

# PEX2PCIE4L

## Instruction Manual

# PCI and PCI Express Expansion System

PCI Express to 2 PCI and 2 PCIe  
Expansion Enclosure System -  
Full Length

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# Introduction

## Packaging Contents

- 1 x Metal Expansion Enclosure
- 1 x PCI Express host card
- 1 x DVI expansion cable
- 1 x Power Adapter
- 1 x Screw kit
- 1 x Driver CD
- 1 x Instruction Manual

## System Requirements

- PCI Express enabled computer system
- Microsoft Windows® 2000/XP/Server 2003/Vista, Mac OS® X, Linux®

# Installation

## Hardware Installation

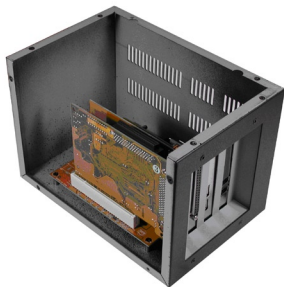
**NOTE:** Please note that this product does NOT support hot-plugging by means of the Expansion Cable. You can NOT connect or disconnect the expansion cable unless you power off your system first.

1. Turn OFF the system power before installation. Since both the computer system and the Expansion Box are self-powered, you need to follow the correct ON/OFF sequence as follows:
  - Power Off Sequence: Power off the computer system then the Expansion Box.
  - Power On Sequence: Power on the Expansion Box first, then power on the computer system.

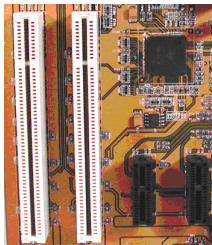
2. Remove the chassis cover from your computer.
3. Locate an unused PCI Express slot (typically white and smaller) and remove the corresponding slot cover from the rear of the computer chassis. NOTE: the Host card uses a PCIe x1 connector, so it can be installed into any sized PCIe slot (ie. x1, x4, x8, x16, etc.)
4. Plug the PCIe add-in card to the unused PCI Express expansion slot and attached the card bracket to the computer chassis with a screw.
5. Put the chassis cover back on the computer.
6. Install one end of the Expansion Cable to PCIe add-in card's connector and the other end to the Expansion Box's.

**Warning!!** The Expansion Cable's connector has the same form factor as a standard DVI connector, however, their signals are different. Please do NOT connect the Expansion Cable to either your LCD monitor nor your Video Graphic cards.

7. Next, install the PCI and PCIe add-in cards into the Expansion Box:
  - a. Open the top cover (by removing the screws) of the Expansion Box. There are 2 PCI and 2 PCIe slots in the Expansion Box.
  - b. Find an unused slot, remove the "blank" PCI/PCIe card bracket that was pre-installed from the factory.
  - c. Plug in your PCI or PCIe add-in card (s).
  - d. Put the top cover back on your Expansion Box.



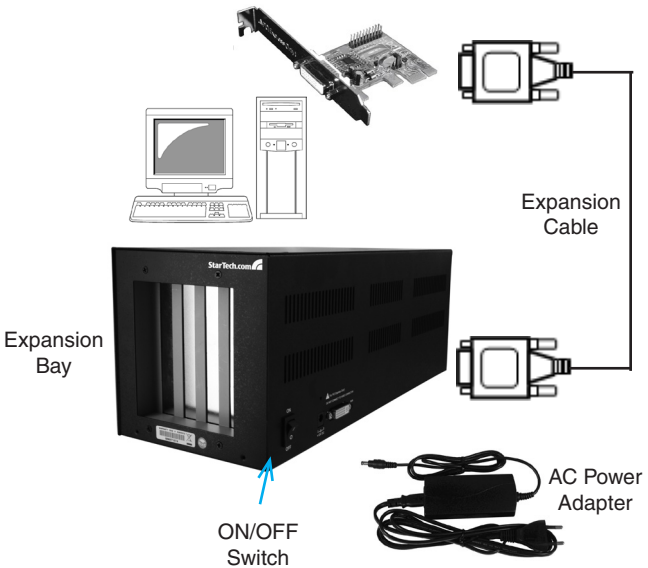
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8. Connect the AC power Adapter's cable to the Expansion Box.
9. Turn on the Expansion Box power by means of the power switch next to the Expansion Cable, then power on the PC system.
10. Proceed with Software Driver Installation if required.

PCI Express Host Card  
inside computer system



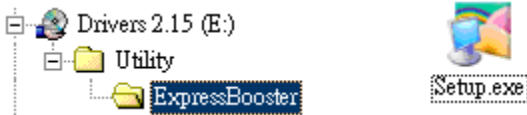
## Driver Installation

No driver installation is required for operating systems that support the PCI Express standard, as the PEX2PCI4L is natively supported, so the drivers are already installed.

## ExpressBoost

In some cases, if the write performance of your PCI Card is very slow; please install the ExpressBooster software supplied with the PEX2PCI4L.

1. To install the software, find the setup.exe file in the following folder on the driver CD: (assume your CD is in the drive E:), double click the file to run the setup.



2. Follow the setup on-screen instructions, you will be asked to check the “PCI Express Card” item (leave the “Express Card” item un-checked). Then proceed with the rest on-screen instructions to complete the installation.



## Specifications

<b>Bus Interface</b>	PCI Express rev 1.1
<b>External Connectors (Host Card)</b>	29-pin DVI-I female
<b>External Connectors (Expansion Box)</b>	29-pin DVI-I female Power connector
<b>Internal Expansion Slots</b>	2 x PCI (32-bit/33Hz) 2 x PCIe x1
<b>PCI Bus Interface</b>	PCI rev 2.3 (3.3V/5V)
<b>Dimensions</b>	382.0mm x 137.0mm x 143.0mm
<b>Weight</b>	4 kg
<b>Power Adapter</b>	12VDC, 3A
<b>Compatible Operating Systems</b>	Windows 2000/XP/Server 2003/ Vista, Mac OS X, Linux

\* The maximum total power consumption of the adapter cards used in the expansion box is 36W. Some cards may not function if their total power exceeds 36W.



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