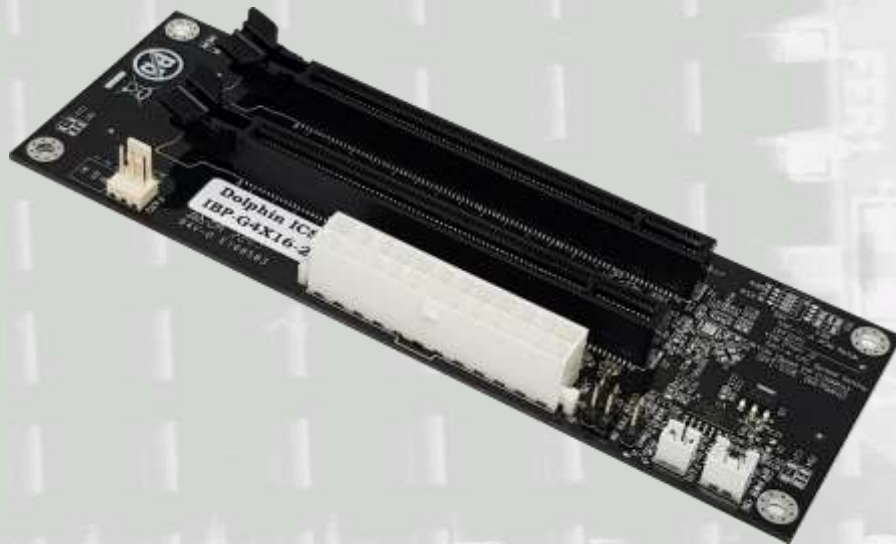




# IBP-G4x16-2



IBP-G4x16-2 Backplane Users Guide  
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## Terms and acronyms

Important terms and acronyms used in this manual

Dolphin Uplink card	Any Dolphin Transparent host adapter cards configured for Transparent Target functionality.
Add-in card	Any standard PCIe plug in card.

## Specifications

The IBP-G4X16-2 is a passive backplane supporting PCIe Gen1, Gen2, Gen3 and Gen4 speeds and x1, x2, x4, x8 and x16 link-widths. Both slots are symmetric and can be used for the Dolphin PCIe uplink card or Add-in Card. (The silk print specifies an Add-in and Target cable adapter slot – but this can be ignored when using any Dolphin uplink card).

- Two PCIe x16 target slot for a Dolphin PCIe uplink card or Add-in Card (J1+J2)
- Support PCIe x1/ PCIe x4/ PCIe x8/ PCIe x16 PCIe 1.0 / PCIe 2.0 / PCIe 3.0 / PCIe 4.0
- 55.52(W) mm x 164.53(L) mm
- Compliant to ATX / MicroATX cabinets.

## Pin headers and connectors

The card has the following pin headers:

### J1: PCIe x16 PCI-E 4.0 SMT Type Slot

- For PCIe Add-in Card

### J2: PCIe x16 PCI-E 4.0 SMT Type Slot

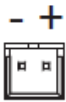
- For Target cable adapter

### ATXPR: Power Connector

- ATX 24-Pin Power Connector

### FAN: FAN Power Connector (12V Output)

- JST compatible wafer 2pin (pitch=2.0mm) connector



### FAN2: FAN Power Connector (12V Output)

- JST compatible wafer 3pin (pitch=2.54mm) connector



### RESET J1: RESET Button

### PWR ON: Power On Control from Target Cable Adapter to switch On/Off the ATX Power Supply

- JST compatible wafer 2pin (pitch=2.5mm) connector

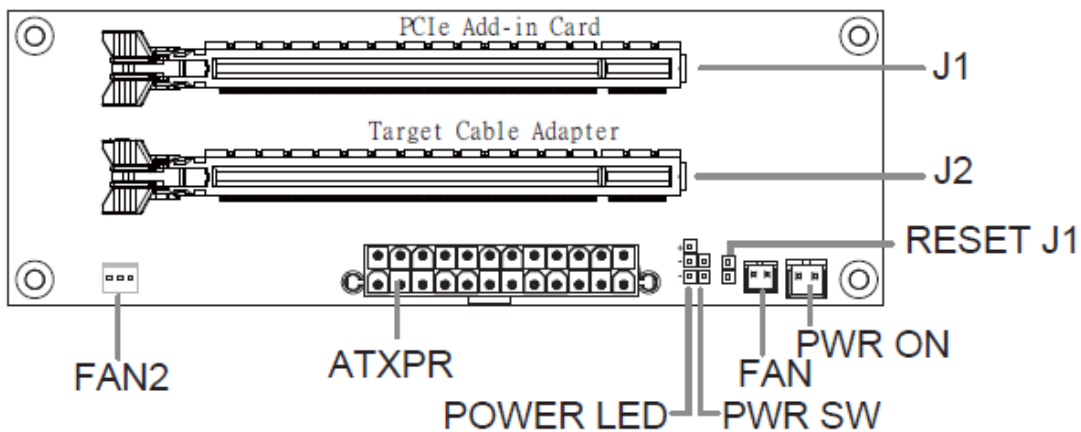
**Note:** To enable the auto-switch power On/Off control the Target Cable Adapter must have design to provide PWR ON connector and you need to use a cable to join both connectors.

### PWR SW: Power Switch Pin Header

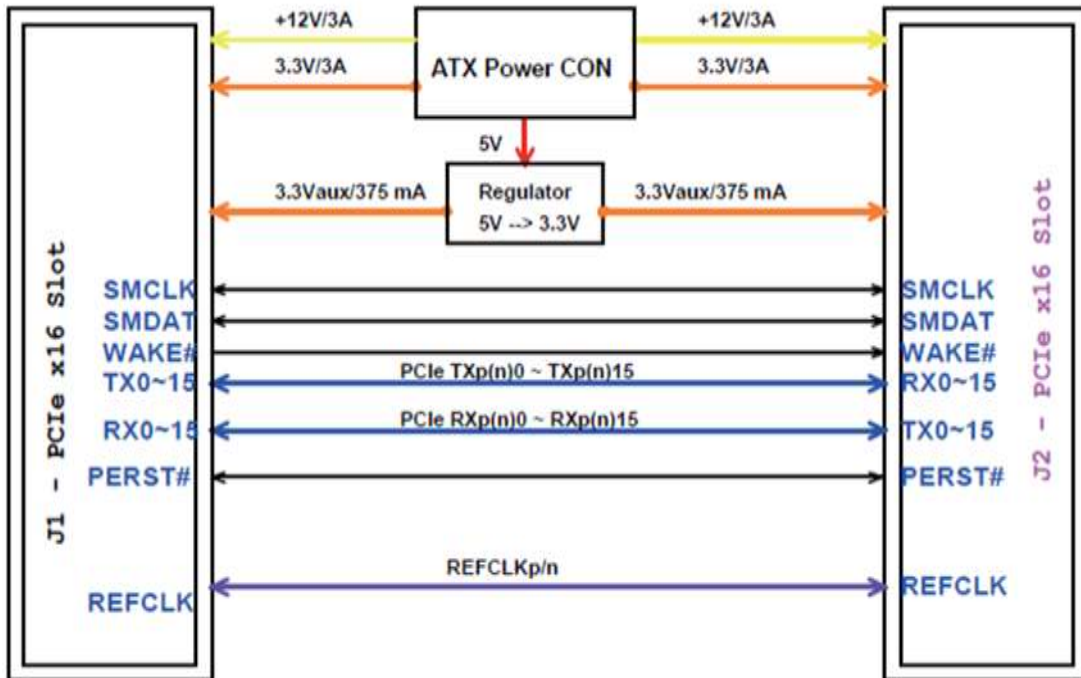
- 2pin Header (pitch=2.54mm)

### POWER LED: 3.3V Power LED Pin Header

- 3pin Header (pitch=2.54mm)

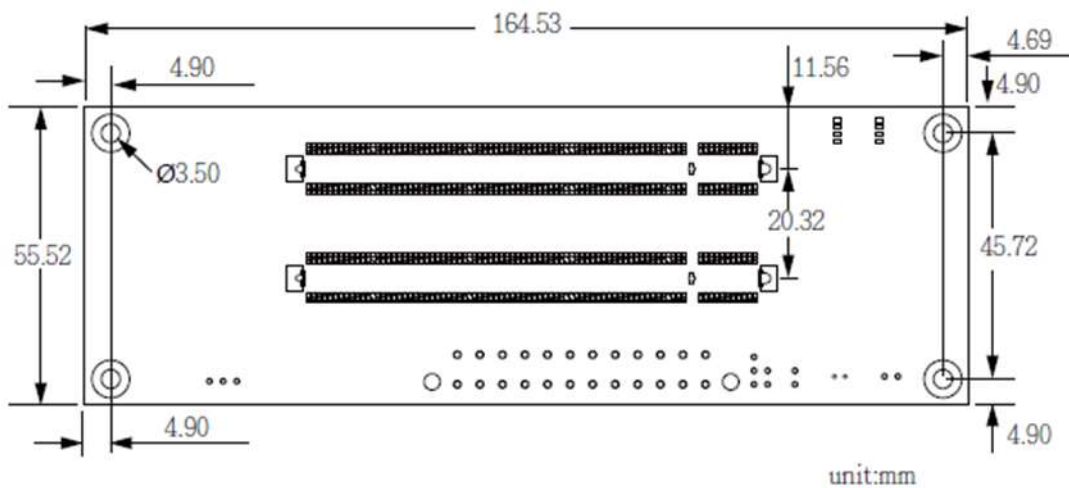


## Block diagram



## ATX / microATX Cabinet mounting

The IBP-G4X16-2 is compliant to both microATX and ATC cabinets. Please refer to the figure below for dimensions and mounting holes.



## Operating Environment

To maximize lifetime for the products and maintain the warranty, please honor the specified operating temperature for the PCIe uplink card and the installed PCIe device and make sure the proper air flow is present. Special care should be considered when IBP-G4X16-2 is used in office type cabinets in combination with other high energy consuming PCIe devices, e.g. not active cooled GPUs. Please consult the PCIe uplink card users guide and the installed PCIe devices users guide for details.

## Installation

### Step 1 - Unpack board

The IBP-G4X16-2 is shipped in an anti-static bag to prevent static electricity damage. The card should only be removed from the bag after ensuring that anti-static precautions are taken. Static electricity from your clothes or work environment can damage your PCI Express adapter card or your PC. Always wear a grounded anti-static wrist strap while opening the expansion chassis and when the IBP-G4X16-2 is removed from the anti-static bag.



Unpack the IBP-G4X16-2 from the anti-static bag using proper anti-static procedures.

### Step 2 – Install the IBP-G4X16-2 in an cabinet

The backplane can be installed in a ATX or MicroATX compliant Chassis with proper airflow to meet the requirements of both the Dolphin uplink card and the installed IO card.

### Step 3 – Connect the Power Supply

The backplane must be powered from an ATX 24-Pin Power Supply. The power supply must provide enough power for both the Dolphin uplink card and the PCIe adapter card installed.

### Step 4 – Install the Dolphin PCIe uplink card

Configure and Install the Dolphin PCIe uplink card in one of the slots. Please refer to the Users Guide for the selected PCIe card. The guides can be found at <https://www.dolphinics.com/support/index.html>

### Step 5 – Connect a power toggle switch or jumper

Connect a power toggle switch or a jumper to the 'PWR ON' pin headers. This connects to the ATX power-supply Power-good pins and signals the PSU unit to start and provide power. With a toggle switch, the ATX PSU can be left switched on, and power to the device can be controlled with this switch, while with a jumper, the expansion system can be turned on or off with the ATX PSU power switch.

## Support

More information about the product, support and software download at <http://www.dolphinics.com> Please email [pci-support@dolphinics.com](mailto:pci-support@dolphinics.com) if you have any questions.

## Compliance and Regulatory Testing

### *EMC Compliance*

The IBP-G4X16-2 passive component not tested for EMC compliance. It is the customer responsibility to install the backplane in a proper cabinet and install the PCIe adapter cards of choice before conducting their own EMC test.

This does not ensure that it will comply with the relevant standards in any random cabinet. It is the responsibility of the integrator to ensure that their products are compliant with all regulations where their product will be used.

### *RoHS Compliance*

The Dolphin IBP-G4X16-2 is RoHS compliant. A Compliance certificate issued by the manufacturer is available upon request.





## Limited Warranty

Dolphin Interconnect Solutions warrants this product to be free from manufacturing defects under the following terms:

### Warranty Period

Dolphin warrants the product for one (1) year from the date of purchase. Extended warranties are available.

### Coverage

To the extent permitted by applicable law, this warranty does not apply to:

- Damages caused by operator error or non-compliance with instructions available for the product.
- Use or attempt to use or program firmware not approved by Dolphin.
- Damage which results from accident, abuse, misuse, neglected improper handling or improper installation; moisture, corrosive environments, high voltage surges, shipping or abnormal working conditions.
- Damages which results from violating the specified operating or storage temperatures and airflow.
- Damages caused by acts of nature, e.g. floods, storms, fire, or earthquakes.
- Damage caused by any power source out of range or not provided with the product.
- Normal wear and tear.
- Attempts to repair, modify, open or upgrade the product by personnel or agents not authorized by Dolphin.
- Products that have had the product serial number tampered with or removed.
- Damage to the product caused by products not supplied by Dolphin.

### Service Procedure

If the product proves defective during the Warranty Period, you should contact the seller that supplied you with the product, or if you purchased it directly from Dolphin, email [returnrequests@dolphinics.com](mailto:returnrequests@dolphinics.com) to obtain a valid RMA number and instructions.

Products returned to Dolphin without a proper RMA number will not be serviced under this warranty.