

Industrial PC

# PPC/EPC-A8-097-C



PN: CS10768T097

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## PPC/EPC-A8-097-C



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Front View



Rear View

PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Product Overview



Front View (Embedded Variant)



Rear View (Embedded Variant)

## **Product Overview**

The Cortex $^{\$}$ -A8 series PPC/EPC-A8-097-C (PN: CS10768T097) is a high-quality industrial PC. It features a 9.7" resistive touch screen with a resolution of 1024 x 768 pixels and brightness of 350 cd/m $^{2}$ .

## **Key Applications**

- Human Machine Interface HMI
- Process Control
- Process Monitoring

PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Ordering Options

- HMI
- Infotainment
- Predictive Maintenance
- Machine Learning
- Machine Vision
- Automotive applications
- Gaming...

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/EPC-A8-097-C Industrial PC is based around the powerful CS-SOM335X-V3 System on Module (SoM), powered by the AM3354 Arm<sup>®</sup> Cortex<sup>®</sup>-A8 microprocessor unit (MPU). The AM33554 MPU is enhanced with image, graphics processing, peripherals and industrial interface options such as EtherCAT and PROFIBUS. The devices support high-level operating systems (HLOS).

The microprocessor unit (MPU) subsystem is based on the ARM Cortex-A8 processor and the PowerVR SGX™ Graphics Accelerator subsystem provides 3D graphics acceleration to support display and gaming effects.

The AM33554 MPU does not generate extensive heat, so even the thin aluminum housing on PPC version delivers sufficient thermal dissipation.

## **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.



You can order PPC/EPC-A8-097-C from the official **Chipsee Store** or from your nearest distributor.

PPC/EPC-A8-097-C **Operating System** 

#### 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.

- Android 4.1
- Linux with Qt 4.8
- Linux with Qt 5.5
- Debian 7.4
- Debian 8.4
- Angstorm v2012.12



#### 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

#### **Optional Features**

The PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Industrial PC does not include WiFi/BT and/or 3G/4G modules by default. The Wi-Fi/BT module is optional and can be selected during the ordering process.

A 3G/4G LTE module is not available at the Chipsee store for this product. However, it can be obtained from specialized third-party suppliers.



#### 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.

## Hardware Features

The PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Industrial 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/EPC-A8-097-C			
СРИ	AM3354ZCZ100, Arm <sup>®</sup> Cortex <sup>®</sup> -A8, 1GHz		
RAM	512MB DDR3		
еММС	4GB		

PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Hardware Features

PPC/EPC-A8-097-C				
Storage	TF Card, Supports up to 32GB SDHC			
Display	9.7" LCD, 1024 x 768 resolution px, brightness 350 cd/m <sup>2</sup>			
Touch	5-point capacitive touch screen			
USB	3 x USB 2.0 Host, 1 x USB OTG			
LAN	1 x Channel 100M LAN			
Audio	3.5mm output/input connector, 2W Internal Speaker			
Buzzer	Yes			
RTC	Yes			
RS232	2 x RS232			
RS485	2 x RS4851			
CAN	1 x CAN1			
GPIO	8 Channels			
WiFi/BT	Onboard WiFi/BT (optional)			
Expansion Port	N/A			
3G/4G/LTE	WCDMA+GPS Module (optional)			
Power Input	From 6V to 42V			
Current at 12V	800mA Max			
Power Consumption	7W Typical			
Working Temperature	From -20°C to +70°C			
os	Multiple Choices (Operating System)			
Binanciana	EPC-A8-097-C (PN: CS10768T097E): 226 x 172 x 28mm			
Dimensions	PPC-A8-097-C (PN: CS10768T097P): 252 x 205 x 33mm			
Mainh	EPC-A8-097-C (PN: CS10768T097E): 610g			
Weight	PPC-A8-097-C (PN: CS10768T097P): 1260g			
	EPC-A8-097-C (PN: CS10768T097E): Embedded			
Mounting				

Table 181 Key Features

**1(1,2)**The RS485 and CAN channels may be customized to the following arrangement:

- 2 x RS485, 1 x CAN (Default)
- 1 x RS485, 2 x CAN

PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Power Input

## **Power Input**

The PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Industrial PC can be powered by a wide range of input voltages: From 6V to 42V 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 PPC version, as well as on the PCB itself of the EPC version, as shown in the figure below.

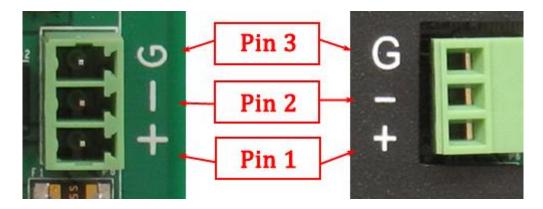


Figure 691: Power Input (embedded/enclosed version)

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 Definitio	ver 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 182 Power Connector



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

## **Touch Screen**

The PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Industrial PC uses a 5-point capacitive touch screen screen. The figure below shows the capacitive or resistive screen connected to the motherboard via the **FPC connector**.

PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Connectivity

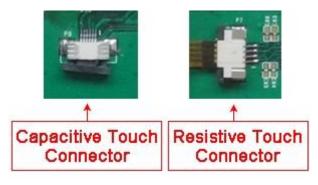


Figure 692: Capacitive or Resistive Touch Connector



#### **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/EPC-A8-097-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.

## Connectivity

There are many connectivity options available on the PPC/EPC-A8-097-C industrial PC. It has  $3 \times USB 2.0 \text{ Host}$ ,  $1 \times USB OTG$  (can be customized to  $2 \times Host$ ),  $1 \times Channel 100M LAN$  (RJ45) Ethernet connector supporting up to 1 Gbps, and  $5 \times UART$  terminals (RS232/RS485).

## RS232/RS485/CAN

The serial communication interfaces (RS485, RS482, and CAN) are routed to a **12-pin 3.81mm terminal**, as illustrated on the figure below.

PPC/EPC-A8-097-C RS232/RS485/CAN

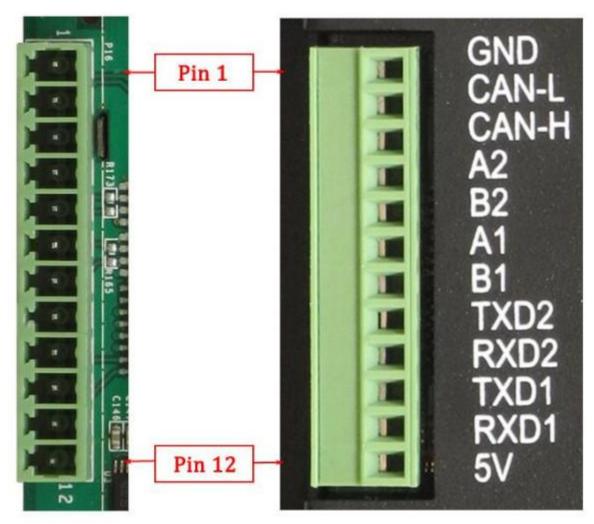


Figure 693: Relation between serial pins on embedded vs. enclosed version of the PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Industrial PC

The table below offers more detailed description of every pin and its definition:

RS232 / RS485 / CAN Pin Definition:				
Pin Number Definition		Description		
Pin 12	+5V	Isolated +5V Power Output, No more than 200mA Current output		
Pin 11	RXD1	UARTO of CPU, RS232 RXD Signal		
Pin 10	TXD1	UARTO of CPU, RS232 TXD Signal		
Pin 9 RXD2 UART1 of CPU, RS232 RXD Signal		UART1 of CPU, RS232 RXD Signal		
Pin 8	TXD2	UART1 of CPU, RS232 TXD Signal		
Pin 7	B1	UART2 of CPU, RS485 B Signal		
Pin 6	A1	UART2 of CPU, RS485 A Signal		
Pin 5	B2	UART4 of CPU, RS485 B Signal		
Pin 4	A2	UART4 of CPU, RS485 A Signal		
Pin 3	CAN_H	DCAN0 of CPU, CAN H Signal		
Pin 2 CAN_L DCAN0 of CPU, CAN L Signal		DCAN0 of CPU, CAN L Signal		

PPC/EPC-A8-097-C USB Connectors

RS232 / RS485 / CAN Pin Definition:			
Pin 1	GND	Isolated Ground Output	

Table 183 Connectivity Section

#### **USB** Connectors

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

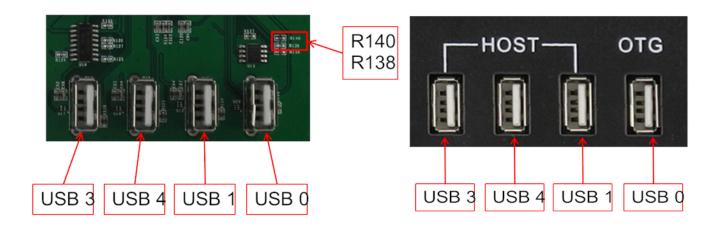


Figure 694: USB HOST Connectors (embedded/enclosed PC version)



The USB Connectors are defined as HOST by default. If customer needs it work as OTG (slave), please solder a  $0\Omega$  0603 Package Resistor to **R140** and **R138**.



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

#### 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.

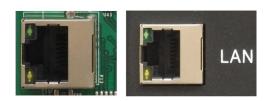


Figure 695: RJ45 LAN Connectors (embedded/enclosed PC version)

PPC/EPC-A8-097-C WiFi & BT Module



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

#### WiFi & BT Module

The PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Industrial 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).

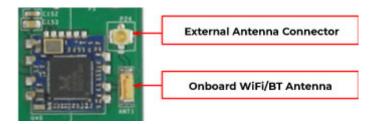


Figure 696: RTL8273 WiFi/BT Module

The enclosed (PPC) variant of the product also includes an SMA connector for an external WiFi/BT antenna, as illustrated in the figure below.



Figure 697: WiFi+BT Antenna



- 1. The product does not come shipped with the WiFi/BT module by default.
- 2. If the operator mounts the WiFi/BT module on the PPC/EPC-A8-097-C industrial PC, the module uses the USB1 channel to communicate with CPU, so it will occupy the USB1 channel.

#### 3G/4G/LTE Module

The PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Industrial PC is equipped with a **mini-PCle connector** that can connect to a 3G/4G/LTE module. The customer will also need a SIM Card Holder and a 3G/4G/LTE Antenna Connector to ensure 3G/4G/LTE works on the PPC/EPC-A8-097-C.

PPC/EPC-A8-097-C GPIO Port



Figure 698: 3G/4G/LTE Module





Figure 699: SIM Card Holder and 3G/4G/LTE Antenna Connector



1. The product does not come shipped with the 3G/4G module by default.

#### **GPIO** Port

The PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Industrial PC has a 10 Pin 3.81mm **GPIO Connector**, as shown on the figure below, that is labeled as P18 on the PCB. The table below gives details about the definition of every Pin.

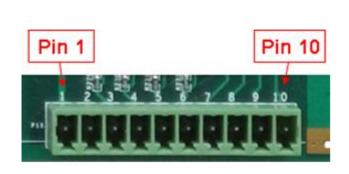




Figure 700: GPIO Connector

PPC/EPC-A8-097-C GPIO Port



Isolated GPIO reduced schematic

GPIO Connector Pin Definition:				
Pin Number	Definition	Description		
Pin 1	VCC	Isolated Power +5V Output		
Pin 2	GND	Isolated Ground		
Pin 3	OUT1	Isolated Output 1		
Pin 4	OUT2 Isolated Output 2			
Pin 5	OUT3	Isolated Output 3		
Pin 6	6 OUT4 Isolated Output 4			
Pin 7	IN1	Isolated Input 1		
Pin 8	IN2	Isolated Input 2		
Pin 9 IN3 Isolated Inpu		Isolated Input 3		
Pin 10 IN4		Isolated Input 4		

Table 184 GPIO Connector Pin-out

PPC/EPC-A8-097-C TF Card Slot

#### Attention

- The GPIO has been Opt-Isolated and it uses the 24V Logic by default. The GPIO is driven by the on board VDD, you do not need an external isolated power input.
- The 4 output channels can drive at most 500mA current on each channel.
- The operator can use the power input that connects to Power Input Connector, if the operator doesn't want to use an isolated power input.
- Also, you can use the 5V voltage on-board as power input. The operator must solder a  $0\Omega$  resistor on R292 & R293 then you can connect the 5V voltage onboard to the **Isolated Power Input** Pin.

### **TF Card Slot**

The PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Industrial PC features 1 x TF Card (micro SD) slot. It can address up to 32GB of memory.





Figure 701: TF (micro SD) Card Slot



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

## **Audio Connectors**

The PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Industrial PC features some audio peripherals, as well. It has 1 x **3.5mm audio input jack** and 1 x **3.5mm audio output jack**.

On the embedded panel PC version, 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). On the enclosed panel PC version, both audio input and audio output are clearly marked on the figure below.

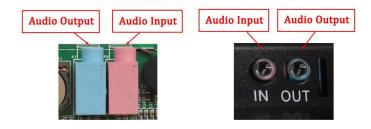


Figure 702: Audio I/O (embedded/enclosed PC version)

PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Boot DIP Switch

In addition, PPC/EPC-A8-097-C features a miniature 2W embedded speaker for audio reproduction, as well as a small buzzer for alarm/notification sounds.





Figure 703: 2W Micro Speaker and Buzzer

### **Boot DIP Switch**

The PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Industrial PC supports boot from SD card. If you want to reflash 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 704: 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 185 Boot Configuration Selection

## Mounting Procedure

The PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Industrial PC can be mounted with 8 x M4 screws, enabling simplified installation onto any standard mounting fixture. Other mounting options might also be supported according to the table in the Hardware Features section.

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

PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Mechanical Specifications

## Mechanical Specifications

#### EPC-A8-097-C

The outer mechanical dimensions of EPC-A8-097-C are  $226 \times 172 \times 28 \text{mm}$  (W x L x H). Please refer to the technical drawing in the figure below for details related to the specific product measurements.

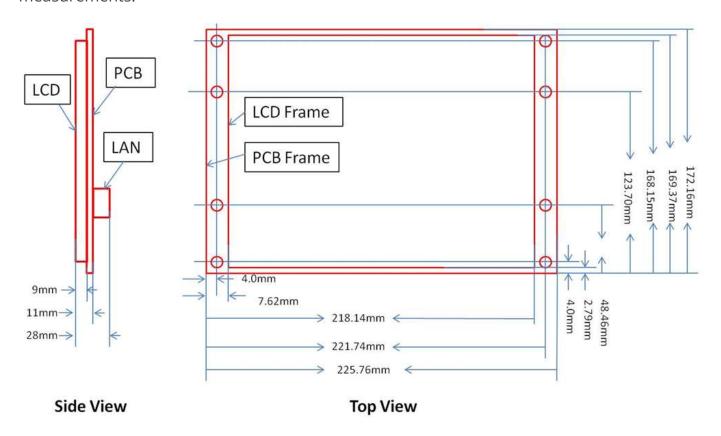


Figure 705: EPC-A8-097-C Technical Drawing

#### PPC-A8-097-C

For PPC-A8-097-C, the outer mechanical dimensions are 252 x 205 x 33mm (W x L x H).

## **Panel Mounting**

PPC/EPC-A8-097-C PPC-A8-097-C







Figure 706: Fixing PPC-A8-097-C industrial PC into panel



With the PPC-A8-097-C industrial PC, the operator can fix the PC into the panel by pushing it from the front inside the panel as described in the figure above. The recommended maximum thickness of the panel material is 8mm.

- 1. Make sure the Panel PC is configured correctly. The Boot Switch is sitting inside the housing. To use it, the Panel PC has to be unmounted from the panel.
- 2. Push the Panel PC straight into the Panel Hole until the unit sits flat on the panel as shown in the figure above.
- 3. Use the mounting fixtures to lock the Panel PC into it's place.

PPC/EPC-A8-097-C Disclaimer

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