

Prometheus / Pandora Assembly Instructions

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This document describes how to assemble a Prometheus PC/104 CPU board into a Pandora enclosure. There are several assembly configurations available based on the number and types of boards to be installed, as well as whether you are installing a hard drive onto the PC/104 stack inside the case.

The 1.7" Pandora case will hold the CPU, the panel board, and an optional hard drive mounted on the ACC-HDDMOUNT board. The 3.0" Pandora case will hold these items and up to 2 additional PC/104 boards. The 5.0" Pandora case will hold these items and up to 4 additional PC/104 boards.

The 7.0" and 10.0" case have more room for additional boards or other items. However the Prometheus CPU is not guaranteed to be able to support more than 4 add-on PC/104 boards. The larger cases are typically used for items such as 3.5" drives, batteries, radio modules, etc.

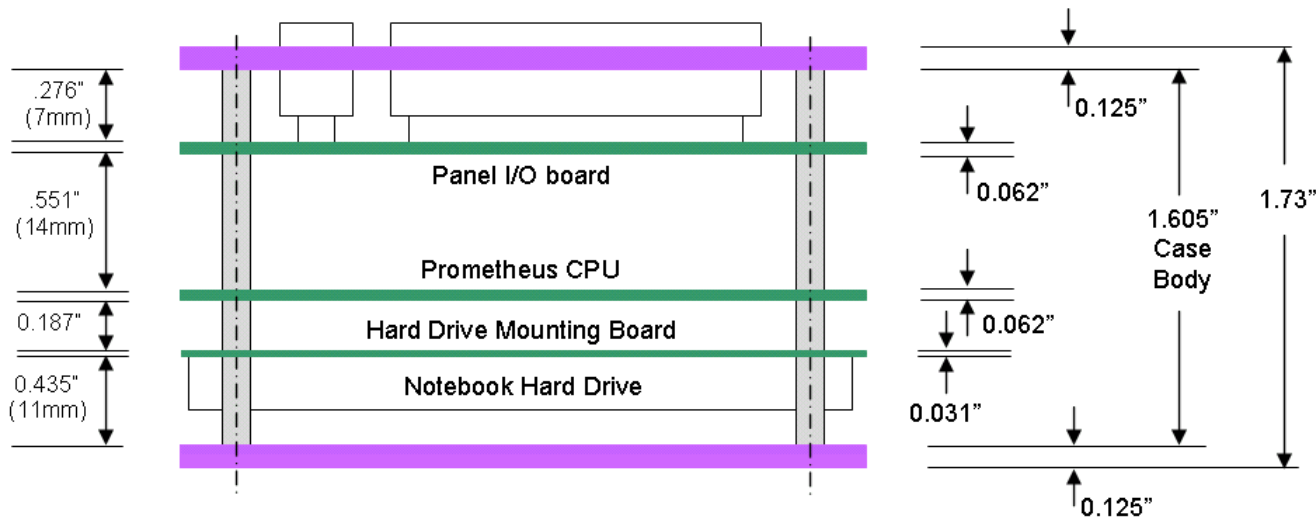
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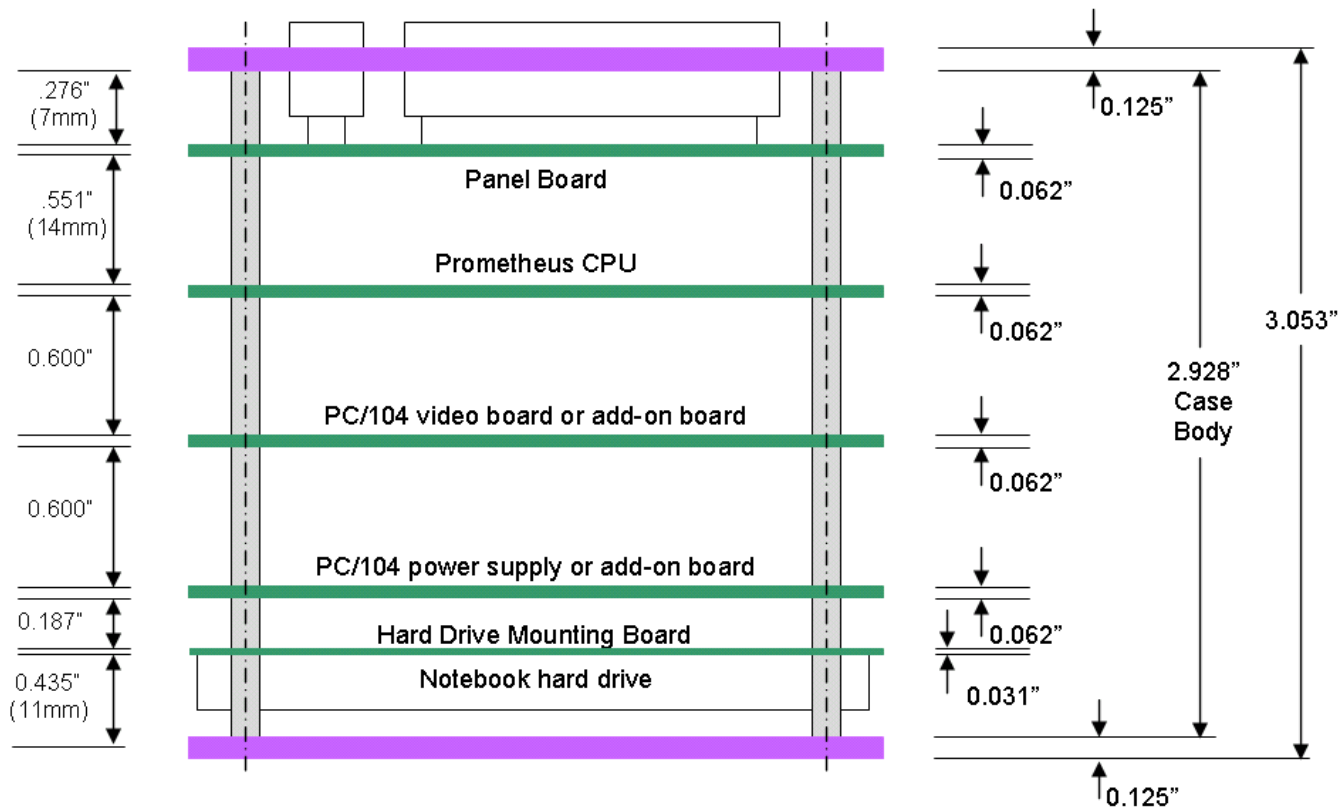
Pandora Cross Section Drawings

These cross-section drawings illustrate the relative positions of the components inside the 1.7" and 3.0" cases. These can serve as a quick overview of the proper assembly method.

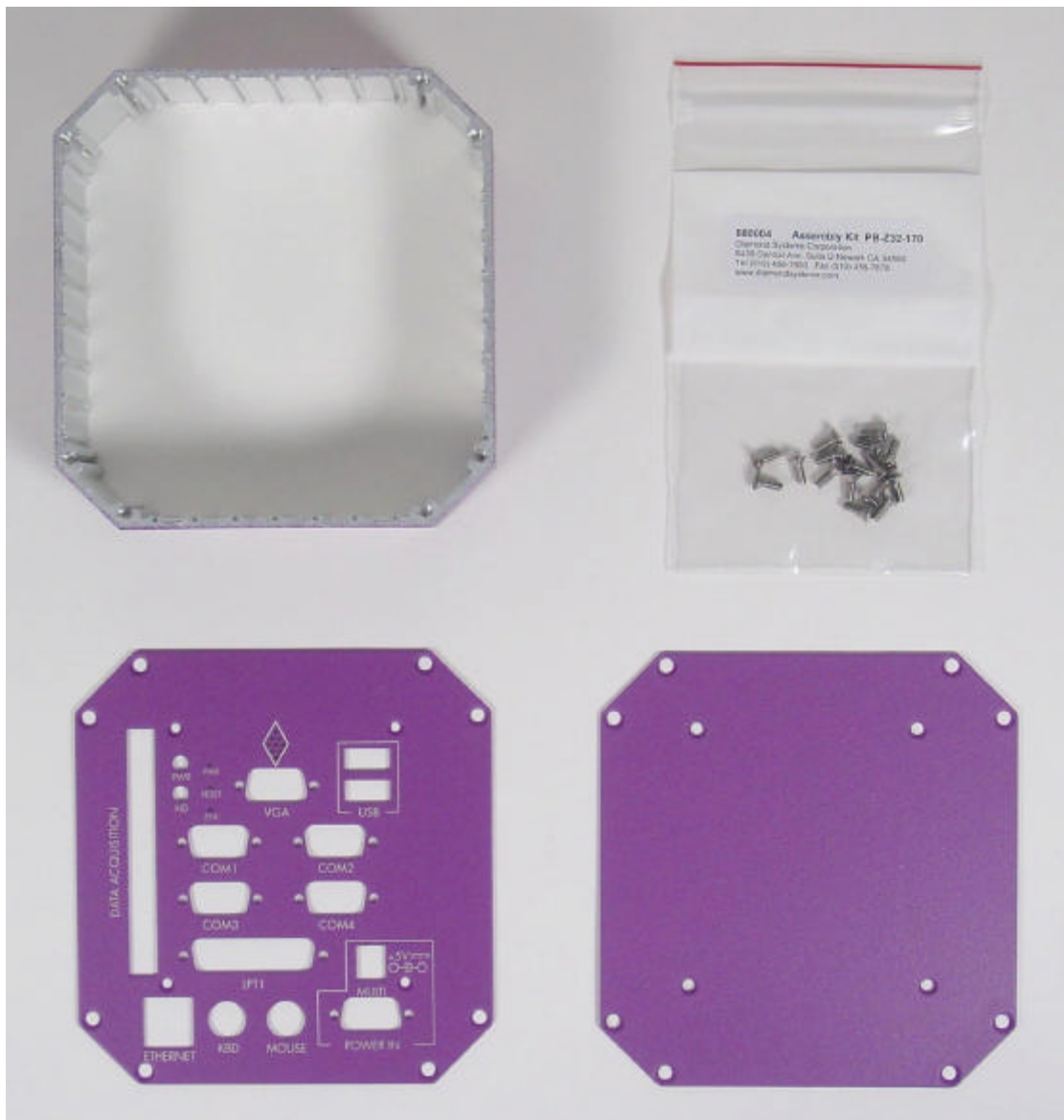
1.7" Case (Actual size 1.73")



3.0" Case (Actual size 3.05")



Pandora Case Parts



The Pandora case comes with a case body, a front panel, a rear panel, and a hardware kit.

Case body

781001	Body for 1.7" case
781002	Body for 3.0" case
781004	Body for 5.0" case
781005	Body for 7.0" case
781006	Body for 10.0" case

Front panel

PB-EC04	For E boards (without DAQ connector)
PB-EC05	For EA boards (with DAQ connector)

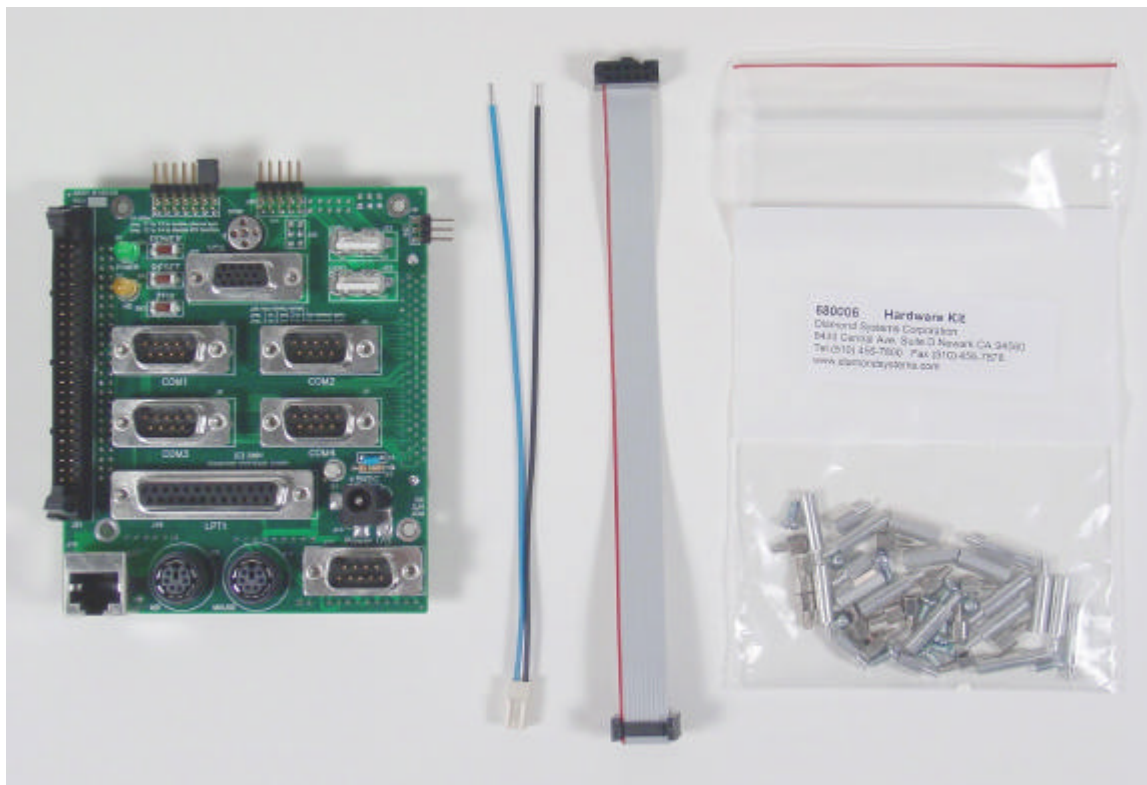
Rear panel

PB-EC02	With PC/104 mounting holes
PB-EC00	Without PC/104 mounting holes

Hardware kit

The Pandora case hardware kit consists of 16 #6-32 x .375" flat head screws (DSC no. 681637). Each end panel (front and rear) uses 8 screws. The hardware kit for all case sizes is DSC no. 680004.

Panel Board Hardware



The Panel Board (PNL-Z32-E or PNL-Z32-EA) comes with two cables and a hardware kit (DSC #680006). The cables are used for connecting an optional VGA board and a Jupiter-MM power supply to the panel board. The hardware kit contains all the components for assembling boards together and attaching the board stack to the case. The hardware for assembly steps 1, 2, 4, and 5 are provided in this kit.

This hardware kit includes the following items (All are #4 thread):

DSC #	Qty.	Description
685020	14	.187" 4-40 thread M/F hex spacers (screwlocks)
684046	4	7mm 4-40 thread M/F hex spacers
684045	4	14mm 4-40 thread F/F hex spacers
684041	12	.6" 4-40 thread M/F round spacers
681046	8	4-40 x 1/4" flat head screws
681041	4	4-40 x 1/4" pan head screws

Note that the 7mm spacers and the screwlocks are very close in size and may be easily confused with each other.



Panel board hardware kit

Panel Board Hardware Kit #680006
Components, left to right:

- .187" screwlock
- 7mm spacer
- 14mm spacer
- .6" spacer
- #4 Flat head screw
- #4 Pan head screw

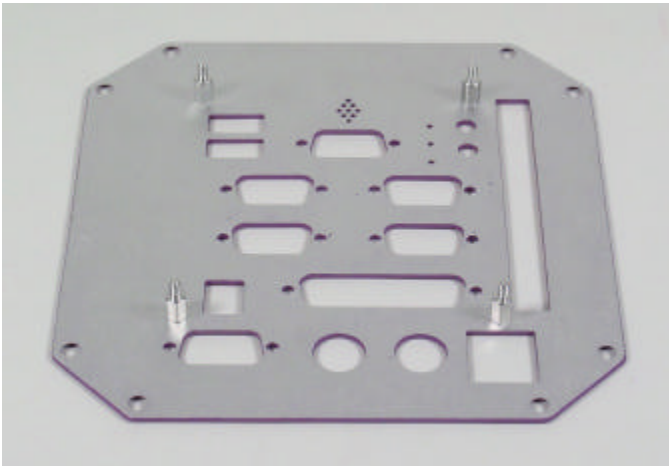
Assembly Steps

Before assembling boards together, be sure that each board is configured properly. Refer to each board's user manual for configuration options. Certain add-on items for the Prometheus CPU are described below.

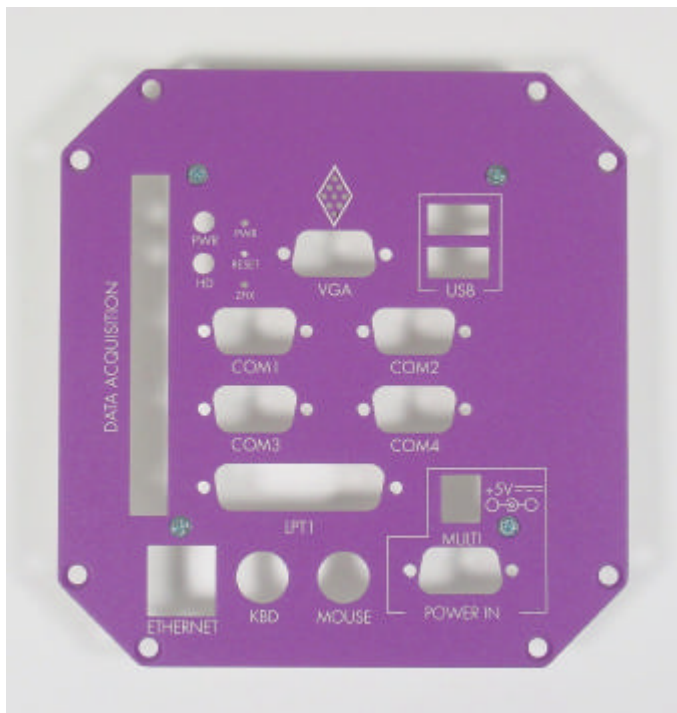
There are two general methods for assembling the system. Either you can assemble all the boards together and then attach them to the face plate, or you can start with the face plate and work your way down the stack. We recommend you start with the face plate and work your way down to ensure that all the mounting hardware aligns properly.

1. Attach Spacers to Front Panel

Install qty. 4 7mm M/F spacers to the front panel with 4 of the flat head screws. The screws are inserted through the front side of the front panel into the female ends of the spacers, and the male ends of the spacers point away from the panel.



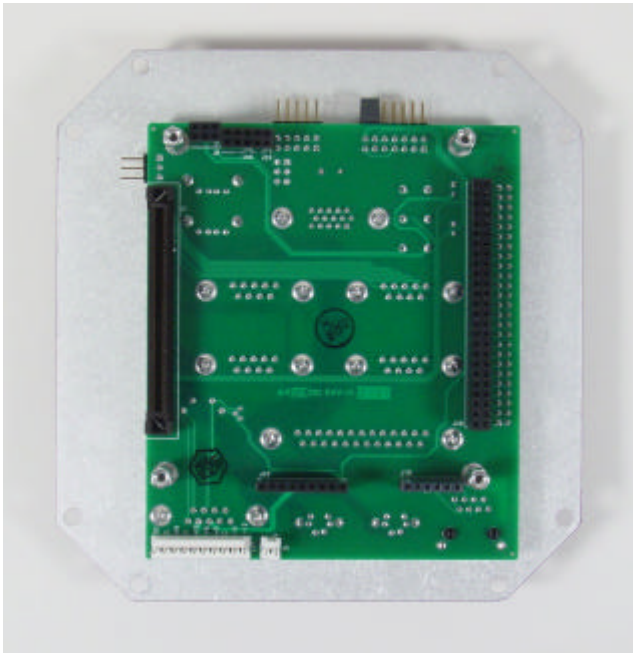
Inside of front panel showing 7mm M/F spacers installed



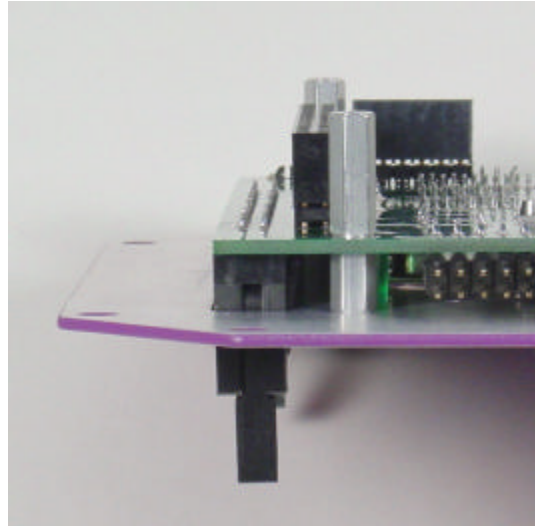
Front view of front panel showing flat head screws

2. Attach Panel Board to Face Plate

Install the panel board over the 4 spacers so that the I/O connectors push through the holes in the face plate. Make sure that the two items are seated fully. Fasten the panel board by attaching the 4 14mm hex spacers.



Panel board installed onto front panel



Edge view showing 7mm and 11mm spacers

Turn the system over and install the 14 screw locks into the Dsub connectors. Each of the 7 Dsub connectors uses 2 screwlocks: VGA, COM1, COM2, COM3, COM4, LPT1, and POWER IN. Occasionally it may be difficult to insert one or two of the screwlocks. This is just a minor alignment problem due to tolerance in the corner mounting holes. You can overcome it by loosening all screws, including the 4 corner mounting screws, and then tightening them once all are inserted.



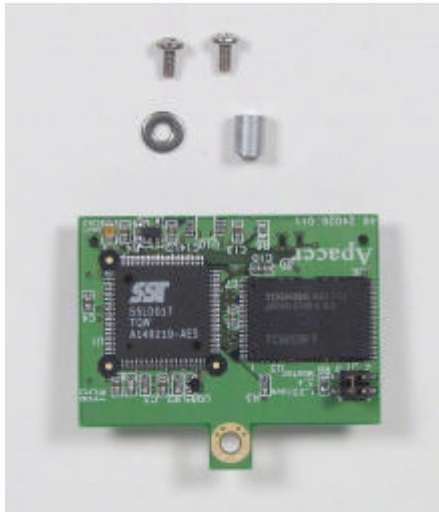
Front panel showing 14 screwlocks installed into 7 Dsub connectors

3. Install IDE Flashdisk or IDE Cable (Optional)

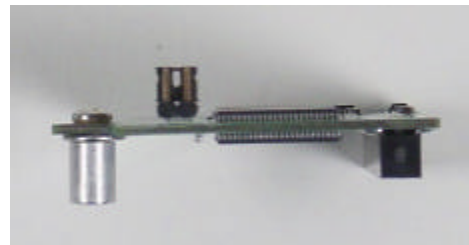
You can install either an IDE flashdisk module or an IDE cable for a hard drive onto the CPU. Since there is only one IDE connector – J8, you cannot install both at the same time directly on the board. To use more than one IDE device on a Prometheus CPU, please see our Prometheus IDE Configuration application note.

3.1 Flashdisk Module

If you are installing a flashdisk module onto the CPU board, install it now. The flashdisk module comes with its own hardware kit, including qty. 2 #2-56 pan head screws, one #2-56 1/4" spacer, and one #2 washer. This hardware is used to hold the flashdisk onto the CPU board and prevent it from coming loose from vibration. Make sure to set the master/slave jumper to the master position since this is the only IDE device in the system.



Flashdisk module with hardware



Hardware mounted onto flashdisk module

First attach one screw through the top of the flashdisk and fasten the washer and spacer on the other side. Note the position of the washer and spacer in the right photograph above. Both the washer and spacer are required to maintain the proper mounting distance. Next install the flashdisk assembly onto J8 of the CPU. Insert the remaining screw through the bottom of the CPU board.



Flashdisk mounted onto CPU

3.2 IDE Drive and Cable

If you are installing an IDE drive in the enclosure, attach the IDE cable onto J8 of the CPU now. Install it so that it hangs out over the edge of the board (over the floppy drive connector). Be sure that the cable orientation is correct: Pin 1 is at the right end of the connector when viewing the CPU board from the top side.



CPU with IDE cable installed

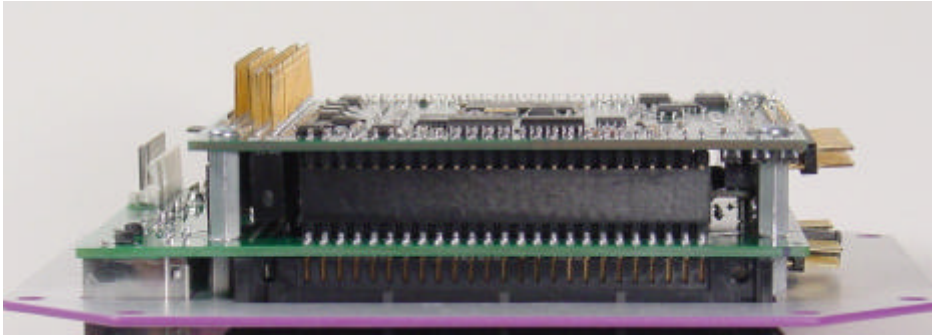


CPU with IDE cable mounted on stack

Installation of the hard drive onto the bottom of the PC/104 stack is explained in Step 6 below.

4. Attach CPU to Panel Board

Install the CPU board onto the Panel Board. Make sure that all connectors seat properly. On the E versions of the boards, there are mating connectors on 3 sides of the boards. On the EA versions, there are mating connectors on all 4 sides. Make sure you have the same type (E or EA) for both the Panel Board and the CPU board.



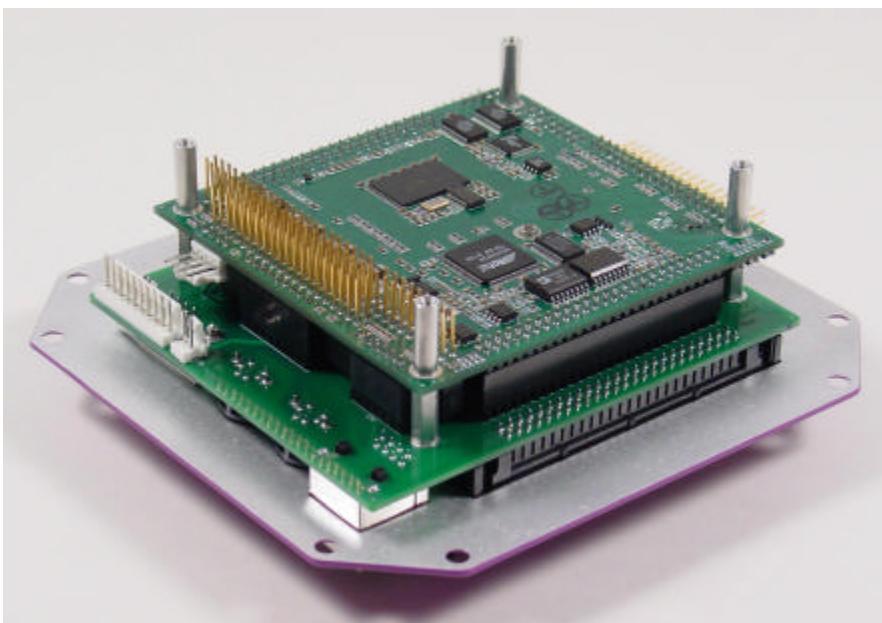
Side view of CPU board mounted onto panel board

NOTE: When disassembling the CPU board from the Panel Board, use extreme caution! The presence of connectors on 3 or 4 sides makes the fit very tight. Pulling the boards apart can cause injury to you or to the boards if not done carefully. The best way to disassemble these two boards is to very gently pry at each corner one at a time, going around and around until the boards finally come loose.

Note that the 80-pin high-density connector pair has a slightly larger board-to-board spacing than the other pin headers. When the CPU is fully seated onto the panel board, the high density connector will be fully seated, but there will be a small gap between the mating parts for the pin headers. This gap is visible in the photo above as gold pins showing in the long black connector just below the CPU board (top board). This situation is normal and does not affect the integrity of the connection.

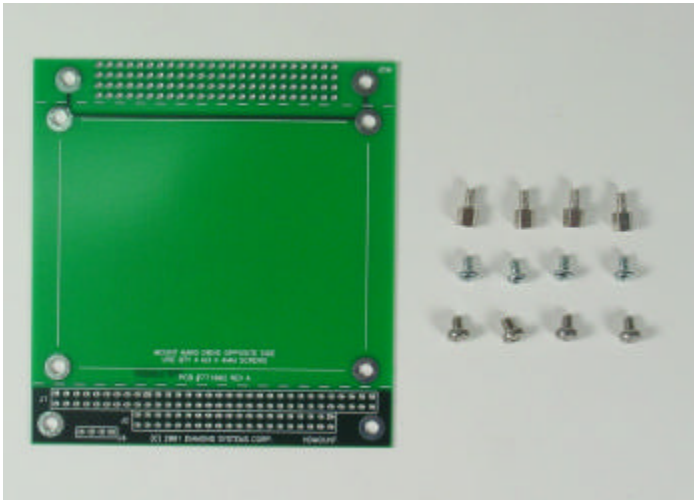
5. Attach Additional Boards Below CPU (Optional)

If you are attaching other PC/104 boards, attach them now behind the CPU board. Use 4 .6" round spacers in the 4 corners of the board for each PC/104 board being mounted. The male ends of the spacers insert through the holes of the bottom board into the spacers of the board above (see photo below). At all times while you are installing boards onto the stack, the bottom end of the stack mounting hardware will have a female receptacle.



6. Install Hard Drive Mounting Board (Optional)

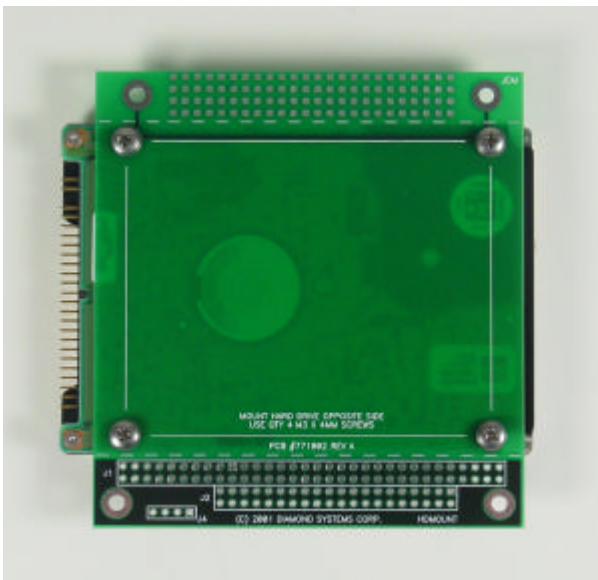
If you are installing a hard drive into the system, install it at the bottom of the stack after all other boards are installed. The hard drive mounts onto an accessory board, DSC part no. ACC-HDDMOUNT. Make sure you have installed the IDE cable onto the Prometheus board before installing it onto the stack.



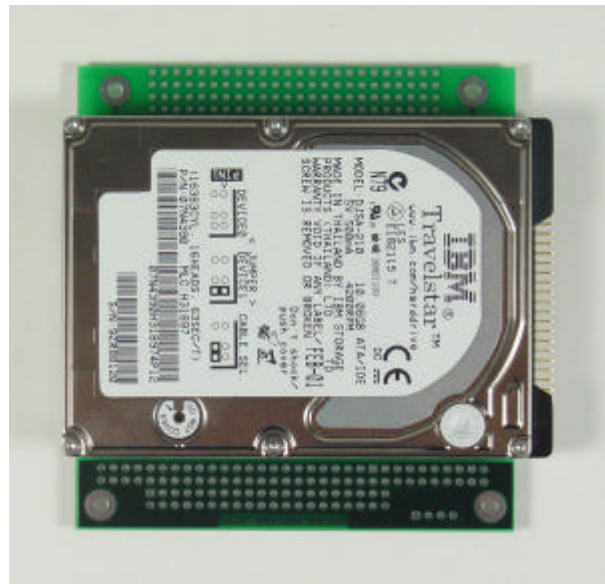
ACC-HDDMOUNT has its own hardware kit:

DSC #	Qty.	Description
685020	4	.187" long 4-40 thread M/F hex spacers (screwlocks)
681047	4	#4-40 x 1/8" pan head screws
681301	4	M3-0.5 x 4mm pan head screws (metric thread)

Install the hard drive onto the BACK of the mounting board using the 4 metric screws provided. The hard drive overhangs the PC/104 mounting board at both ends.



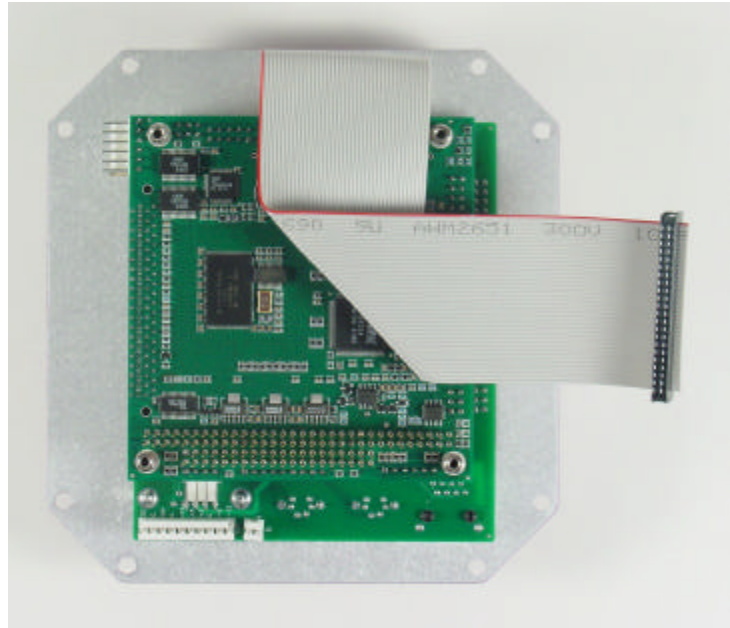
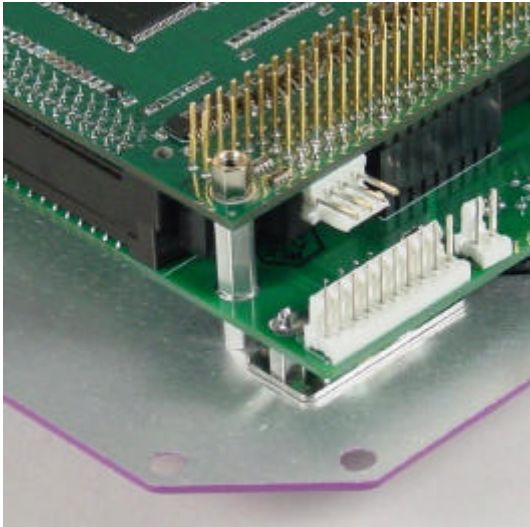
Top view of ACC-HDDMOUNT



Bottom view of ACC-HDDMOUNT

The connector end of the hard drive can face either left or right. Check the desired routing for the IDE cable and orient the hard drive in the most efficient direction. In most cases, the best orientation is for the IDE drive connector facing right when the board stack is viewed so that the PC/104 bus connectors are at the bottom edge (see photo below).

Next attach 4 .187" screwlocks into the bottom of the stack. These provide adequate spacing between the bottom board in the stack and the hard drive board. See the photo below left.



Bend the IDE cable down and to the right as shown in the photo above right. In this manner pin 1 will be in the proper location for installing onto the IDE drive later.

Now install the hard drive and board assembly onto the stack. Note that the PC/104 bus connector pins on the bottom board go through the corresponding holes in the ACC-HDDMOUNT board. The pins do not need to make contact with the holes, but it does not matter if they do. **Make sure all pins insert through the corresponding holes properly!** Bent pins that contact each other will prevent the CPU from booting and could also damage the CPU board. The holes at the top of the board do not correspond to the PC/104+ PCI connector. They are provided as a convenient place to mount components if desired.

Fasten the ACC-HDDMOUNT board on the bottom of the stack using the 4 #4-40 pan head screws.

Finally attach the IDE cable to the hard drive. Check the label on the hard drive for pin 1 identification. Make sure the hard drive is configured for master. This information is also printed on the hard drive label.



Hard drive mounted onto stack



Close-up of complete stack

7. Terminate Stack Mounting Hardware

After all boards have been installed, insert 4 #4-40 x 1/4" pan head screws into the four mounting holes at the bottom of the stack to hold the stack together. (This step was included in the IDE hard drive instructions above.)

8. Install Assembly into Case Body

Check the entire assembly to make sure all hardware is tight and all cables are connected properly.

Install the entire assembly through the front of the case body. Note that the case body is not symmetrical but is slightly elongated: 5.5" wide by 5.75" high. The short sides are the top and bottom sides, and one has a Diamond Systems logo printed on it. Typically the case is assembled so that the logo is right-reading and on top when the case is viewed from the front.

Fasten the face plate to the case body with 8 #6-32 flat head screws from the Pandora hardware kit. Insert all 8 screws loosely until they seat, then tighten them down. This helps to ensure proper alignment of the panel to the case body.

9. Attach Rear Panel

Attach the rear panel to the back of the case with the remaining 8 #6-32 flat head screws from the Pandora hardware kit.

The rear panel contains 4 holes that are designed to match the 4 PC/104 mounting holes. The positions of these holes are not symmetrical. The two holes at the top are closer together and are offset from the case centerline by .025". If the rear panel holes do not line up with the PC/104 stack mounting holes, simply rotate the rear panel 180 degrees.

Your computer system is now completely assembled.

