

Industrial PC

# PPC-A9-215-C



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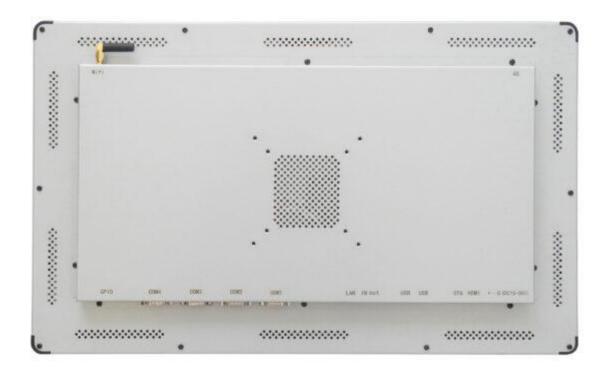
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# PPC-A9-215-C

# **Front View**



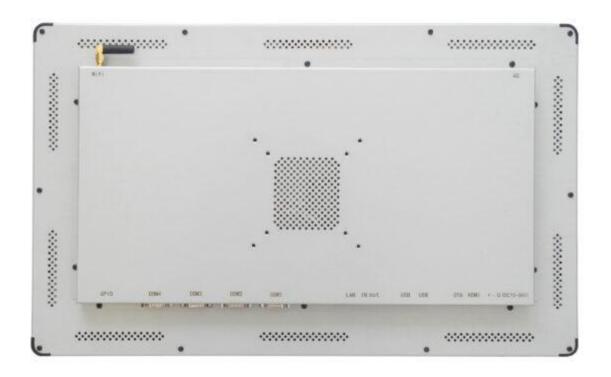
# Rear View



# Side View 1



# Side View 2



PPC-A9-215-C Product Overview

### **Product Overview**

The Cortex<sup>®</sup>-A9 series PPC-A9-215-C (PN: CS19108F215) is a rugged, high-quality industrial panel PC. It features a 21.5" multi-point capacitive touch screen with a resolution of 1920 x 1080 pixels.

#### **Key Applications**

- Human Machine Interface HMI
- Process Control
- Process Monitoring
- HMI
- Infotainment
- Predictive Maintenance
- Machine Learning
- Machine Vision
- Automotive applications
- ATM...

The PPC-A9-215-C Industrial Panel PC is based around the powerful CS-SOM-iMX6Q System on Module (SoM), powered by the i.MX6Q Arm<sup>®</sup> Cortex<sup>®</sup>-A9 quad-core Application Processor (APU). The i.MX6Q APU represents the latest achievement in integrated multimedia applications processors, delivering high-performance computing, an abundance of integrated peripherals, and high power efficiency.

This product also features a broad range of connectivity options, providing a high level of scalability for various use cases. It is the perfect solution for power-constrained applications on the Edge, acting as a robust control unit for collecting, processing, and aggregating field data. The i.MX6Q APU is part of NXP's EdgeVerse™ edge computing platform.

The NXP i.MX6UL APU does not generate extensive heat, so even the thin aluminum housing on PPC version delivers sufficient thermal dissipation. With its junction temperature from -40 to +125°C, the APU itself is well suited for extended temperature range in both automotive and factory environments.

PPC-A9-215-C Ordering Options

# **Ordering Options**

Chipsee products can be customized during the ordering process. The product will be shipped with the pre-installed factory defaults if no extra requirements are specified. The table in the Hardware Features section provides information about the default options bundled with the product.



Note

You can order PPC-A9-215-C from the official Chipsee Store or from your nearest distributor.

### **Operating System**

This product comes with a pre-installed OS of your choice. Please see the list below for the supported OSes, which can be also obtained from the Software Documentation section, along with the detailed installation instructions.

- Chipsee Linux\*
- Android 4.3
- · Android 6.0
- Android 8.0
- Ubuntu 12.04
- Ubuntu 14.04
- Debian
- \* Chipsee Linux is based on NXP Yocto framework that has been integrated with:
  - 1. Chipsee Hardware Test Application
  - 2. An initialization script for GPIO/Buzzer/Audio
  - 3. Multiple libraries, such as the libQt5Sql to develop Qt application with SQL
  - 4. Various packages, such as the <a href="ntfs-3g">ntfs-3g</a> to use NTFS file system



Warning

The Software Documentation section provides a detailed instruction how to install different OS on your own. However, bear in mind that Chipsee can't take the responsibility of inadequate installation procedure. If you "brick" your device, please contact Chipsee Technical Support at support@chipsee.com for further assistance.

PPC-A9-215-C **Optional Features** 

### **Optional Features**

The PPC-A9-215-C Industrial Panel PC does not include 4G/LTE module by default. The module is optional and can be selected at the Chipsee store during the ordering process.



#### Warning

Installation, repair, and maintenance tasks should be performed by trained personnel only. Chipsee does not bear any responsibility for damage caused by inadequate handling of the product. PPC-A9-215-C Hardware Features

## **Hardware Features**

The PPC-A9-215-C Industrial Panel PC offers a board range of performance and connectivity options for scalable integration, providing expandability according to future needs. Some of the key features are listed in the table below.

PPC-A9-215-C				
СРИ	iMX6Q, Arm <sup>®</sup> Cortex <sup>®</sup> -A9, 1GHz			
RAM	2GB DDR3			
eMMC	8GB			
Storage	TF Card, Supports up to 32GB SDHC			
Display	21.5" LCD, 1920 x 1080, High Brightness: 500cd/m <sup>2</sup>			
Touch	Capacitive Multi-Point Touch Screen			
USB	4 x USB 2.0 HOST, 1 x USB OTG			
LAN	1 x Channel 1000Mbps LAN			
Audio	3.5mm Audio In/Out Connector, Internal 2W Speaker			
Buzzer	Yes			
RTC	Yes, Powered by CR2032 Button Battery			
RS232	4 x RS232			
RS485	Optional 2 x RS4851			
CAN	Optional 2 x CAN			
GPIO	Optional 4 x Channels Input and 4 x Channels Output			
WiFi/BT	Integrated WiFi/BT Module			
НДМІ	1 x HDMI			
SATA	1 x SATA II			
Expansion Port	Optional, 10-pin expansion connector			
4G/LTE	Optional, Not mounted by default			
Power Input	From 15V to 36V			
Current at 15V	2000mA Max (w/o 4G Module)			
Power Consumption	25W Typical			
Working Temperature	From -20°C to +70°C			
os	Multiple Choices (Operating System)			
Dimensions	530 x 322 x 45mm			
Weight	6000g			

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PPC-A9-215-C		
Mounting	Panel & VESA	

Table 37 Key Features

1 This product has 5 x UART channels in total. The default configuration is 4 x RS232 and 1 x UART for WiFi/BT module. UART can be swapped between RS232 and RS485 modes easily, so if you need different RS232/RS485 configuration, please get in touch with the Chipsee Technical Support at support@chipsee.com

PPC-A9-215-C Power Input

# **Power Input**

The PPC-A9-215-C Industrial Panel PC can be powered by a wide range of input voltages: From 15V to 36V DC. The power input connector is a **3-pin, 3.81mm terminal**. The polarity and the pinout is clearly marked on the housing of the product as shown on the figure below.

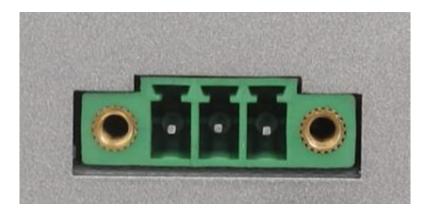


Figure 116: Power Input

Note that the "+" sign represents the positive power input, and it is printed both at the casing and as a silk-screen on a PCB of the embedded version. The "-" terminal is shorted to the ground.

Power Input Definition			
Pin Number	Definition	Description	
Pin 1	Positive Input	DC Power <b>Positive Terminal</b>	
Pin 2	Negative Input	DC Power <b>Negative Terminal</b>	
Pin 3	Ground	Power System Ground	

Table 38 Power Connector



The system ground "**G**" is connected to power negative "-" on board.

PPC-A9-215-C Touch Screen

### **Touch Screen**

The PPC-A9-215-C Industrial Panel PC uses a 10-point capacitive touch screen.



#### Attention

A capacitive touch screen is susceptible to power noise and Electromagnetic Radiation (EMR). It may cause LCD ripples or even capacitive touch malfunction. If using a capacitive multi-touch test application, you might notice the touch points float erratically across the display. There are several solutions to this problem:

- 1. Use a high-quality Power Adapter Unit (PSU) with low EMR. You can also provide power from a battery.
- 2. Make sure that the PPC-A9-215-C Power Input connector (pin 3) is properly connected to the Power System Ground to provide sufficient EMI shielding and eliminate the problem entirely.
- 3. Bad GND problem can also be confirmed by touching pin 3 of the Power Input connector with one hand while operating the capacitive touch screen with the other hand. In this case, the operator's body acts as the Power System Ground.

PPC-A9-215-C Connectivity

# Connectivity

There are many connectivity options available on the PPC-A9-215-C industrial PC. It has  $4 \times 1000$  LAN (RJ45) Ethernet connector supporting up to 1 Gbps, and  $4 \times 1000$  Connectors.

### **DB9 Connectors**

The PPC-A9-215-C Industrial Panel PC has 4 x DB9 connectors that are configured as RS232 by default as shown on the figure below. You can configure **COM3/COM4** as RS485. If you need different RS232/RS485 configuration, contact the Chipsee Technical Support at **support@chipsee.com**.



Figure 117: DB9 Connectors

#### **USB Connectors**

There are 4 x Type A **USB HOST connectors** onboard, as shown on the figure below.



Figure 118: USB HOST Connectors

There is also 1 x Type Mini B **USB OTG connector**, configured as slave by default.

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Figure 119: USB OTG Connector

PPC-A9-215-C LAN Connectors

#### **LAN Connectors**

**LAN (RJ45) connector** provides Ethernet connectivity over standardized Ethernet cables as shown the figure below. The integrated Ethernet interface supports up to 1 Gbps data throughput.



Figure 120: RJ45 LAN Connector



Use CAT5 or better cables to achieve full data throughput over maximum distance defined by the 1000BASE-T standard (100m).

PPC-A9-215-C WiFi & BT Module

#### WiFi & BT Module

The PPC-A9-215-C Industrial Panel PC is equipped with the popular **Realtek RTL8723 WiFi/BT module** that supports BT/BLE 4.0 (with backward compatibility), as well as 802.11bgn 2.4 GHz Wireless LAN (WLAN).

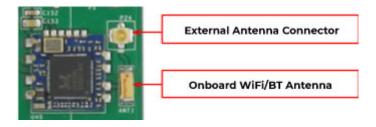


Figure 121: RTL8273 WiFi/BT Module

The product includes an SMA connector for an external WiFi/BT antenna, as illustrated in the figure below.

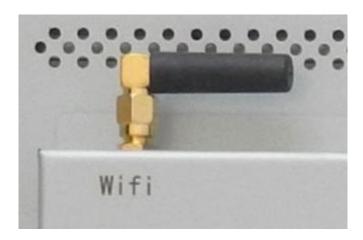


Figure 122: WiFi+BT Antenna

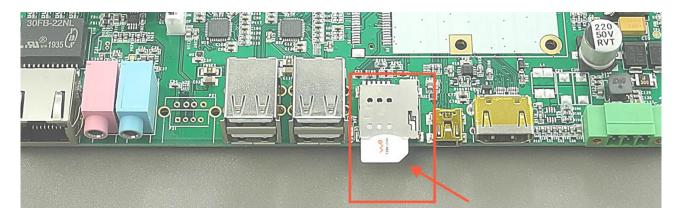
PPC-A9-215-C 4G/LTE Module

### **4G/LTE Module**

The PPC-A9-215-C Industrial Panel PC is equipped with a **mini-PCle connector** that can connect to a 4G/LTE module. The customer will also need a SIM Card Holder and a 4G/LTE Antenna Connector to ensure 4G/LTE works on the PPC-A9-215-C. SIM card does **NOT** support hot plug. **Power off** before inserting or removing SIM card.



Figure 123: SIM Card Holder



SIM Card Direction



#### Attention

- 1. The product does not come shipped with the 4G/LTE module by default.
- 2. Also, there is no software driver for any kind of 4G/LTE module on Chipsee store.

PPC-A9-215-C Expansion Port

### **Expansion Port**

The PPC-A9-215-C Industrial Panel PC has 1 x **Expansion Port** as shown on the figure below. It is an **optional** 10 Pin 3.81mm GPIO Connector. This connector has connected to isolated GPIO signals.

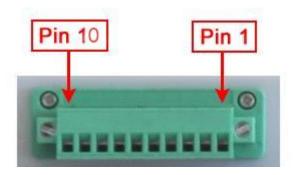
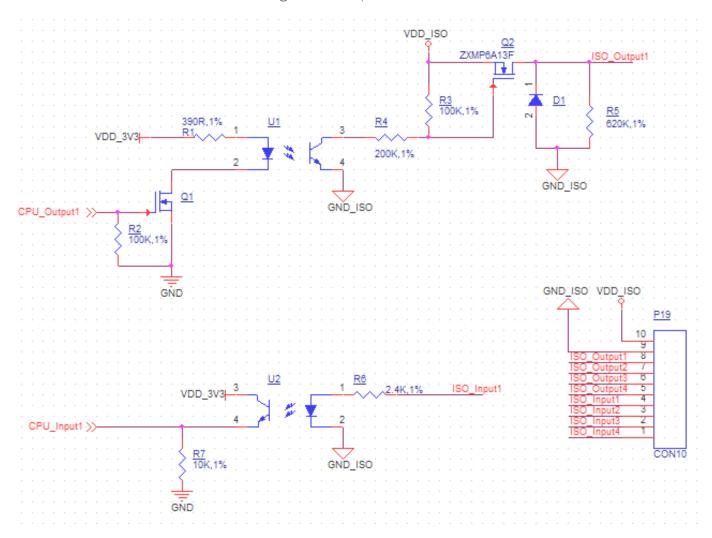


Figure 124: Expansion Port



Isolated GPIO reduced schematic

PPC-A9-215-C Expansion Port

GPIO Connector Pin Definition:			
Pin Number	Definition Description		
Pin 1	VCC_ISO	Isolated Power Input (+5V – +24V)	
Pin 2	GND_ISO	Isolated Ground	
Pin 3	OUT1	Isolated Output 1	
Pin 4	OUT2	Isolated Output 2	
Pin 5	OUT3	Isolated Output 3	
Pin 6	OUT4	Isolated Output 4	
Pin 7	IN1	Isolated Input 1	
Pin 8	IN2	Isolated Input 2	
Pin 9	IN3	Isolated Input 3	
Pin 10	IN4	Isolated Input 4	

Table 39 GPIO Connector Pin-out



#### Attention

- The GPIO has been Opt-Isolated and it uses the 24V Logic by default. You can use an external isolated power input but the power input range should be from 5V to 24V DC.
- The 4 output channels can drive at most 500mA current on each channel.

PPC-A9-215-C Audio Connectors

## **Audio Connectors**

The PPC-A9-215-C Industrial Panel PC features some audio peripherals, as well. It has 1  $\times$  **3.5mm audio input jack** and 1  $\times$  **3.5mm audio output jack**.

The pink connector is the audio input jack (line-in) and the blue connector is the audio output jack (line-out, typically around -10 dBV) as shown on the figure below.

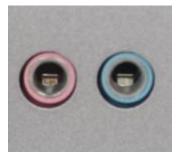


Figure 125: Audio I/O Connectors

PPC-A9-215-C HDMI Connector

## **HDMI Connector**

The PPC-A9-215-C Industrial Panel PC is equipped with 1 x **HDMI connector**. The HDMI connector allows connecting an additional (external) monitor. HDMI output resolution can be configured by the software.



Figure 126: HDMI Connector

PPC-A9-215-C Boot DIP Switch

### **Boot DIP Switch**

The PPC-A9-215-C Industrial Panel PC supports boot from SD card. If you want to re-flash the Operating System (OS), you can use the TF card for that purpose, combined with the **DIP switch** settings as illustrated in the figure below.

There is no need to alter the DIP switch settings during regular operation. However, if you need to reinstall the OS, please refer to the table below. Detailed information on how to reflash the OS can be found in the Software Documentation.

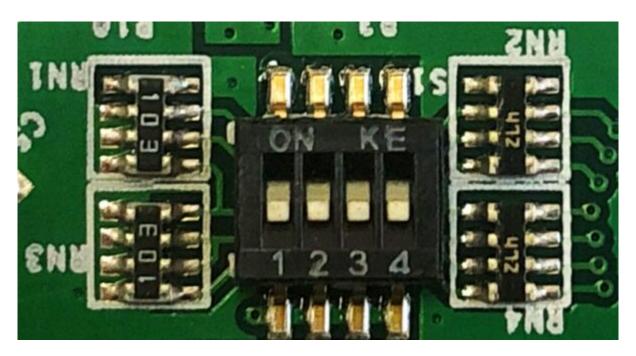


Figure 127: Boot DIP Switch

Boot Config Select					
DIP SW	1	2	3	4	
SD	1	0	0	0	
еММС	1	1	0	1	
Download	0	1	1	0	

Table 40 Boot Configuration Selection

# **Measurements and Mounting Procedure**

The outer mechanical dimensions of PPC-A9-215-C are 530 x 322 x 45mm (W x L x H).

The PPC-A9-215-C Industrial Panel PC can be mounted with 8 x M4 screws or  $4 \times M4$  screws using the VESA (100x100cm or 75x75cm) and Panel mounting methods, enabling simplified installation onto any standard mounting fixture.

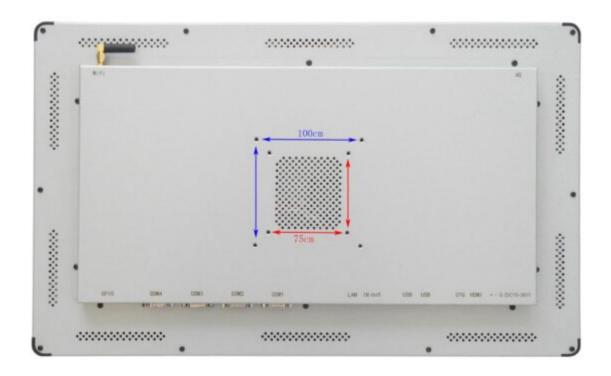


Figure 128: Mounting Method



Please make sure the display is not exposed to high pressure when mounting into an enclosure.

You can find detailed information about mounting in the Mount IPC Guide.

PPC-A9-215-C Disclaimer

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