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User Manual | 2401



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Introduction

Overview

The SeaLINK® 2401 USB serial I/O adapter equips the PC with four RS-232 asynchronous serial ports for USB connectivity to legacy or non-USB compliant devices. The advantage of this product over more traditional approaches is that it does not require opening the computer case, nor does it require resources such as I/O ports or IRQ's. It does require a system that supports USB both in terms of hardware and operating system.

Sealevel SeaCOM USB software drivers and utilities make installation and operation easy using Microsoft Windows and Linux operating systems. After installing the software, simply connect the 2401 serial interface adapter to your USB port. The device and serial ports are immediately recognized as standard COM ports by the host system enabling compatibility with legacy software. Now your non-USB peripherals can have the same connection simplicity and ease of use as USB aware peripherals.

Features

- Compliant with RoHS and WEEE directives
- High-speed UART with 128-byte Tx FIFO and 384-byte Rx FIFO
- Data rates from 300 bps to 460.8 Kbps
- All modem control signals implemented
- Serial and USB activity LEDs
- Hot-swappable
- Powered by USB connection
- Sealevel SeaCOM software supports Microsoft Windows and Linux operating systems
- DB9M connectors
- Includes 6' USB device cable (Item# CA179)





Before You Get Started

What's Included

The SeaLINK +4/232 (2401) is shipped with the following items. If any of these items are missing or damaged, please contact Sealevel for replacement.

- 2401 USB to RS-232 4-Port Serial Interface Adapter
- CA179 USB Device Cable for Connecting to Upstream Host/Hub

Advisory Conventions



Warning

The highest level of importance used to stress a condition where damage could result to the product, or the user could suffer serious injury.



Important

The middle level of importance used to highlight information that might not seem obvious or a situation that could cause the product to fail.



Note

The lowest level of importance used to provide background information, additional tips, or other non-critical facts that will not affect the use of the product.



Optional Items

Depending upon your application, you are likely to find one or more of the following items useful. All items can be purchased from our website (<u>www.sealevel.com</u>) by calling our sales team at (864) 843-4343.

Cables

DB9F to DB25M (RS-232) Modem Cable (Part# CA177)	
The CA177 is a standard AT-style RS-232 modem cable with a DB9F connector on one end and a DB25M connector on the other. This cable is 72 inches in length.	
DB9F to DB9M Extension Cable (Part# CA127)	
The CA127 allows users to extend a DB9 cable up to six feet. The connectors are pinned one-to-one, so the cable is compatible with any device or cable that has DB9 connectors.	
DB9 Female to 9 Screw Terminal (Part# TB05)	
The TB05 terminal block breaks out a DB9 connector to 9 screw terminals to simplify field wiring of serial connections. It is ideal for RS-422 and RS-485 networks, yet it will work with any DB9 serial connection, including RS-232. The TB05 includes holes for board or panel mounting. The TB05 is designed to connect directly to Sealevel DB9 serial cards or any cable with a DB9M connector.	



OPTIONAL ITEMS, CONTINUED

Hubs

High Speed 4-Port USB 2.0 Hub with SeaLATCH USB Ports (Part# HUB4PH)

The hub is USB 2.0 compliant, providing a full 480M bps data rate to the host, and is backwards compatible with USB 1.1 and 1.0 devices. The HUB4PH includes a wall-mount AC adapter that supplies a full 500mA to each attached USB peripheral. The power supply outputs 5VDC @ 2.4A and has a locking DC connector to prevent accidental removal of the power cable.



High Speed 7-Port USB 2.0 Hub (Part# HUB7P)

The HUB7P is USB 2.0 compliant, providing a full 480M bps data rate to the host, and is backwards compatible with USB 1.1 and 1.0 devices. The powered hub includes a wall-mount AC adapter that supplies a full 500mA to each attached USB peripheral. The power supply outputs 5VDC @ 4A and has a locking DC connector to prevent accidental removal of the power cable. The hub is housed in a rugged plastic enclosure and status LEDs indicate external power, connection to the host, and fault conditions.



Adapters and Converters

DB9F to RJ45 Modular Adapter (Item# RJ9S8)

The RJ9S8 is a DB9 female to RJ45 adapter. It can be configured without tools and is an excellent choice for using available infrastructure wiring.



DB9 Female to DB9 Male - Serial Surge Suppressor (Part# SS-DB9)

User configurable for use with male or female DB9 ports, the SS-DB9 protects all 9 lines, plus D shell chassis. Convenient DB9 input and output connects directly to the protected port, obtaining a ground outlet from the computer chassis. Surge suppression is handled with balanced arrays of high-speed avalanche diodes that divert excess energies created by electrostatic discharges, faulty wiring, or lightning away from network interface connections.



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OPTIONAL ITEMS, CONTINUED

Product Family

Whether you require one serial port or 16, SeaLINK USB serial adapters will have you quickly communicating with RS-232, RS-422, and RS-485 peripherals. Unlike traditional UART-based devices, SeaLINK USB products use a state-machine architecture that reduces host processor overhead for faster, more reliable communications. Sealevel's SeaCOM software drivers and utilities make installation and operation easy using Microsoft Windows and Linux operating systems.

Part #	Description
2105R	USB to 1-Port RS-232 DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
2106	USB to 1-Port RS-422 DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
2107	USB to 1-Port RS-485 DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
2113	USB to 1-Port RS-232, RS-422, RS-485 DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
2123	USB to 1-Port RS-232, RS-422, RS-485 (Software Configurable) DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
2101	USB to 1-Port RS-232 DB25 Serial Interface Adapter
2102	USB to 1-Port RS 422, RS-485, RS-530 DB25 Serial Interface Adapter
2103	USB to 1-Port Isolated RS-232 DB25 Serial Interface Adapter
2104	USB to 1-Port RS 422, RS-485, RS-530 DB25 Serial Interface Adapter
2108	Embedded USB to 1-Port RS-232 DB9 Serial Interface Adapter with Low Profile PC Bracket
2128	Embedded USB to 1-Port RS-232, RS-422, RS-485 (Software Configurable) DB9 Serial Interface Adapter with PC Bracket
2201	USB to 2-Port RS-232 DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
2202	USB to 2-Port RS-422, RS-485 DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
2203	USB to 2-Port RS-232, RS-422, RS-485 DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
2208	Embedded USB to 2-Port RS-232 DB9 Serial Interface Adapter with Standard Size PC Bracket
2213	USB to 2-Port Isolated RS-232, RS-422, RS-485 DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
2223	USB to 2-Port RS-232, RS-422, RS-485 (Software Configurable) DB9 Serial Interface Adapter

OPTIONAL ITEMS, CONTINUED

Product Family, Continued

Part#	Description
2228	Embedded USB to 2-Port RS-232, RS-422, RS-485 (Software Configurable) DB9 Serial Interface Adapter with PC Bracket
2401	USB to 4-Port RS-232 DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
2402	USB to 4-Port RS-422, RS-485 DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
2403	USB to 4-Port RS-232, RS-422, RS-485 DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
2404	USB to 4-Port RS-232 RJ45 Serial Interface Adapter
2407	USB to 4-Port RS-232, RS-485 RJ45 VersaCom Serial Interface Adapter
2423	USB to 4-Port RS-232, RS-422, RS-485 (Software Configurable) DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
2433	USB to 4-Port RS-232, RS-422, RS-485 (Software Configurable) DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
641U	USB to RS-232 RJ45 Serial Interface Adapter
647U	USB to RS-232, RS-485 RJ45 VersaCom Serial Interface Adapter
2801	USB to 8-Port RS-232 DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
2802	USB to 8-Port RS-422, RS-485 DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
2803	USB to 8-Port RS-232, RS-422, RS-485 DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
2804	USB to 8-Port RS-232 RJ45 Serial Interface Adapter
2807	USB to 8-Port RS-232, RS-485, RJ45 VersaCom Serial Interface Adapter
2823	USB to 8-Port RS-232, RS-422, RS-485 (Software Configurable) DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
2833	USB to 8-Port RS-232, RS-422, RS-485 DB9 Serial Interface Adapter
681U	USB to RS-232 RJ45 Serial Interface Adapter
687U	USB to RS-232, RS-485 RJ45 VersaCom Serial Interface Adapter
2161	USB to 16-Port RS-232 RJ45 Serial Interface Adapter
2167	USB to 16-Port RS-232, RS-485 RJ45 VersaCom Serial Interface Adapter

Electrical Specifications

The 2401 utilizes four USB UARTs. These chips feature programmable baud rate, data format, 128-byte dual-port TX buffer, and 384-byte dual-port RX buffer. The RS-232 transceiver supports data rates from 300 baud up to 460.8 K baud. Refer to Appendix C for cable length limitations.

Connector Pin Out



RS-232 (DB9 Male)

These RS-232 pin assignments meet EIA/TIA/ANSI-574 DTE specifications for DB9 type connectors.

Pin #	Signal	Name	Mode
1	DCD	Data Carrier Detect	Input
2	RD	Receive Data	Input
3	TD	Transmit Data	Output
4	DTR	Data Terminal Ready	Output
5	GND	Ground	
6	DSR	Data Set Ready	Input
7	RTS	Request To Send	Output
8	CTS	Clear To Send	Input
9	RI	Ring Indicator	Input



Please terminate any control signals that are not going to be used. The most common way to do this is connect RTS to CTS and RI. Also, connect DCD to DTR and DSR. Terminating these pins, if not used, will help insure you get the best performance from your adapter.

Technical Specifications

Environmental Specifications

Specification	Operating	Storage	
Temperature Range	0° to 70° C (32° to 158° F)	-50° to 105° C (-58° to 221° F)	
Humidity Range	10 to 90% R.H. Non-Condensing	10 to 90% R.H. Non-Condensing	

Manufacturing

All Sealevel Systems Printed Circuit boards are built to UL 94V0 rating and are 100% electrically tested. These printed circuit boards are solder mask over bare copper or solder mask over tin nickel.

Power Consumption

Supply line	+5 VDC
Rating	500 mA

Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF)

Greater than 150,000 hours. (Calculated)



Installation

SeaCOM Software Installation

Windows Installation



Do not install the Adapter in the machine until the software has been fully installed.



Only users running Windows 7 or newer should utilize these instructions for accessing and installing the appropriate driver via Sealevel's website. If you are utilizing an operating system prior to Windows 7, please contact Sealevel by calling 864.843.4343 or emailing support@sealevel.com to receive access to the proper driver download and installation instructions.

- 1. To obtain the most current software driver package from Sealevel's website, download from here:
 - <u>SeaCOM for Windows</u>
 - SeaCOM for Linux
- 2. Click on the SeaCOM link in the 'Downloads' section to download the current driver.
- 3. Once downloaded, double-click on the executable to launch the InstallShield wizard and initiate the driver installation.
- 4. SeaCOM software can also be downloaded from the 2401 product webpage: <u>https://www.sealevel.com/product/2401</u>



To install Sealevel Systems software, you must log in as an administrator or have administrator privileges in Windows.



For Windows XP and older versions of Windows, do not connect the device to a USB port until after the software has been successfully installed. In Windows Vista and newer versions of Windows, SeaCOM version 3.6.30 and later will install SeaCOM hardware that is already connected.

- 1. Locate the file on your computer (e.g., SS030703.exe), right-click on the filename, and click 'Run as Administrator' in the fly-out menu.
- 2. When the 'SeaCOM InstallShield Wizard' window appears, click the 'Next' button to initiate the software installation.



INSTALLATION, CONTINUED.

- 3. When the 'License Agreement' window appears, accept the terms, and click 'Next' to continue. You can click the 'Print' button to print out a copy of the agreement for your records. If you do not accept the terms of the agreement, the installation will stop.
- 4. When the 'Ready to Install the Program' window appears, click the 'Install' button to install the software. The files will be automatically installed into the 'C:\Program Files (x86)' folder on your computer.
- 5. The setup file will automatically detect the operating environment and install the proper components. Once the installation is complete, close the SeaCOM installer window.
- 6. You have completed the software driver installation process.
- 7. Refer to the Physical Installation section to connect and install your adapter.

Upgrading to the current SeaCOM driver

- 1. Download the current driver using the Instructions from the 'Software Installation Download' section above. Please take note of the destination directory it will save to.
- 2. Uninstall the currently loaded SeaCOM software found in the 'Apps and Features' (Windows 10 or newer) or 'Programs and Features' (Windows 8.1 and older) list.
- 3. Navigate to Device Manager and remove the 2401 by right clicking on the line items in 'Universal Serial Bus controllers' and choosing 'Uninstall'.
- 4. In the Device Manager under 'Action', choose 'Scan for Hardware changes. This will prompt the installation of the adapter and associate it with the newly installed SeaCOM driver.
- 5. Proceed with the hardware installation of your SeaLINK USB serial adapter.



Hardware Installation

The 2401 can be connected to any Upstream Type A USB port at the PC host or an Upstream Hub. Since it is hot-pluggable, there is no need to power down your computer prior to installation. Once you have installed the software simply plug the USB connector into an available USB port. The drivers that were installed during setup will automatically be used to configure the adapter.

Verifying Installation

To confirm that the serial ports have been successfully installed, look in Device Manager under 'Ports (COM & LPT)'. The COM assignments will be included with the associated COM numbers in parentheses.

To access Device Manager in Windows 10:

- 1. Right-click on the Start button (Windows logo).
- 2. In the fly-out menu, click 'Device Manager'.
- 3. Continue with step 4 below.

To access Device Manager in Windows 7:

- 1. Right-click on 'Computer' in the Start menu.
- 2. Click 'Manage' in the fly-out menu to launch the 'Computer Management' console window.
- 3. In the left pane under 'System Tools', click 'Device Manager'.
- 4. In right pane near the bottom, expand the 'Ports (COM & LPT)' section by clicking the '>' symbol.
- 5. You should now see the COM assignments with the associated COM numbers in parentheses.



INSTALLATION, CONTINUED.



Your system will assign the next available COM numbers, which will vary by computer (COM 3-6 as shown in this example).

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> Computer		
> Disk drives		
> La Display adapters		
> DVD/CD-ROM drives		
> A Human Interface Devices		
> Explored S		
Mice and other pointing devices		
> Monitors		
> Pretwork adapters		
Communications Part (COM20)		
ECP Printer Port (LPTT)		
SeaPORT 4 USB Serial Converter (Port 1) (COMA)		
SeaPORT 4 USB Serial Converter (Port 2) (COM4)		
SeaPORT 4 USB Serial Converter (Port 5) (COM6)		
SeaPORI + 4 USB Serial Converter (Port 4) (CONIO)		
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Sound video and game controllers		
Storage controllers		
Survey devices		
Iniversal Serial Bus controllers		



Uninstall & Upgrade Instructions

The SeaCOM software program adds entries to the system registry that are necessary for specifying the operating parameters for your device. To completely remove the hardware and associated software, follow the steps in the order that they appear.

To upgrade to the latest version of SeaCOM, follow the instructions to uninstall the hardware and software, followed by the upgrade instructions.



Start with the hardware connected to a USB port. Do not unplug it until instructed to do so.

Remove Hardware Using Device Manager

To access Device Manager in Windows 10:

- 1. Right-click on the Start button.
- 2. In the fly-out menu, click 'Device Manager'.
- 3. In Device Manager, open the 'View' menu and select 'Show hidden devices.'
- 4. Continue with Step 4 below.

To access Device Manager in Windows 7:

- 1. Right-click on 'Computer' in the Start menu.
- 2. Click 'Manage' in the fly-out menu to launch the 'Computer Management' console window.
- 3. In the left pane under 'System Tools', click 'Device Manager'.
- 4. In right pane near the bottom, expand the 'Universal Serial Bus controllers' section by clicking the '>' symbol.



UNINSTALL AND UPGRADE INSTRUCTIONS, CONTINUED

Remove Hardware Using Device Manager

- 5. Locate the SeaLINK device in the listing, highlighted below.
- 6. Right click on the entry for the SeaLINK device and click 'Uninstall' in the fly-out menu.

~	Ÿ	Universal Serial Bus controllers
		🏺 Generic USB Hub
		Intel(R) USB 3.1 eXtensible Host Controller - 1.10 (Microsoft)
		SeaPORT+4 USB Serial Converter (Port 1)
		SeaPORT+4 USB Serial Converter (Port 2)
		SeaPORT+4 USB Serial Converter (Port 3)
		SeaPORT+4 USB Serial Converter (Port 4)
		USB Composite Device
		USB Root Hub (USB 3.0)

7. Confirm that you want to uninstall the SeaLINK device by clicking the 'OK' button. This will remove the hardware and all registry entries from your computer. Keep the device plugged in.

Confirm	n Device Removal	? 🗙
÷	SeaLINK+485-DB9 USB to RS-485 Conv	verter
Warnin	g: You are about to uninstall this device from	your system.
	ОК	Cancel

- 8. The window will refresh and the entry for the SeaLINK device will no longer appear. Repeat steps 5-8 as needed for each serial port.
- 9. Proceed with removing the software on the following pages.



UNINSTALL AND UPGRADE INSTRUCTIONS, CONTINUED Remove Software Using Apps and Features

Make sure you have first removed the hardware using the instructions on the previous page before removing the software, otherwise remnants of the configuration settings will be left on your system. Keep the SeaLINK device plugged in until the software has been completely uninstalled.

In Windows 10:

- 1. Right-click the Start button.
- 2. In the fly-out menu, click 'Apps and Features'.
- The Settings -> Apps & Features list will show all currently installed software. Once the list populates, locate, and select the entry for 'SeaCOM'.

SL.	SeaCOM Sealevel Systems, Inc. 3.7.3		25.2 MB 10/30/2018
		Modify	Uninstall

- 4. Click 'Uninstall'.
- 5. A confirmation dialog box may appear. Click 'Uninstall'



- 6. In the confirmation dialog box 'Do you want to allow this app to make changes to your device?' 'SeaCOM', click 'Yes'.
- 7. The SeaCOM uninstallation program finishes.



UNINSTALL AND UPGRADE INSTRUCTIONS, CONTINUED Remove Software Using Apps and Features

In Windows 7:

- 1. Access the Control Panel by clicking the 'Start' button, and then 'Control Panel'.
- 2. In the Control Panel window, double-click on 'Programs and Features'.
- The Programs and Features window will list all currently installed software on your system. Once the 'Currently installed programs' list populates, locate and select the entry for 'SeaCOM'.
- 4. Click the 'Remove' button.

🔂 SeaCOM	Size	<u>1.98MB</u>
Click here for support information.		
To change this program or remove it from your computer, click Change or Remove.	Change	Remove

5. The 'SeaCOM – InstallShield Wizard' window will appear along with a dialog box asking you to confirm. Click the 'Yes' button to continue.

SeaCOM - InstallShield Wizard 📃 🗆 🔀
Preparing Setup Please wait while the InstallShield Wizard prepares the setup.
SeaCOM Setup is preparing the InstallShield Wizard, which will guide you through the rest of the setup process. Please wait.
SeaCOM - InstallShield Wizard Do you want to completely remove the selected application and all of its features? Yes No
InstallShield

UNINSTALL AND UPGRADE INSTRUCTIONS, CONTINUED Remove Software Using Apps and Features

In Windows 7:

- 6. When the removal process completes, click the 'Finish' button to close the window. A dialog box appears to confirm the removal success. Click the 'Ok' button on the dialog box.
- 7. If you are upgrading software, leave the SeaLINK device plugged in and follow the instructions in the 'UPGRADING TO THE CURRENT SEACOM DRIVER' section above.



Appendix A – Troubleshooting

The adapter should provide years of trouble-free service. However, in the event that it appears to be functioning incorrectly, the following tips can eliminate most common problems without the need to call Technical Support.

Ensure that the Sealevel Systems SeaCOM software has been installed on the machine, so that the necessary files are in place to complete the installation. To confirm installation, click on the Windows 'Start' button and then select 'All Programs'. You should see the 'SeaCOM' program folder listed.

Check to make sure that USB support is enabled and functioning properly in the operating system. The presence of the 'Universal Serial Bus controllers' listing in Device Manager will confirm that USB support is enabled in Windows operating systems.

Locate the COM ports for your device in Device Manager (described under 'Verifying Installation' in the Installation and Configuration section of this manual).

Once you have confirmed that the serial adapter COM ports are listed in Device Manager, use the Sealevel <u>WinSSD utility</u> to verify communications. Detailed help is included in the WinSSD utility.

If you have a loopback plug, put it on the adapter connector. If you do not have a loopback plug, you can use female jumper wires to make the connection to verify the functionality.

RS-232 requires pins 2 (Receive) & 3 (Transmit) to be jumpered as shown in this graphic:





If you do not have a loopback plug or jumper wires handy, you can use a metal device such as a knife, screwdriver, key, or paperclip to short pins two and three.



APPENDIX A - TROUBLESHOOTING, CONTINUED

To test communications, launch the WinSSD utility in the SeaCOM folder in the 'Start' menu.

On the 'Port Information' tab, select the associated COM port and click the 'Open' button.

This will first open the COM port. From this tab the port can also be closed (See image below). Click the 'Settings' button to open the COM Port Properties dialog box. This will allow the Port Settings to be altered.

- WinSSD - COM4, 1200, 7	, N, 1, None	X
Port Information Loopback	BERT Terminal Logging Options Timeouts 100 Read Interval Timeout: 100 Read Total Timeout Multiplier: 100 Write Total Timeout Multiplier: 100 Write Total Timeout Constant: 100 Write Total Timeout Constant: 100	Out Toggle RTS Toggle DTR In CTS DSR
Serial Device Error Information Frame Errors 0	Type: @ Async COM: © SeaMAC	RI 💽 DCD 💽
Panty Errors: 0 Rx Buff Overfl: 0 Tx Buff Overfl: 0		Exit



APPENDIX A - TROUBLESHOOTING, CONTINUED

Change your parameters to 9600 bits per second, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit, and no flow control, as pictured below.

COM4 Properties	Theory of Course	? ×
Port Settings		
<u>B</u> its per se	cond: 9600	-
Dat	a hits: 8	
<u>.</u>		
<u> </u>	Parity: None	•
Sto	p bits: 1	-
Former		
	Silioi. Inone	
	Restor	e Defaults
	OK Cancel	Apply

Click 'Apply' and 'OK'.



APPENDIX A - TROUBLESHOOTING, CONTINUED

In the main WinSSD window, click on the 'BERT' tab (Bit Error Rate test). - Click on the 'Start' button.

Port Information Loopback BERT Terminal Logging Options Out Bit Error Rate Test 0 Transmit Frames: 0 Toggle RTS Out Transmit Frames: 0 0 Toggle DTR Out Bytes Checked: 0 0 Dragle DTR Out Bit Errors: 0 0 Dragle DTR Out Sync Losses: 0 0 DSR Out Tx Data Rate: 0 bps DSR River Bet Frame Size 511 In In	🗨 WinSSD - COM4, 9600, 8,	N, 1, None	- - x
Sync Status: No Data DCD Test Time 000 : 00 : 06 Reset Stats Start	Port Information Loopback Bit Error Rate Test Transmit Frames: Receive Frames: Bytes Checked: Bit Errors: Sync Losses; Tx Data Rate: Rx Data Rate: Bert Frame Size Sync Status: Test Time 000 : 00 : 06	BERT Terminal Logging Options	Out Toggle RTS

If the COM port is properly working, the Sync Status green light will glow, and the Transmit Frames and Receive Frames will increase. The Tx and Rx Data Rates will show the calculated data rate.

Port Information Loopback BERT Terminal Logging Options Out Bit Error Rate Test 221 Transmit Frames: 221 Transmit Frames: 221 Difference Toggle DTR Image: Construction of the second of	- WinSSD - COM4, 9600, 8,	N, 1, None	
	Port Information Loopback Bit Error Rate Test Transmit Frames: Receive Frames: Bytes Checked: Bit Errors: Sync Losses: Tx Data Rate: Rx Data Rate: Bert Frame Size Sync Status: Test Time 000 : 02 : 01	BERT Terminal Logging Options	Out Toggle RTS Toggle DTR In CTS DSR RI DCD CD Exit

This verifies that the adapter is working properly. You can continue testing this port with different configurations or proceed with testing other ports, if necessary.



Appendix B – Handling Instructions

ESD Warnings

Electrostatic Discharges (ESD)

A sudden electrostatic discharge can destroy sensitive components. Proper packaging and grounding rules must therefore be observed. Always take the following precautions:

- 1. Transport boards and cards in electrostatically secure containers or bags.
- 2. Keep electrostatically sensitive components in their containers, until they arrive at an electrostatically protected workplace.
- 3. Only touch electrostatically sensitive components when you are properly grounded.
- 4. Store electrostatically sensitive components in protective packaging or on anti-static mats.

Grounding Methods

The following measures help to avoid electrostatic damages to the device:

- 5. Cover workstations with approved antistatic material. Always wear a wrist strap connected to a properly grounded workplace.
- 6. Use antistatic mats, heel straps, and/or air ionizers for more protection.
- 7. Always handle electrostatically sensitive components by their edge or by their casing.
- 8. Avoid contact with pins, leads, or circuitry.
- 9. Turn off power and input signals before inserting and removing connectors or connecting test equipment.
- 10. Keep work area free of non-conductive materials such as ordinary plastic assembly aids and Styrofoam.
- 11. Use field service tools such as cutters, screwdrivers, and vacuum cleaners that are conductive.



Appendix C – Electrical Interface

RS-232

Quite possibly the most widely used communication standard is RS-232. This implementation has been defined and revised several times and is often referred to as RS-232 or EIA/TIA-232. The IBM PC computer defined the RS-232 port on a 9-pin D-sub connector, and subsequently, the EIA/TIA approved this implementation as the EIA/TIA-574 standard. This standard is defined as the 9-Position Non-Synchronous Interface between Data Terminal Equipment and Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment Employing Serial Binary Data Interchange. Both implementations are in widespread use and will be referred to as RS-232 in this document. RS-232 is capable of operating at data rates up to 20K bps at distances less than 50 ft. The absolute maximum data rate may vary due to line conditions and cable lengths. RS-232 is a single-ended or unbalanced interface, meaning that a single electrical signal is compared to a common signal (ground) to determine binary logic states. The RS-232 and the EIA/TIA-574 specification define two types of interface circuits: Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) and Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment (DCE).



Appendix D – Asynchronous Communications

Serial data communications implies that individual bits of a character are transmitted consecutively to a receiver that assembles the bits back into a character. Data rate, error checking, handshaking, and character framing (start/stop bits) are pre-defined and must correspond at both the transmitting and receiving ends.

Asynchronous communications is the standard means of serial data communication for PC compatibles and PS/2 computers. The original PC was equipped with a communication or COM: port that was designed around an 8250 Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter (UART). This device allows asynchronous serial data to be transferred through a simple and straightforward programming interface. A start bit, followed by a pre-defined number of data bits (5, 6, 7, or 8) defines character boundaries for asynchronous communications. The end of the character is defined by the transmission of a pre-defined number of stop bits (usually 1, 1.5 or 2). An extra bit used for error detection is often appended before the stop bits.



Asynchronous Communications Bit Diagram

This special bit is called the parity bit. Parity is a simple method of determining if a data bit has been lost or corrupted during transmission. There are several methods for implementing a parity check to guard against data corruption. Common methods are called (E)ven Parity or (O)dd Parity. Sometimes parity is not used to detect errors on the data stream. This is referred to as (N)o parity. Because each bit in asynchronous communications is sent consecutively, it is easy to generalize asynchronous communications by stating that each character is wrapped (framed) by pre-defined bits to mark the beginning and end of the serial transmission of the character. The data rate and communication parameters for asynchronous communications must be the same at both the transmitting and receiving ends. The communication parameters are baud rate, parity, number of data bits per character, and stop bits (i.e., 9600, N, 8, 1).

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Appendix E – Compliance Notices

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Statement



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This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in such case the user will be required to correct the interference at the user's expense. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help

EMC Directive Statement

Products bearing the CE Label fulfill the requirements of the EMC directive (89/336/EEC) and of the low-voltage directive (73/23/EEC) issued by the European Commission. To obey these directives, the following European standards must be met:

- EN55022 Class A "Limits and methods of measurement of radio interference characteristics of information technology equipment"
- **EN55024** "Information technology equipment Immunity characteristics Limits and methods of measurement".

Canadian Radio Interference Regulations

This Class A digital apparatus meets all requirements of the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Regulations.

Cet Appareil numérique de la classe A respecte toutes les exigences de Règlement sur le matériel du Canada.



This is a Class A Product. In a domestic environment, this product may cause radio interference in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures to prevent or correct the interference.



Always use cabling provided with this product if possible. If no cable is provided or if an alternate cable is required, use high quality shielded cabling to maintain compliance with FCC/EMC directives.

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Appendix F – How To Get Assistance

Please refer to: Appendix A -- Troubleshooting Guide prior to calling Technical Support.

Begin by reading through the Trouble Shooting Guide in Appendix A. If assistance is still needed, please see below.

When calling for technical assistance, please have your user manual and current adapter settings. If possible, please have the adapter installed in a computer ready to run diagnostics.

Sealevel Systems provides an FAQ section on its web site. Please refer to this to answer many common questions. This section can be found at <u>http://www.sealevel.com/faq.asp</u>.

Sealevel Systems maintains a web page on the Internet. Our home page address is <u>www.sealevel.com</u>. The latest software updates, and newest manuals are available via our web site.

Technical support is available Monday to Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time. Technical support can be reached at (864) 843-4343.

RETURN AUTHORIZATION MUST BE OBTAINED FROM SEALEVEL SYSTEMS BEFORE RETURNED MERCHANDISE WILL BE ACCEPTED. AUTHORIZATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING SEALEVEL SYSTEMS AND REQUESTING A RETURN MERCHANDISE AUTHORIZATION (RMA) NUMBER.



Warranty

Sealevel's commitment to providing the best I/O solutions is reflected in the Lifetime Warranty that is standard on all Sealevel manufactured I/O products. We are able to offer this warranty due to our control of manufacturing quality and the historically high reliability of our products in the field. Sealevel products are designed and manufactured at its Liberty, South Carolina facility, allowing direct control over product development, production, burn-in and testing. Sealevel achieved ISO-9001:2015 certification in 2018.

Warranty Policy

Sealevel Systems, Inc. (hereafter "Sealevel") warrants that the Product shall conform to and perform in accordance with published technical specifications and shall be free of defects in materials and workmanship for the warranty period. In the event of failure, Sealevel will repair or replace the product at Sealevel's sole discretion. Failures resulting from misapplication or misuse of the Product, failure to adhere to any specifications or instructions, or failure resulting from neglect, abuse, accidents, or acts of nature are not covered under this warranty.

Warranty service may be obtained by delivering the Product to Sealevel and providing proof of purchase. Customer agrees to ensure the Product or assume the risk of loss or damage in transit, to prepay shipping charges to Sealevel, and to use the original shipping container or equivalent. Warranty is valid only for original purchaser and is not transferable.

This warranty applies to Sealevel manufactured Product. Product purchased through Sealevel but manufactured by a third party will retain the original manufacturer's warranty.

Non-Warranty Repair/Retest

Products returned due to damage or misuse and Products retested with no problem found are subject to repair/retest charges. A purchase order or credit card number and authorization must be provided in order to obtain an RMA (Return Merchandise Authorization) number prior to returning Product.

How to obtain an RMA (Return Merchandise Authorization)

If you need to return a product for warranty or non-warranty repair, you must first obtain an RMA number. Please contact Sealevel Systems, Inc. Technical Support for assistance:

AvailableMonday – Friday, 8:00AM to 5:00PM ESTPhone864-843-4343Emailsupport@sealevel.com

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