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Installation Notes

Model UC-232A USB to RS-232 Adapter

The UC-232A communications adapter is designed to add an RS-232 (Com) port to a PC, through the PC's USB Port. The PC must be running the Windows® 98 or 2000 Operating System. This product will not work properly with other computers or operating systems. Because the adapter does not use an Interrupt Request (IRQ) assignment, installation is much simpler than adding an additional communications board to the PC's bus.

To install the adapter, plug the unit into an available USB port, with the computer operating. Do not power-down the computer. USB Devices are designed to be connected, and disconnected, without having to reboot the computer. The Windows operating system will detect the device and try to install drivers for it. These drivers are on the accompanying CD. If Windows cannot find the drivers itself, you may have to assist by using the Browse button. The drivers are located in the UC232 folder on the CD. To check that the installation was successful, open the Control Panel and double click on the System Icon. Click the Device Manager Tab. Proceed down the list of devices to "Ports (COM & LPT)". Click the plus sign next to this entry. This will display a list of the ports installed on your computer. Note the following entry: "ATEN USB <-> Serial Port COM X", where X is the port number that Windows assigned to the adapter. This is always the next unassigned port. As a matter of interest, double click on "Computer" at the top of the list. This will bring up the Computer Properties dialog. Click the "Interrupt request (IRQ)" button. Scroll down the list of IRQ assignments. Notice that there is not an IRQ assigned to the new COM port. The USB adapter does not require an IRQ.