

# Quartz 8257A

1- slot 3U VPX SOSA aligned development chassis  
for Quartz products

Development platform for  
Mercury's SOSA aligned  
RFSoc based boards

- Access to data and control planes provided through RTM
- 1-slot, small footprint chassis
- Rear panel access to RF I/O, 100 GigE and chassis manager
- Supports VITA 67.3C



**The 8257A is a low-cost, SOSA aligned 3U VPX chassis ideal for developing applications on Mercury's 5550 or 5553 Quartz® RFSoc boards.** Providing power and cooling to match the 5550 and 5553 in a small desktop footprint, the chassis allows access to all required interfaces on the 5550 and 5553 without the need for a larger, more expensive multi-slot chassis.

The 5550 features the Zynq UltraScale+ RFSoc Gen 1. The 5553 features the Zynq UltraScale+ RFSoc Gen 3.

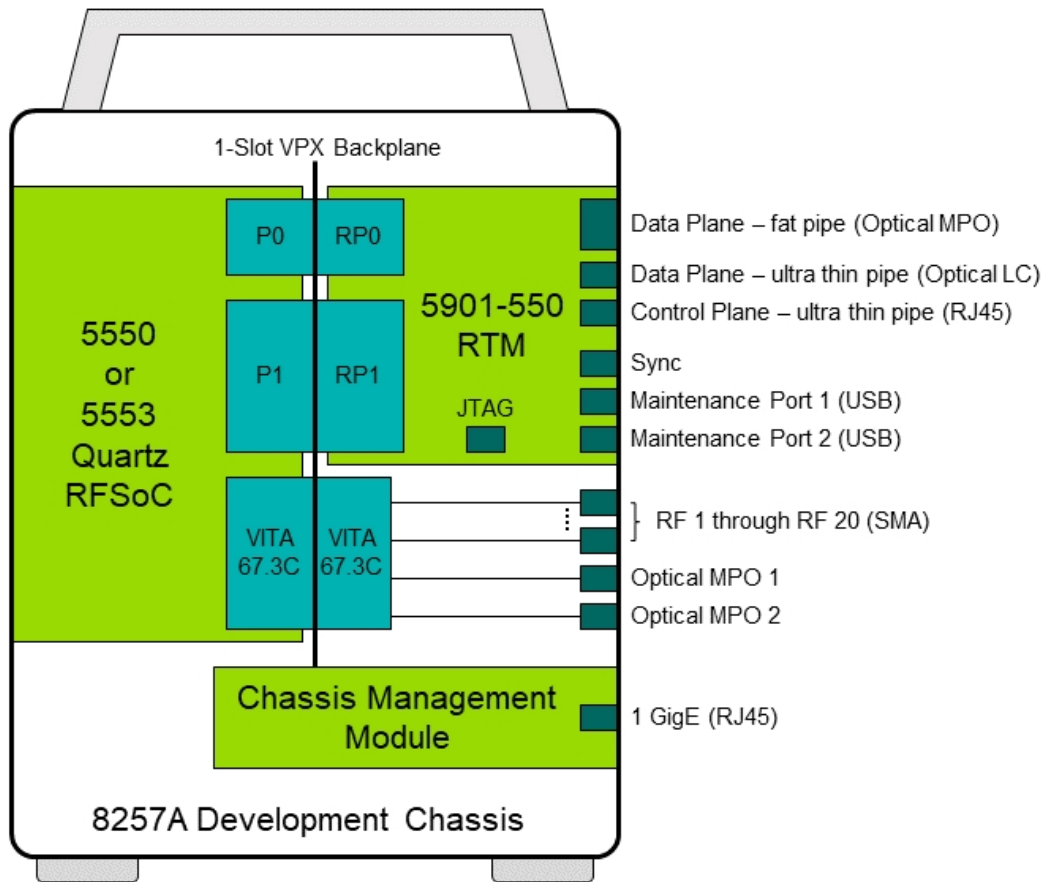
## DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT

Many SOSA aligned systems are deployed with custom backplanes specific to the interconnect requirements of the application. The 8257A allows IP and software developers immediate access to RFSoc hardware in a simple 1-slot backplane. This can accelerate development time while a custom SOSA backplane is being defined or manufactured.

The 8257A's built-in forced-air cooling is designed to support conduction-cooled boards in an air-cooled chassis. This provides the convenience of development on the conduction-cooled boards in a desktop or laboratory environment.

## CHASSIS MANAGEMENT

Mercury's SOSA aligned development chassis utilizes Crossfield Technology LLC's VITA 46.11 and HOST aligned Chassis Management Module (CMM). This CMM is software upgradeable to the forthcoming SOSA v1.0 Technical Standard. The 8257A's CCM is an ideal platform for introducing developers to SOSA Out-of-Band System Management operation.



**REAR TRANSITION MODULE**

While conduction cooled chassis typically do not allow the use of a Rear Transition Module (RTM) for deployment, the 8257A supports the Model 5901-550 RTM for use during development. This RTM allows convenient access to the RFSoc board’s Data Planes via optical interfaces and to the Control Plane through a standard RJ45 1 GigE interface, eliminating the need for a gigabit Ethernet switch card during development. In addition, two management ports, the multi-board sync interface, and a JTAG port are available on the RTM.

**REAR ACCESS PANEL**

The 8257A’s rear panel features 20 SMA coaxial breakout connectors, providing direct connections to the VITA 67.3C’s 20 RF backplane interfaces. For support of the RFSoc board’s dual 100 GigE optical interfaces, two optical MPO connectors allow connections using standard optical cables. A RJ45 connector delivers a 1 GigE connection for chassis management.

**SPECIFICATIONS**

Rear Panel Connections:

- RF: 20 SMAs
- Gigabit Serial: 2 optical MPOs
- 1GigE: 1 RJ45

Dimensions: 192.8 mm W x 307.8 mm D x 425.5 mm H

Weight: 17.8 lb

Power Supply: 300 Watts

Operating Temp: 0° to +50° C

Storage Temp: -40° to +85° C

Relative Humidity: 5 to 95%, non-condensing

Power Requirements: 100 to 240 VAC, 50 to 60 Hz, 1000 W max.

**OpenVPX Compatibility**

The 8257A is compatible with the following module profile, as defined by the VITA 65 OpenVPX Specification:  
SLT3-PAY-1F1U1S1S1U2F1H-14.6.11-n



**SOSA ALIGNED COMPANION PRODUCTS**

Model	Description
5550	8-Channel A/D & D/A Zynq UltraScale+ RFSoc Processor
5553	8-Channel A/D & D/A Zynq UltraScale+ RFSoc Gen 3 Processor
5901-550	Rear Transition Module for 555x

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**ORDERING INFORMATION**

Model	Description
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Options	Description
-110	Dual MPO optical interfaces

Contact Mercury for compatible option combinations and complete specifications.



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