

## E1 AND E2 BRAIN BOARDS

### Features

- > Drop-in replacement for existing B1 and B2 brain boards on an Optomux serial network
- > Dual network connectivity: RS-422/485 serial and 10/100 Mbps Ethernet
- > Optomux, Modbus/TCP, and OptoMMP protocol support
- > Can use Opto 22 PAC Project software for control, HMI, and OPC server

### DESCRIPTION

E1 and E2 brain boards are Ethernet-ready I/O and communication processors for digital and analog I/O systems. The E1 connects to a rack of Opto 22 G1, G4, or Quad Pak™ digital I/O modules, while the E2 connects to a rack of Opto 22 G1 analog I/O modules. Each brain board communicates with a host computer and performs control functions for each I/O point.

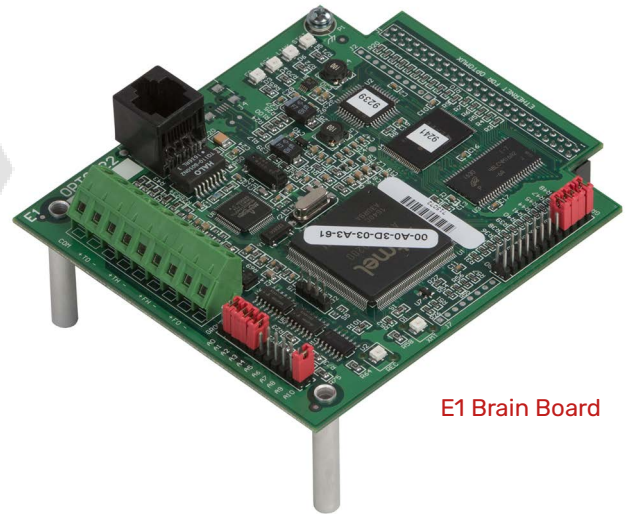
Designed as drop-in replacements for Opto 22's serial-based B1 and B2 brain boards, E1 and E2 brain boards connect to standard 10/100 Mbps Ethernet networks while including support for serial Optomux®-based networks.

### Communication and Protocol Support

Ethernet support makes E1 and E2 brain boards ideal for upgrading existing Optomux I/O systems to use Ethernet networking while preserving existing I/O racks, modules, and field wiring. Using RS-422/485 serial networks, E1 and E2 brain boards provide Optomux-based capabilities identical to B1 and B2 brain boards.

When Ethernet networks are used, E1 and E2 I/O units also support Modbus®/TCP clients, custom Optomux applications migrated to Ethernet, custom software applications written using Opto 22's memory-mapped OptoMMP™ communication protocol, and applications using Opto 22's PAC Project™ software. PAC Project Basic includes PAC Control™ for flowchart-based programming and PAC Display™ for HMI. PAC Project Professional adds OptoOPCServer™ for data connectivity with OLE for Process Control (OPC) 2.0-compliant clients and OptoDataLink™ for exchanging data with commonly used databases, such as MySQL® and Microsoft® SQL Server®.

Because the E1 and E2 can use these Ethernet-based protocols simultaneously while still communicating with an existing Optomux software application via a serial network, E1 and E2 brain boards greatly expand your options for controlling and monitoring your I/O system.



E1 Brain Board

### Programming and Configuration

There are several options for controlling, monitoring, and acquiring data from E1 and E2 brain boards.

#### Optomux over serial or Ethernet networks

- **Use your existing serial-based Optomux host application.** Here, one E1 or E2 brain board routes Optomux commands from a serial connection to other brain boards connected to an Ethernet network. This approach is illustrated in the system diagram on [page 6](#).
- **Migrate your existing serial-based Optomux host application to Ethernet.** The Optomux for Ethernet software toolkit is shipped with E1 and E2 brain boards and can also be downloaded free of charge from the Opto 22 website.

Communication settings for connecting to an Optomux serial network are made using on-board jumpers.

#### Ethernet-based communication options

- **Use an Ethernet-based Opto 22 industrial controller** that runs a PAC Control *strategy* (or control program) and communicates with all Opto 22 devices on the Ethernet network. The following controllers support E1 and E2 I/O units:
  - SNAP PAC S-series and R-series controllers
  - SoftPAC
  - groov EPIC processors running PAC Control

### Part Numbers

Part	Description
E1	16-Channel Digital Optomux Protocol Brain Board for Serial and Ethernet Networks
E2	16-Channel Analog Optomux Protocol Brain Board for Serial and Ethernet Networks

- With an Ethernet-based controller running PAC Control, you can also use the PAC Project software applications PAC Display for HMI, OptoOPCServer for OPC connectivity, and OptoDataLink for database communication. See [page 7](#) for an illustration of an I/O system controlled and monitored by PAC Project software.
- **Use a custom or third-party Modbus/TCP-based client application.** This option is illustrated on [page 8](#).
  - **Create a custom software application based on OptoMMP,** Opto 22's IEEE 1394-based memory-mapped protocol.

Ethernet network, I/O point, and other E1 and E2 configuration settings are made using Opto 22's PAC Manager configuration software. This software is available as a free download from the Opto 22 website; search for [E1 Brain Board Firmware](#) or [E2 Brain Board Firmware](#).

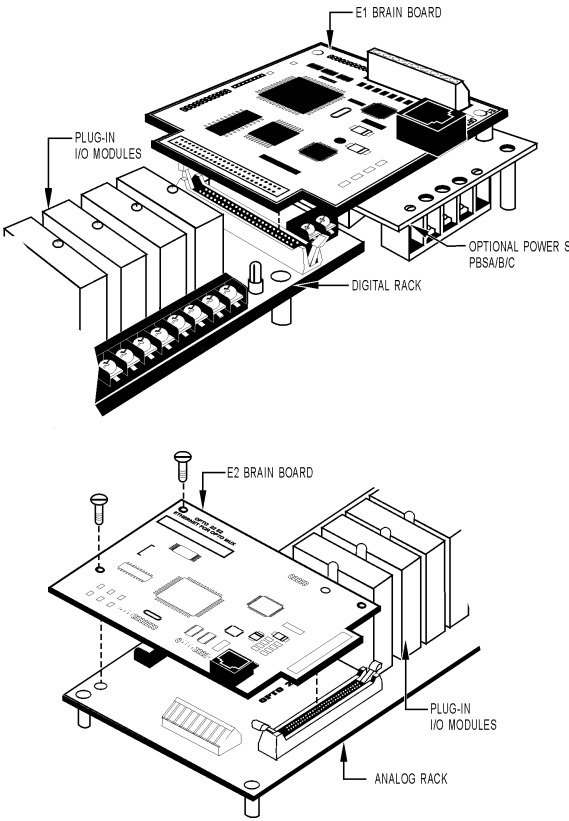
Note that the Ethernet interfaces on E1s and E2s support Auto MDI-X, which means you can use a standard straight-through Ethernet cable. A crossover cable is not needed for direct connection to a PC.

Optomux Compatibility

E1 and E2 brain boards are designed as drop-in replacements for Opto 22 B1 and B2 brain boards. E1 and E2 boards duplicate digital (B1) and analog (B2) I/O functions, respectively, and provide identical Optomux-based capabilities. See ["Optomux Protocol Brain Comparison"](#) on [page 3](#) for a detailed comparison of capabilities for Optomux brains and brain boards.

Compatible Opto 22 I/O Racks

I/O Module	E1 (Digital)	E2 (Analog)
G4 Digital	G4PB8H, G4PB16H, G4PB16HC	n/a
Quad Pak	PB16HQ	n/a
Standard (G1)	PB4H, PB8H, PB16H, PB16HC	PB4AH, PB8AH, PB16AH
Integral I/O Racks	PB16J/K/L, G4PB16J/K/L	n/a



E1 and E2 brain boards plug into Opto 22 digital and analog I/O racks.

## Optomux Protocol Brain Comparison

The following table compares Opto 22's Optomux-capable brain boards: B1, E1, B2, and E2. Features shown are for the Optomux protocol. Features will be different if the brain is used with another protocol. See the brain's data sheet for specifications.

Feature	B1	E1	B2	E2
<b>Optomux Digital Features</b>				
Read/write to point	●	●		
Input latching	●	●		
Counting	●	●		
Pulse duration measurement	●	●		
Pulse generation	●	●		
Time delays (10 ms resolution)	●	●		
Watchdog timer	●	●		
<b>Optomux Analog Features</b>				
Read/write to point in Engineering units			●	●
Input averaging			●	●
Minimum/maximum values (peak/valley recording)			●	●
Out of range testing (high/low)			●	●
Offset and gain calculation			●	●
Waveform generation			●	●
Watchdog timer			●	●
<b>Networks</b>				
Serial (RS-422/485)	●	●	●	●
Ethernet		●		●
<b>Module families</b>				
G1 analog modules			●	●
G1 digital modules	●	●		
G4 digital modules	●	●		
Quad Pak digital modules	●	●		
Integral digital I/O racks	●	●		
<b>Additional Protocols Supported</b>				
Modbus/TCP		●		●
OptoMMP		●		●

## E1 Features and Protocols

The following table shows features available on an E1 digital I/O unit depending on the protocol used.

Feature	Optomux	OptoMMP <sup>1</sup>	Modbus/TCP
Read/write to point	●	●	●
Input latches	● <sup>2</sup>	● <sup>3</sup>	● <sup>3</sup>
Counters <sup>4</sup>	●	●	●
Pulse duration measurement	●		
Pulse generation	●		
Time delays (10 ms resolution)	●		
Watchdog timer	●	●	●
<b>Networks</b>			
Serial (RS-422/485)	●		
Ethernet	●	●	●

1 This protocol is also used with all PAC Project applications.

2 One latch per point is available; it can be configured as on-to-off or off-to-on.

3 Two latches per point are always available; no configuration is needed.

4 Maximum counter frequency is 400 Hz. Counters roll over at 65,535.

## E2 Features and Protocols

The following table shows features available on an E2 I/O analog unit depending on the protocol used.

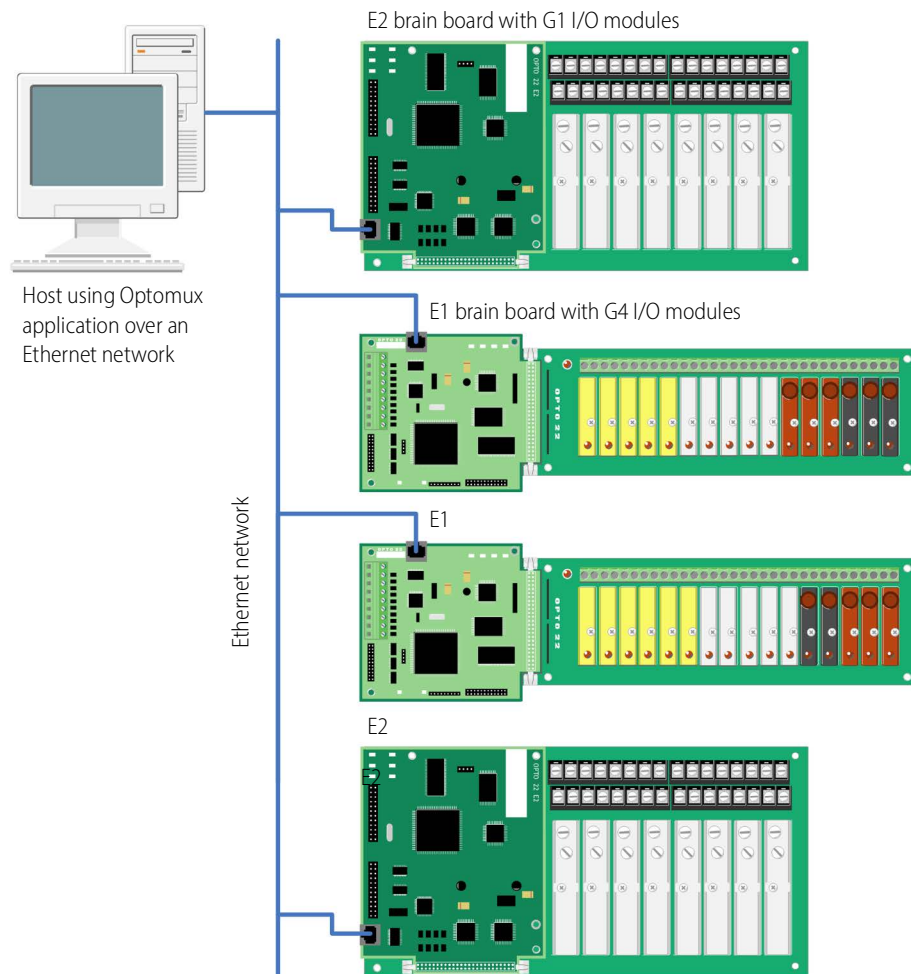
Feature	Optomux	OptoMMP <sup>1</sup>	Modbus/TCP
Read/write to point in Engineering units		●	●
Read/write to point in counts	●	●	
Input averaging	●		
Minimum/maximum values (peak/valley recording) <sup>2</sup>	●	●	●
High/low range testing	●		
Offset and gain calculation	●	●	●
Waveform generation	●		
Watchdog timer	●	●	
<b>Networks</b>			
Serial (RS-422/485)	●		
Ethernet	●	●	●

1 This protocol is also used with all PAC Project applications.

2 If an ICTD or thermocouple module is used, minimum and maximum values are returned as counts.

## SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

### Optomux-based Control Using an Ethernet Network

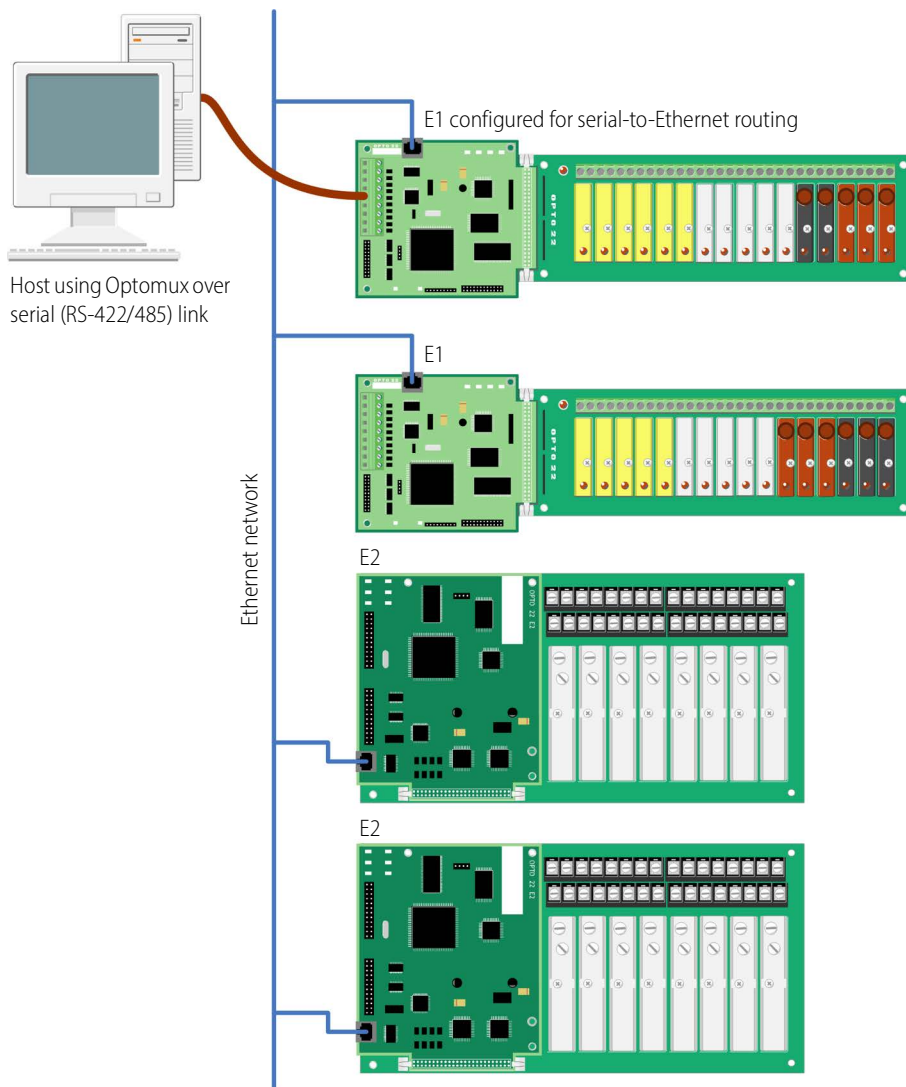


This diagram shows an Optomux-based I/O system connected over an Ethernet network. In this system, each original B1 or B2 brain board has been replaced with an **E1** or **E2**, and all brain boards are connected to an Ethernet network.

The PC is running an Optomux host application written using the Optomux Protocol Driver. Using this driver, legacy Optomux applications for serial networks can be converted to use Ethernet networks. The Optomux Protocol Driver and documentation are included with E1 and E2 brain boards, and can also be downloaded free of charge from the Opto 22 website.

For more information on using E1 and E2 brain boards, see the *E1 and E2 User's Guide* (form 1563). Programming information for the Optomux Protocol Driver is in the *Optomux Protocol Guide* (form 1572).

## Routing Serial Optomux-based Control over an Ethernet Network



This diagram shows how an existing Optomux-based I/O system for an RS-422/485 serial network can be migrated to an Ethernet network. In this system, each original B1 or B2 brain board has been replaced with an **E1** or **E2**, and all brain boards are connected to an Ethernet network.

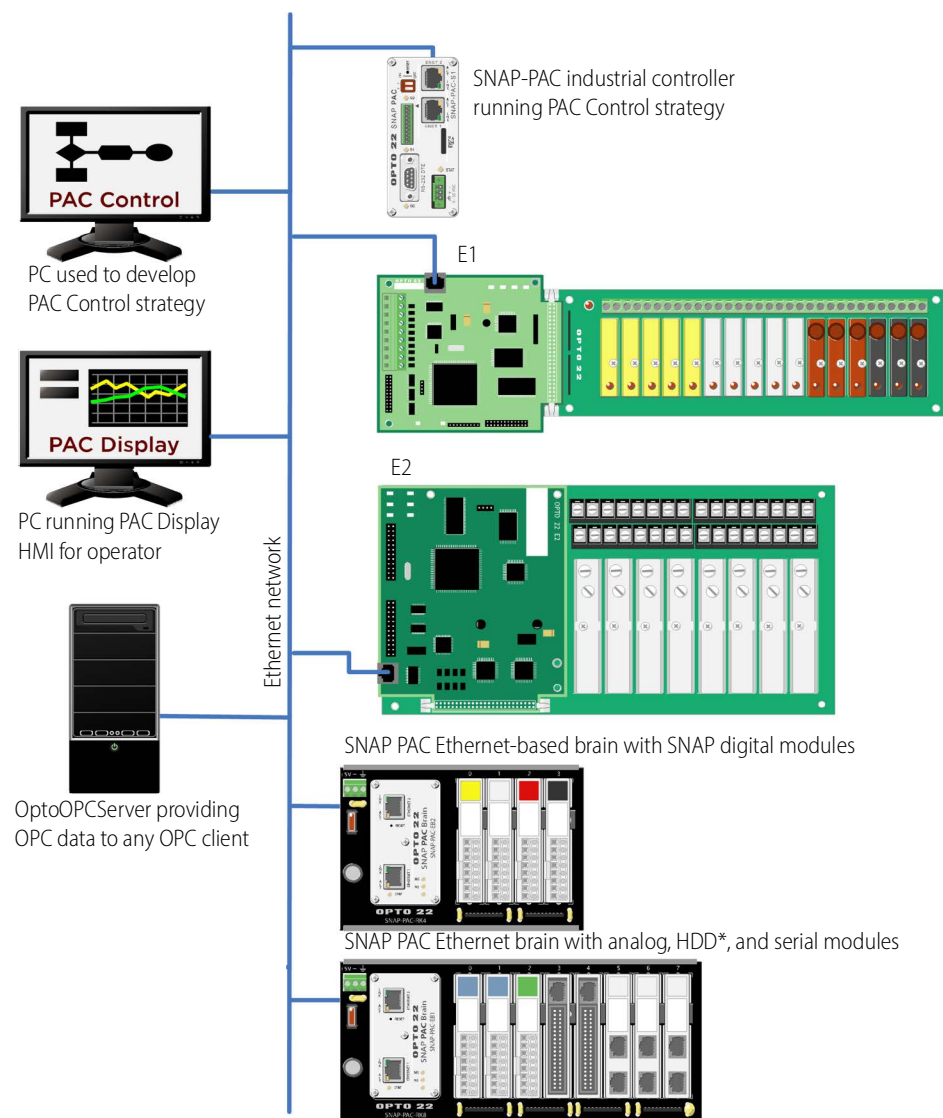
One E1 or E2 brain board is connected via an RS-422/485 serial connection to the host PC running the Optomux application. For each Optomux command sent from the PC, this brain board determines which I/O unit the command must be sent to and then routes the command to that unit over the Ethernet network. I/O point data is routed from the E1 and E2 brain boards to the PC in a similar manner.

Because an Ethernet network is used, the existing Optomux application can now monitor and control E1 and E2 I/O units located far beyond the reach of the original RS-422/485 serial network—for example, in a different building, or even on another continent.

For more information on using E1 and E2 brain boards in an existing Optomux I/O system, see the [E1 and E2 Architecture and Migration Overview](#) (form 1567) and the [E1 and E2 User's Guide](#) (form 1563).



## Integrating E1- or E2-based I/O into a PAC Project™-based System



This diagram shows **E1** and **E2** I/O units integrated into a modern Opto 22 SNAP PAC System, with all devices connected over an Ethernet network.

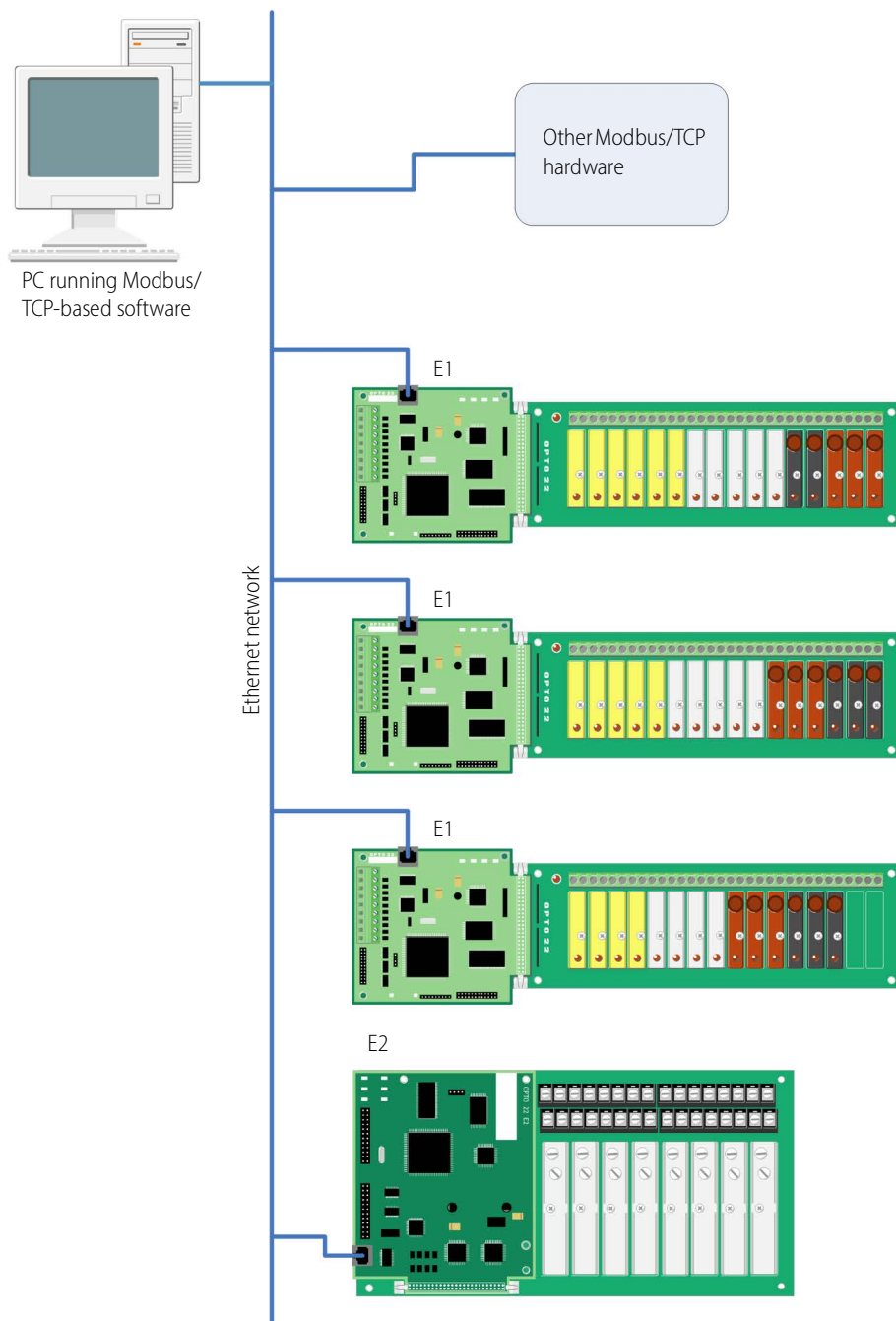
In this system, a **SNAP-PAC-S1** industrial controller running a PAC Control control program, or *strategy*, communicates with the E1 and E2 I/O units, as well as with two SNAP I/O units that have SNAP PAC Ethernet brains. The controller is programmed using **PAC Control** software for Microsoft Windows®. PAC Control software is included with Opto 22 SNAP PAC controllers and can also be downloaded free of charge from the Opto 22 website.

As the controller strategy is executed, an operator interface runs on a PC to monitor and control the entire I/O system. This *human-machine interface* (HMI) is created using **PAC Display** HMI software.

Running on a separate PC, **OptoOPCServer** software can provide I/O point data and other information from the controller, brain boards, and brains to any OPC 2.0-compliant application.

\*SNAP high-density digital (HDD) modules provide 32 points per module.

## Modbus/TCP-based Control Using E1 and E2 I/O Units



This diagram shows an **E1**- and **E2**-based I/O system controlled by Modbus/TCP software.

In this system, each original B1 or B2 brain board has been replaced with an E1 or E2, and all brain boards are connected to an Ethernet network.

Modbus/TCP software running on a PC communicates with the E1s and E2s over the Ethernet network to control and monitor I/O points.

Also connected to the Ethernet network is a Modbus/TCP hardware device that is monitoring I/O point information independent of the primary control system.

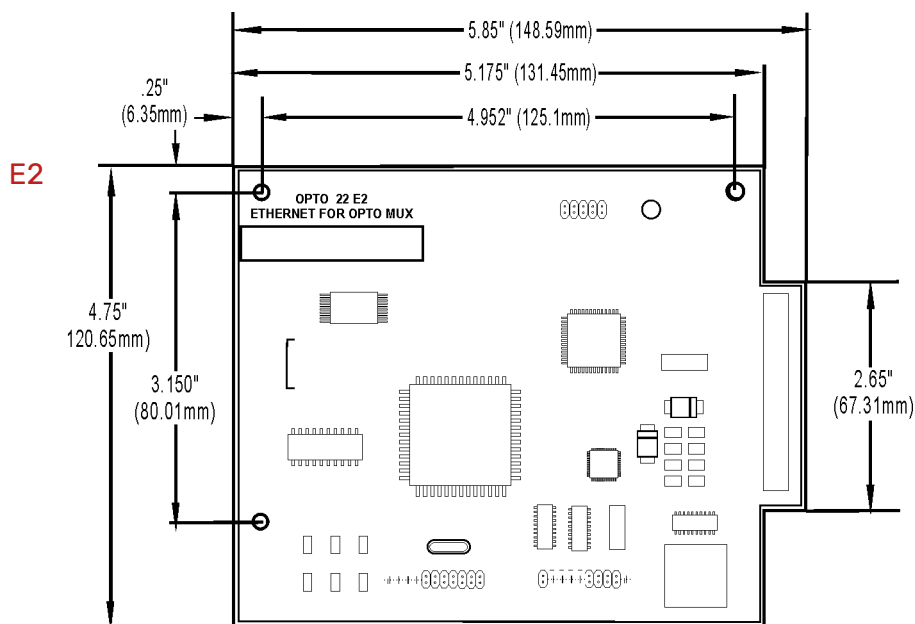
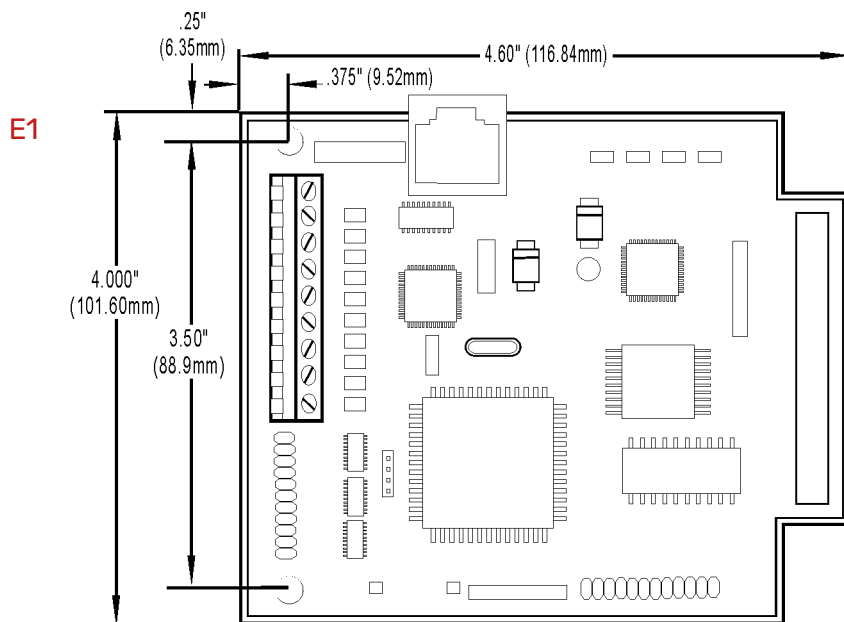


## Technical Specifications

Specification	Description
Power Requirements	5.0–5.2 VDC @ 0.5 amps (excludes digital and analog module power requirements) *
Ethernet Network Interface:	
Type	IEEE 802.3 network, 10Base-T/100Base-TX
Connector	RJ-45: Supports Auto MDI-X (crossover cable not needed)
Rate	10/100 Mbps, half or full duplex
Supported Protocols	Optomux over Ethernet, Modbus/TCP, OptoMMP (Opto 22's IEEE 1394-based memory-mapped protocol)
Maximum Segment Length	100 m (328 ft.) with Category 5 or superior UTP
Serial Network Interface:	
Type	RS-422/485 serial link
Connector	<b>E1:</b> Terminal block; <b>E2:</b> Terminal block (on mounting rack)
Data Rates	300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, and 38400 baud
Supported Protocols	Optomux
Network Range	Up to 32 Optomux stations configured for multidrop can be used on a serial network of up to 1524 m (5000 ft.) total length. Up to 256 Optomux stations and longer line lengths can be used by installing network repeaters. Up to 256 Optomux stations configured for repeat mode can exist on a network.
Optomux I/O Functions	<b>Digital I/O (E1):</b> Read Point, Write Point, Latch Point (On/Off), Count, Pulse Duration, Time Delay, Pulse Generation, Watchdog Timer <b>Analog I/O (E2):</b> Read Point, Write Point, Input Averaging, Min/Max Recording (peak and valley), High/Low Range Testing, Offset and Gain Calculation, Waveform Generation, Watchdog Timer
Modbus/TCP, OptoMMP, and OPC I/O Functions	With these protocols, the following brain-based features are not available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No pulsing or time delay (E1)</li> <li>• No pulse measurement</li> <li>• No input averaging or waveform generation (E2)</li> </ul>
LED Indicators	Status, Link, Activity, Full duplex, Transmit (serial), Receive (serial)
Jumper-selectable Serial Options	<b>Group A:</b> Multidrop or repeat mode, RS-485 termination and biasing <b>Group B:</b> Serial address (0 to 255), baud rate, 2- or 4-pass protocol
Operating Temperature	0 °C to 70 °C
Storage Temperature	–40 °C to 85 °C
Humidity	0–95% humidity, non-condensing
Agency Approvals	DFARS, CE, UKCA
Warranty	30 months

\*  $\pm 15$  VDC  $\pm 0.25$  V is required for the analog modules. Current depends on the number and types of modules installed. A 24 VDC power supply is required for analog modules that need a current loop source.

## DIMENSIONAL DRAWINGS



## PRODUCTS

Opto 22 develops and manufactures reliable, easy-to-use, open standards-based hardware and software products. Industrial automation, process control, remote monitoring, data acquisition, and industrial internet of things (IIoT) applications worldwide all rely on Opto 22.

### groov RIO®

[groov RIO edge I/O](#) offers a single, compact, PoE-powered industrial package with web-based configuration and IIoT software built in, support for multiple OT and IT protocols, and security features like a device firewall, data encryption, and user account control.

Standing alone, *groov* RIO connects to sensors, equipment, and legacy systems, collecting and securely publishing data from field to cloud. Choose a universal I/O model with thousands of possible field I/O configurations, with or without Ignition from Inductive Automation®, or a [RIO EMU energy monitoring unit](#) that reports 64 energy data values from 3-phase loads up to 600 VAC, Delta or Wye.

You can even write an IEC 61131-3 compliant control program to run on *groov* RIO, using CODESYS. You can also use *groov* RIO with a Modbus/TCP master or as remote I/O for a *groov* EPIC system.

### groov EPIC® System

Opto 22's [groov Edge Programmable Industrial Controller \(EPIC\)](#) system gives you industrially hardened control with a flexible Linux®-based processor with gateway functions, guaranteed-for-life I/O, and software for your automation and IIoT applications.

#### groov EPIC Processor

The heart of the system is the *groov* EPIC processor. It handles a wide range of digital, analog, and serial functions for data collection, remote monitoring, process control, and discrete and hybrid manufacturing.

In addition, the EPIC provides secure data communications among physical assets, control systems, software applications, and online services, both on premises and in the cloud. No industrial PC needed.

Configuring and troubleshooting I/O and networking is easier with the EPIC's integrated high-resolution color touchscreen. Authorized users can manage the system locally on the touchscreen, on a monitor connected via the HDMI or USB ports, or on a PC or mobile device with a web browser.

#### groov EPIC I/O

*groov* I/O connects locally to sensors and equipment. Modules have a spring-clamp terminal strip, integrated wireway, swing-away cover, and LEDs indicating module health and discrete channel status. *groov* I/O is hot swappable, UL Hazardous Locations approved, and ATEX compliant.

### groov EPIC Software

The *groov* EPIC processor comes ready to run the software you need:

- Programming: Choose flowchart-based PAC Control, CODESYS Development System for IEC61131-3 compliant programs, or secure shell access (SSH) to the Linux OS for custom applications
- Node-RED for creating simple IIoT logic flows from pre-built nodes
- Efficient MQTT data communications with string or Sparkplug data formats
- Multiple OPC UA server options
- HMI: *groov* View to build your own HMI viewable on touchscreen, PCs, and mobile devices; PAC Display for a

Windows HMI; Node-RED dashboard UI

- Ignition or Ignition Edge® from Inductive Automation (requires license purchase) with OPC-UA drivers to Allen-Bradley®, Siemens®, and other control systems, and MQTT communications

### Older products

From solid state relays, to world-famous G4 and SNAP I/O, to SNAP PAC controllers, older Opto 22 products are still supported and working hard at thousands of installations worldwide. You can count on us for the reliability and service you expect, now and in the future.

## QUALITY

Founded in 1974, Opto 22 has established a worldwide reputation for high-quality products. All are made in the U.S.A. at our manufacturing facility in Temecula, California.

Because we test each product twice before it leaves our factory rather than testing a sample of each batch, we can afford to guarantee most solid-state relays and optically isolated I/O modules for life.

## FREE PRODUCT SUPPORT

Opto 22's California-based Product Support Group offers free technical support for Opto 22 products from engineers with decades of training and experience. Support is available in English and Spanish by phone or email, Monday–Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST.

Support is always available on our website, including [free online training](#) at OptoU, how-to [videos](#), [user's guides](#), the Opto 22 KnowledgeBase, and [OptoForums](#).

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