

# Human-Machine Interface

## HMI-084 / HMI-104

### Vision the future with HMI

*Communication between man and machine is the key for a complete total solution*

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**HMI** (human-machine interface) is where people and technology meet. The graphic presentation replaces traditional obscure technical terms and makes machine manipulation very direct and reactive. IEI gives you the most flexible and extensible HMI solution, to meet your time-to-market and cost-effective requirements.

### Main Features

- Innovative IEI ETX CPU module with flexible and upgradeable options
- "Harddisk-less" environment can avoid a number of possible crashes and vibration damage caused by hard disk.
- Equipped with touch screen to offer easy-to-use manipulation and reliable system integration.
- Selective package with Windows CE .NET platform is ready for integrated application.



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### Hard disk-less environment of IEI's HMI solution:

For greater reliability, the specific storage devices for operating system and applications are 48 MB DOM (Disk On Module) and Compact Flash, instead of a hard disk. Meanwhile, 128MB SDRAM provides enough memory space for resource-consuming applications to run. DOM and CompactFlash don't require a fan unlike a hard disk, enabling operation in a dusty environment. IDE-interfaced DOM is comparably more stable and secure than hard disk, besides, it is heat and shock resistant to harsh environment.

### PC Base Automation

The current factory control is fractionalized: process controls are the brains behind the system, instrumentation is the eyes and ears of the system, and data networks are the voices that are communicating between systems or subsystems. Process controllers which are PC-based, graphic-interfaced, and web-enabled are replacing proprietary and obsolete PLC controllers. In this infrastructure, the communication among devices are via proprietary protocols such as Profibus, DeviceNet, CANopen, and the status information collected by a local controller are sent to automation software for configuration, monitoring and plug-and-play with sophisticated optimization systems. Data acquired from devices are passed via Ethernet to enterprise systems, i.e., ERP, and then directed to Supply Chain via Internet. The windows-based human machine interface (HMI) with touch screen panel allows operators to control and monitor important activities on several machines in the same time. Through the OPC interface provided by hardware manufacturer, software developers are free from the difficulties of supporting versatile hardware in the market, and are able to focus on the software design of control processes. OPC is a new protocol based on Microsoft COM/DCOM technology to ease the software implementation of industry automation and control. As it is known, about 75% of automation systems' costs are associated with systems integration and support, therefore the connectivity between shop floor and the business system will permit synchronization of production lines with supply chain execution, scheduling and other production management systems. This free flow of information will permit the manufacturer to move into the era of Internet-enabled production.

The migration to PC-based platform will allow factory floor to operate a common generic HMI workstation through Ethernet or communication

I/O. With the HMI application, graphical objects are linked to I/O points, control variables, monitor alarm status, log data to disk, and trend real-time information. Also, if the control software and HMI application utilize a shared database, this eliminates annoying cross-referencing, and improves accuracy. Reliability of the HMI is an absolute requirement, because the machine operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



