



PCIe to PCIx4 Slots Expansion Box

Model Number: *CGS-1PCIe4X*

Installation Guide

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Revision History

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1.0	04/17/2024	First Release

1. Introduction

Thank you for purchasing Coolgear's PCIe to PCIx4 Slots Expansion Box. It is specially designed to expand 4 extra PCI slots from a PCI Express Slot. It includes a PCIe host adapter card, a Expansion Cable and the Expansion Box itself. The box is powered by a 12VDC AC adapter. It provides instant PCI bus expansion via the PCI Express (PCIe) Bus of any computer system.

Features:

- ✓ Supports 1-lane 2.5Gb/s PCI Express Data Transfer Rate
- ✓ Expands 4 PCI 32-bit 33MHZ Slots over PCI Express Slot
- ✓ PCI Slots are fully PCI Bus Rev. 2.3 Compliant
- ✓ Supports both 5V and 3.3V Add-in Cards
- ✓ Low Profile Version is Available (optional) by changing the Short Bracket of the Host PCI Express card
- ✓ 12VDC AC Power Adapter is Required

2. Packing List

Before installing this product, please make sure the following accessories are well packed in the box:

- Metal Expansion Box 1
- Add-in PCIe Host Card x 1
- DVI like Expansion Cable x 1
- 12VDC/AC Power Adapter x 1
- Driver CD × 1
- This Installation Guide × 1

(Mark the check box to help you check it)

3. Installing the Expansion Box



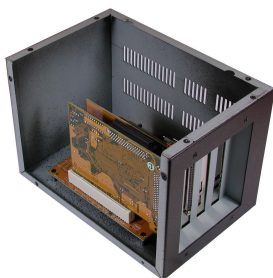
Please note that this product does NOT support hot-plug feature by means of the Expansion Cable. You can NOT connect or disconnect the expansion cable unless you power off your system first.

1. Turn OFF the system power before installation!
Since both the PC system and the Expansion Box are self-powered, you need to follow the correct ON/OFF sequence as follows:
 - **Power Off Sequence:** Power off your PC system then the Expansion Box
 - **Power On Sequence:** Power on the Expansion Box first, then power on your PC system.
2. Remove the chassis cover from your computer
3. Locate an unused PCI Express slot (typically white and smaller) and remove the corresponding slot cover from the computer chassis.
4. Plug the PCIe add-in card to the unused PCI Express expansion slot and attached its card bracket to the computer chassis screw.
5. Put the chassis cover back on the computer.
6. Install one end of the Expansion Cable to PCIe add-in card's connector and the other end to the Expansion Box's.



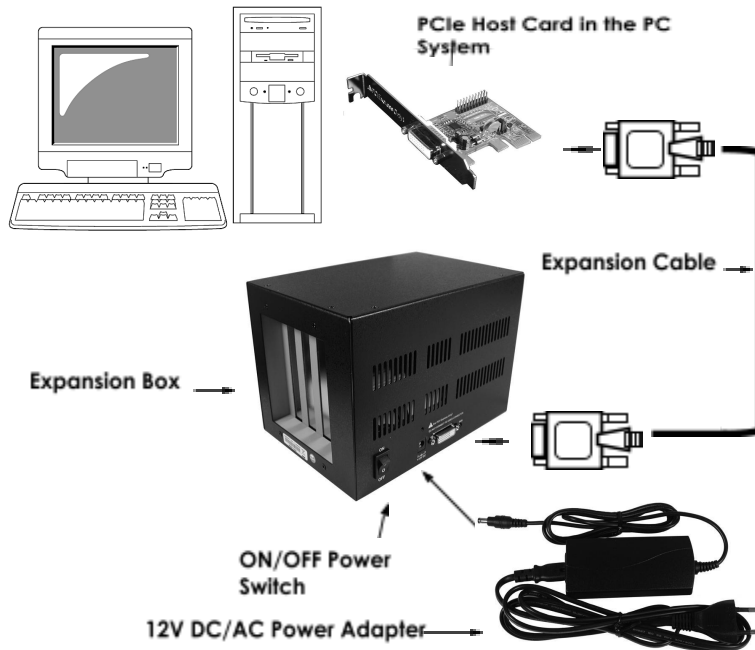
Warning!! Since the Expansion Cable's connector has the same form factor as the standard DVI connector, however, their signals are different, please do NOT connect the Expansion Cable to neither your LCD monitor nor your Video Graphic cards.

7. Then we are installing the PCI add-in cards in the Expansion Box: **1**Open the top cover (by removing the screws) of the Expansion Box, there are 4 PCI slots in the Expansion Box. **2**Find an unused slot, remove the "blank" PCI card bracket that was pre-installed from the factory. **3**Plug in your PCI add-in card (s). **4**Put the top cover back on your Expansion Box.



Installing PCI Add-in cards
inside the Expansion Box

8. Connect the AC power Adapter's cable to the Expansion Box.
9. Turn on the Expansion Box power by means of its power switch next to the Expansion Cable, then power on the PC system.
10. Proceed with Software Driver Installation if required.



4. Installing the ExpressBooster Software

In some cases, if the write performance of your PCI Card is not good. Please install the ExpressBooster software supplied with your card.

1. To install the software, find the **setup.exe** file in the following folder on the driver CD: (assume your CD is in the drive E:), double click the file to run the setup.

E:\Utility\ExpressBooster



2. Follow the setup on-screen instructions, you will be asked to **check the "PCI Express Card " item** (leave the **"Express Card " item** unchecked). Then proceed with the rest of the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.



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Safety

- Read the entire Installation Guide before implementing this product for your application. This guide contains important information about electrical connections that must be followed for safe and proper operation.
- Inspect the product closely for visual defects before putting it to use.
- Keep away from areas where moisture builds, this product contains electrical components that can be damaged by moisture build up, this can adversely affect your equipment connected to it.
- Do not disassemble the product. Handling the product's internal components can expose it to ESD (Electro-Static Discharge) hazards that can affect the function of the device.
- If this product is not functioning properly, email our support team at support@coolgear.com.

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