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Introduction

This User's Manual describes how to setup and install your Quatech Serial Adapter.

The Quatech SSPXP-100, DSPXP-100, and QSPXP-100, respectively, provide one, two, or four independent RS-232 serial ports.

The Quatech SSPXP-200/300, DSPXP-200/300, and QSPXP-200/300, respectively, provide one, two or four independent RS-422/485 serial ports. Each of these serial ports can be used as desired for RS-422 or RS-485 communications.

Table 1 - Device port and connection options

Device	Port	s Connection	Device	Ports	Connection
SSPXP-100	1	RS-232	SSPXP-200/300	1	RS-422/485
DSPXP-100	2	RS-232	DSPXP-200/300	2	RS-422/485
QSPXP-100	4	RS-232	QSPXP-200/300	4	RS-422/485

Each adapter uses high-speed UARTs and deep FIFOs, allowing each channel to obtain data rates up to 921.6 kbps. The adapters are Plug-and-Play devices and require no hardware configuration.

System requirements

Quatech Serial Adapters are supported under the Windows XP (and later) operating systems. All device drivers are available for download from the Quatech World Wide Web site at http://www.guatech.com/.

Installing the Serial Adapter

Caution! Be sure to allow the installation process to finish without interruption. This section explains how to install the Serial Adapter under different operating systems. Please locate and follow the procedure for your computer's operating system.

The Serial Adapter includes Windows device drivers that enable the serial ports to appear to Windows as standard COM ports.

Installing under Windows XP

Step		Procedure	Description	
	Step 1	Turn on the power to your computer system.	This is the system in which the device is to be installed.	
	Step 2	Plug the ExpressCard into an available ExpressCard slot on the computer.	Windows tells you that it has found new hardware and launches the Found New Hardware Wizard.	

Follow these steps to install the adapter under Windows XP.

Figure 1 illustrates theFound New Hardware Wizard Windows XP Found new hardware prompt. The Found Welcome to the Found New Hardware Wizard Hardware Wizard launches automatically when you first plug in the Serial Windows will search for current and updated software by Adapter. looking on your computer, on the hardware installation CD, or on the Windows Update Web site (with your permission). Read our privacy policy Can Windows connect to Windows Update to search for software? O Yes, this time only C Yes, now and every time I connect a device No, not this time Click Next to continue. <u>N</u>ext > Cancel

Step		Procedure	Description	
	Step 3	When the "welcome to the found new hardware wizard" appears, select the "No, not this time" option	Please do NOT allow Windows Update to search for the software on the internet.	
	Step 4	Click the Next button	Windows will continue to the next step.	

Figure 1 - Windows XP Found new hardware prompt

New

Found New Hardware Wizard
Image: Second
< <u>B</u> ack <u>N</u> ext > Cancel

Figure 2 - Windows XP Choose your installation options prompt

	Procedure	Description
□ Step 5	Insert the Quatech installation CD into your CD-ROM drive.	This is the CD that shipped with the product.
□ Step 6	Select the "install automatically (Recommended)" option.	The installation options prompt displays.
□ Step 7	Click the Next button.	Windows searches for drivers for the adapter.

Figure \mathcal{S} illustrates the"software has not passed Hardware Installation Windows logo testing" prompt. This prompt will only appear in the case of a new unsigned ۲ The software you are installing for this hardware: driver. Quatech SSPXP-100 ExpressCard RS-232 Serial Adapter has not passed Windows Logo testing to verify its compatibility. with Windows XP. (Tell me why this testing is important.) Continuing your installation of this software may impair or destabilize the correct operation of your system either immediately or in the future. Microsoft strongly recommends that you stop this installation now and contact the hardware vendor for software that has passed Windows Logo testing. STOP Installation Continue Anyway

Step		Procedure	Description	
	Step 8	In the case of a new unsigned driver, the "software has not passed Windows logo testing" prompt will appear. Please click the [Continue Anyway] button to continue with the installation.	Windows displays a warning prompt if the software drivers are not signed with the Windows logo. New drivers have been tested at our lab facilities, but may not yet have received the official logo from Microsoft.	
	Step 9	The Wizard locates and starts to install the necessary software.	The "wait while the Wizard installs the software" prompt displays (fig.4), followed by the "Finished installing" prompt (fig.5).	

Figure 3 - Windows XP "software has not passed Windows logo testing" prompt

Figure 4 - Windows XP "please wait" message

Found New Hardware Wizard		
Please wait while the wizard installs the software		
Quatech SSPXP-100 ExpressCard RS-232 Serial Adapter		
Setting a system restore point and backing up old files in case your system needs to be restored in the future.		
< <u>B</u> ack <u>N</u> ext > Cancel		

Figure 5 - Windows XP Finished installing prompt

Found New Hardware Wizard			
	Completing the Found New Hardware Wizard		
	The wiza	ard has finished installing the software for:	
		Quatech SSPXP-100 ExpressCard RS-232 Serial Adapter	
	Click Fin	ish to close the wizard.	
		< Back Finish Cancel	

Step		Procedure	Description	
	Step 10	Press the Finish button to continue.	The ExpressCard Adapter installation is complete.	

Uninstalling under Windows XP

Follow these steps in the event that you need to uninstall or reinstall the Serial software.

- 1. From the Control Panel, select System.
- 2. Press the Hardware tab.
- 3. Click on Device Manager.

Figure 6 - Device Manager



- 4. Scroll down to Multi-port serial adapters and expand.
- 5. Highlight your Quatech Serial Adapter; for example, SSPXP-100 ExpressCard RS-232 Serial Adapter.
- 6. Select the Action menu option.
- 7. Select Uninstall from the drop down menu.
- 8. Click OK at the Confirmation screen. Note that this also removes all the serial ports associated with your Serial Adapter.

Installing under Windows Vista

Step		Procedure	Description	
	Step 1	Turn on the power to your computer system.	This is the system in which the device is to be installed.	
	Step 2	Plug the ExpressCard into an available ExpressCard slot on the computer.	Windows tells you that it has found new hardware and launches the Found New Hardware Wizard.	

Follow these steps to install the adapter under Windows Vista.

Figure 7 - Windows Vista "Found new hardware" prompt

Figure 7 illustrates the Windows Vista Found new hardware prompt. The Found New Hardware Wizard launches automatically when you first plug in the Serial Adapter.

Found New Hardware	×	
Windows needs to install driver software for your PCI Multiport Serial Controller		
Locate and install driver software (recommended) Windows will guide you through the process of installing driver software for your device.	•	
Ask me again later Windows will ask again the next time you plug in your device or log on.		
Don't show this message again for this device Your device will not function until you install driver software.		
Cancel		

Figure 8 - "Windows needs your permission to use this program" prompt



Step	Procedure	Description
□ Step 3	When the "welcome to the found new hardware wizard" appears, select the "Locate and install driver software (recommended)" option	Windows will pop-up the next prompt.
□ Step 4	When the "Windows needs your permission to use this program" prompt appears, select [allow] to continue with the install ation.	Windows will continue to the next step.



		🕞 📱 Found New Hardware - PCI Mu	ltiport Serial Controller
		Insert the disc that came wi	th your PCI Multiport Serial Controller your device, insert it now. Windows will automatically
		➔ I don't have the disc. S	Show me other options.
			Next Cancel
	Procedure		Description
Step 5	Insert the Quate your CD-ROM dr	ch installation CD into rive.	This is the CD that shipped with the product.
Step 6	Click the Next b	utton	Windows searches for drivers for the adapter.

Figure 10 illustrates the "Windows can't verify the publisher of the driver software" prompt. This prompt will only appear in the case of a new unsigned	Windows Security EXAMPLE Windows Can't verify the publisher of this driver software
driver.	Don't install this driver software You should check your manufacturer's website for updated driver software for your device.
	Install this driver software anyway Only install driver software obtained from your manufacturer's website or disc. Unsigned software from other sources may harm your computer or steal information.
	See details

Step		Procedure	Description
	Step 7	In the case of a new unsigned driver, the "Windows can't verify the publisher of the driver software" prompt will appear. Please click on [Install this driver software anyway] to continue with the installation.	Windows displays a warning prompt if the software drivers are not signed with the Windows logo. New drivers have been tested at our lab facilities, but may not yet have received the official logo from Microsoft.
	Step 8	The Wizard locates and starts to install the necessary software.	The "wait while the Wizard installs the software" prompt displays (fig.11), followed by the "Finished installing" prompt (fig.12).

Figure 10 - Windows Vista "Windows can't verify the publisher of the driver software" prompt

G I Found New Hardware - PCI Multiport Serial Controller	
Installing driver software	

Figure 11 - Windows Vista "Installing driver software" message



		Found New Hardware - Quat The software for this dev Windows has finished installing t Quatech SSPXP-100 E	ech SSPXP-100 ExpressCard RS-232 Serial Adapter ice has been successfully installed the driver software for this device: φressCard RS-232 Serial Adapter	
				Close
Step	Procedure		Description	
□ Step 9	Press the Close	button to continue.	The ExpressCard Adapter ins complete.	tallation is

Step

Uninstalling under Windows Vista

Follow these steps in the event that you need to uninstall or reinstall the Serial software.

- 1. From the Control Panel, select System.
- 2. Select "Classic view".
- 3. Click on Device Manager.
- 4. When the security prompt appears, click [allow] to continue.

Figure 13 - Device Manager



- 5. Scroll down to Multi-port serial adapters and expand.
- 6. Highlight your Quatech Serial Adapter; for example, SSPXP-100 ExpressCard RS-232 Serial Adapter.
- 7. Select the Action menu option.
- 8. Select Uninstall from the drop down menu.
- 9. Click OK at the Confirmation screen. Also click the check-box to remove the driver software. Note that this also removes all the serial ports associated with your Serial Adapter.

Making external connections

Quatech Serial Adapters are equipped with male DB-9 connectors for RS-232 and with female DB-9 connectors for RS-422/485. The following figures and tables show the serial port pinouts for RS-232 and RS-422/485 applications.

RS-232 serial connections

RS-232 devices are classified by their function as either Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) or Data Communication Equipment (DCE).

Figure 14 - Use of DTEs and DCEs in a communication link

Note: A DTE device is the communication source. A DCE device provides a communication channel between two DTE-type devices.

Note: In many applications, DCEs are unnecessary. This allows you to use a null modem cable (modem eliminator cable) to directly connect two DTEtype devices.

Figure 15 illustrates the RS-232 pinouts for typical DTEto-DCE and DTE-to-DTE cables with 9-pin connectors.

Termina	I	Modem	
DTE	RS-232C	DCE	7
Termina DTE	I RS-232C	Modem DCE	Telephone line

DTE- and DCE-type devices have complementary pinouts that allow terminals and modems to connect directly using a one-to-one cable as shown in Figure 15. Two DTE-type devices can be connected by a null modem cable. A typical null modem cable is also shown in the figure.

Figure 15 - Cabling requirements for RS-232 devices

TxD	(3)	(3)	RxD
RxD	(2)	(2)	TxD
CTS	(8)	(8)	RTS
RTS	(7)	(7)	CTS
DSR	(6)	(6)	DTR
DTR	(4)	(4)	DSR
DCD	(1)	(1)	DCD
RI	(9) ———	(9)	RI
GND	(5)	(5)	GND
Typical DTE-to-DCE cable "straight-through"			

(2) RxD	— RxD (2)			
(3) TxD	— TxD (3)			
(7) RTS —	— RTS (7)			
(8) CTS —	— CTS (8)			
(4) DTR	— DTR (4)			
(6) DSR	— DSR(6)			
(1) DCD	— DCD (1)			
(9) RI	— RI (9)			
(5) GND	— GND(5)			
Typical DTE-to-DTE cable "null-modem"				

Quatech Serial Adapters are DTE devices that connect to peripheral equipment through a male DB-9 connector. The following table lists the serial port connector definitions.

Figure 16 - RS-232 DB-9 pin designations



Table 2 - RS-232 DB-9 signal definitions

RS-232 signal description	DB-9 pin
Data Carrier Detect (DCD)	1
Receive Data (RxD)	2
Transmit Data (TxD)	3
Data Terminal Ready (DTR)	4
Signal Ground	5
Data Set Ready (DSR)	6
Request To Send (RTS)	7
Clear To Send (CTS)	8
Ring Indicate (RI)	9

RS-422/485 serial connections

Note: Please refer to Setting Advanced Options in the section on Using Device Manager for details on software-selectable advanced options for RS-422/485. Quatech Serial Adapters provide four differential communication signals (either RS-422 or RS-485) per channel. Transmit Data (TxD) and Auxiliary Output (AuxOut) are the two output signals. Receive Data (RxD) and Auxiliary Input (AuxIn) are the two input signals. The adapters also provide a ground signal.

The AuxOut pair can carry the UART's RTS signal. The AuxIn pair can carry the UART's CTS signal. Alternatively, the AuxOut pair can be configured to internally loopback to the AuxIn pair, with the UART's RTS signal also looped back to its CTS signal. The signals are available to connect to peripheral devices through a female DB-9 connector. The following table shows the RS-422/485 connector definitions.

Figure 17 - RS-422/485 DB-9 pin designations



Table 3 - RS-422/485 DB-9 signal definitions

RS-422/485 signal description	DB-9 pin
Auxiliary Output (AuxOut+)	1
Transmit Data (TxD+)	2
Signal Ground	3
Receive Data (RxD+)	4
Auxiliary Input (AuxIn+)	5
Auxiliary Output (AuxOut–)	6
Transmit Data (TxD–)	7
Receive Data (RxD–)	8
Auxiliary Input (AuxIn–)	9

Testing serial ports in HyperTerminal

This section explains how to test the functionality of your Serial Adapter using HyperTerminal.

An RS-232 loopback connector is included with adapters with a model number ending in "100". An RS-422/485 loopback is included with adapters with a model number ending in "200/300".

Running Hyperterminal

Step	Procedure	Description	
□ Step 1	Attach the loopback connector to the DB-9 connector.	<i>Be sure to use the correct loopback connector for RS-232 or RS-422/485.</i>	
□ Step 2	Launch HyperTerminal.	In Windows, select Programs/ Accessories/ Communications/ HyperTerminal.	
□ Step 3	Create a new session.	When prompted, give the session any name you wish.	
□ Step 4	Select the COM # associated with port 1 from the drop down list.	You are now set up to test the first serial port.	
		Note: Leave all settings at default.	
□ Step 5	With the session open, type any text.	If the text you type is echoed on the screen, the port is functioning properly.	
□ Step 6	Close the session.		
□ Step 7	Repeat steps 3 through 6 for each serial port.	If the text you type is echoed on the screen, the port is functioning properly.	

Using Device Manager

This section explains how to use Device Manager to view the properties of the serial ports enumerated by the Serial Adapter.

Accessing Device Manager

Step	Procedure	Description
□ Step 1	Select Start – Control Panel.	
□ Step 2	Double click the System icon.	The System Properties dialog box opens.
□ Step 3	Click the Hardware tab, and then press the Device Manager button.	Device Manager lists all the hardware devices that are registered inside the Windows registry.

Exploring Device Manager screens

Windows XP / Vista

Device Manager provides two property dialogs that apply to the Serial Adapter.

- > Ports (COM & LPT) device group property box
- > Multi-port serial adapters device group property box

Use the Ports (COM & LPT) device group property box to view and set the port settings and to view device usage and driver information for the serial ports. Use the Multi-port serial adapters device group property box to view and set the advanced options and to view device usage and driver information for the Serial Adapter.

Vista Users, please note that aside from some aesthetic changes, the on-screen displays are virtually identical to the ones shown from XP.

Step		Procedure	Description	
	Step 1	With Device Manager open, expand the Multi-port serial adapters device group.	Your Serial Adapter should appear in the list – for example, SSPXP-100 ExpressCard Adapter (see fig.6)	
	Step 2	Double click the Serial Adapter.	The Properties dialog box opens and displays the General tab.	

Figure 18 illustrates the Adapter Properties, General Tab which tells you whether the Adapter is working properly	Quatech SSPXP-100 ExpressCard RS-232 Serial Adapter Proper General Advanced Driver Details Resources Quatech SSPXP-100 ExpressCard RS-232 Serial Adapter
	Device type:Multi-port serial adaptersManufacturer:Quatech, IncorporatedLocation:PCI Slot 16 (PCI bus 5, device 0, function 0)
	Device status This device is working properly. If you are having problems with this device, click Troubleshoot to start the troubleshooter. Troubleshoot Device usage: Use this device (enable)
	OK Cancel

Figure 18 - Windows XP Device Manager - Adapter properties, General tab

Step P	Procedure	Description
□ Step 3 C A s	Click the ExpressCard Serial Ports Advanced Options tab to view the port setting properties.	The Advanced Options dialog box displays.

Figure 19 illustrates the Serial Adapter, Advanced Options Tab for RS-232 devices.	Quatech SSPXP-100 ExpressCard RS-232 Serial Adapter Proper Y General Advanced Driver Details Resources
	Quatech SSPXP-100 ExpressCard RS-232 Serial Adapter Data Rate Multiplier Maximum BAUD Rate (bps) 921600 • Auto (Recommended) • Force X1 Clock Mode • Force X2 Clock Mode • Force X4 Clock Mode • Force X8 Clock Mode • Auto clock mode enables applications to request any baud rate up to 921,600. The hardware drivers will select the correct clock multiplier based on the baud rate requested. The settings on this page apply to all serial ports on this device. New settings will not take effect until reboot or the adapter is disabled and renabled.
	OK Cancel

Figure 19 - Windows XP Device Manager - Adapter properties, Advanced tab

Step	Procedure	Description
□ Step 4	The ExpressCard Serial Port Advanced Options Tab allows you to force a clock multiplier to increase the effective maximum data rate with some legacy applications. The clock rate will be applied to all serial ports on the card Additional RS-422/485 Advanced Option Settings are available for each individual port and will allow you to set the connector signals selection and the duplex mode, and receiver control.	See the Setting advanced options section for details.
□ Step 5	Click Cancel to close the property box.	
□ Step 6	With Device Manager open, expand the Ports (COM & LPT) device group.	The ports associated with the Serial Adapter should appear in the list of ports.
□ Step 7	Double click the desired port.	The ExpressCard Serial Port Properties dialog box opens and displays the General tab.
□ Step 8	Click the Port settings tab.	The Port Settings dialog box displays.

Figure 20 illustrates the Serial Port, General Tab, which tells you whether the selected port is working properly.

General Port Settings Driver Details	
Quatech PCI Serial Port (COM5)	
Device type: Ports (COM & LPT)	
Manufacturer: Quatech, Incorporated	
Location: Location 15 (SSPXP-100 board 1 port 1)	
Device status	
If you are having problems with this device, click Troubleshoot to start the troubleshooter.	
Device usage:	
Use this device (enable)	
OK Can	icel

Figure 20 - Windows XP Device Manager - Serial Port, General Tab

Figure 21 illus	strates the Serial	Quatech PCI Serial Port (COM5) Properti	ies	<u>? ×</u>
Port, Port Sett	ings Tab.	General Port Settings Driver	Details		
					_
		<u>B</u> its pr	er second	9600 💌	
			<u>D</u> ata bits	8	
			Parity	None	
			Stop bits	1	
			י הראיים יי	None	
			w Control j		
				Advanced Bestore Defaults	
			_		
				OK Car	ncel
Step	Procedure		Descript	tion	
□ Step 9	This Port Setting	gs tab allows you to set	Most a	applications do not make use	of
	default values fo	or the following:	these of their o	default settings, but prefer to win settings	таке
	\succ Dits per seco	ona	See the	e Setting advanced options s	ection
	> Parity		for det	tails.	
	Stop bits				
	Flow control				
□ Step 10	Press the Advan	ced button.	The Ac	dvanced Options dialog box a	pens.

Figure 21 - Windows XP Device Manager - Serial Port, Port settings tab

Advanced Settings for Qua Port Configuration COM Port Assignment: COM5	FIFO Compatibility Modes O Do not use FIFO buffers 16550 Compatible UART 16750 Compatible UART	Cancel Defaults
Throughput Configuration Select lower settings to cor Select higher settings for fa	rect connection problems. ster performance.	
Receive Buffer: Low (1)	· · · /	High (56) 56

Figure 22 - Windows XP Device manager - Serial Port, Advanced settings box

Step		Procedure	Description
	Step 11	Use the drop down box to select the port whose settings you wish to change. Click OK or Cancel to return to the Port Settings tab.	
	Step 12	Click the Driver tab to view the driver information and update the driver.	The ExpressCard Serial Driver properties dialog box displays.

Figure 23 illustrates the Serial Port, Driver Tab, which lets you view the driver details and update, roll back, or uninstall the driver.	Quatech PCI Serial Port (COM5) Properties General Port Settings Driver Details Image: Colspan="2">Quatech PCI Serial Port (COM5)	?×
	Driver Provider: Quatech, Incorporated Driver Date: 3/17/2006 Driver Version: 1.90.0.0	
	Digital Signer: Microsoft Windows Hardware Compatibility Publ	
	Update Driver To update the driver for this device.	
	<u>Roll Back Driver</u> <u>If the device fails after updating the driver, roll back to the previously installed driver.</u>	
	Uninstall To uninstall the driver (Advanced).	
	OK Ca	ncel

Figure 23 - Windows XP Device Manager - Serial Port, Driver tab

Step7,I/.	Procedure	Description	
□ Step 13	You have several options:		
	\succ View detailed driver information	See below.	
	\succ Update the device drivers		
	> Uninstall your Serial Adapter.	Don't use this option. Uninstall the entire device instead by using the Driver dialog for the multiport serial adapter.	
	Return to the previously installed driver. (XP only)		
	Save your changes and exit.		
	Abandon your changes and return to the Device Manager.		
□ Step 14	Click the Driver Details button to view detailed driver information.	The Driver File Details dialog box opens. See the following figure.	

Figure 24 illustrates the Driver Details dialog, which tells you the name and location of the driver files, the provider, file version, copyright date, and the digital signature status of the driver.

Priver File Details			
P Quatec	h PCI Serial Port (COM9)		
<u>D</u> river files:			
D:\WINDO\	WS\system32\DRIVERS\qtserial.sys		
D:\WINDO\	WS\System32\DRIVERS\serenum.sys		
Provider:	Quatech, Incorporated		
File version:	1.90.00		
Copyright:	Copyright © 2001-2005 Quatech, Incorpo	orated	
Digital Signer:	Not digitally signed		
	U		

Step		Procedure	Description	
	Step 15	The Driver File Details dialog box displays the following information		
		> Provider	Quatech is the provider of the driver.	
		File version	This is the version number of the installed software.	
		Copyright	Copyright date and holder	
		Digital Signer (Windows XP only)	Indicates whether Microsoft has approved this version.	
		Click OK to return to the Driver tab.		
	Step 16	Click Cancel to close the dialog.		

Figure 24 - Windows XP Device manager - Serial Port, Driver file details box

Setting advanced options

The Serial port advanced properties can be altered from the Device Manager window. Options for each serial port can be individually controlled.

Changes are applied:

• To all serial ports when the Serial Adapter is unplugged from the ExpressCard slot and plugged back in,

OR

- To a single port the next time an application opens the serial port.
- If an application already has a port open, it must be closed and re-opened for the changes to take affect.

Operating Mode (RS-422/485 adapters only)

Quatech PCI Serial Port (COM6) Properties	2 ×
Quatech PCI Serial Port (COM6) Properties ? General RS-422/485 Port Settings Driver Details Quatech PCI Serial Port (COM6) RS-422/485 Connector Setup Restore Defaults • Loopback All • Modem Control • Clocks Restore Defaults • Clocks RS-422/485 Duplex Mode • Receive Control • Full Duplex • Always Receive • Half Duplex using RTS • Always Receive • Half Duplex using DTR • Always enabled. • Auto Toggle Transmitters always enabled. Transmitters always enabled. The settings on this page will not take effect until the given port is closed and reopened.	
OK Cancel	

Figure 25 - Windows XP Device Manager - Serial Port, RS-422/485 tab

RS-422/485 Full Duplex (4-wire)

This mode allows simultaneous transmit and receive operation. Transmit and receive data move over separate dedicated pairs of conductors in the attached cable. Each UART's transmit drivers are always active in this mode. The AuxOut/AuxIn signals are also available in 4-wire mode.

RS-422/485 Half Duplex (2-wire) Auto-Toggle

Note: The Auto-Toggle mode is	This mode only permits data to flow in one direction at a time.
the best choice for most half-	Transmit and receive operations share a single pair of conductors in
duplex scenarios. It offers the	the attached cable. This configuration is often referred to as
best performance and the best	"multidrop."
ease-of-use.	The transmit drivers are automatically enabled before data is transmitted, then disabled immediately after all data has been transmitted. This feature is implemented in hardware for near- instantaneous response.

RS-422/485 Half Duplex (2-wire) RTS control

The half-duplex operation is the same as in the Auto-Toggle mode, except that the RTS signal is used to control the transmit drivers instead of the automatic control.

The software application can disable the port's transmit drivers by deasserting the UART's RTS output. To allow transmission again, the software application must assert the RTS output.

RS-422/485 Half Duplex (2-wire) DTR control

This mode operates the same as Half Duplex using RTS, except that the UART's DTR output is used.

Receiver Control (RS-422/485 adapters only)

	In RS-422/485 half-duplex operating modes, the serial port's receivers can be set to be active all the time or to be active only when the port is not transmitting. The desired choice is selected from the dropdown box.
Always (default)	
	Select this option to force the receivers to be active all the time. This selection will cause the receiver to hear the echo of whatever the serial port transmits.
Only when not transmitting	
	This selection is useful for scenarios where the serial port should not hear the echo of its own transmissions. The receivers will be disabled whenever the serial port transmits data.
Connector Set-up : AuxO	ut/AuxIn (RS-422/485 adapters only)
	This setting determines which signals are routed to the AuxIn and AuxOut pins of the serial port connectors. Regardless of which setting is chosen, each UART's DTR output is internally looped back to its own DSR, DCD, and RI inputs.
Loopback (default)	
	Select this choice when only transmit and receive data signaling is required.
	 Each UART's RTS output is internally looped back to its CTS input. Each port's AuxIn signal pair is looped back to its AuxOut signal pair at the connector.
Modem Control	Select this choice when hardware flow control is required
	 Each UART's RTS output and CTS input are routed to the AuxOut and AuxIn signal pairs, respectively.
Clocks	
	Select this choice when it is necessary to connect together two ports at different baud rates. In order to properly function, both ports must support and have the feature enabled.
	 Each UART's RTS output and CTS input are looped back together. The UART's transmit clock (TClk) is fed out to the AuxOut line. The UART's receive clock (RClk) is fed in from the AuxIn line.

Troubleshooting

Note: Any unauthorized repairs or modifications will void the adapter's warranty. This section lists some common problems and their causes. If the information below does not provide a solution, contact Quatech technical support.

Problem	Cause	Solution
The Serial Adapter cannot communicate with other equipment.	The card is not seated properly.	 Check the card to make sure that it is firmly seated in the card slot.
	The device driver is not installed.	1. Double check the Device Manager per the instructions in Using Device Manager to ensure that drivers are installed correctly and that all devices are working properly.
		2. Try uninstalling the ExpressCard Adapter from the Device Manager window and then repeat the hardware installation instructions.
	 The ExpressCard port is faulty. 	1. If possible, connect a known good ExpressCard device to the PC and see if it operates properly.

Appendix A

Specifications

Bus interface	PCI Express, revision 1.1		
Baud rates	Up to 921,600 bps.		
	Factors impacting performance include:		
	Hardware flow control		
	Horsepower of the host computer		
	Quality of and length of cables		
	Continuous or "bursty" data		
Ports	SSPXP-100: 1		
	DSPXP-100: 2		
	QSPXP-100: 4		
	SSPXP-200/300: 1		
	DSPXP-200/300: 2		
	QSPXP-200/300: 4		
UARTs	Custom high-speed UARTs with 1024-byte FIFOs		
	for both transmit and receive.		
	Automatic hardware and software flow control.		
Transceivers:	RS-232 Output		
SSPXP-100	Voltage Swing: +/-5V min, +/-5.4V typical		
DSPXP-100	<u>RS-232 Input</u>		
QSPXP-100	Voltage Range: –15V min, +15V max		
	Input Threshold Low: 0.6V max, 1.0V typical		
	Input Threshold High: 2.4V min, 1.5V typical		
Transceivers:	RS-422/485:		
SSPXP-200/300	Differential Driver Output (50 Ω Load): +2V min		
DSPXP-200/300	+3.3V max		
QSPXP-200/300	Differential Driver Output (27Ω Load): +1.5V min		
	+3.3V max		
	High Input: +2V min		
	Low Input: +0.8V max		
	Driver Rise or Fall Time: 5 ns typ, 20.5 ns max		
	Driver Input to Output Delay: 20 ns min, 40 ns typ, 60ns max		
	Receiver Input to Output Delay: 40 ns min, 70 ns typ, 100 ns max		

Connectors:	
-100	DB-9 Male
-200/300	DB-9 Female
Dimensions	See drawings
Power Requirements	+3.3v = <1000 mA
	+3.3v aux = 0 mA
	+1.5v = 0 mA
Temperature:	Operating: 0 to 70 C
	Storage: -50 to 80 C
Humidity	10 to 90%
OS Support	Windows XP, Windows Vista



Appendix **B**

Warranty information

Quatech, Inc. warrants the SSPXP/DSPXP/QSPXP/-100/200/300 to be free of defects for five (5) years from the date of purchase. Quatech, Inc. will repair or replace any board that fails to perform under normal operating conditions and in accordance with the procedures outlined in this document during the warranty period. Any damage that results from improper installation, operation, or general misuse voids all warranty rights. No representation is made regarding the suitability of this product for any particular purpose.

Please complete the following information and retain for your records.

DATE OF PURCHASE:

MODEL NUMBER:

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

SSPXP/DSPXP/QSPXP/-100/200/300

SERIAL NUMBER:

All products returned to Quatech for either warranty or non-warranty repair MUST be assigned a Returned Material Authorization (RMA) number prior to shipment. This RMA number must be clearly marked on the exterior of the product's return packaging and in any correspondence to ensure proper routing and prompt attention. To obtain an RMA number, contact Quatech Technical Support Department at 1-800-553-1170 or (330) 655-9000. In order to prevent damage to returned merchandise during shipment, please package electronic components in anti-static/shock proof materials.

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For **warranty** repair/returns, please have the following information available when contacting the Technical Support department:

- 1. Model number and serial number of the product under warranty
- 2. Repair instructions and/or specific description of the problem

For **non-warranty** repairs or upgrades, contact the Technical Support department for current repair charges and please have the following information available:

- 1. Purchase order number to cover the cost of the service
- 2. Model number and serial number of the product
- 3. Repair or upgrade instructions relative to the product