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HARDWARE MANUAL

BrightSign XD230, XD1030, XD1230

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OVERVIEW

The BrightSign XD230, XD1030, and XD1230 players can be used to decode images, audio, and up to two HD video streams for digital sign and kiosk applications. In addition to driving video and audio displays, these players can be controlled with various networked and built-in interfaces.

This reference manual specifies the hardware interfaces on the BrightSign XD230, XD1030, and XD1230. This manual does not describe any software functions.

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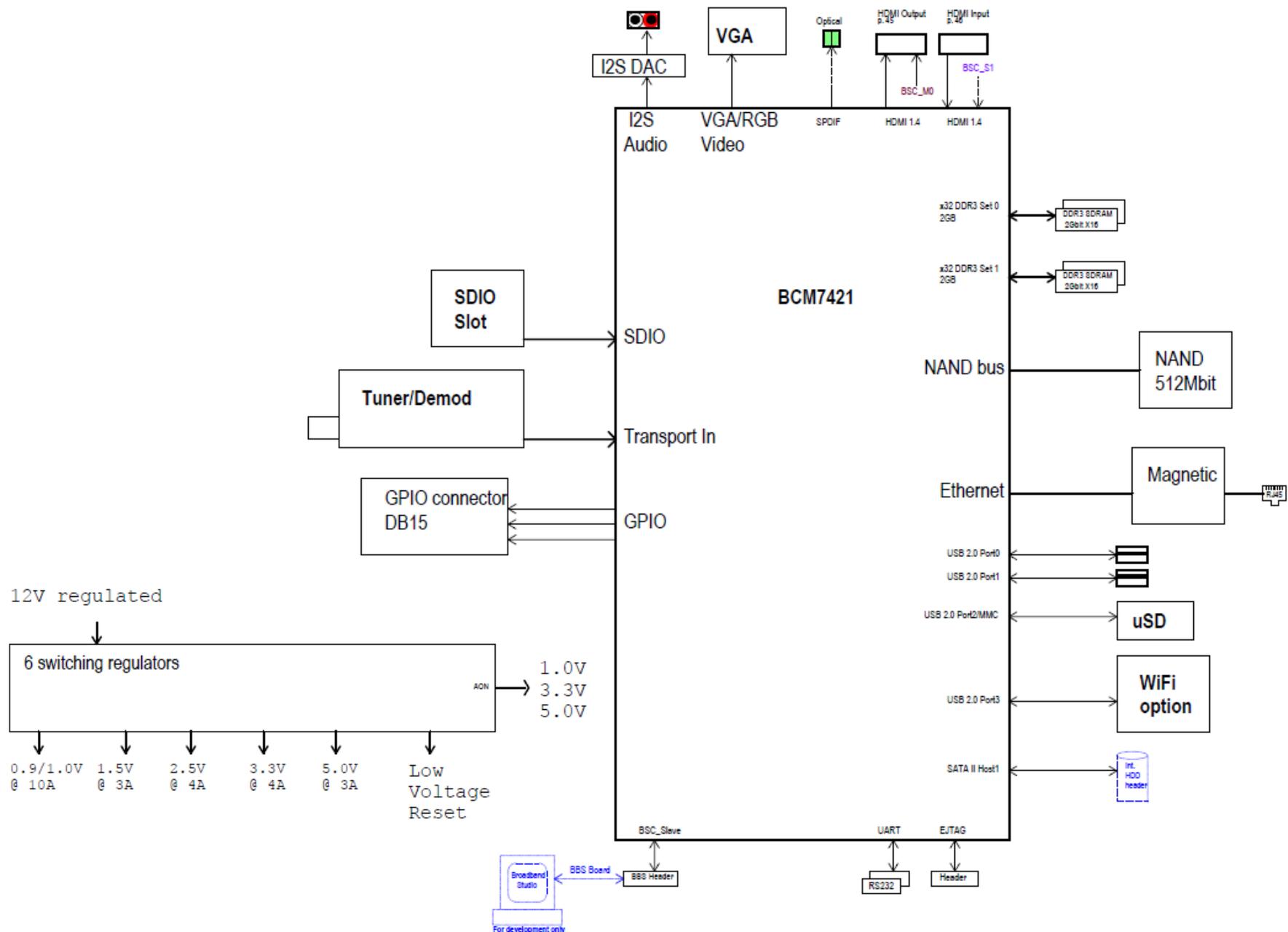
XD230

Front

- 3.5mm IR out

Left

- GPIO button

Right

- SDHC/SDXC flash card slot
- Red status/error LED
- Yellow update LED
- Green power LED
- Green SD activity LED
- Green MicroSD presence LED
- Green BrightSign Network connection LED
- Green Ethernet activity LED
- Green WiFi activity LED

Back

- DE15 VGA video connector
- Stereo 3.5mm mini plug for audio output
- HDMI Out
- 10/100 Ethernet jack
- Reset button
- 4-pin power connector for 12V power input at 3A

XD1030

Front

- 3.5mm IR out
- DE9 male RS-232 connector
- DA15 female for GPIO, IR in/out, and 3.3V power
- S/PDIF out

Left

- GPIO button
- 2x USB 2.0 connector

Right

- SDHC/SDXC flash card slot
- Red status/error LED
- Yellow update LED
- Green power LED
- Green SD activity LED
- Green MicroSD presence LED
- Green BrightSign Network connection LED
- Green Ethernet activity LED
- Green WiFi activity LED

Back

- DE15 VGA video connector
- Stereo 3.5mm mini plug for audio output
- HDMI Out
- 10/100 Ethernet jack
- Reset button
- 4-pin power connector for 12V power input at 3A

XD1230

Front

- 3.5mm IR out
- DE9 male RS-232 connector
- DA15 female for GPIO, IR in/out, and 3.3V power
- S/PDIF out
- RF In for ATSC / Clear QAM

Left

- GPIO button
- 2x USB 2.0 connector

Right

- SDHC/SDXC flash card slot
- Red status/error LED
- Yellow update LED
- Green power LED
- Green SD activity LED
- Green MicroSD presence LED
- Green BrightSign Network connection LED
- Green Ethernet activity LED
- Green WiFi activity LED

Back

- DE15 VGA video connector
- Stereo 3.5mm mini plug for audio output
- HDMI Out
- HDMI In
- 10/100 Ethernet jack

- Reset button
- 4-pin power connector for 12V power input @ 3A

Power Connector

The power connector for the XD series is rated for 12V @ 3A. The plug for the connector is a keyed and locking 4-pin connector. It is right-side positive.

DE9 RS-232 Connector

The RS-232 connector is a male DE9. Like PCs, BrightSign XD players are DTE devices. The input to the chip accepts a range between +25V and -25V, so it is compatible with standard +12V and -12V signaling.

The baud rate is 115200, with no parity, 8 data bits, and 1 stop bit. There is no hardware or software flow control. The maximum cable length is 50 meters, and the total cable capacitance is 2500pF.
Note: *A lower capacitance cable allows you to use cable lengths beyond 50 meters.*

The following diagram illustrates the behavior of the TX and RX signal:
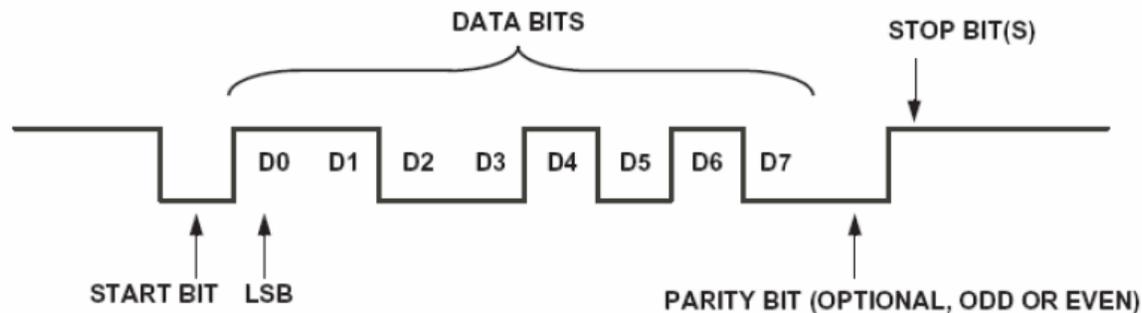
The following table illustrates the pinout of the DE9 on the XD series of players:

pin	Description	pin	Description
1	NC	2	Receive data into the player
3	Transmit data out of the player	4	Available 5V@500mA
5	Ground	6	NC
7	NC	8	NC
9	NC	--	--

DA15 Switch/LED Connector

The switch/led connector is a DA15 female. This connector is used to allow the player to control external LEDs or other devices requiring 24mA of current or less.

Connect the LED outputs to the LED ANODE and connect the LED CATHODE to the ground. If you want to connect another device, then the output is capable of sourcing or sinking up to 3.3V at 24mA, but there is a series resistor of 100Ω in each line.

The connector also allows the connecting of external contact closures to the ground. In order to connect a switch, connect one side of the switch to the switch input, and connect the other side to one of the ground pins on the DA15 connector. The connector can also supply 3.3V at up to 500mA to an external device. The 3.3V output is polyfuse-protected and can source up to 500mA.

If one BrightSign player is driving the inputs on another BrightSign player, then you can drive at most three inputs from one output. The following calculations explain this limitation:

Note: *The GPIO outputs have 100Ω series resistors; the GPIO inputs have 1K pullup resistors to 3.3V; and the input threshold on the 541 chips is 2V high and .8V low. The high voltage is not problematic, but the low voltage can be if there are too many inputs connected to one output.*

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1 out driving 1 in	V=3.3*100/(100+1,000)=0.3
1 out driving 2 in	V=3.3*100/(100+500)=0.55
1 out driving 3 in	V=3.3*100/(100+333.3)=0.76
1 out driving 4 in	V=3.3*100/(100+250)=.94 (This is too high, so 1 output driving 3 inputs is the maximum)

The following table illustrates the pinout of the DA15 on the XD series of players:

pin	Description	pin	Description
1	IR blaster input	2	Ground
3	Button 6 I/O	4	Button 5 I/O
5	Button 3 I/O	6	Ground
7	Button 1 I/O	8	+3.3V output at 500mA
9	Ground	10	Button 7 I/O
11	Ground	12	Button 4 I/O
13	Button 2 I/O	14	Ground
15	Button 0 I/O	--	--

Here is the DA15 female as viewed from the front of the BrightSign XD1030 and XD1230:
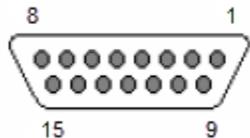
BrightSign provides a button/LED/IR board that can be used to demonstrate how the GPIO and IR functions. An example schematic for connecting to the GPIO connector can be provided upon request.

Ethernet

BrightSign XD players have a standard RJ45 connector for 10/100 base-T Ethernet. The maximum length for the Ethernet cable is 100 meters. The following table illustrates the pinout of the RJ45:

pin	Description	pin	Description
1	TX+	2	TX-
3	RX+	4	RC to ground
5	RC to ground	6	RX-
7	RC to ground	8	RC to ground

USB

The XD1030 and XD1230 have two high-speed (480 Mbit) USB host ports, which also support USB 2.0 powered devices (up to 500mA for each port). The maximum length for the USB cable is 5 meters. The following table illustrates the pinout of the USB host port.

pin	Description	pin	Description
1	VBUS	2	D-
3	D+	4	Ground

DE15 VGA Connector

The VGA connector is able to output RGB video. The following table illustrates the pinout of the DE15 VGA connector:

pin	Description	pin	Description
1	Red analog video output	2	Green analog video output
3	Blue analog video output	4	NC
5	Digital ground	6	Analog ground
7	Analog ground	8	Analog ground
9	+5V DDC supply	10	Digital ground
11	NC	12	DDC SDA
13	HSYNC output	14	VSYNC output
15	DDC SCL	--	--

Triple RCA Component HD Video Connector

Component video is provided over the VGA connector. To display component video, you will need to use a VGA-to-component converter. See this FAQ for more details.

3.5mm Audio Connector

The XD230, XD1030, and XD1230 each have one 3.5mm female audio connector, which transmits a stereo signal. The full scale voltage output of the audio is 2V RMS. The output impedance of the audio connector is 32Ω.

Note: *The BrightSign expansion module allows you to drive up to three sets of 5Ω headphones directly.*

The audio connector has the following pinout:

- **Tip**: Left audio
- **Ring**: Right audio
- **Sleeve**: Ground for audio signal

HDMI Out Connector

The HDMI-out connector is used to send digital video and audio to HDMI-enabled sink devices. The following table illustrates the pinout of the HDMI connector:

pin	Description	pin	Description
1	TX2p	2	Ground
3	TX2n	4	TX1p
5	Ground	6	TX1n
7	TX0p	8	Ground
9	TX0n	10	TXCp
11	Ground	12	TXCn
13	CEC	14	NC
15	DDC SCL	16	DDC SDA
17	Ground	18	+5V DDC
19	HDP (Hot Plug Detect)	20	Ground

HDMI In

The HDMI In accepts inputs of up to 1920x1080@60p, with 24-bit sRGB. The signaling conforms to the DVI 1.0, HDMI 1.4, and HDCP 1.2 standards. The HDMI signaling has CEC (but no ARC or HEC) functionality. The CEC channel is electrically coupled to the corresponding signal on the HDMI output, and the CEC commands will pass through players even when they do not have power.

3.5mm IR Out

The IR blaster generates a space-encoded (NEC) signal. The two transported bit values of the NEC signal (0 and 1) are encoded using differing lengths of low-time IR pulses.

The 3.5mm IR port has the following pinout:

- **Tip**: Power
- **Ring**: NC
- **Sleeve**: Signal

S/PDIF Out

The SPDIF_OPT signal is generated within the BCM7421 CPU, which has a direct connection to the S/PDIF port.

RF In

The RF In is a 75R F-type female connector that accepts QAM digital TV input. The acceptable input range for incoming signals is +/- 0.5V maximum.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND POWER USAGE

BrightSign XD players are designed to be used between 0°C and 40°C, at 90% maximum relative humidity, non-condensing.

The power supply on the BrightSign XD series is 36W and 12V at 3A. These players will use approximately 1A of power when playing a 720p or 1080i MPEG2 HD source file.

An additional 2A of power is available for peripherals connected to the player. The user should not connect any combination of peripherals that will exceed 2A draw. If more than 2A is drawn, the external power supply may shut down due to over-current conditions. The unit will not be damaged, but it may reboot or not operate properly until the overload is removed.

The 2A can be shared in any way among the following connectors:

| Connector	Maximum Power Usage
Ethernet	Approx. 180mA (when transferring data)
USB	500mA (on each connector)
DE9 5V	500mA
DA15 3.3V	500mA
HDMI 5V	500mA
IR blaster output	300mA

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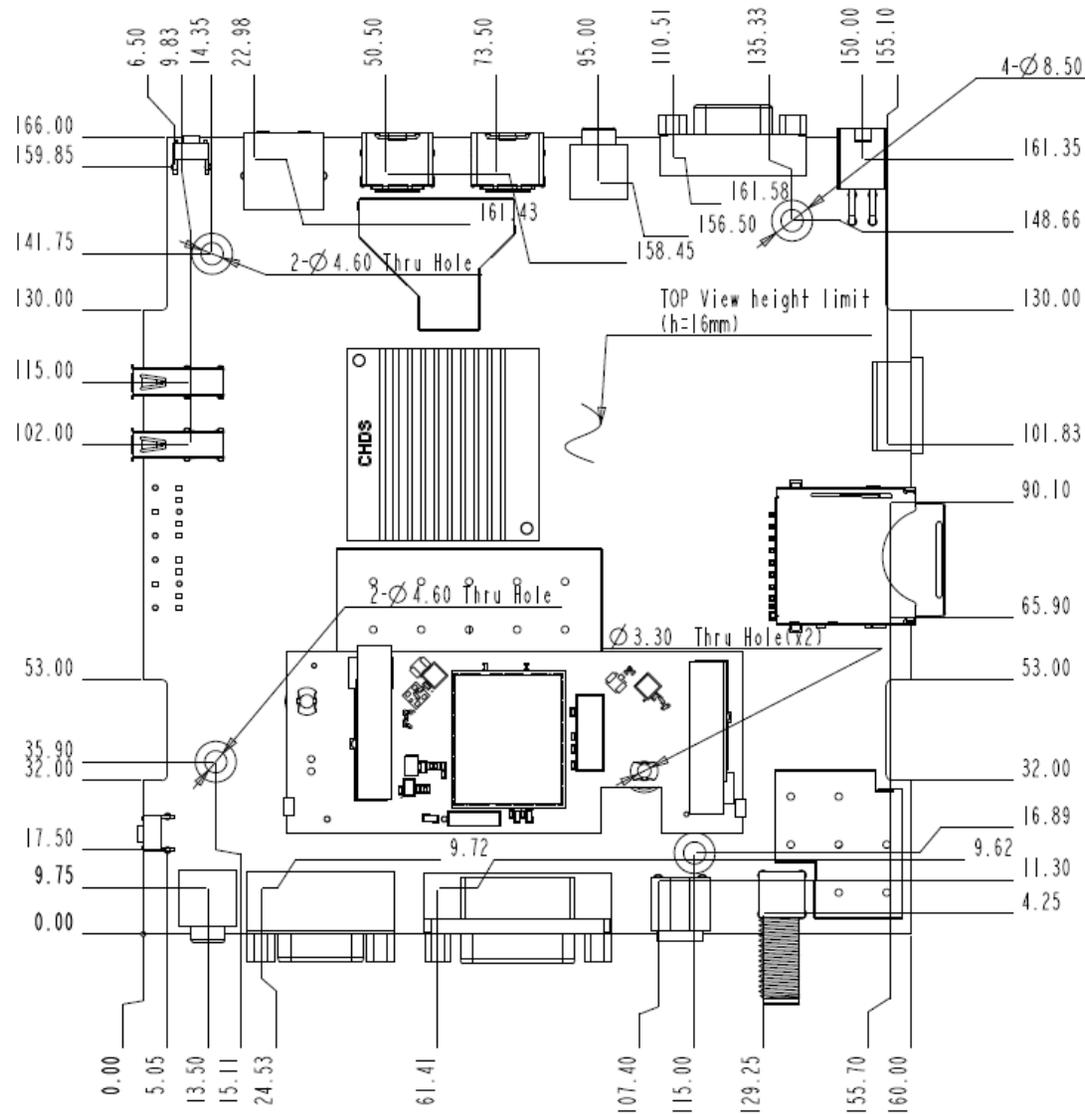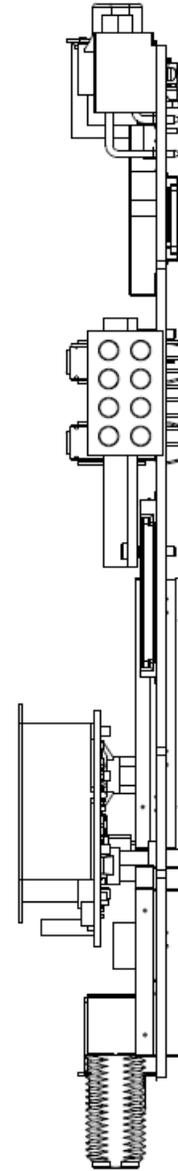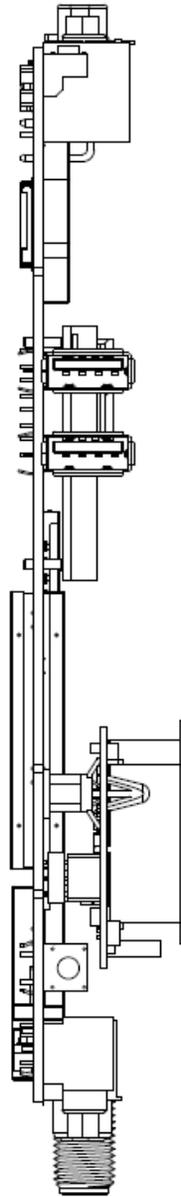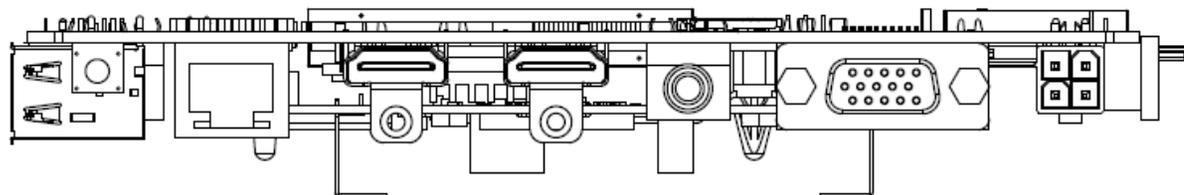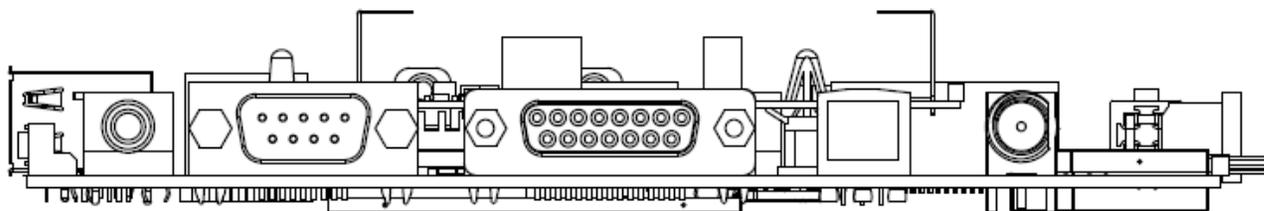
THEORY OF OPERATION

Power Supply

There are seven voltage levels present in the player: 12V, 5V, 3.3V, 2.5V, 1.8V, 1.5V, and 1V.

Reset

BrightSign XD players have a Low Voltage Reset circuit. This circuit will hold the RESET_L signal low until a valid 3.3V power source is present.

BCM7421 CPU

BrightSign XD players utilize a BCM7421 Multimedia CPU. This CPU runs on 3.3V, 2.5V, and 1V and runs from a 27MHz oscillator. The CPU is reset by the RESET_L signal from the low voltage reset circuit going into the RESET_IN pin on the CPU. When the RESET_in pin goes from low to high, the BCM7421 will boot from the NAND flash.

Built-in Flash

The boot code in the BCM7421 instructs it to continue the boot process by reading additional code from the onboard NAND flash, which can be updated in the field, either from the flash slots or USB mass storage. Part of the NAND flash is also used to hold non-volatile parameters. The contents of the boot flash are copied into the SDRAM. The CPU then jumps to the boot code.

SDRAM

BrightSign XD players each contain four DDR SDRAM devices. When the BCM7421 boots, it will copy the code from the NAND flash device into the SDRAM and then execute the code from the SDRAM. The SDRAM runs at a clock rate of 800MHz, with a data rate of 1600MHz.

Serial Port

The XD1030 and XD1230 have a built in UART that communicates with the RS-232 level shifter. The MAX232 creates valid RS-232 voltage levels for the transmit pin by using a capacitive voltage switcher.

Video Encoder and Filter

The BCM7421 streams decoded video using a single-data race clock. It also streams the same video out of the on-board DACs.

Audio Outputs

BrightSign XD players each have a single Texas Instruments high quality audio DAC device, which takes in digital audio signals from the BCM7421 in an I2S audio format. The AUD_LRCIN is the framing signal for the audio and runs at the frame rate of the audio source (usually either 44.1KHz or 48KHz). The AUD_BITCLK signal is typically 32 times higher than the AUD_LRCIN.

The audio output is fed through a TI amplifier and sent directly to the audio output jack. It can drive a 32Ω load with a 2V RMS signal.

On-Board LEDs

There are eight on-board LEDs that indicate the following:

LED	Indication
Green power	Displays when the board is powered up and not in reset mode.
Green SD activity	Flashes any time there is activity on the SD card.
Green MicroSD activity	Displays when a MicroSD card is present.
Green network activity	Displays when the player is connected to the BrightSign Network.
Green Ethernet activity	Flashes when the player is connecting to the network. Displays when connected.
Green WiFi activity	Flashes when the player is connecting to the wireless network. Displays when connected.

Yellow update	Flashes when the board is being upgraded.	
Red status	Flashes a certain number of times to indicate which error is occurring. The flash codes are described below.	
	2	Unspecified error
	3	Network recovery script is preparing to run on a device configured for network recovery.
	4	No upgrade file found
	5	Failed to load kernel module
	6	Board is not capable of running the current firmware version.
	7	A piece of on-board hardware is not working correctly (on firmware versions 4.1 and later).
	8	Problem related to the storage device (either the USB drive or SD card)
	9	Problem related to the registry/NAND
	10	The autorun script encountered a load/run error.
	11	WiFi-related error (mainly, WiFi not found on USB)
	12	Unable to find a bootable image (on firmware versions 4.0 and later)

On-Board Switch

The on-board switch is connected to the GPIO02. A pull-up on the button normally sets the GPIO02 to be pulled high. Conversely, the GPIO02 is pulled low when the button is pressed.

Reset Switch/GPIO Button

The on-board switch is connected to the reset circuit. Pressing down the reset button will cause the GPIO07 to go low. Holding the reset button low for approximately 10 seconds will cause a hard reset. When the board goes into reset mode, the power LED will be dark until the reset button is released.

SDHC/SDXC and MicroSD Slots

The XD series has one SDHC/SDXC and one internal MicroSD card slot, both capable of transferring a 25 Mbit/sec video stream, one 5.1 AC3 stream (pass-through), and three stereo PCM tracks simultaneously. There is no inherent limit on the storage capacity of SD cards used for XD-series players.

NAND Flash

BrightSign players have a built-in NAND flash. All the code for the player is stored on the NAND flash, and it may also be possible to store some content on the NAND flash, which is connected directly to the BCM7421.

Ethernet

The 10/100 Base-T Ethernet is implemented on XD players by directly interfacing with the BCM7421. The player has on-board Ethernet magnetics and termination for the RJ-45 cable.

USB

The USB 2.0 high-speed host controller is implemented internally in the BCM7421 SOC chip. The board utilizes two TPS2065 devices. Each TPS2065 is an over-current protected switch that can be used to turn the power to the USB device on or off or to detect over-current situations.