

## 8 Port PCI Express to RS232 Serial Adapter Card - Single Chip

PEX8S952



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# Introduction

The PEX8S952 8 Port Native PCI Express RS232 Serial Adapter Card with 16950 UART allows you to turn a PCI Express slot into eight RS232 (DB9) serial connections using the included breakout cable.

The serial card is based on a native single chip design, that allows you to harness the full capability of PCI Express (PCIe) - providing optimum reliability and speed, and reducing the load applied to the CPU by as much as 48% over conventional serial cards.

## Packaging Contents

- 1 x PCI Express Serial Card
- 1 x 8 port DB9 break-out cable
- 1 x Driver CD
- 1 x Instruction Manual

## System Requirements

- PCI Express enabled computer with an available PCI Express slot
- Microsoft® Windows® 98SE/ ME/ 2000/ XP/ Server 2003/ Vista/ Server 2008 R2/ 7 (32/64-bit), or Windows XPe, or WinCE 4.2/ 5.0/ 6.0, or Linux®

# Installation



**WARNING!** PCI Express cards, like all computer equipment, can be severely damaged by static electricity. Be sure that you are properly grounded before opening your computer case or touching your PCI Express card. StarTech.com recommends that you wear an anti-static strap when installing any computer component. If an anti-static strap is unavailable, discharge yourself of any static electricity build-up by touching a large grounded metal surface (such as the computer case) for several seconds. Also be careful to handle the PCI Express card by its edges and not the gold connectors.

## Hardware Installation

1. Turn your computer off and any peripherals connected to the computer (i.e. Printers, external hard drives, etc.). Unplug the power cable from the rear of the power supply on the back of the computer and disconnect all peripheral devices.
2. Remove the cover from the computer case. See documentation for your computer system for details.
3. Locate an open PCI Express slot and remove the metal cover plate on the rear of the computer case (Refer to documentation for your computer system for details.). Note that this card will work in PCI Express slots of additional lanes (i.e. x4, x8 or x16 slots).
4. Gently insert the card into the open PCI Express slot and fasten the bracket to the rear of the case.
5. Place the cover back onto the computer case.
6. Insert the power cable into the socket on the power supply and reconnect all other connectors removed in Step 1.

## Driver Installation

### Windows 2000/ XP/ Server 2003

1. When the Found New Hardware wizard appears on the screen, insert the Driver CD into your CD-ROM drive. If you are prompted to connect to Windows Update, please select the "No, not this time" option and click Next.
2. Select the option "Install Drivers Automatically (Recommended)" and then click the Next button.
3. Windows should now start searching for the drivers. Once this has completed, click the Finish button.

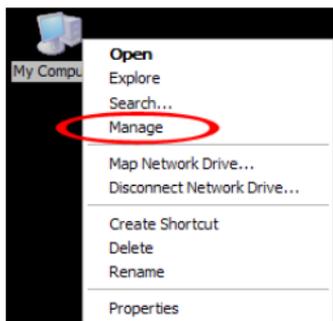
## Windows Vista/ 7

1. When the Found New Hardware window appears on the screen, click on the “Locate and install drivers software (recommended)” option. If prompted to search online, select the “Don’t search online” option.
2. When prompted to insert the disc, insert the Driver CD that came with the PEX8S952, into your CD-ROM drive and Windows will automatically proceed to search the CD.
3. If a Windows Security dialog window appears, click the “Install this driver software anyway” option to proceed.
4. Once the driver is installed, click the Close button.

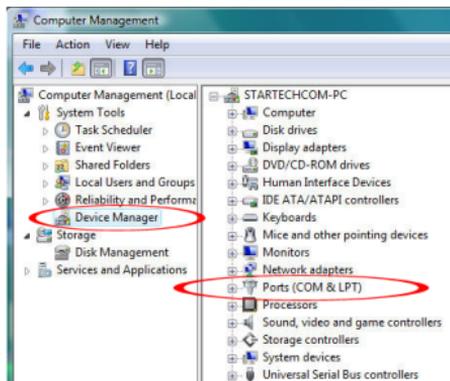
## Verifying Installation

### Windows 2000/XP/Server 2003/Vista/Server 2008 R2/7

From the main desktop, right-click on “My Computer” (“Computer” in Vista/7), then select Manage. In the new Computer Management window, select Device Manager from the left window panel.



\*screenshots for reference only



Double-click on the “Ports (COM & LPT)” option. Additional COM ports should be listed under this category.

# Specifications

<b>Host Interface</b>	PCI Express x1 (base spec 1.1)
<b>Form Factor</b>	Standard (Full) Profile
<b>Chipset ID</b>	Oxford OXPcie958
<b>Connectors</b>	8 x DB9 male (via breakout cable)
<b>Supported Protocols</b>	RS-232
<b>Maximum Data Transfer Rate</b>	460 Kbps
<b>Operating Temperature</b>	-40°C ~ 85°C (-40°F ~ 185°F)
<b>Storage Temperature</b>	-20°C ~ 85°C (-4°F ~ 185°F)
<b>Humidity</b>	5% ~ 85% RH
<b>Compatible Operating Systems</b>	Windows 98SE/ ME/ 2000/ XP/ Server 2003/ Vista/ Server 2008 R2/ 7 (32/64-bit), Windows XPe, WinCE 4.2/ 5.0/ 6.0, Linux

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