



SSP-100
Single Channel RS-232 PCMCIA
Asynchronous Adapter

for PCMCIA Card Standard compatible machines

User's Manual

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1. Introduction

The SSP-100 is a single channel RS-232 asynchronous serial adapter for systems equipped with PCMCIA Type II and/or Type III expansion sockets. The SSP-100 is a PCMCIA Type II (5 mm) card and is PCMCIA PC Card Standard Specification 2.1 compliant.

The SSP-100's serial port is implemented using a 16C750 Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter (UART), which is the recommended communications interface for multitasking environments and with applications involving high data transfer rates.

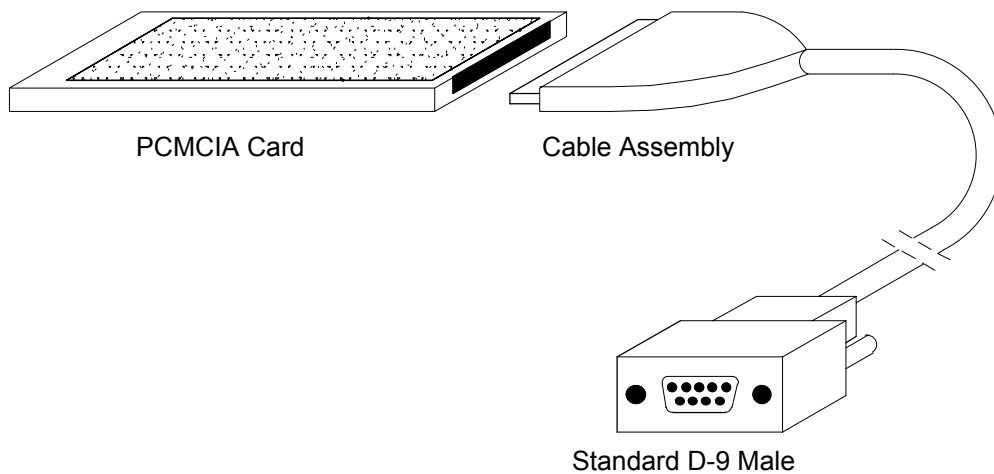


Figure 1. SSP-100 Card and Cable Assembly

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2. DOS/Windows 3.x

Note: Quatech PCMCIA DOS support is dependent upon type of machine and card and socket services software support. DOS support is not guaranteed.

Two configuration software programs are provided with the SSP-100: a Client Driver, and a card Enabler. Both of these programs are executed from DOS (before entering Windows) and allow operation of the SSP-100 in both the DOS and Windows 3.x environments. For optimal operation, however, the Client Driver is the preferred method of installation and configuration. The table below highlights the differences between these programs.

Client Driver (recommended)	Enabler
File type: DOS device driver	File type: DOS executable
Interfaces to PCMCIA Card and Socket Services software (PCMCIA host adapter independent)	Interfaces directly to Intel 82365SL and other PCIC compatible PCMCIA host adapters
Allows automatic configuration of SSP-100 adapters upon insertion (Hot Swapping)	Does not support automatic configuration of adapters upon insertion (Hot Swapping)
Requires PCMCIA Card and Socket Services software	Does not require PCMCIA Card and Socket Services software

Figure 2. Client Driver versus Enabler for DOS/Windows 3.x.

Card and Socket Services software is commercially available from several vendors for most desktop and laptop PCs. If you are unsure whether Card and Socket Services software is currently installed on your system, install the SSP-100 Client Driver as discussed in following section. When loaded, the Client Driver will display an error message if Card and Socket Services software is not detected.

2.1 SSP-100 Client Driver for DOS

In order to use the SSP-100 Client Driver, the system must be configured with Card and Socket Services software. Card and Socket Services software is not provided with the SSP-100 but is available from Quatech.

IMPORTANT:

Some versions of Card and Socket Services dated before 1993 do not support general purpose I/O cards. If after careful installation of the Client Driver the adapter does not configure or operate properly, an updated version of Card and Socket Services may be required.

2.1.1 Client Driver Installation

The following procedure is used to install the SSP-100 Client Driver:

1. Copy the Client Driver from the SSP-100 distribution diskette onto the system's hard drive.
2. Using an ASCII text editor, open the system's CONFIG.SYS file located in the root directory of the boot drive.
3. Locate the line(s) in the CONFIG.SYS file where the Card and Socket Services software is installed.
4. **AFTER** the line(s) installing the Card and Socket Services software, add the following line to the CONFIG.SYS file: `DEVICE = drive:\path\SSP130CL.SYS options` where *options* are the SSP-100 Client Driver command line options discussed on the following pages.
5. Save the CONFIG.SYS file and exit the text editor.
6. Insert the SSP-100 into one of the system's PCMCIA slots.

NOTE: Since the SSP-100 Client Driver supports "Hot Swapping", it is not necessary to have the SSP-100 installed when booting the system. By inserting the card before booting, however, the Client Driver will report the adapter configuration during the boot process thereby verifying the changes made to the CONFIG.SYS.

7. Reboot the system and note the message displayed when the SSP-100 Client Driver is loaded. If the Client Driver reports an "invalid command line option", correct the entry in the CONFIG.SYS file and reboot the system again. If the Client Driver reports "Card and Socket Services not found", a version of Card and Socket Services must be installed on the system or the SSP-100 Enabler program must be used to configure the adapter. If the Client Driver reports the desired adapter configuration, the installation process is complete and the SSP-100 may be removed and/ or inserted from the system as desired. On each insertion into the PCMCIA socket, the SSP-100 will be automatically reconfigured according to the command line options.

2.1.2 Command Line Options

The SSP-100 Client Driver accepts up to eight command line arguments from the user to determine the configuration of the SSP-100. If any arguments are provided, the Client Driver will attempt to configure any SSP-100s with the options specified in the order they are entered on the command line. Each argument must be enclosed in parenthesis and must be separated from other arguments by a **space** on the command line. Within each argument, any or all of the following parameters may be specified using a **comma (no spaces)** to separate each parameter:

- Baddress* specifies the base I/O address of the SSP-100 in hexadecimal. This address must reside on an even 8-byte boundary. If this option is omitted, a base address will be assigned by Card and Socket Services.
- Iirq* specifies the interrupt level (IRQ) of the SSP-100 in decimal. *irq* must be one of the following values: 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, or 0 if no IRQ is desired. If this option is omitted, an interrupt level will be assigned by Card and Socket Services.
- Ssocket* specifies which PCMCIA socket the SSP-100 must be inserted into for this configuration argument to be used. *socket* must be in the range 0 - 15. If this option is omitted, the configuration argument will apply to SSP-100s inserted into any socket.

2.1.2.1 Example 1

DEVICE = C:\SSP-100\SSP130CL.SYS

In example 1, no command line arguments are specified. The Client Driver will configure a SSP-100 inserted into any socket with a base address and IRQ assigned by Card and Socket Services.

2.1.2.2 Example 2

DEVICE = C:\SSP-100\SSP130CL.SYS (b290,i11)

In example 2, a single command line argument is provided. The Client Driver will attempt to configure a SSP-100 inserted into any socket with a base address of 290H and IRQ 11. If address 290H or IRQ 11 is unavailable, the SSP-100 will not be configured.

2.1.2.3 Example 3

DEVICE = C:\SSP-100\SSP130CL.SYS(s0,b300,i5,o2)

In example 3, a single command line argument is provided. The Client Driver will attempt to configure a SSP-100 inserted into socket 0 with a base address of 300H and IRQ 5. If address 300H or IRQ 5 is unavailable, the SSP-100 will not be configured. In addition, if a SSP-100 is inserted into any other socket, it will not be configured.

2.1.2.4 Example 4

DEVICE = C:\SSP-100\SSP130CL.SYS(i5,h,b300)

In example 4, a single command line argument is provided. Because the parameter order is not significant, the Client Driver will attempt to configure a SSP-100 inserted into any socket with a base address of 300H and IRQ 5. If address 300H or IRQ 5 is unavailable, the SSP-100 will not be configured.

2.1.2.5 Example 5

DEVICE = C:\SSP-100\SSP130CL.SYS (b300,i5) (i10) ()

In example 5, three command line arguments are provided. The Client Driver will first attempt to configure a SSP-100 inserted into any socket with a base address of 300H and IRQ 5. If address 300H or IRQ 5 is unavailable, the Client Driver will proceed to the second command line argument and attempt to configure the card with a base address assigned by Card and Socket Services and IRQ 10. If IRQ 10 is also unavailable, the Client Driver will proceed to the third command line argument and attempt to configure the SSP-100 with a base address and an IRQ assigned by Card and Socket Services.

2.1.2.6 Example 6

DEVICE = C:\SSP-100\SSP130CL.SYS (b300,i5) () (i10)

In example 6, the three command line arguments of example 5 have been rearranged. The Client Driver will first attempt to configure a SSP-100 inserted into any socket with a base address of 300H and IRQ 5. If address 300H or IRQ 5 is unavailable, the Client Driver will proceed to the second command line argument and attempt to configure the card with a base address and IRQ assigned by Card and Socket Services. Since the second command line argument includes all available address and IRQ resources, the third command line argument will never be reached by the Client Driver. It is the user's responsibility to place the command line arguments in a logical order.

2.1.2.7 Example 7

DEVICE = C:\SSP-100\SSP130CL.SYS (s0,b300,i5) (s1,b340,i10)

The type of configuration shown in example 7 may be desirable in systems where more than one SSP-100 is to be installed. In this example, the Client Driver will attempt to configure a SSP-100 inserted into socket 0 with a base address of 300H and IRQ 5. If the SSP-100 is inserted into socket 1, the Client Driver will attempt to configure it with base address 340H and IRQ 10. This allows the user to force the SSP-100's address and IRQ settings to be socket specific which may simplify cable connections and software development. As in the previous examples, however, if the requested address or interrupt resources are not available, the SSP-100 will not be configured.

2.1.3 Common Problems

Generic Client Drivers:

Many Card and Socket Services packages include a generic client driver (or SuperClient) which configures standard I/O devices. If one of these generic client drivers is installed, it may configure the SSP-100 causing the SSP-100 client driver to fail installation. In these cases, the user should do one of the following:

1. Modify the operation of the generic client driver to disable the configuration of modem/serial port cards. Consult the Card and Socket Services documentation for availability and details of this feature.
2. Place the SSP-100 client driver before the generic client driver in the CONFIG.SYS.

Available Resources:

One function of the Card and Socket Services software is to track which system resources (memory addresses, I/O addresses, IRQs, etc.) are available for assignment to inserted PCMCIA cards. Sometimes, however, the Card Services software assumes or incorrectly determines that a particular resource is used when it is actually available. Most Card and Socket Services generate a resource table in a file (typically in the form of an .INI file) which the user can modify to adjust the available system resources. Consult the Card and Socket Services documentation for availability and details of this feature.

Multiple Configuration Attempts:

Some Card and Socket Services have a setting which aborts the configuration process after a single configuration failure (such as a request for an unavailable resource). The user should change this setting to allow for multiple configuration attempts. Consult the Card and Socket Services documentation for availability and details of this feature.

Older Versions of Card and Socket Services:

Some versions of Card and Socket Services dated before 1993 do not support general purpose I/O cards. If after careful installation of the Client Driver the SSP-100 does not configure or operate properly, an updated version of Card and Socket Services may be required. Card and Socket Services software is available from Quatech.

2.2 SSP-100 Enabler for DOS

For systems that are not operating PCMCIA Card and Socket Services software, the SSP-100 DOS Enabler may be used to enable and configure the adapter. This Enabler, SSP200EN.EXE, will operate on any DOS system using an Intel 82365SL or PCIC compatible PCMCIA host adapter including the Cirrus Logic CL-PD6710 /6720, the VLSI VL82C146, and the Vadem VG-365 among others.

IMPORTANT:

In order to use the SSP-100 Enabler for DOS, the system **MUST NOT** be configured with Card and Socket Services software. If a Card and Socket Services software is installed, the SSP-100 Enabler may interfere with its operation and with the device(s) it controls.

The SSP-100 Enabler does not support automatic configuration of adapters upon insertion, more commonly referred to as "Hot Swapping". This means the adapter must be installed in one of the system's PCMCIA sockets before executing SSP130EN.EXE. If more than one adapter is installed in a system, the Enabler must be executed separately for each adapter. Furthermore, SSP130EN.EXE should be executed to release the resources used by the adapter before it is removed from the PCMCIA socket. Since PCMCIA adapters do not retain their configuration after removal, any adapter that is removed from the system must be reconfigured with the Enabler after re-inserting it into a PCMCIA socket.

IMPORTANT:

The Enabler requires a region of high DOS memory when configuring a SSP-100. This region is 1000H bytes (4KB) long and by default begins at address D0000H (the default address may be changed using the "W" option). If a memory manager such as EMM386, QEMM, or 386Max is installed on the system, this region of DOS memory must be excluded from the memory manager's control. Consult the documentation provided with the memory manager software for instructions on how to exclude this memory region.

2.2.1 Command Line Options

To configure a SSP-100 in the system, the Enabler requires one command line argument from the user to determine the configuration of the card. This argument must be enclosed in parenthesis and within the argument, any or all of the following parameters may be specified using a **comma** (**no spaces**) to separate each parameter:

- Ssocket* specifies which PCMCIA socket the SSP-100 must be inserted into for this configuration argument to be used. *socket* must be in the range 0 - 15. This option is required if the 'R' option is not used.
- Baddress* specifies the base I/O address of the SSP-100 in hexadecimal. This address must reside on an even 8-byte boundary. This option is required if the 'R' option is not used.
- Iirq* specifies the interrupt level (IRQ) of the SSP-100 in decimal. *irq* must be one of the following values: 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, or 0 if no IRQ is desired. This option is required if the 'R' option is not used.

Waddress specifies the base address of the memory window required to configure the SSP-100. Set *address* = D0 for a memory window at segment D000, *address* = D8 for a memory window at segment D800, etc. Valid settings for *address* are C8, CC, D0, D4, D8, and DC. If this option is omitted, a memory window at segment D000 will be used.

Before removing a SSP-100 from its PCMCIA socket, the Enabler should be executed to free the system resources allocated when the card was installed. For this operation the Enabler provides an additional command line option:

R instructs the enabler to release the resources previously allocated to the SSP-100. When the 'R' option is used, any settings specified by the 'B' and 'T' options are ignored.

2.2.1.1 Example 1 SSP130EN.EXE

In example 1, no command line argument is specified. The Enabler will report an error and display the proper usage of the command.

2.2.1.2 Example 2 SSP130EN.EXE (s0,b300,i5)

In example 2, the Enabler will configure the SSP-100 in socket 0 with a base address of 300H and IRQ 5 using a configuration memory window at segment D000.

2.2.1.3 Example 3 SSP130EN.EXE (i10,h,b340,s1)

In example 3, the Enabler will configure the SSP-100 in socket 1 with a base address of 340H and IRQ 10 using a configuration memory window at segment D000.

2.2.1.4 Example 4 SSP130EN.EXE (s0,b300,i3,wd8)

In example 4, the Enabler will configure the SSP-100 in socket 0 with a base address of 300H and IRQ 3 using a configuration memory window at segment D800.

2.2.1.5 Example 5

SSP130EN.EXE (o1,i5,b340,s1)

In example 2, the Enabler will configure the SSP-100 in socket 1 with a base address of 340H and IRQ 5 using a configuration memory window at segment D000.

2.2.1.6 Example 6

SSP130EN.EXE (s0,b300,i5,r)

In example 6, the Enabler will release the configuration used by the SSP-100 in socket 0 using a configuration memory window at segment D000. The base address and IRQ parameters are ignored and may be omitted.

2.2.1.7 Example 7

SSP130EN.EXE (s1,r,wcc)

In example 7, the Enabler will release the configuration used by the SSP-100 in socket 1 using a configuration memory window at segment CC00.

2.2.2 Common Problems

Memory Range Exclusion:

The Enabler requires a region of high DOS memory when configuring a SSP-100. This region is 1000H bytes (4KB) long and by default begins at address D0000H (the default address may be changed using the "W" option). If a memory manager such as EMM386, QEMM, or 386Max is installed on the system, this region of DOS memory must be excluded from the memory manager's control. Consult the documentation provided with the memory manager software for instructions on how to exclude this memory region.

Furthermore, some systems use the high memory area for BIOS shadowing to improve overall system performance. In order for the Enabler to operate, any BIOS shadowing must be disabled in the address range specified for the configuration window. BIOS shadowing can usually be disabled through the system's CMOS setup utility.

Socket Numbers:

The Enabler requires the SSP-100's socket number to be specified on the command line and the SSP-100 must be inserted into the socket before the Enabler is invoked. Some vendors number their sockets from 1 to N while other vendors number their sockets from 0 to N-1. For the SSP-100 Enabler, the lowest socket number in the system is designated socket 0.

Card and Socket Services Software:

In order to use the SSP-100 Enabler for DOS, the system MUST NOT be configured with Card and Socket Services software. If a Card and Socket Services software is installed, the Enabler may interfere with its operation and with the device(s) it controls. For systems configured with Card and Socket Services, the SSP-100 Client Driver is the recommended method of configuration.

3. Windows 95/98/Millennium (ME)

To allow easy configuration of the SSP-100, an Windows 95/98/ME "INF" configuration file has been written for the hardware.

3.1 Installing a SSP-100 Under Windows 95/98/ME

1. Insert the SSP-100 into any available PC Card socket.
2. The first time a new PC Card type is installed the **New Hardware Found** window opens. After this first installation Windows **95/98/ME** will automatically detect and configure the card. If the **New Hardware Found** window does not open, then skip to the next section, "SSP-100 Resource Settings".
3. The **New Hardware Found** window provides several options to configure the SSP-100 card. Click the **"Search for the best driver for your device"** option button. Click "NEXT" to continue.
4. An **"Install from Disk"** dialog box should appear. Insert the Quatech COM CD file, select the correct drive letter and path, and click "OK". Windows 95/98/ME will browse the path for the aforementioned files.
5. During the installation process, it may be required to supply the computer with the Windows 95/98/ME CD or installation CDs. Insert the CD and click "OK".

The SSP-100 PC Card should now be configured. With the default configuration, the SSP-100's interrupt status register will be enable and the 16C750 UART's scratchpad register will be disabled. In the future, Windows 95/98/ME will automatically recognize and configure the SSP-100 in this default configuration.

3.2 SSP-100 Resource Settings in Windows 95/98/ME

Windows **95/98/ME** maintains a registry of all known hardware installed within the computer. Inside this hardware registry Windows **95/98/ME** keeps track of all the computer's resources, such as base I/O addresses, IRQ levels, and DMA channels. In the case of a **PC Card (PCMCIA)** type board, Windows **95/98/ME** configures the new hardware using free resources it finds within the hardware registry, and updates the registry automatically.

To view and/or edit hardware devices in Windows **95/98/ME** use the system **Device Manager**. To access Device Manager double click the **System** icon in the Windows **95/98/ME** control panel, or click the **My Computer** icon on the Windows **95/98/ME** desktop with the right mouse button and select **Properties** from the pull down menu. Consult Windows **95/98/ME** on-line help for details on the use of the **Device Manager**.

3.2.1 Viewing Resource Settings with Device Manager

1. Start the Windows **95/98/ME Device Manager**.
2. Double click on the hardware class **Quatech Comm Adapters** to list hardware devices in the class.
3. The SSP-100 “parent device” belongs to this hardware class. The device name for the SSP-100 is **Quatech SSP-100: RS-232 Serial Port PC Card**.
4. Open the **Properties** dialog for the SSP-100 device, then click the **Resources** tab to view the Input/Output Range and Interrupt Request resource allocations.
5. Double click the hardware class **Ports (Com and LPT)**. The **Quatech Communications Port** listed in this class is a “child device” of the SSP-100 “parent device.”
6. Open the **Properties** dialog for the COM port, then click the **Resources** tab to view the Input/Output Range and Interrupt Request resource allocations. These will match those of the “parent device.”
7. Record the COM Port device name (COM1, COM2, etc.) for the SSP-100. This name is required by a Windows **95/98/ME** application when accessing a particular port.

3.2.2 Changing Resource Settings with Device Manager

1. Start the Windows **95/98/ME Device Manager**.
2. Double click on the hardware class **Quatech Comm Adapters** to list hardware devices in the class.
3. The SSP-100 “parent device” belongs to this hardware class. The device name for the SSP-100 is **Quatech SSP-100: RS-232 Serial Port PC Card**.
4. Open the **Properties** dialog for the SSP-100 device, then click the **Resources** tab to view the Input/Output Range and Interrupt Request resource allocations.

- Several predefined **Basic Configurations** have been included for the SSP-100 (see Figure 5. SSP-100 Basic Configuration Table). The Basic Configurations provide many combinations of the operating modes and options listed below.

When the **Use Automatic Settings** check box is enabled Windows 95/98/ME will attempt to configure the SSP-100 in the order listed in the Basic Configurations table.

Basic Configuration	I/O Range***	Clock Speed	Scratch Pad/ISR
0000*	3F8-3FF	Normal	ISR
0001*	2F8-2FF	Normal	ISR
0002*	3E8-3EF	Normal	ISR
0003*	2E8-2EF	Normal	ISR
0004	Any	Normal	ISR
0005	Any	8x	ISR
0006	Any	Normal	Scratch Pad
0007	Any	8x	Scratch Pad

* Indicates "COM" mode addressing. Addresses 3F8, 2F8, 3E8, and 2E8 are the standard addresses for COM1, COM2, COM3, and COM4, respectively. Windows 95/98/ME enumerates any COM port at a non-standard address starting with COM5.

*** Any indicates variable value; this value may or may not be user selectable depending on platform.

- Select a **Basic Configurations** that displays "No conflicts" in the bottom display region titled **Conflicting Device List** from the drop down list. Some applications may not be able to access ports higher than COM4. To use the SSP-100 PCMCIA serial ports with these applications you might be forced to remove other serial communications devices from your system
- To modify the **Interrupt Request** setting click the resource name and click the **Change Setting** button. An Edit Resource window will open up. Inside this window click on the up/down arrows to the right of the Interrupt Request value. This scrolls you through all of the allowable resources for your hardware. Pay attention to the conflict information at the bottom of the window. Do not select a value that causes a conflict with any other installed hardware.
- If any changes have been made to the SSP-100's configuration the card will automatically be reconfigured to the new resources specified. Any time a PCMCIA card of this type is inserted Windows 95/98/ME will attempt to configure the card at these resource settings. Click the **Use Automatic Settings** box to reset this card type for automatic configuration.

3.3 Frequently Asked Questions

Basic Configuration List Not Available:

A problem noted on some systems is after a basic configuration has been manually selected the basic configurations list for the SSP-100 is no longer available. The solution to this problem is to check the “Use Automatic Settings” box and allow Windows 95/98/ME to reconfigure the SSP-100 card. The basic configurations list should once again be visible.

Base I/O Address Resource Modification Not Allowed:

The SSP-100 is configured to allow only a fixed number of base I/O addresses. To change the I/O address resources for the SSP-100 select another “Basic Configuration”. Refer to the Basic Configurations table for a list of the available I/O address resources for the SSP-100

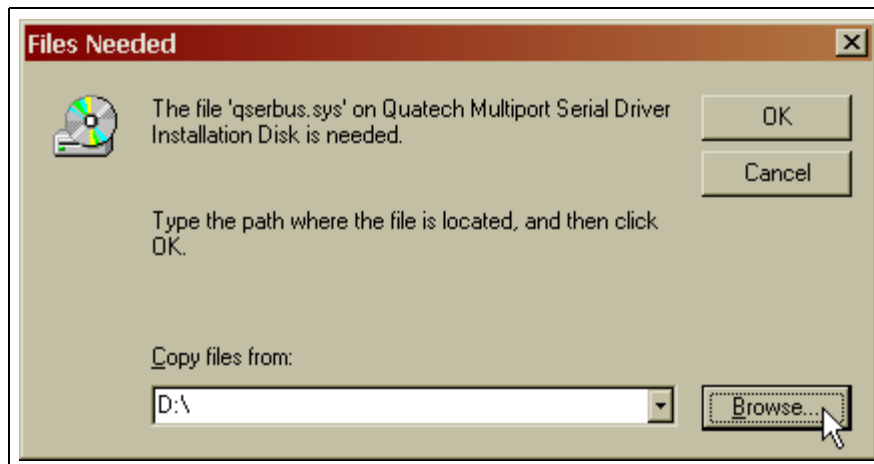
4 Windows 2000

To allow easy configuration of the SSP-100, an Windows 2000 "INF" configuration file has been written for the hardware.

4.1 Installing a SSP-100 Under Windows 2000.

1. Insert the Quatech COM CD into an available CD-ROM.
2. Insert the SSP-100 into any available PC Card socket.
3. You will be prompted to search for the correct driver. Choose the drive where the Quatech COM CD is located and select "Browse" from the *'Files Needed'* window.

Figure 5



4. Double click '*Serial Port Adapters*'

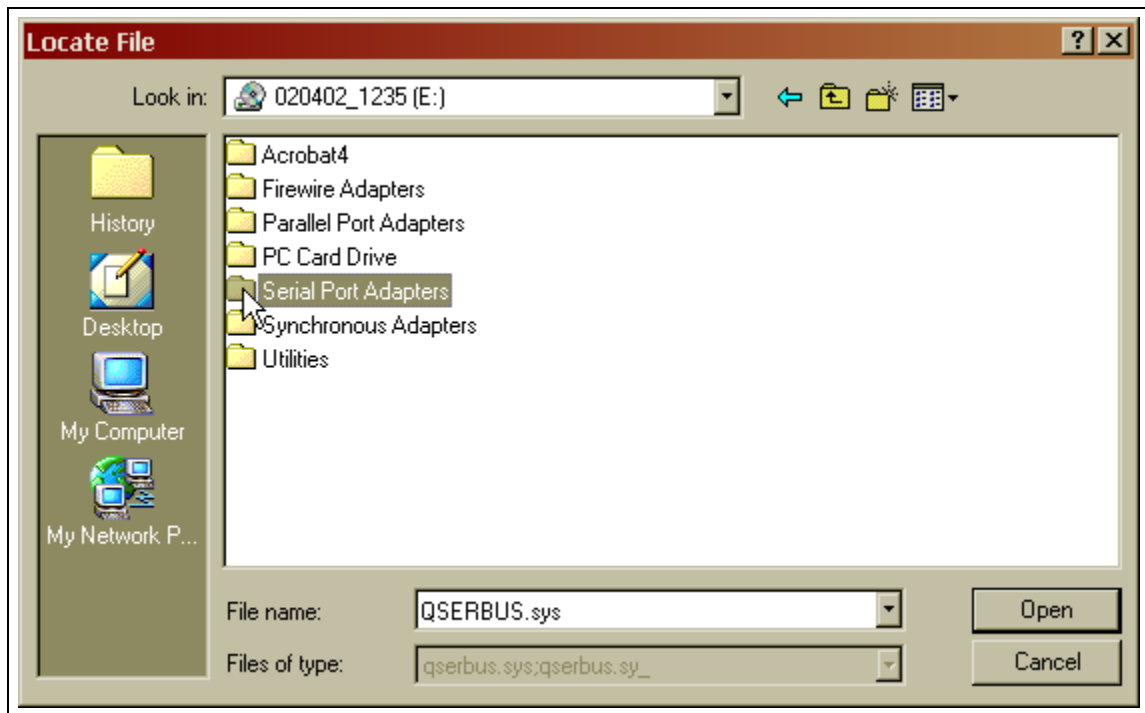


Figure 6

5. Double click '*Drivers*'

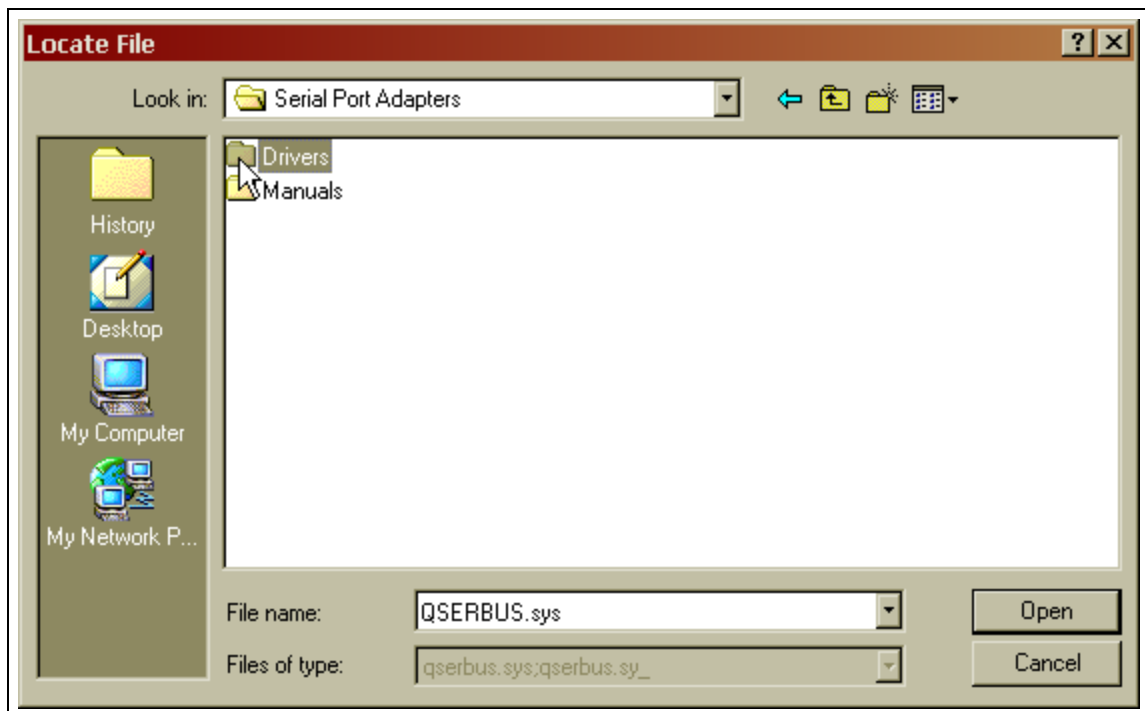


Figure 7

6. Double click on '*Windows 2000, XP for PCI, PCMCIA, ISA*'

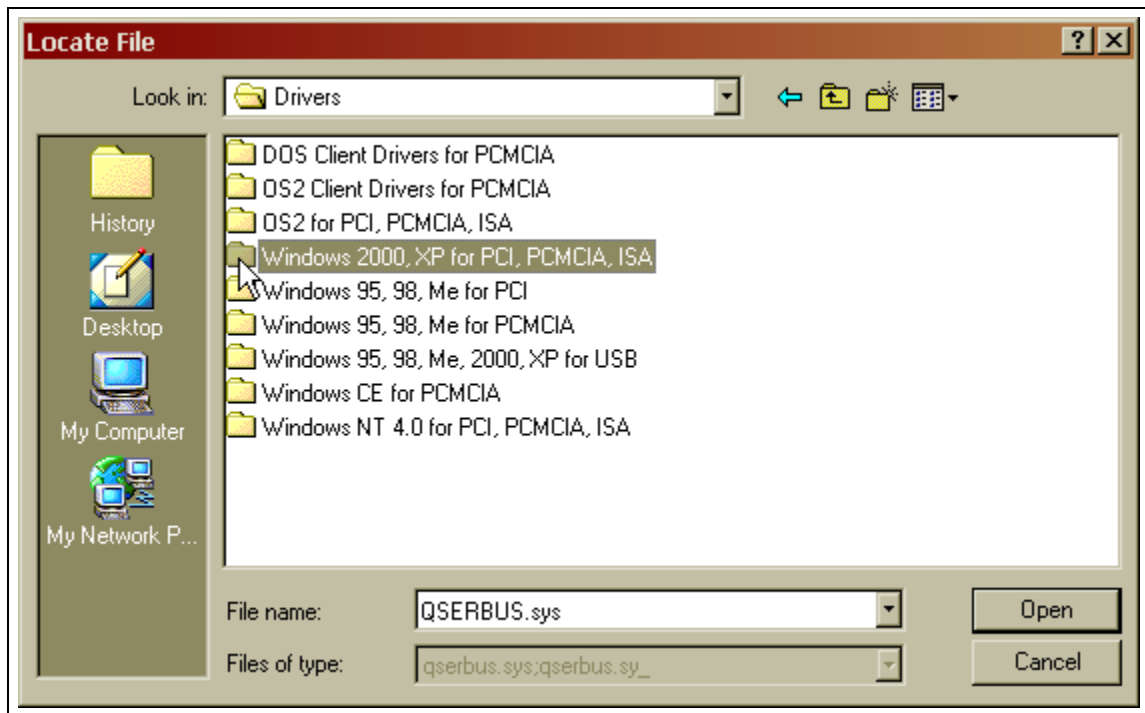


Figure 8

7. Click on '*qserbrd.inf*' and select open.

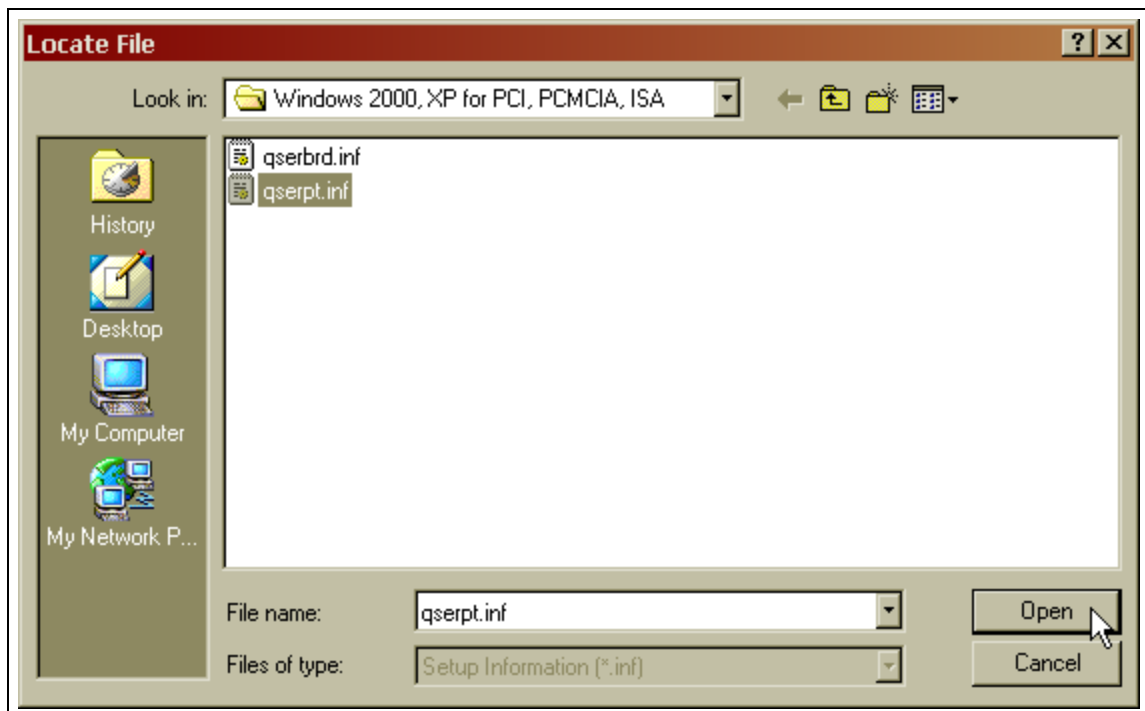


Figure 9

8. Select 'OK' at the files needed window.

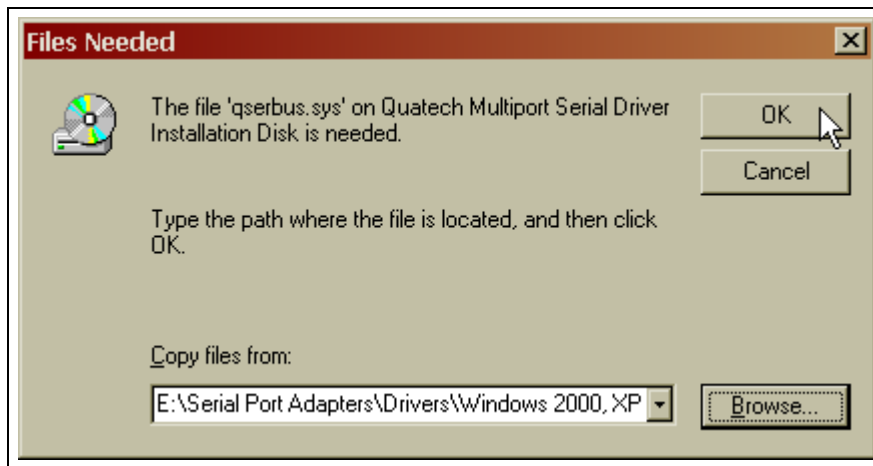


Figure 10

9. The same process as above in steps 1-9 will have to be repeated for the next file 'qserprt.inf'. In step 7 be sure to choose 'qserprt.inf' and select open.

4.2 SSP-100 Resource Settings in Windows 2000

Windows 2000 maintains a registry of all known hardware installed within the computer. Inside this hardware registry Windows 2000 keeps track of all the computer's resources, such as base I/O addresses, IRQ levels, and DMA channels. In the case of a **PC Card (PCMCIA)** type board, Windows 2000 configures the new hardware using free resources it finds within the hardware registry, and updates the registry automatically.

To view and/or edit hardware devices in Windows 2000 use the system **Device Manager**.

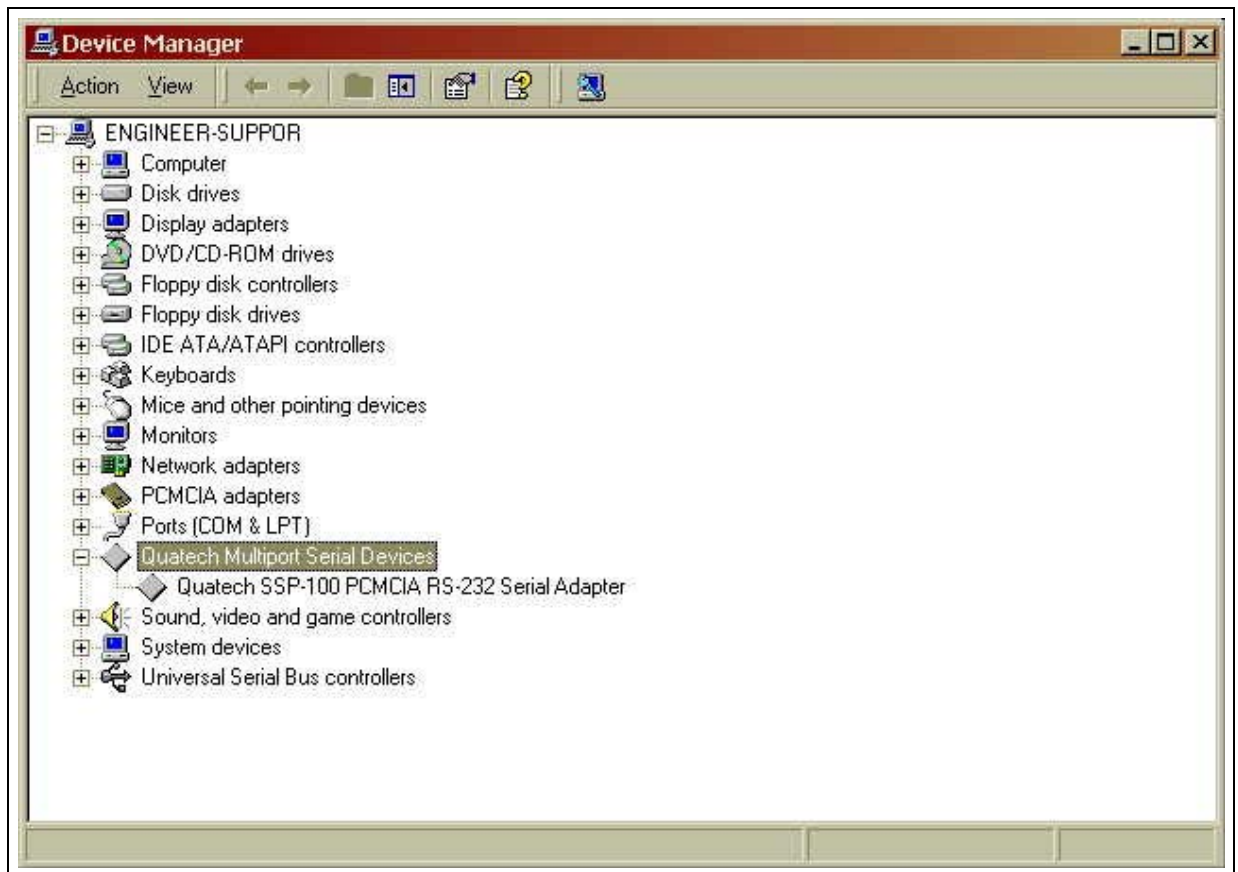
To access Device Manager double click the **System** icon in the Windows 2000 control panel, or click the **My Computer** icon on the Windows 2000 desktop with the right mouse button and select **Properties** from the pull down menu. Click on the **Hardware** tab then click on the **Device Manager**. Consult Windows 2000 on-line help for details on the use of the **Device Manager**

Windows 2000 handles the SSP-100 as a "parent/child device".

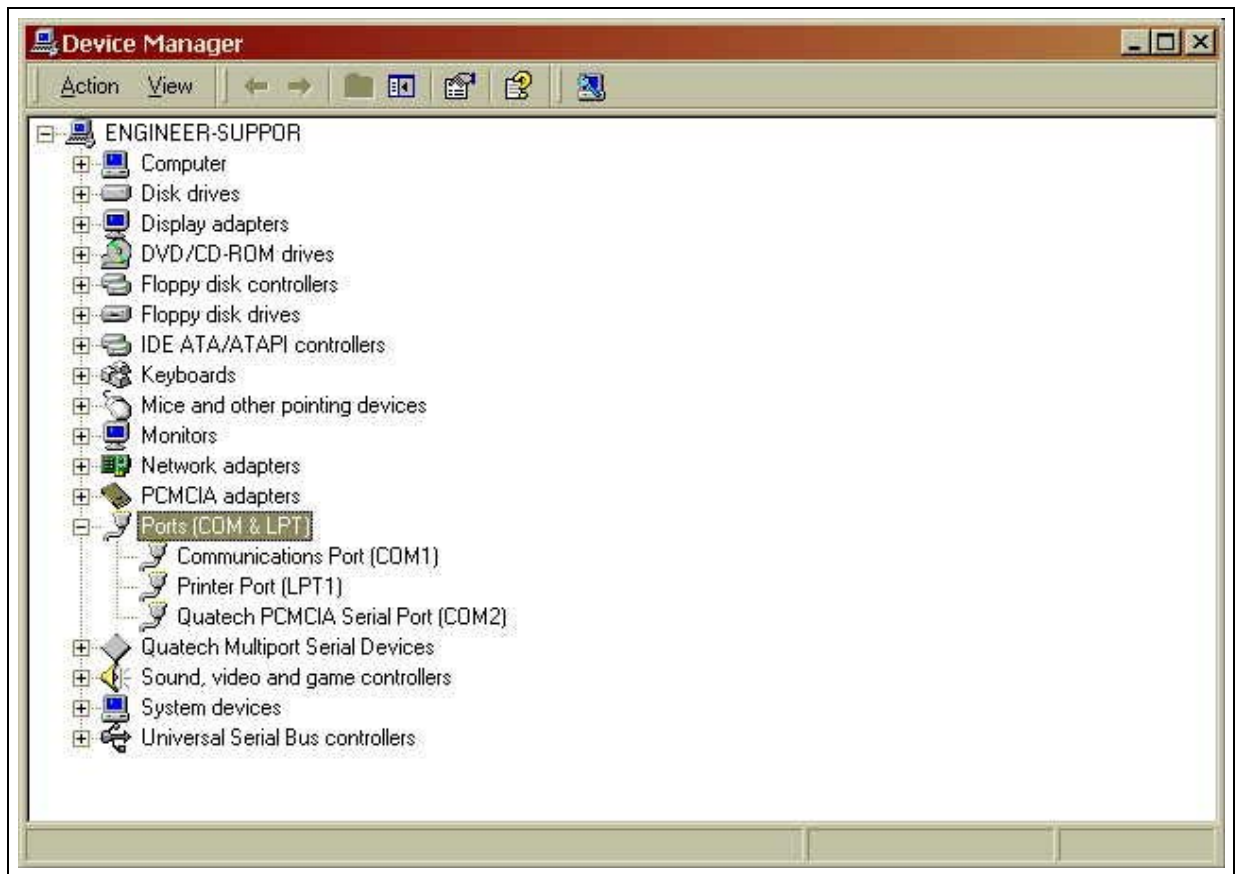
- The SSP-100 is the "parent device" and is listed under the hardware class **Quatech SSP-100 PCMCIA RS-232 Serial Adapter** in the device manager.
- The serial port is a "child device" of the "parent device" SSP-100 (Quatech PCMCIA Serial Port). There is 1 child COM port for the SSP-100 (Quatech PCMCIA Serial Port) which is listed under the hardware class **Ports (Com & LPT)**.

4.2.1 Viewing Resource Settings with Device Manager

1. Start the Windows 2000 **Device Manager**.
2. Double click on the hardware class **Quatech SSP-100 PCMCIA RS-232 Serial Adapter** to list hardware devices in the class.



3. The SSP-100 “parent device” belongs to this hardware class. The device name for the SSP-100 is **Quatech SSP-100 PCMCIA RS-232 Serial Adapter**.
4. Open the **Properties** dialog for the SSP-100 device, select **Resources** tab to view the Input/Output Range and Interrupt Request resource allocations. Examine and remember the Input/Output Range, then close the properties window.
5. Double click the hardware class **Ports (Com and LPT)**. The **Quatech PCMCIA Serial Port** listed in this class is the “child device” of the SSP-100 “parent device.”



6. Use the COM Port device names (COM5, COM6, etc.) to access any of the particular serial ports on the SSP-100. This name is required by a Windows **2000** application when accessing a particular port

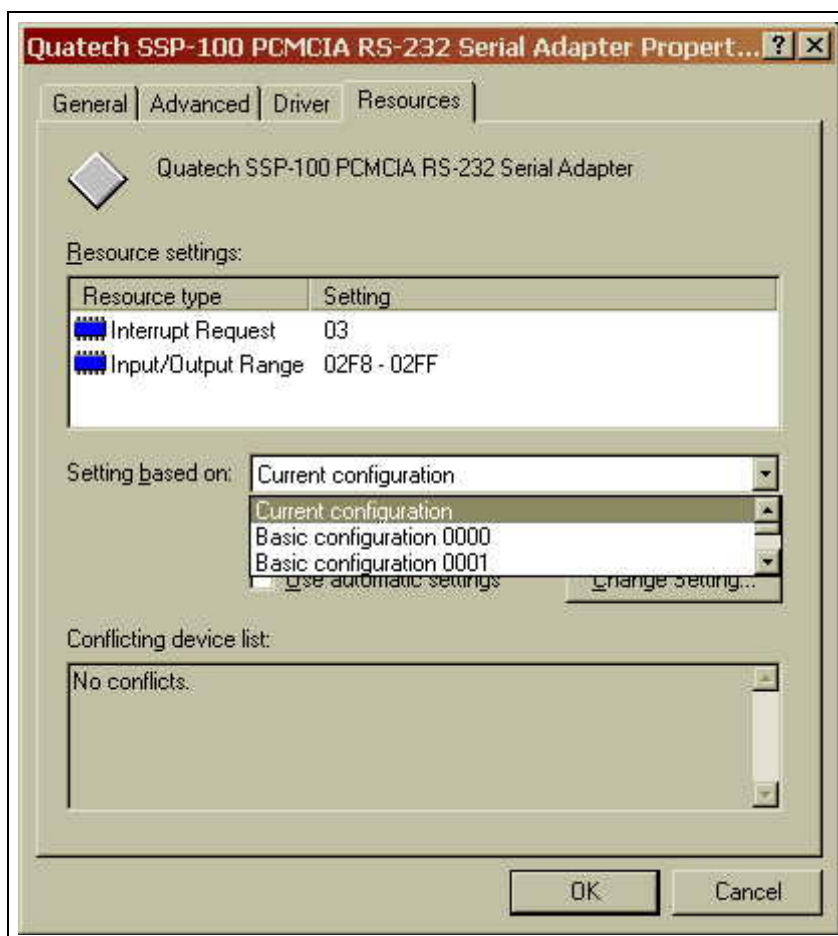
4.2.2 Changing Resource Settings with Device Manager

1. Start the Windows 2000 **Device Manager**.
2. Double click on the hardware class **Quatech Multiport Serial Devices** to list hardware devices in the class.
3. The SSP-100 “parent device” belongs to this hardware class. The device name for the SSP-100 is **Quatech SSP-100 PCMCIA RS-232 Serial Adapter**.
4. Open the **Properties** dialog for the SSP-100 device, then click the **Advanced** tab to view the clock rate settings.



Data Rate Multiplier		
Clock Mode	Max bps	Description
Auto	921,600	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
X1	115,200	The X1 clock mode mimics a standard COM port. The hardware drivers lock the clock to the standard rate. The port will run at the baud rate requested by the application.
X2	230,400	The X2 clock mode locks the ports hardware clock at double the standard rate. The baud rate the port runs at will always be double the rate requested by the applications. This mode is useful for legacy applications which cannot request baud rates over 115,200
X4	460,800	The X4 clock mode locks the ports hardware clock at four times the standard rate. The baud rate the port runs at will always be four times the rate requested by the application. This mode is useful for legacy applications which cannot request baud rates over 115,200.
X8	921,600	The X8 clock mode locks the ports hardware clock at eight times the standard rate. The baud rate the port runs at will always be eight times the rate requested by the application. This mode is useful for legacy applications which cannot request baud rates over 115,200.

5. Open the **Properties** dialog for the SSP-100 device, then click the **Resources** tab to view the Input/Output Range and Interrupt Request resource allocations. If options that are not available on the preceding pages are required, a different basic configuration will have to be selected. To do this, de-select the **Use Automatic Settings** box and choose the basic configuration that corresponds to the set of options required.



Basic Configuration	I/O Range***	Clock Speed	Scratch Pad/ ISR
0000*	3F8-3FF	Normal	ISR
0001*	2F8-2FF	Normal	ISR
0002*	3E8-3EF	Normal	ISR
0003*	2E8-2EF	Normal	ISR
0004	Any	Normal	ISR
0005	Any	8x	ISR
0006	Any	Normal	Scratch Pad
0007	Any	8x	Scratch Pad
0008	Memory Mapped	1x	Scratch Pad

* Indicates “COM” mode addressing. Addresses 3F8, 2F8, 3E8, and 2E8 are the standard addresses for COM1, COM2, COM3, and COM4, respectively. Windows 95/98/ME enumerates any COM port at a non-standard address starting with COM5.

*** Any indicates variable value; this value may or may not be user selectable depending on platform.

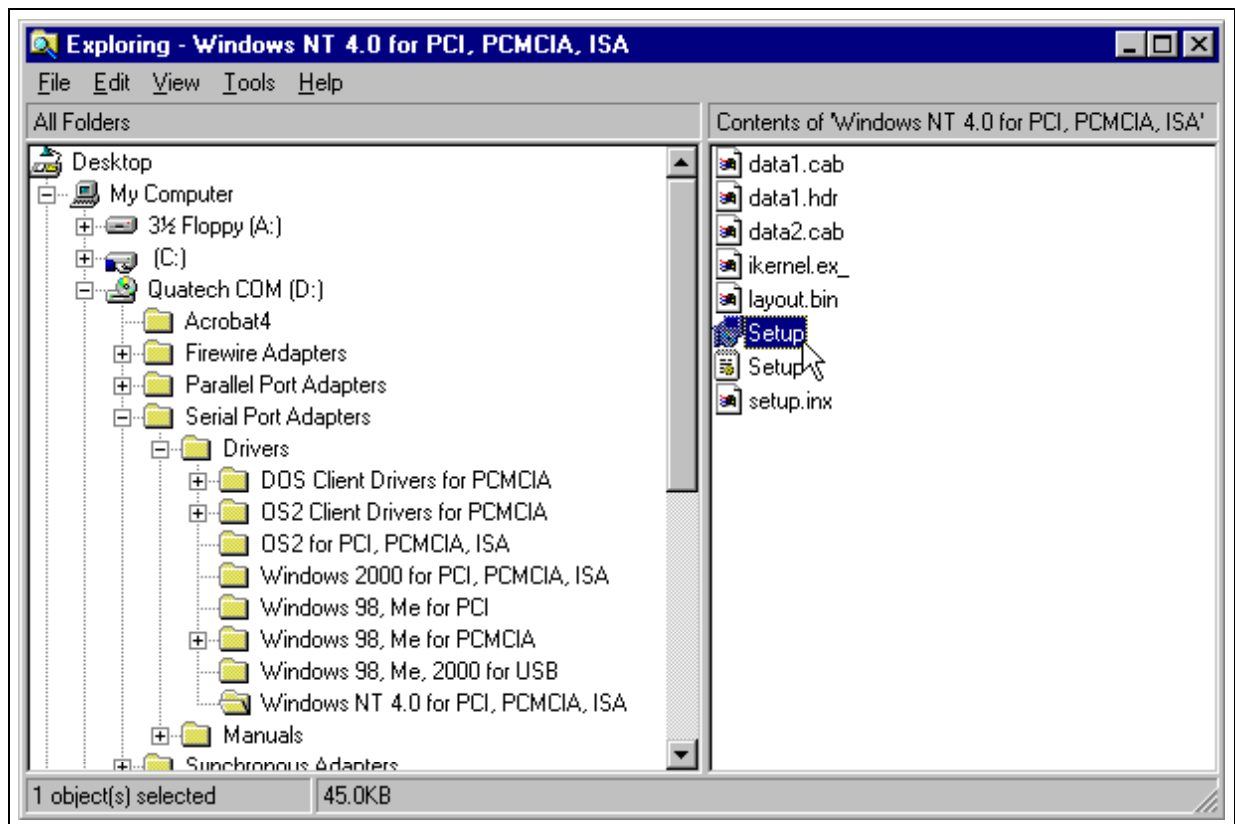
6. Windows 2000 should have chosen an available **Interrupt Request** setting automatically when the I/O address range was configured by a Basic Configuration selection. This default **Interrupt Request** setting should not need changed as long as "No conflicts" is displayed in the bottom display region titled **Conflicting Device List**. If you are satisfied with Windows 2000 selection then skip the next step
7. To modify the **Interrupt Request** setting click the resource name and click the **Change Setting** button. An Edit Resource window will open up. Inside this window click on the up/down arrows to the right of the Interrupt Request value. This scrolls you through all of the allowable resources for your hardware. Pay attention to the conflict information at the bottom of the window. Do not select a value that causes a conflict with any other installed hardware.
8. If any changes have been made to the SSP-100's configuration the card will automatically be reconfigured to the new resources specified. Any time a PCMCIA card of this type is inserted Windows 2000 will attempt to configure the card at these resource settings. Click the **Use Automatic Settings** box to reset this card type for automatic configuration.

5 Windows NT

5.1 Installing SSP-100

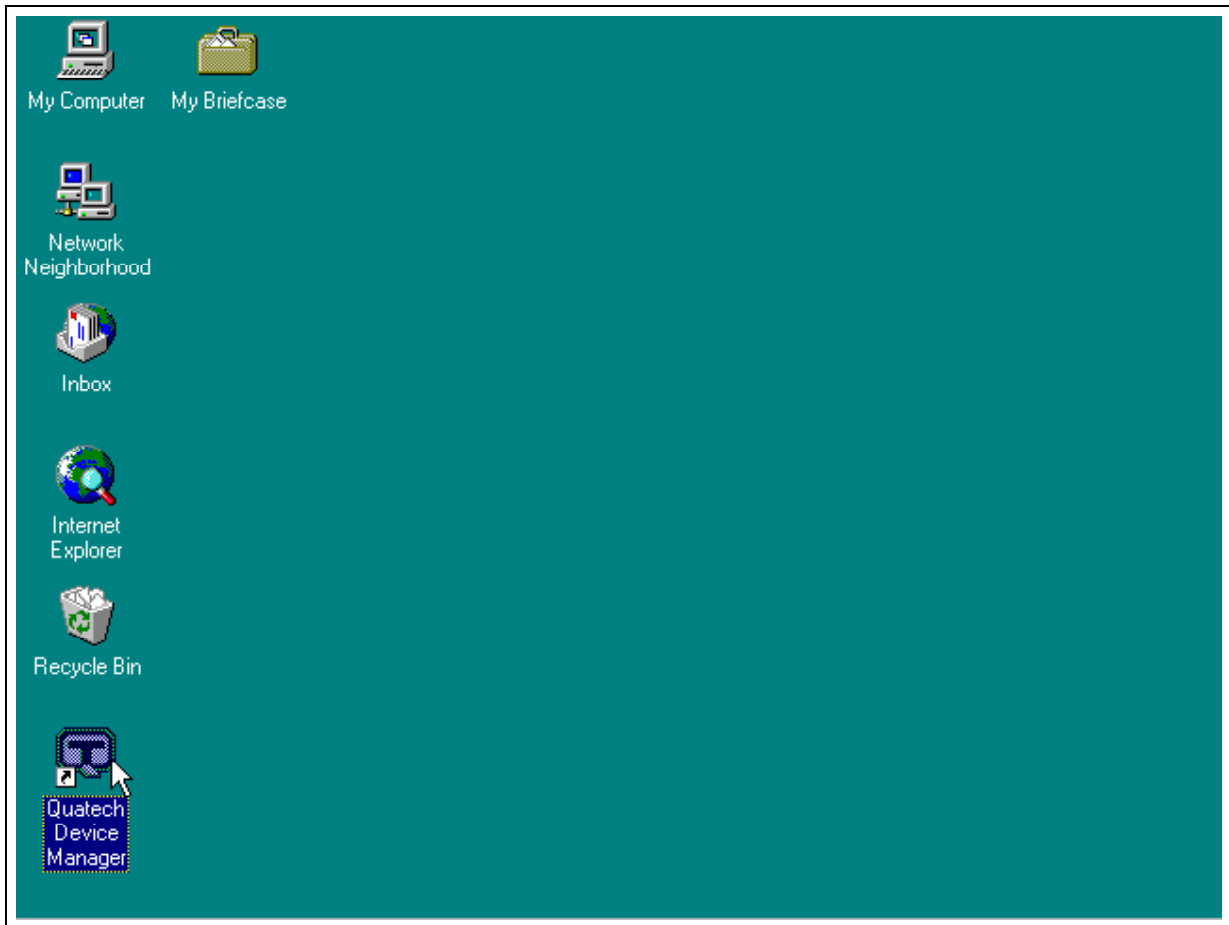
To allow easy configuration of the SSP-100 the Quatech Device Manager for Windows NT has been written for the hardware. This configuration utility supports the SSP-100 only in block addressing mode.

To begin the installation, open Windows Explorer and search for the 'Setup.exe' command to install the Quatech Device Manager. <See following Windows Explorer figure.> (D:\Serial Port Adapters\Drivers\Windows NT 4.0 for PCI, PCMCIA, ISA). Once the installation is complete an icon will be placed on the desktop.



Windows NT Explorer

1. Locate and double click the Quatech Device Manager icon on the desktop

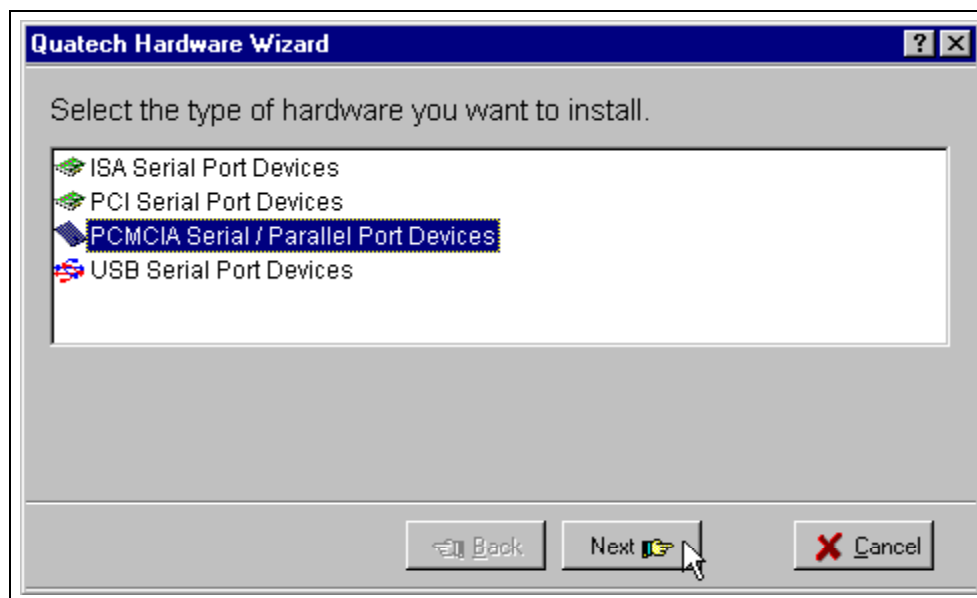


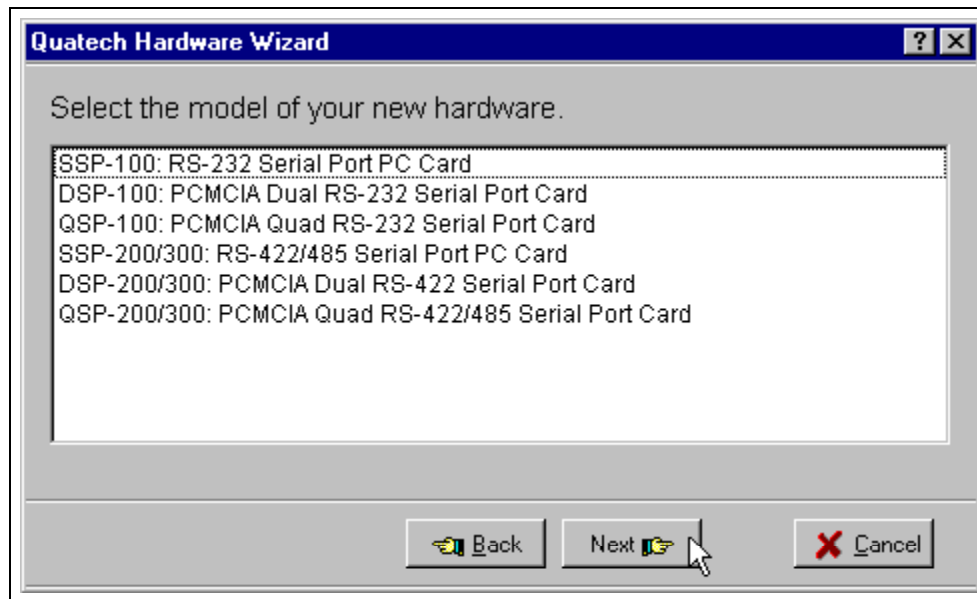
Device Manager Icon on Desktop

2. Click the 'Add' button at the bottom of the Quatech Device Manager Window



3. Follow the steps for the 'Add Quatech Hardware Wizard'.





4. Complete the final steps of the installation, shut down Windows NT insert the PCMCIA Card and re-boot the computer.

Additional help is available online

The SSP-100 PC Card should now be configured. In the future, Windows NT will automatically recognize and configure the SSP-100.

Note: Windows NT does not support 'Plug and Play' for PCMCIA cards. The PCMCIA Card must be inserted prior to starting Windows NT and can not be removed and reinserted while Windows NT is running.

6. External Connections

An adapter cable is included with the SSP-100 to convert the 9-pin PCMCIA output connector into a standard D-9 male connector, data terminal equipment (DTE), as shown in the figures below.

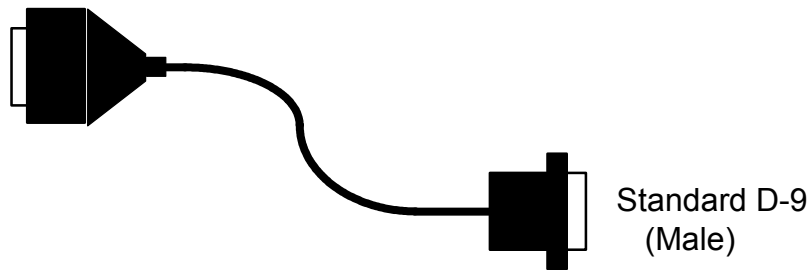


Figure 14. SSP-100 Adapter Cable.

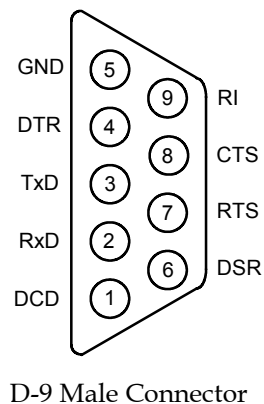


Figure 15. RS-232 Signal Assignment.

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7. Specifications

Bus Interface	PCMCIA PC Card Standard 2.1 compliant
Physical Dimensions	Type II PCMCIA card (5mm)
Maximum Baud Rate	921.6K
Power Requirements	+5 volts 20 mA (typical) 30 mA (maximum)
Connector	Adapter to standard male D-9

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