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## Connect Tech breaks new ground with the first PCI/104-Express serial card - Xtreme/104-Express!



**GUELPH, ON – April 8, 2008** – Connect Tech Inc. has been designing and manufacturing rugged communications solutions for the embedded and industrial PC markets for over 20 years. Today we are pleased to announce the addition of **Xtreme/104-Express**, the industry's first serial board designed in support of the recently adopted **PCI/104-Express** specification.

Building on a wealth of PCI Express experience, Connect Tech introduces a high speed PCI-104/Express serial board that provides a cutting edge option perfect for early adoption and new long-lifecycle designs. Xtreme/104-Express offers users a communication solution that boasts high data rates, rugged reliability and long term sustainability for the industrial and embedded PC market.

"As a member of the PC/104 Consortium, we've voted and fully recognize the benefits that PCI/104-Express will bring," stated Michele Kasza, VP Sales of Connect Tech. "We embrace the new specification and all the advantages that it has to offer our customers."

Xtreme/104-Express represents Connect Tech's highest throughput to date. A flexible, built-in baud rate prescaler allows almost any baud rate to be matched with a high level of accuracy. Fail-safe 1/8th load transceivers allow up to 256 devices on a bus and ensure that your network operates glitch-free through power-up and power-down. Xtreme/104-Express also supports full industrial temperature range operation (-40°C to 85°C) and features filtering on all ports to help improve immunity to EMI and noisy transmission lines for guaranteed dependability in communications. Rounding off the feature set, the Xtreme/104-Express supports 9-bit data modes, allowing an easy migration path for RS-485 customers who make use of this feature.

System developers will appreciate the performance enhancing features that Xtreme/104-Express has to offer. Its innovative design provides users with a standards compliant, high performance communications solution that provides scalability and reliability for their critical applications. This PCI/104-Express serial board is perfect for military, aerospace, medical, instrumentation and industrial control.

Connect Tech acknowledges that challenges can arise when facing new projects. As a result, we continue to grow our standard and custom product lines. We are committed to working together to meet customer demands by constantly improving and expanding product offerings to make certain that our customers have maximum performance, reliable communications solutions they can depend on.

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### About Connect Tech:

Since 1985, Connect Tech has provided high quality, cost-effective connectivity solutions worldwide. Committed to excellence in both product design and customer service, Connect Tech continues to build on a reputation for manufacturing superior performance communication solutions for mission critical applications.

Designer and manufacturer of FPGA & Digital I/O products, solid state drives, CAN controller cards, multi-port serial adapters, external wireless radio modems, Ethernet-to-serial devices and design & debugging tools, Connect Tech's commitment to customer satisfaction is demonstrated by our ongoing willingness to comply with important product certifications and approvals, the best warranty in industry and free technical support.

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