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EJ1254

EtherCAT plug-in module, 4-channel digital input, 24 V DC, 1 μ s, timestamp

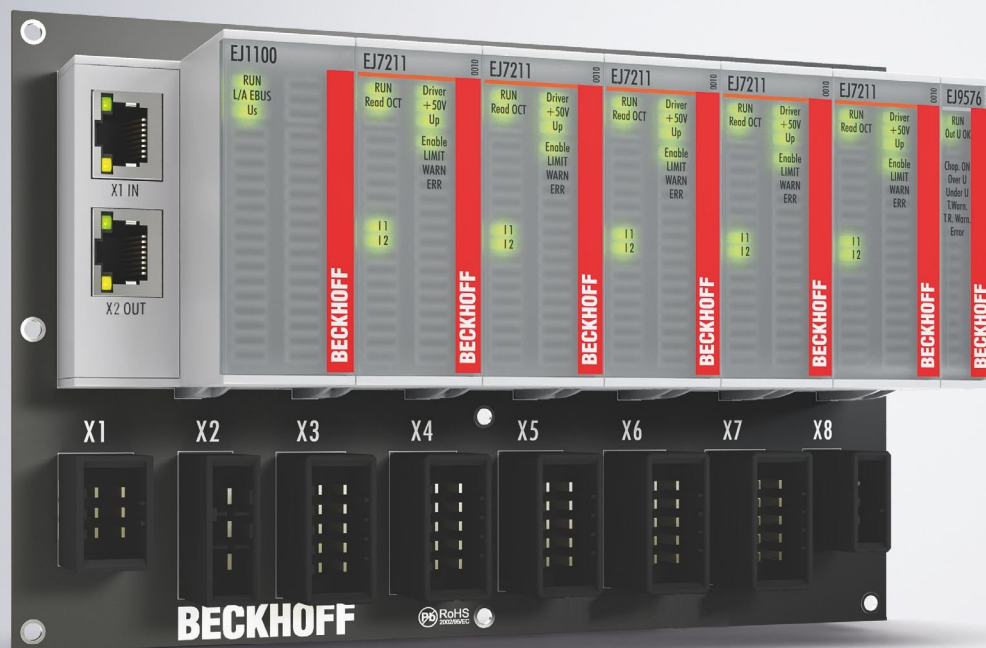


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1 Foreword

1.1 Notes on the documentation

Intended audience

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 documentation and the following notes and explanations are followed when installing and commissioning these components.

The qualified personnel is obliged to always use the currently valid documentation.

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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1.2 Safety instructions

Safety regulations

Please note the following safety instructions and explanations!

Product-specific safety instructions can be found on following pages or in the areas mounting, wiring, commissioning etc.

Exclusion of liability

All the components are supplied in particular hardware and software configurations appropriate for the application. Modifications to hardware or software configurations other than those described in the documentation are not permitted, and nullify the liability of Beckhoff Automation GmbH & Co. KG.

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This description is only intended for trained specialists in control, automation and drive engineering who are familiar with the applicable national standards.

Signal words

The signal words used in the documentation are classified below. In order to prevent injury and damage to persons and property, read and follow the safety and warning notices.

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 Intended use

WARNING

Caution - Risk of injury!

EJ components may only be used for the purposes described below!

1.4 Signal distribution board

NOTICE

Signal distribution board

Make sure that the EtherCAT plug-in modules are used only on a signal distribution board that has been developed and manufactured in accordance with the [Design Guide](#).

1.5 Documentation issue status

Version	Comment
1.5.0	• Update chapter "Technical data" • Structural update
1.4	• Update chapter "Technical data" • Update chapter "Installation of EJ modules" • Structural update
1.3	• Structural update
1.2	• Chapter "Electronic access to the BIC (eBIC)" deleted
1.1	• Chapter "Electronic access to the BIC (eBIC)" added • Update chapter "Technical data" • Chapter "Disposal" inserted • Chapter "Sensitivity of the input" added
1.0	• First publication EJ1254

1.6 Guide through documentation

NOTICE



Further components of documentation

This documentation describes device-specific content. It is part of the modular documentation concept for Beckhoff I/O components. For the use and safe operation of the devices described in this documentation, additional cross-product descriptions are required, which can be found in the following table.

Title	Description
EtherCAT System Documentation (PDF)	• System overview • EtherCAT basics • Cable redundancy • Hot Connect • EtherCAT devices configuration
Design Guide EJ8xxx - Signal distribution board for standard EtherCAT plug-in modules (PDF)	Notes on the design of a signal distribution board for standard EtherCAT plug-in modules. • Requirements for the signal distribution board • Backplane mounting guidelines • Module placement • Routing guidelines
Documentation of the corresponding ELxxxx EtherCAT Terminal (s. note on documentation of ELxxxx) [▶ 38]	• Notes on the principle of operation and • descriptions for configuration and parameterization are transferable to the corresponding EtherCAT plug-in modules
Infrastructure for EtherCAT/Ethernet (PDF)	Technical recommendations and notes for design, implementation and testing
Software Declarations I/O (PDF)	Open source software declarations for Beckhoff I/O components

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1.7 Marking of EtherCAT plug-in modules

Designation

A Beckhoff EtherCAT device has a 14-digit **technical designation**, made up as follows (e.g. EJ1008-0000-0017)

- **Order identifier**
 - family key: EJ
 - product designation: The first digit of product designation is used for assignment to a product group (e.g. EJ2xxx = digital output module).
 - Version number: The four digit version number identifies different product variants.
- **Revision number:**
It is incremented when changes are made to the product.

The Order identifier and the revision number are printed on the side of EtherCAT plug-in modules (see following illustration (A and B)).

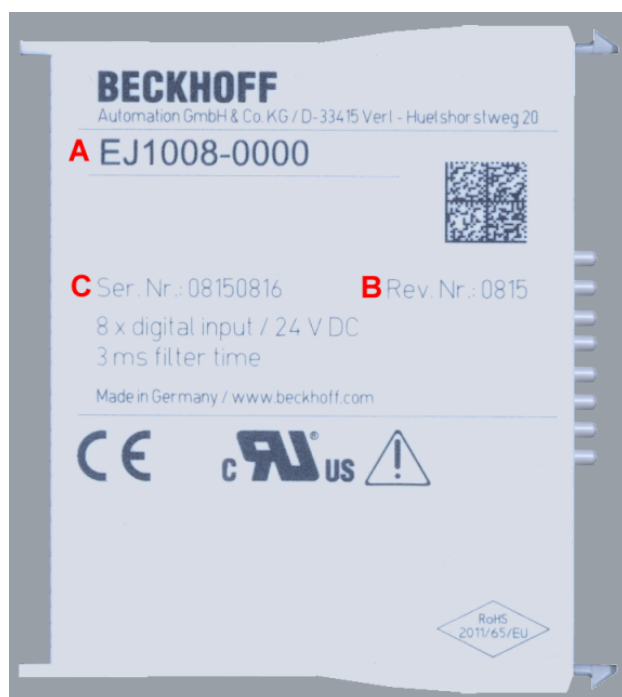


Fig. 1: Order identifier (A), Revision number (B) and serial number (C) using the example of EJ1008

Product group	Example		
	Product designation	Version	Revision
EtherCAT Coupler EJ11xx	EJ1101	-0022 (Coupler with external connectors, power supply module and optional ID switches)	-0016
Digital input modules EJ1xxx	EJ1008 8-channel	-0000 (basic type)	-0017
Digital output modules EJ2xxx	EJ2521 1-channel	-0224 (2 x 24 V outputs)	-0016
Analog input modules EJ3xxx	EJ3318 8-channel thermocouple	-0000 (basic type)	-0017
Analog output modules EJ4xxx	EJ4134 4-channel	-0000 (basic type)	-0019
Special function modules EJ5xxx, EJ6xxx	EJ6224 IO-Link master	-0090 (with TwinSAFE SC)	-0016
Motion modules EJ7xxx	EJ7211 servomotor	-9414 (with ECT, STO and TwinSAFE SC)	-0029

Notes

- The elements mentioned above result in the **technical designation**. EJ1008-0000-0017 is used in the example below.
- EJ1008-0000 is the **order identifier**, in the case of “-0000” usually abbreviated to EJ1008.
- The **revision** -0017 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.
- The product designation, version and revision are read as decimal numbers, even if they are technically saved in hexadecimal.

Serial number

The serial number for EtherCAT plug-in modules is usually the 8-digit number printed on the side of the module (see following illustration C). 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.

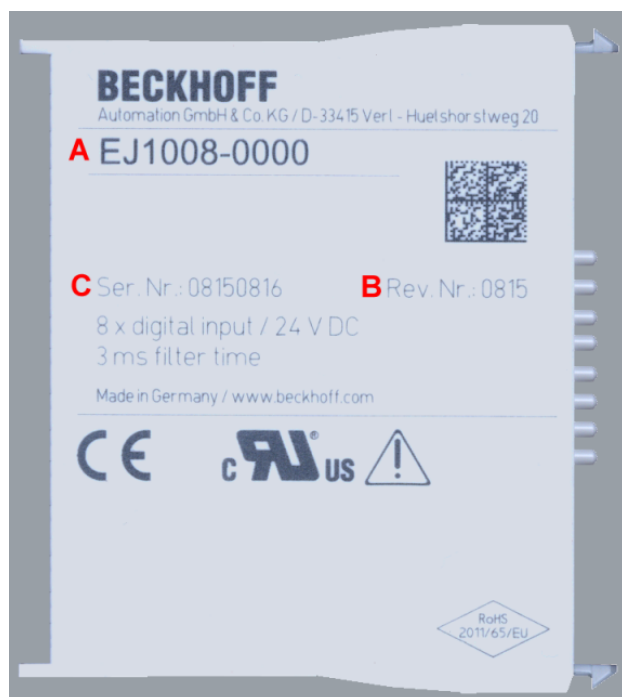


Fig. 2: Order identifier (A), revision number (B) and serial number (C) using the example of EJ1008

Serial number	Example serial number: 08 15 08 16
KK - week of production (CW, calendar week)	08 - week of production: 08
YY - year of production	15 - year of production: 2015
FF - firmware version	08 - firmware version: 08
HH - hardware version	16 - hardware version: 16

1.7.1 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. 3: 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, it shall be replaced by spaces. The data under positions 1-4 are always available.

The following information is contained:

Item no.	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	S	12	S BTNk4p562d7
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 678294104
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 items 1 - 4 and with the above given example value on position 6. The data identifiers are marked in bold font for better display:

1P072222**S**BTNk4p562d7**1K**EL1809 **Q**1 **51S**678294

Accordingly as DMC:



Fig. 4: Example DMC **1P**072222**S**BTNk4p562d7**1K**EL1809 **Q**1 **51S**678294

BTN

An important component of the BIC is the Beckhoff Traceability Number (BTN, item no. 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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1.7.2 "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.

K-bus devices (IP20, IP67)

Currently, no electronic storage or readout is planned for these devices.

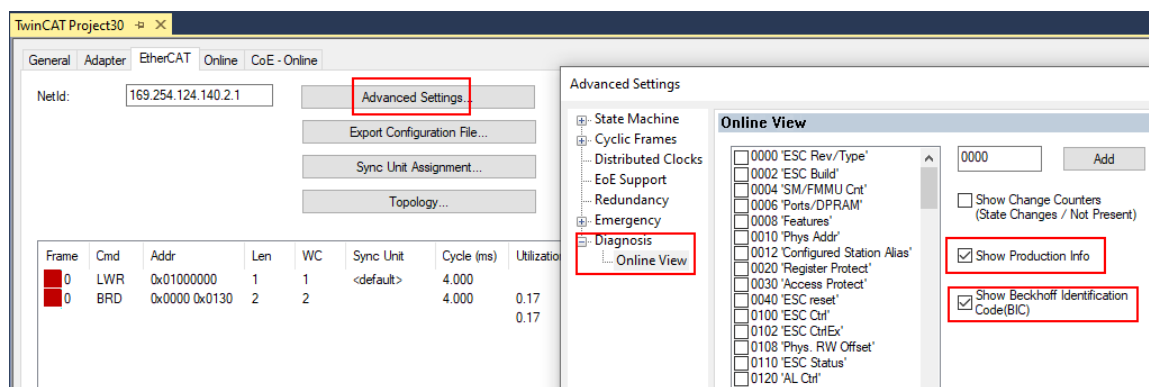
EtherCAT devices (IP20, IP67)

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 writes 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:

General Adapter EtherCAT Online CoE - Online													
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	1P158442SBTN0008jekp1KELM3704 Q1 2P482001000016
+ 10F0:0	Backup parameter handling	RO	> 1 <
+ 10F3:0	Diagnosis History	RO	> 21 <
- 10F8	Actual Time Stamp	RO	0x170bfb277e

- 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_Uutilities* as of TwinCAT 3.1 build 4024.24
 - *F_SplitBIC*: The function splits the 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.
- On the 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
 - In a hierarchical configuration of multiple ESCs (EtherCAT Slave Controllers) within a single 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 that ESC is located in the CoE object directory 0x10E2:01 and the eBICs of the sub-devices follow in 0x10E2:nn.

PROFIBUS, PROFINET, DeviceNet® devices, etc.

Currently, no electronic storage or readout is planned for these devices.

1.7.3 Certificates

- The EtherCAT plug-in modules meet the requirements of the EMC and Low Voltage Directive. The CE mark is printed on the side of the modules.
- The cRUus imprint identifies devices that meet product safety requirements according to U.S. and Canadian regulations.
- The warning symbol is a request to read the corresponding documentation. The documentations for EtherCAT plug-in modules can be downloaded from the Beckhoff [homepage](#).



Fig. 5: Marking for CE and cRUus using EJ1008 as an example

2 System overview

Electronically, the EJxxxx EtherCAT plug-in modules are based on the EtherCAT I/O system. The EJ system consists of the signal distribution board and EtherCAT plug-in modules. It is also possible to connect an IPC to the EJ system.

The EJ system is suitable for mass production applications, applications with small footprint and applications requiring a low total weight.

The machine complexity can be extended by means of the following:

- reserve slots,
- the use of placeholder modules,
- linking of EtherCAT Terminals and EtherCAT Boxes via an EtherCAT connection.

The following diagram illustrates an EJ system. The components shown are schematic, to illustrate the functionality.

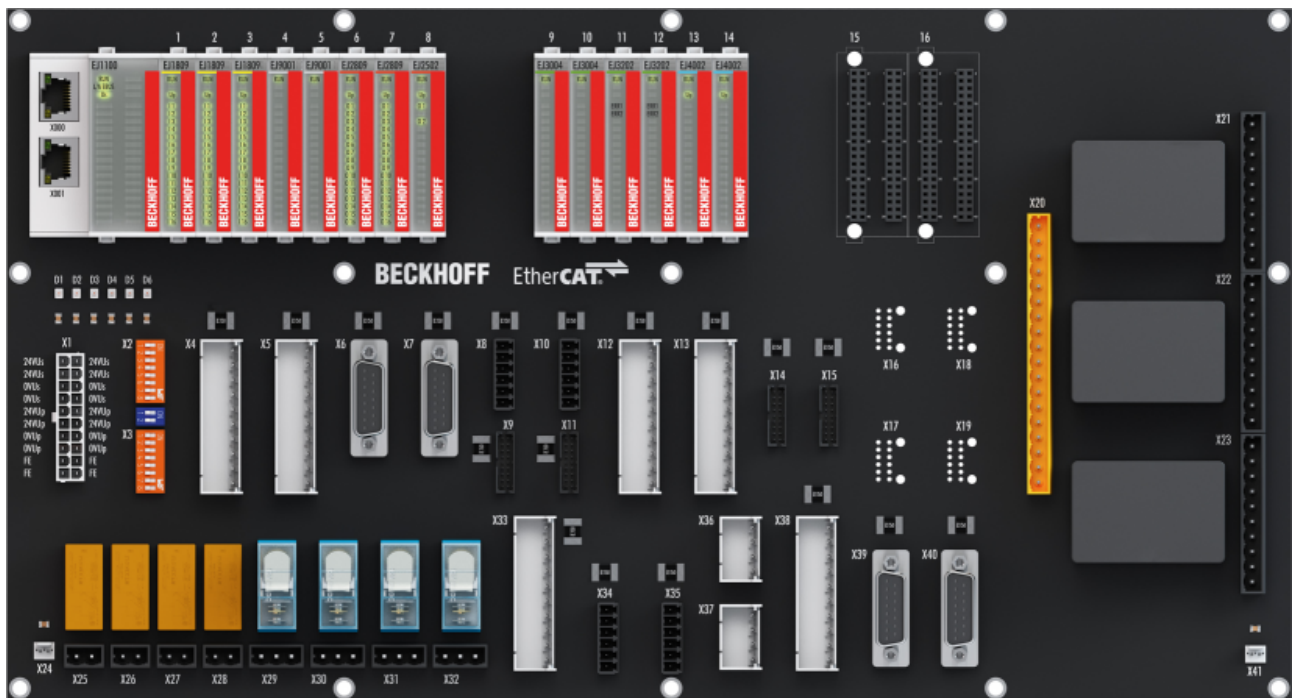


Fig. 6: EJ system sample

Signal distribution board

The signal distribution board distributes the signals and the power supply to individual application-specific plug connectors, in order to connect the controller to further machine modules. Using pre-assembled cable harnesses avoids the need for time-consuming connection of individual wires. Coded components reduce the unit costs and the risk of miswiring.

Beckhoff offers development of signal distribution boards as an engineering service. Customers have the option to develop their own signal distribution board, based on the design guide.

EtherCAT plug-in modules

Similar to the EtherCAT Terminal system, a module strand consists of a bus coupler and I/O modules. Almost all of the EtherCAT Terminals can also be manufactured in the EJ design as EtherCAT plug-in modules. The EJ modules are directly attached to the signal distribution board. The communication, signal distribution and supply take place via the contact pins at the rear of the modules and the PCB tracks of the signal distribution board. The coding pins at the rear serve as mechanical protection against incorrect connection. Color coding on the housing facilitates distinguishing of the modules.

3 EJ1254 - Product description

3.1 Introduction



Fig. 7: EJ1254

EtherCAT plug-in module, 4-channel digital input, 24 V DC, 1 μ s, timestamp

The EJ1254 digital input module acquires fast binary 24 V control signals from the process level and transmits them, in an electrically isolated form, to the controller.

The EtherCAT plug-in module has four channels that indicate their signal state via light-emitting diodes.

The signals are furnished with a timestamp that identifies the time of the last edge change with a resolution of 1 ns. With this XFC technology, signal curves can be traced exactly in time and correlated with the distributed clocks system-wide. With this technology, machine-wide parallel hardware wiring of digital inputs or encoder signals for synchronization purposes is often no longer required.

3.2 Technical data

Technical data	EJ1254
Specification	similar to EN 61131-2, type 3, "0": -3...5 V DC, "1": 11...30 V DC, typ. 3 mA input current
Connection technology	4-wire
Number of inputs	4
Electronics supply voltage	24 V DC (-15%/+20%)
Signal voltage "0"	-3 V...5 V (EN 61131-2, type 3)
Signal voltage "1"	11 V...30 V (EN 61131-2, type 3)
Input current	typ. 3 mA (EN 61131-2, type 3)
Input filter	typ. < 1 µs Please observe the notes regarding <u>sensitivity of the input</u> [► 38].
Timestamp resolution	1 ns
Timestamp accuracy	10 ns (+input delay) between channels
Distributed clocks	yes
Distributed clock accuracy	<< 1 µs
Input delay T_{ON}/T_{OFF}	< 1 µs
Current consumption load voltage (Up contacts)	typ. 10 mA + load
Current consumption E-bus	typ. 135 mA
Electrical isolation	500 V (E-bus/field potential)
Approved ambient temperature range during operation	-25°C...+60°C
Approved ambient temperature range during storage	-40°C...+85°C
Approved relative air humidity	95%, no condensation
Operating altitude	max. 2,000 m
Dimensions (W x H x D)	approx. 12 mm x 66 mm x 55 mm
Weight	approx. 30 g
Installation	on signal distribution board
Pollution degree	2
Installation position	Standard [► 26]
Position of the coding pins [► 29]	1 and 3
Color coding	yellow
Vibration/shock resistance	conforms to EN 60068-2-6 /EN 60068-2-27 (with corresponding signal distribution board)
EMC immunity/emission	conforms to EN 61000-6-2 /EN 61000-6-4 (with corresponding signal distribution board)
Protection rating	EJ module: IP20 EJ system: dependent on the signal distribution board and housing
Approvals/markings*	CE, UKCA, EAC

*) Real applicable approvals/markings see type plate on the side (product marking).



CE approval

The CE Marking refers to the EtherCAT plug-in module mentioned above.

If the EtherCAT plug-in module is used in the production of a ready-to-use end product (PCB in conjunction with a housing), the manufacturer of the end product must check compliance of the overall system with relevant directives and CE certification.

To operate the EtherCAT plug-in modules, they must be installed in a housing.

3.3 Pinout

EJ1254				
Pin#		Signal		
1	2	U _{E-BUS}	U _{E-BUS}	E-Bus contacts The power supply U _{E-BUS} is provided by the coupler and supplied from the supply voltage U _S of the EtherCAT coupler.
3	4	GND	GND	
5	6	RX0+	TX1+	
7	8	RX0-	TX1-	
9	10	GND	GND	
11	12	TX0+	RX1+	
13	14	TX0-	RX1-	
15	16	GND	GND	
17	18	NC	DI 1	Signals
19	20	NC	DI 2	
21	22	NC	DI 3	
23	24	NC	DI 4	
25	26	NC	NC	
27	28	NC	NC	
29	30	NC	NC	
31	32	NC	NC	
33	34	0V Up	0V Up	U_P-Contacts The peripheral voltage U _P supplies the electronics on the field side.
35	36	0V Up	24V Up	
37	38	24V Up	24V Up	
39	40	SGND	SGND	

Signal	Description
U_{E-BUS}	E-Bus power supply 3.3 V
GND	E-Bus GND signal. Don't connect with 0V Up!
RXn+	Positive E-Bus receive signal
RXn-	Negative E-Bus receive signal
TXn+	Positive E-Bus transmit signal
TXn-	Negative E-Bus transmit signal
NC	Do not connect
DI 1 ... DI 4	Digital inputs 1 ... 4
0V Up	Field side GND signal
24V Up	Field side power supply 24 V
SGND	Shield Ground

Fig. 8: EJ1254 - Pinout

The PCB footprint can be downloaded from the Beckhoff [homepage](#).

NOTICE



Damage may result!

- The pins labeled "NC" must not be contacted.
- Before installation and commissioning, please also read the chapters "[Installation of EJ modules \[► 21\]](#)" and "[Commissioning \[► 38\]](#)"!

3.4 LEDs

LED No.	EJ1254
A	RUN
B	
C	Up
1	I 1
2	I 2
3	I 3
4	I 4
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	
11	
12	
13	
14	
15	
16	

Fig. 9: EJ1254 - LEDs

LED	Color	Display	State	Description
RUN	green	off	Init	State of the <u>EtherCAT State Machine</u> : INIT = initialization of the plug-in module
		flashing	Pre-Operational	State of the EtherCAT State Machine: PREOP = function for mailbox communication and different standard settings set
		Single flash	Safe-Operational	State of the EtherCAT State Machine: SAFEOP = verification of the <u>Sync Manager</u> channels and the distributed clocks. Outputs remain in safe state
		on	Operational	State of the EtherCAT State Machine: OP = normal operating state; mailbox and process data communication is possible
		flickering	Bootstrap	State of the EtherCAT State Machine: BOOTSTRAP = function for <u>Firmware updates</u> of the plug-in module
Up	green	off	—	No 24 V DC power supply connected
		on	—	24 V DC power supply connected
I1...I4	green	off	—	Signal voltage "0" (-3 V...5 V)
		on	—	Signal voltage "1" (11 V...30 V)

4 Installation of EJ modules

4.1 Power supply for the EtherCAT plug-in modules

⚠ WARNING

Power supply from SELV / PELV power supply unit!

SELV / PELV circuits (safety extra-low voltage / protective extra-low voltage) according to IEC 61010-2-201 must be used to supply this device.

Notes:

- SELV / PELV circuits may give rise to further requirements from standards such as IEC 60204-1 et al, for example with regard to cable spacing and insulation.
- A SELV supply provides safe electrical isolation and limitation of the voltage without a connection to the protective conductor, a PELV supply also requires a safe connection to the protective conductor.

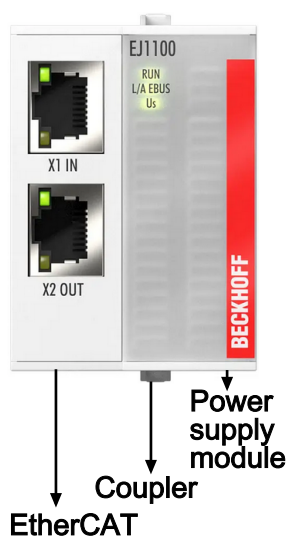
The signal distribution board should have a power supply designed for the maximum possible current load of the module string. Information on the current required from the E-bus supply can be found for each module in the respective documentation in section “Technical data”, online and in the catalog. The power requirement of the module string is displayed in the TwinCAT System Manager.

E-bus power supply with EJ1100 or EJ1101-0022 and EJ940x

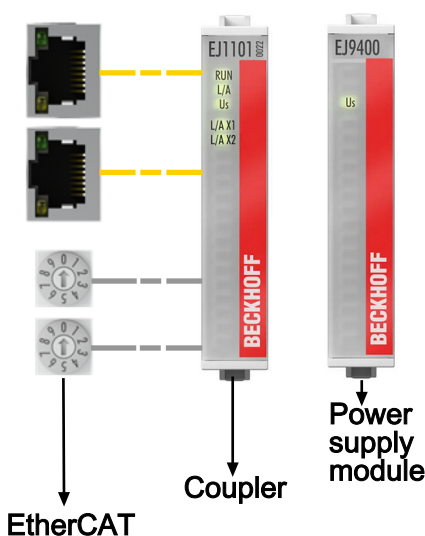
The EJ1100 Bus Coupler supplies the connected EJ modules with the E-bus system voltage of 3.3 V. The Coupler can accommodate a load up to 2.2 A. If a higher current is required, a combination of the coupler EJ1101-0022 and the power supply units EJ9400 (2.5 A) or EJ9404 (12 A) should be used. The EJ940x power supply units can be used as additional supply modules in the module string.

Depending on the application, the following combinations for the E-bus supply are available:

Coupler EJ1100 with integrated power supply unit (2.2 A)



coupler EJ1101-0022 + ext. RJ45 and optional ID switches + power supply unit EJ9400 (2.5 A)



coupler EJ1101-0022 + ext. RJ45 and optional ID switches + power supply unit EJ9404 (12 A)

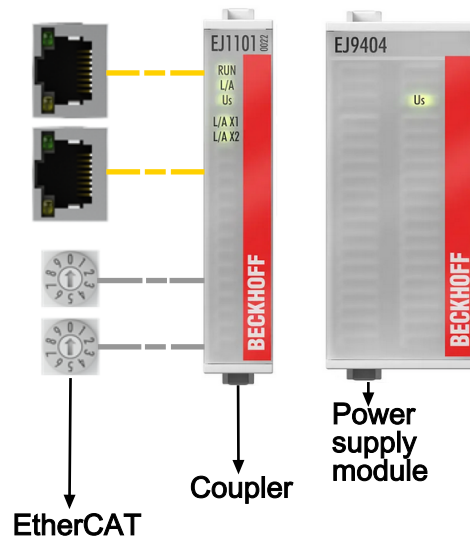


Fig. 10: E-bus power supply with EJ1100 or EJ1101-0022 + EJ940x

In the EJ1101-0022 coupler, the RJ45 connectors and optional ID switches are external and can be positioned anywhere on the signal distribution board, as required. This facilitates feeding through a housing.

The EJ940x power supply plug-in modules provide an optional reset function (see chapter “Connection” of the documentation for [EJ9400](#) and [EJ9404](#))

E-bus power supply with CXxxxx and EK1110-004x

The Embedded PC supplies the attached EtherCAT Terminals and the EtherCAT EJ coupler

- with a supply voltage U_s of 24 V DC (-15 %/+20 %). This voltage supplies the E-bus and the bus terminal electronics.
The CXxxxx units supply the E-bus with up to 2,000 mA E-bus current. If a higher current is required due to the attached terminals, power feed terminals or power supply plug-in modules must be used for the E-bus supply.
- with a peripheral voltage U_p of 24 V DC to supply the field electronics.

The EK1110-004x EtherCAT EJ couplers relay the following parameters to the signal distribution board via the rear connector:

- the E-bus signals,
- the E-bus voltage U_{EBUS} (3.3 V) and
- the peripheral voltage U_p (24 V DC).



Fig. 11: PCB with Embedded PC, EK1110-0043 and EJxxxx, rear view EK1110-0043

4.2 Note on load voltage supply

WARNING

Load voltage supply

Some devices permit an additional load voltage, e.g. 48 V DC, to be connected for the operation of a motor. In order to avoid stray currents on the protective conductor during operation, EN 60204-1:2018 provides for the possibility that the negative pole of the load voltage does not necessarily have to be connected to the protective conductor system (SELV).

Therefore, the load voltage supply should be designed as an SELV supply.

4.3 EJxxxx - dimensions

The EJ modules are compact and lightweight thanks to their design. Their volume is approx. 50% smaller than the volume of the EL terminals. A distinction is made between four different module types, depending on the width and the height:

Module type	Dimensions (W x H x D)	Sample in figure below
Coupler	44 mm x 66 mm x 55 mm	EJ1100 (ej_44_2xjr45_coupler)
Single module	12 mm x 66 mm x 55 mm	EJ1809 (ej_12_16pin_code13)
Double module	24 mm x 66 mm x 55 mm	EJ7342 (ej_24_2x16pin_code18)
Single module (long)	12 mm x 152 mm x 55 mm	EJ1957 (ej_12_2x16pin_extended_code4747)

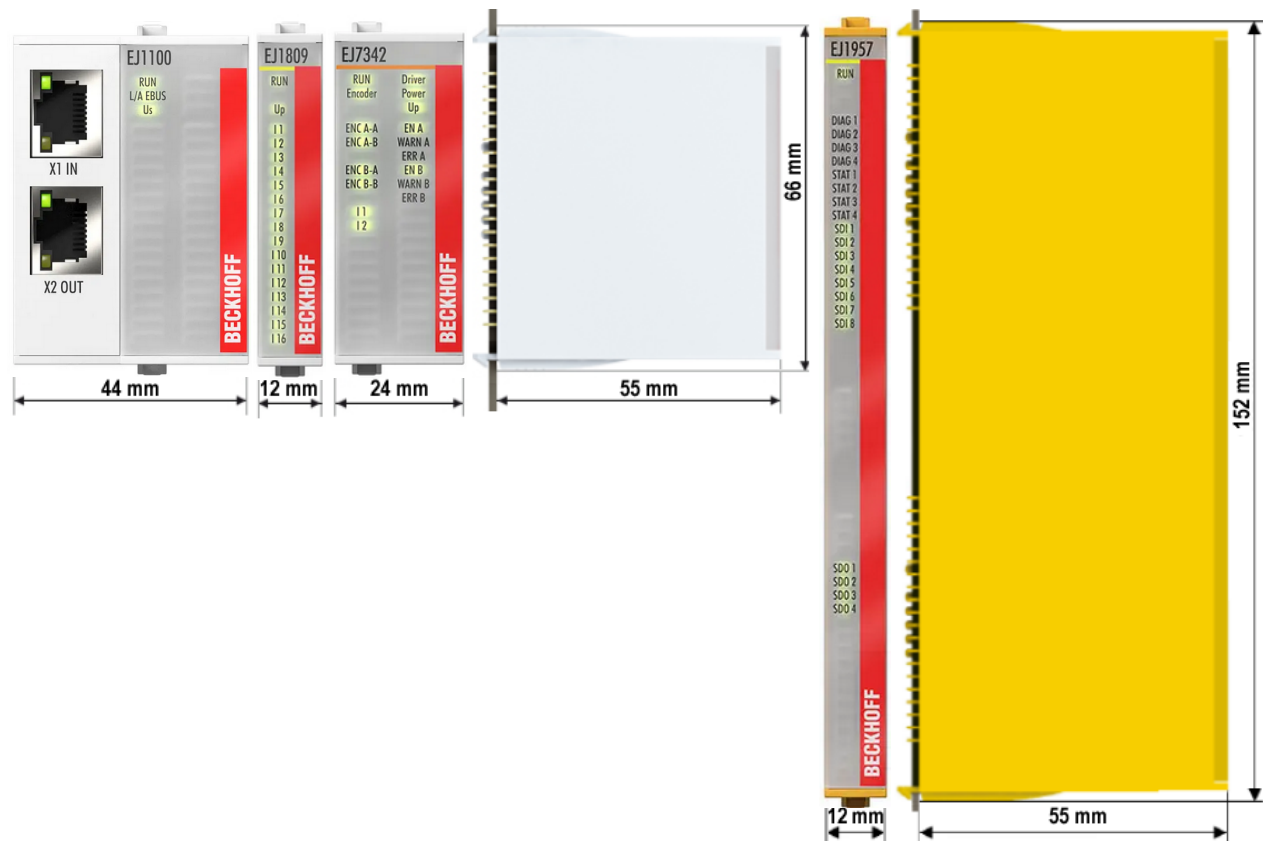


Fig. 12: EJxxxx - Dimensions

The technical drawings can be downloaded from the Beckhoff [homepage](#). The drawings are named as described in the drawing below.

Positon of coding pins

Amount of contact pins

Housing width in mm

Fig. 13: Naming of the technical drawings

4.4 Installation positions and minimum distances

4.4.1 Minimum distances for ensuring installability

Note the dimensions shown in the following diagram for the design of the signal distribution board to ensure safe latching and simple assembly / disassembly of the modules.

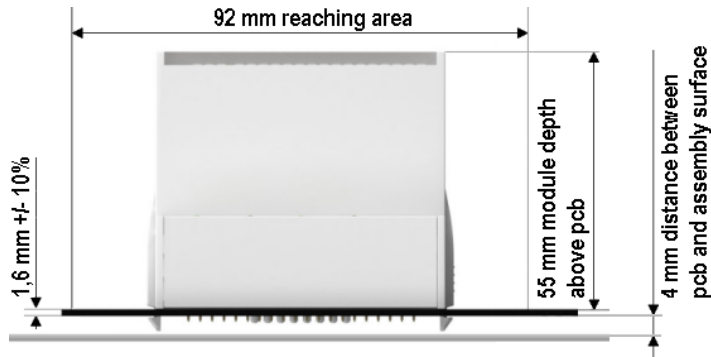


Fig. 14: Mounting distances EJ module - PCB



Observing the reaching area

A minimum reaching area of 92 mm is required for assembly / disassembly, in order to be able to reach the mounting tabs with the fingers.

Adherence to the recommended minimum distances for ventilation (see section "[Installation position](#) [[▶ 26](#)]") ensures an adequate reaching area.

The signal distribution board must have a thickness of 1.6 mm and a minimum distance of 4 mm from the mounting surface, in order to ensure latching of the modules on the board.

4.4.2 Installation positions

NOTICE

Constraints regarding installation position and operating temperature range

Please refer to the [technical data](#) [► 18] for the installed components to ascertain whether any restrictions regarding the mounting position and/or the operating temperature range have been specified. During installation of modules with increased thermal dissipation, ensure adequate distance above and below the modules to other components in order to ensure adequate ventilation of the modules during operation!

The standard installation position is recommended. If a different installation position is used, check whether additional ventilation measures are required.

Ensure that the specified conditions (see Technical data) are adhered to!

Optimum installation position (standard)

For the optimum installation position the signal distribution board is installed horizontally, and the fronts of the EJ modules face forward (see Fig. *Recommended distances for standard installation position*). The modules are ventilated from below, which enables optimum cooling of the electronics through convection. "From below" is relative to the acceleration of gravity.

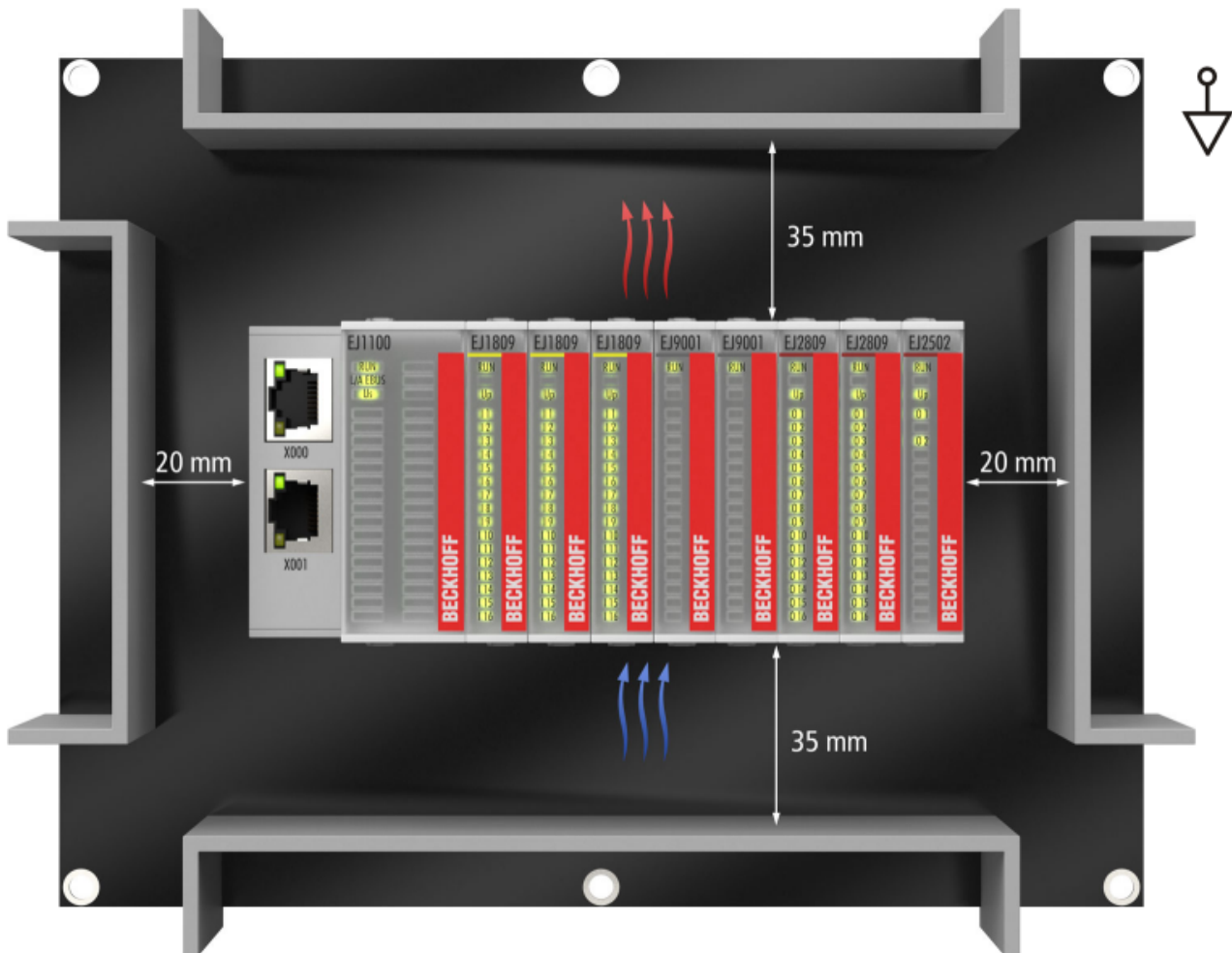


Fig. 15: Recommended distances for standard installation position

Compliance with the distances shown in Fig. *Recommended distances for standard installation position* is recommended. The recommended minimum distances should not be regarded as restricted areas for other components. The customer is responsible for verifying compliance with the environmental conditions described in the technical data. Additional cooling measures must be provided, if required.

Other installation positions

All other installation positions are characterized by a different spatial position of the signal distribution board, see Figure *Other installation positions*.

The minimum distances to ambient specified above also apply to these installation positions.

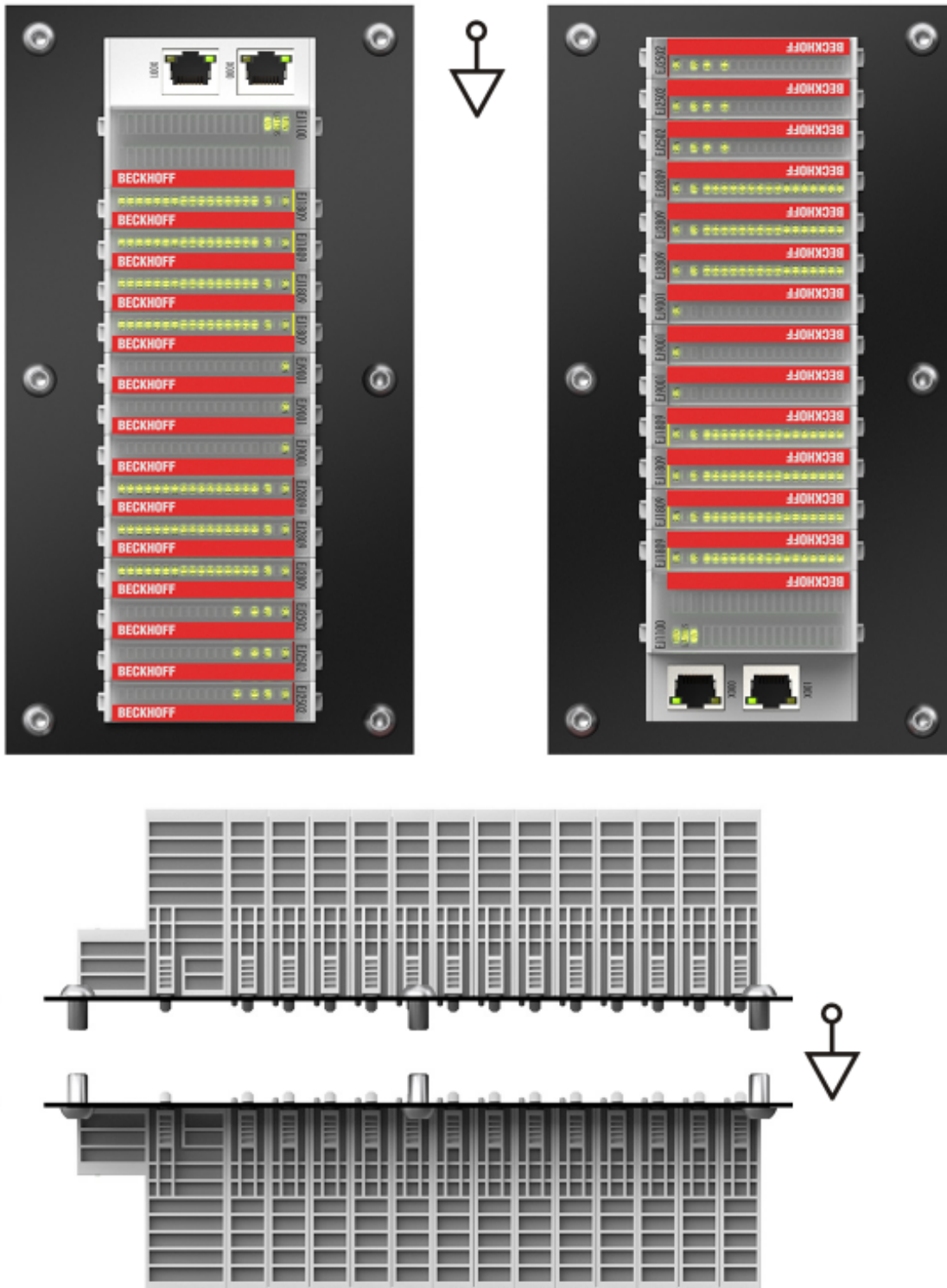


Fig. 16: Other installation positions

4.5 Codings

4.5.1 Color coding

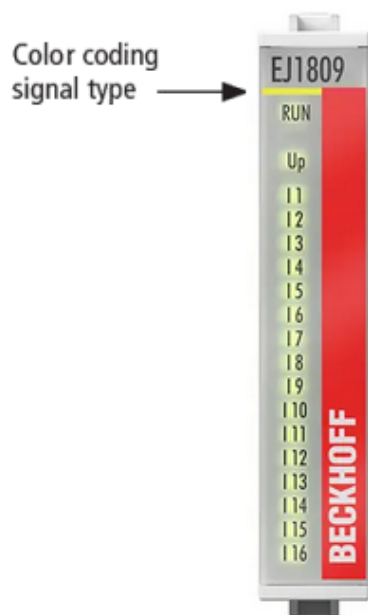


Fig. 17: EJ modules color code; sample: EJ1809

The EJ modules are color-coded for a better overview in the control cabinet (see diagram above). The color code indicates the signal type. The following table provides an overview of the signal types with corresponding color coding.

Signal type	Modules	Color
Coupler	EJ11xx	No color coding
Digital input	EJ1xxx	Yellow
Digital output	EJ2xxx	Red
Analog input	EJ3xxx	Green
Analog output	EJ4xxx	Blue
Position measurement	EJ5xxx	grey
Communication	EJ6xxx	grey
Motion	EJ7xxx	orange
System	EJ9xxx	grey

4.5.2 Mechanical coding

The modules have two signal-specific coding pins on the underside (see Figure below B1 and B2). In conjunction with the coding holes in the signal distribution board (see Figure below A1 and A2), the coding pins provide an option for mechanical protection against incorrect connection. This significantly reduces the risk of error during installation and service.

Couplers and placeholder modules have no coding pins.

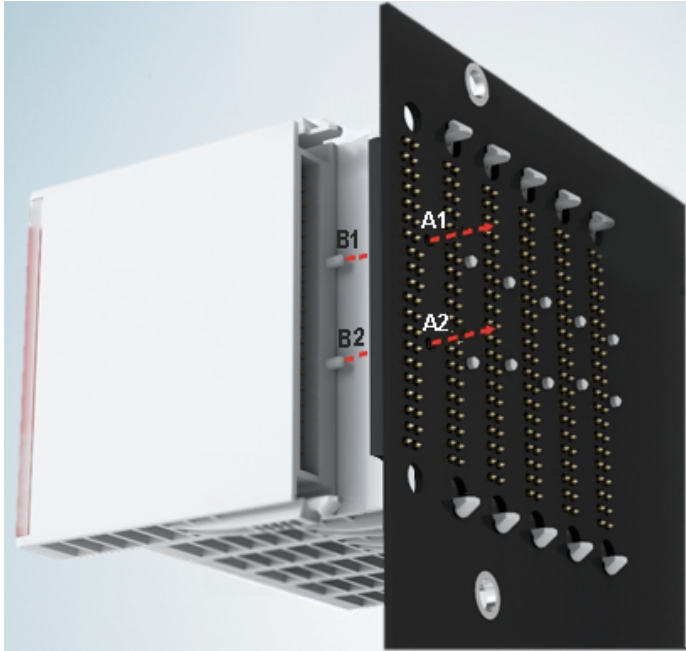


Fig. 18: Mechanical position coding with coding pins (B1 and B2) and coding holes (A1 and A2)

The following diagram shows the position of the coding with position numbers on the left-hand side. Modules with the same signal type have the same coding. For sample, all digital input modules have the coding pins at positions one and three. There is no plug protection between modules with the same signal type. During installation the module type should therefore be verified based on the device name.

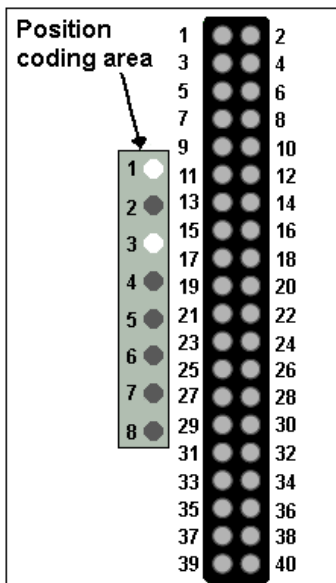


Fig. 19: Pin coding; sample: digital input modules

4.6 Installation on the signal distribution board

EJ modules are installed on the signal distribution board. The electrical connections between coupler and EJ modules are realized via the pin contacts and the signal distribution board.

The EJ components must be installed in a control cabinet or enclosure which must provide protection against fire hazards, environmental conditions and mechanical impact.

⚠ WARNING

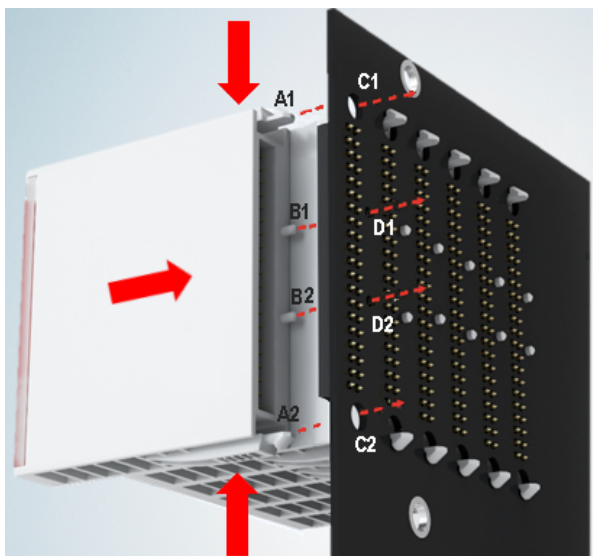
Risk of injury through electric shock and damage to the device!

Bring the module system into a safe, de-energized state before starting installation, disassembly or wiring of the modules.

NOTICE

Risk of damage to components through electrostatic discharge!

Observe the regulations for ESD protection.



A1 / A2: Latching lugs top / bottom

B1 / B2: Coding pins

C1 / C2: Mounting holes

D1 / D2: Coding holes

Installation of EJ modules

To install the modules on the signal distribution board proceed as follows:

1. Before the installation, ensure that the signal distribution board is securely connected to the mounting surface. Installation on an unsecured signal distribution board may result in damage to the board.
2. If necessary, check whether the positions of the coding pins (B) match the corresponding holes in the signal distribution board (D).
3. Compare the device name on the module with the information in the installation drawing.
4. Press the upper and the lower mounting tabs simultaneously and push the module onto the board while gently moving it up and down, until the module is latched securely.
The required contact pressure can only be established and the maximum current carrying capacity ensured if the module is latched securely.
5. Use placeholder modules (EJ9001) to fill gaps in the module strand.

NOTICE

Ensure safe latching of the modules on the signal distribution board

- During installation ensure safe latching of the modules on the signal distribution board! The consequences of inadequate contact pressure include:
 - ⇒ loss of quality of the transferred signals,
 - ⇒ increased power dissipation of the contacts,
 - ⇒ impairment of the service life.

4.7 Extension options

Three options are available for modifications and extensions of the EJ system.

- Replacing the placeholder modules with the function modules provided for the respective slot
- Assigning function modules specified for the respective slots for the reserve slots at the end of the module string
- Linking with EtherCAT Terminals and EtherCAT Box modules via an Ethernet/EtherCAT connection

4.7.1 Using placeholder modules for unused slots

The EJ9001 placeholder modules are used to close temporary gaps in the module strands (see Figure below A1). Gaps in the module strand cause interruption in EtherCAT communication and must be equipped with placeholder modules.

In contrast to the passive terminals of the EL series, the placeholder modules actively participate in the data exchange. Several placeholder modules can therefore be connected in series, without impairing the data exchange.

Unused slots at the end of the module strand can be left as reserve slots (see Figure below B1).

The machine complexity is extended (extended version) by allocating unused slots (see Figure below A2 - Exchanging placeholder modules and B2 - Assigning reserve slots) according to the specifications for the signal distribution board.

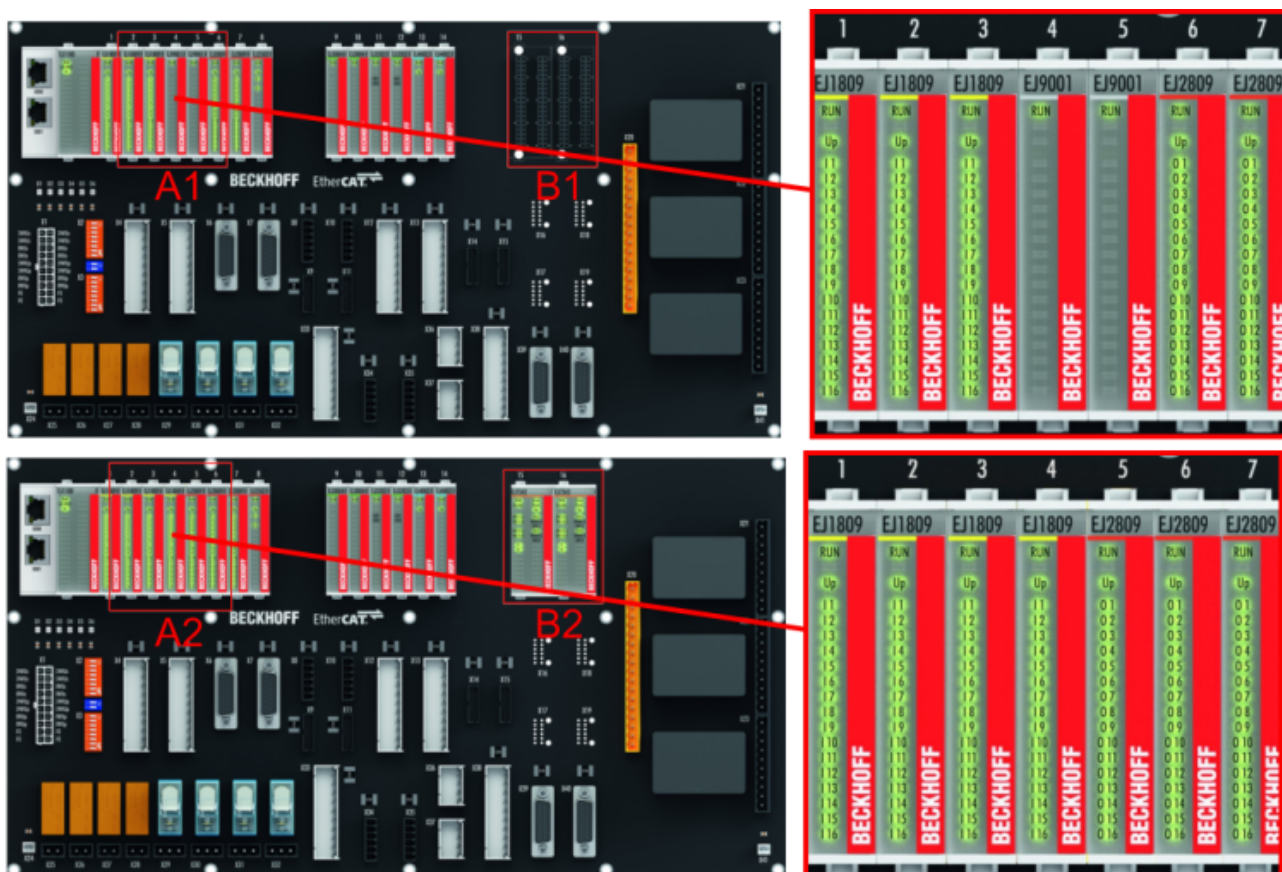


Fig. 20: Sample: Exchanging placeholder modules and assigning reserve slots

● E-bus supply

- 1 Exchange the placeholder modules with other modules changes the current input from the E-Bus. Ensure that adequate power supply is provided.

4.7.2 Linking with EtherCAT Terminals and EtherCAT Box modules via an Ethernet/EtherCAT connection

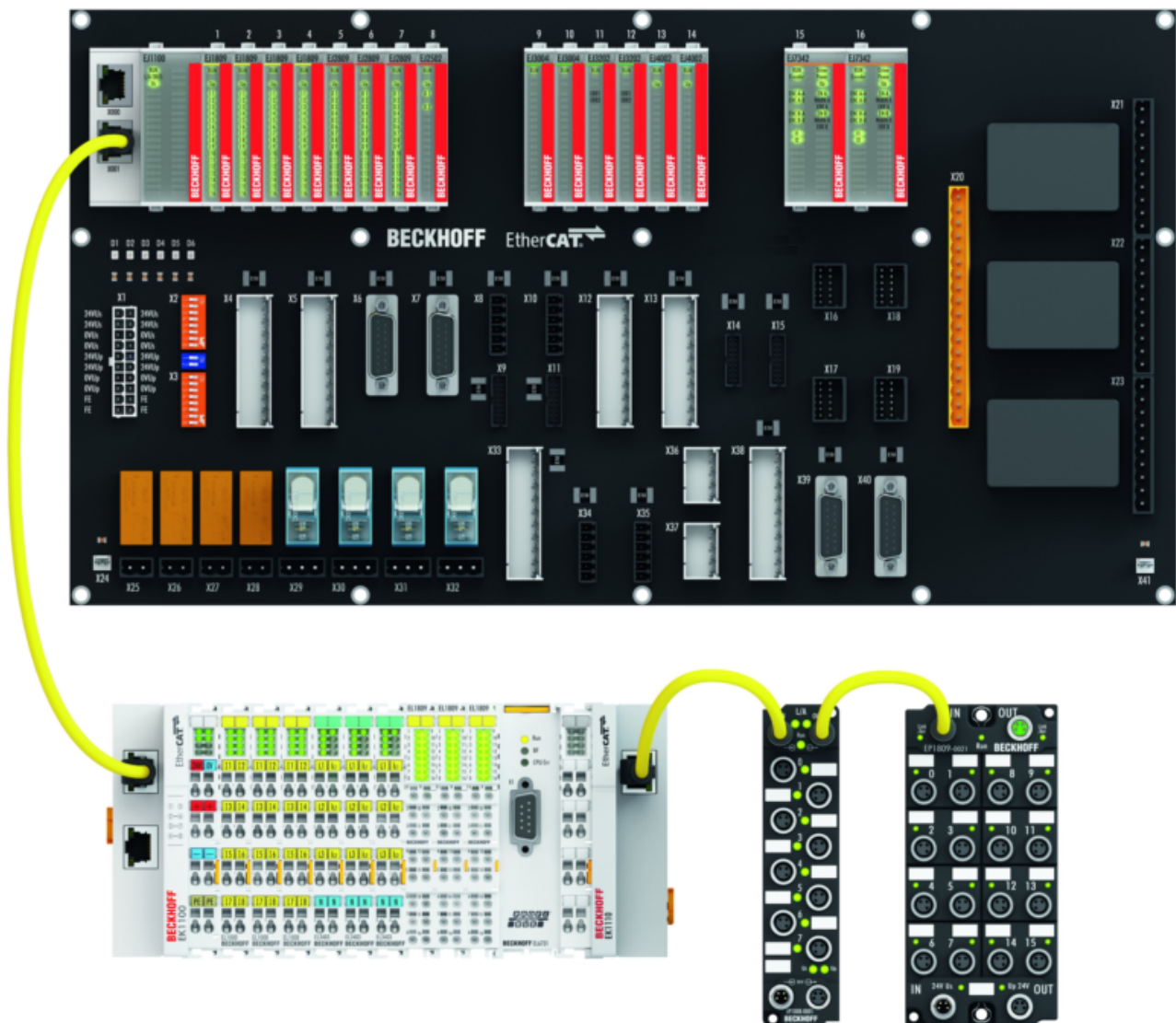


Fig. 21: Example of extension via an Ethernet/EtherCAT connection

4.8 IPC integration

Connection of CX and EL terminals via the EK1110-004x EtherCAT EJ coupler

The EK1110-0043 and EK1110-0044 EtherCAT EJ couplers connect the compact DIN-rail PCs of the CX series and attached EtherCAT Terminals (ELxxxx) with the EJ modules on the signal distribution board.

The EK1110-004x are supplied from the power supply unit of the Embedded PC.

The E-bus signals and the supply voltage of the field side U_p are routed directly to the PCB via a plug connector at the rear of the EtherCAT EJ couplers.

Due to the direct coupling of the Embedded PC and the EL terminals with the EJ modules on the PCB, no EtherCAT Extension (EK1110) or EtherCAT Coupler (EJ1100) is required.

The Embedded PC can be expanded with EtherCAT Terminals that are not yet available in the EJ system, for example.



Fig. 22: Example PCB with Embedded PC, EK1110-0043 and EJxxxx, rear view EK1110-0043

Connection of C6015 / C6017 via the EJ110x-00xx EtherCAT Coupler

Thanks to their ultra-compact design and versatile mounting options, the C6015 and C6017 IPCs are ideally suited for connection to an EJ system.

In combination with the ZS5000-0003 mounting set, it is possible to place the C6015 and C6017 IPCs compactly on the signal distribution board.

The EJ system is optimally connected to the IPC via the corresponding EtherCAT Cable (see following Figure [A]).

The IPC can be supplied directly via the signal distribution board using the enclosed power plug (see following Figure [B]).

NOTICE**Positioning on the signal distribution board**

The dimensions and distances for placement and other details can be found in the Design Guide and the documentation for the individual components.

The figure below shows the connection of a C6015 IPC to an EJ system as an example. The components shown are schematic, to illustrate the functionality.



Fig. 23: Example for the connection of a C6015 IPC to an EJ system

4.9 Disassembly of the signal distribution board

⚠ WARNING

Risk of injury through electric shock and damage to the device!

Bring the module system into a safe, de-energized state before starting installation, disassembly or wiring of the modules.

Each module is secured through latching on the distribution board, which has to be released for disassembly.

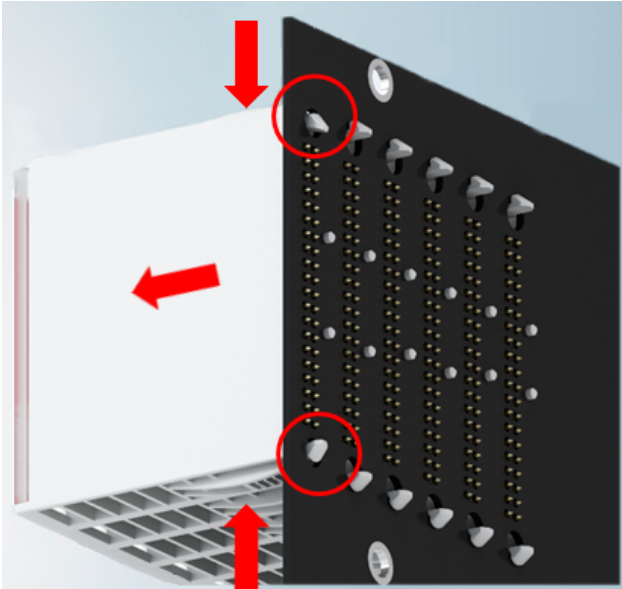


Fig. 24: Disassembly of EJ modules

To disassemble the module from the signal distribution board proceed as follows:

1. Before disassembly, ensure that the signal distribution board is securely connected to the mounting surface. Disassembly of an unsecured signal distribution board may result in damage to the board.
2. Press the upper and lower mounting tabs simultaneously and pull the module from board while gently moving it up and down.

4.10 Disposal



Products marked with a crossed-out wheeled bin shall not be discarded with the normal waste stream. The device is considered as waste electrical and electronic equipment. The national regulations for the disposal of waste electrical and electronic equipment must be observed.

5 EtherCAT basics

Please refer to the [EtherCAT System Documentation](#) for the EtherCAT fieldbus basics.

6 Commissioning

6.1 Sensitivity of the input

The input circuit of the EJ12xx EtherCAT plug-in modules is optimized for fast signal changes and the shortest possible signal detection.

The time required for a signal change as a rising/falling edge from the pins at the back of the module to the logic of the central processing unit (ESC) is specified for the EJ12xx series at $T_{ON}/T_{OFF} < 1 \mu s$, both for rising (T_{ON}) and falling edge (T_{OFF}). Due to this low absolute cycle time, the temperature drift of the cycle time is also very low.

i Little or no filtering of the input circuitry

Consider that the input circuitry has little or no filtering, depending on the type. It is optimized for fastest signal transmission from the input to the evaluation unit. Fast level changes/pulses in the μs range, e.g. due to possible EMC influences, thus arrive at the evaluation unit unfiltered/undamped and are possibly visible as a change of state of the input.

- If necessary, use shielded cables to exclude environmental influences.

6.2 Note on documentation for the EL1254

Detailed documentation on the commissioning of the EJ1254 module is being prepared.

NOTICE



Damage to devices or loss of data

The descriptions and notes on the commissioning of the EL1254 EtherCAT Terminal are transferable to the EJ1254 EtherCAT plug-in module.

Before commissioning, read the detailed description of the process data, operating modes and parameterization in the [EL1254](#) documentation.

7 Appendix

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