

IC-3173

Industrial Controller with Reconfigurable I/O

The IC-3173 is a high-performance, fanless embedded system designed for rugged industrial applications. This document explains how to install and configure the IC-3173.

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Safety Information



Caution The following paragraphs contain important safety information you must follow when installing and operating the device.

Do not operate the device in a manner not specified in the documentation. Misuse of the device may result in a hazard and may compromise the safety protection built into the device. If the device is damaged, turn it off and do not use it until service-trained personnel can check its safety. If necessary, return the device to National Instruments for repair.

Keep away from live circuits. Do not remove equipment covers or shields unless you are trained to do so. If signal wires are connected to the device, hazardous voltages can exist even when the equipment is turned off. To avoid a shock hazard, do not perform procedures involving cover or shield removal unless you are qualified to do so. Disconnect all field power prior to removing covers or shields.

Because of the danger of introducing additional hazards, do not install unauthorized parts or modify the device. Use the device only with the chassis, modules, accessories, and cables

specified in the installation instructions. All covers and filler panels must be installed while operating the device.

This is a Pollution Degree 2 device. Do not operate the device in an explosive atmosphere or where flammable gases or fumes may be present. Operate the device only at or below the pollution degree stated in the specifications. Pollution consists of any foreign matter—solid, liquid, or gas—that may reduce dielectric strength or surface resistivity. The following is a description of pollution degrees.

- Pollution Degree 1—No pollution or only dry, nonconductive pollution occurs. The pollution has no effect.
- Pollution Degree 2—Normally only nonconductive pollution occurs. Occasionally, nonconductive pollution becomes conductive because of condensation.
- Pollution Degree 3—Conductive pollution or dry, nonconductive pollution occurs. Nonconductive pollution becomes conductive because of condensation.

Clean the device and accessories by brushing off light dust with a soft, nonmetallic brush. Remove other contaminants with a stiff, nonmetallic brush. The unit must be completely dry and free from contaminants before returning it to service.

You must insulate signal connections for the maximum voltage for which the device is rated. Do not exceed the maximum ratings for the device. Remove power from signal lines before connection to or disconnection from the device.

Electromagnetic Compatibility Guidelines

This product was tested and complies with the regulatory requirements and limits for electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) as stated in the product specifications. These requirements and limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the product is operated in its intended operational electromagnetic environment.

This product is intended for use in industrial locations. There is no guarantee that harmful interference will not occur in a particular installation, when the product is connected to a test object, or if the product is used in residential areas. To minimize the potential for the product to cause interference to radio and television reception or to experience unacceptable performance degradation, install and use this product in strict accordance with the instructions in the product documentation.

Furthermore, any changes or modifications to the product not expressly approved by National Instruments could void your authority to operate it under your local regulatory rules.



Caution To ensure the specified EMC performance, operate this product only with shielded cables and accessories.

Preparing the Environment

Ensure that the environment in which you are using the IC-3173 meets the following specifications.

Operating temperature (IEC 60068-2-1, IEC 60068-2-2)	0 °C to 55 °C, 0 °C to 50 °C when Power over Ethernet (PoE) exceeds 30 W
Operating humidity (IEC 60068-2-56)	10% RH to 90% RH, noncondensing
Pollution Degree	2
Maximum altitude	2,000 m

Indoor use only.



Note Refer to the device specifications on ni.com/manuals for complete specifications.

Configuring the Hardware



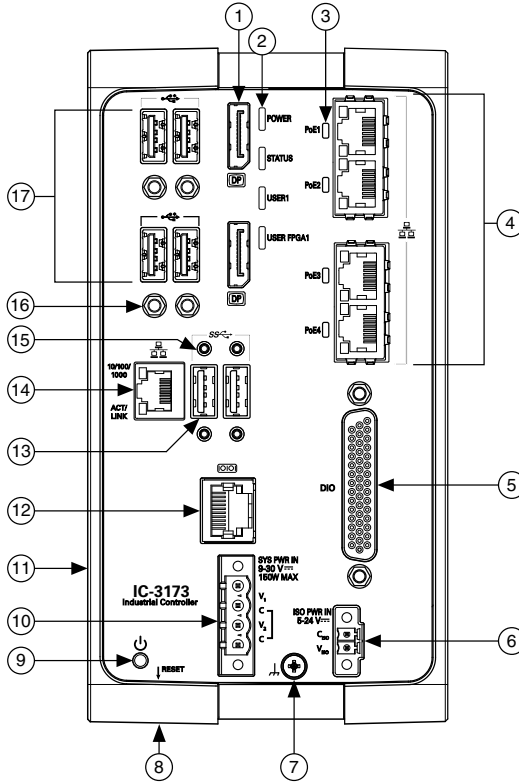
Caution To ensure the specified EMC performance, product installation requires either special considerations or user-installed, add-on devices. See the product installation instructions for further information.

Remove the IC-3173 from the package and inspect the system for damage. Notify National Instruments if the system appears damaged in any way. Do not use a damaged system.

Ensure that the AC input into the external power supply is disconnected before plugging in or unplugging any connector. Ground the unit to minimize the possibility of static electricity damage.

Refer to the following figure while configuring the hardware.

Figure 1. IC-3173 Front Panel



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| 1. DisplayPort Connectors | 10. System Power Connector |
| 2. LED Indicators | 11. User-Accessible Battery Compartment (not pictured) |
| 3. Power over Ethernet (PoE) LED Indicators | 12. RS-232/RS-485 Serial Port |
| 4. Gigabit Ethernet Ports with PoE | 13. USB 3.0 Ports |
| 5. 44-pin Digital I/O Connector | 14. Primary Gigabit Ethernet Port |
| 6. Isolated Power Input Connector | 15. Retention Mounts for USB 3.0 Ports |
| 7. Chassis Grounding Screw | 16. Retention Mounts for USB 2.0 Ports |
| 8. Reset Button (not pictured) | 17. USB 2.0 Ports |
| 9. Power Button | |

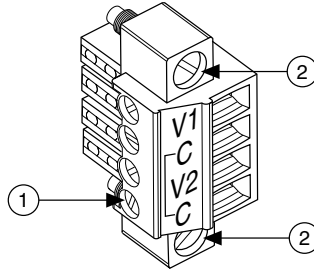
Connecting the System Power Supply

Complete the following steps to connect a power supply to the controller:

1. Verify the power source is turned off. Verify the power source for SYS PWR IN is between 9 to 30 VDC, 21.6 to 30 VDC when using power over Ethernet (PoE), and can provide up to 150 W.
2. Loosen the connector screws and remove the system power connector plug from the controller. The following figure shows the terminal screws, which secure the wires in the

screw terminals, and the connector screws, which secure the connector plug on the front panel.

Figure 2. Power Screw Terminal Connector Plug



1. Terminal Screw
2. Connector Screws



Caution Do not tighten or loosen the terminal screws on the power connector while the power is on.

3. Connect the positive lead of the primary power source to the V1 terminal of the power connector plug and tighten the terminal screw to 0.20 to 0.25 N · m (1.8 to 2.2 lb · in.) of torque.
4. Connect the negative lead of the power supply to one of the C terminals of the power connector and tighten the terminal screw to 0.20 to 0.25 N · m (1.8 to 2.2 lb · in.) of torque.
5. Optionally, you can connect the positive lead of another power supply to the V2 terminal and the negative lead to the other C terminal.



Caution The C terminals are internally connected to each other.

6. Install the power connector into SYS PWR IN on the front panel of the controller and tighten the connector screw flanges to 0.3 to 0.4 N · m (2.7 to 3.5 lb · in.) of torque.
7. Turn on the external power source(s).



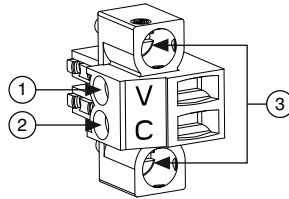
Note Refer to the *IC-3173 User Manual* on ni.com/manuals for a complete description of power inputs and controller startup options.

Connecting the Isolated Outputs Power Supply

Complete the following steps to supply power to the isolated outputs.

1. Verify the power source is turned off. Verify the power source for ISO PWR IN is between 4.5 V to 30 V.
2. Loosen the connector screws and remove the isolated outputs power connector plug from the controller. The following figure shows the V (positive) terminal screw and the C (negative) terminal screw, which secure the wires in the screw terminals, and the connector screws, which secure the connector plug on the front panel.

Figure 3. 2-Position Power Screw Terminal Connector



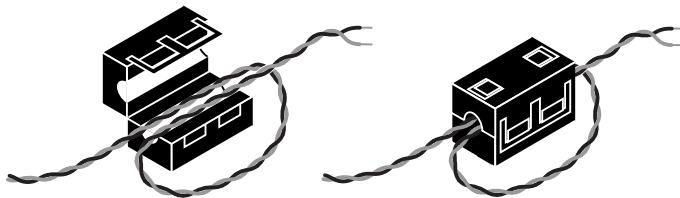
1. V (Positive) Terminal Screw
2. C (Negative) Terminal Screw
3. Connector Screws



Caution Do not tighten or loosen the terminal screws on the power connector while the power is on.

3. Install one ferrite across the negative and positive leads of the power source, approximately 50 to 75 mm (2 to 3 in.) from the end of the power input wires.

Figure 4. Installing a Ferrite on the Power Leads



4. Connect the positive lead of the isolated outputs power source to the V terminal of the power connector plug and tighten the terminal screw to 0.2 to 0.25 N · m (1.8 to 2.2 lb · in.) of torque.
5. Connect the negative lead of the isolated outputs power source to the C terminal of the power connector plug and tighten the terminal screw to 0.2 to 0.25 N · m (1.8 to 2.2 lb · in.) of torque.
6. Install the power connector plug into ISO PWR IN on the front panel of the controller and tighten the connector screws to 0.4 N · m (3.5 lb · in.) of torque.
7. Turn on the external power source.

Configuring the IC-3173 for NI Linux Real-Time

The real-time version of the IC-3173 ships preloaded with NI Linux Real-Time. Complete this section if you are using the real-time version of the IC-3173.

Required Components

The following items are necessary to set up and use the IC-3173.

- IC-3173
- One shielded CAT 5 10/100Base-TX, CAT 5e, or CAT 6 1000Base-T Ethernet cable to connect the device to the development computer or to a network.



Note A CAT 5e or CAT 6 1000Base-T Ethernet cable is required to achieve 1,000 Mbps (Gigabit) Ethernet performance. CAT 5e and CAT 6 Ethernet cables adhere to higher electrical standards required for Gigabit Ethernet communication. CAT 5 cables are not guaranteed to meet the necessary requirements. While CAT 5 cables may appear to work at 1,000 Mbps, CAT 5 cables are likely to cause bit errors resulting in degraded network performance.

- Development computer running Microsoft Windows. Refer to the driver or application development software readme for specific Windows version compatibility.
- A compatible power supply, such as the NI PS-16 Power Supply (part number 781094-01)

Optional Equipment

National Instruments offers the following products for use with the IC-3173.

- NI PS-15 Power Supply to power the isolated outputs (part number 781093-01).
- 44-pin D-SUB cable for digital I/O.
 - 44-pin D-SUB male to pigtail cable (part number 156083-03 for 3 meter cable).
 - 44-pin D-SUB male to 44-position D-SUB female cable (part number 156084-03 for 3 meter cable or part number 156084-0R5 for 0.5 meter cable).
- DisplayPort to VGA adapter cable (part number 782271-01).
- DisplayPort to DisplayPort cable (part number 782989-01 for 1.8 meter cable).
- Host-to-host USB cable.
- NI I/O Accessory.



Caution To ensure the specified EMC performance, operate this product only with shielded cables and accessories. Do not use unshielded cables or accessories unless they are installed in a shielded enclosure with properly designed and shielded input/output ports and connected to the product using a shielded cable. If unshielded cables or accessories are not properly installed and shielded, the EMC specifications for the product are no longer guaranteed.

- I/O Accessory and 3 meter 44-pin D-SUB male to 44-position D-SUB female cable (part number 783327-01).
- I/O Accessory and 0.5 meter 44-pin D-SUB male to 44-position D-SUB female cable (part number 783328-01).
- Panel Mounting Kit (part number 784791-01).
- 10-position modular plug to 9-pin D-sub serial cable for RS-485 or RS-232 (part number 182845-01 for 1 meter cable, part number 182845-02 for 2 meter cable, or part number 182845-03 for 3 meter cable).

Connecting to the Development Computer

The IC-3173 can connect to the development computer directly or through a network.

Connecting Directly to the Development Computer

Complete the following steps to connect the device directly to the development computer.

1. Verify the development computer is powered on.
2. Connect one end of an Ethernet cable to the network port on the device.
3. Connect the free end of the cable to an Ethernet port on the development computer.
4. Verify the ACTIVITY/LINK LED on the port is on or blinking.

The device uses a link-local IP address when connected directly to the development computer.

Connecting to the Development Computer Over a Network

To connect over a network, the device must be on the same subnet as the development computer. Complete the following steps to connect the device to the development computer over a network.

1. Verify the development computer is powered on and connected to the network.
2. Connect one end of an Ethernet cable to the network port on the device.
3. Connect the free end of the cable to an Ethernet switch or other network device on the same network as the development computer.
4. Verify the ACTIVITY/LINK LED on the port is on or blinking.

The device negotiates an IP address when connected to a network with a DHCP server or comparable network device.

Using Vision Builder AI with the IC-3173

Take the following steps to use Vision Builder AI with the IC-3173:

1. Install Vision Builder AI on the development computer.
2. Refer to the *How to Configure NI Vision Builder AI Remote Targets* section in the *Vision Builder for Automated Inspection: Configuration Help*.

When using Vision Builder AI, it is not necessary to install the NI Industrial Controller Device Drivers or use NI MAX to set a system password on the target.

Installing the NI Industrial Controller Device Drivers

Before using the IC-3173, install the drivers onto the device. Complete the following steps to install and configure NI Industrial Controller Device Drivers:

1. Install NI Industrial Controller Device Drivers onto the Windows development machine connected to the IC-3173.
2. Run NI MAX.
3. Expand the **Remote Systems** list in the configuration tree.
4. Select the IC-3173 in the list. By default, MAX lists devices by the model number followed by the serial number, such as IC-3173-XXXXXXXXX.

5. Configure the network settings for the IC-3173. Refer to the *Remote Systems Help* in MAX. Select **Help»Help Topics»Remote Systems** for instructions about configuring network settings.
6. Install a recommended software set. If you would like to install custom software instead of a recommended software set, proceed to the next step.
 - a) Expand the IC-3173 under **Remote Systems**.
 - b) Click the **Software** item below the IC-3173 in the configuration tree.
 - c) Click **Add/Remove Software** on the MAX toolbar to launch the LabVIEW Real-Time Software Wizard.
 - d) Enter `admin` as the username and leave the password field blank.
 - e) Select **NI Industrial Controller** under the version of LabVIEW Real-Time you are using.
 - f) Click **Next**.
 - g) Select any additional add-ons you would like to install to the IC-3173.
 - h) Click **Next**. Review the list of software to install.
 - i) Click **Next** to begin downloading the software to the IC-3173. When MAX finishes downloading the software, the IC-3173 restarts.
 - j) Click **Finish**.
7. Install custom software. You do not need to install custom software if you installed a recommended software set.
 - a) Expand the IC-3173 under **Remote Systems**.
 - b) Click the **Software** item below the IC-3173 in the configuration tree.
 - c) Click **Add/Remove Software** on the NI MAX toolbar to launch the LabVIEW Real-Time Software Wizard.
 - d) Enter `admin` as the username and leave the password field blank.
 - e) If you are given a choice of recommended software sets, choose **Custom software installation** and click **Next** to proceed with a custom installation.
 - f) Select the NI Industrial Controller Device Drivers, and any additional software you would like to install on the IC-3173.
 - g) Click **Next**. Review the list of software to install.
 - h) Click **Next** to begin downloading the software to the IC-3173. When NI MAX finishes downloading the software, the IC-3173 restarts.
 - i) Click **Finish**.
8. Connect hardware to the IC-3173. The NI Industrial Controller Device Drivers enable the IC-3173 to detect any hardware connected.
9. Select the target in the configuration tree and click the **Refresh** button. Refresh the target whenever you connect new hardware.
10. Expand **Devices and Interfaces** under the IC-3173 in the configuration tree. Select the hardware connected to the IC-3173 from the list. You can view or modify the device settings as allowed by the hardware.

Setting a System Password

Complete the following steps to set a system password.



Note The default username for the IC-3173 is `admin`. There is no default password for the IC-3173, so you must leave the password field blank when logging in until you set a system password.

1. In MAX, right-click the IC-3173 and select **Web Configuration**.

The NI Web-Based Configuration and Monitoring utility opens in the default browser and is where you set the password. If you have not installed Microsoft Silverlight, NI Web-based Configuration and Monitoring prompts you to do so.

2. Enter a unique name for your system in the **Hostname** field.
3. Click the **Security Configuration** icon.
4. Click **Login**.
5. In the **Login** dialog box, enter the username `admin` and leave the password field blank.
6. Click **OK**.
7. Click **Change Password**.
8. Enter and re-enter a new password.
9. Click **OK**.
10. Click **Save**.
11. Click **OK** to confirm you are changing the password.



Caution NI cannot recover lost system passwords. If you forget the password, you must contact NI and reformat the controller.

Troubleshooting

The IC-3173 Does Not Appear in MAX

- The IC-3173 may not be powered. Verify that there is system power to the device and that both the IC-3173 and the development computer are properly connected to the network. The POWER LED should be lit green and the ACTIVITY/LINK LED on the primary network port should flash green when refreshing the list of devices in MAX.
- Ensure you are connecting to the IC-3173 from a Windows development machine with NI Industrial Controller Device Drivers installed.
- The IC-3173 may have been configured on another network and then moved to the current network. Reconfigure the IC-3173 for the current network.



Note Connect a monitor and keyboard to the IC-3173 and press <Enter> to view the current configuration settings of the device.

- Another device on the network is using the IP address assigned to the IC-3173. This can happen when you assign the same static IP to two devices, you assign a static IP that is in the range of the IP address available for DHCP use on your network, or the DHCP

assigns the same IP address to another device. Either remove or reconfigure the other device, or reconfigure the IC-3173 to use a different IP address by putting it into the IP RESET state and restarting into the normal state. Refer to the *IC-3173 User Manual* on ni.com/manuals for instructions on how to perform an IP RESET.

- The cable you are using may be inappropriate for the speed of your network, causing network communication dropout. While 1,000 Mbps communication over short cable lengths can be achieved with the CAT5 cable commonly used for 10 and 100 Mbps, CAT5e and CAT6 cables are more reliable and recommended for 1,000 Mbps links. The IC-3173 has the ability to perform auto-crossover, allowing the use of straight or crossover Ethernet cables, independent of the connection configuration.
- The IC-3173 is configured to acquire an IP address from a DHCP server, but no DHCP server is available. By default, the target will automatically attempt to connect to the network using DHCP. If the target is unable to initiate a DHCP connection, the target connects to the network with a link-local IP address (169.254.x.x).
- You may be experiencing firewall issues. If you are having difficulty detecting the system and setting up the IC-3173 on your network, you must configure the firewall to open the TCP/UDP ports used by the IC-3173 and the host machine. Refer to the following table for more information about TCP/UDP ports.

Table 1. TCP/UDP Ports Used by the IC-3173

Port	Type	Details
3580	TCP/UDP	Reserved as nati-svrloc (NATI-ServiceLocator). Used by MAX to locate remote targets.
7749	TCP	Used for remote image display (not reserved).
7750	TCP	Used for NI-IMAQdx remote configuration (not reserved).
3363	TCP/UDP	Reserved as nati-vi-server (NATI VI Server). Used by Vision Builder AI to configure a remote target.

If your firewall is controlled remotely or you are unsure about configuring the firewall, contact your network administrator.

No Software is Installed

MAX reports that no software is installed. Install application and driver software on the IC-3173.

Related Information

[Installing the NI Industrial Controller Device Drivers](#) on page 8

Cannot Drive Isolated Outputs

Verify that you have power connected to the V_{ISO} and C_{ISO} inputs on the IC-3173 isolated power connector and that the contact at the screw terminals is solid. Because these outputs are electrically isolated from the IC-3173 device main supply, they require power in addition to the IC-3173 main supply.

LED Error Indications

The IC-3173 indicates specific error conditions by flashing the STATUS LED a specific number of times.

Table 2. STATUS LED Indications

STATUS LED (Amber) State	Indication
OFF	The IC-3173 initialized successfully and is ready for use.
2 blinks	The device has automatically booted into safe mode. This occurs when there is no software installed, which is the out-of-box state, or the device has detected an error in its software. Reinstall software on the IC-3173.
3 blinks	The IC-3173 has booted into safe mode.
4 blinks	The IC-3173 has experienced two consecutive software exceptions. The IC-3173 automatically restarts after an exception. After the second exception, the IC-3173 remains in the exception state, alerting you to resolve the problem. Reinstall software on the IC-3173 or contact National Instruments.
Continuous blink	The IC-3173 has not booted into NI Linux Real-Time. The controller either booted into an unsupported operating system, was interrupted during the boot process, or detected an unrecoverable software error.
Continuous blink (red)	This indicates a hardware error. An internal power supply has failed. Check front-panel I/O connections for shorts. Remove any shorts and cycle power to the IC-3173. If the problem persists, contact National Instruments.
ON	The IC-3173 is booting up.

Related Information

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POWER LED Is Not Lit When the IC-3173 is Powered On

If the system power supply is properly connected (polarity is not reversed) to the IC-3173, but the POWER LED does not light up, check that the power supply is within the specifications listed in the *IC-3173 Specifications*. Using a power supply that is not within these specifications might result in an unresponsive or unstable system and could damage the device.

If the BIOS setting Restore After Power Loss is set to **Stay Off**, the IC-3173 may be powered, but turned off. Use the power button to turn on the device.

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