

EDGE COMPUTING SOLUTIONS

Quick Reference Guide

Bringing performance and reliability to edge computing with solutions that address ruggedization, cooling, EMI and physical security



RELIABILITY AND PERFORMANCE AT THE EDGE

As the expectation for consuming massive amounts of data at faster speeds with low latency is ever increasing, the need for edge computing has become paramount. Across a growing range of applications, from autonomous vehicles and smart power grids to industrial manufacturing and healthcare, the ability to compute data close to the source is critical for faster transfer and response times. Metro and premise edge data centers, servers and end devices must perform seamlessly to meet these demands. That's why TE Connectivity (TE) offers products and expertise to help meet challenging and varied requirements.

HOW TE SUPPORTS THE EDGE ECOSYSTEM

Core	Edge			
Cloud Data Center	Metro Edge/ Near Core	Access/ Network Edge	Premise Edge	Device Edge
				 Automotive/Transportation Agriculture Banking and Finance Energy and Utilities Healthcare Machine Learning Manufacturing Public Sector Retail
Network Switch	Server/AI	Storage	Cellular Networks	IoT Devices
 High Speed I/O Hybrid Cable Assemblies Internal Card Edge Cables & Connectors Memory Power Connectors & Cable Assemblies Sockets & Hardware 	 High Speed I/O High Speed Sockets Internal Cabling Power Interconnects 	 Backplane Connectors High Speed I/O Internal cabling Power Connectors Storage Interconnects 	 Antennas Connector Sealing System & Cable Assemblies Power Connectors & Cable Assemblies RF Signal Interconnects 	 Antennas Board Level Shielding Interface Connectors Memory Connectors Power Connectors RF Signal Interconnects Sensors SIM Connectors

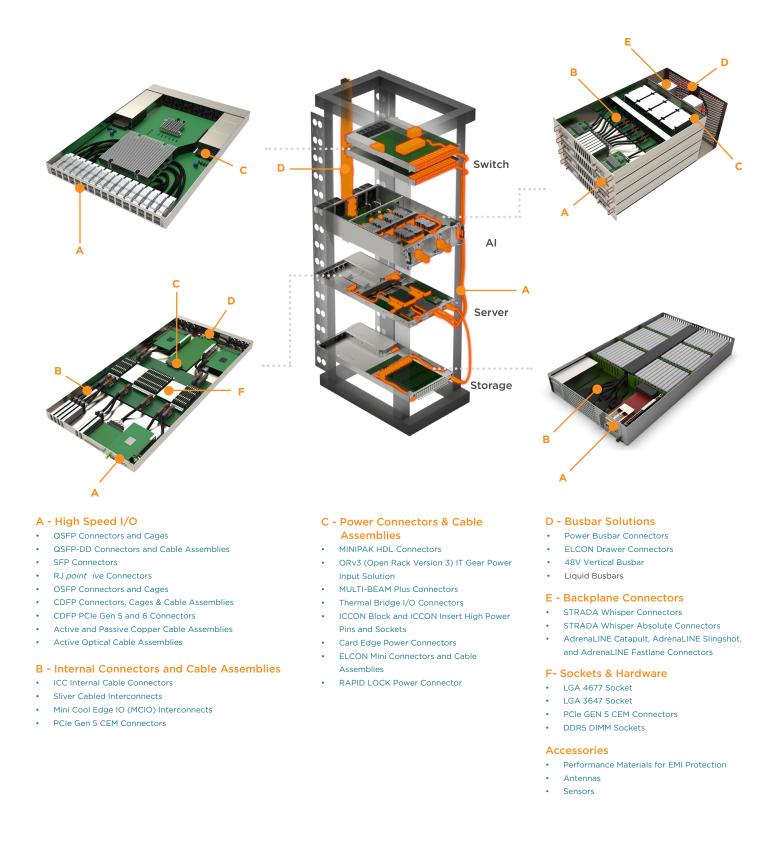
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KEY REQUIREMENTS FOR EDGE DATA CENTERS

High Speed/Low Latency	Low latency should ideally be 5 milliseconds (Ms) or less.	
Extreme Temperature Tolerance	Components must be able to operate in environments ranging from 40°C (-40°F) up to +125°C (257°F).	
Power Supply Utilization	Server configuration, component selection and choice of thermal cooling technology can impa power usage.	
Small Footprint	Server configuration design optimization and smaller format component selection play a critical role in maximizing floor space.	
Silent Operation	Noise levels can reach up to 92 dB(A). Liquid cooling technologies, such as immersion or co plate, can significantly reduce noise.	
Minimize Electromagnetic Interference (EMI)	Antennas, components, shielding selection and positioning must be considered early in the design phase.	

TE COMPONENTS SUPPORTING EDGE DATA CENTERS



TE SOLUTIONS FOR THERMAL PERFORMANCE

As the demand to process more data increases every year, so too does the need for higher-power data racks and more efficient edge data centers. A forced air data rack can consume as much as 30 to 50 kilowatts of energy. Higher temperatures that occur due to higher power levels can directly affect the longevity of components in the data rack if the thermal design is not optimized. TE offers products for air and cold plate cooling solutions, but is also focused on developing a robust portfolio of products to support state-of-the-art immersion cooling technology.

IMMERSION COOLING

When comparing traditional air cooling, cold plate cooling and immersion cooling technologies, one can think of them as "good, better and best" choices.

- Air Cooling (Good) Long-term operational costs add up from power consumption associated with running air conditioners and server fans.
- Cold Plate Cooling (Better) Offers a more enhanced method with closed loop water cooling, but comes at a high cost with added system complexity and other required cooling equipment.
- Immersion Cooling (Best) Removes the need for fans and air conditioning, introducing a host of benefits, including:



MEETING THE COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS OF IMMERSION COOLING

Immersion cooling offers distinct advantages for edge data centers; however, the performance of the system is only as good as its components. As TE evolves existing products and develops new ones to support immersion cooling, we consider:

Impact on performance

Through simulations and testing, we evaluate how submersion impacts impedance in our existing products and identify required modifications.

Material compatibility

Engineering products with materials that can be submerged for long periods of time without degradation.

Component protection

Sealing of components that will be submerged is critical for long-term performance.

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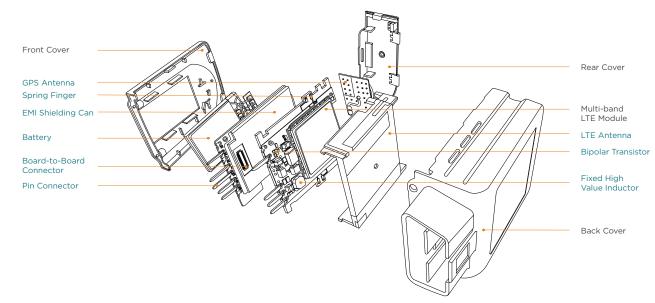
Robust I/O and Wireless Connectivity	Provide secure data transmission with low latency, failure detection and automatic fail-safe functionality.	
Extreme Temperature Tolerance	-40°C (-40°F) up to +70°C (158°F).	
Ingress Protection	Devices must be designed with components that can help minimize or prevent the ingress of dust and liquids per standards.	
Shock and Vibration Resistance	Edge PCs and components should withstand up to 50 g of shock force.	
Small Footprint	Given the space constraints of rugged edge PCs, smaller format components can be critical.	
Low Power Consumption	Proper antenna and component selection and positioning within the device are key considerations in improving power efficiency.	
Electromagnetic Interference (EMI)	Antennas, components, shielding selection and positioning must be considered early in the design phase to avoid degraded signal performance.	
Physical Security	Helping to prevent unauthorized physical access, such as tampering, is an important consideration in remote, unattended applications.	

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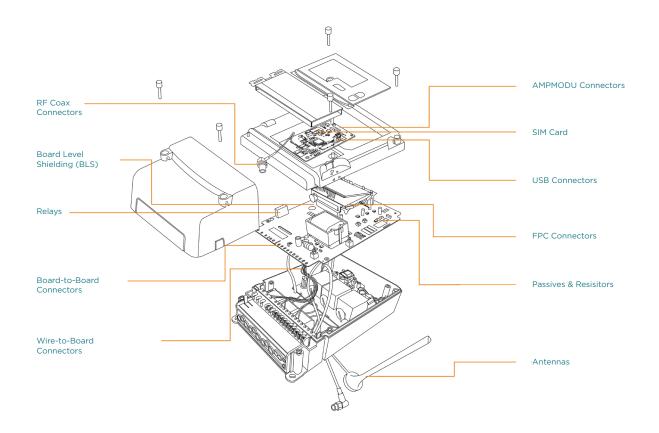
TE COMPONENTS SUPPORTING EDGE DEVICES

Across a range of applications from fleet telematics and smart metering to smart buildings and medical devices, TE connectors, antennas and components help deliver performance, reliability and long operational lifetimes in harsh environments. Below are just a couple examples of how our products are incorporated into device designs.

FLEET TELEMATICS



SMART METERS



WHY PARTNER WITH TE?



Our history in design engineering, global manufacturing prowess, materials science expertise and signal integrity analysis are benefits that contribute to the value of partnering with us. At TE, we view our role of consultant as a trusted advisor, who helps to bring value to our customers through innovative and customized solutions.



Partnerships that Enhance Innovation

We collaborate closely with customers and peers in the development of new technologies.



Faster, Flexible Service

TE's manufacturing and value-added services deliver top quality, highly efficient products to meet dynamic design cycles.

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Sustainable Partnership

TE's engineering and manufacturing expertise, combined with our global footprint provides one of the largest connectivity and sensor portfolios.



Solutions for High Performance

Our products can support high-speed, energy-efficiency, and miniaturization in cloud, IoT end point and edge markets.

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End-to-End Connectivity

TE offers a broad range of product options across data communications and IoT applications, giving customers the opportunity to consolidate their supplier base.

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