I/O Link Cables

You can connect the following types of I/O Link cables to the redundant I/O Link cable connector ports (IOL1A/B and IOL2A/B) on the C300 Controller IOTA:

- Series C I/O Link (750 KBaud), to support Series C IOMs in their IOTAs
- PM I/O Link (375 KBaud), to support PM IOPs in PM files

Both types always require a pair of cables (Cable A and Cable B). See the previous section about cable color coding schemes.

Series C I/O Link cable types

The following table provides a summary of the types of I/O Link cables that are used in the Series C system.

Cable Name and Type	Description	
Header, 3 Drop	The Header cable is a multi-drop cable that distributes the I/O Link horizontally to multiple CCAs in a cabinet side or sides. Header cables can be extended to other header cables. Normally, a header cable runs across the top of the cabinet.	
	This cable can be connected to additional cables of the same type to span cabinet sides with or without extension cables.	
Header, 6 Drop	This cable can span two cabinet sides in the front and back of the same cabinet or the same side of adjacent cabinets	
Drop, Special	The Drop cable is a multi-drop cable that runs vertically in a CCA. Two drop cables can be plugged together to distribute the I/O Link in a pair of vertical CCAs. The top connector of the topmost drop cable plugs into a connector on the header cable. There are several configurations of drop cables to handle the three different Series C IOTA dimensions [6-inches (152 mm), 9-inches (229 mm) and 12-inches (305 mm)]. There are many situations where a connector on a drop cable is not used. This occurs primarily when there is a mixture of different size IOTAs in a CCA, or the hardware configuration does not fill the CCA. This cable connects C300s to header and bypasses redundant	
	Control Firewalls above.	
Drop, 6 Connections on 6-inch Pitch	Use this cable to connect to non redundant HLAI and AO IOTAs, as well as LLAI IOTAs. Since every other connector is on a 12-inch (305 mm) pitch it can also be used with a mix of 6-inch (152 mm) and 12-inch (305 mm) IOTAs.	

Cable Name and Type	Description	
Drop, 4 Connections on 9-inch Pitch	Use this cable to connect to non redundant DI and DO IOTAs.	
Drop, 3 Connections on 12-inch pitch	Use this cable to connect to all redundant IOTAs.	
Extension, 36 inches	An extension cable is used to extend the I/O Link through an area where there are no IOTA connections or to another cabinet side. Extension cables come in a variety of lengths. They can plug into taps on a header cable, the end of a header cable, or the bottom of a drop cable (although this is not a normal use). Extension cables are normally used for three purposes:	
	To extend a header cable to another cabinet side in a complex;	
	To by pass the top CCA in a vertical pair (when there are no I/O Link connections in the top CCA); or	
	To connect to PM I/O in another cabinet side or cabinet.	
	Obviously, there are situations where the length of an extension cable will be non standard (custom). There are no inherent limitations on the length of an extension cable; but there are stringent grounding rules for the I/O Link that restrict where an extension cable can go. As a result, the maximum extension cable length should be 30 feet (9 m) or less.	
	Use this extension to bypass an upper CCA where there are no I/O Link connections. It can also extend a header cable past an adjacent cabinet side where there are no connections needed.	
Adapter, to PM	An adapter cable is used to connect a Series C extension cable to a PM file.	
	This short cable plugs into Series C extension cable and has the mating connector to plug into a PM file I/O Link connector.	
Tap Expander, 1:2	A tap expander cable is used to expand a tap (connector) on a drop cable to multiple taps. The most common use is to expand one tap to two. For example, if a 12 inch (305 mm) space is available on CCA and the user wants to install two 6-inch (152 mm) IOTAs and the drop cable has only one connector left, a 1:2 tap expander is used instead of removing the existing drop cable and replacing it with one with more connectors. Expands any connector on a drop cable to 2 connectors that can plug into IOTAs.	

Series C I/O Link cable parts

Each I/O Link cable is available in an A version (marked yellow) and a B version (marked green). They are normally sold as a pair, since both are needed. The I/O Link 2 (IOL2) cable part numbers have similar tab numbers as the I/O Link 1 (IOL1) cables but with the second digit equal to 1 instead of zero.

Description	Model or Part Number	
Series C I/O Link 1 (IOL1) Cable Assemblies		
Gray Header Cable, 3 drops, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-600	
Gray Header Cable, 3 drops, green label (cable B)	51202329-601	
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-602	
Gray Header Cable, 3 drops, daisy-chain, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-604	
Gray Header Cable, 3 drops, daisy-chain, green label (cable B)	51202329-605	
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-606	
Gray Header Cable, 6 drops, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-500	
Gray Header Cable, 6 drops, green label (cable B)	51202329-501	
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-502	
Gray Drop Cable, 3 drops, for channel containing two Control Firewalls (CF9s) plus two C300s plus one 6-inch (152 mm) IOTA, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-300	
Gray Drop Cable, 3 drops, for channel containing two CF9s plus two C300s plus one 6-inch (152 mm) IOTA, green label (cable B)	51202329-301	
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-302	
Gray Drop Cable, 3 drops, 12-inch (305 mm) pitch, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-400	
Gray Drop Cable, 3 drops, 12-inch (305 mm) pitch, green label (cable B)	51202329-401	
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-402	
Gray Drop Cable, 4 drops, 9-inch (229 mm) pitch, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-200	
Gray Drop Cable, 4 drops, 9-inch (229 mm) pitch, green label (cable B)	51202329-201	
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-202	

Description	Model or Part Number	
Gray Drop Cable, 6 drops, 6-inch (152 mm) pitch, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-100	
Gray Drop Cable, 6 drops, 6-inch (152 mm) pitch, green label (cable B)	51202329-101	
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-102	
Gray Extension Cable, 9-inches (229 mm) long, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-700	
Gray Extension Cable, 9-inches (229 mm) long, green label (cable B)	51202329-701	
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-702	
Gray Extension Cable, 25-inches (635 mm) long, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-704	
Gray Extension Cable, 25-inches (635 mm) long, green label (cable B)	51202329-705	
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-706	
Gray Extension Cable, 36-inches (1 m) long, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-720	
Gray Extension Cable, 36-inches (1 m) long, green label (cable B)	51202329-721	
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-722	
Gray Extension Cable, 48-inches (1.2 m) long, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-724	
Gray Extension Cable, 48-inches (1.2 m) long, green label (cable B)	51202329-725	
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-726	
Gray Tap Expander 1:2, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-800	
Gray Tap Expander 1:2, green label (cable B)	51202329-801	
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-802	
Series C I/O Link 2 (IOL2) Cable Assemblies		
Violet Header Cable, 3 drops, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-610	
Violet Header Cable, 3 drops, green label (cable B)	51202329-611	
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-612	
Violet Header Cable, 3 drops, daisy-chain, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-614	
Violet Header Cable, 3 drops, daisy-chain, green label (cable B)	51202329-615	

Description	Model or Part Number
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-616
Violet Header Cable, 6 drops, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-510
Violet Header Cable, 6 drops, green label (cable B)	51202329-511
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-512
Violet Drop Cable, 3 drops, for channel containing two CF9s plus two C300s plus one 6-inch (152 mm) IOTA, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-310
Violet Drop Cable, 3 drops, for channel containing two CF9s plus two C300s plus one 6-inch (152 mm) IOTA, green label (cable B)	51202329-311
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-312
Violet Drop Cable, 3 drops, 12-inch (305 mm) pitch, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-410
Violet Drop Cable, 3 drops, 12-inch (305 mm) pitch, green label (cable B)	51202329-411
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-412
Violet Drop Cable, 4 drops, 9-inch (229 mm) pitch, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-210
Violet Drop Cable, 4 drops, 9-inch (229 mm) pitch, green label (cable B)	51202329-211
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-212
Violet Drop Cable, 6 drops, 6-inch (152 mm) pitch, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-110
Violet Drop Cable, 6 drops, 6-inch (152 mm) pitch, green label (cable B)	51202329-111
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-112
Violet Extension Cable, 9-inches (229 mm) long, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-710
Violet Extension Cable, 9-inches (229 mm) long, green label (cable B)	51202329-711
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-712
Violet Extension Cable, 25-inches (635 mm) long, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-714
Violet Extension Cable, 25-inches (635 mm) long, green label (cable B)	51202329-715
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-716

Description	Model or Part Number
Violet Extension Cable, 36-inches (1 m) long, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-730
Violet Extension Cable, 36-inches (1 m) long, green label (cable B)	51202329-731
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-732
Violet Extension Cable, 48-inches (1.2 m) long, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-734
Violet Extension Cable, 48-inches (1.2 m) long, green label (cable B)	51202329-735
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-736
Violet Tap Expander 1:2, yellow label (cable A)	51202329-810
Violet Tap Expander 1:2, green label (cable B)	51202329-811
Cable pair consisting of one each of the preceding two cables	51202329-812