

2 Port RS232 Mini PCI Express Serial Card w/ 16950 UART

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Introduction

The StarTech.com Mini PCI Express Serial Adapter Card enables a free mini PCIe slot to run RS232 DB9 serial ports. Featuring a native PCI Express single-chip design that allows you to take full advantage of PCI Express, and providing improved speed and reliability while reducing the load applied to the CPU by as much as 48% over conventional serial cards which use a bridge-chip desian.

Packaging Contents

- 1 x Mini PCI Express Serial adapter card
- 2 x DB9 ribbon cable
- 1 x Driver CD
- 1 x Instruction Manual

System Requirements

- PCI Express enabled system with available mini PCI Express slot
- Microsoft Windows 2000/ XP/ Server 2003/ Vista/ Server 2008 R2/ 7 (32/64-bit), or Linux® kernel 2.4 or later



Installation

WARNING! Computer parts can be severely damaged by static electricity. Be sure that you are properly grounded before opening your computer case. StarTech.com recommends that you wear an anti-static strap when installing any computer component. If an anti-static strap is unavailable, discharge yourself of any static electricity build-up by touching a large grounded metal surface (such as the computer case) for several seconds.

Jumper Configuration

This card is specially designed to allow for power output from the ninth pin of the DB9 connector(s) for devices that support power over serial. This card allows users to set each port with 5V, 12V, or RI (no power) by setting the jumper appropriately. Use the provided adapter cable to connect the power input header to the system power supply.





Hardware Installation

Connect both of the ribbon cables in the respective header connectors on the Mini PCI Express adapter card. The connector on the ribbon cable should be keyed so will only fit one way.

Line up and insert the Mini PCI Express adapter card with the Mini PCI Express slot on the system board. Match up the gap in the card connector, with the notch in the slot.

NOTE: Different systems may have different methods for installing mini cards, so please refer to documentation for your system/board for full installation instructions for your particular application.



Driver Installation

Windows 2000/XP/Server 2003

When the Found New Hardware wizard appears on the screen, insert the Driver CD into your CD/ DVD drive. If you are prompted to connect to Windows Update, please select the "No, not this time" option and click Next.

Select the option "Install Drivers Automatically (Recommended)" and then click the Next button.

Windows should now start searching for the drivers. Once this has completed, click the Finish button.

Windows Vista/7

When the Found New Hardware window appears on the screen, click on the "Locate and install drivers software (recommended)" option. If prompted to search online, select the "Don't search online" option.

When prompted to insert the disc, insert the Driver CD that came with the card, into your CD/DVD drive and Windows will automatically proceed to search the CD.

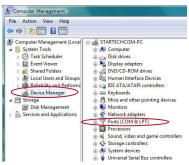
If a Windows Security dialog window appears, click the "Install this driver software anyway" option to proceed.

Once the driver is installed, click the Close button.

Verifying Installation

From the main desktop, right-click on "My Computer" ("Computer" in Vista/7), then select Manage. In the new Computer Management window, select Device Manager from the left window panel.





Double-click on the "Ports (COM & LPT)" option. The appropriate number of additional COM ports should be visible. The port(s) are ready to connect to new devices.



Specifications

Bus Interface	PCI Express rev 1.1
Chipset ID	PLX OXPCIe952
Serial UART	16C950
Connectors	2 x DB9 male (via external ribbon cable)
Serial Protocol	RS232
Maximum Data Transfer Rate	460 Kbps
Operating Temperature	-20°C ~ 85°C (-4°F ~ 185°F)
Storage Temperature	-40°C ~ 85°C (-40°F ~ 185°F)
Humidity	5% ~ 85% RH
Dimensions	50.0mm x 30.0mm
Weight	6g
Compatible Operating Systems	Windows 2000/ XP/ Server 2003/ Vista/ Server 2008 R2/ 7 (32/64-bit), Linux kernel 2.4 or later

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