

Falcon

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- Intel[®] Atom[™] E6x0T processor
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- Wide input voltage (8V–17V)
- Extremely small
- Mini PCle expansion socket
- Trusted Platform Module (optional)

Highlights

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A complete embedded computer in an extremely small/rugged format.

Intel Atom E6x0T Processor

1.6 GHz performance. Low power consumption.

Industrial Temperature Operation

-40° to +85°C operation for harsh environments.

MIL-STD-202G

Qualified for high shock/vibration environments.

Fanless Operation

No moving parts required for CPU cooling.

Wide Input Voltage Range

Accepts 8 to 17 volts (12V typ.).

High-performance Video

Graphics core supports MPEG-4/H.264 and MPEG-2 encoding and decoding.

Network

Gigabit Ethernet (GbE) with remote boot support.

RAM

Up to 2 GB soldered-on DDR2 RAM.

SATA

Supports SATA hard drives and mSATA flash storage options.

Mini PCle Card Socket

Supports Wi-Fi modems, GPS, MIL-STD-1553, Ethernet, solid-state storage, and other plug-in devices.

Device I/O

Four serial ports, four USB ports, Intel High-Definition Audio.

Trusted Platform Module (optional)

On-board security option defends against attacks from unauthorized hardware and software.



Overview

The Falcon is an extremely small and rugged embedded computer. It has been engineered and tested to meet the Military and Medical industries' evolving requirements to develop smaller, lighter, and lower power embedded systems while adhering to stringent regulatory standards. Roughly the size of a credit card and less than one inch thick, the Falcon is the embedded industry's smallest, lightest, ultra-rugged embedded x86 computer. This embedded computer, equipped with an Intel Atom E6x0T processor, is designed to withstand extreme temperature, impact, and vibration.

Details

Driven by an Intel Atom E6x0T processor, the Falcon provides a lot of performance, lower power consumption (9–11W typical), and a very compact package. The Falcon provides compatibility with a broad range of standard x86 application development tools for reduced development time.

The integrated Intel GMA600 graphics core provides hardware-accelerated MPEG-4/H.264 and MPEG-2 video encoding and decoding. A standard LVDS output supports flat panel displays. An optional adapter converts the LVDS output to VGA.

Industry-standard system interfaces include Gigabit Ethernet with network boot capability, four USB 2.0 ports, four serial ports, and Intel High-Definition Audio (HDA). A SATA 3 Gb/s interface supports high-capacity storage. Dual microSD sockets and a Mini PCle socket with mSATA support provide flexible solid-state drive (SSD) options. The Mini PCle socket also accommodates plug-in Wi-Fi modems, GPS receivers, MIL-STD-1553, Ethernet, Firewire, and other mini cards. The Falcon supports an optional Trusted Platform Module (TPM) for applications that require enhanced hardware-level security functions.

Designed and tested for industrial temperature (-40° to +85°C) operation, the rugged Falcon also meets MIL-STD-202G specifications for shock and vibration. Soldered-on RAM and latching SATA, Ethernet, power, and main I/O connectors provide additional ruggedization for use in extremely harsh environments. Heatsink or heat plate versions provide fanless heat dissipation. Falcon is manufactured to IPC-A-610 Class 2 (modified) standards. For extremely-high-reliability applications, IPC-A-610 Class 3 versions are available.

A wide input voltage range of 8 to 17 volts (12V typ.) simplifies system power supply requirements. It is fully compatible with 12V automotive applications.

Falcon is compatible with a variety of popular x86 operating systems including Windows, Windows Embedded, Linux, and VxWorks.

Product customization is available, even in low quantities. Options include a Trusted Platform Module, conformal coating, BGA underfill, IPC Class 3 assembly, BIOS/splash screen configuration, application specific testing, BOM revision locks, labeling, etc.



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Heatsink models

Heat plate models

Ordering Information

Model	Processor	Speed	RAM	Main I/O Connector	Cooling
VL-EPU-2610-EBPN	Atom E640T	1.0 GHz	1 GB	Non-latching	Heat plate
VL-EPU-2610-ECPN	Atom E680T	1.6 GHz	1 GB	Non-latching	Heat plate
VL-EPU-2610-EDPN	Atom E680T	1.6 GHz	2 GB	Non-latching	Heat plate
VL-EPU-2610-EBKN	Atom E640T	1.0 GHz	1 GB	Non-latching	Heatsink
VL-EPU-2610-ECKN	Atom E680T	1.6 GHz	1 GB	Non-latching	Heatsink
VL-EPU-2610-EDKN	Atom E680T	1.6 GHz	2 GB	Non-latching	Heatsink
VL-EPU-2610-EBPL¤	Atom E640T	1.0 GHz	1 GB	Rugged latching	Heat plate
VL-EPU-2610-ECPL¤	Atom E680T	1.6 GHz	1 GB	Rugged latching	Heat plate
VL-EPU-2610-EBKL¤	Atom E640T	1.0 GHz	1 GB	Rugged latching	Heatsink
VL-EPU-2610-ECKL¤	Atom E680T	1.6 GHz	1 GB	Rugged latching	Heatsink

^{Special order}

Accessories

Part Number	Description					
Cables						
VL-CKR-FALC-N	Falcon cable kit. Includes VL-CBR-0701, 0804, 0807, 2014, 2015, and 5013.					
VL-CKR-FALC-L	Falcon cable kit – rugged latching. Includes VL-CBR-0702, 0804, 0807, 2014, 2015, and 5014.					
VL-CBR-0804	12" Ethernet cable - rugged latching					
VL-CBR-0807	12" power adapter cable. ATX12 to Falcon.					
VL-CBR-2014	LVDS to VGA adapter board					
VL-CBR-2015	20" 24-bit LVDS cable (Hirose)					
VL-CBR-2016	20" 18-bit LVDS cable (JAE)					
VL-CBR-5013	System I/O paddleboard					
VL-CBR-5014	System I/O paddleboard – rugged latching					
VL-CBR-0201	12" Wi-Fi antenna interface cable					
VL-CBR-0701	20" SATA cable					
VL-CBR-0702	20" SATA cable - rugged latching					
Solid-State Storage	flash memory)					
VL-F29-xxxx	mSATA module (SATA), industrial temp.					
VL-F41-xxxx	microSD card (SDIO), SLC, industrial temp.					
Rotating Drives						
VL-HDS35-xxx	3.5" hard drive (SATA)					
Mini PCle Expansion	Cards					
VL-WD10-CBN	802.11g/n Wi-Fi transceiver module					
Hardware						
VL-HDW-107	Mini PCIe/mSATA hardware kit (metric thread)					
VL-HDW-405	Secondary mounting plate. Simplifies installation in many situations.					
	Attaches to heatsink or heat plate models.					
VL-PS-ATX12-300A	ATX development power supply					
Miscellaneous						
VL-CBR-ANT01	802.11n Wi-Fi antenna					
VL-HDW-401	Thermal compound paste (1.75g)					

- § Represents operation at +25°C and +12V supply running Windows 7 with LVDS display, SATA, GbE, COM, and USB keyboard/mouse. Typical power computed as the mean value of Idle and Maximum power specifications. Maximum power measured with 95% CPU utilization.
- † IEEE 1588 Precision Time Protocol (PTP) compatible
- ‡ Bootable storage device capability
- * Extended altitude specifications available upon request
- # MIL-STD-202G shock and vibe levels are used to illustrate the extreme ruggedness of this product in general. Testing at higher levels and/or different types of shock or vibration methods can be accommodated per the specific requirements of the application. Contact a VersaLogic Sales Engineer for further information.

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		Embedd	ed Pr	ocessi	ng Ui	nit	
	Speci	fications					
General	Size	Heat plate models: 55 x 84 x 22 mm (2.17 x 3.31 x 0.87")					
	Processor	Heatsink models: 55 x 84 x 38.5 mm (2.17 x 3.31 x 1.51") Intel Atom E6x0T platform. 512K 8-way L2 cache. Intel Hyper-Threading Technology (HT), Virtualization Technology (VT).					
	Chipset	Intel EG20T Platform Controller Hub (PCH)					
	Battery	Connection for 3.0V RTC backup battery					
	Power Requirements	Model	Idle		Мах.	S3	
	(@ +12V) §	VL-EPU-2610-EBxx VL-EPU-2610-ECxx	9.7W	10.6W	9.8W 11.6W	3.4W 3.4W 3.4W	
	Input Voltage	VL-EPU-2610-EDxx 8V-17V (nominal 1					
	System Reset & Hardware Monitors	All voltage rails monitored. Watchdog timer with programmable timeout (1 μS to 10 min.). Push-button sleep, reset, and power.					
	Manufacturing Standards	Standard Custom	andard IPC-A-610 Class 2 modified				
	Regulatory Compliance	RoHS compliant					
Environmental	Operating Temperature	-40° to +85°C. Derate -1.1°C per 305m (1,000 ft.) above 2,300m (7,500 ft.).*					
	Storage Temperature	-40° to +85°C	nless. Heatsink or bolt-down heat plate.				
	Cooling Airflow Requirements	Model	Temp. R			flow	
	Almow Nequirements	Heat plate models	Terripi Terrip		ro airflow		
		Heatsink models		-40° to +60°C +60° to +85°C		ro airflow 0 LFM	
	Altitude*	Operating Storage	To 15,000 ft. (4,570m) To 40,000 ft. (12,000m)				
	Thermal Shock	5°C/min. over opera					
	Humidity	Less than 95%, noncondensing					
	Vibration, Sinusoidal	MIL-STD-202G, Method 204, Modified Condition A: 2g					
	Sweep ¥ Vibration, Random ¥	constant acceleration from 5 to 500 Hz, 20 min. per axis MIL-STD-202G, Method 214A, Condition A: 5.35g rms,					
	Mechanical Shock ¥	5 min. per axis MIL-STD-202G, Method 213B, Condition G: 20g half-sine, 11 ms duration per axis					
Security	TPM (optional)	Optional support for Intel Trusted Platform Module 1.2 devices. Temperature limitation to 70°C max.					
Memory	System RAM	Standard 1 GB or 2 GB Special Order 512 MB					
		Soldered-on DDR2					
Video	General	Intel GMA600 high-performance graphics core. Advanced 2D/3D graphics. Hardware-accelerated video encode and decode.					
	VRAM	Up to 256 MB + 384 MB shared DRAM					
	OEM Flat Panel Interface	Single-channel LVDS interface. 18/24-bit. Up to 1280 x 768 (60 Hz).					
Mass Storage	Rotating Drive #	One SATA 3 Gb/s p	One SATA 3 Gb/s port. Latching SATA connector.			or.	
	Flash/SSD ‡	Two microSD sockets. Support up to 32 GB each. Mini PCIe socket with mSATA support				۱.	
Network Interface	Ethernet #	One autodetect 10BaseT/100BaseTX/1000BaseT port. Latching connector. Network boot option.					
Device I/O	USB#	Four USB 2.0 host	ports				
Device no	COM 1	RS-232/422 selectable. 16C550 compatible. 1 Mbps max. Handshake lines.					
	COM 2/3/4	RS-232/422 selectable. 16C550 compatible. 1 Mbps max.					
	GPIO	Four user I/O lines. Independently configurable.).	
Other I/O	Audio Mini PCle Card Socket	Intel High-Definition Audio (HDA) CODEC Supports Wi-Fi modems, GPS receivers, MIL-STD-1553, Ethernet channels, non-volatile flash data storage, and other plug-in modules (full or half size). USB, SATA, and PCle signaling.					
Software	BIOS	AMI Aptio UEFI BIOS with OEM enhancements. Field reprogrammable.			S.		
	Sleep Mode	ACPI 3.0. Support for S3 suspend state.					
	Operating Systems	Compatible with mo Windows, Windows					
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