Designing Resilient Aerospace Electronics Systems: Navigating Challenges with Modern Methodologies and Resource Optimization



FROM CONCEPT TO MANUFACTURING

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Content



- PCB Design intro
- How to develop "something"
 Standards, procedures and project management
- System design and EE challenges
- (Project) Management challenges





Reference Project Rugged Ethernet Switch Family





Industrial Ethernet Switch

- System design
- Schematics
- PCB Design
- Simulation
- Prototype manufacturing

Designed using Cadence Allegro









How to develop "something" ?

Something = Aerospace Electronics Systems

Requirement (based) hardware design



Development process in nutshell





DO-254 compliance and life cycle





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Standards



- ARP 4754 Guidelines for Development of Civil Aircraft and Systems
 - The standard emphasizes system-level activities, including requirements engineering, system architecture, and safety assessment
- **DO-254** Design Assurance Guidance for Airborne Electronic Hardware
 - Not a quality management system standard;
 - It focuses on the safety aspects of complex electronic hardware used in airborne systems
- **AS9100** is a quality management system (QMS) standard specifically designed for the aerospace industry.
 - Based on ISO 9001 standard
 - Additional requirements of AS9100 is to ensure that aerospace products and services meet the highest levels of quality, safety, and reliability.
- ECSS standards:
 - M: Space project management;
 - Q: Space product assurance
 - E: Space engineering



Project planning and execution



• ECSS-M-ST-10C – Project planning and implementation



Phase A – Feasibility Phase B – Preliminary Definition Phase C – Detailed Definition

Activities	Phases							
	Phase 0	Phase A	Phase B	Phase C	Phase D	Phase E	Phase F	
Mission/Function			PRR					
Requirements			↓ ^{SRR} ↓	L ^{PDR}				
Definition					CDR			
Verification					₽QR			
Production						AR ORR		
Utilization	SRR: System Requirements Review							
Disposal	PDR: Preliminary Design Review							
	Q	QR : Qualification Review						





Engineering aspects



Size, Weight, Power & Cost (SWaP-C)



- System Level Requirements \rightarrow Electrical constraints
 - Size:
 - Physical size of the board -> PCBA orientation / density
 - Mounting directions
- -> Connector locations

- Weight
 - Enclosure is not only a structural element
 - Acts as thermal management
 - As EMC/EMI Shield
- Power
 - Minimizing power usage
 - Maximizing power conversion efficiency (vs. weight+space)
 - Minimizing losses
- Cost
- Customized vs COTS (VPX, PC104, COMe)
 - Time to market
 - Component access & availability

Mechanical design



- Typically, machined/diecast aluminum box
 - Constrained space availability
 - Aluminum machining cost can be significant
 - IP6x protection
 - Typically, D38999 connectors
 - Shall withstand shock and vibration
 - Act as cooling infrastructure
 - Vent screw
 - Special cooling elements (Heat pipes, vapor chamber)
 - Act as EMI/EMC shield
 - Passivation where good electrical contact is required SurTec



Thermal Management

Thermal Analysis and Simulation

- Include proper PCB model copper (10++ layer PCBA)
- Proper component modelling (FPGA power)
- Cooling Systems
 - Passive cooling ++
 - Active cooling (FANs, TEC)
 - Advanced cooling
 - Vapor chamber, Two phase systems

Thermal Interface Materials

Health Monitoring Redundancy (FANs)





Power Supply

- 28V system
 - Typically, "Brick" design
- Redundant input option
 - Standard diode @ 280 nom. 28V 10A (4W)
 - Ideal diode input protection
- Protection
 - Voltage Spikes
 - Surge
- Noise filtering
- Hold up
 - Initial Engagement Surge (IES) / Cranking
- Standards: DO160, MILSTD 1275, DEFSTAN





MIL STD- 1275 – Voltage spike



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- A voltage spike is an energy-limited transient waveform max. 1 ms
 - Typically, passive components
 - MOV
 - TVS





MIL STD- 1275 – Surge



- A single surge is 60 Joule (J)
- Source impedance 0.5 Ohm
- As comparison : SMBJ28A
 4800 W 10 us
 - □ 10 us vs 50 ms (x5000)





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EMI/EMC Considerations

- Grounding and Bonding
 - Chassis ground connection radiated susceptibility would increase
 - Chassis ground isolation problems with radiated emission
- Electromagnetic Shielding
 - 360° shield around the connectors
 - Enclosure + cable → Perfect Faraday cage
- Filtering and Isolation
 - Efficient filtering of D38999 connectors
 - Internal cabling
 - PCBAs
 - Design & Floorplan & Layout





MIL STD-461 – EMC Standard Comparison



• Electromagnetic interference (EMI)

mission

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• Electromagnetic susceptibility (EMS)

Commercial (EN 55022)	Military (MILSTD 461E)		
Radiated electric field emissions, 30 MHz to 1 GHz	Radiated E-field Emissions, 10 kHz to 40 GHz		
Conducted emissions on AC mains, 150 kHz to 30 MHz	Conducted emissions,10 kHz to 10 MHz		
Conducted emissions on telecomm ports, 150 kHz to 30 MHz	No 461E equivalent		
AC Power Line Flicker	No 461E equivalent		
AC Power Line Harmonics	No 461E equivalent		
Power frequency H-field immunity	RS101		
Radiated RF immunity	RS103		
Conducted RF immunity	CS114		
Surge immunity	CS116 cca.		
Electrical fast transient	CS115		
Electrostatic discharge	No 461E equivalent		
Voltage dips and interruptions	Not in 461		

EMC - MIL-STD 461 - RE102



- Different requirements for different applications
- Stringent EMI/EMS Limits
- Broad Frequency Range
- Different test setup compared to FCC/CE
 - Grounded test table, 1m distance
- Integration of Multiple Systems
- Size and Weight Constraints



Aerospace PCBA Engineering

- Conformal coating
- Special stack-up
 - Advanced Materials
 - Backplane (Thick) PCBs
 - Complex VIA structures
- Thermal Management
- Quality Assurance and Testing
 IPC 600/610 Class III production
- Traceability and Documentation
- High Reliability
 - FMEA Failure Modes and Effects Analysis
 - MTBF Mean Time Between Failures







Rigid - Flex designs

- Space-saving and weight reduction
- High Reliability
- (Mechanical) Flexibility
- Reduced Assembly Time
- Enhanced Signal Integrity
- EMI/EMC Benefits
- Easy customization



Testing and Verification

- Environmental Testing
- EMI/EMC Testing
- Functional Testing
- Reliability Testing
- Performance Testing
- Software Verification
- Flight Testing
- Certification and Compliance

MTBF	 DSF100: 2496 kHrs, DSF200LV: 2218 kHrs, DSF500: 573 kHrs, FSO461: 8737 kHrs, to MIL-HDBK-217F at 40 °C, GB
Environmental	
Operating Temperature	 -40 °C to +100 °C baseplate
Storage Temperature	 -55 °C to +100 °C
Salt Atmosphere	 MIL-STD-810G method 509.4
Humidity	• MIL-STD-810G 507.4
Altitude	• MIL-STD-810G 500.4
Shock	MIL-STD-810G 516.5 function test for
	ground equipment 40 g in 3 axes
Vibration	 MIL-STD-810G method 514.5C-17. Minimum integrity test for military equipment (1 Hr/axis, 3 axes). Vibration 5-33 Hz, 0.5 mm displacement
EMC & Safety	
Safety Approvals	 CE & UKCA meets all applicable directives & legislation
Immunity	 MIL-STD-1275A-E, MIL-STD-461E/F/G (CS101, CS114, CS115 & CS116) MIL-STD-704A, DEF-STAN 61-5 part 6 issue 5 Contact Sales when DEF-STAN-61-5 part 6 issue 6 is required
EMC Performance	 DSF100 & DSF200LV: MIL-STD 461E/F CE102 & DEF STAN 59-411 DCE01/DCE02 is achieved with external components. DSF500: Compliance to MIL-STD 461E/F/G CE102 & DEF STAN 59-411 DCE01/DCE02 is achieved when used in conjuction with FS0461. See longform datasheet for many information



Test facilities









Management aspects



Technology Transfer and Dual-Use Applications



Dual-use items refer to products, technologies, or materials that have both civilian and military applications.



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 - EAR 99

• Ethical and Legal Considerations

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Challenges in HR



Skill Shortages

- Skill shortages can arise due to the high level of technical expertise required.
- System level knowledge is required (SWAP-C)
- Rapid technological advancements in the past years
 - Communication and compute
- Skill shortages can hinder growth, innovation, and competitiveness

Addressing Skill Shortages

- COTS based solution
- Talent Acquisition
- Outsourcing



Why PCB Design

DESIGN

- Outstanding experience in:
 - High speed PCB development from specification to manufacturing
 - Turnkey product development
 - Embedded firmware
- Experience in complex product development
 - More than 800 PCBs designed
- Cross- industry knowledge
- Well established company
 - 35 + engineers, 10 years on the market, 2 M€ revenue
- Strong presence in Western Europe









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