



Astribank vs. PCI Cards

Category/Feature	Astribank	PCI Card	Comments
Installation and Maintenance			
Easy installation	✓	✗	USB connection vs. card assembly
Hot swappable	✓	✗	Astribank uses external USB connection
Easy front panel access	✓	✗	
Unit status indicators	✓	✗	
Port status indicators	✓	✗	
Communications cabinet compatibility	✓	✗	Industrial grade 19" 1U rack mountable design
RJ11 and Telco connections	✓	✗	Either RJ11 or Telco. Astribank offers both for high density FXS installations.
Versatility			
Commercially-supported high availability	✓	✗	Astribank provides hot failover for complete PBX with TwinStar™
Support for mixed analog/digital channels	✓	✗	
Fits any PC / Server	✓	✗	PCI cards need ½ or full size vacant slot
Input and output ports	✓	✗	
Simple unlimited growth	✓	✗	Just add more Astribanks. No PCI slot limitation, no need to turn off the PC.
Message Waiting Indicator	✓	✗	MWI for analog telephones. This is a requirement in the lodging industry. We can light the message waiting lamp.
Density			
Slim 1U 19" chassis	✓	N/A	
Realistic 1,000 ports support	✓	✗	PCI cards are typically limited to 48 analog ports.

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