

SNAP PAC Brains

Features

- Multi-protocol communications and I/O processor
- Handles analog, digital, and other SNAP I/O™ modules all on one mounting rack
- Distributed intelligence for your SNAP PAC system
- Choose Ethernet or serial network connections, both with multidrop capability

Description

SNAP PAC brains are powerful and versatile I/O and network communications processors for your SNAP PAC System™. Designed primarily to work in distributed systems controlled by a SNAP PAC programmable automation controller, SNAP PAC brains provide local intelligence that frees the controller for supervisory tasks.

For example, each brain independently handles functions such as latching, counting, thermocouple linearization, watchdog timers, and PID loop control. These functions continue to work on the brain even if communication with the controller is lost.

SNAP PAC brains can also be used independently for standalone I/O processing and communication.

SNAP PAC brains are available for either Ethernet or serial network communications.

- SNAP PAC **EB** brains communicate over a standard 10/100 Mbps Ethernet network.
- SNAP PAC **SB** brains communicate over an RS-485 serial network, 2-wire or 4-wire, using a binary protocol.

EB Series Brains

Two SNAP PAC Ethernet Brains are available: the **SNAP-PAC-EB1** and the **SNAP-PAC-EB2**. They are identical in their functions and features except that the SNAP-PAC-EB1 provides high-speed digital functions for use with 4-channel digital I/O. The SNAP-PAC-EB2 does not offer high-speed digital functions. For a complete list of brain features, see [page 4](#).

Each SNAP PAC EB brain is equipped with two switched Ethernet network interfaces. Because these interfaces share a single IP address and act just like an Ethernet switch, SNAP PAC brains can be installed not only in a standard star configuration, but optionally in a multi-drop configuration, extending the control network without the expense of additional Ethernet network hardware.



SNAP-PAC-EB1 Brain

SB Series Brains

The two SNAP PAC Serial Brains are the **SNAP-PAC-SB1** and the **SNAP-PAC-SB2**. Like the EB brains, the two SB brains are identical except that the SNAP-PAC-SB1 provides high-speed digital functions for use with 4-channel digital I/O. The SNAP-PAC-SB2 does not offer high-speed digital functions. See [page 4](#) for a comparison of brain features.

I/O Processing

Each SNAP PAC brain mounts on a SNAP PAC rack with up to 4, 8, 12, or 16 SNAP I/O modules.

SNAP PAC EB brains support all SNAP analog, digital, serial, and special-purpose input and output modules. SNAP PAC SB brains support all SNAP analog and digital modules, plus the SNAP-AIPM power-monitoring module.

These modules can all be mixed on the same mounting rack and placed in any position on the rack, to accommodate the required mix of signals at any location. Each SNAP I/O module provides from 1 to 32 I/O points, depending on the module.

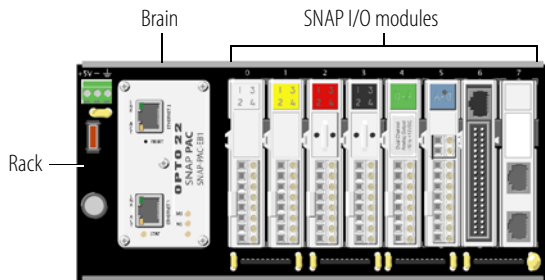
Part Numbers

Part	Description
SNAP-PAC-EB1	Ethernet-based analog, digital, and serial I/O and communications processor for the SNAP PAC System, with two switched Ethernet network interfaces and high-speed digital functions
SNAP-PAC-EB2	Ethernet-based analog, digital, and serial I/O and communications processor for the SNAP PAC System, with two switched Ethernet network interfaces
SNAP-PAC-SB1	Serial-based analog and digital I/O and communications processor for the SNAP PAC System, with high-speed digital functions
SNAP-PAC-SB2	Serial-based analog and digital I/O and communications processor for the SNAP PAC System

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For more information on mounting racks, see Opto 22 form #1684, the *SNAP PAC Racks Data Sheet*. For more information on SNAP I/O modules, visit our website at www.opto22.com.

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Multiple Protocol Support on Ethernet

In addition to I/O processing, SNAP PAC Ethernet brains support communication using multiple protocols running simultaneously over Ethernet. These brains support Modbus[®]/TCP, SNMP for network management, FTP for the brain's built-in file system, SMTP (email client), and Opto 22's open memory-mapped OptoMMP protocol. Communication with OPC 2.0-compliant clients is available through OptoOPCServer (see "[Software](#)," below).

Specifications

Power Requirements	5.0–5.2 VDC at 750 mA maximum (does not include module power requirements)
Memory	16 MB RAM
Backup battery for real-time clock	Rechargeable (recharges whenever the brain has power). 5-year life when power is off. (Models manufactured before August 2007 have user-replaceable batteries. See original user guide for details or contact Product Support.)
Operating Temperature	0 to 60 °C
Storage Temperature	-40 to 85 °C
Humidity	0–95% humidity, non-condensing
Ethernet Brains (EB)	
Network Interfaces	IEEE 802.3 network, 10Base-T and 100Base-TX. Automatic MDC/MDI-X crossover (Ethernet crossover cable not required for direct connection to PC). Two switched interfaces, allowing multi-drop (daisy-chain) or standard star network configuration.
Maximum Ethernet Segment Length	100 meters with Category 5 or superior UTP For 100 Mbps at this distance, use Category 5 or superior solid UTP.
Serial Brains (SB)	
Network interfaces	RS-485, 2- or 4-wire, twisted pair(s), with shield
Serial data rates	300 baud to 230.4 Kbaud
Range: Serial multidrop	32 stations maximum between repeaters; up to 3000 ft (914 m) between repeaters

Software

SNAP PAC brains are primarily designed for use with a **SNAP PAC programmable automation controller**. The controller runs a control program built with PAC Project[™] software. The PAC Project software suite comes in two forms, Basic and Professional.

- **PAC Project Basic**, which is included in the purchase of a SNAP PAC controller, consists of control programming, human-machine interface (HMI) creation, and configuration software.
- **PAC Project Professional** is available for purchase and adds OptoOPCServer[™] for OPC connectivity, OptoDataLink[™] for database communications, and additional features.

In addition to using a SNAP PAC controller with PAC Project software, you can communicate with SNAP PAC brains using the open and documented OptoMMP protocol. A free OptoMMP Communication Toolkit is available on our website, www.opto22.com. This toolkit includes ActiveX components and C++ classes, so you can use programming tools such as Visual Basic or Visual C++ to communicate with the brains. See form #1465, the *OptoMMP Protocol Guide*, for more information.

Ethernet brains can also communicate using Modbus/TCP; see Opto 22 form #1678, the *Modbus/TCP Protocol Guide*, on our website.

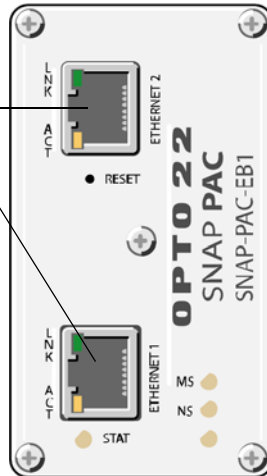
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LEDs and Network Interfaces—Ethernet Brains

Switched Ethernet network interfaces

Ethernet brains can be networked in a multi-drop (daisy-chain) configuration or in a standard star configuration using either Ethernet interface. Both interfaces use the same IP address.

NOTE: When using a multi-drop configuration, be aware that if power to a brain is lost, all brains beyond it on the network will also lose communication.



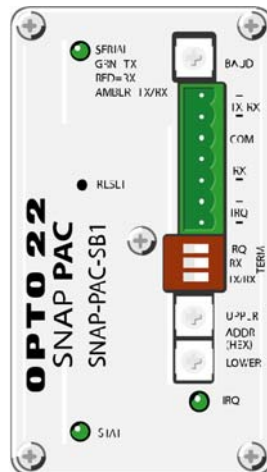
LEDs

LED	Indicates
LNK	Link established with Ethernet network
ACT	Activity on Ethernet network
STAT	Brain status
MS NS Unnamed	Reserved for future use

LEDs and Network Interfaces—Serial Brains

LEDs

LED	Indicates
SERIAL	Green = Transmit Red = Receive Amber = Transmit/Receive
STAT	Brain status
IRQ	Reserved for future use



Serial port

On a serial brain, the port is RS-485, either 2-wire or 4-wire. Baud rate, termination, and address are set using the switches on the brain's top cover.

See form #1690, the *SNAP PAC Brains User's Guide*, for serial cable recommendations and wiring.

NOTE: IRQ connections and LED are reserved for future use.

Features

The following table compares SNAP PAC brains using firmware 8.1.

FEATURE		SNAP-PAC-EB1	SNAP-PAC-EB2	SNAP-PAC-SB1	SNAP-PAC-SB2
Ethernet networking		●	●		
Two switched Ethernet network interfaces (one IP address)		●	●		
Ethernet network security (IP filtering, port access)		●	●		
Serial networking (RS-485, 2-wire or 4-wire)				●	●
I/O modules supported	Digital (4–32 channels per module)	●	●	●	●
	Analog (2–32 channels per module)	●	●	●	●
	Serial (RS-232, RS-485)	●	●		
	Special-purpose: power monitoring	●	●	●	●
	Special-purpose: motion control, Profibus [®] , Wiegand [®])	●	●		
Digital I/O point features	On/off status	●	●	●	●
	Input latching	●	●	●	●
	Watchdog timer	●	●	●	●
	High-speed counting (up to 20 kHz) ²	●		●	
	Quadrature counting ³	●		●	
	On-pulse and off-pulse measurement ^{2,4}	●		●	
	TPO (time-proportional output) ⁴	●		●	
	Pulse generation (N pulses, continuous square wave, on-pulse, and off-pulse) ⁴	●		●	
Analog I/O point features	Thermocouple linearization (32-bit floating point for linearized values)	●	●	●	●
	Minimum/maximum values	●	●	●	●
	Offset and gain	●	●	●	●
	Scaling	●	●	●	●
	Time-proportional output ⁵	●	●	●	●
	Output clamping	●	●	●	●
	Filter weight	●	●	●	●
	Watchdog timer	●	●	●	●
	Ramping ⁴	●	●	●	●
Maximum number of modules allowed per I/O unit (with largest rack): Any mix of 16 digital, 16 analog, 8 serial or special-purpose		●	●	● ¹	● ¹
PID logic on the brain (96 PID loops per brain)		●	●	●	●
Scratch Pad area for peer-to-peer data (bits, floats, integers, and strings)		●	●	●	●
Realtime clock (RTC)		●	●	●	●
OPC driver support		●	●	● ⁷	● ⁷
OptoMMP memory-mapped protocol		●	●	●	●
Modbus [®] /TCP		●	●		

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FEATURE	SNAP-PAC-EB1	SNAP-PAC-EB2	SNAP-PAC-SB1	SNAP-PAC-SB2
SNMP (network management) ⁶	●	●		
FTP server, file system	●	●		
Email (SMTP client)	●	●		
UDP Streaming	●	●		
Digital events, Alarm events, Serial events	●	●	● ⁸	● ⁸
Event messaging	●	●		
Data logging in the brain	●	●		
I/O point data mirroring and memory map copying	●	●		

1 Does not support serial, motion control, Profibus, or Wiegand modules.

2 Four-channel digital modules only; not available on high-density digital modules.

3 Requires a SNAP quadrature input module (SNAP-IDC5Q).

4 Available when used with PAC Control Professional and a SNAP PAC controller.

5 Requires a SNAP analog TPO module (SNAP-AOD-29).

6 Currently available on all types of modules except analog modules with more than 4 points.

7 Available when used with OptoOPCServer and PAC Control, through a SNAP PAC controller.

8 Does not support serial events.

System Architecture

SNAP PAC brains are ideally suited for use as local I/O, logic, and communication processors in distributed systems.

The system shown below is controlled by a SNAP PAC S-series standalone controller running a PAC Control strategy. Some of the distributed I/O units are on an Ethernet network using EB brains, and some are on a serial network using SB brains. The controller handles all I/O on both networks.

While the controller provides overall direction to the control system, each SNAP PAC brain locally handles counting, latching, thermocouple linearization, PID loop control, and other functions for the I/O modules on the racks. These local functions continue even if the controller loses communication with the brains.

PC used to develop a PAC Control strategy. Once developed, the strategy runs independently on the SNAP PAC controller.



One or more PCs running a PAC Display HMI for operators or technicians.

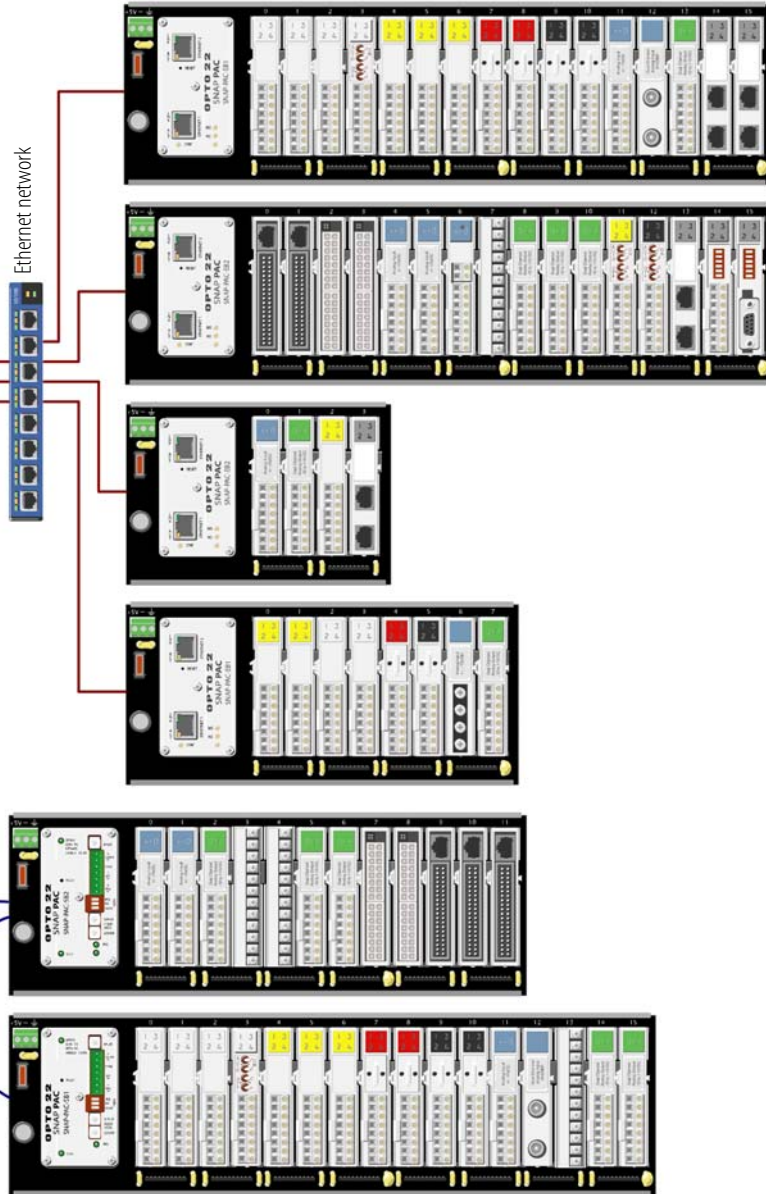


SNAP PAC S-series controller running a PAC Control strategy



Serial network

SNAP PAC brains and I/O (distributed units). The top four are on an Ethernet network; the bottom two are on a serial network.



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System Architecture (continued)

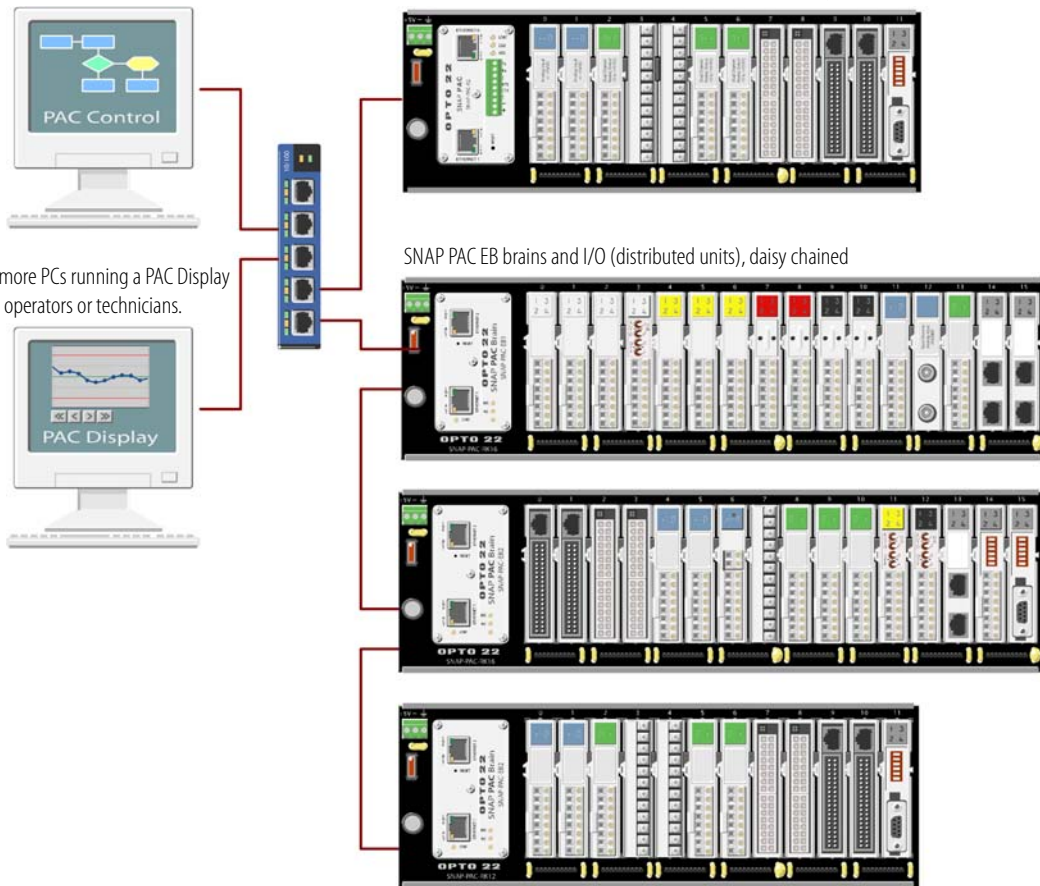
SNAP PAC Ethernet Brains offer two options for networking. As shown in the diagram on the previous page, they can be networked in a standard star configuration using off-the-shelf Ethernet network switches or routers.

As shown below, SNAP PAC Ethernet brains can also be networked in a daisy-chain configuration, using the two switched Ethernet interfaces on each brain.

In this diagram, a rack-mounted SNAP PAC R-series controller runs the PAC Control strategy and controls the system. The distributed brains are daisy-chained together, eliminating the expense of additional routers or switches.

PC used to develop a PAC Control strategy.
Once developed, the strategy runs independently on the SNAP PAC controller.

One or more PCs running a PAC Display HMI for operators or technicians.



System Architecture (continued)

While SNAP PAC Ethernet brains can communicate directly with other devices using several protocols over Ethernet, **SNAP PAC serial brains** communicate with OPC clients, corporate databases, and other third parties through a SNAP PAC S-series controller.

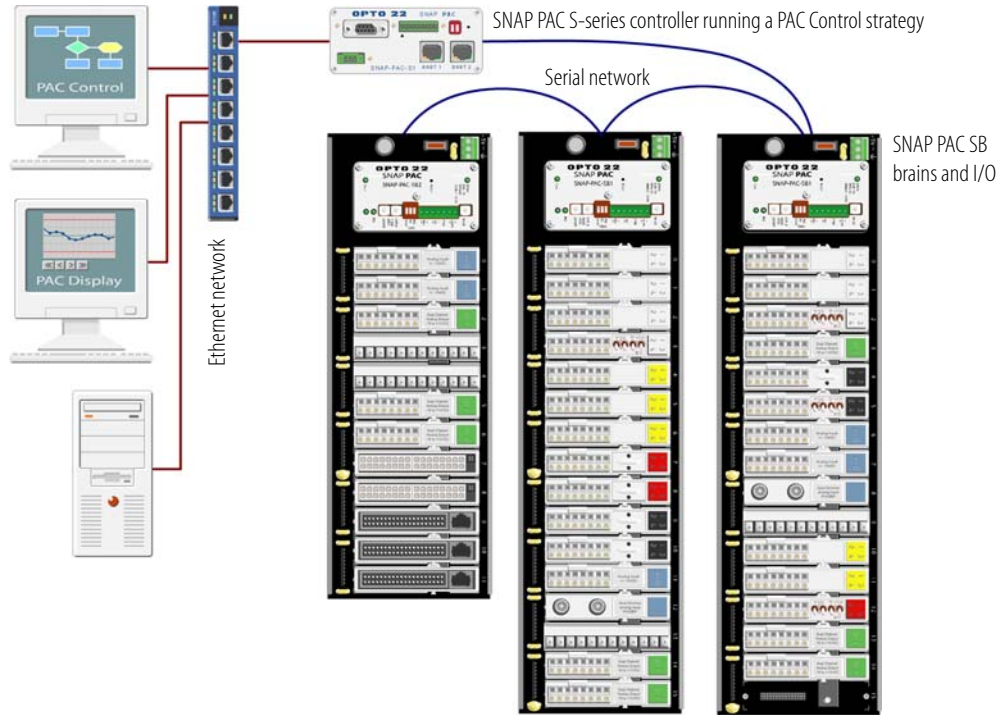
If you are not using a controller, you can build custom software to communicate with the SNAP PAC serial brain. In this case, an Opto 22 PCI-AC48 adapter card provides an RS-485 converter as the serial link to the brain. Our free OptoMMP Communication Toolkit (available on our website) includes the tools for creating custom software.

SNAP PAC Serial Brains used with a Controller

PC used to develop a PAC Control strategy. Once developed, the strategy runs independently on the SNAP PAC controller.

One or more PCs running a PAC Display HMI for operators or technicians.

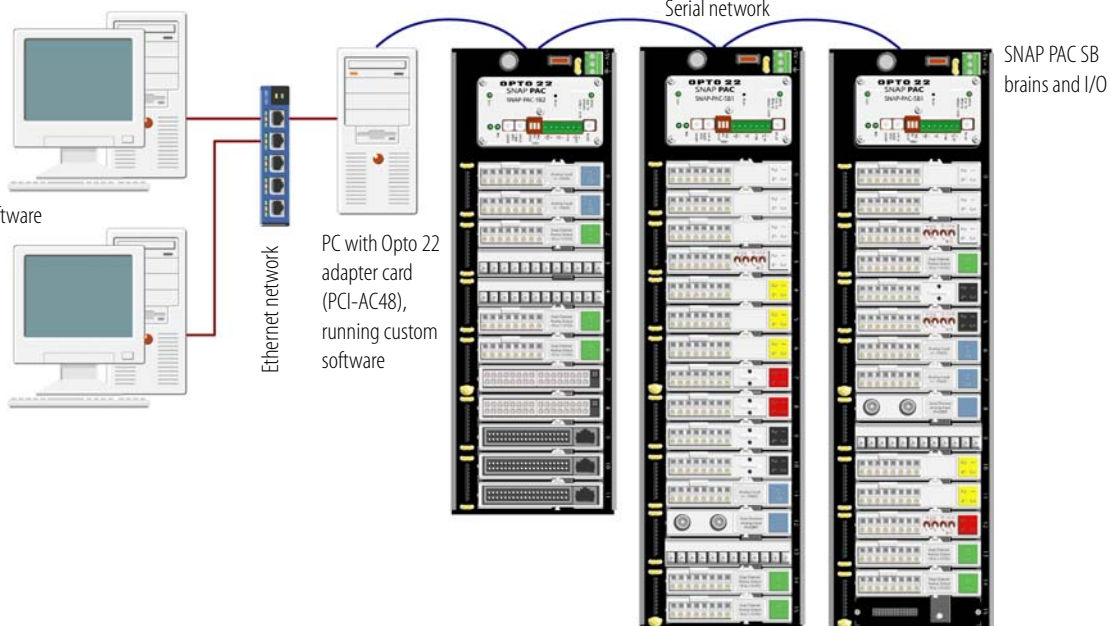
OptoOPCServer
OptoDataLink
Third-party software



SNAP PAC Serial Brains used without a Controller

Third-party software

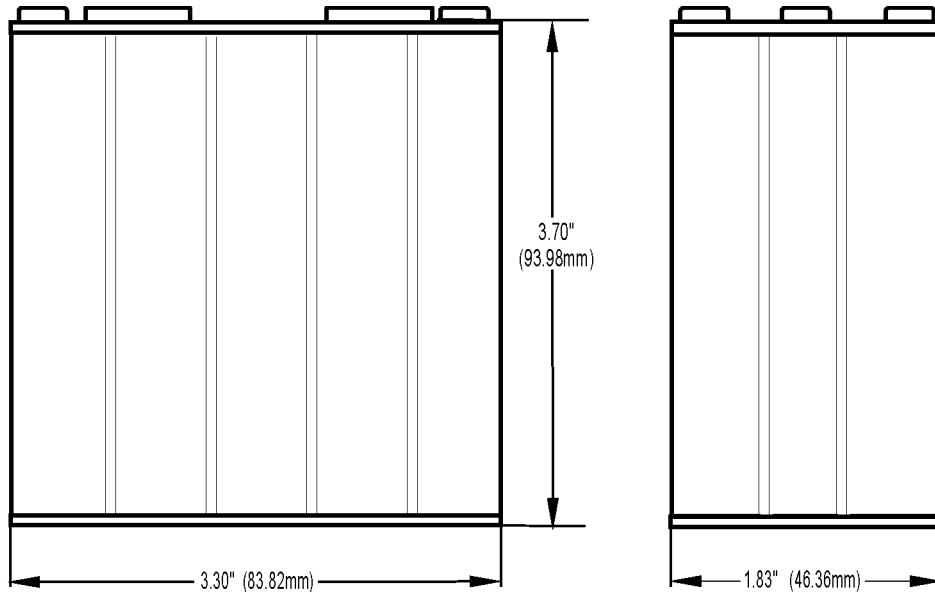
PC with Opto 22 adapter card (PCI-AC48), running custom software



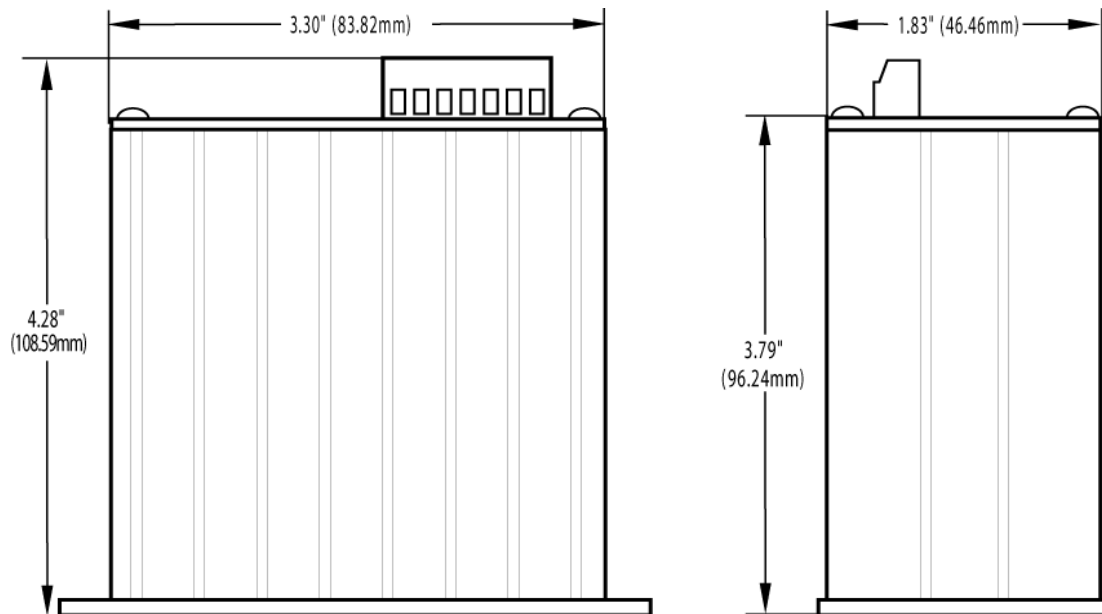
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Dimensional Drawing

Dimensions—SNAP PAC Ethernet Brains



Dimensions—SNAP PAC Serial Brains



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Products

Opto 22 develops and manufactures reliable, flexible, easy-to-use hardware and software products for industrial automation, remote monitoring, and data acquisition applications.

SNAP PAC System

Designed to simplify the typically complex process of understanding, selecting, buying, and applying an automation system, the SNAP PAC System consists of four integrated components:

- SNAP PAC controllers
- PAC Project™ Software Suite
- SNAP PAC brains
- SNAP I/O™

SNAP PAC Controllers

Programmable automation controllers (PACs) are multifunctional, multidomain, modular controllers based on open standards and providing an integrated development environment.

Opto 22 has been manufacturing PACs for many years. The latest models include the standalone SNAP PAC S-series and the rack-mounted SNAP PAC R-series. Both handle a wide range of digital, analog, and serial functions and are equally suited to data collection, remote monitoring, process control, and discrete and hybrid manufacturing.

SNAP PACs are based on open Ethernet and Internet Protocol (IP) standards, so you can build or extend a system without the expense and limitations of proprietary networks and protocols.

PAC Project Software Suite

Opto 22's PAC Project Software Suite provides full-featured and cost-effective control programming, HMI (human machine interface) development and runtime, OPC server, and database connectivity software to power your SNAP PAC System.

These fully integrated software applications share a single tagname database, so the data points you configure in PAC Control™ are immediately available for use in PAC Display™, OptoOPCServer™, and OptoDataLink™. Commands are in plain English; variables and I/O point names are fully descriptive.

PAC Project Basic offers control and HMI tools and is free for download on our website, www.opto22.com. PAC Project Professional, available for separate purchase, adds OptoOPCServer, OptoDataLink, options for Ethernet link redundancy or segmented networking, and support for legacy Opto 22 serial *mistic*™ I/O units.

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While SNAP PAC controllers provide central control and data distribution, SNAP PAC brains provide distributed intelligence for I/O processing and communications. Brains offer analog, digital, and serial functions, including thermocouple linearization; PID loop control; and optional high-speed digital counting (up to 20 kHz), quadrature counting, TPO, and pulse generation and measurement.

SNAP I/O

I/O provides the local connection to sensors and equipment. Opto 22 SNAP I/O offers 1 to 32 points of reliable I/O per module, depending on the type of module and your needs. Analog, digital, serial, and special-purpose modules are all mixed on the same mounting rack and controlled by the same processor (SNAP PAC brain or rack-mounted controller).

Quality

Founded in 1974 and with over 85 million devices sold, Opto 22 has established a worldwide reputation for high-quality products. All are made in the U.S.A. at our manufacturing facility in Temecula, California. Because we do no statistical testing and each part is tested twice before leaving our factory, we can guarantee most solid-state relays and optically isolated I/O modules for life.

Free Product Support

Opto 22's Product Support Group offers free, comprehensive technical support for Opto 22 products. Our staff of support engineers represents decades of training and experience. Product support is available in English and Spanish, by phone or email, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST.

Free Customer Training

Hands-on training classes for the SNAP PAC System are offered at our headquarters in Temecula, California. Each student has his or her own learning station; classes are limited to nine students. Registration for the free training class is on a first-come, first-served basis. See our website, www.opto22.com, for more information or email training@opto22.com.

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