AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE

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3 Symbols

The following Symbols may be used in this user guide:

DANGER
Indicates an imminently hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

WARNING
Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

CAUTION
Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

NOTICE
Indicates a property damage message.

ESD Sensitive Device
This symbol and title inform that the electronic boards and their components are sensitive to static electricity. Care must always therefore be taken during all handling operations and inspections of this product in order to ensure product integrity at all times.

HOT Surface
Do NOT touch! Allow to cool before servicing.

Information
This symbol indicates general information about the product and the user guide.

Hints and Tips
This symbol precedes helpful hints and tips for daily use.

4 Safety Instructions

Before you begin the installation and operation of the product, please carefully read all safety instructions and warnings. Pay attention to any warning notices attached. Kontron Electronics accepts no liability for damage to equipment or persons resulting from failure to follow the basic safety instructions, even during the warranty period, and is therefore exempt from statutory liability for accidents. The product has been designed and tested in accordance with basic safety requirements and legal guidelines. To ensure safe operation, the user must not only observe the intended operating conditions of the product but also follow the basic safety instructions:

- The product must be used in accordance with the user guide or datasheet.
- All instructions for installation, operation, maintenance, transport or storage that are necessary for the safety of the product or the user must be followed.
- The electrical connection on site must comply with the requirements of the local, country-specific regulations.
- Do not place the appliance near heat sources or in damp locations.
- The only way to completely disconnect the product from the mains power is to disconnect the power supply cable from the power adapter or from the product itself.
- Note: The product is not disconnected from the power supply when it is switched off using the power button or the software.
- Only original accessories approved by Kontron Electronics may be used.
- The available interfaces may only be used with devices and components that comply with the specifications listed in the user guide.
- Ensure that the power consumption of the product does not exceed the value specified on the rating plate and in the user-guide.
- If the product stops working properly, switch it off and secure it to prevent it from being turned on again.
- Basic ESD protection measures must be observed (see user guide).
- AL and DL series products should only be opened to replace a depleted battery. Before opening the housing, disconnect the power supply and ensure that the product is completely de-energized. Ensure that all interfaces of the device are also disconnected.

WARNING
Risk of explosion if the battery is not replaced according to the instructions! (short circuit, reverse polarity, incorrect battery type). Dispose of used batteries in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

CAUTION: Risk of Overheating
Sufficient air circulation or cooling is essential to protect the product from overheating. When cooling by air circulation, make sure that the ventilation openings and heat sinks of the product are not covered. Overheating can affect the proper functioning of the product and, in the worst case, lead to its destruction. High ambient temperatures can make cooling more difficult. The ambient temperature limits specified in the user guide must be observed.

CAUTION: Hot Surface
There is a risk of injury from contact with heated components or the housing.

Important notes on the power supply

- Please note: Safe use of the product is only possible if the external DC power supply meets the criteria for LPS and PS2 (UL/IEC 62368-1).
- Connect the product only to a power supply (PSU) that provides the input power (max. current) specified on the Kontron nameplate or in the User-Guide and that complies with the Limited Power Source (LPS) and Power Source (PS2) requirements of UL/IEC 62368-1.
- Safe operation is not possible if exposed parts of circuits carrying dangerous voltages or energies can be touched directly or indirectly.
- Safe operation is not possible if there is no disconnecting device that removes the hazardous energy content from the point of disconnection within 2 seconds.
- The cross-section of the supply wires must be selected in accordance with the maximum current specified on the nameplate of the device, in accordance with the provisions of EN62368-1 or VDE0100 or EN60204 or UL61010-1.
- The power supply serves as the primary disconnect device from the mains (AC) and is used to remove all DC power from the board / system.
- The AL or DL housing must be earthed using the screw provided.

5 Instructions on Handling, Unpacking and Usage

5.1 ESD („Electrostatic Discharge“)

ESD Sensitive Device
Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage equipment and impair electrical circuitry.
› Wear ESD-protective clothing and shoes. › Wear an ESD-preventive wrist strap attached to a good earth ground. › Check the resistance value of the wrist strap periodically (OK: 1 MΩ to 10 MΩ). › Transport and store the board in its antistatic bag. › Handle the board at an approved ESD workstation. › Handle the board only by the edges.

Do not handle this product out of its protective enclosure while it is not used for operational purposes unless it is otherwise protected.

Whenever possible, unpack or pack this product only at EOS/ESD safe workstations. Where a safe workstation is not guaranteed, it is important for the user to be electrically discharged before touching the product with hands or tools.

It is particularly important to observe standard anti-static precautions when changing piggybacks, ROM devices, jumper settings etc. If the product contains batteries for RTC or memory backup, ensure that the product is not placed on conductive surfaces, including anti-static plastics or sponges. They can cause short circuits and damage the batteries or conductive circuits on the product.

5.2 Packaging

All parts are delivered together in a product specific cardboard package designed to provide adequate protection and absorb shock. Kontron Electronics recommends keeping the packaging to store or transport the product. If it is necessary to store or ship the product then repack it in the same manner as it was delivered.

Please inspect the delivery immediately upon receipt for completeness and integrity. Check the product, the packaging, and any seals that may be present for visible damage or signs of tampering.

If you notice any discrepancies, damage, or missing components, please contact our support team without delay.

Unpacking
Proceed as follows to unpack the unit:
› Remove packaging. › Do not discard the original packaging. Keep packaging for future relocation or storage. › Check the delivery for completeness by comparing it with the original order. › Keep the associated paperwork. It contains important information for handling the unit. › Check the contents for visible shipping damage.

5.3 Scope of Delivery

Included in this delivery:

- AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE
- Safety Instructions
- DC Power Connector (2-pin Phoenix Contact)

5.4 Type Label and Product Identification

Figure 1: AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE Type Label

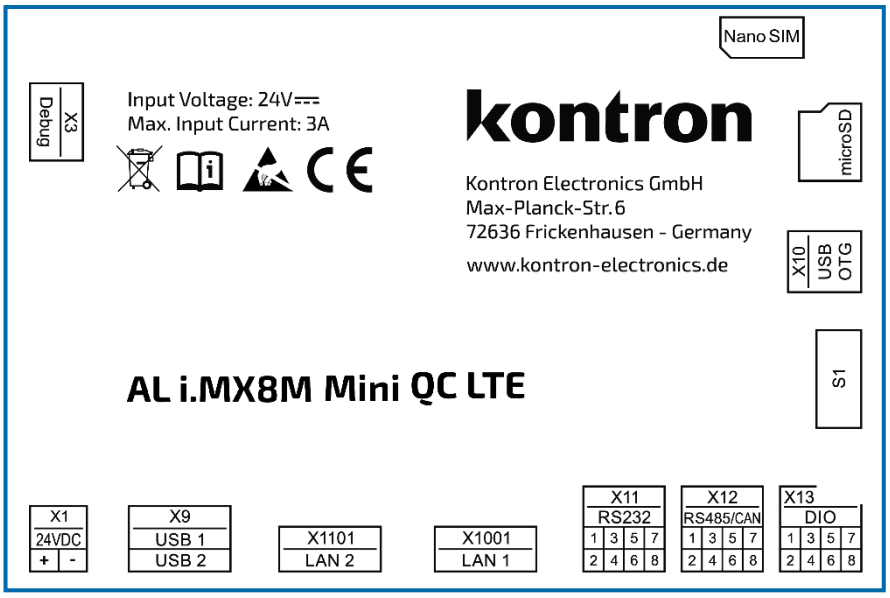
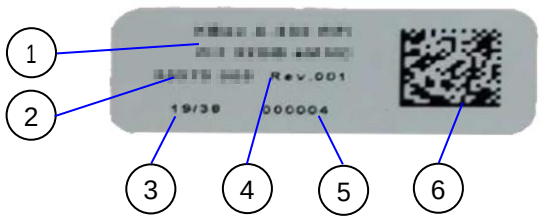


Table 2: Product Identification



Detail	Description
1	Product name (AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE)
2	Article number
3	Production date
4	Revision number
5	Serial number
6	Data Matrix Code with article-, rev., date and serial number

5.5 General Instructions on Usage

In order to maintain Kontron Electronics' product warranty, this product must not be altered or modified in any way. Changes or modifications to the product, that are not explicitly approved by Kontron Electronics and described in this user guide or received from Kontron Electronics Support as a special handling instruction, will void your warranty.

This product should only be installed in or connected to systems that fulfil all necessary technical and specific environmental requirements. This also applies to the operational temperature range of the specific board version that must not be exceeded. If batteries are present, their temperature restrictions must be considered.

In performing all necessary installation and application operations, only follow the instructions supplied by the present user guide.

6 Introduction

This user guide describes the single board computer AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE. The Advanced RISC Machines (ARM) based module is equipped with NXP i.MX8M Mini processor. The quad core SoC takes advantage of the optimized power consumption and performance ratio.

The use of this user guide implies a basic knowledge of PC hardware and software. This user guide is focused on describing the special features and is not intended to be a standard PC textbook. New users are recommended to study the short installation procedure, before switching on the power.

All configuration and setup of the module is performed using the u-Boot CLI. Latest revision of this user guide, datasheet, and BSPs (Board Support Packages) can be downloaded from Kontron Electronics Web Page.

Kontron Electronics' AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE is developed specifically for mobile and wireless IoT solutions. The fanless design ensures a significantly prolonged lifespan and high system availability.

Exploring the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE
Before working with the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE, Kontron Electronics recommends that users take a few minutes to learn about the various parts of the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE.

7 Starting Up

Before using the system, become familiar with the system components and follow the startup instructions below.

7.1 Connecting to Power Supply

The AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE connects to a DC main power supply using a Phoenix Contact input power connector and the corresponding power cable.

Information

When starting the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE, the functional earth connection must always be made first and disconnected last. Kontron Electronics recommends that the power cable should be the last connection made to the system. Following the proper cabling sequence helps prevent false power-on conditions, which could otherwise lead to operational failures.

CAUTION

Please make sure to read the safety instructions at the beginning of this user guide before connecting the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE to a power supply.

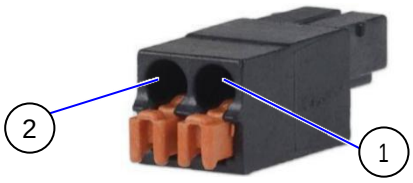
WARNING

The current of the power supply should be limited to the maximum value specified on the type label of the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE.

7.2 Wiring the DC Mating Power Connector

The AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE is connected by the input power connector on the front to a DC power source via a DC power supply wiring consisting of the power mating connector and the assembled wires.

Table 3: Wiring the Power Mating Connector

2-Pin Power Mating Connector	Pin	Signal Name
	1	Location for inserting the 24 V wire
	2	Location for inserting the 0 V wire

To wire the power mating connector, follow the steps below:

- Cut two (0.5…1.5 mm²) AWG 20…16 isolated wires to the required length and strip each end 5…7 mm.
- Twist the striped wire-ends and provide them with ferrules.
- Press the contact levers of the power mating connector down - far enough so that you can insert the end of the prepared wires.
- Insert the wires into the corresponding clamp of the Phoenix power mating connector. Make sure that you have the right polarity of the connection. For the pin assignment of the input power connector, refer to Chapter 10.2:
- Input Power Connector.

Information

The wires used for power connections must be clearly marked (+/ -) to ensure proper connection to the front panel input power connector and to the main power source. In addition, the cables must have some form of support to minimize the strain on the unit's connectors.

7.3 Din Rail Mounting

The AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE is a rail mount PC box, designed for use in a DIN rail enclosure or housing by attaching a DIN rail mounting clamp. The DIN rail mounting clamp can be attached on the rear side of the chassis.

To attach the DIN Rail mounting clamp, follow the steps below:

- Make sure that the DIN Rail mounting clamp is in the upright position.
- Clip the top of the DIN rail clamp into the DIN rail and push the bottom of the DIN rail firmly until it clamps on to the bottom of the DIN rail.

7.4 Operating System (OS) and Drivers

- Standard Version: KontronOS
  Detailed information on KontronOS and KontronGrid can be found at:
  susietec.com/produkte-services
- Optional: Yocto Linux
  BSP (demo) documentation and support:
  docs.kontron-electronics.de

If ordered without pre-installed OS, before starting the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE the operating system and the appropriate drivers need to be installed for the ordered system configuration.

8 Product Overview

The AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE is a flexible single board computer fanless device designed for use in demanding applications. Based on the i.MX8 (4x Arm® Cortex®-A53, 1x Arm® Cortex®-M4) Quad processor the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE features long-term availability and supports a varied number of onboard interfaces to enable connectivity to nearly all applications. A microSD card slot supports memory expansion for flexible data storage. A key feature is the LTE Cat1 module, which ensures a particularly reliable and fast connection for IoT applications.

Information

All variants are also available (project-based only) as a separate product named Board-Line BL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE without housing.

Figure 2: AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE

Information

The AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE is designed for operation in a DIN rail environment using a vertical orientation.

8.1 Main Characteristics

Main characteristics of the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE are:

- i.MX8 MIMX8MM6CVTKZAA:
  - 4x Arm® Cortex®-A53 @1,6 GHz (1,8GHz)
  - 1x Arm® Cortex®-M4 processor @400 MHz
  - 2D GPU and 3D GPU
- 1 GB up to 4GB LPDDR4 RAM
- 8 GB up to 64 GB eMMC
- External microSD card slot
- External Interfaces: 2x Ethernet (1x Gbit/s, 1x 10/100 Mbit/s), 2x USB 2.0, 1x USB OTG, 1xRS232, 1x RS485, 1x CAN, 4x DIO (24 V / in total: 1 A)
- Fanless passive cooling
- LTE Cat 1bis (Uplink up to 5 Mbps, Downlink up to 10 Mbps)
- 1x Nano-SIM slot

The AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE is intended for 24/7 continuous operation and longtime industrial applications. All components are selected to ensure a long lifetime.

8.2 Product Variants

Table 4: Product Variants of AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE

Item	Description	Product Number
AL i.MX8M Mini QC 4 GB/32 GB LTE	Automation Line with NXP i.MX8M Mini quad core processor, 4 GB LPDDR4 and 32 GB eMMC, LTE module	50099 099
Other systems on request	Detailed information on KontronOS and KontronGrid can be found at: susietec.com/produkte-services	

8.3 Related Products and Accessories

- Other systems on request

Table 5: Accessories for AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE

Item	Description	Product Number
MicroSD Card	MicroSD Card 16 GB	1 060 0338
Power Supply	External power supply 230 V AC to 24 V DC / 18 W incl. 2-pin power connector (Phoenix Contact origin no. 1826680)	30099 001
Connector Set RS232/RS485/CAN/DIO mating connector	Connector set contains: - 1x RS232: 8-pin; - 1x RS485/CAN: 8-pin; - 1x DIO: 8-pin (Phoenix Contact origin no. 1844594)	30099 006
USB-UART Debug-Adapter	Translates the UART signals provided on the Debug connector to USB for connecting the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE to a computer	40099 101
USB-Cable	Connects the Mini-B Debug connector of the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE to the USB-A of the Debug-Adapter	1 860 1154

9 System Specification

9.1 Technical Specification

The AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE implements the following technical specification.

Table 6: Technical Specification

Processor	4x Arm® Cortex®-A53 @1.6 GHz, 1x Arm® Cortex®-M4 @400 MHz, 2D GPU and 3D GPU
System Memory	LPDDR4-RAM 1 GB up to 4 GB
Storage	8 GB eMMC up to 64 GB 2 MB NOR Flash 64 kbit EERAM (nvSRAM)
Interfaces	2x USB 2.0, USB A 1x USB OTG, Micro-USB 1x Debug, Mini-B USB 1x 1 Gbit/s, 1x 10/100 Mbit/s Ethernet, RJ45 1x RS232, 1x RS485 1x CAN 4x DIO (24 V DC / in total 1 A)
Expansion Sockets	1x MicroSD Card Slot
Power	24 V DC ±20 % Input
LTE	Cat 1bis

Table 7: Software Specification

Operating System (OS)	Standard Version: KontronOS Detailed information on KontronOS and KontronGrid can be found at: susietec.com/produkte-services Optional: Yocto Linux BSP (demo) documentation and support: docs.kontron-electronics.de

9.2 Environmental Specification

Table 8: Environmental Conditions

Temperature (Operating)	0°C...55 °C ambient, non-condensing
Temperature (Storage)	-20...70 °C ambient, non-condensing
IP protection Class	IP20
Pollution	Degree II

Cooling
The AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE is designed for operation in a customer-specific cabinet or device. The maximum temperature range refers only to the limits of the individual components. Do not place heat sources in close proximity to the product. This could otherwise lead to performance losses or an unexpected shutdown of the device.

9.3 Mechanical Specification

Table 9: Mechanical Specification

Dimension	AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE (form factor 4,3")
Width	111 mm (4.4")
Depth	76 mm (3")
Height	43 mm (1.7")
Weight (chassis + antenna)	259 g
Construction	Aluminium housing
Mounting	DIN Rail

For more detailed mechanical information, refer to the following outline dimensions drawings within this chapter. Each dimension drawing shows the main external mechanical features such as the position and size of mounting holes for the DIN rail mounting clamp (measurements in millimetres).

The DIN rail mounting clamp is 7 mm thick.

Figure 3: Bottom view

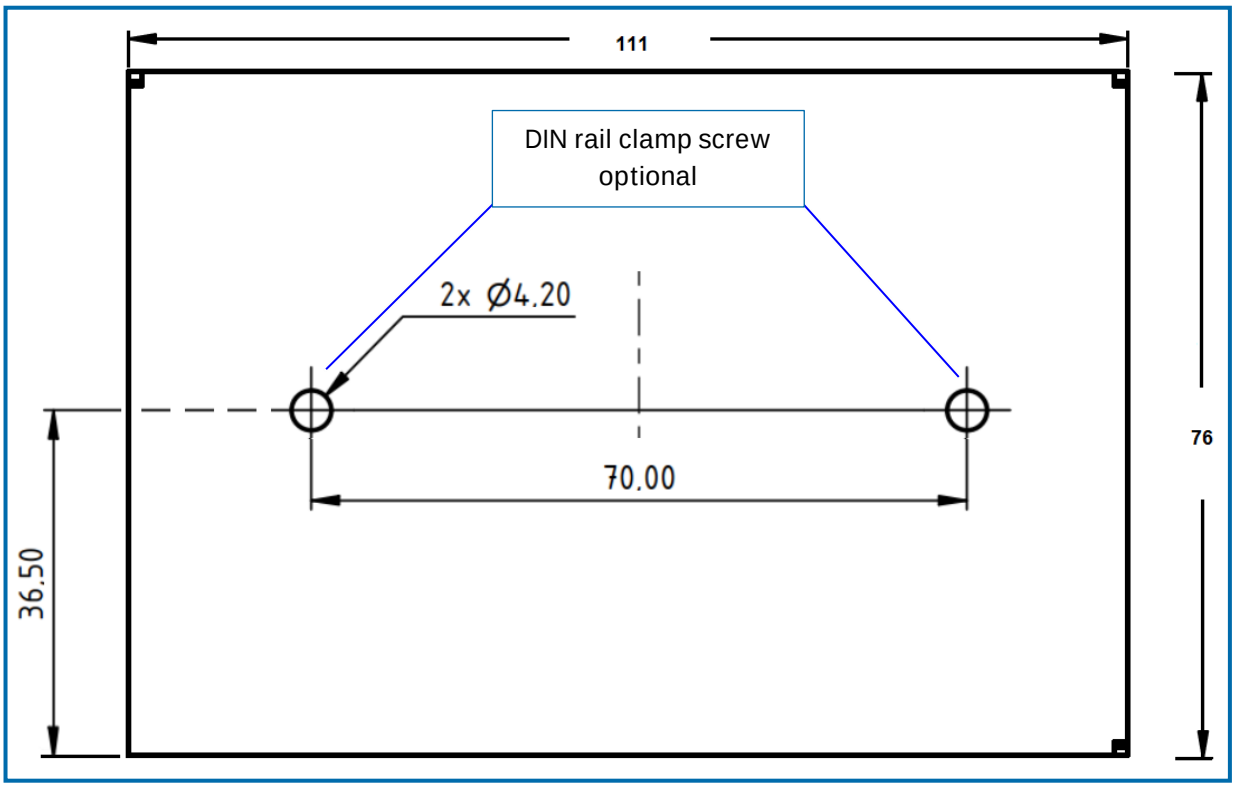


Figure 4: Front view

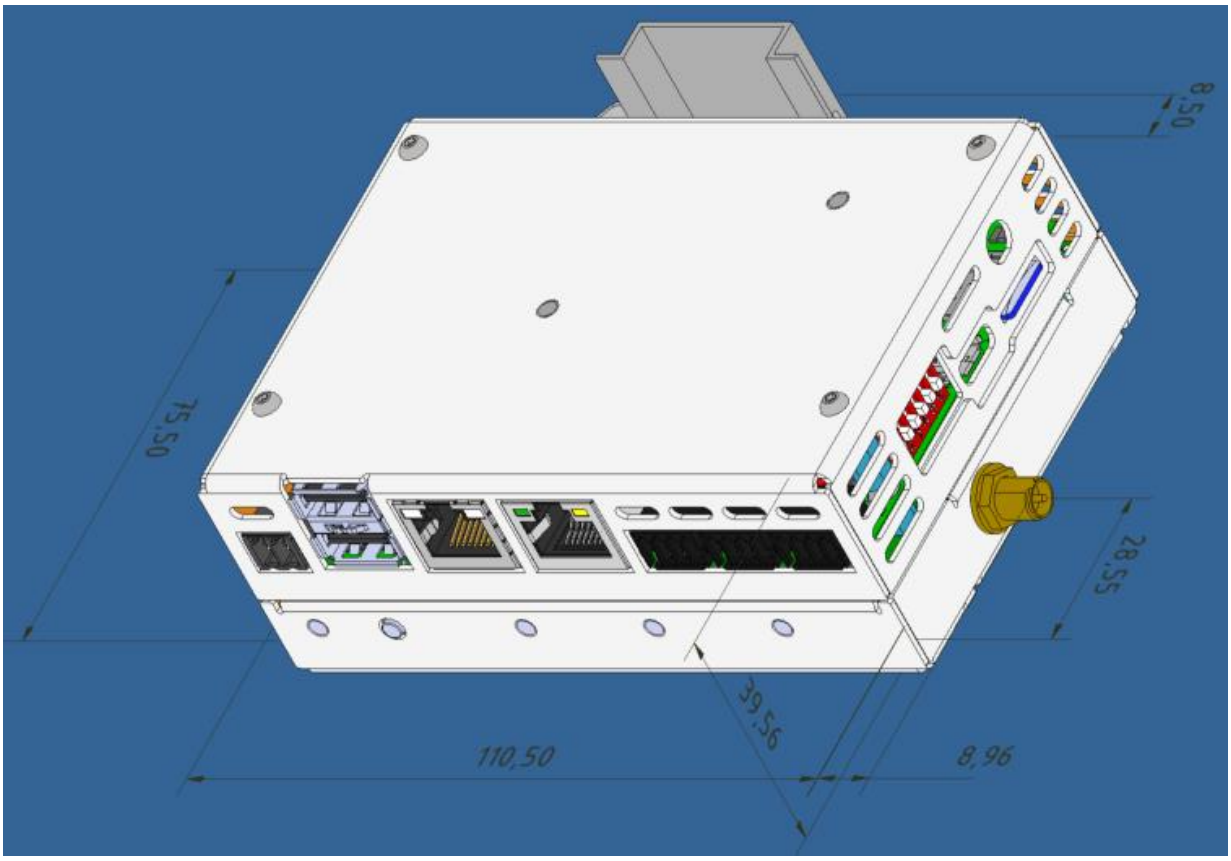
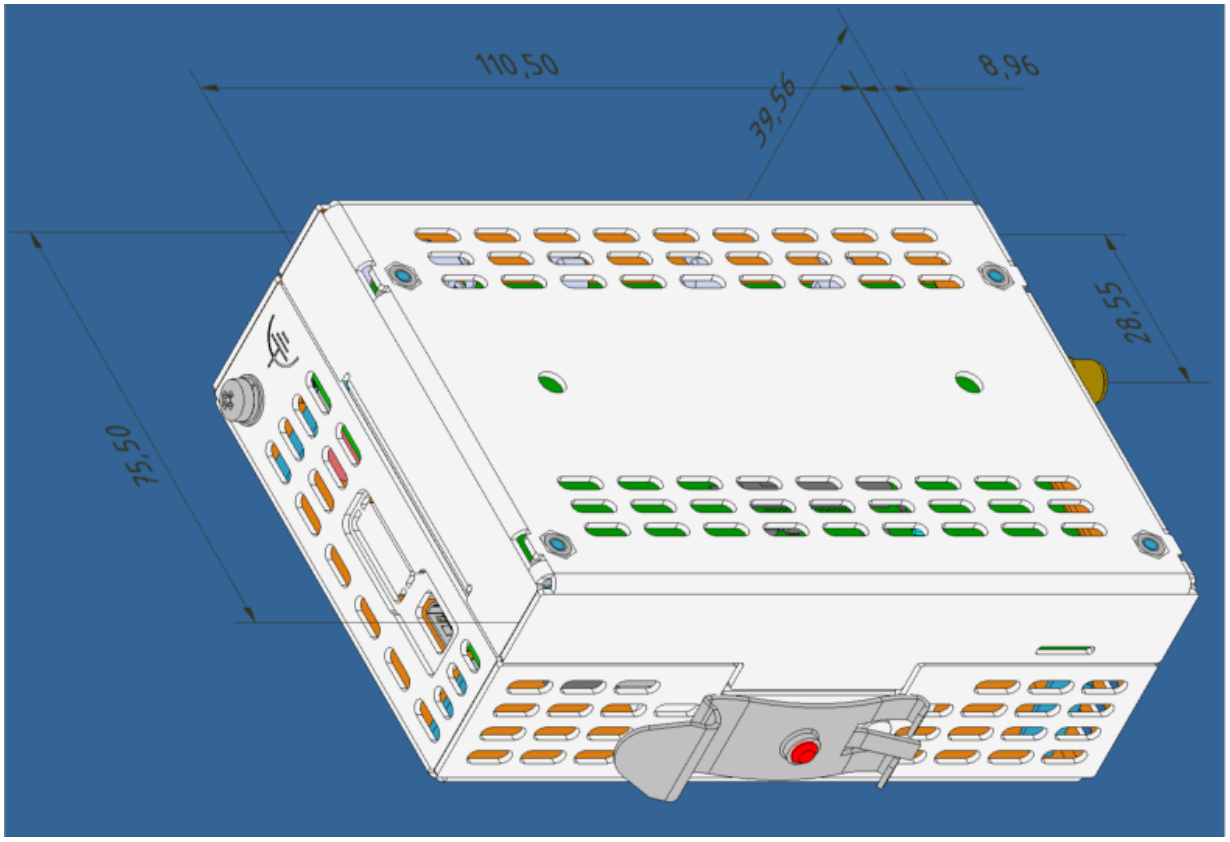


Figure 5: Rear view



9.4 Power Specification

The AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE is powered by a 2-pin input power connector on the front and has no internal power supply. The standard input voltage of 24 V DC is converted internally to supply all other required voltages.

WARNING

The current of the power supply should be limited to the maximum value specified on the type label of the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE.

NOTICE

Performing a forced shutdown can lead to loss of data!

Table 10: Power Specification

Nominal Input Voltage	24 V DC
Input Voltage Range	24 V DC ±20 %
Input Power	Max. 3 A
Nominal Power Consumption	1 W
Output Current 5 V	2 A
Output Current DOUT (24 V)	2.5 A
Input Power Mating Connector	2-pin Phoenix Contact 180° FMC 1,5/2-ST-3,5 (Phoenix 1826680)

Information

The CR1220 coin cell is solely used to power the real time clock (RTC) and has no function in the rest of the system's power supply.

Information

The power consumption of the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE varies depending on the installed components and external peripherals, for more information see

Table 11: Power Consumption

Power Consumption

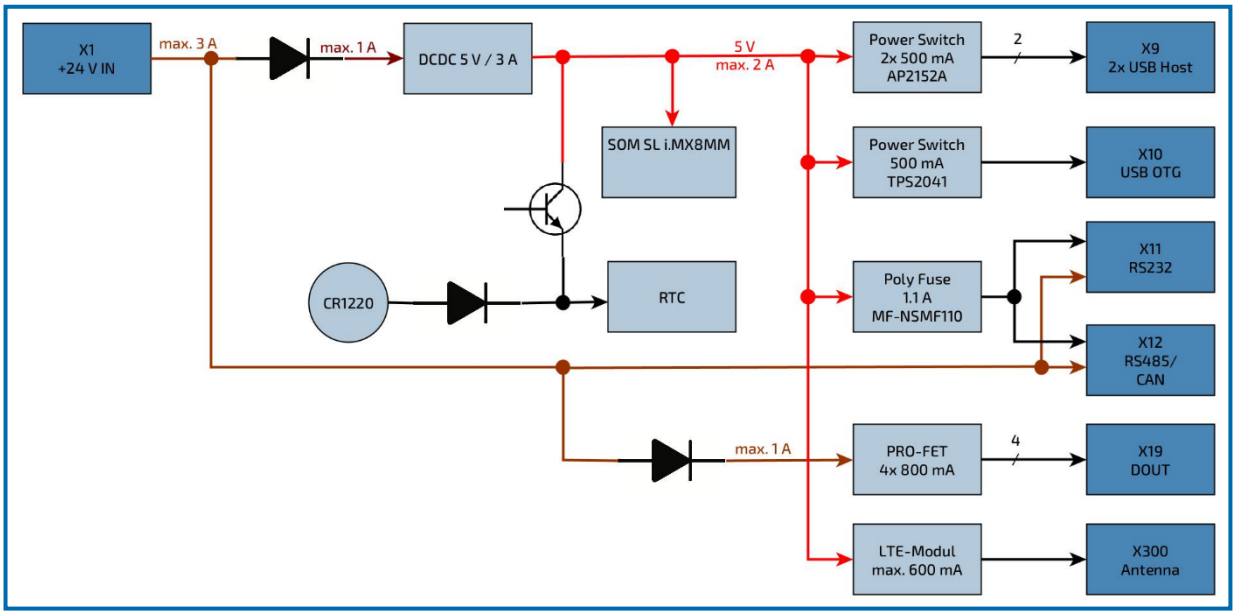


Figure 6: Power Tree

Table 11: Power Consumption

Power Figures	AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE
iMX8M Mini Deep Sleep Mode	not supported
iMX8M Mini idle default	570 mW
iMX8M Mini run	670…2400 mW
LTE normal	360 mW
LTE burst	3000 mW
LAN 1	600 mW
LAN 2	300 mW
2x USB 2.0	2x 5 V * 500 mA = 5 W
1x USB OTG	5 V * 500 mA = 2.5 W
4x DOUT total max.	1 A * 24 V = 24 W

I.MX8M Mini power numbers are typical values based on typical silicon at 25 °C. Power numbers distributed to external devices are max. allowed values, partially overcurrent protected.

NOTICE
Please refer to NXP i.MX8M Mini Power Consumption Application Note for further details.

9.5 Earthing System

There is a functional earth self-clinching nut on the side of the housing connected to the electronic ground inside the system and to the mounting clamp on the backside.

9.6 Functional Block Diagram

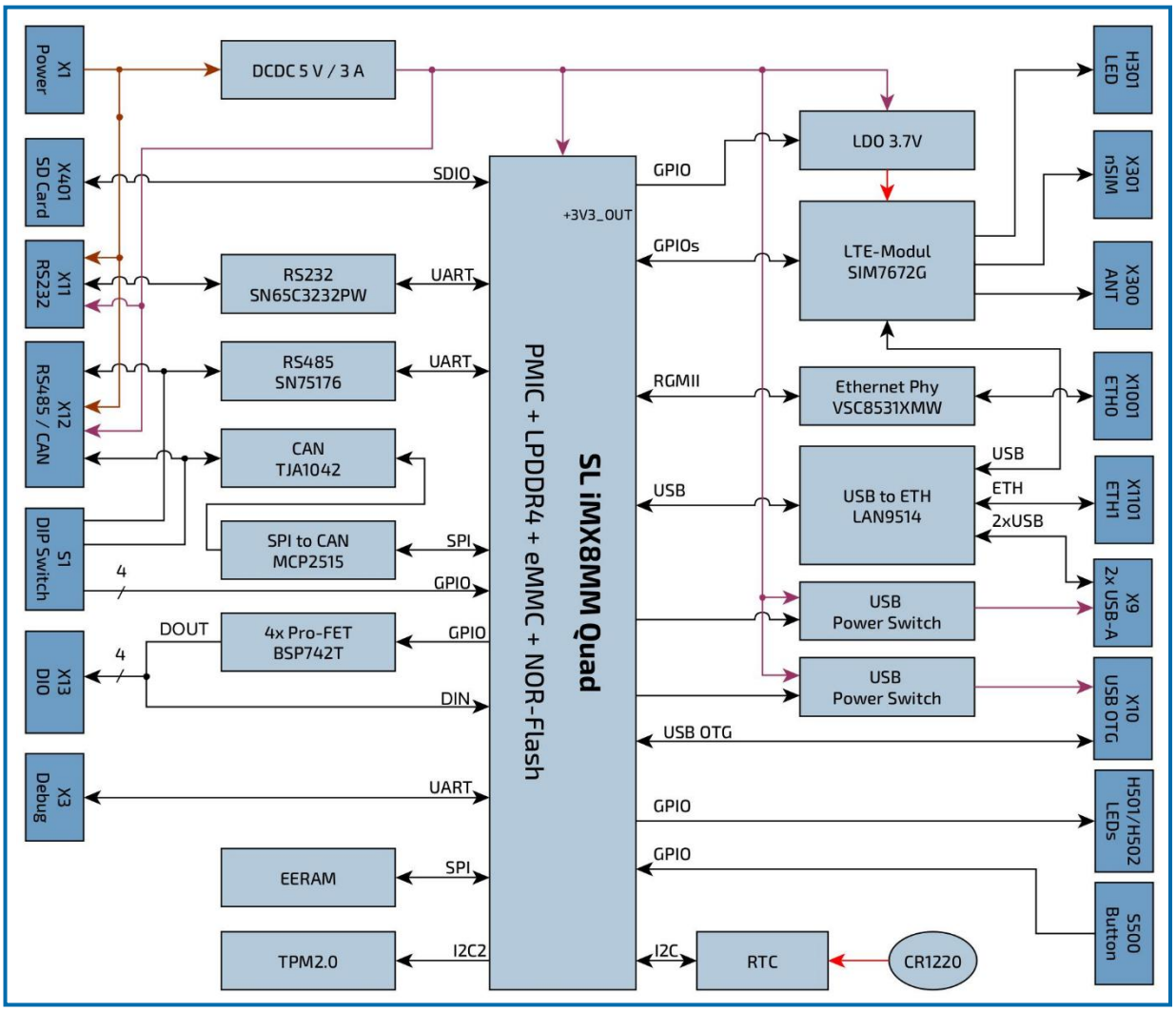


Figure 7: Block Diagram

9.7 Thermal Considerations

CAUTION hot Surface
There is a risk of injury from touching the heated housing. Danger of burns! Housing can get very hot. To avoid burns and personal Injury:
› Do not touch the housing when the product is in operation. › Allow the product to cool before handling. › Wear protective gloves. › Always turn the product off when not in use.

The AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE is a fanless and passively cooled system. When mounting the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE in a DIN rail enclosure or housing take care not to obstruct the airflow over the chassis, as this stops sufficient heat dispersing into the ambient environment and causes a build-up of heat.

Information
The maximum temperature range refers only to the limits of the individual components.

9.8 Standards, Certifications and Directives

The AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE has been designed and tested in accordance with the following standards:

Information
If the user modifies the product, prerequisites for specific approvals such as CE conformity declaration (safety requirements) may no longer apply.

Table 12: Standards, Certifications and Directives Compliance

CE-Mark Compliant with EU Directives	RED Directive	Directive 2014/53/EU
	Product Safety Policy	Directive 2001/95/EG
	RoHS Directive	Directive 2011/65/EU + (EU)2015/863
RED Directive 2014/53/EU	ETSI EN 301 489-1 V2.2.3	ElectroMagnetic Compatibility (EMC) standard for radio equipment and services; Part 1: Common technical requirements;
	ETSI EN 301 489-52 V1.2.1	ElectroMagnetic Compatibility (EMC) standard for radio equipment and services; Part 52: Specific conditions for Cellular Communication User Equipment (UE) radio and ancillary equipment;
	ETSI EN 301 908-1 V15.2.1	IMT cellular networks; Harmonised Standard for access to radio spectrum; Part 1: Introduction and common requirements;
	ETSI EN 303 446-1 V1.2.1	ElectroMagnetic Compatibility (EMC) standard for combined and/or integrated radio and non-radio equipment; Part 1: Requirements for equipment intended to be used in residential, commercial and light industry locations
	ETSI EN 303 446-2 V1.2.1	ElectroMagnetic Compatibility (EMC) standard for combined and/or integrated radio and non-radio equipment; Part 2: Requirements for equipment intended to be used in industrial locations
Product Safety Policy 2001/95/EG	IEC 62368-1:2014	Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment - Part 1: Safety requirements
	IEC 62368-1:2023	
EMC	EN 61000-6-3:2007 + A1:2011	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 6-3: Generic standards - Emission standard for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments
	EN IEC 61000-6-3:2021	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 6-3: Generic standards - Emission standard for equipment in residential environments
	EN 61000-6-2:2005 + AC:2005	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 6-2: Generic standards - Immunity for industrial environments
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10 Interface Description

AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE features multiple I/O connectors, LEDs and a push button.

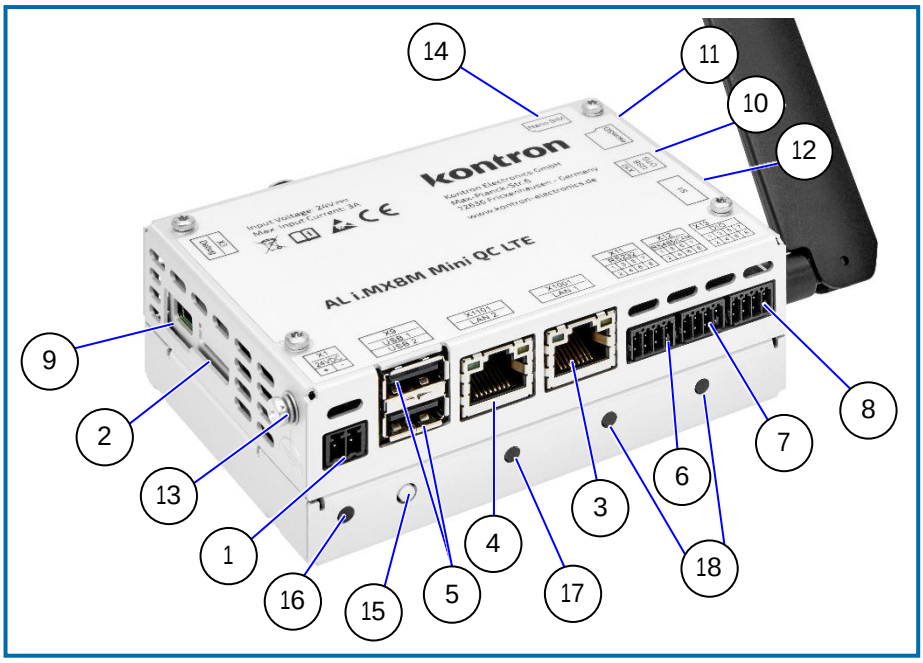


Figure 8: Top Side View

Table 13: Overview of Components and Connectors

Item	Label	Function	See Chapter
1	X1	DC Power Connector (2-pin Phoenix Contact)	10.2.1
2	- Not supported -	HDMI on request (project-based only)	-
3	X1001	1 Gbit/s LAN1 RJ-45 Connector	10.2.2
4	X1101	10/100 Mbit/s LAN2 RJ-45 Connector	10.2.3
5	X9	USB2.0 Port 0 / 1 Connector (upper / lower)	10.2.4
6	X11	RS232 Connector	10.2.5
7	X12	RS485 / CAN Connector	10.2.6
8	X13	DIO Connector	10.2.8
9	X3	Debug UART Connector	10.2.9
10	X10	USB OTG Connector	10.2.10
11	microSD	MicroSD Card Slot	10.2.11
12	S1	Switch CAN Address	10.2.7
13	FE	Functional Earth Connection	10.1.10
14	Nano SIM	Nano SIM Card Slot	10.1.11
15	Button	General-purpose Push Button	10.1.12
16	PWR	Power LED	10.1.13
17	LTE	LTE Modul LED	10.1.14
18	LED1, LED2	General-purpose LEDs	10.1.12

10.1 Interface Details

10.1.1 Power Connector

There is one 2-pin power connector on the top side of the board supporting an input DC voltage range of 24 V DC ±20 %, see Figure 8 (pos. 1). The mating connector required to connect the power connector to a DC main power source is supplied with the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE. For information on how to connect the supplied mating connector to the input power source, refer to Chapter 7.2: Wiring the DC Mating Power Connector.

For the pin assignment of the input power connector, refer to Chapter 10.2.1: Input Power Connector (X1).

10.1.2 Ethernet (LAN2, LAN1) Interface

There are two LAN ports, see Figure 8 (pos. 3 and 4). In the software these are referred to as ETH0 and ETH1. The assignment between LAN2/LAN1 and ETH0/ETH1 depends on the software. In order to achieve the specified performance of the Ethernet port, shielded category 5 twisted pair cables must be used with 10/100 Mbit/s and Category 5E, 6 or 6E with 1 Gbit/s LAN networks. For the pin assignment of the RJ45 Ethernet connectors, refer to Chapter 10.2.2: Ethernet RJ45 Connector (X1001)

10.1.3 USB 2.0 Interface

There are two USB 2.0 ports allowing for the connection of USB 2.0 compatible devices, see Figure 8 (pos. 5). The USB ports are designed for connecting short cables only.

For the pin assignment of the USB 2.0 connector, refer to Chapter 10.2.4: USB Connector (X9)

10.1.4 RS232 Interface

There is a RS232 interface (RX/TX) supporting RTS/CTS, see Figure 8 (pos. 6). The RS232 interface is not designed for connecting cables longer than 3 m.

For the pin assignment of the RS232 connector, refer to Chapter 10.2.5: RS232 Connector (X11)

10.1.5 RS485 Interface

The RS485 interface in Figure 8 (pos. 7) contains also the wiring for CAN. The RS485 interface is not designed for connecting cables longer than 30 m.

For the pin assignment of the RS485/CAN connector, refer to Chapter 10.2.6: RS485/CAN Connector (X12)

10.1.6 CAN Interface

The CAN interface in Figure 8 (pos. 7) also contains the wiring for RS485. The CAN address switches 1...4 are connected directly to GPIO pins and can therefore also be used for other purposes. The CAN interface is not designed for connecting cables longer than 30 m.

For the pin assignment of the RS485/CAN connector, refer to Chapter 10.2.6: RS485/CAN Connector (X12)

10.1.7 DIO Interface

There is a four port DIO interface available on the front panel of the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE, see Figure 8 (pos. 8).

Each DIO pin consists of a 24 V high-side switch capable of sourcing up to 800 mA. However, the total current for all DIO pins must not exceed 1 A. The voltage level is according to the supply voltage. When the output is disabled, the pin can be used as 24 V input.

The DIO interface is not designed for connecting cables longer than 30 m.

For the pin assignment of the DIO connector, refer to Chapter 10.2.8: DIO Connector (X13)

10.1.8 USB OTG Interface

There is a Micro-USB OTG interface that can act as USB2.0 compatible device or host, see Figure 8 (pos. 10).

The USB OTG interface is for service and should only be used by qualified personnel.

For the pin assignment of the USB OTG connector, refer to Chapter 10.2.10: USB OTG Connector (X10)

10.1.9 MicroSD Card Slot

There is a card slot to connect a microSD card for extra memory, see Figure 8 (pos. 11).

For the pin assignment of the microSD card slot, refer to Chapter 10.2.11: MicroSD Card Slot

10.1.10 Functional Earth Connection

There is a functional earth self-clinching nut on the side of the housing connected to the electronic ground inside the system and to the mounting clamp on the backside of the housing, see Figure 8 (pos. 13).

10.1.11 Nano SIM Card Slot

A nano SIM slot for the LTE module is located on the rear side of the device.

10.1.12 General-purpose Push Button and LEDs

LED1, LED2 and the push button are connected to GPIO pins and can therefore be used for customer-specific purposes.

10.1.13 Power LED

The power LED indicates that the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE is powered.

10.1.14 LTE Module LED

The LTE module LED has two colors that can be mixed and indicates the status of the LTE module.

Table 14: Different lighting states of the LTE Module LED

Green	Red	Status
off	off	Modem off
on	on	Modem on, not ready
on	off	Modem on, ready
on	blinking	Connected to Provider
off	off	Modem off

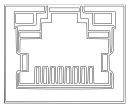
10.2 Connector Pin Assignments

10.2.1 Input Power Connector (X1)

2-Pin Power Mating Connector	Pin	Signal Name
	1	VCC
	2	GND

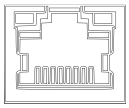
Phoenix Contact Connector 180° FMC 1,5/2-ST-3,5 (Phoenix 1826680)

10.2.2 Ethernet RJ45 Connector (X1001)

RJ45 (female)	Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
	1	TX0+	5	TX2-
	2	TX0-	6	TX1-
	3	TX1+	7	TX3+
	4	TX2+	8	TX3-

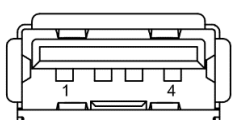
Left LED: Activity / Link		Right LED: Activity 10/100/1000	
Off	10 Mbit/s	Off	No LAN connectivity
Green	100 Mbit/s, 1000 Mbit/s	Yellow	Link
		Blinking	Activity

10.2.3 Ethernet RJ45 Connector (X1101)

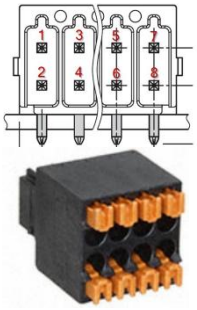
RJ45 (female)	Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
	1	TX+	5	n.c.
	2	TX-	6	RX-
	3	RX+	7	n.c.
	4	n.c.	8	n.c.

Left LED: Activity / Link		Right LED: Activity 10/100	
Off	10 Mbit/s	Off	No LAN connectivity
Green	100 Mbit/s	Yellow	Link
		Blinking	Activity

10.2.4 USB Connector (X9)

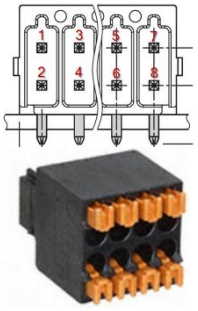
2x USB A 2.0	Pin	Signal Name
	1	+USB_VCC
	2	D-
	3	D+
	4	GND

10.2.5 RS232 Connector (X11)

RS232 Interface	Pin	RS232
	1	VIN
	2	GND
	3	TxD
	4	RxD
	5	RTS
	6	CTS
	7	+5 V DC
	8	GND

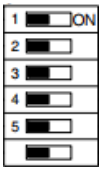
Phoenix Contact Connector 180° DFMC 0,5/4-ST-2,54 (Phoenix 1844594)

10.2.6 RS485/CAN Connector (X12)

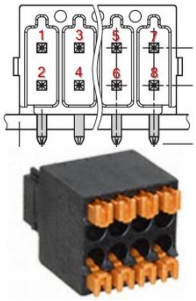
RS485/CAN Interface	Pin	Signal Name
	1	VIN
	2	GND
	3	RS485 A
	4	CAN H
	5	RS485 B
	6	CAN L
	7	+5 V DC
	8	GND

Phoenix Contact Connector 180° DFMC 0,5/4-ST-2,54 (Phoenix 1844594)

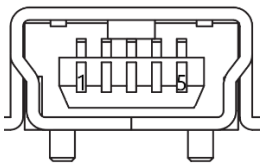
10.2.7 CAN Address and Termination Switch (S1)

CAN Address	Switch	Signal Name
	1	Address 1
	2	Address 2
	3	Address 3
	4	Address 4
	5	CAN Termination (121 Ω)
	6	RS485 Termination (121 Ω)

10.2.8 DIO Connector (X13)

DIO Interface	Pin	Signal Name	Pin	Signal Name
	1	DOUT1 / DIN1 DOUT Imax = 800 mA	2	GND
	3	DOUT2 / DIN2 DOUT Imax = 800 mA	4	GND
	5	DOUT3 / DIN3 DOUT Imax = 800 mA	6	GND
	7	DOUT4 / DIN4 DOUT Imax = 800 mA	8	GND

10.2.9 USB Debug Connector (X3)

Mini-B USB Connector	Pin	Signal Name
	1	VCC
	2	RXD
	3	TXD
	4	N.C.
	5	GND

An additional adapter is needed to translate the UART signals provided on the Mini-B USB connector to USB. This adapter must be connected between an USB port on your computer and the debug interface on the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE board using a standard USB cable.

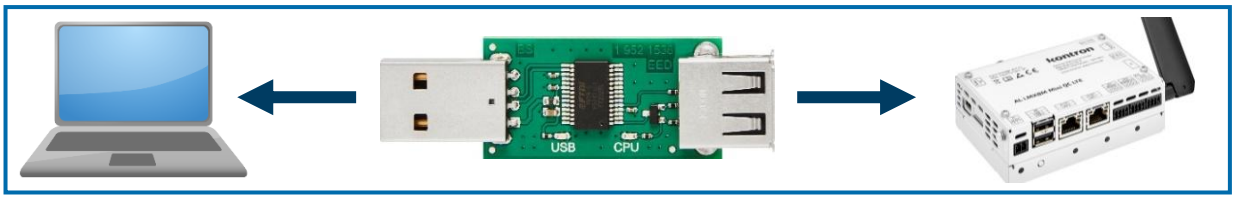


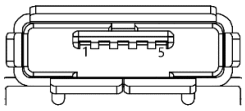
Figure 9: USB-UART Debug-Adapter

This adapter is only supplied as standard with our development kits but can also be ordered separately.

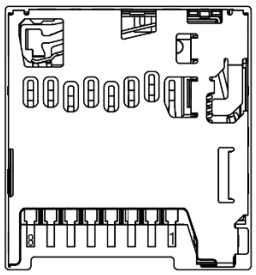
For more detailed information please have a look at the online documentation https://docs.kontron-electronics.de.

This documentation includes all information you need to put your device into operation including a quick start guide as well as further information on how to get access to the Yocto based GitLab software repository and how to make your own software images.

10.2.10 USB OTG Connector (X10)

Micro-USB Connector	Pin	Signal Name
	1	+USB_VCC
	2	D-
	3	D+
	4	ID
	5	GND

10.2.11 MicroSD Card Slot

MicroSD Card	Pin	Signal Name
	1	DTA2
	2	CD/DAT3
	3	CMD
	4	VDD
	5	CLK
	6	VSS
	7	DAT0
	8	DAT1

Information

Pay attention to the manufacturer's lifespan specification. Due to the limited lifespan of SD-Cards/SSD drives Kontron Electronics recommends checking the condition regularly.

11 Accessing Components

This chapter contains important information that users must read before accessing components. Follow these procedures properly when accessing or installing component to extend the system.

NOTICE

The AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE is factory configured to meet customer requirements. Kontron Electronics does not recommend opening the system as this may cause damage to internal components. There is a protection label on the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE.

If the product is opened within the warranty period, the warranty is lost.

ESD Sensitive Device

Follow the safety instructions for components that are sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). Failure to observe this warning notice may result in damage to the product or/and internal components

Information

Because of the limited predetermined lifespan of expansion devices, Kontron Electronics recommends checking the condition of installed expansion devices regularly and to pay attention to the manufacturer specifications for lifespan.

11.1 MicroSD and Nano SIM Card Slot

The AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE supports a removable microSD card and nano SIM card. The microSD slot is located on the right-hand side of the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE. The nano SIM card slot is located on the back side of the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE.

To remove/install a removable card, perform the following steps:

- Press the card to remove the card out of the slot.
- The card automatically slides out a bit for removal.
- Slide in a card, if needed. Take care of the correct position.

12 Storage, Transportation and Maintenance

12.1 Storage

If the product is not in use for an extended period time, disconnect the power plug from the AC outlet. If it is necessary to store the product then re-pack the product as originally delivered to avoid damage. The storage facility must meet the products environmental requirements as stated within this user guide. Kontron Electronics recommends keeping the original packaging material for future storage or warranty shipments.

12.2 Transportation

To ship the product, use the original packaging, designed to withstand impact and adequately protect the product. When packing or unpacking products always take shock and ESD protection into consideration and use an EOS/ESD safe working area.

12.3 Maintenance

Maintenance or repair on the open product may only be carried out by qualified personnel authorized by Kontron Electronics.

Cleaning:

- For light soiling, clean the product with a dry cloth.
- Carefully remove dust from the surface of the chassis and cooling fins (if present) using a clean, soft brush.
- Stubborn dirt should be removed using a mild detergent and a soft cloth.

NOTICE
Do not use steel wool, metallic threads or solvents like abrasives, alcohol, acetone or benzene for cleaning the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE.

WARNING
Keep the device dry. Exposure to water may cause damage to the device and pose a risk to the user.

12.4 Replacing the Coin Battery

The coin battery (CR1220) must only be replaced with the same type of battery or with a type of battery recommended by Kontron Electronics. If the on-board Lithium battery needs to be replaced, follow the steps below:

- Remove the lithium battery from the holder by pulling it outwards.
- Place a new lithium battery in the battery holder.
- Pay attention to the polarity of the battery.

WARNING

Risk of explosion if the battery is not replaced in accordance with the instructions! (short circuit, reverse polarity, wrong type of battery) Dispose of used batteries in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

NOTICE

Do not dispose of coin batteries in general trash collection. Dispose of the battery according to the local regulations dealing with the disposal of these special materials, (e.g. to the collecting points for dispose of batteries).

13 Technical Support

13.1 First Steps – Startup Information Baseboard

For the first startup the AL i.MX8M Mini QC LTE, you will find more information and known issues about the KontronOS and KontronGrid at the online documentation.

Please follow the link: susietec.com/produkte-services

Extended Support

For detailed technical support please contact:

E-Mail: support@kontron-electronics.de

Make sure you have the following product identification information in your e-mail:

- Product name
- Product model number
- Serial number (SN) of the unit

Please explain the nature of your problem in your e-mail.

Serial Number
The serial number can be found on the label on the system.

13.2 License Information

Depending on the ordered software version, the demo software contained in the device (BSP) could contain parts which were licensed as free respectively open-source software under the GNU General Public License, version 2 and/or 3, respectively the GNU Lesser General Public License, versions 2.1 and/or 3.0.

You can obtain a pre-configured demo image at docs.kontron-electronics.de/ or contact:

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14 Product Usage Life Cycle

14.1 Warranty

Kontron Electronics defines product warranty in accordance with regional warranty definitions. Claims are at Kontron Electronics discretion and limited to the defect being of a material nature. To find out more about the warranty conditions and the defined warranty period for your region, following the steps below:

1. Visit Kontron Electronics Term and Conditions webpage

www.kontron-electronics.com/downloads/

2. Click on the relevant document

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If the product is opened within the warranty period, the warranty is lost.

Limitation/Exemption from Warranty Obligation

In general, Kontron Electronics shall not be required to honor the warranty, even during the warranty period, and shall be exempted from the statutory accident liability obligations in the event of damage caused to the product due to failure to observe the following:

- Safety instructions within this user guide
- Warning labels on the product and warning symbols within this user guide
- Information and hints within this user guide

Additionally, alterations or modifications to the product that are not explicitly approved by Kontron Electronics, described in this user guide, or received from Kontron Electronics Support as a special handling instruction will void your warranty.

Within the warranty period, the product should only be opened by Kontron Electronics. Removing the protection label and opening the product within the warranty period exempts the product from the statutory warranty obligation.

Due to their limited service life, parts which by their nature are subject to a particularly high degree of wear (wearing parts) are excluded from the warranty beyond that provided by law.

14.2 Quality and Environmental Management

Kontron Electronics aims to deliver reliable high-end products designed and built for quality, and aims to complying with environmental laws, regulations, and other environmentally oriented requirements. For more information regarding Kontron Electronics' quality and environmental responsibilities, visit

www.kontron-electronics.com/company/about-us/germany/

14.3 Disposal and Recycling

Kontron Electronics' products are manufactured to satisfy environmental protection requirements where possible. Many of the components used are capable of being recycled. Final disposal of this product after its service life must be accomplished in accordance with applicable country, state, or local laws or regulations.

14.4 WEEE Compliance

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive aims to:

- Reduce waste arising from electrical and electronic equipment (EEE).
- Make producers of EEE responsible for the environmental impact of their products, especially when the product becomes waste.
- Encourage separate collection and subsequent treatment, reuse, recovery, recycling and sound environmental disposal of EEE.
- Improve the environmental performance of all those involved during the lifecycle of EEE.

Environmental Protection
Environmental protection is a high priority with Kontron Electronics. Kontron Electronics follows the WEEE directive. You are encouraged to return our products for proper disposal.

15 Appendix

List of Acronyms

Table 15: List of Acronyms

Acronym	Description	Acronym	Description
AC	Alternating Current	HD/HDD	Hard Disk /Drive
AIN	Analog Input	HDMI	High-Definition Multimedia Interface
AL	Automation Line (Board with housing)	HPM	PICMG Hardware Platform Management specification family
BL	Board Line (Board without housing)	H/W	Hardware
BSP	Board Support Package (Software)	IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission (Standards)
CAN	Controller Area Network (BUS)	IOL	IPMI-Over-LAN
CPI	Advanced Configuration Control Interface	IOT	Internet of Things
CPU	Central Processing Unit	KVM	Keyboard Video Mouse
CSI	Camera Serial Interface	LAN	Local Area Network
DC	Direct Current	LED	Light Emitting Device / Diode
DIN	Deutsches Institut für Normung, German Institute for Standardization (Standards)	LPDDR	Low-Power Double Data Rate (RAM)
DIO	Digital Input/Output	LVD	Low Voltage Device
DK	Development Kit	M.2	Next smaller generation of mSATA
DL	Display Line (Board with Display)	MEI	Management Engine Interface
DOUT	Digital Output	mPCIe	Mini PCI-Express
DP	Display Port	mSATA	Mini SATA
DSI	Display Serial Interface	OS	Operating System
ECC	Error Checking and Correction	PCIe	PCI-Express
EEE	Electrical and Electronic Equipment	RAM	Read Access Memory
EHCI	Enhanced Host Controller Interface	REV	Revision
EMC	Electromagnetic Compatibility	RoHS	Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances
eMMC	Embedded MulitMediaCard	ROM	Read-only memory
EN	European Norm (Standards)	RTC	Real Time Clock
ESD	Electrostatic Discharge	SATA	Serial-ATA
ETH	Ethernet (LAN)	SEL	System Event Log
GbE	Gigabit Ethernet	SELV	Safety Extra Low Voltage
GPIO	General-Purpose Input/Output	SIO	Super Input/output

Acronym	Description	Acronym	Description
GPU	Graphics Processing Unit	SMBus	System Management Bus
SMWI	System Monitor Web Interface	USB	Universal Serial Bus
SN	Serial Number	USB OTG	USB On-The-Go (Host)
SOL	Serial Over LAN	uSD	microSD (Memory Card)
SSD	Solid State Drive	VGA	Video Graphics Array
TPM	Trusted Platform Module	VLP	Very Low Profile
UEFI	Unified Extensible Firmware Interface	WEEE	Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment
uHDMI	Micro-HDMI	WLAN	Wireless LAN
UL	Underwriters Laboratories (Standards)	XHCI	eXtensible Host Controller Interface

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Kontron AG is a leading IoT technology company. For more than 20 years, Kontron has been supporting companies from a wide range of industries to achieve their business goals with intelligent solutions. From automated industrial operations, smarter and safer transport to advanced communications, connectivity, medical, and energy solutions, the company delivers technologies that add value for its customers. With the acquisition of Katek SE in early 2024, Kontron significantly strengthens its portfolio with the new GreenTec division, focusing on solar energy and eMobility, and grows to around 8,000 employees in over 20 countries worldwide. Kontron is listed on the SDAX® and TecDAX® of the German Stock Exchange.

For more information, please visit: www.kontron.com

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