structure of the BIC

Example of composite information from positions 1 to 4 and with the above given example value on position 6. The data identifiers are highlighted in bold font:

1P072222**SBTN**k4p562d7**1K**EL1809 **Q**1 **51S**678294

Accordingly as DMC:



Fig. 3: Example DMC **1P**072222**SBTN**k4p562d7**1K**EL1809 **Q**1 **51S**678294

BTN

An important component of the BIC is the Beckhoff Traceability Number (BTN, position 2). The BTN is a unique serial number consisting of eight characters that will replace all other serial number systems at Beckhoff in the long term (e.g. batch designations on IO components, previous serial number range for safety products, etc.). The BTN will also be introduced step by step, so it may happen that the BTN is not yet coded in the BIC.

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5.2.4 Electronic access to the BIC (eBIC)

Electronic BIC (eBIC)

The Beckhoff Identification Code (BIC) is applied to the outside of Beckhoff products in a visible place. If possible, it should also be electronically readable.

The interface that the product can be electronically addressed by is crucial for the electronic readout.

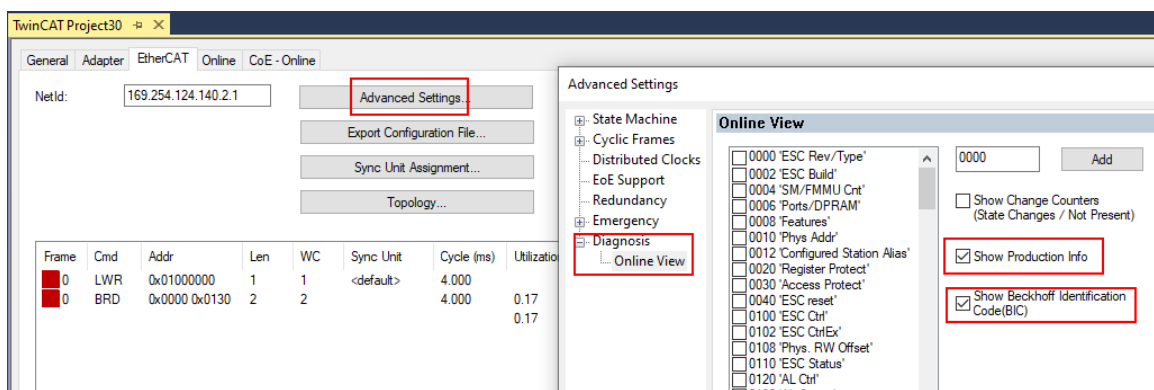
EtherCAT devices (IP20, IP67)

All Beckhoff EtherCAT devices have an ESI-EEPROM which contains the EtherCAT identity with the revision number. The EtherCAT slave information, also colloquially known as the ESI/XML configuration file for the EtherCAT master, is stored in it. See the corresponding chapter in the EtherCAT system manual ([Link](#)) for the relationships.

Beckhoff also stores the eBIC in the ESI-EEPROM. The eBIC was introduced into Beckhoff IO production (terminals, box modules) in 2020; as of 2023, implementation is largely complete.

The user can electronically access the eBIC (if present) as follows:

- With all EtherCAT devices, the EtherCAT master (TwinCAT) can read the eBIC from the ESI-EEPROM
 - From TwinCAT 3.1 build 4024.11, the eBIC can be displayed in the online view.
 - To do this, check the "Show Beckhoff Identification Code (BIC)" checkbox under EtherCAT → Advanced Settings → Diagnostics:



- The BTN and its contents are then displayed:

No	Addr	Name	State	CRC	Fw	Hw	Production Data	ItemNo	BTN	Description	Quantity	BatchNo	SerialNo
1	1001	Term 1 (EK1100)	OP	0,0	0	0	---						
2	1002	Term 2 (EL1018)	OP	0,0	0	0	2020 KW36 Fr	072222	k4p562d7	EL1809	1		678294
3	1003	Term 3 (EL3204)	OP	0,0	7	6	2012 KW24 Sa						
4	1004	Term 4 (EL2004)	OP	0,0	0	0	---	072223	k4p562d7	EL2004	1		678295
5	1005	Term 5 (EL1008)	OP	0,0	0	0	---						
6	1006	Term 6 (EL2008)	OP	0,0	0	12	2014 KW14 Mo						
7	1007	Term 7 (EK1110)	OP	0	1	8	2012 KW25 Mo						

- Note: As shown in the figure, the production data HW version, FW version, and production date, which have been programmed since 2012, can also be displayed with "Show production info".
- Access from the PLC: From TwinCAT 3.1. build 4024.24, the functions *FB_EcReadBIC* and *FB_EcReadBTN* for reading into the PLC are available in the Tc2_EtherCAT library from v3.3.19.0.
- EtherCAT devices with a CoE directory may also have the object 0x10E2:01 to display their own eBIC, which can also be easily accessed by the PLC:

- The device must be in PREOP/SAFEOP/OP for access:

Index	Name	Flags	Value
1000	Device type	RO	0x015E1389 (22942601)
1008	Device name	RO	ELM3704-0000
1009	Hardware version	RO	00
100A	Software version	RO	01
100B	Bootloader version	RO	J0.1.27.0
1011:0	Restore default parameters	RO	> 1 <
1018:0	Identity	RO	> 4 <
10E2:0	Manufacturer-specific Identification C...	RO	> 1 <
10E2:01	SubIndex 001	RO	1P158442SBTN0008jckp1KELM3704 Q1 2P482001000016
10F0:0	Backup parameter handling	RO	> 1 <
10F3:0	Diagnosis History	RO	> 21 <
10F8	Actual Time Stamp	RO	0x170fb277e

- The object 0x10E2 will be preferentially introduced into stock products in the course of necessary firmware revision.
- From TwinCAT 3.1. build 4024.24, the functions *FB_EcCoEReadBIC* and *FB_EcCoEReadBTN* for reading into the PLC are available in the *Tc2_EtherCAT* library from v3.3.19.0
- The following auxiliary functions are available for processing the BIC/BTN data in the PLC in *Tc2_Uilities* as of TwinCAT 3.1 build 4024.24
 - *F_SplitBIC*: The function splits the Beckhoff Identification Code (BIC) *sBICValue* into its components using known identifiers and returns the recognized substrings in the *ST_SplittedBIC* structure as a return value
 - *BIC_TO_BTN*: The function extracts the BTN from the BIC and returns it as a return value
- Note: If there is further electronic processing, the BTN is to be handled as a string(8); the identifier "SBTN" is not part of the BTN.
- Technical background

The new BIC information is written as an additional category in the ESI-EEPROM during device production. The structure of the ESI content is largely dictated by the ETG specifications, therefore the additional vendor-specific content is stored using a category in accordance with the ETG.2010. ID 03 tells all EtherCAT masters that they may not overwrite these data in the event of an update or restore the data after an ESI update.

The structure follows the content of the BIC, see here. The EEPROM therefore requires approx. 50..200 bytes of memory.
- Special cases
 - If multiple hierarchically arranged ESCs are installed in a device, only the top-level ESC carries the eBIC information.
 - If multiple non-hierarchically arranged ESCs are installed in a device, all ESCs carry the eBIC information.
 - If the device consists of several sub-devices which each have their own identity, but only the top-level device is accessible via EtherCAT, the eBIC of the top-level device is located in the CoE object directory 0x10E2:01 and the eBICs of the sub-devices follow in 0x10E2:nn.

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