

# Installation Guide of Hi-Speed USB to Octal RS-232/422/485 Adapter

## Introduction

The USB Serial Adapter is designed to make serial port expansion quick and simple. Connecting to a USB port on your computer or USB hub, the USB Serial Adapter instantly adds eight RS-232/422/485 multi-electrical interface serial communication ports to your system. By taking advantage of the USB bus, the USB Serial Adapter makes it easier than ever to add 8 serial ports and serial devices to your system with easy plug-and-play and hot plug features. Adapting the new technology, the serial port expansion now takes the new bus with easy and convenient connectivity.

Plugging the USB Serial Adapter to the USB port, the adapter is automatically detected and installed. There are no IRQ & COM port conflicts, since the port doesn't require any additional IRQ, DMA, memory as resources on the system. The RS-232, or RS-422/485, port functions as native Windows COM port, and it is compatible with Windows serial communication applications. Each port is individually configurable. Without opening the chassis, the USB-8COMi-RM is the easiest

The USB Serial Adapter provides instant connectivity to RS-232, or RS-422/485, communication devices for factory automation equipment, multi-drop data collection devices, barcode readers, time clocks, scales, data entry terminals, ATMs and serial communication in harsh environment. The USB to Serial Adapter is suitable for remote access, retail and industrial application, data collection and other applications requiring high speed RS-232, or RS-422/485, communication ports.

## Specifications & Features

- Adds octal high speed RS-232/ 422 / 485 serial ports via USB connection.
- 384 byte receive buffer.
- 128 byte transmit buffer for high speed data throughput.
- Requires no IRQ, DMA, I/O port.
- Data rates: 300 bps to 230K bps.
- Serial Connector: one DB-9 male connector.
- Auto transmit buffer control for 2-wire RS-485 half-duplex operation.
- Termination resistors installed on-board.
- RS-232 data signals: DCD ,RxD ,TxD, DTR,GND,DSR,RTS,CTS,RI.
- RS-422 data signals: Tx-, Tx+, Rx+, Rx-, GND, RTS-, RTS+, CTS+, CTS-.
- RS-485 data signals: Tx-, Tx+, Rx+, Rx-(4 wire) and data-, data+ (2 wire).
- Monitor LEDs of TxD, RxD indicating port status.
- AC 100V – 240V input for DC 5V, 4A switching power supply .
- Virtual COM port drivers available for Windows 2003, XP, 2000, 9x, SE, ME

## Power Supply

- Input : AC 100V ~ 240V, 47 – 63 Hz.
- Output : DC 5.0V 4A.

## Hardware Installation

Outside the unit, there are eight 4-pin DIP switches which are set to select the mode of operation. You will need to set the switch settings to RS-232 mode, or RS-422, or RS-485 mode as per the requirements of your application.

After the setting of DIP switches and connecting power cord to the adapter, you then plug the adapter to USB port to start driver installation.

The Mode Block Configuration Settings are listed as follows :

SW1 (Port-1), SW2 (Port-2), SW3 (Port-3), SW4 (Port-4)  
SW5 (Port-5), SW6 (Port-6), SW7 (Port-7), SW8 (Port-8)

	Operation Mode	S1	S2	S3	S4
RS-232	Standard RS-232 Mode	OFF	ON	ON	ON
RS-422	4 wire with Handshaking	ON	ON	ON	ON
RS-485	Full Duplex (4 wire)	ON	OFF	ON	ON
	Half Duplex (2 wire) - with Echo	ON	OFF	OFF	ON
	Half Duplex (2 wire) - without Echo	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF

## **JP1 (Port-1), JP2 (Port-2), JP3 (Port-3), JP4 (Port-4) JP5 (Port-5), JP6 (Port-6), JP7 (Port-7), JP8 (Port-8) For Termination and Biasing Option Configuration**

Inside the unit, there are eight 2 x 7 (14 pin) header blocks which are jumpered to enable Tx, Rx, CTS 120 Ohm termination resistors and Tx, Rx 750 Ohm BIASing resistor.

You will need to open up the metal case and set the jumper setting for RS-422 mode or RS-485 mode as per the requirements of your application.

Settings are listed as follows:

<b>Jumper</b>	<b>Function</b>
<b>1-2</b>	<b>Tx Termination of 120 Ohm. This jumper should always be populated for RS-485 mode.</b>
<b>3-4</b>	<b>Pull-up Tx+ to VCC by 750 Ohm Bias resistor. This jumper should be populated for pull-up Tx+.</b>
<b>5-6</b>	<b>Pull-down Tx- to GND by 750 Ohm Bias resistor. This jumper should be populated for pull-down Tx- .</b>
<b>7-8</b>	<b>Rx Termination of 120 Ohm. This jumper should always be populated for RS-422 mode.</b>
<b>9-10</b>	<b>Pull-up Rx+ to VCC by 750 Ohm Bias resistor. This jumper should be populated for pull-up Rx+</b>
<b>11-12</b>	<b>Pull-down Rx- to GND by 750 Ohm Bias resistor. This jumper should be populated for pull-down Rx- .</b>
<b>13-14</b>	<b>CTS Termination of 120 Ohm. This jumper should always be populated for RS-422 mode.</b>

**Note : Sometimes, when operating in RS-422 or RS-485, it is necessary to configure termination and biasing of the data transmission lines. Generally this must be done in the cabling, since this depends on the installation of connections. Before applying the option, check your cable specification for proper impedance matching.**

## Windows XP / 2003 / 2000 Driver Installation

You need to have administrator privileges to install any new drivers under Windows XP/2003/2000. To install the driver or update the configuration please log onto Windows XP as "Administrator" or ask your system administrator to install the USB-COM driver.

Please proceed with the following steps to install the driver:

1. Plug in the USB connector type-B into the USB port on the Adapter, and connect the USB connector type-A on the other end of the cable to the host USB port in your computer.
2. The connection brings up "Found New Hardware Wizard".
3. Click "Next".
4. Select "Search for the best driver for my device (recommended) ", and click "Next".
5. Select "Specify a location" and click "Next". In the "Copy Manufacturer's file from", type "D:" where "D" is the location of your CD-ROM.
6. Windows driver file searches for the device "USB High Speed Serial Converter".
7. Click "Next" to continue.
8. Windows has finished installing the software. Click "Finish" to complete the first part of installation.
9. The "Found New Hardware Wizard" appears again, and will complete the installation for the device "USB Serial Port".
10. Repeat step (4) to (8) to complete installation.

**Note:** The "Add New Hardware Wizard" will appear again, system will repeat the installation procedures seven more times to install all the eight RS-232/422/485 ports of USB-8COMi-RM.

## Windows 98 / SE/ ME Driver Installation

1. Plug in the USB connector type-B into the USB port on the Adapter, and connect the USB connector type-A on the other end of the cable to the host USB port in your computer.
2. The connection brings up a "Building Driver Information Database" followed by the Add New Hardware Wizard.
3. The "Add New Hardware Wizard" searches for the new drivers for USB Serial Adapter. Click "Next".
4. Select "Search for the best driver for your device" and click "Next".
5. Select "Specify a location" and click "Next". In the "Copy Manufacturer's file from", type "D:" where "D" is the location of your CD-ROM.
6. Windows driver file searches for the device "USB High Speed Serial Converter"
7. Click "Next" to continue.
8. Windows has finished installing the software. Click "Finish" to complete installation.

### Check Installation in Windows XP/2003/2000

You can now verify the installation has been completed successfully by looking under Device Manager of the System Properties screen. (Go there by Start-Setting-Control Panel-System Properties-Hardware-Device Manager-Select View-Device by connection).

The device should have installed as a "USB Serial Port (COMx)" attached to "USB High Speed Serial Converter".

### Check Installation in Windows 98

You can now verify the installation has completed successfully by looking under Device Manager of the System Properties screen. (Go there by Start-Setting-Control Panel-System-Device Manager).

The device should have installed as a "USB Serial Port (COMx)" attached to "USB High Speed Serial Converter".

## **Change COM Port Properties & COM Port Number**

This feature is particularly useful for programs, such as HyperTerminal, which only work with COM1 through COM4. Please ensure that you do not change the COM Port Number already in use.

To change the virtual COM port properties:

- Select the "USB Serial Port"
- Click "Properties".
- Select "Port Setting"
- Select "Advanced"
- Click the drop down arrow on COM Port Number and scroll to the required COM port.
- Select "OK".
- Return to the Device Manager Screen. You will see that the USB Serial Port installation has been changed to the new COM Port Number.

## **Uninstalling Windows XP/2000/2003/9x/SE/ME Drivers**

To uninstall the Windows XP/2000/2003/9x/SE/ME drivers :

- Remove the device from the USB Port or Hub
- Go to the Control Panel
- Open the Add or Remove program
- Select "FTDI FT232 USB Driver"
- Click "Change/Remove"
- Select "Continue to delete the drivers"
- Select "Finish"
- Reboot the computer to complete the driver uninstall

## RS-232 Signal Pin-outs of DB-9 Male

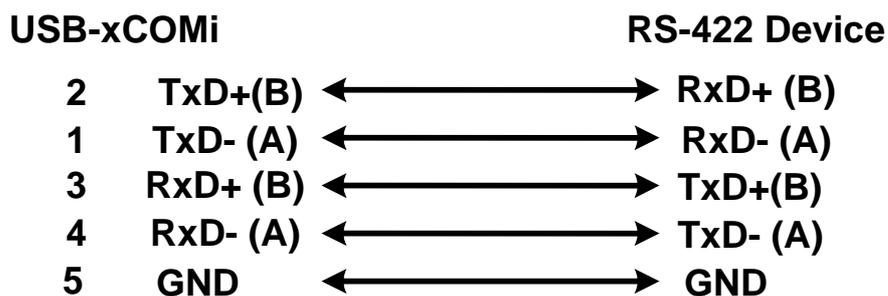
Pin 1	DCD
Pin 2	RxD
Pin 3	TxD
Pin 4	DTR
Pin 5	GND
Pin 6	DSR
Pin 7	RTS
Pin 8	CTS
Pin 9	RI

## RS-422 Signal Pin-outs of DB-9 Male

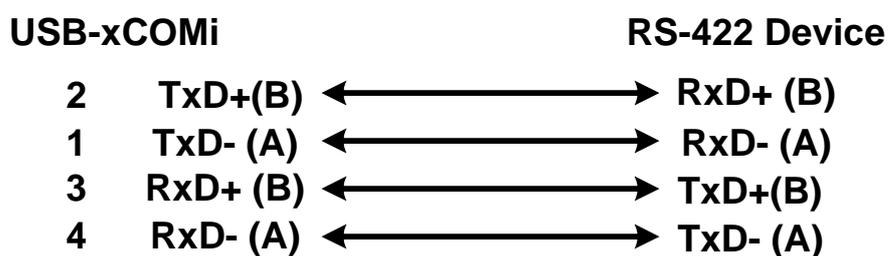
Pin 1	TxD- (A)
Pin 2	TxD+(B)
Pin 3	RxD+(B)
Pin 4	RxD-(A)
Pin 5	GND
Pin 6	RTS- (A)
Pin 7	RTS+(B)
Pin 8	CTS+(B)
Pin 9	CTS- (A)

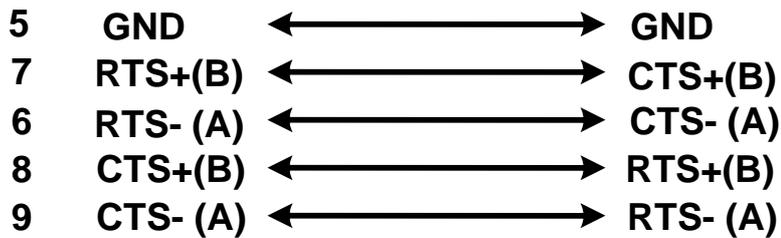
## RS-422 Signal Wiring

- Point-to-Point 4 Wire Full Duplex



- RS-422 with Handshaking





### RS-485 4 Wire (Full duplex) Signal Pin-outs of DB-9 Male

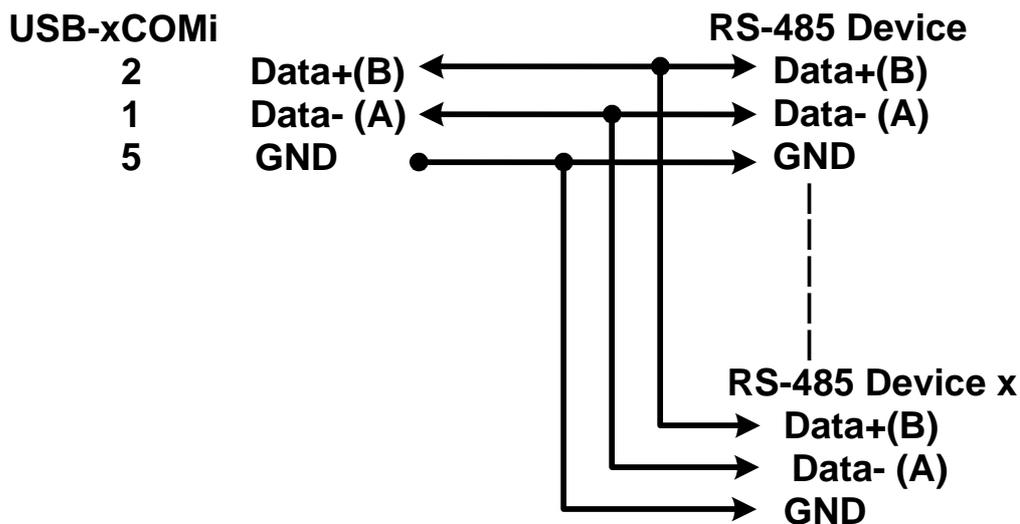
Pin 1	Tx- (A)
Pin 2	Tx+(B)
Pin 3	Rx+(B)
Pin 4	Rx-(A)
Pin 5	GND

### RS-485 2 Wire (Half duplex) Signal Pin-outs of DB-9 Male

Pin 1	Data- (A)
Pin 2	Data+(B)
Pin 5	GND

### RS-485 Signal Wiring

- Multidrop RS-485 2-Wire Half-duplex



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