FT-200-PCI Processor Board for PCI Bus



Alacron offers two families of processor boards based on Intel's i860 RISC processors: the AL-860 and FT-200. These boards are ideal for accelerating Digital Signal Processing (DSP), graphics and imaging processing applications.



Features

Features common to all Alacron FT-200 boards include:

- > Single i860 XR
- Up to 200 MFLOPS / 100 MIPS
- Up to 256 MB Addressable Memory
- ➤ FastTrackTM connection to I/O and processor daughter-cards
- Real-time OS
- DOS, Windows, Unix interfaces
- > Available for PCI computers

The FT-200s are single or dual 50 MHz i860 XP-based board-level subsystems, available for PCI bus computers. The FT-200 implements a fully symmetric multiprocessing model, sharing addressable memory equally between i860s. The FT-200 has a 200 MB/sec system bus, and with two processors operates at 200 MFLOPS / 100 MIPS. The FT-200 can execute a 1K complex FFT in under 320 microseconds using both i860's, and in 560 microseconds using a single processor. The FT-200's addressable memory is expandable from 8 MB to 256 MB. The FT-200 subsystem provides two FastTrack expansion connectors. These connectors implement Alacron's stackable daughter-card protocol, and together can support a combination of up to six I/O and processor daughter-cards.

FastTrack Interface

Alacron provides a family of I/O expansion boards which mount on the FastTrack connectors of the FT-200. Software drivers are available for all boards.

- ◆ High Performance Digital (Camera) Interface
- Digital Framegrabbers
- ♦ High Performance Digital I/O Interface

- Video Display Adapter
- ♦ FT-2106x-DC 8 SHARC Daughter-cards
- ♦ SCSI, VSB, DT-Connect, VISIONbus Interfaces

Heterogeneous Processing & Migration Paths

Alacron's 8 SHARC FT-2106x-DC daughter-card is also compatible with the FT-200's FastTrack expansion interfaces, proving an ideal heterogeneous processing environment, as well as an easy migration path between processor families.

Software Libraries

Alacron's FT-200 computing subsystems are supported by an extensive suite of application specific libraries for image processing, DSP and graphics applications.

- Vector Numerical Library
- Real-time Image Processing Library

FT-200 Architecture

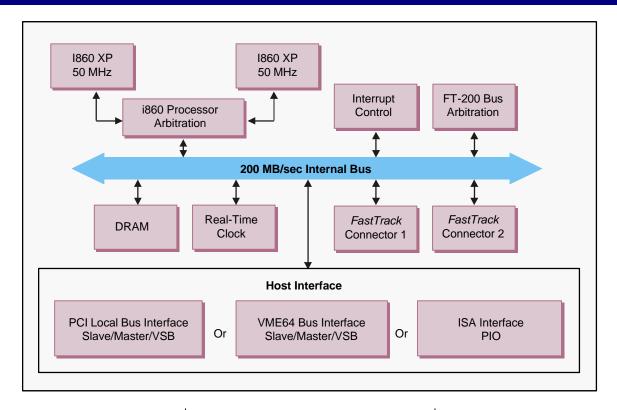
Processing Environments

Alacron's RT operating environment provides several processing models. Applications can run as simple attached processes on the FT-200 processor boards, as stand alone tasks on the host, or as separate tasks on the host and on the FT-200. Alacron's RT supports Microsoft DOS, Windows 3.1, Windows NT, Windows 95/98, Solaris, LynxOS, and VxWorks.

Development Tools

A full suite of ANSI development tools for C and FORTRAN is available. Compilers support general purpose and numerically intensive applications. Profilers and debuggers are available.





Specifications

FT-200 Multiprocessor Board

Processor	Intel i860XP
Number of i860s	1 or 2
Clock speed	50 MHz XP
Memory	8 MB to 256 MB
External I/O	160 MB/sec (FT-DT
	Burst) 158 MB sustained

Intel i860 CPU

Precision	IEEE (754) floating point Single (32-bit) precision Double (64-bit) precision
Performance	100 MFLOPS, 50 MIPS @ 50 MHz
3D unit	Z buffering Pixel interpolation 3D shading
MMU	4K & 4M page sizes
Data bus	128-bit Internal 64-bit External

Cache	16 KB data,	16 KB
	instruction	

FT-200 Board Peak Performance

MFLOPS	200 MFLOPS
MIPS	100 MIPS
1K complex FFT	< 550 MS, 1K complex 1xP
	320 MS 2xP
512 image processing	

- 2D real FFT..........0.188 Sec 512x512

- 3x3 convolution.....51 mSec 512x512

PCI Interface

Bus specification8, 16, 32 bit PCI format
Control registersI/O Mapped
Global memoryMemory Mapped
PCI/global132 MB/sec burst memory
PCI/global70 MB/sec sustained
memory
PCI/global16 MB/sec random
memory

PCI Electrical and Environmental

Power	+5 volts at 5A
Dimensions	12.7 x 35.6 x 1.9 cm
Operating temp	0-50 degrees centigrade
Relative	95% noncondensing
	humidity

FT-I/O Expansion Boards

Alacron provides a family of I/O expansion boards for the FT-200 family:

- FT-DI: Digital Input/Framegrabber
- ♦ FT-DIO: Digital I/O Module
- FT-DT/4: Programmed I/O Interface Module
- FT-DT/IN: DT DMA Input Interface Module
- ♦ FT-SCSI: SCSI Bus Interface
- ♦ FT-VB: VISIONbus Interface
- ♦ FT-VDA: Video Display Adapter