

### USB-8COM 8-Port RS-232 USB 2.0 Serial Adapter Data Control Box

The USB-8COM USB Serial Adapter Data Control Box 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 serial communication port to your system. By taking advantage of the USB bus, the USB Serial Adapter makes it easier than ever to add serial port and serial device 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 Box 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 port functions as native Windows COM port, and it is compatible with Windows serial communication applications. Each port is individually configurable.



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The USB-8COM USB Serial Adapter provides instant connectivity to RS-232 communication device for factory automation equipment, multi-drop data collection devices, barcode readers, time clocks, scales, data entry terminal 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 communication ports.

#### Features

- Installed as 8 standard Windows COM ports
- Rugged ABS plastic housing with built-in LED Status indicators for TxD and RxD
- Full RS-232 modem control signals and hardware
- Software flow control : RTS/CTS, XON/XOFF
- Parity: None, Even, Odd, Space, Mark
- RS-232 data signals: TxD, RxD, RTS, CTS, DSR, DTR, DCD, RI, GND
- High speed serial port with the baud rate up to 921.6K bps
- 128 byte transmit FIFO & 384 byte receive FIFO
- Non-standard baud rates supported
- Serial port protected with surge protection of 10KV
- Powered by USB port, no external power adapter required
- Easy plug and play installation and RS-232 device connection
- COM port number assigned can be changed to any COM port number required
- Compatible with USB 1.1 & 2.0 host port

#### **Power Requirement**

The USB-8COM is Self-Powered powered by host USB ports with USB 2.0 Type-A to Type-B cable.



## Windows 7/ Vista / 2003 / XP / 2000 Driver Installation

You need to have administrator privileges to install any new drivers under Windows 7/ Vista / 2003/ XP / 2000. To install the driver or update the configuration please log onto Windows as "Administrator" or ask your system administrator to install the USB-COM driver.

**Note:** You need to install driver first, prior to hardware installation. Do not connect the USB-to-Serial Adapter to the USB port of your computer, before you finish driver installation.

#### Please proceed with the following steps to install the driver:

- 1. Insert the "USB COM Series Driver and Utility" CD into your CD-ROM.
- 2. The "USB COM Series Driver and Utility CD" dialog box appears.
- 3. Under "Driver Installation", double click "Windows 7, Vista, 2003, XP, 2000 driver" to install the device driver.
- **4.** The USB COM install program will auto-detect the OS type and install the driver automatically. (Note: in Windows 7 or Vista OS you will find another dialog box, please click on "OK" to confirm the drivers install program).



- **5.** After the message "FTDI CDM Driver installation process completed" appears, press "Enter" to complete the driver installation.
- 6. Plug in the USB to Serial Adapter to the USB port of your computer. Windows will finish installing the driver files.

# **Check Installation**

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.

The device should have installed as a "USB Serial Port (COMx)" attached to "USB Serial Converter (A/B or A/B/C/D)".

# **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" and "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 2003/XP/2000 Drivers

Please proceed with the following steps to uninstall the 2003/XP/2000 driver:

- 1. Insert the "USB COM Series Driver and Utility" CD into your CD-ROM.
- 2. The "USB COM Series Driver and Utility CD" dialog box appears.
- **3.** Under "Driver uninstalling", double click "Windows 2003, XP, 2000 driver uninstall" to uninstall the device driver.
- 4. When following dialog box appears, double click "Clean System" to uninstall the 2003/XP/2000 drivers.



5. You need to disconnect all USB to serial Adapters from your PC, when the message below appears. Double click "OK" to start uninstalling Windows 2003/XP/2000 USB to Serial drivers.





6. Double click "Yes" to confirm it.



**7.** Click "**No**" to proceed.



8. When the message "Status: System clean completed" appears, double click "Exit" to complete the USB to serial drivers uninstall.

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<b>FTDI</b> Chip				
VID (Hex)	Clean System			
PID (Hex)	Exit			
Windows Server 2003 Status: System clean completed				

9. Press "Start" button and select "Control Panel".



**10.** Open the Add or Remove program.

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	間 NVIDIA Drivers 間 PComm Lite 2000 Ver 1.1	Size	2.31MB
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- 11. Remove the first "Windows Driver Package FTDI CDM Driver Package (...)".
- 12. Click "Chang/Remove" and "Yes" to remove the first Windows Driver Package.
- 13. Remove the second "Windows Driver Package FTDI CDM Driver Package (...)".
- **14.** Click "Change/Remove" and "Yes" to remove the second Windows Driver Package.
- **15.** Reboot the computer to complete the driver uninstall.

# Uninstalling Windows 7 or Vista Drivers

Windows 7 and Vista have many new security features. You need to proceed with the following steps to uninstall the Vista driver:

- 1. The USB to serial devices must connect to the PC.
- 2. Press "Start" button and select "Control Panel".
- 3. Select "Classic View" from the top left hand corner and then "System" from the list.
- 4. Select "Device Manager" from the top left hand corner.



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Tasks     Device Manager     Remote settings     System protection     Advanced system settings	View basic information about your computer Windows edition Windows Vista™ Ultimate Copyright © 2006 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

5. Locate your Device under the Ports (COM & LTP) section and right click on it to bring up the menu shown.



**6.** Select uninstall and be sure to click the box for "Delete the driver software for this device" in the next window and press "OK".





**Note:** if you have more than one USB Serial Port (COMx) installed in your PC, you need to repeat from step 5 to step 6 to delete the driver software for each port.

7. Locate your Device under the Universal Serial Bus Controllers section, and right click on it to bring up the menu shown.



**8.** Select uninstall and be sure to click the box for "Delete the driver software for this device" in the next window and press "OK".



**Note:** if you have more than one USB Serial Converter installed in your PC, you need to repeat step 7 and step 8 to delete the driver software for all devices.



# 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