



RT Box controlCARD Interface

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Introduction

The PLECS RT Box is a powerful real-time simulator based on a Xilinx Zynq system on a chip (SOC). With its digital and analog I/O signals, the RT Box is well-equipped for hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) testing as well as rapid control prototyping (RCP).

If employed for HIL testing, the RT Box typically emulates the power stage of a power electronic system. The power stage could be a simple DC/DC converter, an AC drive system or a complex multi-level inverter system. The device under test (DUT) is the control hardware connected to the RT Box. In such a setup, the complete controller can be tested without the real power stage.

To simplify the connection of external hardware and to provide convenient access to the RT Box inputs and outputs, Plexim offers a set of RT Box accessories.

The **RT Box controlCARD Interface** described in this document has two controlCARD slots which facilitate a simple connection of the RT Box with the 100-pin and 180-pin controlCARD modules from Texas Instruments (TI). It enables users to test control algorithms implemented on C2000 MCUs without developing their own interface hardware. The pinout of the controlCARD Interface board has been optimized for the following development kits:

- Piccolo controlCARDs (280049, 28027, 28035, 28075, 28069)
- Delfino controlCARDs (28335, 2837xD)
- Concerto controlCARDs (F28M35, F28M36)

The controlCARD Interface may also be used with other development boards compliant with the controlCARD pinout.

Interface Board Overview

The interface board provides a 100-pin socket for the older 100-pin control-CARDS, as well as a 180-pin socket for the newer modules. Fig. 2.1 shows the top view of the controlCARD interface board.

All RT Box output signals are buffered to protect the MCU from overvoltage, and local opamps provide a low-impedance source for the MCUs ADC inputs. The board provides access to three analog outputs labeled *AOUT-13* . . . *15* via BNC connectors. For status communication with the RT Box, the board features four sliding switches and four LEDs labeled *DIO-28* . . . *DIO-31*.

Additionally, external JTAG adapters can be connected to the MCUs by means of two 14-pin headers labeled *JTAG-100*, *JTAG-180*. Each controlCARD is wired to an isolated CAN driver, allowing communication among the control-CARDS as well as external equipment. The board also provides a 64 kbit Serial Electrically Erasable PROM for user specific purposes.

A 6-pin unshrouded connector labeled *SCI* for FTDI cable is provided to communicate with older 100-pin controlCARDs which do not support serial interface.

ControlCARD Socket Pins

Tables 2.1 and 2.2 list the pin assignments of 100-pin and 180-pin controlCARD sockets and the RT Box signals.

A more detailed table, including the available processor functions at each pin for the supported controlCARDs, can be found in the Appendix.

RT Box	100-pin		RT Box
	1	51	
	2	52	
	3	53	
	4	54	
	5	55	
	6	56	
AO14	7	57	AO15
	8	58	
AO12	9	59	AO13
	10	60	
AO10	11	61	AO11
	12	62	
AO8	13	63	AO9
	14	64	
AO6	15	65	AO7
	16	66	
AO4	17	67	AO5
	18	68	
AO2	19	69	AO3
	20	70	
AO0	21	71	AO1
	22	72	
DI17	23	73	DI16
DI19	24	74	DI18
DI21	25	75	DI20

RT Box	100-pin		RT Box
DI23	26	76	DI22
	27	77	
DI25	28	78	DI24
DI27	29	79	DI26
DI29	30	80	DI28
	31	81	
	32	82	
	33	83	DO0
	34	84	DO5
DO6	35	85	DO7
DO4	36	86	
	37	87	
	38	88	
	39	89	
DO2	40	90	DO3
	41	91	DO1
	42	92	
	43	93	
	44	94	
DI31	45	95	DI30
	46	96	
	47	97	
	48	98	
	49	99	
	50	100	

Table 2.1: 100-pin controlCARD socket

RT Box	180-pin		RT Box	RT Box	180-pin		RT Box
	1	2			65	66	
	3	4			67	68	DO13
	5	6			69	70	DO14
	7	8			71	72	DO27
AO15	9	10			73	74	DO26
AO13	11	12	AO14		DO25	75	76
	13	14	AO12		DO24	77	78
AO11	15	16			DO23	79	80
AO9	17	18	AO10		DO22	81	82
	19	20	AO8			83	84
AO7	21	22				85	86
AO5	23	24	AO6			87	88
AO3	25	26	AO4		DO21	89	90
AO1	27	28	AO2		DO20	91	92
	29	30	AO0			93	94
	31	32				95	96
NC	33...46		NC			97	98
	47	48				99	100
DI0	49	50	DI4			101	102
DI1	51	52	DI5			103	104
DI2	53	54	DI6			105	106
DI3	55	56	DI7			107	108
DI8	57	58	DI12		NC	109...118	
DI9	59	60	DI13			119	120
DI10	61	62	DO11			121	122
DI11	63	64	DO12			<i>RESET</i> (DO15)	
					NC	123...180	
						NC	

Table 2.2: 180-pin controlCARD socket

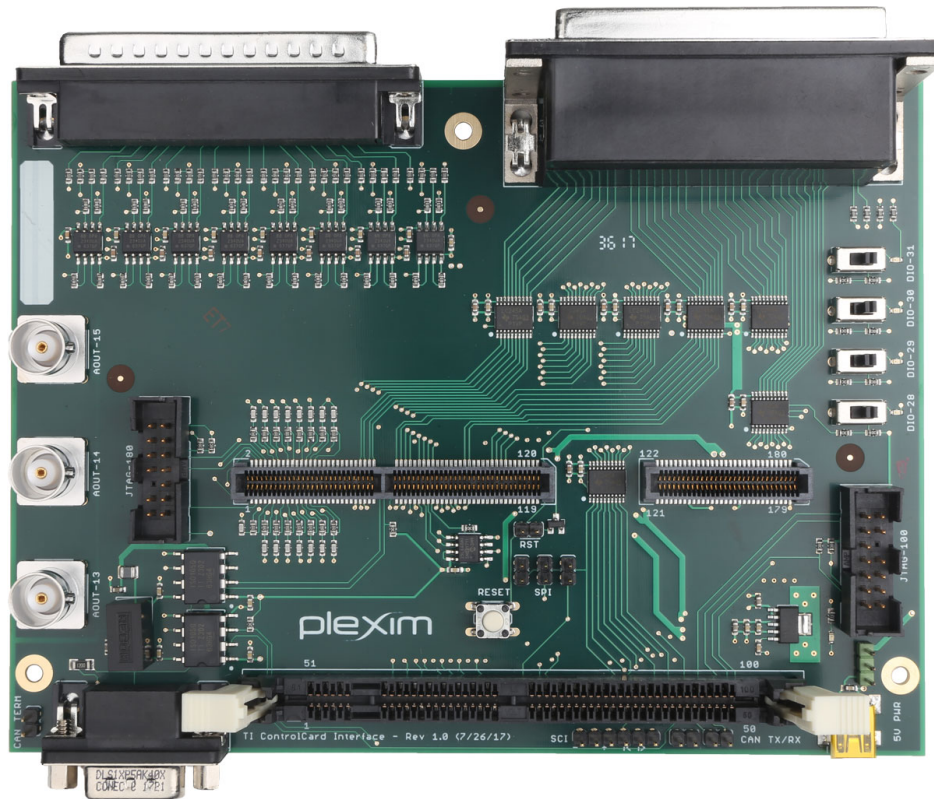


Figure 2.1: RT Box controlCARD Interface Board

Onboard Voltage Supply

Power to the controlCARD interface board can be supplied in two ways, by selecting the appropriate jumper terminals on the bottom right corner of the board. One way is to supply power directly from the RT Box. The second is through an external source using the USB connector labeled *5V PWR*. This allows the board to be used without the RT Box. The interface board contains a linear voltage regulator that steps down the 5 V supplied externally or by the RT Box to 3.3 V required by the controlCARD. A green LED on the lower right section of the board indicates power supply to the board.

Analog Output

All 16 analog outputs from the RT Box are routed to both 100-pin and 180-pin control card slots. It is possible to operate two cards at the same time, although the user must be aware that the sampling of one MCU could affect the measurements of the other. If both control card slots are populated, the analog signals must be shared by the controlCARDS. Three analog output channels *AOUT-13*...*AOOUT-15* are also accessible at the BNC connectors.

All 16 analog output signals are passed through a rail-to-rail CMOS operational amplifier signal conditioning circuit, as shown in Fig. 2.2, for scaling the voltages to 0 V and 3.3 V, and for protecting the inputs of the MCU from damage by over-voltage. This introduces a gain of $4.42/6.8$ (or 0.65) in between the analog output pins of the RT Box and the analog input pins of the controlCARD.

Additionally, each analog channel routed to the 180-pin controlCARD socket is buffered with a capacitor (2200 pF) against ground, to lower the source impedance of the channel so that the sample and hold capacitor of the MCU can be charged quickly. A small resistance ($56\ \Omega$) is also placed in series to stabilize the driving opamp circuit.

The 100-pin controlCARD socket is excluded from this step and receives analog output signals directly after signal conditioning, as these resistors and capacitors are already populated on the 100-pin controlCARDS.

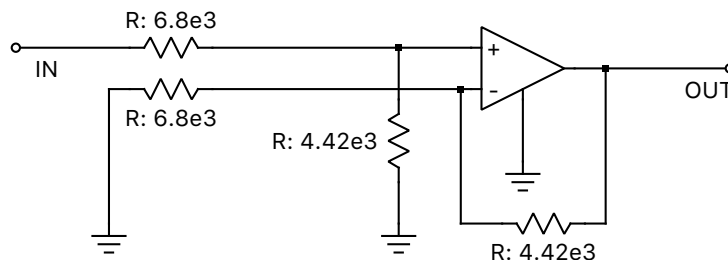


Figure 2.2: Analog Output Signal Conditioning Circuit

Digital I/O

Digital inputs *DI0*...*DI15* from the RT Box are connected to the 180-pin controlCARD socket. *DI16*...*DI31* are connected to the 100-pin controlCARD

socket. Digital inputs DI28 . . . 31 can also be set via four sliding switches provided on the board labeled *DIO-28 . . . DIO-31*.

Digital outputs DO0 . . . DO7 are connected to the 100-pin controlCARD socket. DO11 . . . DO14, DO16 . . . 27 are connected to the 180-pin controlCARD socket. DO28 . . . DO31 are connected to four LEDs in the upper right section of the board labeled *DIO-28 . . . DIO-31*.

All the digital input and output signals are buffered through bus transceivers to protect the inputs of the MCU from voltages greater than 3.3 V.

DO15 is connected to the 180-pin controlCARDs MCU reset pin via \overline{RST} jumper. If the jumper is set a low-level output at DO15 will reset the MCU. Do not set this jumper unless you wish to use this feature. Alternatively, the MCU can be reset using the push button labeled *RESET*.

CAN Communication

Two electrically isolated CAN transceivers provide CAN communication that can be accessed through a 9-pin D-SUB connector on the bottom left corner of the board. This allows communication among the controlCARDs, if populated together, as well as with external equipment.

Table 2.3 lists the pin assignments of the 9-pin D-SUB connector, 100-pin controlCARD and 180-pin controlCARD sockets.

Note CAN_L and CAN_H signals on pins 2 and 7 respectively on the 9-pin D-SUB connector can be terminated with a 120 Ω resistor using the jumper labeled *CAN TERM* located on the bottom left corner of the board.

JTAG Headers

Tables 2.4 and 2.5 list the pin assignments of JTAG headers for the 100-pin controlCARD labeled *JTAG-100* and 180-pin controlCARD labeled *JTAG-180* respectively.

100-pin	CAN Transceiver 1		9-pin connector	CAN Transceiver 2		180-pin
			1			
94	TX1	CAN_L	2	CAN_L	TX2	82
		GND	3	GND		
			4			
			5			
		GND	6	GND		
44	RX1	CAN_H	7	CAN_H	RX2	80
			8			
			9			

Table 2.3: CAN pin assignment

100-pin	Function	JTAG-100		Function	100-pin
49	TMS	1	2	$\overline{\text{TRST}}$	99
97	TDI	3	4	GND	
	3 V	5	6	NC	
98	TDO	7	8	GND	
48	TCK	9	10	GND	
48	TCK	11	12	GND	
100	EMU0	13	14	EMU1	50

Table 2.4: JTAG-100 pin assignment

SCI Communication

Table 2.6 lists the pin assignments of the unshrouded connector labeled *SCI* for communication with older 100-pin control CARDS.

180-pin	Function	JTAG-180		Function	180-pin
3	TMS	1	2	$\overline{\text{TRST}}$	4
8	TDI	3	4	GND	
	3 V	5	6	NC	
6	TDO	7	8	GND	
5	TCK	9	10	GND	
5	TCK	11	12	GND	
2	EMU0	13	14	EMU1	1

Table 2.5: JTAG-180 pin assignment

SCI	Function	100-pin
1	GND -	
2	NC	
3	VCC +	
4	TX <	43
5	RX >	93
6	NC	

Table 2.6: SCI pin assignment

Connectors

The following table contains the part numbers of the connectors and standoff assembly used on the controlCARD interface board. For dimensions of the front panel of the RT Box, refer to the RT Box manual.

Sl. No.	Manufacturer	Part Number	Description
1	Samtec Inc.	HSEC8-160-01-SM-DV-A	120-pin Female
2	Samtec Inc.	HSEC8-130-01-SM-DV-A	60-pin Female
3	Texas Instruments	TMDSDIM100CON5PK	100-pin Socket
4	Conec	DLS1XP5AK40X	9-pin D-Sub Male
5	TE's AMP Connectors	5104338-2	14-pin Header
6	3M	961106-6404-AR	6-pin Header
7	3M	961102-6404-AR	2-pin Header
8	Radiall	R141426161	BNC Connector
9	Assmann WSW Components	A-DS 37 A/KG-T4S	37-pin D-Sub Male
10	Assmann WSW Components	ASUB-277-37TP25	37-pin D-Sub Stacked
11	Harwin Inc.	R6396-02	Hex Standoff
12	Keystone Electronics	720	Bumper
13	APM Hexseal	RM3X8MM 2701	M3 Screw

Table 2.7: Connectors and standoff assembly

Appendix

Tables 3.1 and 3.2 provide more detailed information on the connectivity of the 180-pin controlCARD socket; table 3.4 provides more detailed information on the connectivity of the 100-pin controlCARD socket. For each controlCARD, the RT Box I/O is shown beside the controlCARD socket pins and the processor peripherals available at those pins.

TI F28379D ControlCard Pin Map

Function	RT Box	180-pin		RT Box	Function
JTAG-EMU1		1	2		JTAG-EMU0
JTAG-TMS		3	4		JTAG-TRSTn
JTAG-TCK		5	6		JTAG-TDO
		7	8		JTAG-TDI
ADC-A0	AO15	9	10		
ADC-A1	AO13	11	12	AO14	ADC-B0
		13	14	AO12	ADC-B1
ADC-A2	AO11	15	16		
ADC-A3	AO9	17	18	AO10	ADC-B2
		19	20	AO8	ADC-B3
ADC-A4	AO7	21	22		
ADC-A5	AO5	23	24	AO6	ADC-B4
ADCIN14	AO3	25	26	AO4	ADC-B5
ADCIN15	AO1	27	28	AO2	ADC-D0
		29	30	AO0	ADC-D1
	NC	31 ... 48		NC	
PWM1A, GPIO-00	DI0	49	50	DI4	PWM3A, GPIO-04
PWM1B, GPIO-01	DI1	51	52	DI5	PWM3B, GPIO-05
PWM2A, GPIO-02	DI2	53	54	DI6	PWM4A, GPIO-06
PWM2B, GPIO-03	DI3	55	56	DI7	PWM4B, GPIO-07
PWM5A, GPIO-08	DI8	57	58	DI12	PWM7A, GPIO-12
PWM5B, GPIO-09	DI9	59	60	DI13	PWM7B, GPIO-13
PWM6A, GPIO-10	DI10	61	62	DO11	PWM8A, GPIO-14

Function	RT Box	180-pin		RT Box	Function
PWM6B, GPIO-11	DI11	63	64	DO12	PWM8B, GPIO-15
		65	66		
		67	68	DO13	QEP1A, GPIO-20
		69	70	DO14	QEP1B, GPIO-21
		71	72	DO27	QEP1S, GPIO-22
		73	74	DO26	QEP1I, GPIO-23
SPISIMOB, GPIO-24	DO25	75	76		
SPISOMIB, GPIO-25	DO24	77	78		
SPICLKB, GPIO-26	DO23	79	80		CANRXA, GPIO-30
SPISTEB, GPIO-27	DO22	81	82		CANTXA, GPIO-31
		83	84		
		85	86		
		87	88	DI14	GPIO-39
GPIO-40	DO21	89	90	DI15	GPIO-44
GPIO-41	DO20	91	92		
		93	94		
		95	96		
		97	98		
		99	100	DO19	QEP2A, GPIO-54
		101	102	DO18	QEP2B, GPIO-55
		103	104	DO17	QEP2S, GPIO-56
		105	106	DO16	QEP2I, GPIO-57
	NC	107...118		NC	
		119	120	DO15	XRSn
	NC	121...180		NC	

Function	RT Box	180-pin	RT Box	Function
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Table 3.1: TI 28379D ControlCard pin map

TI F280049M controlCARD Pin Map

Function	RT Box	180-pin		RT Box	Function
JTAG-EMU1		1	2		JTAG-EMU0
JTAG-TMS		3	4		JTAG-TRSTn
JTAG-TCK		5	6		JTAG-TDO
		7	8		JTAG-TDI
ADC-A0, B15, C15, DACA	AO15	9	10		
ADC-A1, DACB	AO13	11	12	AO14	ADC-B0
		13	14	AO12	ADC-B1, A10, C10, PGA7_IN
ADC-A2, B6, PGA1_IN	AO11	15	16		
ADC-A3	AO9	17	18	AO10	ADC-B2, C6, PGA3_IN
		19	20	AO8	ADC-B3, VDAC
ADC-A4, B8, PGA2_IN	AO7	21	22		
ADC-A5	AO5	23	24	AO6	ADC-B4, C8, C3, PGA4_IN
ADC-A6, PGA5_IN	AO3	25	26	AO4	ADC-C0
ADC-A9	AO1	27	28	AO2	ADC-C1
		29	30	AO0	ADC-C2
	NC	31 ... 48		NC	
PWM1A, GPIO-00	DI0	49	50	DI4	PWM3A, GPIO-04
PWM1B, GPIO-01	DI1	51	52	DI5	PWM3B, GPIO-05
PWM2A, GPIO-02	DI2	53	54	DI6	PWM4A, GPIO-06
PWM2B, GPIO-03	DI3	55	56	DI7	PWM4B, GPIO-07
PWM7A, GPIO-12	DI8	57	58	DI12	PWM5A, GPIO-37
PWM7B, GPIO-13	DI9	59	60	DI13	PWM6A, GPIO-35
PWM8A, GPIO-14	DI10	61	62	DO11	GPIO-39

Function	RT Box	180-pin		RT Box	Function
PWM8B, GPIO-15	DI11	63	64	DO12	GPIO-23
		65	66		
		67	68	DO13	QEP1A, GPIO-40
		69	70	DO14	QEP1B, GPIO-57
		71	72	DO27	QEP1S, GPIO-22
		73	74	DO26	QEP1I, GPIO-31
SPISIMOB, GPIO-24	DO25	75	76		
SPISOMIB, GPIO-25	DO24	77	78		
SPICLKB, GPIO-26	DO23	79	80		CANRXA, GPIO-30
SPISTEB, GPIO-27	DO22	81	82		CANTXA, GPIO-32
		83	84		
		85	86		
		87	88	DI14	NC
GPIO-18	DO21	89	90	DI15	NC
NC	DO20	91	92		
		93	94		
		95	96		
		97	98		
		99	100	DO19	QEP2A, GPIO-24
		101	102	DO18	QEP2B, GPIO-25
		103	104	DO17	NC
		105	106	DO16	NC
	NC	107...118		NC	
		119	120	DO15	XRSn
	NC	121...180		NC	

Function	RT Box	180-pin	RT Box	Function
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Table 3.2: TI F280049M controlCARD pin map

TI F28388D ControlCard Pin Map

Function	RT Box	180-pin		RT Box	Function
JTAG-EMU1		1	2		JTAG-EMU0
JTAG-TMS		3	4		JTAG-TRSTn
JTAG-TCK		5	6		JTAG-TDO
		7	8		JTAG-TDI
ADC-A0	AO15	9	10		
ADC-A1	AO13	11	12	AO14	ADC-B0
		13	14	AO12	ADC-B1
ADC-A2	AO11	15	16		
ADC-A3	AO9	17	18	AO10	ADC-B2
		19	20	AO8	ADC-B3
ADC-A4	AO7	21	22		
ADC-A5	AO5	23	24	AO6	ADC-B4
ADCIN14	AO3	25	26	AO4	ADC-B5
ADCIN15	AO1	27	28	AO2	ADC-D0
		29	30	AO0	ADC-D1
	NC	31 ... 48		NC	
PWM1A, GPIO-00	DI0	49	50	DI4	PWM3A, GPIO-04
PWM1B, GPIO-01	DI1	51	52	DI5	PWM3B, GPIO-05
PWM2A, GPIO-02	DI2	53	54	DI6	PWM4A, GPIO-06
PWM2B, GPIO-03	DI3	55	56	DI7	PWM4B, GPIO-07
PWM5A, GPIO-08	DI8	57	58	DI12	PWM7A, GPIO-12
PWM5B, GPIO-09	DI9	59	60	DI13	PWM7B, GPIO-13
PWM6A, GPIO-10	DI10	61	62	DO11	PWM8A, GPIO-14

Function	RT Box	180-pin		RT Box	Function
PWM6B, GPIO-11	DI11	63	64	DO12	PWM8B, GPIO-15
		65	66		
		67	68	DO13	QEP1A, GPIO-20
		69	70	DO14	QEP1B, GPIO-21
		71	72	DO27	QEP1S, GPIO-22
		73	74	DO26	QEP1I, GPIO-23
SPISIMOB, GPIO-24	DO25	75	76		
SPISOMIB, GPIO-25	DO24	77	78		
SPICLKB, GPIO-26	DO23	79	80		CANRXA, GPIO-30
SPISTEB, GPIO-27	DO22	81	82		CANTXA, GPIO-31
		83	84		
		85	86		
		87	88	DI14	GPIO-39
GPIO-40	DO21	89	90	DI15	GPIO-125
GPIO-41	DO20	91	92		
		93	94		
		95	96		
		97	98		
		99	100	DO19	QEP2A, GPIO-54
		101	102	DO18	QEP2B, GPIO-55
		103	104	DO17	QEP2S, GPIO-56
		105	106	DO16	QEP2I, GPIO-57
	NC	107...118		NC	
		119	120	DO15	XRSn
	NC	121...180		NC	

Function	RT Box	180-pin	RT Box	Function
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Table 3.3: TI 28388D ControlCard pin map

TI F28335 controlCARD Pin Map

Function	RT Box	100-pin		RT Box	Function
V33D-ISO		1	51		V33D-ISO
		2	52		
		3	53		
		4	54		
		5	55		
GND-ISO		6	56		GND-ISO
ADCIN-B0	AO14	7	57	AO15	ADCIN-A0
GND		8	58		GND
ADCIN-B1	AO12	9	59	AO13	ADCIN-A1
GND		10	60		GND
ADCIN-B2	AO10	11	61	AO11	ADCIN-A2
GND		12	62		GND
ADCIN-B3	AO8	13	63	AO9	ADCIN-A3
GND		14	64		GND
ADCIN-B4	AO6	15	65	AO7	ADCIN-A4
		16	66		
ADCIN-B5	AO4	17	67	AO5	ADCIN-A5
		18	68		
ADCIN-B6	AO2	19	69	AO3	ADCIN-A6
		20	70		
ADCIN-B7	AO0	21	71	AO1	ADCIN-A7
		22	72		
GPIO-00, EPWM-1A	DI17	23	73	DI16	GPIO-01, EPWM-1B

Function	RT Box	100-pin		RT Box	Function
GPIO-02, EPWM-2A	DI19	24	74	DI18	GPIO-03, EPWM-2B
GPIO-04, EPWM-3A	DI21	25	75	DI20	GPIO-05, EPWM-3B, ECAP-1
GPIO-06, EPWM-4A	DI23	26	76	DI22	GPIO-07, EPWM-4B, ECAP-2
GND		27	77		+ 5 V
GPIO-08, EPWM-5A, CANTX-B	DI25	28	78	DI24	GPIO-09, EPWM-5B, SCITX-B, ECAP-3
GPIO-10, EPWM-6A, CANRX-B	DI27	29	79	DI26	GPIO-11, EPWM-6B, SCIRX-B, ECAP-4
GPIO-48, ECAP5	DI29	30	80	DI28	GPIO-49, ECAP6
		31	81		
		32	82		+ 5 V
		33	83	DO0	GPIO-13, TZ-2, CANRX-B
		34	84	DO5	GPIO-14, TZ-3, SCITX-B
GPIO-24, ECAP-1, EQEPA-2	DO6	35	85	DO7	GPIO-25, ECAP-2, EQEPB-2
GPIO-26, ECAP-3, EQEPI-2	DO4	36	86		
GND		37	87		+ 5 V
		38	88		
		39	89		
GPIO-20, EQEPA-1, CANTX-B	DO2	40	90	DO3	GPIO-21, EQEPB-1, CANRX-B
		41	91	DO1	GPIO-23, EQEPI-1, SCIRX-B
		42	92		+ 5 V
GPIO-28 , SCIRX-A		43	93		GPIO-29, SCITX-A
GPIO-30, CANRX-A		44	94		GPIO-31, CANTX-A
GPIO-32	DI31	45	95	DI30	GPIO-33
		46	96		+ 5 V

Function	RT Box	100-pin		RT Box	Function
GND		47	97		JTAG-TDI
JTAG-TCK		48	98		JTAG-TDO
JTAG-TMS		49	99		JTAG-TRST _n
JTAG-EMU1		50	100		JTAG-EMU0

Table 3.4: TI F28335 controlCARD pin map

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