

Mosaic-HQ User Manual



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Introduction

Designed to be used with the Datapath Vantage4-SIP card, the Mosaic-HQ is a PCI video capture card that provides a combination of 4 standard and 4 HD video windows for video wall applications that require high quality video overlays.

The overlay windows can be positioned and sized anywhere on the video wall.

Unpacking

Your packing box should contain the following items:

- The Mosaic-HQ PCI video capture card.
- 1 x SIP-Cable
- 1 x BNC16 16 Way BNC splitter cable.
- 4 x MRGB-Cable RGB cable with 15 Way D connector.

Notes:

All plug-in cards are static sensitive and are packed in anti-static materials. Please keep the card in its packaging until you are ready to install.

We recommend that you do not discard the packing box until you are completely satisfied with the Mosaic-HQ, and it is fully installed and working correctly. We also recommend that you make note of the serial number of the card in a prominent place before you plug the card into the computer. This should hasten any query should you need to contact our Technical Support Department. The serial number is displayed on the card and the box label.

Specification

Card Type	PCI 2.2 compliant adapter
Card Size	100 x 319 (mm)
Max number of overlay windows	8 x Composite or 8 x S-Video
Power consumption	25 watts
Power requirements	+3.3V at 2A, +5V at 3A, +12V at 250mA.
Operating Temperatures	0 - 35 deg C
Storage Temperatures	-20 - 70 deg C
Relative Humidity	5% to 90% non-condensing

Maximum Displayed Resolutions

SD Video Window	720x288
HD Video Window	1280x1024
RGB Video Window	1280x1024
Single Display Channel	1200x1024

Installing the Mosaic-HQ Card

The Mosaic-HQ outputs digital video onto a high speed bus. The graphics card (Vantage4-SIP) takes the digital video from the high speed bus and puts it on the displays. The high speed bus runs from card to card via SIP cables. The SIP cables are short and can be connected in only one direction.

When you design a system that incorporates Mosaic-HQ, you must follow these rules:

The Mosaic-HQ cards must be grouped together and the graphics cards must be grouped together.

There can be up to four Mosaic-HQ cards in a group.

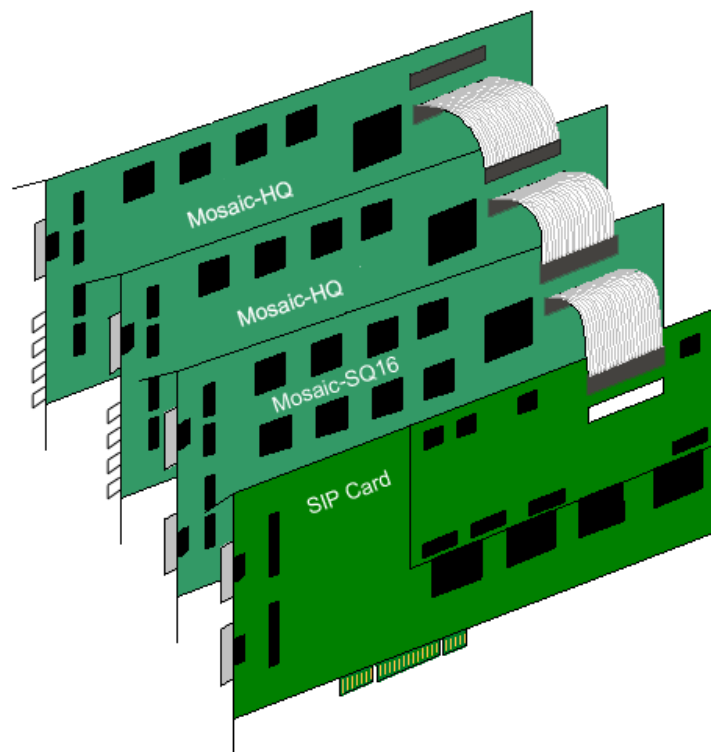
The number of graphics cards in a group is limited by your system.

The Mosaic-HQ cards must be positioned with their heat sinks facing the graphics cards (see Diagram 2).

You can have multiple groups of Mosaic-HQ cards and graphics cards but for a video to be displayed on a graphics card, the video source must be connected to a Mosaic-HQ card that is connected to the graphics card.

Note:

If Mosaic- HQ and Mosaic-SQ16 are being installed in the same system, the Mosaic-HQ cards MUST be installed after the Mosaic-SQ16 cards, i.e furthest away from the Vantage4 card. See illustration below.



Up to sixteen Mosaic SQ windows or eight Mosaic HD windows can be displayed on a screen simultaneously.

Install and configure all the required graphics cards in the system, carefully following the installation instructions. Ensure that your multi-screen system is working correctly before installing the Mosaic-HQ card.

Note:

You are likely to need a flat blade and a Phillips head screwdriver for the installation so please ensure you have these to hand before you begin.

- Power down your complete system (including peripherals) at the PC and the main power supply.
- Disconnect all the cables connected to the PC, noting the positions for correct reconnection after the Mosaic-HQ card is installed. Carefully remove the cover from your PC.
- Locate an available PCI slot to install your Mosaic-HQ card next to your graphics card.
- Holding the card firmly by its top edge at each end of the card's length, slide it into the slot. Care should be taken when sliding the card into the PCI slot.
- Using the retaining screw, secure the bracket to the back panel.

Connect the SIP-Cable from the Mosaic-HQ card to graphics cards. The headers on the Mosaic-HQ cards are marked J9 and J10 and should be connected to the graphics cards as follows:

Connect the J9 header on the Mosaic-HQ to the J7 headers on the graphics card.

The SIP cable is delicate and great care should be taken when fixing it and removing from the cards.

The diagram (1) on the following page shows the location of the headers on each of the cards:

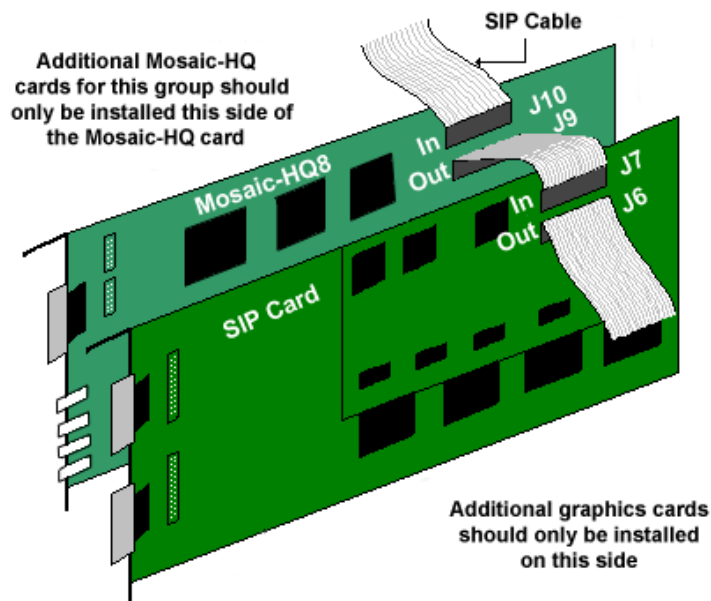


Diagram 1

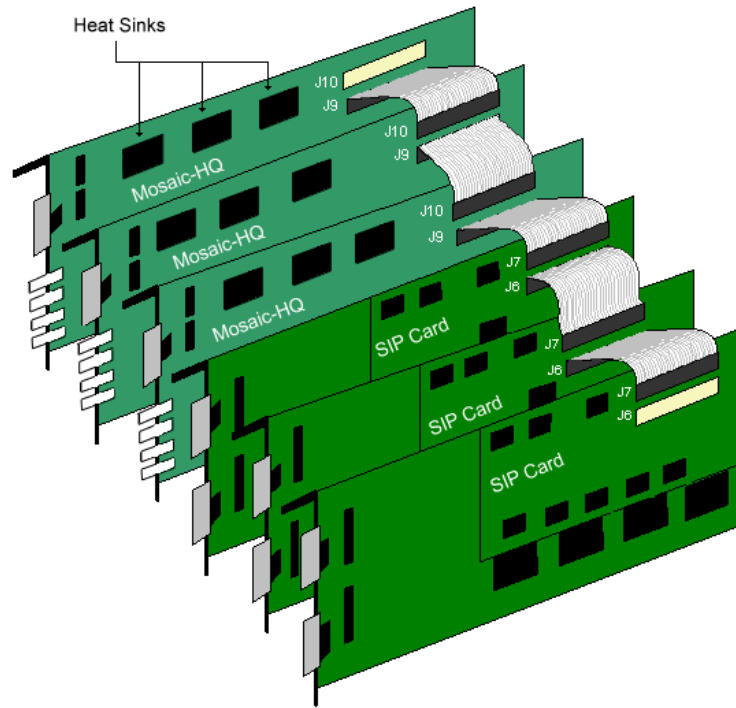
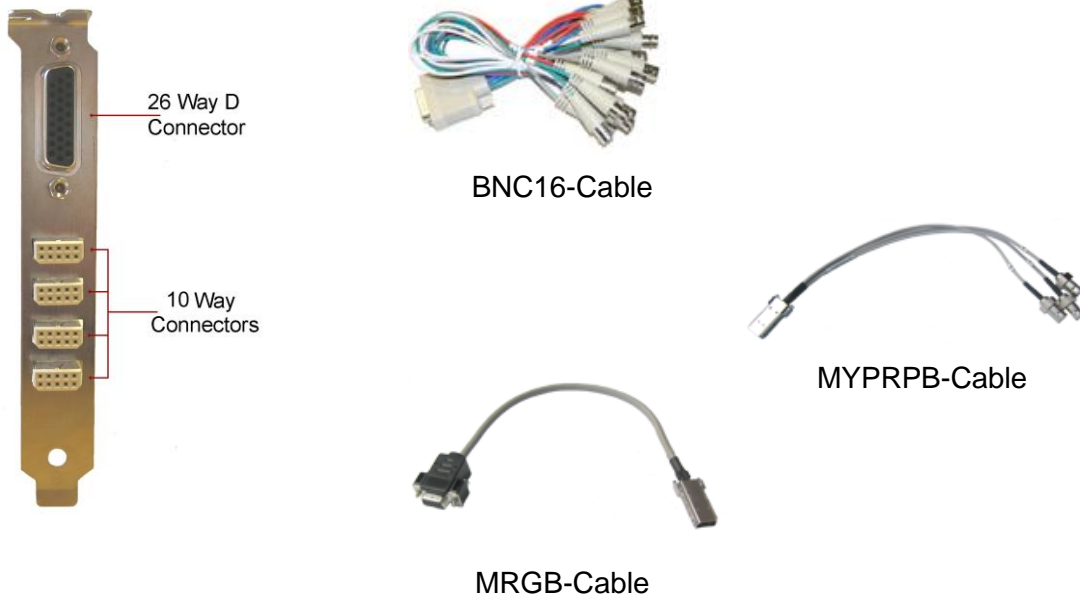


Diagram 2

How To Connect Inputs



Composite Inputs

Composite inputs are connected to the BNC-16 splitter cable which is attached to the 26 Way D Connector on the Mosaic-HQ card.

The Luma part of a S-Video input is connected to the leads numbered 1-8 on the BNC16-Cable and the chroma part is connected to the leads numbered 9-16.

For example:

For the first composite input the Luma would be connected to lead number 1 and the chroma would be connected to the lead numbered 9. For the second composite input The luma would be connected to the lead numbered 2 and the chroma connected to the lead numbered 10 and so on up to a maximum of 8 composite inputs.

If you are using a single Mosaic-HQ, the input numbers specified in the software correspond to the labels on the splitter cable. (1-8)

If you have connected more than one Mosaic-HQ, connect inputs 1-8 to the Mosaic-HQ closest to the graphics card. Connect inputs 9-16 to the next Mosaic card and so on.

Mosaic-HQ card provides the 75ohm termination for each input. The links should be fitted to apply termination. (All links are fitted as standard.)

RGB Inputs

A maximum of four RGB inputs can be connected to the Mosaic-HQ card using the MRGB-Cable via the four 10 Way Connectors. The RGB input numbers specified in the software (1-4) relate to input one being the top 10 way connector to input 4 being the bottom 10 way connector. The Mosaic-HQ can display RGB video up to 30fps.

HD YPrPb Input

A maximum of four HD YPrPb inputs can be connected to the Mosaic-HQ card using the MYPRPB-Cable via the four 10 Way Connectors. The HD input numbers specified in the software (1-4) relate to input one being the top 10 way connector to input 4 being the bottom 10 way connector.

The MYPRPB-Cable is connected to the source as follows:

- Lead number 1 is connected to the Pr output.
- Lead number 2 is connected to the Y output.
- Lead number 3 is connected to the Pb output.

The four 10 way connectors can be used to connect any combination of RGB and HD inputs.

Software Installation

The Mosaic-HQ driver is installed on your system with the Vantage4 driver (Version 2.06B and above) using one of the following methods:

The Datapath Software Installation Suite CD supplied with the Mosaic-HQ Card.

The Datapath Web Site. (**Periodic checks for driver updates is strongly recommended**).

From The Datapath Software Installation Suite CD

Insert the Datapath CD into your CD ROM drive, the CD will autorun. Select **Install Drivers...** and the Driver Install wizard will detect which Datapath cards you have in your machine and install the required drivers.

Follow the Installation Wizard instructions as prompted.

From The Datapath Web Site:

The most up to date Mosaic-HQ drivers can be downloaded from the web site www.datapath.co.uk/DRIVERS/DriverInstall.zip and installed using the Driver Install Wizard.

Follow the Installation Wizard instructions as prompted.

Once the installation is complete, reboot the system.

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Specification of the PC - including processor speed

Operating System

Application Software

Datapath Hardware / Software

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