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# **PCIe 6 Protocol Exerciser and Analyzer - Installation Guide**

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## Safety Summary










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General	Do not use this product in any manner not specified by the manufacturer. The protective features of this product may be impaired if it is used in a manner not specified in the operation instructions.
Environmental Conditions	<p>This instrument is intended for indoor use in an installation category 2, pollution degree 2 environment. It is designed to operate at a maximum relative humidity of 85%r.H. and at altitudes of up to 2000 meters.</p> <p>Refer to the specifications tables for the ac mains voltage requirements and ambient operating temperature range.</p>
Before Applying Power	Verify that all safety precautions are taken. Make all connections to the unit before applying power. Note the instrument's external markings described in "Safety Symbols".
Ground the Instrument	If your product is provided with a grounding type power plug, the instrument chassis and cover must be connected to an electrical ground to minimize shock hazard. The ground pin must be firmly connected to an electrical ground (safety ground) terminal at the power outlet. Any interruption of the protective (grounding) conductor or disconnection of the protective earth terminal will cause a potential shock hazard that could result in personal injury.
Fuses	See the user's guide or operator's manual for information about line-fuse replacement. Some instruments contain an internal fuse, which is not user accessible.
Do Not Operate in an Explosive Atmosphere	Do not operate the instrument in the presence of flammable gases or fumes.
Do Not Remove the Instrument Cover	Only qualified, service-trained personnel who are aware of the hazards involved should remove instrument covers. Always disconnect the power cable and any external circuits before removing the instrument cover.
Cleaning	Clean the outside of the instrument with a soft, lint-free, slightly dampened cloth. Do not use detergent or chemical solvents.
Do Not Modify the Instrument	Do not install substitute parts or perform any unauthorized modification to the product. Return the product to a Keysight Sales and Service Office for service and repair to ensure that safety features are maintained.
In Case of Damage	Instruments that appear damaged or defective should be made inoperative and secured against unintended operation until they can be repaired by qualified service personnel.

## Safety Symbols






Table 1 Safety Symbol

Symbol	Description
	Direct current
	Alternating current
	Both direct and alternating current
	Three phase alternating current
	Three phase alternating current
	Earth ground terminal
	Protective earth ground terminal
	Frame or chassis ground terminal
	Terminal is at earth potential
	Equipotentiality
N	Neutral conductor on permanently installed equipment
L	Line conductor on permanently installed equipment
	On (mains supply)
	Off (mains supply)
	Standby (mains supply). The instrument is not completely disconnected from the mains supply when the power switch is in the standby position
	In position of a bi-stable push switch

Symbol	Description
	Out position of a bi-stable push switch
	Equipment protected throughout by DOUBLE INSULATION or REINFORCED INSULATION
	Caution, refer to accompanying documentation
	Caution, risk of electric shock
	Do not apply around or remove from HAZARDOUS LIVE conductors
	Application around and removal from HAZARDOUS LIVE conductors is permitted
	Caution, hot surface
	Ionizing radiation
	Indicates that anti-static precautions should be taken
CAT I	IEC Measurement Category I
CAT II	Measurement Category II
CAT III	Measurement Category III
CAT IV	Measurement Category IV

## Compliance and Environmental Information

**Table 2 Compliance and Environmental Information**

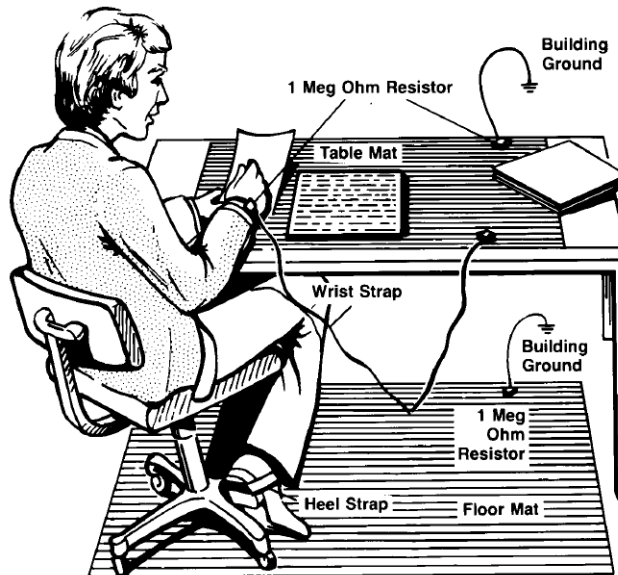
Safety Symbol	Description
	CSA is the Canadian certification mark to demonstrate compliance with the Safety requirements.
	The C-tick mark is a registered trademark of the Spectrum Management Agency of Australia. This signifies compliance with the Australia EMC Framework regulations under the terms of the Radio Communication Act of 1992.
	CE compliance marking to the EU Safety and EMC Directives. ISM GRP-1A classification according to the international EMC standard. ICES/NMB-001 compliance marking to the Canadian EMC standard.
	KC certification mark to demonstrate compliance with the South Korean EMC requirements.  <b>South Korean Class A EMC declaration</b> This equipment is Class A suitable for professional use and is for use in electromagnetic environments outside of the home.
	The crossed out wheeled bin symbol indicates that separate collection for waste electric and electronic equipment (WEEE) is required, as obligated by the EU DIRECTIVE and other National legislation. Please refer to <a href="https://www.keysight.com/go/takeback">keysight.com/go/takeback</a> to understand your Trade in options with Keysight in addition to product takeback instructions.

### CAUTION

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage the circuits of the components on the hardware. Avoid applying static discharges to the front-panel connectors. Before connecting any coaxial cable to the connectors, momentarily short the center and outer conductors of the cable together. Avoid touching the front-panel connectors without first touching the frame of the instrument. Be sure the instrument and all connected devices (DUT, etc.) are properly earth-grounded (to a common ground) to prevent buildup of static charge and electrical over-stress. Take necessary anti-static precautions, such as wearing a grounded wrist strap, to minimize the possibility of electrostatic damage.

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage or destroy electronic components. All work on electronic assemblies should be performed at a static-safe work station. The following list and figure shows an example of a static-safe work station using two types of ESD protection. Purchase acceptable ESD accessories from your local supplier.

- Conductive table-mat and wrist-strap combination.
- Conductive floor-mat and heel-strap combination.



Both types, when used together, provide a significant level of ESD protection. Of the two, only the table-mat and wrist-strap combination provides adequate ESD protection when used alone. To ensure user safety, the static-safe accessories must provide at least 1 MW of isolation from ground.

### WARNING

These techniques for a static-safe work station should not be used when working on circuitry with a voltage potential greater than 500 volts.





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# 1 Planning the PCIe 6 Exerciser and Analyzer Installation

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This chapter provides information to help you plan the hardware setup and software installation for the P5573A/P5574A/P5575A PCIe 6 Exerciser and P5570A/P5571A/P5572A PCIe 6 Analyzer. It lists the system requirements that should be met before you start installing the P5500 Traffic Analysis application for the Exerciser and Analyzer on the Controller PC. The chapter also provides information on the requirements that should be met for setting up the P5573A/P5574A/P5575A Exerciser card and P5570A/P5571A/P5572A Analyzer card.

## Planning Considerations

This topic describes some planning considerations before starting with setting up the hardware and software for PCIe Exerciser and PCIe Analyzer.

- **Emulation mode of the Exerciser card:** The P5573A/P5574A/P5575A Exerciser card can emulate a root complex or a PCIe endpoint with or without SRIOV / MRIOV capabilities based on the license obtained. (Currently, the SRIOV and MRIOV capabilities are not supported). The hardware setup is based on whether you want to use it to stimulate and load a System Under Test for system level testing or to stimulate a DUT into various test scenarios. If you want to load and stress a server system under test, you can use multiple Exerciser cards.
- **Usage Scenario for the Analyzer card:** In the most common configuration, the P5570A/P5571A/P5572A Analyzer module is placed between the motherboard or the system under test and the IO Card. The Analyzer module captures and analyzes the traffic from the system under test and the IO card. However, in cases where you need to test a single PCIe device, you can use the Analyzer in conjunction with the P5573A/P5574A/P5575A PCIe 6 Exerciser module, which provides the traffic from the other side.
- **Identifying the Controller system PC:** A controller system hosts the full PCIe Exerciser and PCIe Analyzer functionality including all software components and hardware support services of Exerciser and Analyzer. This system is connected to the PCIe Exerciser card(s) and/or PCIe Analyzer card and communicates with the Exerciser and/or Analyzer card(s) through software sessions that you create using the P5500 PCIe Traffic Analysis software.  
Ensure that the [Hardware and Software Requirements for Installation](#) are met on the Controller system PC before starting installation.

## Hardware and Software Requirements for Installation

Prior to starting the installation process, ensure that all the system requirements to install the P5500 PCIe Traffic Analysis software (PCIe Exerciser and Analyzer software) are in place.

In the following sections, you will learn about:

- “Controller PC Requirements” on page 13
- “Requirements for the P5573A/P5574A/P5575A Exerciser Card” on page 13
- “Requirements for the P5570A/P5571A/P5572A Analyzer Card” on page 13

### Controller PC Requirements

On the Controller PC, following are the system requirements:

- Microsoft Windows 10, Windows 11, 64 bit operating system
- At least 16 GB RAM. For better performance, Keysight recommends you to install 32 GB RAM or higher
- At least 10 GB free disk space on the C drive
- USB 3.0 interface for each Exerciser/Analyzer card

### Requirements for the P5573A/P5574A/P5575A Exerciser Card

Following are the power, memory, and environmental specifications for the P5573A/P5574A/P5575A Exerciser card:

#### Power specifications

Exerciser Power dissipation: 150W (max)

#### Memory requirements

There is no external memory module required for the Exerciser card.

#### Environment specifications

Environment Specifications		
Temperature	Operating: +5 °C to + 35 °C	Storage: 0 °C to +70 °C
Humidity	Operating: 15% to 85% (Relative humidity)	Storage: 15 to 95% (Relative humidity)
Altitude	2000m (6,500 feet) max	

### Requirements for the P5570A/P5571A/P5572A Analyzer Card

Following are the memory and environmental specifications for the P5570A/P5571A/P5572A Analyzer card:

#### Memory requirements

There is no external memory module required for the Analyzer card.

## Environment specifications

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Temperature	Operating: +5 °C to + 35 °C	Storage: 0 °C to +70 °C
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Once all the system requirements are in place, you need to start setting up the hardware for Protocol Exerciser and Protocol Analyzer.

### NOTE

The Ethernet port on the Analyzer and Exerciser Card is currently non-functional.

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## Setting Up the P5573A/P5574A/P5575A Exerciser Card

You can set up hardware for Protocol Exerciser by plugging one or multiple Exerciser cards into the motherboard or the server board, or by mounting them on the Keysight P5563B backplane board.

The following figures display the P5573A/P5574A/P5575A Exerciser card.

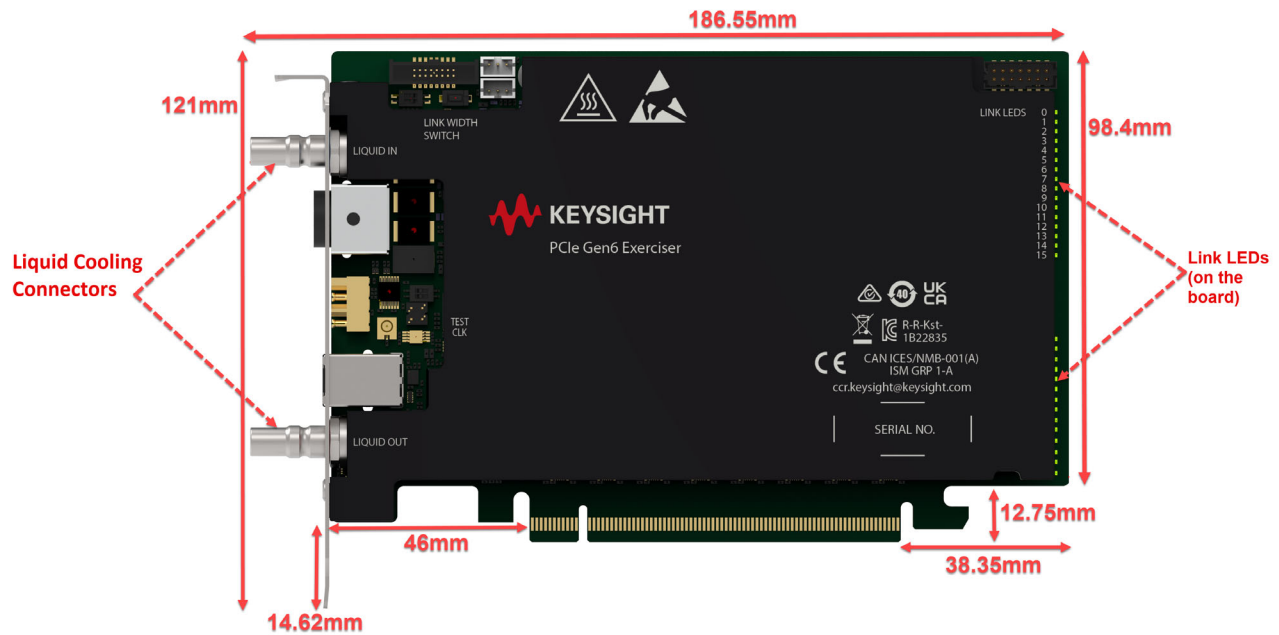


Figure 1 P5573A/P5574A Exerciser card - Front View



Figure 2 P5575A Exerciser card - Side View



**NOTE**

For more information on P5573A/P5574A/P5575A Exerciser card and its components, refer to *Keysight P5573A/P5574A/P5575A PCIe 6 Protocol Exerciser Hardware Guide*.

### To Set Up Exerciser Card as a Root Complex

You generally mount an Exerciser card on the Keysight P5563B backplane when you want to test a PCIe endpoint. The main application of this board is in testing an add-in card, such as a LAN or graphic card. In this scenario, Exerciser card acts as a root complex (USC) to test a PCI Express endpoint. When you use the backplane, Exerciser card communicates to the DUT through the edge connectors.

To set up Exerciser card to act as a root complex:

- 1 Plug the Exerciser card's *Edge Connector* into one PCIe connector of backplane and the DUT into the other PCIe connector.
- 2 Connect the Exerciser card with the Controller PC using USB.
- 3 Connect the Exerciser card with Keysight-provided power supply using the power supply connector on the front bracket of the card.

This completes the hardware setup for Protocol Exerciser card acting as a root complex.

Figure 3 displays a sample setup of Exerciser card mounted on the backplane board. The card is connected to a controller system through USB.

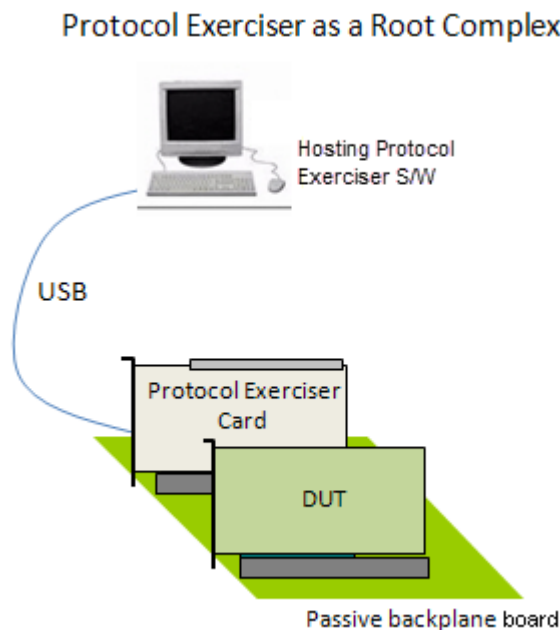


Figure 3 Exerciser Card mounted on a backplane

### To Set Up Exerciser Card as a PCIe Endpoint

You plug the Exerciser card into a motherboard or server board under test when you want to exercise the System Under Test (SUT) with various test scenarios. In this case, the Exerciser card acts as a normal PCIe device (DSC) to test a PCI Express root complex.

To set up Exerciser card to act as a PCIe endpoint:

- 1 Plug the Exerciser card's *Edge Connector* into the system under test's motherboard.
- 2 Connect the Exerciser card with the Controller PC using USB.
- 3 Connect the Exerciser card with the Keysight-provided power supply using the power supply connector on the front bracket of the card.

Figure 4 displays a sample setup of Exerciser card plugged into a system motherboard. The card is connected to a controller system through USB.

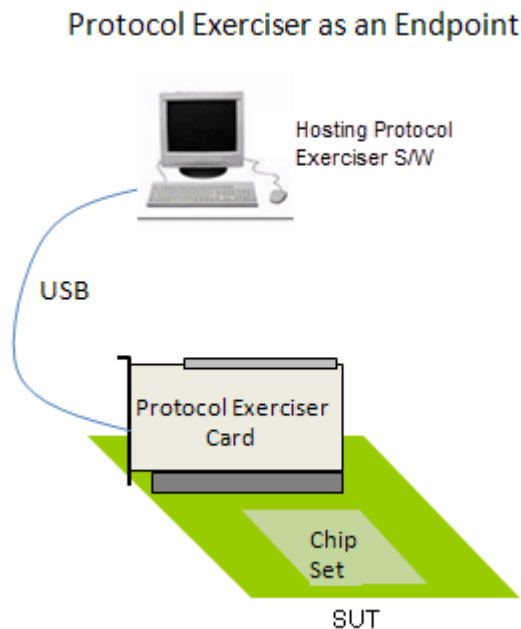


Figure 4 Exerciser Card plugged into a motherboard

#### CAUTION

Components on the I/O module are sensitive to the static electricity. Therefore, take necessary anti-static precautions, such as wear a grounded wrist strap, to minimize the possibility of electrostatic damage.

#### CAUTION

While establishing power connections, please make sure to plug the power supply connector first to the Exerciser card and then connect the power supply to the AC power.

## Setting Up the P5570A/P5571A/P5572A Analyzer Card

You can set up hardware for Protocol Analyzer by plugging the Analyzer card between the motherboard or the system under test and the IO Card. The Analyzer module captures and analyzes the traffic from the system under test and the IO card.

The following figures display the P5570A and P5571A/P5572A Analyzer card.

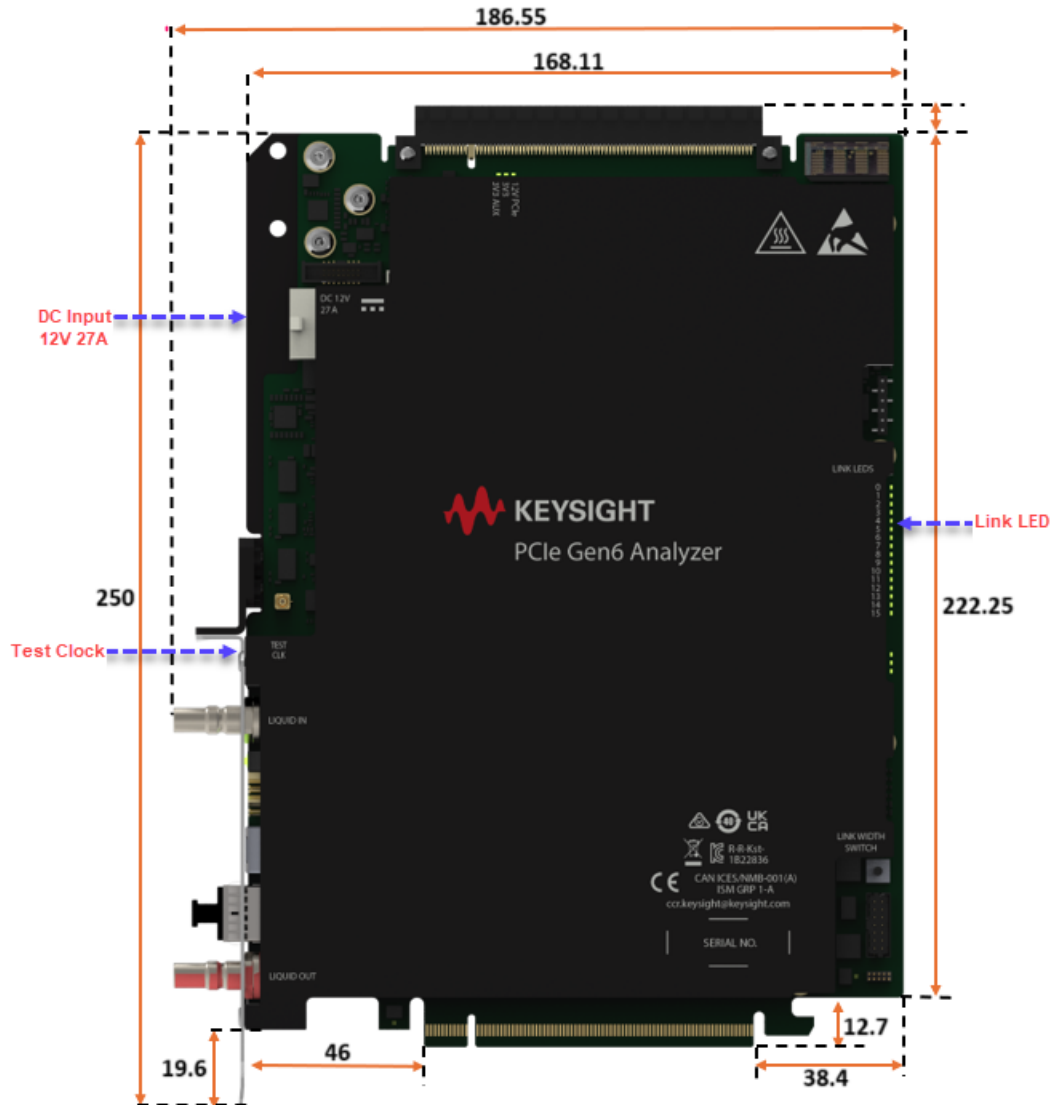


Figure 5 P5570A Analyzer card - Front View



Figure 6 P5570A Analyzer card - Side View

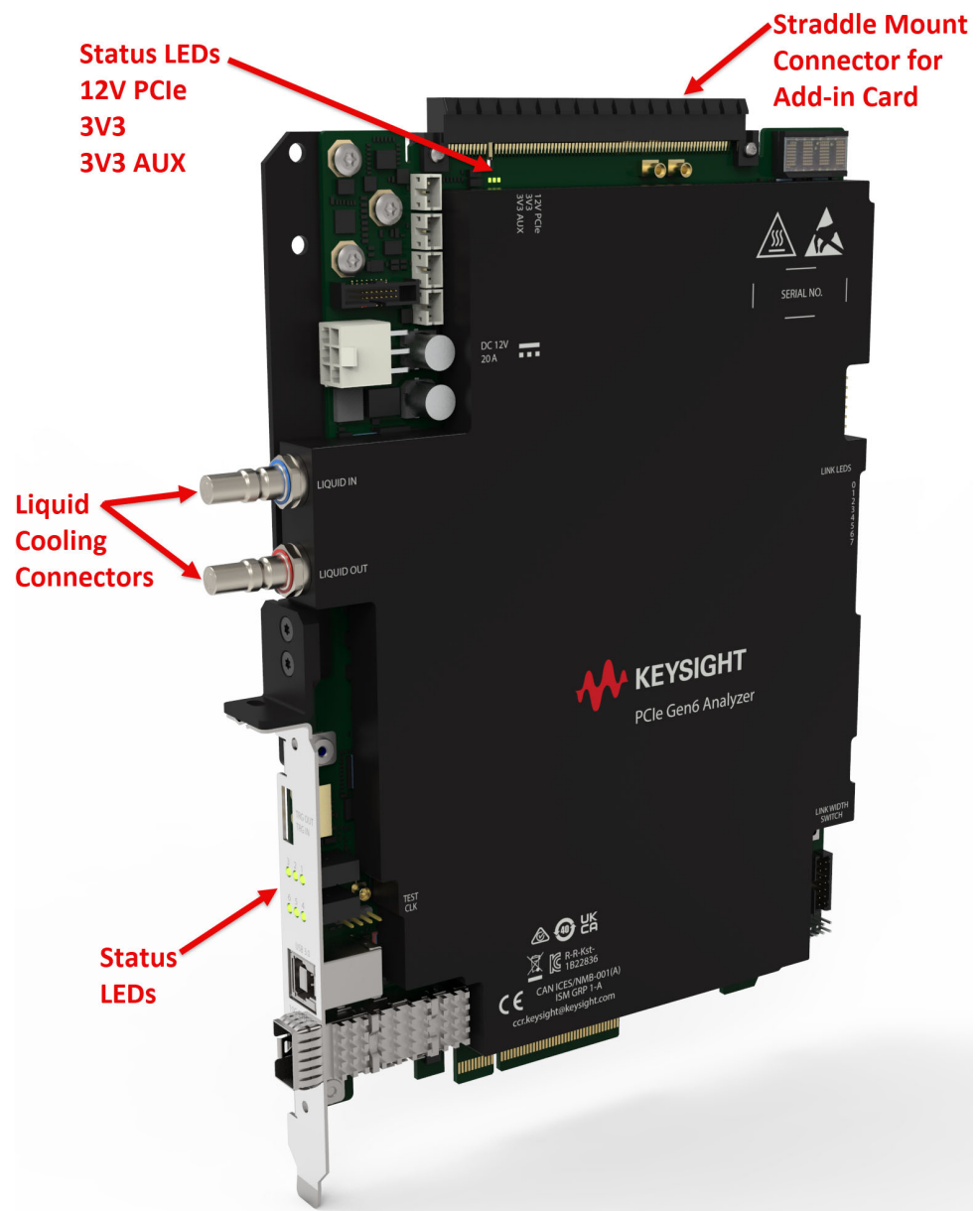


Figure 7 P5571A/P5572A Analyzer card

#### NOTE

For more information on P5570A/P5571A/P5572A Analyzer card and its components, refer to *Keysight P5570A/P5571A/P5572A PCIe 6 Protocol Analyzer Hardware Guide*.

### To Set Up Analyzer Card

Perform the following steps to set up the hardware in this configuration:

- 1 Plug the Analyzer card's Edge Connector into the system under test's motherboard.
- 2 Connect the Analyzer card with the Controller PC using USB.
- 3 Connect the Analyzer card with the Keysight-provided power supply using the power supply connector on the front bracket of the card.
- 4 Connect the add-in card with the Analyzer card's straddle mount connector.

The following image displays a sample setup of Analyzer card plugged into a system motherboard and the add-in card connected to the Analyzer module. The Analyzer card is connected to a controller system through USB.

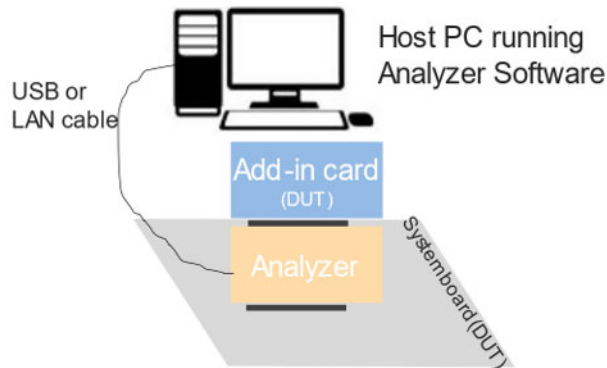


Figure 8 Analyzer Card between the Systemboard and Add-in card

#### CAUTION

Components on the I/O module are sensitive to the static electricity. Therefore, take necessary anti-static precautions, such as wear a grounded wrist strap, to minimize the possibility of electrostatic damage.

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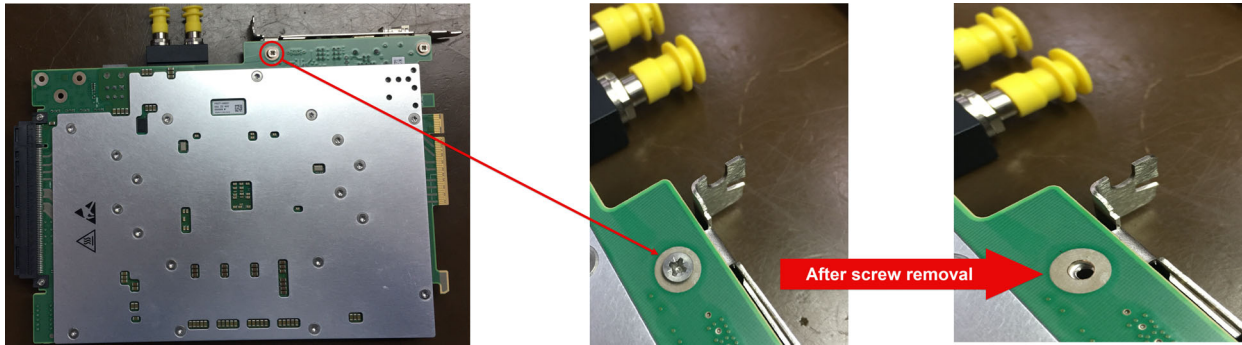
While establishing power connections, please make sure to plug the power supply connector first to the Analyzer card and then connect the power supply to the AC power.

### Attaching the Auxiliary Bracket to the P5570A/P5571A/P5572A PCIe Protocol Analyzer Module

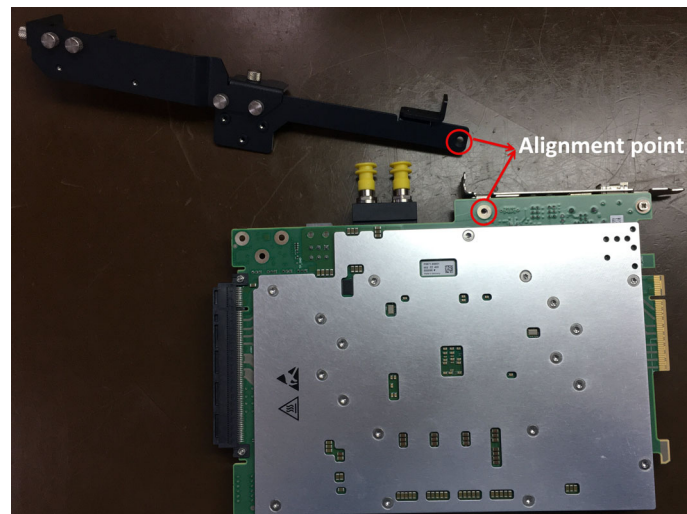
The Auxiliary Bracket for the Add-In Card comes as a separate item in the kit that you receive. Screws are provided to attach this auxiliary bracket to the P5570A/P5571A/P5572A PCIe Analyzer module.

Perform the following steps to attach the auxiliary bracket to the P5570A/P5571A/P5572A PCIe Analyzer module:

- 1 Remove the screw from the bottom of the P5570A/P5571A/P5572A PCIe Analyzer module (as shown below) using PH1 screwdriver. Retain the screw for later use.



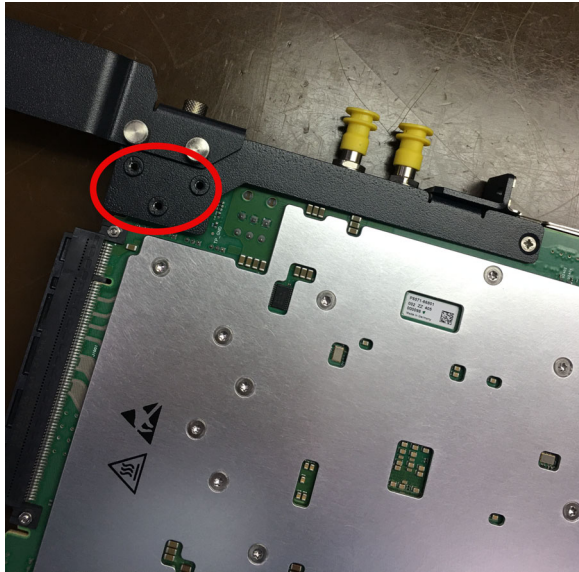
- 2 Align the auxiliary bracket in an orientation as shown below.



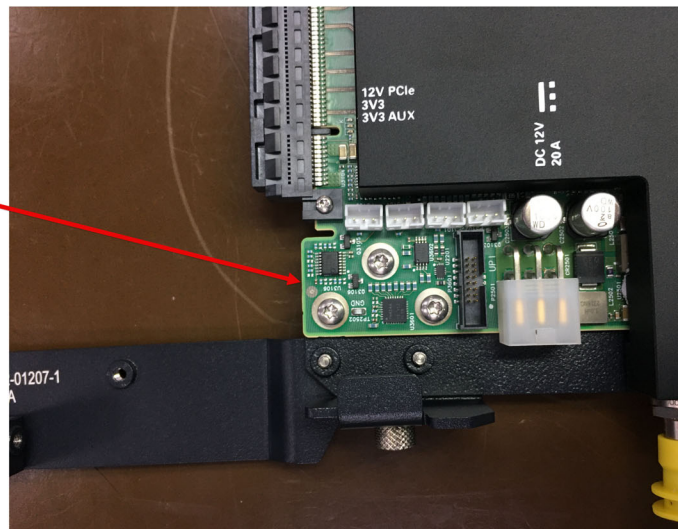
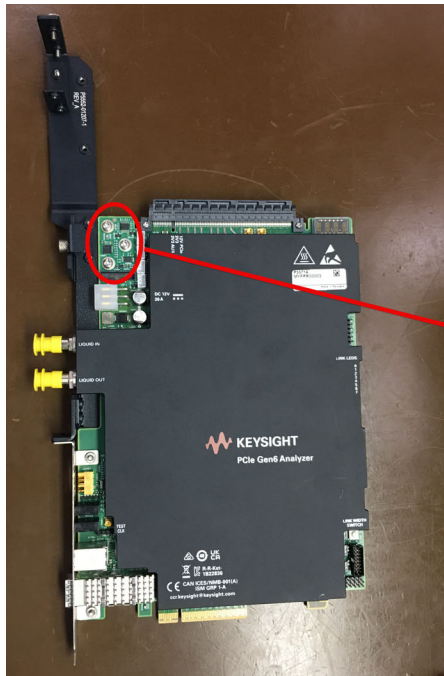
- 3 Use the PH1 screw to assemble the bracket with the Analyzer module. The module will look like the following image after assembly.







- 4 Notice the hole alignment of the area highlighted in red in the above image.
- 5 Rotate the unit to the top side. Locate the three holes as highlighted above and tighten with the provided screws using T10 torx screwdriver.





## Setting Up P5573A/P5574A/P5575A Exerciser and P5570A/P5571A/P5572A Analyzer Together

You can set up hardware for Protocol Analyzer by plugging the Analyzer card between the motherboard or the system under test and the IO Card, as described in the previous section. However, in cases where you need to test a single PCIe device, you can use the Analyzer in conjunction with the P5573A/P5574A/P5575A PCIe 6 Exerciser module, which provides the traffic from the other side.

Thus, you might have the following usage scenarios for using the Exerciser and Analyzer modules together:

- System board or motherboard (DUT) -> Analyzer -> Exerciser as a device (or add-in card)
- P5563B Test Backplane -> Exerciser as a host (or the motherboard or system board) -> Analyzer -> Add-in Card (DUT)

### To Set Up P5573A/P5574A/P5575A Exerciser and P5570A/P5571A/P5572A Analyzer Together

Perform the following steps to set up the hardware in this configuration:

- 1 Plug the Exerciser card's Edge Connector into one PCIe connector of the test backplane.
- 2 Plug the Analyzer card's Edge Connector into another PCIe connector of the test backplane.
- 3 Connect the Analyzer card and the Exerciser card with the Controller PC using USB.
- 4 Connect the Analyzer card with the Keysight-provided power supply using the power supply connector on the front bracket of the card.
- 5 Connect the Exerciser card with the Keysight-provided power supply using the power supply connector on the front bracket of the card.
- 6 Connect the add-in card with the Analyzer card's straddle mount connector.

The following image displays the hardware setup described above.

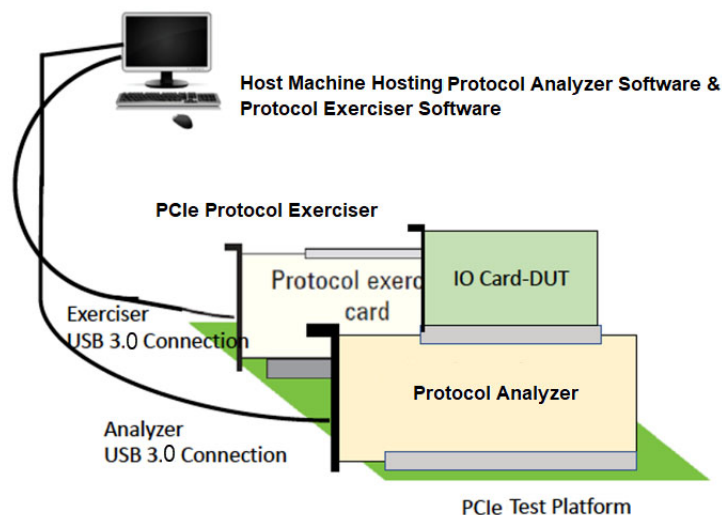


Figure 9 Analyzer Card between the Systemboard and Add-in card

**CAUTION**

Components on the I/O module are sensitive to the static electricity. Therefore, take necessary anti-static precautions, such as wear a grounded wrist strap, to minimize the possibility of electrostatic damage.

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# 3 Installing P5500 PCIe Traffic Analysis Application

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Once you have set up the hardware for Protocol Exerciser and Protocol Analyzer, you can start installing the P5500 PCIe Traffic Analysis software application on the Controller PC.

## Installing P5500 PCIe Traffic Analysis Application

The following section provides step-by-step instructions on installing P5500 PCIe Traffic Analysis software.

### Installing P5500 PCIe Traffic Analysis Software

- 1 Download the latest version of P5500 PCIe Traffic Analysis application.
- 2 Double-click the .exe file to begin installation.  
If legacy components or a previous version of the software are installed on your computer, then a message box appears and prompts you to remove the current version first, from Windows Add/Remove Programs panel and start the installer again once the removal is done.
- 3 Repeat Step 2.  
This time, the **Welcome** screen of the installation wizard appears.
- 4 Click **Next**.  
The **License Agreement** screen appears.
- 5 Click **Yes**.  
The **Pre-Installation Summary** screen appears. This screen displays information relevant to the software installation.
- 6 Click **Next**.  
The installation procedure begins. This might take a couple of minutes.  
The **Setup Complete** screen is displayed.
- 7 Click **Finish**.  
This completes the P5500 PCIe Traffic Analysis application installation.

### Installing Licenses

You must install the following licenses to be able to run the P5500 PCIe Traffic Analysis software:

- P5577PSWA - one for each Exerciser module
- P5576PSWA - one for each Analyzer module

Any of the following types of this license can be installed:

- device-based
- node-locked
- transportable
- USB portable
- floating

Further, any of the above licenses can be installed for the following time durations:

- 6 months
- 12 months
- 24 months
- 36 months
- perpetual

The above licenses can be installed using the Keysight Software Manager Utility (formerly known as Keysight Pathwave License Manager) that gets installed when you install the P5500 PCIe Traffic Analysis software. For steps on installing the licenses using the Keysight Software Manager Utility, refer to its *Online Help*.

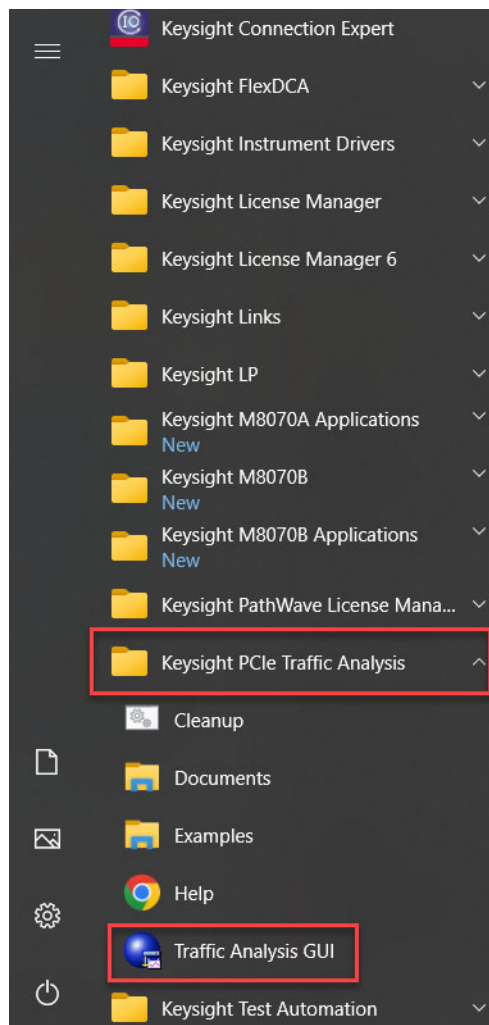
### Device-Based License

Device-based license allows you to save the licenses onto the device (hardware modules) itself, rather than saving them on the controller or host PC.

### Verifying the Software Installation

You can verify if the P5500 PCIe Traffic Analysis software is installed successfully by performing the following steps:

- In the **Start** menu, the **Keysight PCIe Traffic Analysis** folder is added to the Programs folder.
- The **PCle Traffic Analysis** application is accessible from the above folder.





## 4 Handling Liquid Cooled Exerciser/Analyzer

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This chapter provides instructions on how to handle the liquid cooled Exerciser (P5573A/P5574A) and Analyzer (P5570A/P5571A/P5572A) modules. [Figure 10](#) shows the setup of the Exerciser/Analyzer and heat exchanger.

The amount of liquid coolant required for Exerciser and Analyzer Hardware:

- P5573A/P5574A Exerciser: 156ml max (56ml Heatsink + 30ml External hose (1m) + 50ml reservoir + 20ml Heat exchanger)
- P5570A Analyzer: 230ml max (130ml Heatsink + 30ml External hose(1m) + 50ml reservoir + 20ml Heat exchanger)
- P5571A/P5572A: 205ml max (105ml Heatsink + 30ml External hose (1m) + 50ml reservoir + 20ml Heat exchanger)

Common coolants used for PC cooling with a minimum boiling point of 90 °C can be used for this hardware. Use of a coolant with an anti-corrosive is recommended to protect the hardware. Examples for compatible coolants are:

- Thermaltake T1000 Pure Clear (or other color)
- EK-CryoFuel Premix Clear (or other color)

### WARNING

Please note that the above-listed examples are classified as non-hazardous. However, always refer to the respective material safety sheet for the handling of the coolant as well as personal protection.

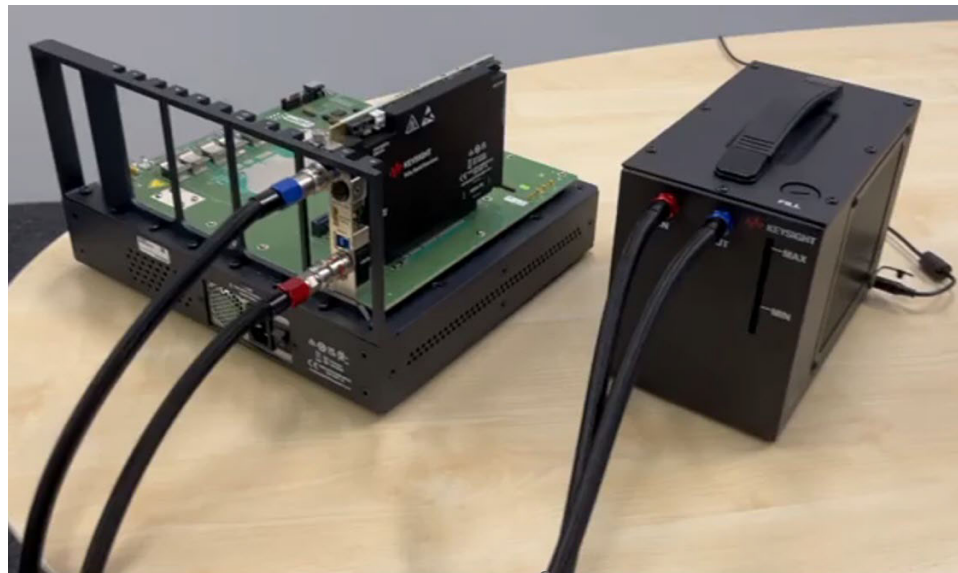


Figure 10 Exerciser/Analyzer and Heat Exchanger setup for liquid cooling process

Please perform the following steps to handle the liquid cooled Exerciser/Analyzer:

- [“Initial Turn-on of the Liquid Cooled Exerciser/Analyzer” on page 33](#)
- [“Empty Coolant from the Exerciser/Analyzer and Heat Exchanger Setup” on page 34](#)



## Initial Turn-on of the Liquid Cooled Exerciser/Analyzer

- 1 Connect the empty heat exchanger to the Exerciser/Analyzer module as shown in [Figure 11](#). Please Keep the heat exchanger tank opening on top of the device closed while connecting the hoses to the module.

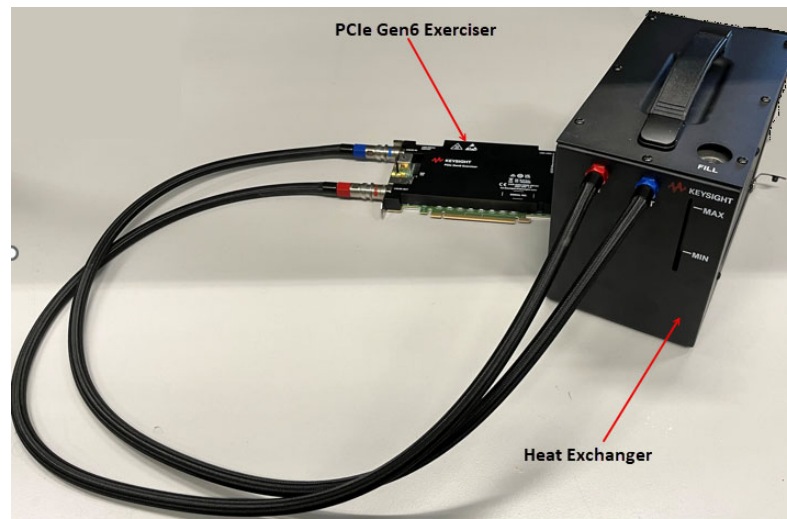


Figure 11 Connecting heat exchanger to the Exerciser/Analyzer module

- 2 Open the lid on the top of the heat exchanger tank and fill the coolant up to the **Max** marking as shown in [Figure 12](#).



Figure 12 Filling heat exchanger with coolant

- 3 Now, power on the heat exchanger. Upon the first power-up, the pump will start running and empty the heat exchanger tank. Keep filling the heat exchanger tank until the coolant level gets stable between "MIN" and "MAX" markings as shown in [Figure 13](#). Then seal the tank by screwing in the lid. The Exerciser/Analyzer module is now ready for use.

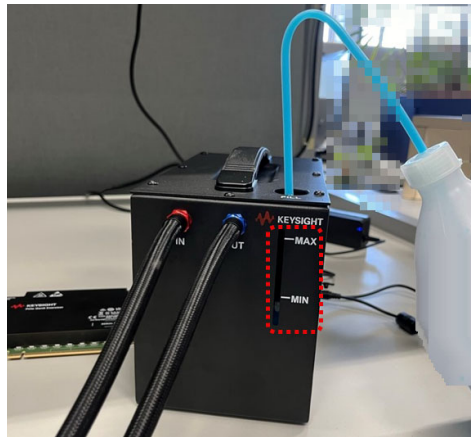


Figure 13 Adjusting coolant level between MIN and MAX markings

#### Empty Coolant from the Exerciser/Analyzer and Heat Exchanger Setup

- 1 First, disconnect all the power supplies from the system. After that, disconnect the hose with red valve on the Exerciser/Analyzer side, then on the heat exchanger. Please keep the heat exchanger side upright to avoid spilling. A paper towel or similar is sufficient to catch single drops of coolant that may exit from the heat exchanger while disconnecting the hose.
- 2 Connect one end of the hose with red valve back to the Exerciser/Analyzer module and place its open end in a container where you want to store the coolant.
- 3 Place the heat exchanger unit in an elevated position as shown in Figure 14. The coolant will start exiting through the open end of the hose and empty the Exerciser/Analyzer and heat exchanger.



Figure 14 Emptying coolant from the Exerciser/Analyzer and heat exchanger

- 4 Once there is no coolant coming out anymore, connect the open end of the hose back to the heat exchanger. The Exerciser/Analyzer and heat exchanger are now empty. You can seal the heat exchanger tank by screwing in the lid.