Odin TeleSystems Inc.

Technical Description
for
Thor-8-PCI+

Doc. No. 1111-2-HAA-1049-1

Rev. 1.1

June 6, 2007

1. Abstract

This document provides a technical description of Odin TeleSystems' Thor-8-PCI-Plus adapter card. This presentation is targeted to systems integrators and application developers who are developing telecommunications systems and/or software applications using the Thor-8-PCI-Plus platform. The purpose of this document is to provide the needed information about the hardware to allow software developers to efficiently integrate Thor-8-PCI-Plus into their overall system under design.

For information on how to develop host applications utilizing the OTX Hardware Device Driver Application Programming Interface (API), please refer to the "*Programmer's Guide for OTX Hardware API*" document (Odin TeleSystems Inc. document number 1411-1-SAA-1006-1). For help on how to install the Thor-8-PCI-Plus card and the OTX Device Driver Software, please refer to the *"Installation Guide for OTX PCI Adapters"* (Odin document number 1512-1-HCA-1001-1).

2. Table of Content

3. Introduction to Thor-8-PCI-Plus

Thor-8-PCI-Plus is multi-purpose T1/E1 interface adapter. The Thor-8-PCI-Plus card allows Personal Computers (PCs) and other systems with a PCI bus to be interfaced with T1/E1 links.

Thor-8-PCI-Plus is a member of the Odin Telecom frameworX (OTX+) product family. Thor-8-PCI-Plus is supported by the OTX device driver and by the OTX Hardware Application Programming Interface (API). Equipped with the appropriate OTX software modules, Thor-8-PCI-Plus can be utilized in a variety of T1/E1, Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN), Frame Relay, and Signaling System #7 (SS#7) applications.

The Thor-8-PCI-Plus supports eight (8) T1 or E1 interfaces at the speeds of 1.544 Mbps and 2.048 Mbps, respectively. Throughout the document the T1/E1 interfaces are referred to as Line Interfaces (LIs). The same board supports both T1 and E1. The operation mode as well as the line terminating impedance of 75 ohms or 100 ohms are software switchable. The card also supports a high-impedance mode with external 20db amplifier for monitoring   Consequently, the Thor-8-PCI-Plus card can be used to terminate eight (8) T1/E1 links or to monitor four (4) links.

The Thor-8-PCI-Plus provides H.100 Computer Telephony Bus. The H.100 bus comprises of thirty-two (32) 2, 4, or 8 Mbit/s Time-Division Multiplexed (TDM) highways for board-to-board communication. On the Thor-8-PCI-Plus board the H.100 highways are connected to a non-blocking time-space switch. The time-space switch allows 512 time-slots to be switched between H.100 highways and the local highways. 1024 time-slots can be switched locally between on-board devices. The H.100 bus is backwards compatible with the MVIP bus and the SCBus.

The Thor-8-PCI-Plus board also contains an OTX Application Specific Module (ASM) socket. The ASM interface can be used to add daughter boards providing additional resources. For example, Thor-8-PCI-Plus can be augmented with Vidar-55x4-ASM providing 4 TI TMS320C5510 Digital Signal Processors (DSPs). By loading and running different programs in these DSPs, the Thor-8-PCI-Plus adapter can support a variety of different telecom functions, such as tone detection and generation, HDLC sending and receiving, voice encoding and decoding, etc.

Finally, Thor-8-PCI-Plus contains four (4) codecs. The codecs perform Analog-to-Digital (A/D) and Digital-to-Analog (D/A) conversions. Both the A-law and the u-law are supported. The codecs can be switched to any time-slots on the board. Standard handsets can be connected to the codecs to provide phone functionality.

4. Specifications

Thor-8-PCI-Plus is a full-length PCI board. The physical dimensions of Thor-8-PCI-Plus are shown in Figure 1.
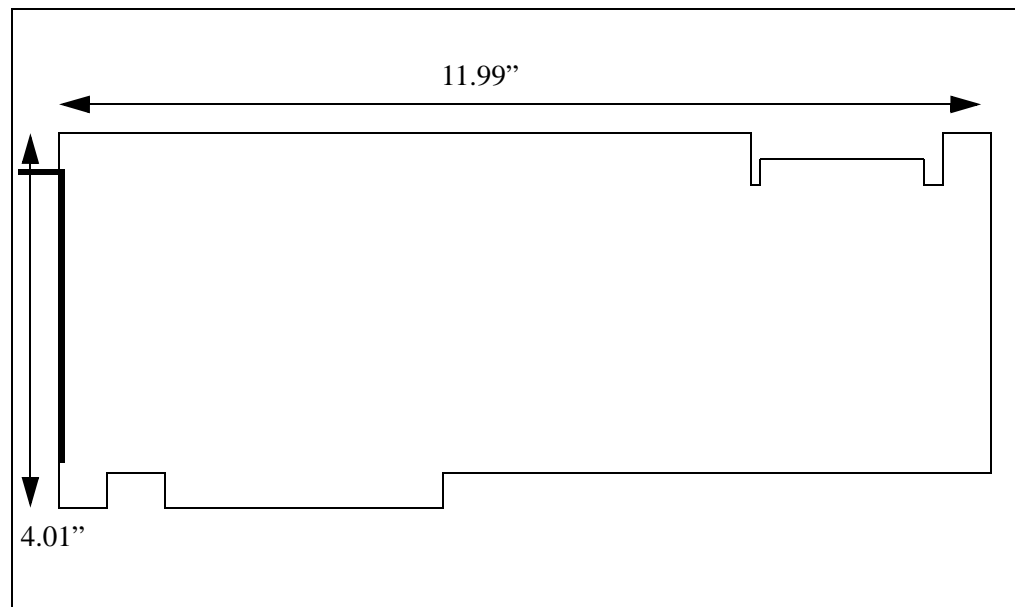
Figure 1.   Thor-8-PCI-Plus Physical Dimensions (inches).

The Thor-8-PCI-Plus operates with +3.3 and +5.0 V supply voltage. It is universally compatible with 3.3 volt of 5 volt signalling

5. Supported Driver Devices

5.1 Physical Devices

The Thor-8-PCI-Plus supports the following physical API driver devices:

TABLE 1.   OTX Physical Driver Devices supported by Thor-8-PCI-Plus

Host Device	Device Type	Max #	Description
0	*OTX_DEVICE_THOR_8_PCI_PLUS*	1	Board Device
OTX_DEVICE_THOR_8_PCI_PLUS	*OTX_DEVICE_LI_T1E1*	8	T1/E1 Line Interface Devices
OTX_DEVICE_THOR_8_PCI_PLUS	*OTX_DEVICE_TSS*	1	Time-Space Switch
OTX_DEVICE_THOR_8_PCI_PLUS	*OTX_DEVICE_CODEC*	4	Codec performing A/D and D/A conversions for analog front ends.
OTX_DEVICE_THOR_8_PCI_PLUS	*OTX_DEVICE_VIDAR_5x_ASM*	1	Vidar-5x4-ASM Daughter Board (OPTIONAL)

TABLE 1. OTX Physical Driver Devices supported by Thor-8-PCI-Plus

Host Device	Device Type	Max #	Description
OTX_DEVICE_THOR_8_PCI_PLUS	*OTX_DEVICE_VIDAR_55x4_ASM*	1	Vidar-55x4-ASM Daughter Board (OPTIONAL)
OTX_DEVICE_THOR_8_PCI_PLUS	*OTX_DEVICE_VIDAR_CST_ASM*	1	Vidar-CST-ASM Daughter Board (OPTIONAL)
OTX_DEVICE_THOR_8_PCI_PLUS	*OTX_DEVICE_VIDAR_V90_ASM*	1	Vidar-V90-ASM Daughter Board (OPTIONAL)

5.2 Logical Devices

The Thor-8-PCI-Plus supports the following logical API driver devices:

TABLE 2. OTX Logical Driver Devices supported by Thor-8-PCI-Plus

Host Device	Device Type	Max #	Description
OTX_DEVICE_LI_T1E1	*OTX_LDEVICE_HDLC_SENDER*	1	Logical Device for sending Hdlc Framing
OTX_DEVICE_LI_T1E1	*OTX_LDEVICE_HDLC_RECEIVER*	1	Logical Device for receiving Hdlc framing.
OTX_DEVICE_LI_T1E1	*OTX_LDEVICE_CAS_T1E1_SENDER_RECEIVER*	1	Logical Device for T1/E1 Channel Associated Signalling (CAS)

In addition, DSPs on an ASM board can be loaded with various program packages to provide support for a variety of Logical Devices types. For example, the Signal Processing Package Two (OtxSpm2) for Vidar-ASM daughter boards provides support for the following API logical devices:

- *OTX_LDEVICE_HDLC_SENDER*
- *OTX_LDEVICE_HDLC_RECEIVER*
- *OTX_LDEVICE_DATA_RAW_SENDER*
- *OTX_LDEVICE_DATA_RAW_RECEIVER*
- *OTX_LDEVICE_TONE_FSK_DETECTOR*
- *OTX_LDEVICE_TONE_DTMF_DETECTOR*
- *OTX_LDEVICE_TONE_MF_DETECTOR*
- *OTX_LDEVICE_TONE_DUAL_DETECTOR*
- *OTX_LDEVICE_TONE_SINGLE_DETECTOR*
- *OTX_LDEVICE_TONE_DTMF_GENERATOR*

- *OTX_LDEVICE_TONE_DTMF_DIALER*

- *OTX_LDEVICE_TONE_MF_DIALER*

- *OTX_LDEVICE_TONE_EFFECTS_GENERATOR*

- *OTX_LDEVICE_DATA_CONVERTER*

- *OTX_LDEVICE_TONE_CONST_VAL_GENERATOR*

- *OTX_LDEVICE_TONE_VAL_SAMPLER*

- *OTX_LDEVICE_TONE_SINEWAVE_GENERATOR*

- *OTX_LDEVICE_TONE_SILENCE_DETECTOR*

For mode information on the physical and logical driver devices, please refer to *"Programmer's Guide for OTX Hardware API"* (Odin document # 1412-1-SAA-1006-1).

6. System Architecture

The overall system architecture can be best described and understood through different architectural views or aspects. This document explores the systems architecture from the following angles:

1. **External Interface View:** The external interface view describes the external interfaces of the adapter board, and how they are connected to the various internal devices and modules.

2. **Data Architecture View:** The data architecture view illustrates how the Time - Division Multiplexed (TDM) serial data is connected and transferred through the board.

3. **Control Architecture View:** The control architecture view describes how the internal devices and modules can be controlled by the host processor.

4. **Clock Architecture View:** The clock architecture view specifies what clocking and synchronization options are available, how clocking is derived, and how it distributed to the various devices.

5. **Logical Subsystem View:** The logical subsystem view describes the logical design subsystems in the system. Each subsystem can comprise hardware, firmware and driver or on-board processor software.

It is important to note that one device within the board can be involved in several of these views, each view describing how one aspect of the device interfaces with other devices.

6.1 External Interfaces

The Thor-8-PCI-Plus contains the following external interfaces:

- PCI Host Bus

- H.100 Computer Telephony Bus

- Centronics Network Interface with

  - 8 T1/E1 Line Interfaces

  - 4 Analog Interfaces for Handsets

- OTX ASM Socket

- JTAG Port for DSP Control

- 1 External Synchronization Clock Input

The external interfaces of the Thor-8-PCI-Plus card are illustrated in Figure 2.
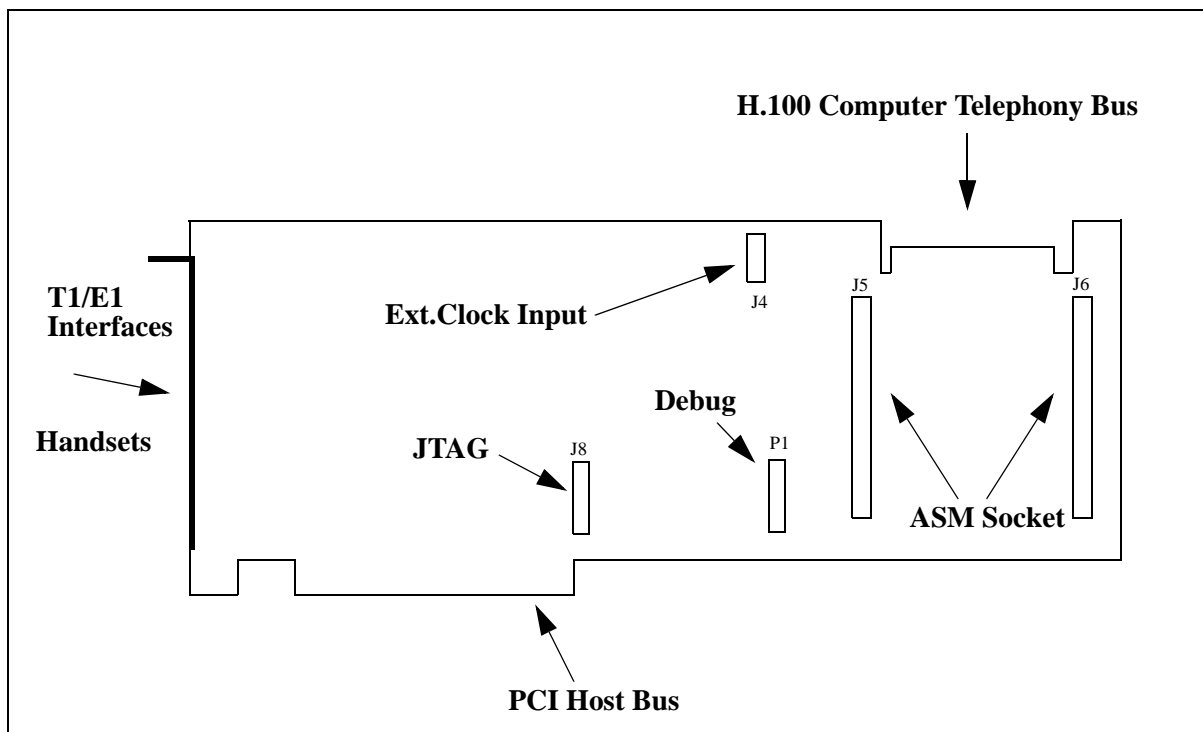
Figure 2.   Thor-8-PCI-Plus External Interfaces.

6.1.1 PCI Host Bus Interface

The interface between the Thor-8-PCI-Plus board and the Host Computer is the PCI (Peripheral Connection Interconnect) bus. The electrical characteristics comply to the PCI Standard, Revision 2.1. For more information on the PCI bus, please contact the PCI special interest group, PCI SIG, *http://www.pcisig.com* .

6.1.2 H.100 Computer Telephony Bus Interface

Thor-8-PCI-Plus supports the H.100 Computer Telephony Bus standard. The H.100 bus is a collection of time-division multiplexed (TDM) digital telephony highways designed to carry telephony traffic between extensions boards within one PC chassis. The H.100 bus supports 32 TDM highways. The highways can be operated at 2.048, 4.096, or 8.192 MBit/s carrying 32, 64, or 128 64 kbit/s time-slots, respectively. Up to 20 boards can be connected to one H.100 bus. The maximum distance between boards is 7 inches.

Within the PC chassis the data streams are passed from card to card using a 60 pin ribbon cable and AMP 1-557089-2 connectors. The H.100 connector is a 60-finger edge connector on the upper right-hand side (Figure 2) of the board. The pin-out of the H.100 connector is listed in Table 3.

TABLE 3.   Thor-8-PCI-Plus H.100 Pin Assignments

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	Reserved	2	Power to active devices (CT_+5Vdc)
3	TDM Highway 31 (CT_D31)	4	TDM Highway 30 (CT_D30)
5	TDM Highway 29 (CT_D29)	6	TDM Highway 28 (CT_D28)
7	GND	8	TDM Highway 27 (CT_D27)
9	TDM Highway 26 (CT_D26)	10	TDM Highway 25 (CT_D25)
11	TDM Highway 24 (CT_D24)	12	GND
13	TDM Highway 23 (CT_D23)	14	TDM Highway 22 (CT_D22)
15	TDM Highway 21 (CT_D21)	16	TDM Highway 20 (CT_D20)
17	GND	18	TDM Highway 19 (CT_D19)
19	TDM Highway 18 (CT_D18)	20	TDM Highway 17 (CT_D17)
21	TDM Highway 16 (CT_D16)	22	GND
23	TDM Highway 15 (CT_D15)	24	TDM Highway 14 (CT_D14)
25	TDM Highway 13 (CT_D13)	26	TDM Highway 12 (CT_D12)
27	GND	28	TDM Highway 11 (CT_D11)
29	TDM Highway 10 (CT_D10)	30	TDM Highway 9 (CT_D9)
31	TDM Highway 8 (CT_D8)	32	GND
33	TDM Highway 7 (CT_D7)	34	TDM Highway 6 (CT_D6)
35	TDM Highway 5 (CT_D5)	36	TDM Highway 4 (CT_D4)
37	GND	38	TDM Highway 3 (CT_D3)
39	TDM Highway 2 (CT_D2)	40	TDM Highway 1 (CT_D1)
41	TDM Highway 0 (CT_D0)	42	GND
43	Frame Sync from "A" Clock Master (/CT_FRAME_A)	44	GND

TABLE 3. Thor-8-PCI-Plus H.100 Pin Assignments

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
45	Bit Clock from "A" Clock Master (CT_C8_A)	46	GND
47	Secondary Network Timing Reference (CT_NETREF)	48	GND
49	Redundant Frame Sync from "B" Clock Master (/CT_FRAME_B)	50	GND
51	Redundant Bit Clock from "B" Clock Master (CT_C8_B)	52	GND
53	Message Channel (CT_MC)	54	GND
55	Compatibility Frame Pulse (/FR_COMP)	56	GND
57	SCbus System Clock (SCLK)	58	GND
59	SCbus System Clock time two (SCLKx2)	60	GND
61	MVIP-90 bit clock (C2)	62	GND
63	MVIP-90 bit clock time two (/C4)	64	GND
65	H-MVIP 16 Mhz Clock (/C16+)	66	H-MVIP 16 Mhz Clock /C16-
67	GND	68	RESERVED

For more information on the H.100 bus, please contact the Enterprise Computer Telephony Forum, ECTF, ***http://www.ectf.org*** .

6.1.3 Centronics Network Interfaces

The back panel of Thor-8-PCI-Plus contains a Centronics connector with 50 contacts. The Centronics connector provides the following interfaces:

- 8 T1/E1 4-wire Line Interfaces
- 4 Analog Interfaces for Handsets

Thor-8-PCI-Plus is delivered with a telco-type connector cable (SCSI Cable) and a Harmonica module which converts from Centronics connector to 12 RJ-11 connectors. The Harmonica module allows the connection of T1/E1 lines and handsets to Thor-8-PCI-Plus using RJ-45 and RJ-11 connectors (See Figure 3).

12-Port Harmonica Module

1	Handset 0
2	Handset 1
3	Handset 2
4	Handset 3
5	T1/E1 Line Interface 0
6	T1/E1 Line Interface 1
7	T1/E1 Line Interface 2
8	T1/E1 Line Interface 3
9	T1/E1 Line Interface 4
10	T1/E1 Line Interface 5
11	T1/E1 Line Interface 6
12	T1/E1 Line Interface 7

Thor-8-PCI-Plus

Telco Cable
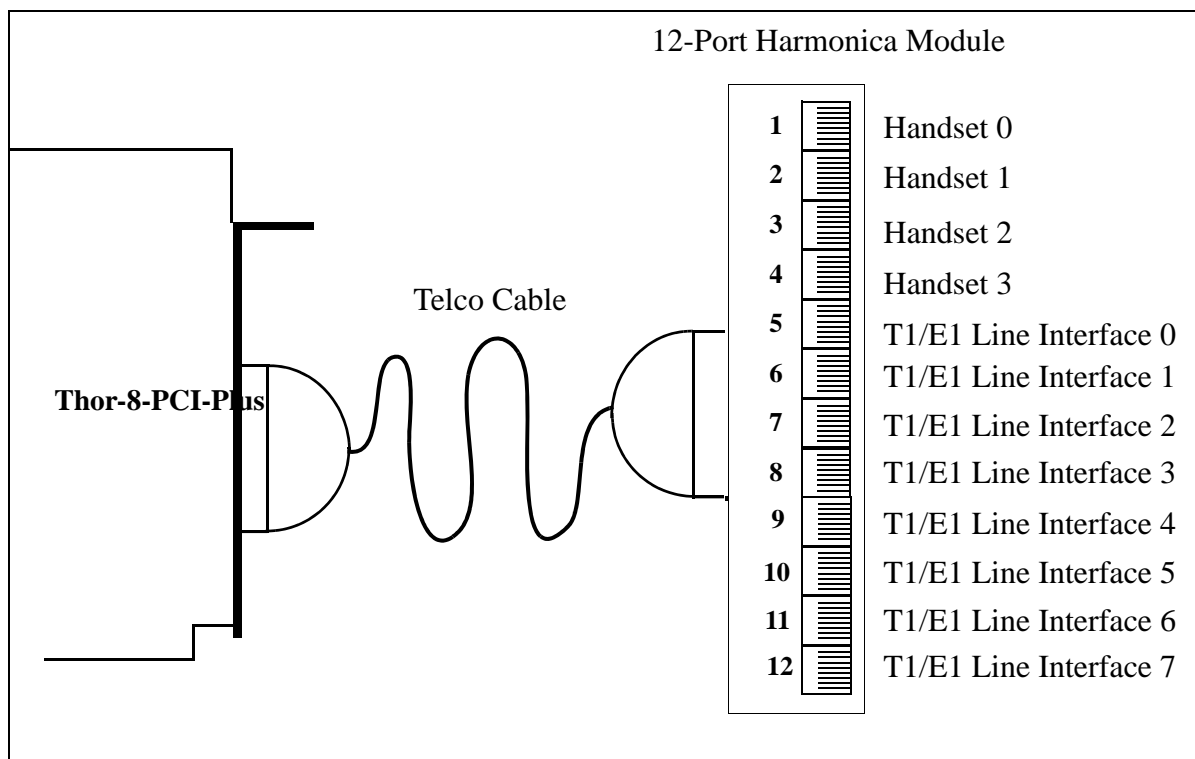
Figure 3.   **Thor-8-PCI-Plus Harmonica Module**

Although Thor-8-PCI-Plus is delivered with the RJ-45 and RJ-11 Harmonica module, the modular structure of Thor-8-PCI-Plus allows it to be adapted for other types of connectors as well. For example, if the application requires BNC or Bantam type connectors, the Harmonica module can be replaced with another type of adapter which converts from Centronics to BNC or Bantam type connectors. The pin-outs of the Centronics and the RJ connectors are documented in Figure 4 and in Table 4.

Also available as optional accessories are 19" rack-mountable harmonicas (BNC and RJ-45 versions).

pin 25   pin 1

pin 50   pin 26
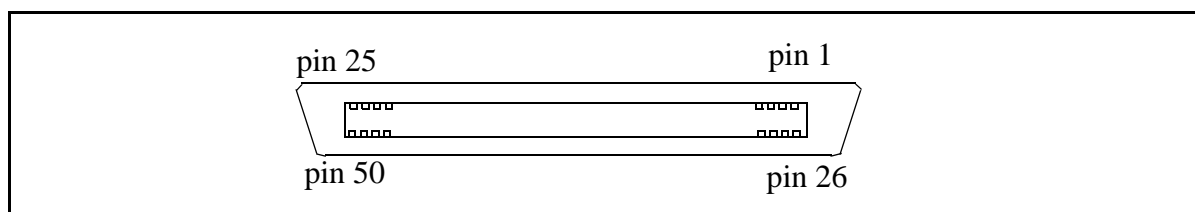
Figure 4.   **Thor-8-PCI-Plus Centronics Connector.**

TABLE 4.   Thor-8-PCI-Plus Centronics Connector Pin Assignments

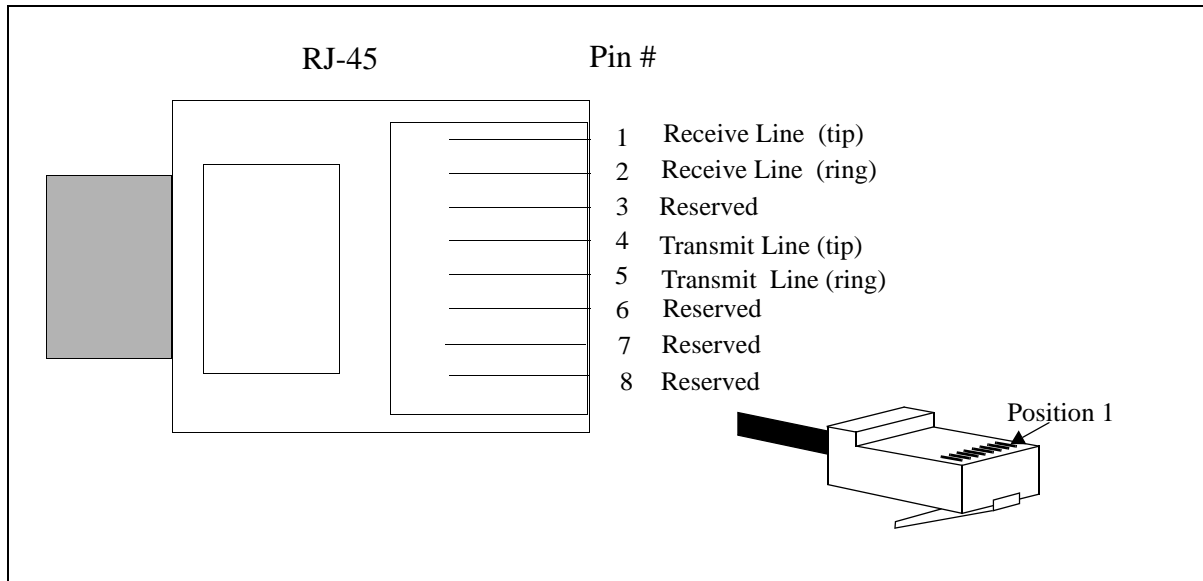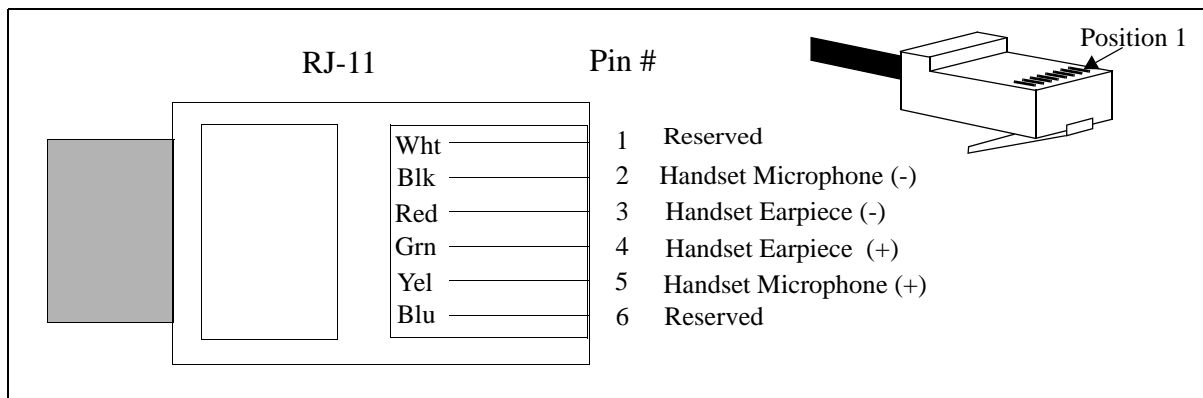| Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	Codec-0, Speaker (+)	26	Codec-0, Speaker (-)
2	Codec-0, Handset Microphone (+)	27	Codec-0, Handset Microphone Ground
3	Codec-1, Speaker (+)	28	Codec-1, Speaker (-)
4	Codec-1, Handset Microphone (+)	29	Codec-1, Handset Microphone Ground
5	Codec-2, Speaker (+)	30	Codec-2, Speaker (-)
6	Codec-2, Handset Microphone (+)	31	Codec-2, Handset Microphone Ground
7	Codec-3, Speaker (+)	32	Codec-3, Speaker (-)
8	Codec-3, Handset Microphone (+)	33	Codec-3, Handset Microphone Ground
9		34	
10	Line Interface 0, Transmit Line (tip)	35	Line Interface 1, Transmit Line (ring)
11	Line Interface 0, Receive Line (tip)	36	Line Interface 1, Receive Line (ring)
12	Line Interface 1, Transmit Line (tip)	37	Line Interface 1, Transmit Line (ring)
13	Line Interface 1, Receive Line (tip)	38	Line Interface 1, Receive Line (ring)
14	Line Interface 2, Transmit Line (tip)	39	Line Interface 2, Transmit Line (ring)
15	Line Interface 2, Receive Line (tip)	40	Line Interface 2, Receive Line (ring)
16	Line Interface 3, Transmit Line (tip)	41	Line Interface 3, Transmit Line (ring)
17	Line Interface 3, Receive Line (tip)	42	Line Interface 3, Receive Line (ring)
18	Line Interface 4, Transmit Line (tip)	43	Line Interface 4, Transmit Line (ring)
19	Line Interface 4, Receive Line (tip)	44	Line Interface 4, Receive Line (ring)
20	Line Interface 5, Transmit Line (tip)	45	Line Interface 5, Transmit Line (ring)
21	Line Interface 5, Receive Line (tip)	46	Line Interface 5, Receive Line (ring)
22	Line Interface 6, Transmit Line (tip)	47	Line Interface 6, Transmit Line (ring)
23	Line Interface 6, Receive Line (tip)	48	Line Interface 6, Receive Line (ring)
24	Line Interface 7, Transmit Line (tip)	49	Line Interface 7, Transmit Line (ring)
25	Line Interface 7, Receive Line (tip)	50	Line Interface 7, Receive Line (ring)

The RJ-45 pin-outs in the Harmonica module for the 4-wire T1/E1 line interfaces are shown in Figure 5.

RJ-45   Pin #

Pin #	
1	Receive Line (tip)
2	Receive Line (ring)
3	Reserved
4	Transmit Line (tip)
5	Transmit Line (ring)
6	Reserved
7	Reserved
8	Reserved

Position 1

Figure 5.   **RJ-45 Connector for the T1 or E1 Interface.**

The RJ-11 pin out for the handsets is shown in Figure 6.

RJ-11   Pin #

Position 1

| Color	Pin #	
Wht	1	Reserved
Blk	2	Handset Microphone (-)
Red	3	Handset Earpiece (-)
Grn	4	Handset Earpiece (+)
Yel	5	Handset Microphone (+)
Blu	6	Reserved

Figure 6.   **RJ-11 Connector for the Handsets.**

6.1.4 OTX ASM Interface

The Thor-8-PCI-Plus board contains an OTX ASM (Application Specific Module) Interface (Reference Designators J5 and J6). The ASM Interface can be used to attach a daughter board modules to the Thor-8-PCI-Plus board. The ASM daughter boards can add functionality, such as DSP or HDLC resources.

6.1.5 External Clock Connector

The Thor-8-PCI-Plus board can be clocked by supplying a external 8kHz clock signal to the J4 connector. The clock signal can be a 3.3V or 5V signal. The location of the J4 connector is show in Figure 2. The pinout of the J4 connector is shown in Figure 7.

Top View

J4

pin 1 - clock input   pin 2 - GND
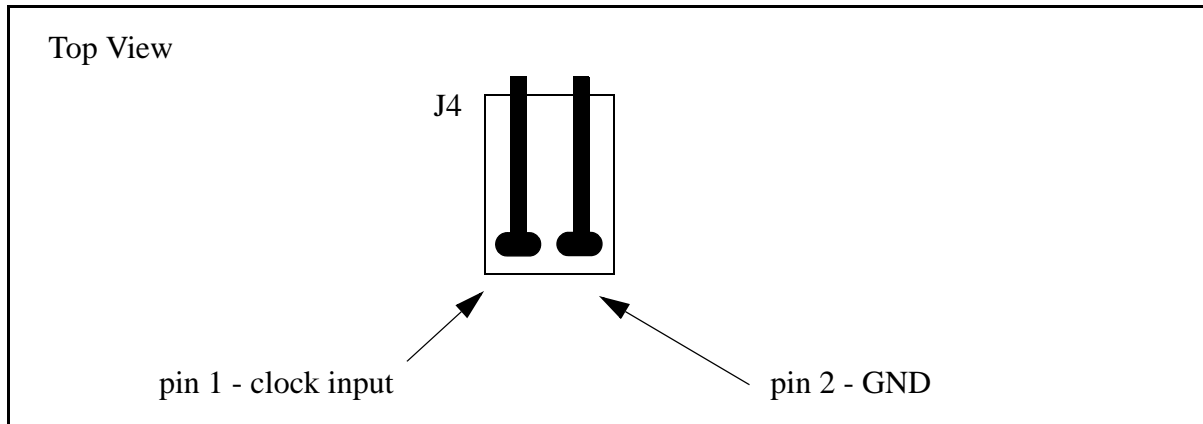
Figure 7.   External Clock Connector.

6.1.6 JTAG Interface

The JTAG port (reference designator J3) are used for:

- Board Testing

- Programming of Complex Programmable Logical Devices (CPLDs)

- Connecting the DSP emulator board for DSP Software Development.

For more information on how to use the JTAG port and the DSP emulator, please refer to *"Programmer's Guide for OTX C54x DSP Software Development Kit"* Odin Document # 1412-1-SAA-1007-1.

6.2 Data Architecture

Internally, Thor-8-PCI-Plus utilizes serial TDM (Time-Division Multiplexed) data streams for transfer of data or voice. The internal serial TDM data streams are called "Highways." External interfaces are called spans.

The serial highways provide data paths between physical devices as shown in Figure 8. If the physical device connects to more than one highway, the device specific highway port number is also shown in Figure 8.
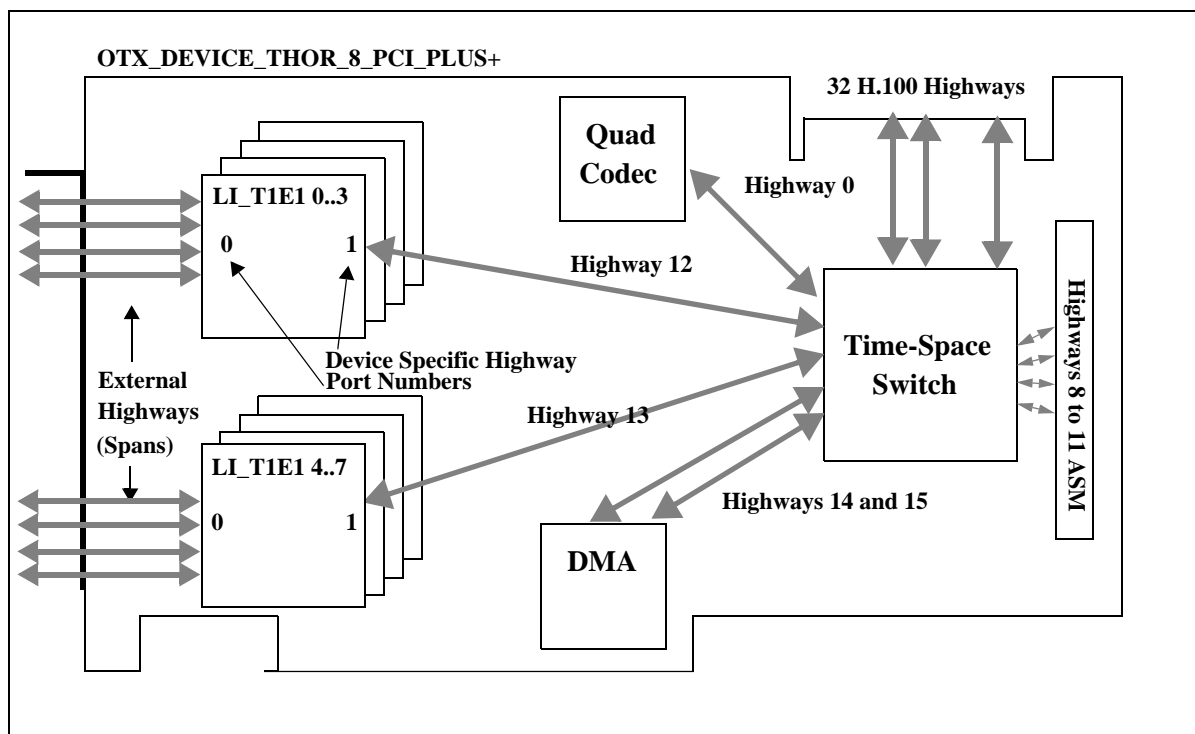
Figure 8.   Thor-8-PCI-Plus Highway Connections.

The Thor-8-PCI-Plus internal highways are configured to operate at ether 2, 4, or 8 Mbit/s, each containing 32, 64 or 128 8-bit time-slots, respectively. The data rate of one time-slot is 64 kbit/s. Table 5 lists the internal highways used on Thor-8-PCI-Plus boards.

TABLE 5.   Thor-8-PCI-Plus Highway Connections

Highway #	Connecting Time-Space Switch to
0	2.048 Mbits/s Highway connecting to Codec#0, Codec#1, Codec#2, and Codec#3
8-11	4.096 Mbits/s Highway connecting to ASM connectors
12-13	8.192 Mbits/s Highway connecting to the LIUs
14-15	8.192 Mbits/s Highway connecting to the DMA system

The time-space switch in non-blocking and allows any internal time-slot on any internal highway to be switched to any other highway/time-slot. The cross-connections are software programmable and automatically taken care of by the OTX driver.

In addition, the Thor-8-PCI-Plus contains 32 H.100 Highways:

The Thor-8-PCI-Plus time-space also provides support multicasting and messaging. In multicasting mode any input channel can be cross-connected to multiple output channels. For example, an incoming Li time slot can be both switched to an outgoing H.100 Highway and it can also be switched to the ASM board.

In the messaging mode, the time-space switch can be instructed to send a constant byte on any time slot. Once activated, every byte on the specified time slot will contain the same value. The generation of constant byte does not consume any processing capacity. The constant byte feature is useful in, for example, verification of a through connection or in Bit Error Rate (BER) testing.

6.3 Control Architecture

The host PC can control the physical devices on the Thor-8-PCI-Plus board through the PCI bus. The Thor-8-PCI-Plus control architecture is illustrated in Figure 9.

OTX_DEVICE_THOR_8_PCI_PLUS

DMA

LI_T1E1 0..3

LI_T1E1 4..7

Time-Space Switch

ASM
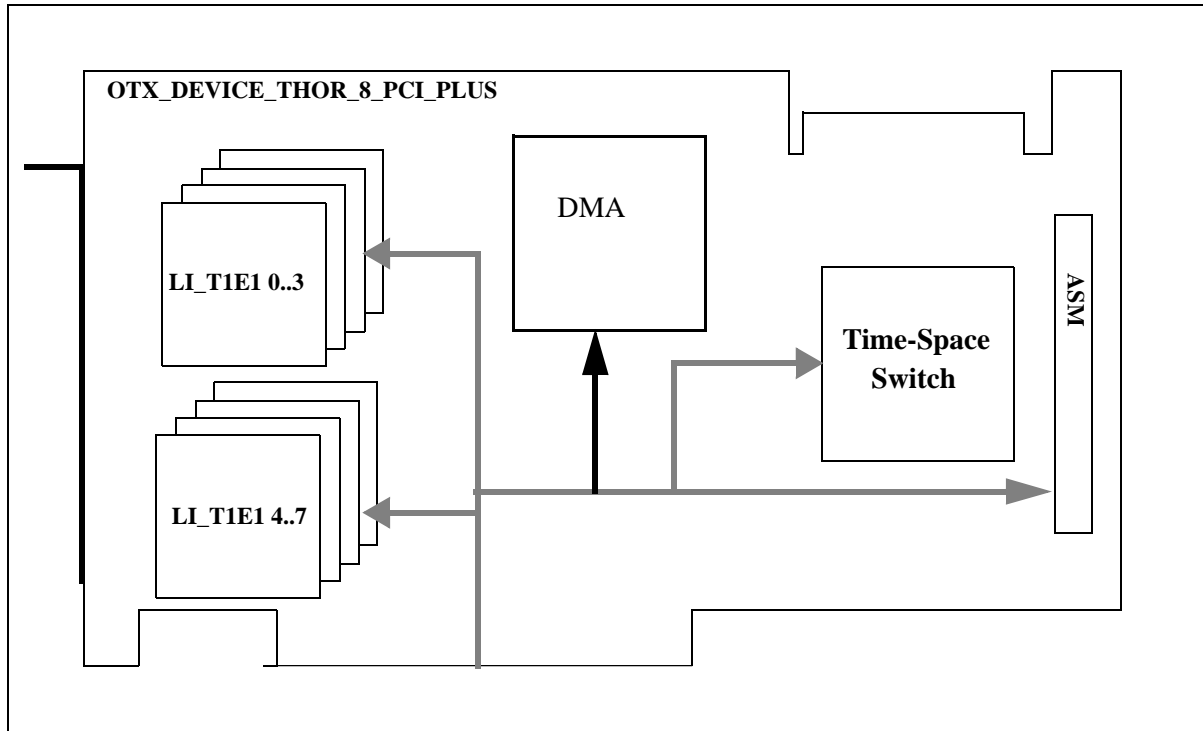
Figure 9.   **Thor-8-PCI-Plus Control Architecture.**

6.4 Clock Architecture

On the Thor-8-PCI-Plus board all the internal TDM data highways and the all the devices processing TDM data are synchronized to one clock reference. The clock reference can be derived from multiple sources and then switched to all the devices. The clocking sources supported by Thor-8-PCI-Plus are illustrated in Figure 10 and listed in Table 6.
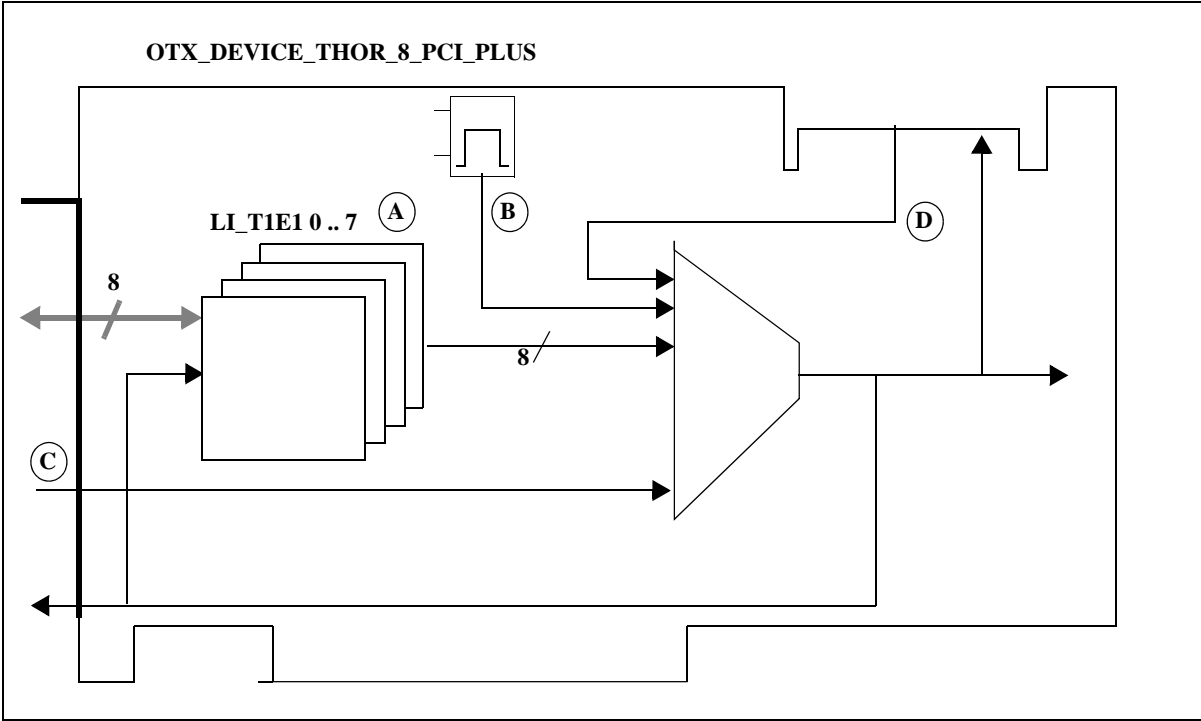
Figure 10.   Thor-8-PCI-Plus Clock Architecture Overview.

TABLE 6.   Thor-8-PCI-Plus Clocking Sources.

Clock Source	Description
A	8 kHz frame clock extracted from one of the incoming T1/E1 spans (0-7). OTX_CLOCK_SOURCE_LOCAL_0 through OTX_CLOCK_SOURCE_LOCAL_7
B	On-board free running oscillator. OTX_CLOCK_SOURCE_INTERNAL
C	External 8 kHz framing clock. OTX_CLOCK_SOURCE_EXTERNAL
D	H.100 Reference Clock. OTX_CLOCK_SOURCE_A_CLOCKS, OTX_CLOCK_SOURCE_A_CLOCKS_ETCF, OTX_CLOCK_SOURCE_B_CLOCKS, or OTX_CLOCK_SOURCE_B_CLOCKS_ETCF

In the event that the clocking source is lost, Thor-8-PCI-Plus will automatically switch to a backup clocking source. For example, if clocking is derived from an incoming T1/E1 span, and the span experiences Loss of Signal (LOS), the clocking source is automatically switched to the other T1/E1 span. If the other span loses signal as well, then

Thor-2 will switch to free-running mode and the clocking will be derived from the on-board oscillator. If the H.100 clocks or the external clocks are used as the clocking source and the clocking is lost, Thor-8-PCI-Plus will switch into free-running mode and use the on-board oscillator.

It is important to understand that the difference between the clocks on the external T1/E1 spans and the internal clocks. When the Thor-8-PCI-Plus clocking is derived from one incoming T1/E1 span, the external T1/E1 span and the internal highways on-board are completely synchronized. In that case, the other T1/E1 span is not necessarily in synchronization with the internal highways. To compensate for that, Thor-8-PCI-Plus implements an elastic receive buffer with a size of 64x8 bits.The elastic store is used to adapt the clock rates between the T1/E1 clock and the Thor-8-PCI-Plus system clock, to compensate for input wonder and jitter, and to align the received frame with the internal highway frame. However, the elastic buffer may eventually over- or underflow and a slip condition may occur. When a positive or negative slip occurs, Thor-8-PCI-Plus will discard one received layer-1 frame to free space in the elastic receive buffer and to continue forwarding the data from incoming T1/E1 span to the internal highway. The slip condition will cause a one 8-bit data sample to be discarded on all of the time-slots.

The occurrence of slips is normal in telephone network. A loss of data sample in a voice data is insignificant cannot be detected by human ear. Loss of one data byte in a data transmission is typically detected with Cyclic Redundancy Checks (CRC). A loss of a data byte due to a slip is typically corrected by the data link protocol requesting a retransmission of the corrupted packet.

6.5 Logical Subsystems

The logical subsystem view describes the logical design subsystems within the Thor-8-PCI-Plus adapter. Each subsystem can comprise hardware, firmware, and driver or on-board processor software. The Thor-8-PCI-Plus consists of two subsystems:

1.   Line Interface Subsystem

2.   Switching Subsystem

3.   DMA Subsystem

6.5.1 Line Interface Subsystem

The Line Interface subsystem is responsible for interfacing the Thor-8-PCI-Plus card with the external T1/E1 links. The subsystem provides the connectors, terminating resistors, transformers, and overvoltage protection.

6.5.1.1 Line Configurations

The Thor-8-PCI-Plus line interfaces support several different line codes:

• HDB3 - High Density Bipolar 3

- B8ZS - Bipolar 8 Zero Substitution

- AMI - Alternate Mark Inversion

- AMI with NZC

For the T1 operation mode, the following framing formats can be used:

- F4 - 4-frame multiframe

- F12 - 12 frame multiframe

- ESF - Extended Superframe

- F72 - 72 frame multiframe

For the E1 operation mode, Thor-8-PCI-Plus supports the following framing formats:

- Doubleframe

- CRC multiframe

6.5.1.2 Fault Monitoring

The line interface subsystem supports fault and performance monitoring. The transceiver subsystem detects and reports the following alarms in the receive streams:

- Framing errors

- Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) errors

- Code violations

- Loss of frame alignment

- Loss of Signal (LOS)

- Alarm Indication Signal (AIS)

- E bit errors (E1 only)

- Slip

- Remote Alarm Indication (RAI, Yellow Alarm)

The line interface subsystems also supports the transmitting of the following alarms towards the remote end:

- Alarm Indication Signal (AIS)

- Remote Alarm Indication (RAI, Yellow alarm)

- Auxiliary Pattern (AUXP)

6.5.1.3 Loopbacks

The line interface subsystem implements a remote loopback for line testing. In the remote loopback mode, the clock and data recovered from the line inputs are routed back to the line outputs through the analog transmitter.

6.5.2 Switching Subsystem

The switching subsystem provides a time-space switch for the switching of any incoming time/slot to any outgoing time slot. This subsystem is also responsible for delivering and switching of the on-board clock signals. The switching subsystem has already been covered in Chapter 6.2: "Data Architecture" and Chapter 6.4: "Clock Architecture".

6.5.3 DMA Subsystem

The Thor-8-PCI-Plus board contains a Direct Memory Access (DMA) system allowing the user to send two 8 MHz highways of data directly into and from the host PC's memory. This greatly reduces the host CPU time required for data transfer to or from the host. The time-space switch can be used to cross-connect the DMA system into any incoming or outgoing time-slot in the Line Interface, ASM, or H.100 Highways.

7. Support Information

For more information on this product, please contact:

Odin TeleSystems Inc.
800 East Campbell Road, Suite 334
Richardson, Texas 75081
U. S. A.

Tel: +1-972-664-0100
Fax: +1-972-664-0855
Email: Info@OdinTS.com
URL: http://www.OdinTS.com