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EP1122-0001

2-port EtherCAT junction

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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.
It is the duty of the technical personnel to use the documentation published at the respective time of each installation and commissioning.

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.

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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.

Personnel qualification

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

Description of instructions

In this documentation the following instructions are used.
These instructions must be read carefully and followed without fail!

⚠ DANGER

Serious risk of injury!

Failure to follow this safety instruction directly endangers the life and health of persons.

⚠ WARNING

Risk of injury!

Failure to follow this safety instruction endangers the life and health of persons.

⚠ CAUTION

Personal injuries!

Failure to follow this safety instruction can lead to injuries to persons.

NOTE

Damage to environment/equipment or data loss

Failure to follow this instruction can lead to environmental damage, equipment damage or data loss.

Tip or pointer

This symbol indicates information that contributes to better understanding.

1.3 Documentation Issue Status

Version	Comment
1.4	• Introduction updated • Chapter "Supply voltages" updated
1.3	• Dimensions updated • UL requirements updated • Technical data updated
1.2	• First publication in PDF format
1.1	• Foreword updated • Mounting and connection updated
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.

Documentation	Firmware	Hardware
1.4	02	05
1.3	02	05
1.2	02	05

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	Example with D no. 29 10 02 01:
WW - week of production (calendar week) YY - year of production FF - firmware version HH - hardware version	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 [▶ 39].

2 EtherCAT Box - Introduction

The EtherCAT system has been extended with EtherCAT Box modules with protection class IP67. Through the integrated EtherCAT interface the modules can be connected directly to an EtherCAT network without an additional Coupler Box. The high-performance of EtherCAT is thus maintained into each module.

The extremely low dimensions of only 126 x 30 x 26.5 mm (h x w x d) are identical to those of the Fieldbus Box extension modules. They are thus particularly suitable for use where space is at a premium. The small mass of the EtherCAT modules facilitates applications with mobile I/O interface (e.g. on a robot arm). The EtherCAT connection is established via screened M8 connectors.

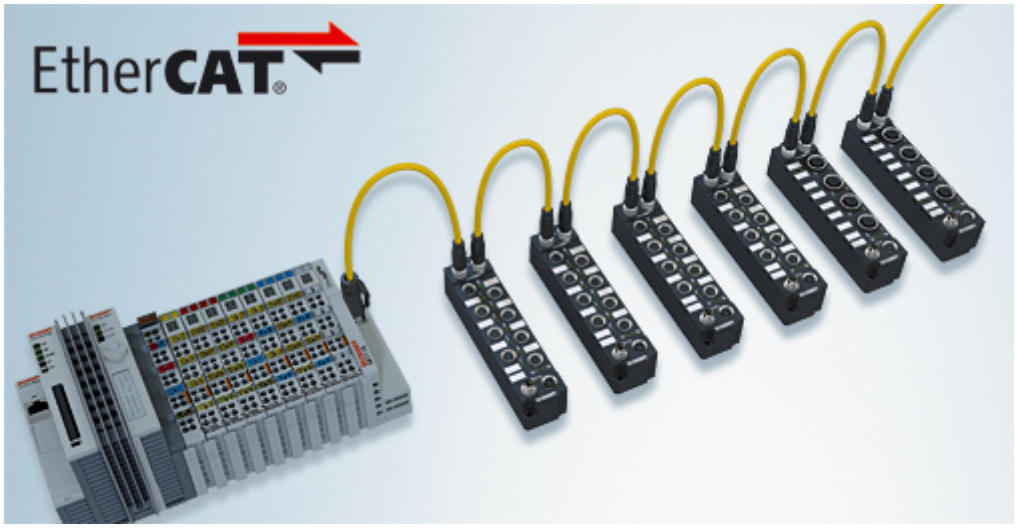


Fig. 1: EtherCAT Box Modules within an EtherCAT network

The robust design of the EtherCAT Box modules enables them to be used directly at the machine. Control cabinets and terminal boxes are now no longer required. The modules are fully sealed and therefore ideally prepared for wet, dirty or dusty conditions.

Pre-assembled cables significantly simplify EtherCAT and signal wiring. Very few wiring errors are made, so that commissioning is optimized. In addition to pre-assembled EtherCAT, power and sensor cables, field-configurable connectors and cables are available for maximum flexibility. Depending on the application, the sensors and actuators are connected through M8 or M12 connectors.

The EtherCAT modules cover the typical range of requirements for I/O signals with protection class IP67:

- digital inputs with different filters (3.0 ms or 10 µs)
- digital outputs with 0.5 or 2 A output current
- analog inputs and outputs with 16 bit resolution
- Thermocouple and RTD inputs
- Stepper motor modules

XFC (eXtreme Fast Control Technology) modules, including inputs with time stamp, are also available.

Fig. 2: EtherCAT Box with M8 connections for sensors/actuators

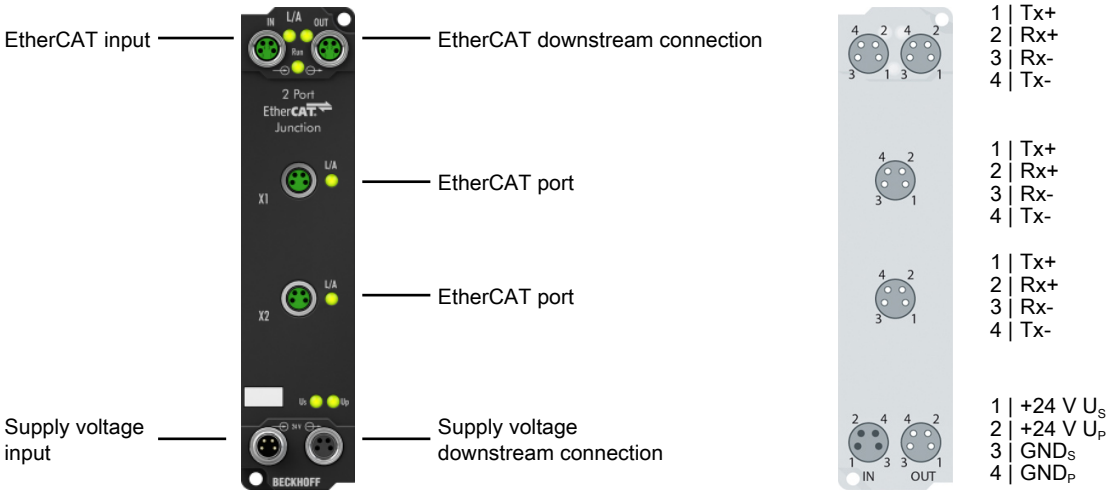
Fig. 3: EtherCAT Box with M12 connections for sensors/actuators

Basic EtherCAT documentation

You will find a detailed description of the EtherCAT system in the Basic System Documentation for EtherCAT, which is available for download from our website (www.beckhoff.com) under Downloads.

3 Product overview

3.1 Introduction



EP1122-0001 | 2-port EtherCAT junction

The 2-port EtherCAT junction enables configuration of EtherCAT star topologies. A modular EtherCAT star can be realised by using several EP1122 units in a station.

Individual devices or complete EtherCAT strands can be connected at the junction ports. The EtherCAT junctions are connected via shielded M8 screw connectors with direct display of link and activity status. The Run LED indicates the status of the EP1122. Through TwinCAT and other suitable EtherCAT masters the EP1122 also supports coupling and uncoupling of EtherCAT strands during operation (Hot Connect).

Quick links

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3.2 Technical data

All values are typical values over the entire temperature range, unless stated otherwise.

EtherCAT	
Connection	4 x M8 socket, 4-pin (1 input, 3 outputs)
Data transfer medium	EtherCAT cables
Cable length	up to 100 m between two devices (100BASE-TX)
Baud rate	100 Mbaud
Electrical isolation	500 V

Supply voltages	
Connection	Input: M8 connector, 4-pin Downstream connection: M8 socket, 4-pin, black
U_S nominal voltage	24 V_{DC} (-15 % / +20 %)
U_S sum current: $I_{S,sum}$	max. 4 A
Current consumption from U_S	120 mA
Rated voltage U_P	24 V_{DC} (-15 % / +20 %)
U_P sum current: $I_{P,sum}$	max. 4 A
Current consumption from U_P	None. U_P is only forwarded.

Housing data	
Dimensions W x H x D	30 mm x 126 mm x 26.5 mm (without connectors)
Weight	approx. 165 g
Installation position	variable
Material	PA6 (polyamide)

Environmental conditions	
Ambient temperature during operation	-25...+60 °C -25...+55 °C according to cURus 0...+55 °C according to ATEX
Ambient temperature during storage	-40 … +85 °C
Vibration resistance, shock resistance	conforms to EN 60068-2-6 / EN 60068-2-27 Additional checks [▶ 11]
EMC immunity / emission	conforms to EN 61000-6-2 / EN 61000-6-4
Protection rating	IP65, IP66, IP67 (according to EN 60529)

Approvals / markings	
Approvals / markings *)	ATEX [▶ 32], CE, cURus [▶ 31]

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

Additional tests

The devices have undergone the following additional tests:

Test	Explanation
Vibration	10 frequency sweeps in 3 axes
	5 Hz < f < 60 Hz displacement 0.35 mm, constant amplitude
	60.1 Hz < f < 500 Hz acceleration 5 g, constant amplitude
Shocks	1000 shocks in each direction, in 3 axes
	35 g, 11 ms

3.3 Scope of supply

Make sure that the following components are included in the scope of delivery:

- 1x EP1122-0001 EtherCAT Box
- 4x protective cap for EtherCAT socket, M8, green (pre-assembled)
- 1x protective cap for supply voltage input, M8, transparent (pre-assembled)
- 1x protective cap for supply voltage output, M8, black (pre-assembled)
- 10x labels, blank (1 strip of 10)

Pre-assembled protective caps do not ensure IP67 protection

Protective caps are pre-assembled at the factory to protect connectors during transport. They may not be tight enough to ensure IP67 protection.

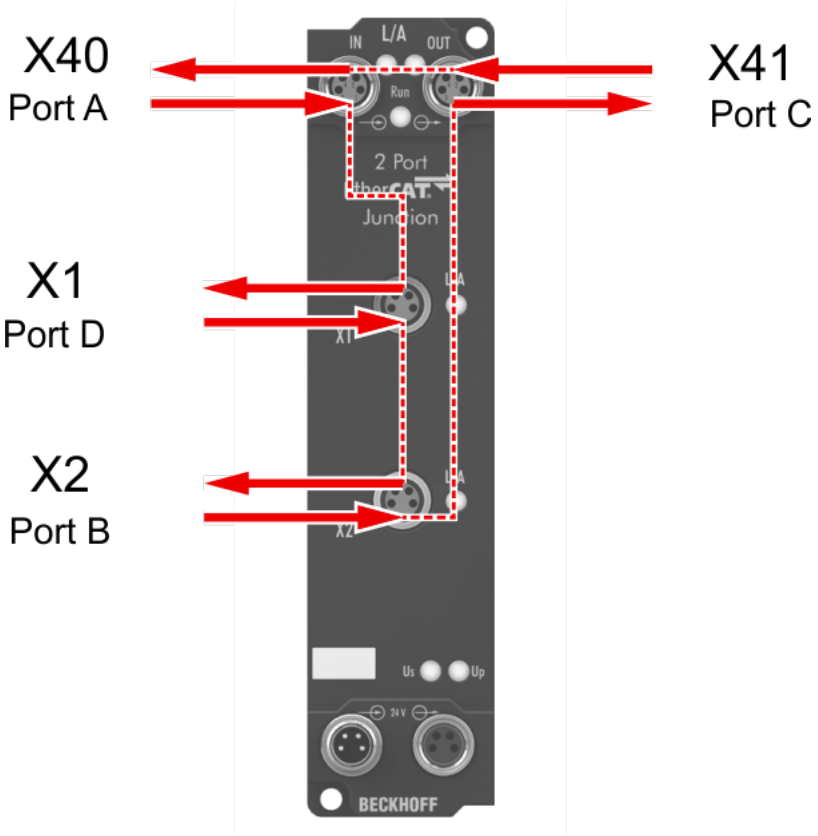
Ensure that the protective caps are correctly seated to ensure IP67 protection.

3.4 Technology

3.4.1 EtherCAT data flow

The following figure shows the logical path of an EtherCAT frame through the box.

Ports to which no device is connected are automatically bridged.



4 Basic function principles of EtherCAT junctions

Some Beckhoff EtherCAT devices can be used for junctions in the EtherCAT segment. These include EK1122, EK1521, EP1122, CU1128 and EP9128. In the following examples only the EK1122 is used. The technical and system characteristics of the other devices are similar.

EtherCAT handling in the slaves

With EtherCAT as fieldbus protocol a wide range of bus topologies can be used: line, star and tree topology, with redundancy support even ring topology. The simplest topology is the line topology, in which each EtherCAT slave passes data **only** to the next slave.

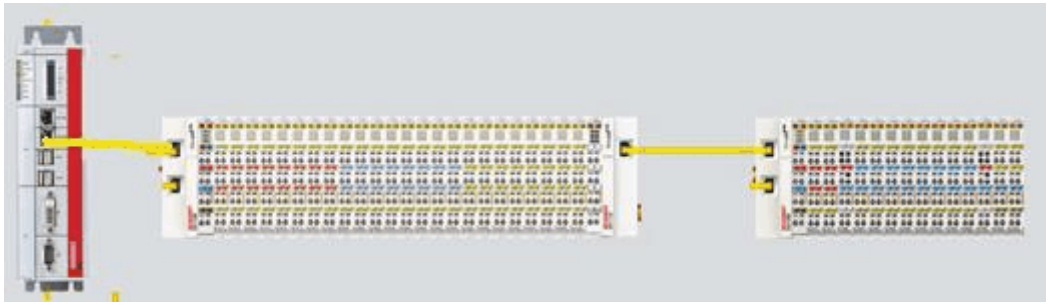


Fig. 4: EtherCAT line topology

When using EtherCAT Couplers, e.g. EK1100, it is possible to create a junction and therefore a kind of tree topology.

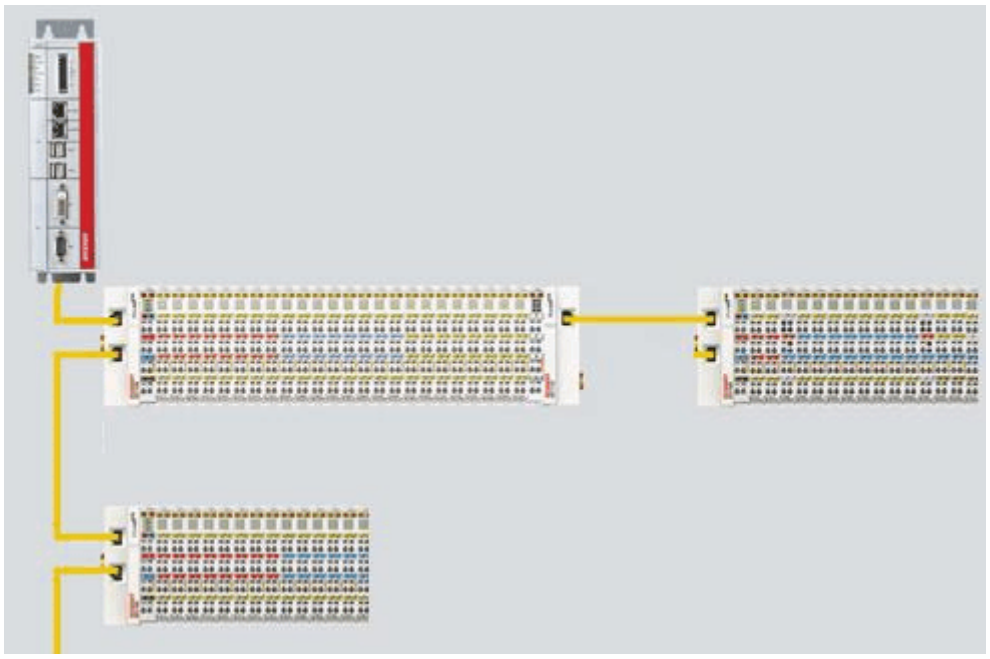


Fig. 5: Line topology with extensions

The basic principle is that internally the Ethernet frame(s) with the EtherCAT protocol data continue to be transported in a logical ring:

- the EtherCAT master sends the frame via the two outgoing lines of the Ethernet cable
- this frame passes each slave once,
- the last logical slave reverses the frame and
- is returned to the master through each EtherCAT slave via two return lines of the Ethernet cable without further processing.

At short cycle times in the order of 50 µs at 20,000 Ethernet frames are in transit in the EtherCAT system every second, plus acyclic organizational frames. The master awaits the return of the sent frames, which return the device input data to the master, for example. Telegram transfer between slaves is link-based: An EtherCAT slave will only forward a frame if a 'link' signal to the next device is present. Normally it can be assumed that the downstream device correctly processes each EtherCAT telegram and returns or process it at the end.

The crucial factor for forwarding EtherCAT telegrams is that a link signal is reported only from one slave to the next if both slaves are actually ready for real-time participation in data processing. Specifically, this means that an EtherCAT slave should not open the respective Ethernet port until it is ready to receive and forward an Ethernet frame immediately.

A switch or router is usually used for standard Ethernet traffic forwarding. Any collisions or frame losses are compensated through frame repetition in the higher-level protocol layers (e.g. TCP). This mode is generally not used for EtherCAT due to the short cycle times and the real-time requirement. Some Ethernet devices such as special switches, for example, report a link to the remote terminal even if they will only be ready for data processing in a few milliseconds. This behavior is particularly noticeable in media converters from 100Base-TX (copper) to 100Base-Fx (optical fiber), which may report a link to the preceding EtherCAT slave even if the optical fiber connection is interrupted, depending on the setting on the copper side.

Fast link detection is therefore a central component of each **ESC** (EtherCAT Slave Controller, hardware processing unit for the EtherCAT protocol). According to the EtherCAT specification an ESC can have and control 1 to 4 ports. Via an open port it can handle outgoing and incoming Ethernet traffic. Fig. 3 shows the direction of the data flow in a fully configured ESC. In the EtherCAT datagrams the data are only processed between ports 0 (A) and 3 (D) in the EtherCAT processing unit.

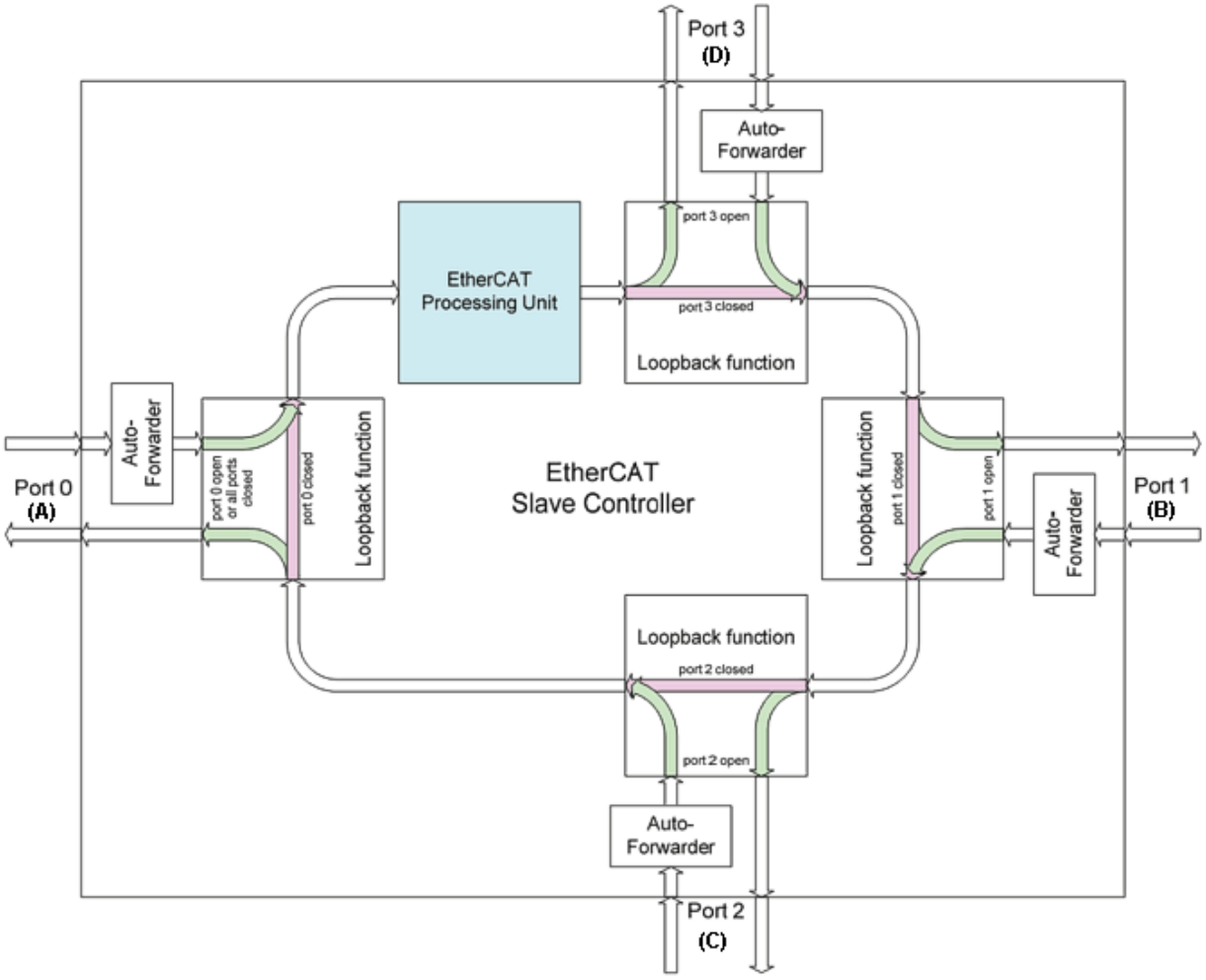


Fig. 6: Direction of data flow in the ESC

Ideally link detection and therefore port handling in the ESC should be fast enough that lost frame events are avoided even at 100 µs cycle time. Nevertheless, at least one lost frame can never be ruled out if a connection is disconnected while an Ethernet frame is in transit on this line and in the bus segment downstream of the separation point.

Implementation: EL terminal

A standard EtherCAT slave such as a Beckhoff EL terminal has 2 ports:

- one for incoming frames (port 0 [A])
- one for outgoing frames (e.g. port [D]).

The other two ports are internally closed in the ESC. An EtherCAT telegram enters the processing unit via port 0 (A)/top and is forwarded to the next slave via port 3 (D)/left, if a link to this port exists - see green arrows. This is the case if a further EL terminal is connected to the right.

If no link exists, the frame is forwarded to port 1(B) via the purple route. This and port 2 (C) have no link and therefore return the frame to port 0 (A), where the frame leaves via the same Ethernet port through which it arrived at the slave. This is the case if the terminal acts as end terminal.

An EtherCAT device with a single port is therefore only of limited use, since it can only be used as end device.

Implementation: EK1100 EtherCAT Coupler

Three of the four available ports in the EK1100 EtherCAT Coupler are used, thus enabling a connection to the right to terminals and via an RJ45 socket to further couplers; cf. *Fig. Line topology with extensions*. In the EK1100 the processing unit is not used for process data exchange.

Implementation: EK1122 EtherCAT junction

In the EK1122 all four ESC ports can be connected. two via the internal E-Bus and two via the RJ45 sockets with Ethernet configuration. In the TwinCAT System Manager the link statuses of ports 0, 1, 2 and 3 are indicated via the online display as port A, B, C and D, see *Fig. Topology display for interrupted line.*

Implementation: EK1521/EK1521-0010/EK1561 EtherCAT junction

As in the EK1100, three ESC ports can be connected in these junctions. Two via E-bus within the terminal and one via the SC socket/versatile link and optical fiber cable/POF line.

Implementation: CU1128 and EP9128 EtherCAT junctions

The CU1128 integrates three ESCs, which means eight ports in total are available to users. The three ESCs are interconnected via E-bus.

Example configuration with EK1122

The following section describes the link characteristics under TwinCAT and its representation in the System Manager.

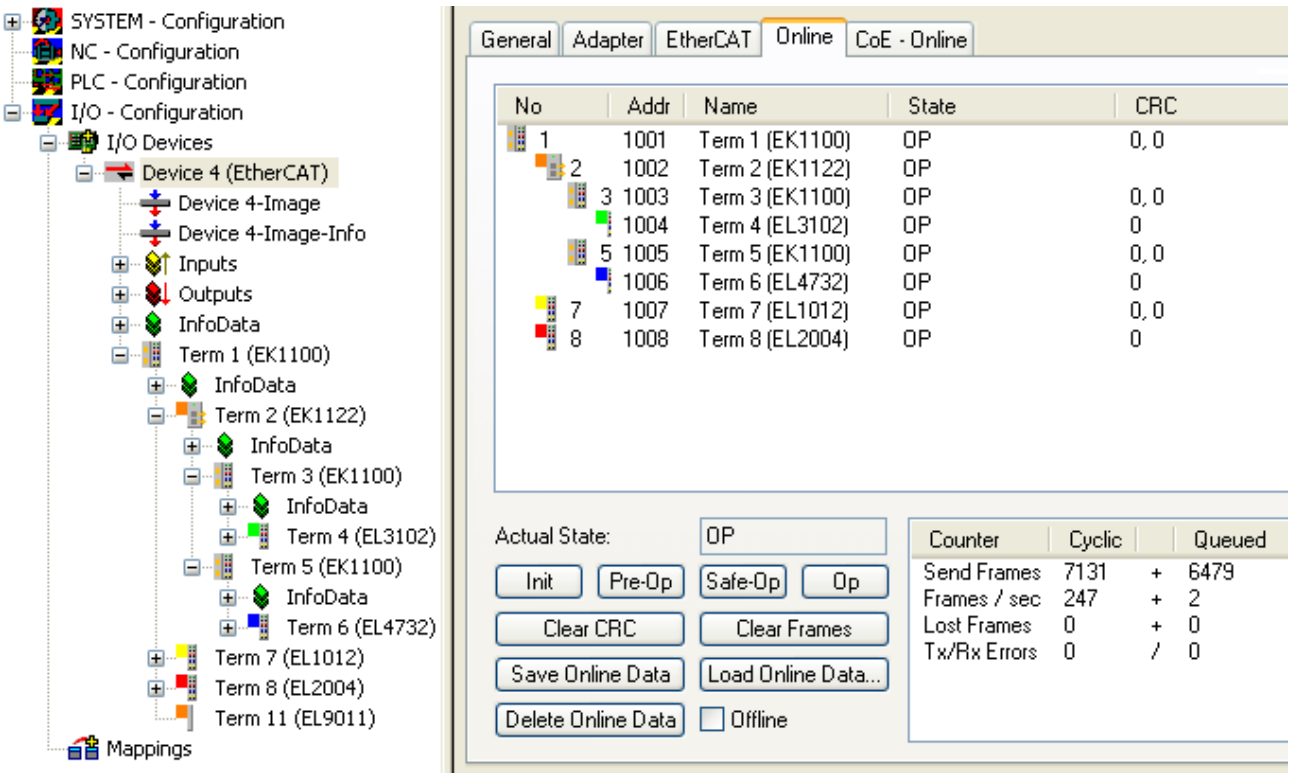


Fig. 7: Example configuration with EK1122

The wiring diagram is shown in the TwinCAT online topology, see *Fig. Online topology*. The EK1122 is selected, so that further information is shown. The green bars above the slaves indicate the correct RUN state in all slaves.

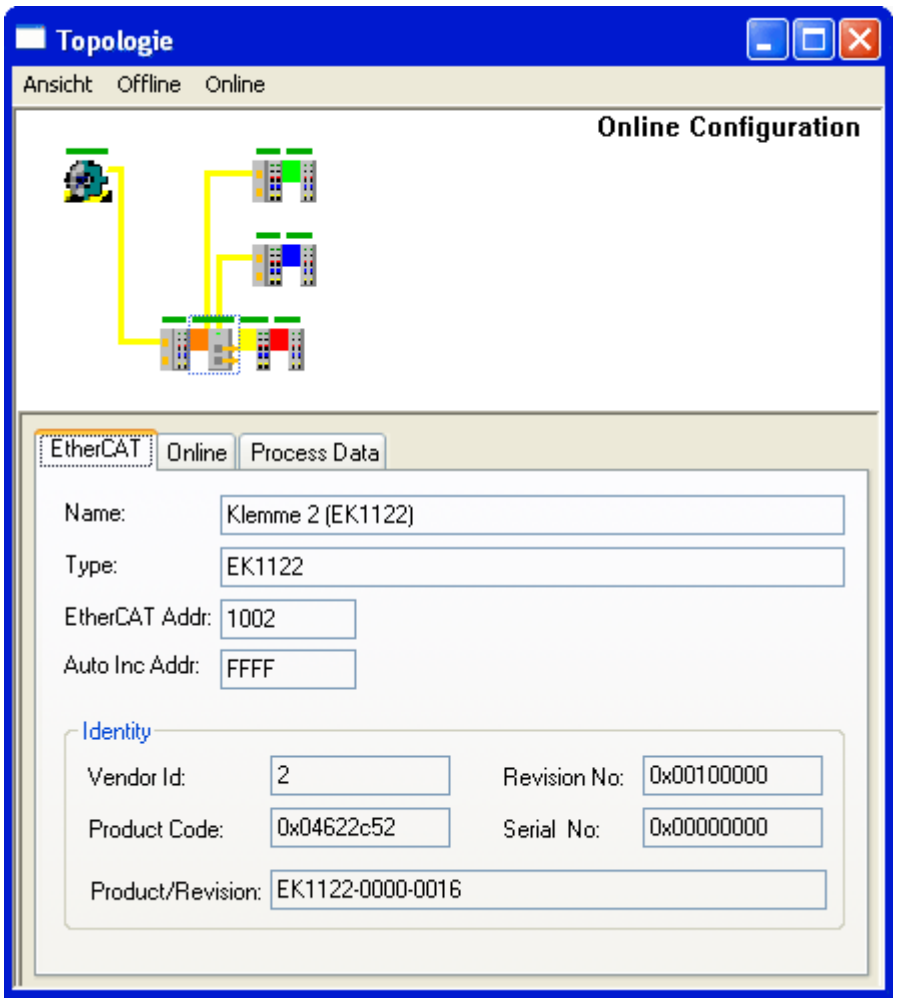


Fig. 8: Online topology

An error is now generated by disconnecting the link between the upper RJ45 socket (X1) and the EL3102 device. Within a few µs the ESC in the EK1122 detects the lost link and automatically closes the affected port. This has the effect that the next incoming EtherCAT telegram is immediately forwarded to port D (port 3) and the EL4732. The link is missing here; the System Manager indicates this in the online display, see *Fig. Example configuration with interrupted cable*.

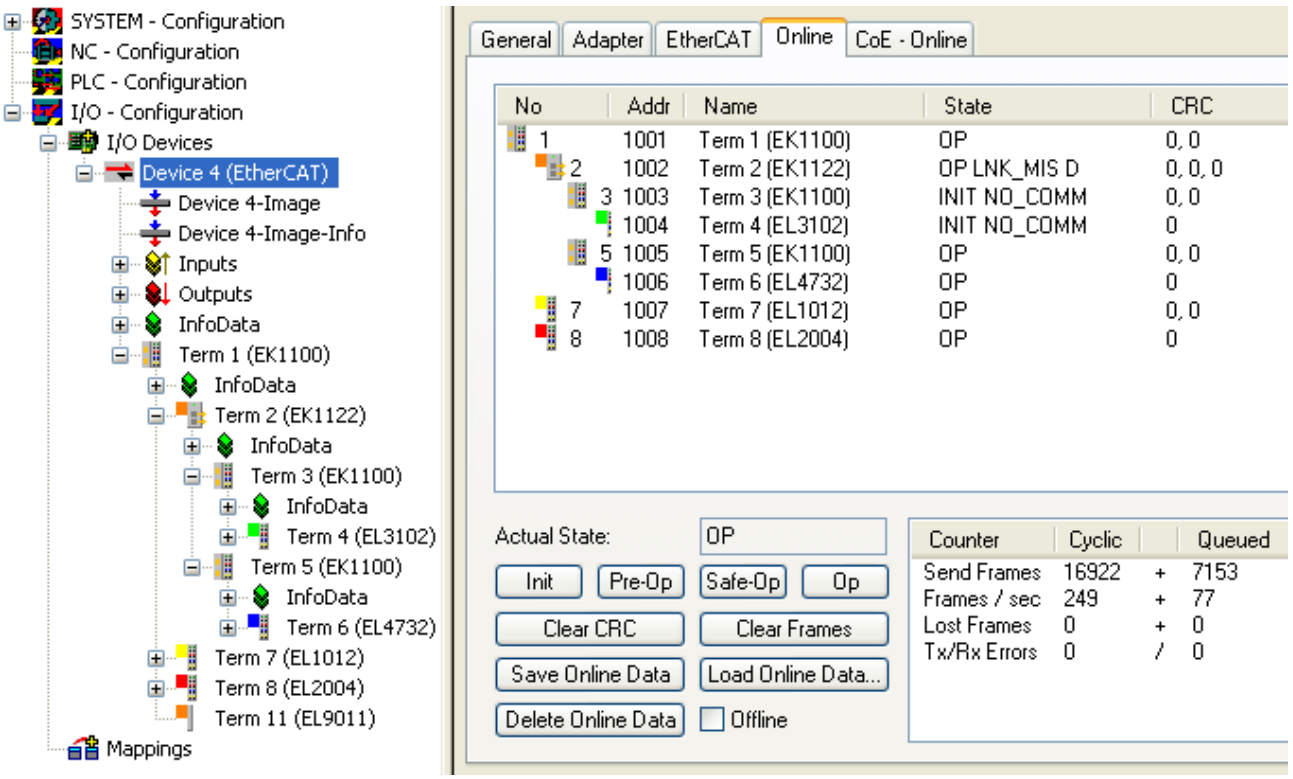


Fig. 9: Example configuration with interrupted cable

The System Manager messages can be interpreted as follows:

- Address 1002 - EK1122: "OP LNK:MIS D": The slave is in OP state, although a link is missing at port D (3) that should be present according to the configuration
- Address 1003 - EK1100: "INIT NO_COMM": since communication with this slave is interrupted its state is shown as INIT
- Address 1004 - EL3104: ditto.

Logger output

The logger output can be displayed in the lower part of the System Manager (Display--> Show Logger Output). This may be helpful for diagnostic purposes (for link interruptions and other situations).

In the topology view this interruption is indicated by a red border around the affected slaves, see figure below.

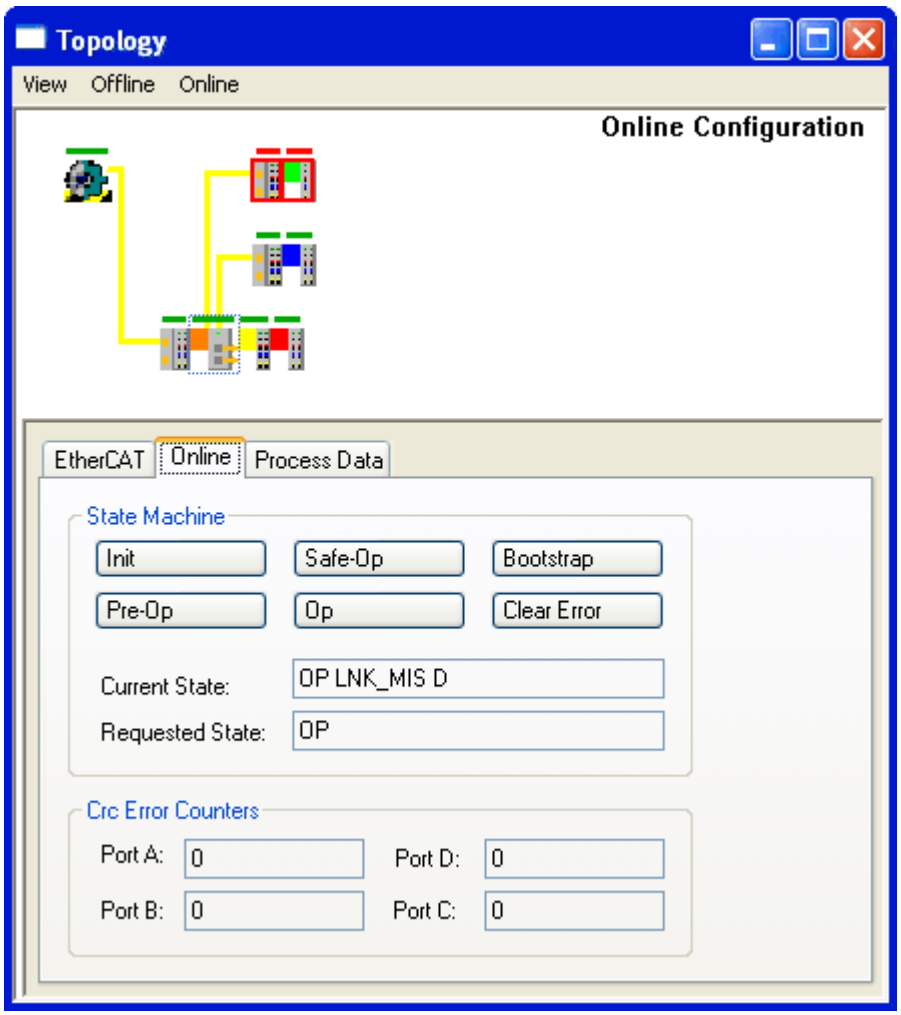


Fig. 10: Topology view with interrupted line

Note the display of the acyclic frames in *Fig. Example configuration with EK1122* and *Fig. Example configuration with interrupted line*.

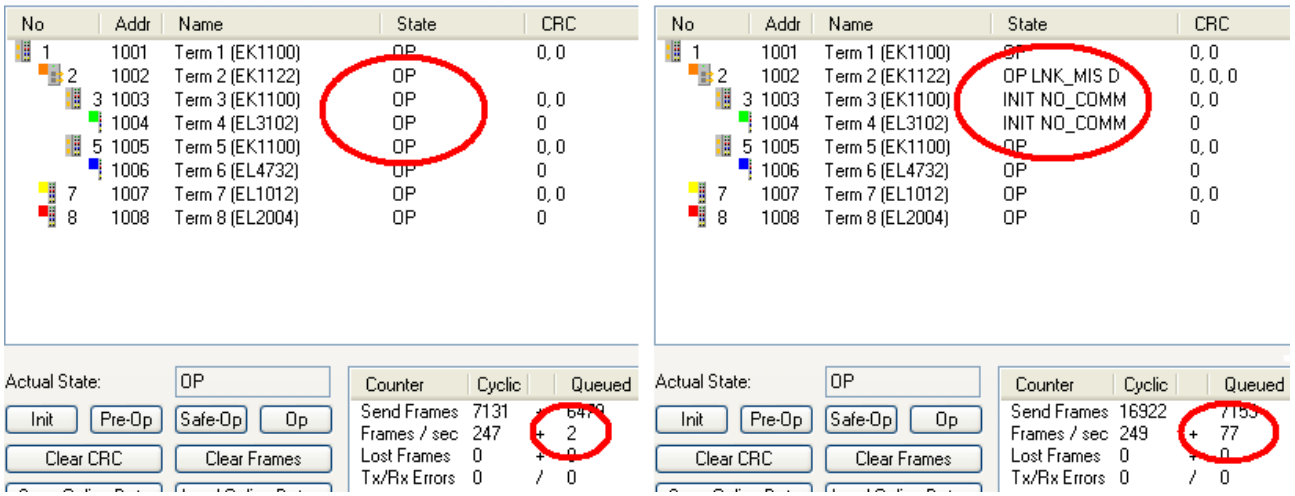


Fig. 11: Comparison of the frame displays

The image on the left shows a small number (2) of acyclic frames sent by the master during the respective second - all slaves are operating properly. The image on the right shows a significant increase (currently 77 acyclic frames/sec): The EtherCAT master has quickly detected that not all slaves are properly taking part in the data exchange. Once the master has located the fault, it continuously tries to restore the connection.

Reconnection

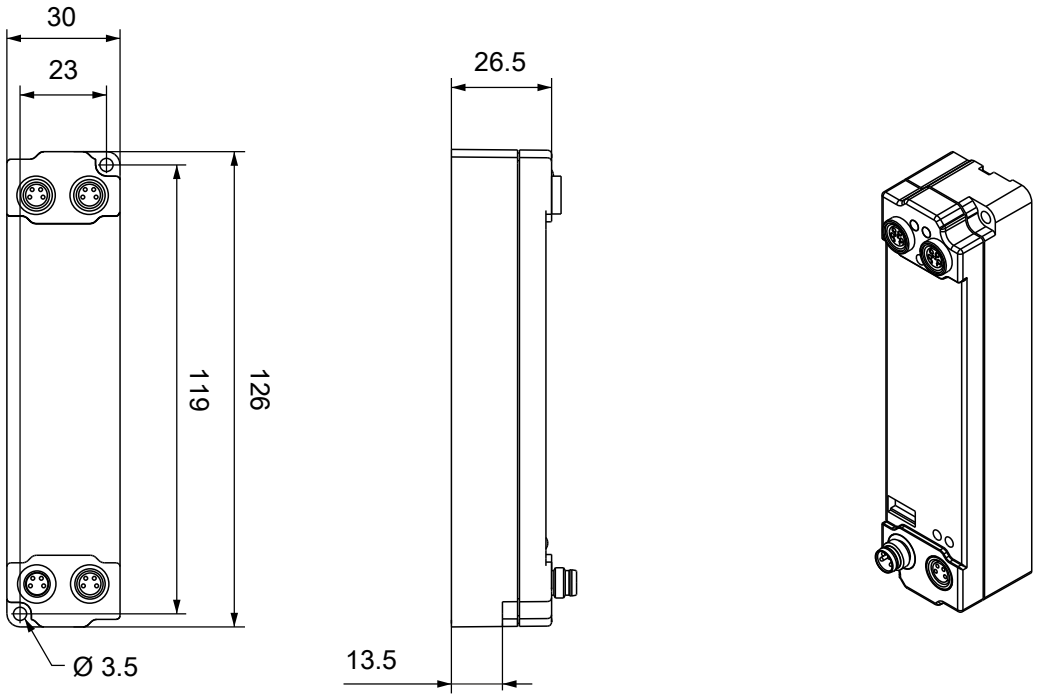
Once the connection has been restored, the EK1122 reports to the master that a link is present again at port D (3). The EtherCAT master will then make its process data available again for this section. One the preparations are complete, it will instruct the EK1122 to re-open port D (3) for regular data exchange. Cyclic and acyclic data traffic with the other EtherCAT slaves continues normally.

External access to EtherCAT diagnostics

The system offers a wide range of options for accessing status and diagnostic information and EtherCAT master functions from the PLC. Almost all information displayed by the System Manager online can also be retrieved via ADS (see figures on this page). System Manager functions can also be triggered via PLC or ADS. Please refer to the relevant sections in the Beckhoff Information System and the notes on EtherCAT diagnostics.

5 Mounting and connection

5.1 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 (H x W x D)	approx. 126 x 30 x 26.5 mm (without connectors)

5.2 Fixing

NOTE

Dirt during assembly

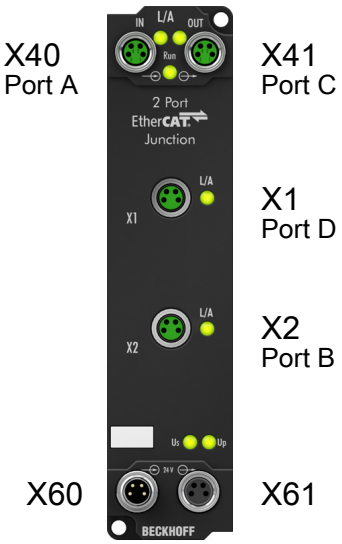
Dirty connectors can lead to malfunctions. Protection class IP67 can only be guaranteed if all cables and connectors are connected.

- 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.

5.3 Connection

5.3.1 Overview



Name	Function	Connector	Tightening torque
X1	EtherCAT junction [▶ 26], Port D	M8 socket	0.4 Nm [1)]
X2	EtherCAT junction [▶ 26], Port B	M8 socket	0.4 Nm [1)]
X40	EtherCAT input [▶ 26], Port A	M8 socket	0.4 Nm [1)]
X41	EtherCAT downstream connection [▶ 26], Port C	M8 socket	0.4 Nm [1)]
X60	Supply voltage input [▶ 28]	M8 plug connector	0.4 Nm [1)]
X61	Supply voltage downstream connection [▶ 28]	M8 socket	0.4 Nm [1)]

[1)] Mount plugs on these connectors using a torque wrench, e.g. ZB8801 from Beckhoff.

5.3.2 EtherCAT

5.3.2.1 Connectors

NOTE

Risk of confusion: supply voltages and EtherCAT

Defect possible through incorrect insertion.

- Observe the color coding of the connectors:
  black: Supply voltages
  green: EtherCAT

The EtherCAT connections are implemented as green M8 sockets.

Fig. 12: EtherCAT connector

EtherCAT	M8 connector	Core colors		
Signal	**Contact**	**ZB9010, ZB9020, ZB9030, ZB9032, ZK1090-6292, ZK1090-3xxx-xxxx**	**ZB9031 and old versions of ZB9030, ZB9032, ZK1090-3xxx-xxxx**	**TIA-568B**
Tx +	1	yellow[1)]	orange/white	white/orange
Tx -	4	orange[1)]	orange	orange
Rx +	2	white[1)]	blue/white	white/green
Rx -	3	blue[1)]	blue	green
Shield	Housing	Shield	Shield	Shield

[1)] Core colors according to EN 61918

Adaptation of core colors for cables ZB9030, ZB9032 and ZK1090-3xxxx-xxxx

For standardization, the core colors of the ZB9030, ZB9032 and ZK1090-3xxx-xxxx cables have been changed to the EN61918 core colors: yellow, orange, white, blue. So there are different color codes in circulation. The electrical properties of the cables have been retained when the core colors were changed.

5.3.2.2 Status LEDs

L/A (Link/Act)

A green LED labelled "L/A" is located next to each EtherCAT socket. The LED indicates the communication state of the respective socket:

LED	Meaning
off	no connection to the connected EtherCAT device
lit	LINK: connection to the connected EtherCAT device
flashes	ACT: communication with the connected EtherCAT device

Run

Each EtherCAT slave has a green LED labelled "Run". The LED signals the status of the slave in the EtherCAT network:

LED	Meaning
off	Slave is in "Init" state
flashes uniformly	Slave is in "Pre-Operational“ state
flashes sporadically	Slave is in "Safe-Operational" state
lit	Slave is in "Operational" state

Description of the EtherCAT slave states

5.3.2.3 Cables

For connecting EtherCAT devices only shielded Ethernet cables that meet the requirements of at least category 5 (CAT5) according to EN 50173 or ISO/IEC 11801 should be used.

EtherCAT uses four wires for signal transmission.
Thanks to automatic line detection ("Auto MDI-X"), both symmetrical (1:1) or cross-over cables can be used between Beckhoff EtherCAT.

Detailed recommendations for the cabling of EtherCAT devices

5.3.3 Supply voltages

⚠ 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 (Safety Extra Low Voltage) supply provides safe electrical isolation and limitation of the voltage without a connection to the protective conductor,
  a PELV (Protective Extra Low Voltage) supply also requires a safe connection to the protective conductor.

⚠ CAUTION

Observe the UL requirements

- When operating under UL conditions, observe the warnings in the chapter UL Requirements [▶ 31].

The EtherCAT Box has one input for two supply voltages:

- **Control voltage U_S**
  The following sub-functions are supplied from the control voltage U_S:
  - the fieldbus
  - the processor logic
  - typically the inputs and the sensors if the EtherCAT Box has inputs.
- **Peripheral voltage U_P**
  For EtherCAT Box modules with digital outputs the digital outputs are typically supplied from the peripheral voltage U_P. U_P can be supplied separately. If U_P is switched off, the fieldbus function, the function of the inputs and the supply of the sensors are maintained.

The exact assignment of U_S and U_P can be found in the pin assignment of the I/O connections.

Redirection of the supply voltages

The power IN and OUT connections are bridged in the module. Hence, the supply voltages U_s and U_p can be passed from EtherCAT Box to EtherCAT Box in a simple manner.

NOTE

Note the maximum current!

Ensure that the permitted current for the connectors is not exceeded when routing the supply voltages U_S and U_P:

M8 connector: max. 4 A
7/8" connector: max 16 A

NOTE

Unintentional cancellation of the electrical isolation of GND_S and GND_P possible.

In some types of EtherCAT Box modules the ground potentials GND_S and GND_P are connected.

- If several EtherCAT Box modules are supplied with the same electrically isolated voltages, check whether there is an EtherCAT Box among them in which the ground potentials are connected.

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  black: Supply voltages
  green: EtherCAT

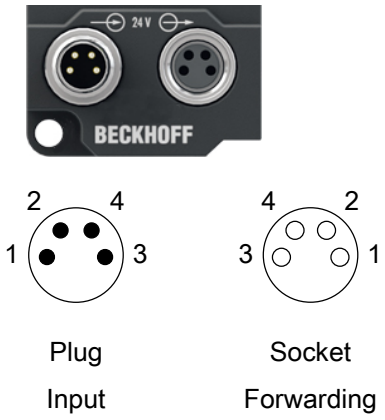


Fig. 13: M8 connector

Contact	Function	Description	Core color [1)]
1	U_S	Control voltage	Brown
2	U_P	Peripheral voltage	White
3	GND_S	GND to U_S	Blue
4	GND_P	GND to U_P	Black

[1)] The core colors apply to cables of the type: Beckhoff ZK2020-3xxx-xxxx

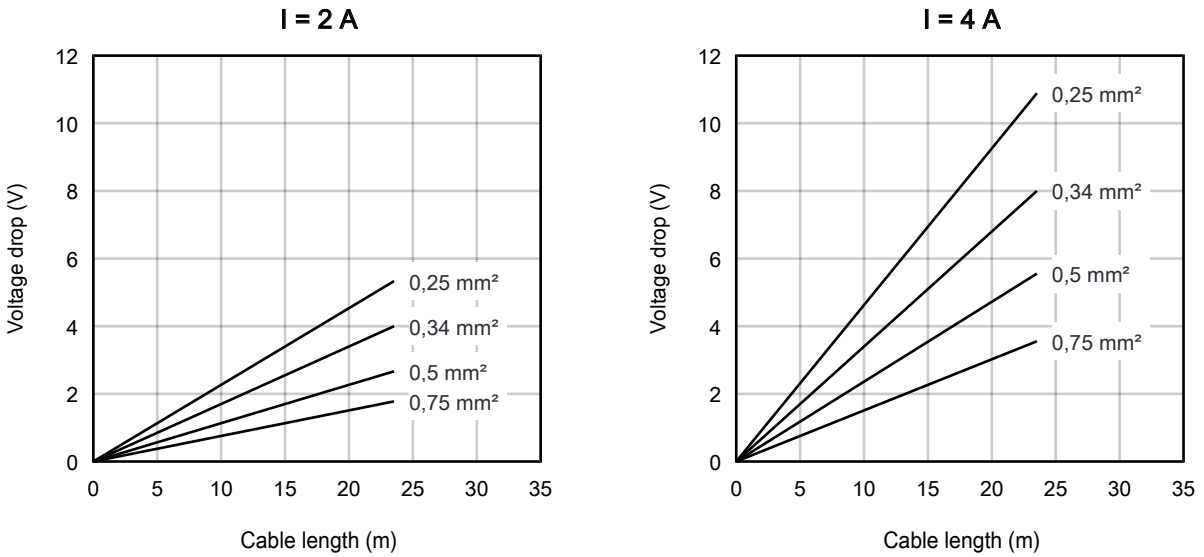
5.3.3.2 Status LEDs

LED	Display	Meaning
U_S (control voltage)	off	The supply voltage U_S is not available.
	green illuminated	The supply voltage U_S is available.
U_P (peripheral voltage)	off	The supply voltage U_P is not available.
	green illuminated	The supply voltage U_P is available.

5.3.3.3 Conductor losses

Take into account the voltage drop on the supply line when planning a system. Avoid the voltage drop being so high that the supply voltage at the box lies below the minimum nominal voltage.
Variations in the voltage of the power supply unit must also be taken into account.

Voltage drop on the supply line



5.4 UL Requirements

The installation of the EtherCAT Box Modules certified by UL has to meet the following requirements.

Supply voltage

⚠ CAUTION

CAUTION!

This UL requirements are valid for all supply voltages of all marked EtherCAT Box Modules!
For the compliance of the UL requirements the EtherCAT Box Modules should only be supplied

- by a 24 V_{DC} supply voltage, supplied by an isolating source and protected by means of a fuse (in accordance with UL248), rated maximum 4 Amp, or
- by a 24 V_{DC} power source, that has to satisfy *NEC class 2*.
  A *NEC class 2* power supply shall not be connected in series or parallel with another (class 2) power source!

⚠ CAUTION

CAUTION!

To meet the UL requirements, the EtherCAT Box Modules must not be connected to unlimited power sources!

Networks

⚠ CAUTION

CAUTION!

To meet the UL requirements, EtherCAT Box Modules must not be connected to telecommunication networks!

Ambient temperature range

⚠ CAUTION

CAUTION!

To meet the UL requirements, EtherCAT Box Modules has to be operated only at an ambient temperature range of -25 °C to +55 °C!

Marking for UL

All EtherCAT Box Modules certified by UL (Underwriters Laboratories) are marked with the following label.

Fig. 14: UL label

5.5 ATEX notes

5.5.1 ATEX - Special conditions

⚠ WARNING

Observe the special conditions for the intended use of EtherCAT Box modules in potentially explosive areas – directive 94/9/EU.

- The certified components are to be installed with a BG2000-0000 or BG2000-0010 protection enclosure [▶ 33] that guarantees a protection against mechanical hazards!
- If the temperatures during rated operation are higher than 70°C at the feed-in points of cables, lines or pipes, or higher than 80°C at the wire branching points, then cables must be selected whose temperature data correspond to the actual measured temperature values!
- Observe the permissible ambient temperature range of 0 to 55°C for the use of EtherCAT Box modules in potentially explosive areas!
- Measures must be taken to protect against the rated operating voltage being exceeded by more than 40% due to short-term interference voltages!
- The connections of the certified components may only be connected or disconnected if the supply voltage has been switched off or if a non-explosive atmosphere is ensured!

Standards

The fundamental health and safety requirements are fulfilled by compliance with the following standards:

- EN 60079-0: 2006
- EN 60079-15: 2005

Marking

The EtherCAT Box modules certified for potentially explosive areas bear the following marking:

II 3 G Ex nA II T4 DEKRA 11ATEX0080 X Ta: 0 - 55°C

or

II 3 G Ex nA nC IIC T4 DEKRA 11ATEX0080 X Ta: 0 - 55°C

Batch number (D number)

The EtherCAT Box modules bear a batch number (D number) that is structured as follows:

D: WW YY FF HH

WW - week of production (calendar week)
YY - year of production
FF - firmware version
HH - hardware version

Example with batch number 29 10 02 01:

29 - week of production 29
10 - year of production 2010
02 - firmware version 02
01 - hardware version 01

5.5.2 BG2000 - EtherCAT Box protection enclosures

⚠ WARNING

Risk of electric shock and damage of device!

Bring the EtherCAT system into a safe, powered down state before starting installation, disassembly or wiring of the modules!

ATEX

⚠ WARNING

Mount a protection enclosure!

To fulfill the special conditions according to ATEX [▶ 32], a BG2000-0000 or BG2000-0010 protection enclosure has to be mounted over the EtherCAT Box.

Installation

Put the cables for EtherCAT, power supply and sensors/actuators through the hole of the protection enclosure.

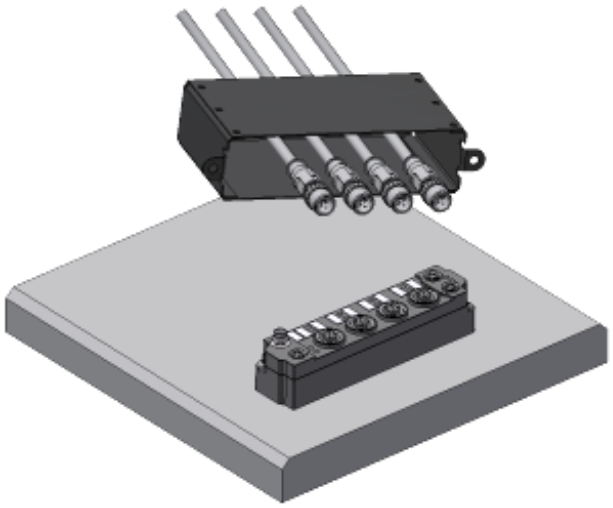


Fig. 15: BG2000 - putting the cables

Fix the wires for EtherCAT, power supply and sensors/actuators to the EtherCAT Box.

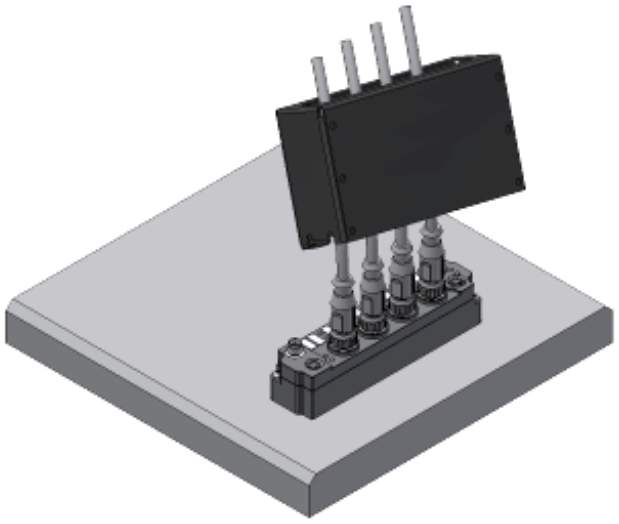


Fig. 16: BG2000 - fixing the cables

Mount the protection enclosure over the EtherCAT Box.

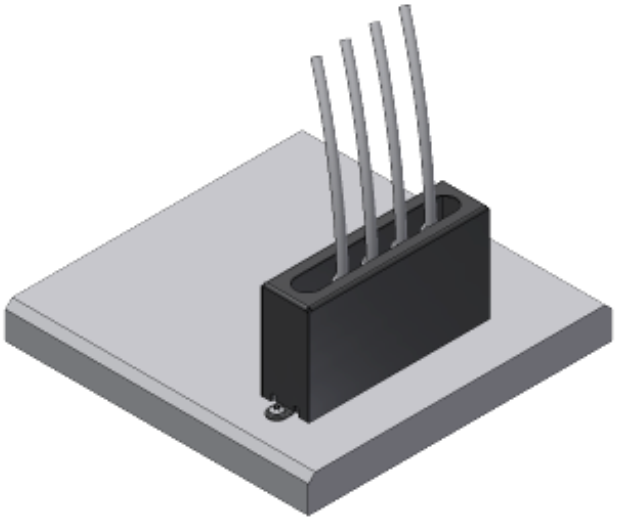


Fig. 17: BG2000 - mounting the protection enclosure

5.5.3 ATEX Documentation

Notes about operation of EtherCAT Box Modules (EPxxxx-xxxx) in potentially explosive areas (ATEX)

Pay also attention to the continuative documentationNotes about operation of EtherCAT Box Modules (EPxxxx-xxxx) in potentially explosive areas (ATEX) that is available in the download area of the Beckhoff homepage http:\\www.beckhoff.com!

5.6 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.

6 Commissioning

6.1 Integration in TwinCAT

The procedure for integration in a TwinCAT project is described in these Quick start guide.

The designations of the EtherCAT ports are different in TwinCAT than on the imprint on the housing. You can find the correlation between the different designations in the Connection overview [▶ 25].

7 Appendix

7.1 General operating conditions

Protection degrees (IP-Code)

The standard IEC 60529 (DIN EN 60529) defines the degrees of protection in different classes.

1. Number: dust protection and touch guard	Definition
0	Non-protected
1	Protected against access to hazardous parts with the back of a hand. Protected against solid foreign objects of Ø 50 mm
2	Protected against access to hazardous parts with a finger. Protected against solid foreign objects of Ø 12.5 mm.
3	Protected against access to hazardous parts with a tool. Protected against solid foreign objects Ø 2.5 mm.
4	Protected against access to hazardous parts with a wire. Protected against solid foreign objects Ø 1 mm.
5	Protected against access to hazardous parts with a wire. Dust-protected. Intrusion of dust is not totally prevented, but dust shall not penetrate in a quantity to interfere with satisfactory operation of the device or to impair safety.
6	Protected against access to hazardous parts with a wire. Dust-tight. No intrusion of dust.
2. Number: water* protection	Definition
0	Non-protected
1	Protected against water drops
2	Protected against water drops when enclosure tilted up to 15°.
3	Protected against spraying water. Water sprayed at an angle up to 60° on either side of the vertical shall have no harmful effects.
4	Protected against splashing water. Water splashed against the disclosure from any direction shall have no harmful effects
5	Protected against water jets
6	Protected against powerful water jets
7	Protected against the effects of temporary immersion in water. Intrusion of water in quantities causing harmful effects shall not be possible when the enclosure is temporarily immersed in water for 30 min. in 1 m depth.

*) These protection classes define only protection against water.

Chemical Resistance

The Resistance relates to the Housing of the IP67 modules and the used metal parts. In the table below you will find some typical resistance.

Character	Resistance
Steam	at temperatures >100°C: not resistant
Sodium base liquor (ph-Value > 12)	at room temperature: resistant > 40°C: not resistant
Acetic acid	not resistant
Argon (technical clean)	resistant

Key

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

7.2 Accessories

Mounting

Ordering information	Description	Link
ZS5300-0011	Mounting rail	Website

Labeling material, protective caps

Ordering information	Description
ZS5000-0010	Protective cap for M8 sockets, IP67 (50 pieces)
ZS5100-0000	Inscription labels, unprinted, 4 strips of 10
ZS5000-xxxx	Printed inscription labels on enquiry

Cables

A complete overview of pre-assembled cables for fieldbus components can be found here.

Ordering information	Description	Link
ZK1090-3xxx-xxxx	EtherCAT cable M8, green	Website
ZK1093-3xxx-xxxx	EtherCAT cable M8, yellow	Website
ZK2020-3xxx-xxxx	Power cable M8, 4-pin	Website

Tools

Ordering information	Description
ZB8801-0000	Torque wrench for plugs, 0.4…1.0 Nm
ZB8801-0001	Torque cable key for M8 / wrench size 9 for ZB8801-0000

Further accessories

Further accessories can be found in the price list for fieldbus components from Beckhoff and online at https://www.beckhoff.com.

7.3 Version identification of EtherCAT devices

7.3.1 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. *“EL5021 EL terminal, standard IP20 IO device with batch number and revision ID (since 2014/01)”*.
- The type, version and revision are read as decimal numbers, even if they are technically saved in hexadecimal.

7.3.2 Version identification of EP/EPI/EPP/ER/ERI boxes

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**	Example with serial number 12 06 3A 02:
KK - week of production (CW, calendar week)	12 - production week 12
YY - year of production	06 - production year 2006
FF - firmware version	3A - firmware version 3A
HH - hardware version	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

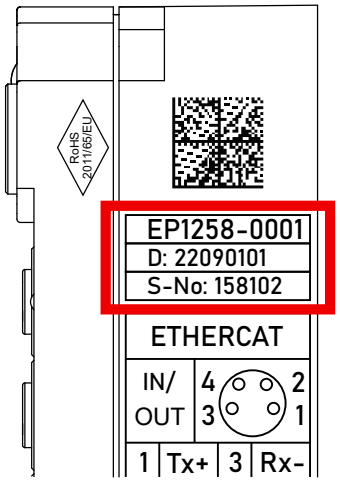


Fig. 18: EP1258-00001 IP67 EtherCAT Box with batch number/DateCode 22090101 and unique serial number 158102

7.3.3 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.

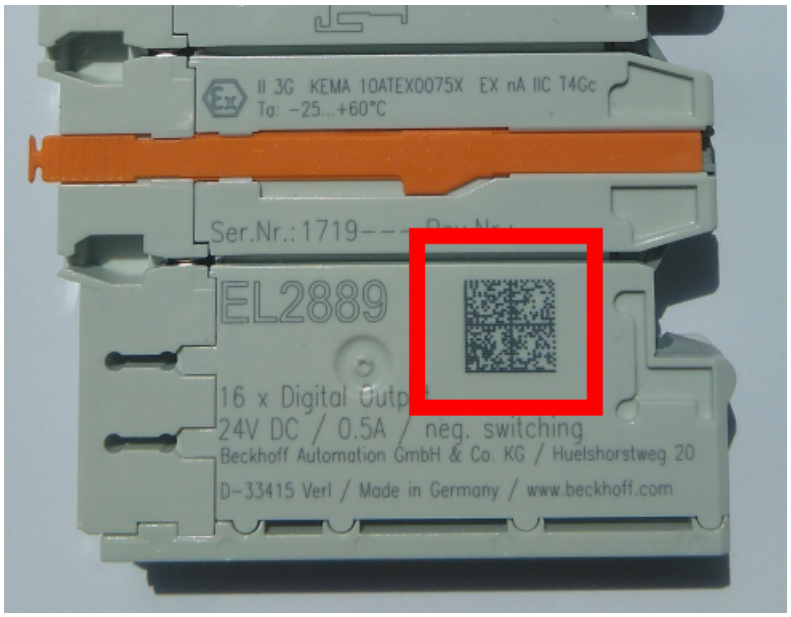


Fig. 19: BIC as data matrix code (DMC, code scheme ECC200)

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	1P072222
2	Beckhoff Traceability Number (BTN)	**Unique serial number, see note below**	SBTN	12	SBTNk4p562d7
3	Article description	**Beckhoff article description, e.g. EL1008**	1K	32	1KEL1809
4	Quantity	**Quantity in packaging unit, e.g. 1, 10, etc.**	Q	6	Q1
5	Batch number	Optional: Year and week of production	2P	14	2P401503180016
6	ID/serial number	Optional: Present-day serial number system, e.g. with safety products	51S	12	51S678294
7	Variant number	Optional: Product variant number on the basis of standard products	30P	32	30PF971, 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**S**BTNk4p562d7**1K**EL1809 **Q**1 **51S**678294

Accordingly as DMC:

Fig. 20: 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, 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.

NOTE

This information has been carefully prepared. However, the procedure described is constantly being further developed. We reserve the right to revise and change procedures and documentation at any time and without prior notice. No claims for changes can be made from the information, illustrations and descriptions in this information.

7.3.4 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.

Decisive for the electronic readout is the interface via which the product can be electronically addressed.

K-bus devices (IP20, IP67)

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

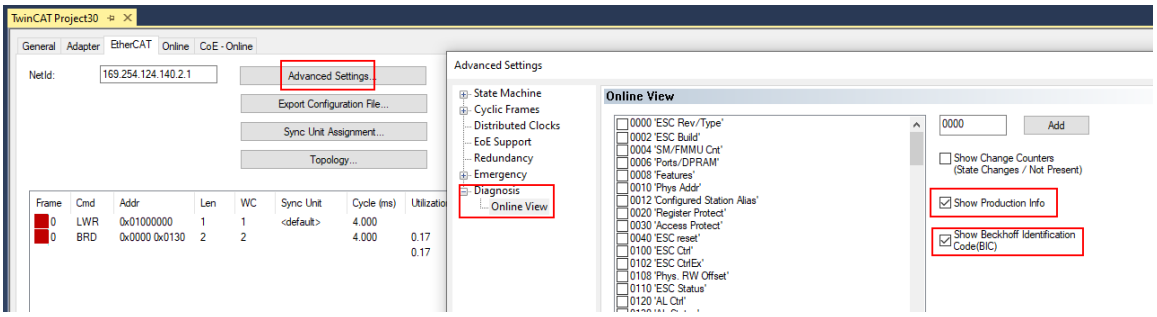
EtherCAT devices (IP20, IP67)

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

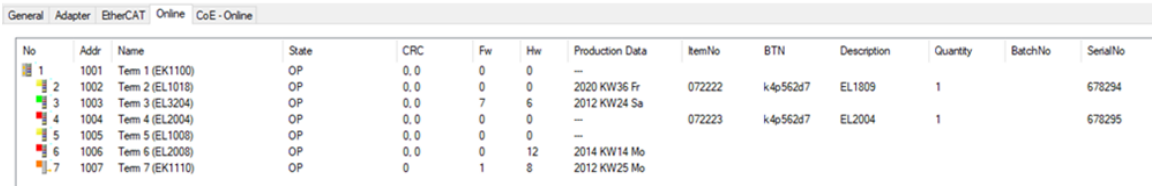
The eBIC is also stored in the ESI-EEPROM. The eBIC was introduced into the Beckhoff I/O production (terminals, box modules) from 2020; widespread implementation is expected in 2021.

The user can electronically access the eBIC (if existent) 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 checkbox "Show Beckhoff Identification Code (BIC)" under
    EtherCAT → Advanced Settings → Diagnostics:

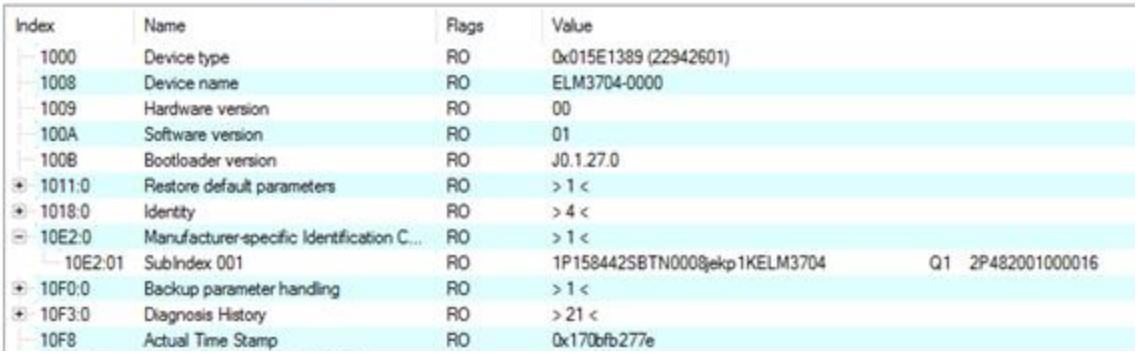


  - The BTN and its contents are then displayed:



  - Note: as can be seen in the illustration, the production data HW version, FW version and production date, which have been programmed since 2012, can also be displayed with "Show Production Info".
  - From TwinCAT 3.1. build 4024.24 the functions *FB_EcReadBIC* and *FB_EcReadBTN* for reading into the PLC and further eBIC auxiliary functions are available in the Tc2_EtherCAT Library from v3.3.19.0.
- In the case of EtherCAT devices with CoE directory, the object 0x10E2:01 can additionally by used to display the device's own eBIC; the PLC can also simply access the information here:

- 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 introduced into stock products in the course of a necessary firmware revision.
- From TwinCAT 3.1. build 4024.24 the functions *FB_EcCoEReadBIC* and *FB_EcCoEReadBTN* for reading into the PLC and further eBIC auxiliary functions are available in the Tc2_EtherCAT Library from v3.3.19.0.

- Note: in the case of electronic further 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 additionally written as a category in the ESI-EEPROM during the device production. The structure of the ESI content is largely dictated by the ETG specifications, therefore the additional vendor-specific content is stored with the help of a category according to ETG.2010. ID 03 indicates to all EtherCAT masters that they must not overwrite these data in case of an update or restore the data after an ESI update.
  The structure follows the content of the BIC, see there. This results in a memory requirement of approx. 50..200 bytes in the EEPROM.
- 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 with 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.

Profibus/Profinet/DeviceNet... Devices

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

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