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TBT2PCIe  
USER GUIDE



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**Note:** This user guide is under active development.

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# 1 Introduction

Using the **TBT2PCIe** enclosure, it is possible to connect the **TimeTagger4** and **xTDC4-PCIe** time-to-digital (TDC) cards to any Thunderbolt™ and to any USB4 port that support PCIe with conventional Thunderbolt™ cables.

This user guide provides an overview of the enclosure. The APIs and interfaces of the respective TDC board within the enclosure are unchanged. Refer to the particular user guides at [www.cronologic.de/support/downloads](http://www.cronologic.de/support/downloads).

This user guide is available at [readthedoc](#) and at [www.docs.cronologic.de](http://www.docs.cronologic.de) as HTML and as PDF download.

## 2 Hardware



**Figure 2.1:** Front and back panel of the **TBT2PCIe** enclosure. The interface at the front panel is the same as the interface of your respective TDC board.

### 2.1 Power requirements

It is possible to supply the **TBT2PCIe** enclosure with sufficient power via the USB4 connector. If that is the case, the LED next to the USB4 port (see [Fig. 2.1](#)) lights up **green** (input voltage > 8 V) and no additional power supply needs to be connected. If the LED lights up **red**, an external power supply is necessary.

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**Note:** No external power supply is provided with the **TBT2PCIe** enclosure.

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In case an external power supply is necessary, we recommend the MeanWell GST40A12-P1J (12 V DC, 3.34 A) power supply. However, any power supply providing **12 – 17.5 VDC @ 3 A** with a plug as depicted in [Fig. 2.2](#) is sufficient.

If the power supply connected to the EXT PWR socket is sufficient, the LED next to it will light up **green** (input voltage > 11.3 V). If a power supply is connected that does not provide sufficient power, the LED will light up **red**.

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**Note:** While an external power supply is connected, the **TBT2PCIe** enclosure does not draw power via the USB4 port.

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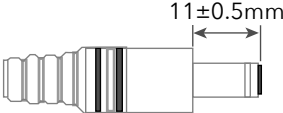
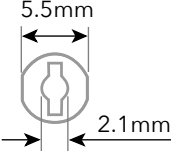
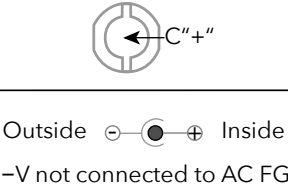
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Figure 2.2: Requirements for plugs fitting the EXT PWR socket of the TBT2PCIe enclosure.

## 2.2 Inputs and connectors

Refer to the respective user guide of the particular TDC card that is installed in your TBT2PCIe enclosure.

**TimeTagger4:**

- [https://download.cronologic.de/TimeTagger/TimeTagger4\\_User\\_Guide.pdf](https://download.cronologic.de/TimeTagger/TimeTagger4_User_Guide.pdf)

**xTDC4:**

- [https://download.cronologic.de/xTDC4-PCIe/xTDC4\\_User\\_Guide.pdf](https://download.cronologic.de/xTDC4-PCIe/xTDC4_User_Guide.pdf)

## 2.3 Environmental conditions

**Note:** are those values correct? TODO

- Operating temperature range: 5 to 40°C
- Storage temperature range: -10 to 60°C
- Relative humidity (non-condensing): < 90%

## 3 Technical Data

### 3.1 Size and Weight

**Dimensions:**

X × Y × Z mm

**Weight:**

- TimeTagger4: Z g
- xTDC4: Z g

#### 3.1.1 TDC characteristics

Refer to the respective user guide of the particular TDC card that is installed in your **TBT2PCIe** enclosure. What kind of TDC card is mounted in the enclosure is labeled by a sticker on the back side.

**TimeTagger4:**

- [https://download.cronologic.de/TimeTagger/TimeTagger4\\_User\\_Guide.pdf](https://download.cronologic.de/TimeTagger/TimeTagger4_User_Guide.pdf)

**xTDC4:**

- [https://download.cronologic.de/xTDC4-PCIe/xTDC4\\_User\\_Guide.pdf](https://download.cronologic.de/xTDC4-PCIe/xTDC4_User_Guide.pdf)

#### 3.1.2 Information required by DIN EN 61010-1

### 3.2 Manufacturer

The crate is a product of:

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Jahnstraße 49  
60318 Frankfurt

HRA 42869 beim Amtsgericht Frankfurt/M  
VAT-ID: DE235184378

### 3.3 Intended Use and System Integration

The **TBT2PCle** enclosure is designed to comply with **DIN EN 61326-1** when operated as outlined in this manual. The enclosure does not pose any hazards as defined by **EN 61010-1**.

When handling the enclosure, adequate measures have to be taken to protect the circuits against electrostatic discharge (ESD). **Is that so?**

### 3.4 Recycling

cronologic is registered with the “Stiftung Elektro-Altgeräte Register” as a manufacturer of electronic systems with **Registration ID DE 77895909**.

The **TBT2PCle** enclosure belongs to **category 9, “Überwachungs und Kontrollinstrumente für ausschließlich gewerbliche Nutzung”**. The last owner of a **TBT2PCle** enclosure must recycle it, treat the board in compliance with **§11** and **§12** of the German ElektroG, or return it to the manufacturer’s address listed in [Section 3.2](#).

### 3.5 Export Control

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**Note:** TODO

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## 4 Revision History

### 4.1 TBT2PCIe enclosure

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Initial product release

### 4.2 User Guide

**1.0.0 — DD-Mon-JJJJ**

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