

Operating Instructions

Meade® USB to RS232 Adapter

For use with Meade RS232 Devices

Introduction

The Meade **USB to RS232 Adapter Cable** allows you to connect a Meade RS232 device to a PC's USB port. The **USB to RS232 Adapter Software** driver creates a virtual comm port on your PC and treats the virtual port as a normal PC serial port. The software is compatible with Windows 98, ME, 2000, and XP.

For example, the **USB to RS232 Adapter** allows you use the Autostar Download Updater with a USB port. The Autostar Download Updater is available on the Meade website (www.meade.com).

To Install the Software

A software driver is required for your PC to recognize the adapter.

1. Turn on your PC. Allow Windows to load.
2. Place the software disk into your PC's floppy drive. Use Windows Explorer to browse the disk.
3. Run the "PL2303 Driver Setup.exe" file.
4. "USB-to-Serial Setup" window displays. Click "Next >."
5. You are prompted to choose a directory in which to install the drivers. The default directory is "C:\Program Files\Prolific Technology Inc.\USB-to-Serial Bridge Driver." Click "Next >" when done.
6. "Select Program Folder" window displays. Click "Next >" to continue. The program automatically copies to the chosen directory.
7. The "Setup Complete" window displays. Click "Finish."
8. Plug the **RS232 to USB Connector Cable** into your PC's USB port.
9. Connect the **RS232 to USB Connector Cable** with the Meade device's RS232 cable. You may need a (user-supplied) 9-pin to 24-pin RS232 adapter to connect to some devices.

If you have a question concerning use of the Meade **RS232 to USB Adapter**, call the Meade Instruments Customer Service Department at (949) 451-1450, or fax to (949) 451-1460. Customer Service hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Pacific Time, Monday through Friday.

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Fig. 1: The **USB to RS232 Adapter** cable: (A) USB connector (B) 9-pin RS232 connector.



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