

Industrial PC

# PPC-A55-236



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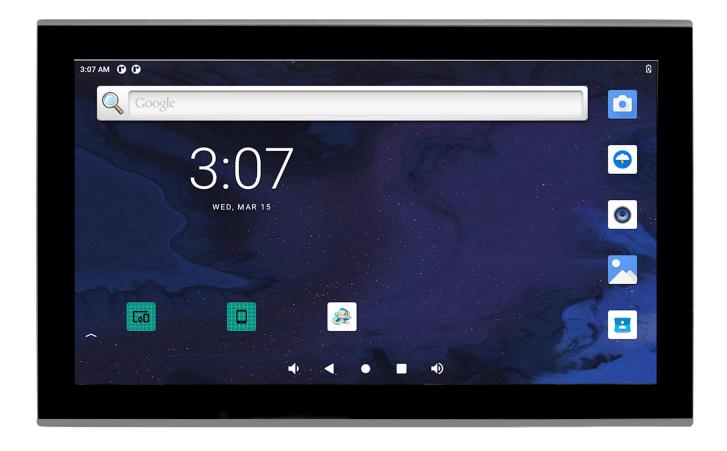
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# PPC-A55-236

## **Front View**



# Rear View



# Side View 1



# Side View 2



PPC-A55-236 Product Overview

### **Product Overview**

The Cortex<sup>®</sup>-A55 series PPC-A55-236 (PN: CS19108-RK3568-236P) is a high-quality IP65-compliant industrial panel PC. It features a 23.6" ten-point capacitive touch screen with a resolution of 1920 x 1080 pixels and a brightness of 250 cd/m<sup>2</sup>.

#### **Key Applications**

- Human Machine Interface HMI
- Mobile Applications
- Video Processing
- Machine Learning
- Video Gaming
- Process Control
- Process Monitoring
- ATM...

It is available both as an embedded solution and as a device hosed in an aluminum casing with bezels, thus facilitating different installation options:

- Installation on an industrial cabinet
- Integration with the existing equipment

The PPC-A55-236 Industrial Panel PC is based around the powerful RK3568 System on Chip (SoC), powered by the Rockchip RK3568 low-power processor which integrates a quad-core Cortex<sup>®</sup>-A55 processor.

The RK3568 supports multi-format video decoders and has a high-performance RAM (LPDDR4X) capable of sustaining demanding memory bandwidths. It also provides a complete set of peripheral interfaces.

PPC-A55-236 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 the PPC-A55-236 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 also be obtained from the Software Documentation section, along with the detailed installation instructions.

- Debian 11
- Android 11
- Buildroot Linux Qt 5.15



Warning

The Software Documentation section provides a detailed instruction on how to install different OSes 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-A55-236 Optional Features

### **Optional Features**

The PPC-A55-236 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-A55-236 Hardware Features

## **Hardware Features**

The PPC-A55-236 Industrial Panel PC offers a broad 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-A55-236		
СРИ	Rockchip RK3568, Quad-core Cortex-A55 (2.0GHz)	
RAM	Samsung 2GB LPDDR4X, 4266 Mbps	
еММС	16GB	
SSD	Optional, supports M.2 2280 NVME SSD (PCI-E 3.0 x 2)	
Storage	TF Card, Supports up to 128GB SDHC	
Display	23.6" LCD, 1920 x 1080, High Brightness: 250 cd/m <sup>2</sup>	
HDMI	1 x HDMI OUT	
Touch	10-point capacitive touch screen	
USB	1 x USB 2.0 HOST, 1 x USB 3.0 HOST, 1 x USB Type-C	
LAN	1 x RJ45, GbE	
POE	N/A	
Audio	3.5mm Audio In/Out Connector, 2W Internal Speaker	
Buzzer	Yes	
RTC	High accuracy RTC with farad capacitor, can work 1 week after power off (default).  High accuracy RTC with lithium coin battery, can work 3 years after power off (optional).	
RS232	Default to 2 x RS232 (including 1 debug port). Up to 6 x RS232.1	
RS485	Default to 2 x RS485. Optionally, these 2 x RS485 can be configured to RS232.1	
CAN	Default to 2 x CAN. Optionally, these 2 x CAN can be configured to RS232.	
GPIO	8 Channels Isolated IO, 4 x Input and 4 x Output	
WiFi/BT	Integrated WiFi/BT Module	
4G/LTE	Supported, Optional	
Power Input	From 12V to 36V	
Current	2A Max at 12V	
Power Consumption	19.56W (12V x 1.63A) Typical, 24W (12V x 2A) Max	
Working Temperature	From -20°C to +60°C	

PPC-A55-236 Hardware Features

PPC-A55-236		
os	Android 11, Debian11, Buildroot Linux Qt 5.15	
Dimensions	PPC-A55-236 (PN: CS19108-RK3568-236P): 595 x 374 x 57.25mm	
Weight	PPC-A55-236 (PN: CS19108-RK3568-236P): 7500g	
Mounting	PPC-A55-236 (PN: CS19108-RK3568-236P): Panel, VESA	

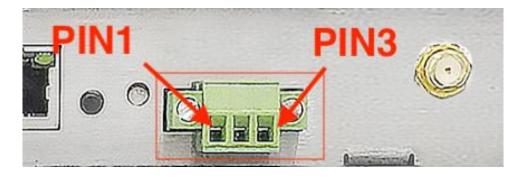
Table 219 Key Features

**1(1,2)**This product has 4 x UART by default, 6 x UART channels at most. The default configuration is 2 x RS232 and 2 x RS485, including 1 RS232 debug port. The 2 x CAN can be configured to RS232. UART can be swapped between RS232 and RS485 modes easily, if you need a different RS232/RS485 configuration, please get in touch with the Chipsee Technical Support at **support@chipsee.com** 

PPC-A55-236 Power Input

## **Power Input**

The PPC-A55-236 Industrial Panel PC can be powered by a wide range of input voltages: From 12V 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 in the figure below.



Power Input

Note that the "+" sign represents the positive power input, it is printed 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 220 Power Connector



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

PPC-A55-236 Touch Screen

### **Touch Screen**

The PPC-A55-236 Industrial Panel PC uses a 10-point capacitive touch screen. However, the Debian OS supports only One-Point touch.

The figure below shows the capacitive touch screen connected to the motherboard via the **USB connector**.

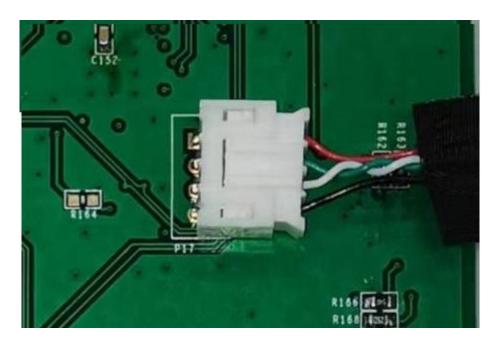


Figure 659: Capacitive Touch Connector



#### **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-A55-236 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.

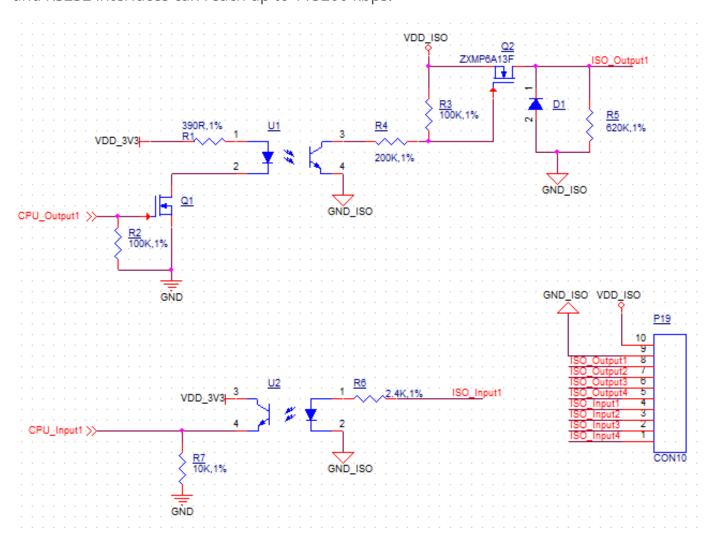
PPC-A55-236 Connectivity

## **Connectivity**

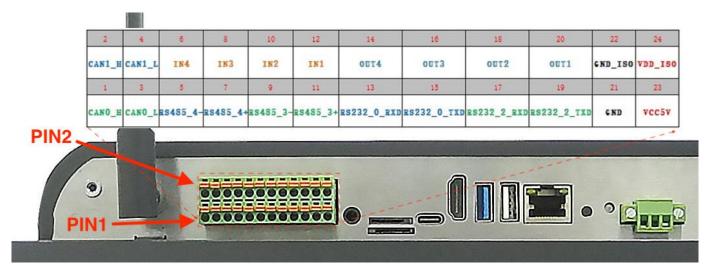
There are many connectivity options available on the PPC-A55-236 industrial PC. It has 1 x USB 2.0 HOST, 1 x USB 3.0 HOST, 1 x USB Type-C, 1 x network connector (RJ45) supporting up to 1 Gbps, 8 x GPIO, 2 x CAN and 4 x UART terminals (RS232/485).

#### RS232+RS485+CAN+GPIO Connector

The serial communication interfaces (RS485, RS232, and CAN) are routed to a **24-pin 3.81mm terminal**, as illustrated in the figure below. Serial communication on both RS485 and RS232 interfaces can reach up to 115200 kbps.



Isolated GPIO reduced schematic



The table below offers a detailed description of every pin:

RS232 / RS485 / CAN / GP	RS232 / RS485 / CAN / GPIO Pin Definition:		
Pin Number	Definition	Description	
Pin 1	CAN0_H	CAN H signal	
Pin 2	CAN1_H	CAN H signal	
Pin 3	CAN0_L	CAN L signal	
Pin 4	CAN1_L	CAN L signal	
Pin 5	RS485_4-	CPU UART4, RS485 -(B) signal	
Pin 6	IN4	Isolated Input 4	
Pin 7	RS485_4+	CPU UART4, RS485 +(A) signal	
Pin 8	IN3	Isolated Input 3	
Pin 9	RS485_3-	CPU UART3, RS485 -(B) signal	
Pin 10	IN2	Isolated Input 2	
Pin 11	RS485_3+	CPU UART3, RS485 +(A) signal	
Pin 12	IN1	Isolated Input 1	
Pin 13	RS232_0_RXD	CPU UARTO, RS232 RXD signal	
Pin 14	OUT4	Isolated Output 4	
Pin 15	RS232_0_TXD	CPU UARTO, RS232 TXD signal	
Pin 16	OUT3	Isolated Output 3	
Pin 17	RS232_2_RXD	CPU UART2, Debug RXD signal	
Pin 18	OUT2	Isolated Output 2	
Pin 19	RS232_2_TXD	CPU UART2, Debug TXD signal	
Pin 20	OUT1	Isolated Output 1	
Pin 21	GND	System Ground	
Pin 22	GND_ISO	Isolated Ground	

RS232 / RS485 / CAN / GPIO Pin Definition:		
Pin 23	VCC5V	System 5V output, up to 1A
Pin 24	VDD_ISO	Isolated Power Input, supports 5V~24V

Table 221 Connectivity Section



#### Attention

- The  $120\Omega$  match resistor for **CAN** bus is **NOT mounted** by default.
- The  $120\Omega$  match resistor for **RS485** is **already mounted** by default.
- This product supports changing 2 x RS485 to 2 x RS232, supports changing 2 x CAN to 2 x RS232, providing up to 6 x RS232 (including one debug port).
- The GPIO has been optical 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 GPIO output channels can drive at most 500mA current on each channel.

PPC-A55-236 USB Connectors

#### **USB Connectors**

There are  $2 \times \text{USB HOST}$  and  $1 \times \text{USB DEVICE}$  (for flashing OS) ports onboard:  $1 \times \text{USB } 2.0$  HOST,  $1 \times \text{USB } 3.0$  HOST,  $1 \times \text{USB Type-C}$ , as shown in the figures below.



USB 2.0 HOST Port (embedded / enclosed PC version)



USB 3.0 HOST Port (embedded / enclosed PC version)



USB Type-C Port (embedded / enclosed PC version)



#### Warning

Be careful not to touch surrounding electronic components accidentally while plugging USB devices into the embedded IPC version.

PPC-A55-236 LAN Connectors

#### **LAN Connectors**

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



RJ45 LAN Connector



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

PPC-A55-236 WiFi & BT Module

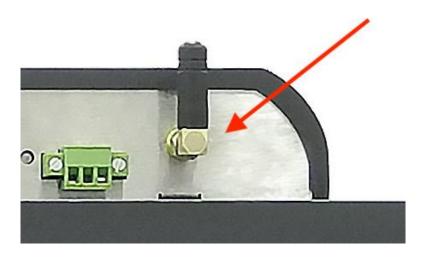
#### WiFi & BT Module

The PPC-A55-236 Industrial Panel PC is equipped with the popular **Realtek RTL8821CS WiFi/BT module** which supports BT/BLE 2.1/3.0/4.2, as well as 802.11ac/abgn 433Mbps 2.4/5.8 GHz Wireless LAN (WLAN).



Figure 660: RTL8821CS WiFi/BT Module

The PPC-A55-236 includes an SMA connector for an external WiFi/BT antenna, as illustrated in the figure below.



WiFi+BT Antenna SMA

PPC-A55-236 4G/LTE Module

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

The PPC-A55-236 Industrial Panel PC is equipped with a **mini-PCle connector** that can connect 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-A55-236. SIM card does **NOT** support hot plug. **Power off** before inserting or removing SIM card.



Figure 661: mini-PCIe Connector & 4G Module



Figure 662: SIM Card Holder & 4G Antenna



SIM Card Direction



#### **Attention**

The product does not come shipped with the 4G/LTE module by default. The customer can choose the 4G/LTE module option when placing an order, we will install all the necessary components.

PPC-A55-236 M.2 SSD Slot

## M.2 SSD Slot

There is a M.2 slot on the PPC-A55-236 that allows an optional SSD. The M.2 slot is capable of holding a PCI-E  $3.0 \times 2$ , 2280 NVME SSD. The PPC-A55-236 does not come shipped with an SSD by default, if you want a different configuration you can consult us when placing an order.



M.2 2280 Slot for PCI-E 3.0 x 2 NVME SSD

PPC-A55-236 TF Card & SIM Card Slot

## **TF Card & SIM Card Slot**

The PPC-A55-236 Industrial Panel PC features 1 x **TF Card (micro SD) slot** and 1 x **SIM Card slot**. TF Card can address up to 128GB of storage.



TF (micro SD) Card & SIM Card Slot



The product does not come shipped with the TF Card by default.

PPC-A55-236 Audio Connectors

## **Audio Connectors**

The PPC-A55-236 Industrial Panel PC features some audio peripherals. It has a **3.5mm audio input/output jack**, an **internal speaker**, as well as a small **buzzer**.



Audio Connector (enclosed PC version)

The miniature 2W embedded speaker is handy for audio reproduction, the small buzzer can play alarm/notification sounds.

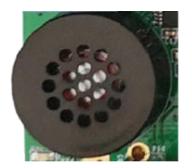




Figure 663: 2W Micro Speaker and Buzzer



By plugging in the headphone cable, the internal speaker will be disabled automatically.

PPC-A55-236 HDMI Connector

## **HDMI Connector**

The PPC-A55-236 Industrial Panel PC is equipped with 1 x HDMI OUT port. The HDMI connector allows connecting an additional (external) monitor. HDMI output resolution can be configured by the software.



**HDMI** Connector

PPC-A55-236 PROG Button

### **PROG Button**

The PPC-A55-236 Industrial Panel PC has one button on the board marked as PROG, as shown in the figure below.

When the button is pressed before powering up, the PPC-A55-236 will enter MASKROM mode. In this mode you can use a USB Type-C cable to upgrade its operating system. You can use this feature to flash another OS to the internal eMMC.

When the button is not pressed before and during power up, the PPC-A55-236 will boot normally.

There is no need to press the button during regular operation. However, if you need to flash the OS in MASKROM mode, the button will be used. Please refer to the software documents for more information.



PROG Button

PPC-A55-236 Mounting Procedure

## **Mounting Procedure**

You can mount PPC-A55-236 with VESA mounting: 100 x 100 mm, 4 x M4 (6mm) screws.

You can also mount PPC-A55-236 with panel mounting method.



#### Attention

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-A55-236 Mechanical Specifications

# **Mechanical Specifications**

For PPC-A55-236, the outer mechanical dimensions are 595 x 374 x 57.25mm (W x L x H).

PPC-A55-236 Disclaimer

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