

Model SPRT2A/AT Product Manual

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Note: The note is used to present special instruction, or to provide extra information which may help to simplify the use of the product.



CAUTION!



A Caution is used to alert you to a situation which if ignored may cause injury or damage equipment.



WARNING!



A Warning is used to alert you of a situation which if ignored will cause serious injury.

Cautions and Warnings are accented with triangular symbols. The exclamation symbol is used in all cautions and warnings to help alert you to the important instructions. The lightning flash symbol is used on the left hand side of a caution or a warning if the advisory relates to the presence of voltage which may be of sufficient magnitude to cause electrical shock.

Use caution when servicing any electrical component. We have tried to identify the areas which may pose a Caution or Warning condition in this manual; however, Industrial Computer Source does not claim to have covered all situations which might require the use of a Caution or Warning.

You must refer to the documentation for any component you install into a computer system to insure proper precautions and procedures are followed.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

Overview

The **SPRT2A/AT** provides the PC with two async serial ports which can interface to RS-232, RS-422, or RS-485.

What's Included

The **SPRT2A/AT** is shipped with the following items. If any of these items are missing or damaged, contact the supplier.

- SPRT2A/AT Serial I/O Adapter
- 3.5" Serial Utility Diskette
- User Manual

Factory Default Settings

The **SPRT2A/AT** factory default settings are as follows:

Port #	Base Address	IRQ	Electrical Specification
Port 1	3F8	4	RS-422
Port 2	2F8	3	RS-422

To install the **SPRT2A/AT** using factory default settings, refer to Installation on page 1.

For your reference, record installed **SPRT2A/AT** settings below:

Port # Base Address IRQ Electrical Specification

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Chapter 2: Card Setup

The **SPRT2A/AT** contains several jumper straps which must be set for proper operation.

Address Selection

Each port on the **SPRT2A/AT** occupies 8 consecutive I/O locations. A DIP-switch is used to set the base address for these locations. Be careful when selecting the base address as some selections conflict with existing ports. The following table shows several examples that typically do not cause a conflict. SW1 sets the I/O address for port 1 of the **SPRT2A/AT** and SW2 sets the address for port 2.

Address	Bina	ry	Switch Position Setting						
Hex	A9	A0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
280-287	1010000	OXXX	Off	On	Off	On	On	On	On
2A0-2A7	1010100	OXXX	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	On
2E8-2EF	101110	IXXX	Off	On	Off	Off	Off	On	Off
2F8-2FF	1011111	XXX	Off	On	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
3E8-3EF	1111101	XXX	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	On	Off
300-307	1100000	OXXX	Off	Off	On	On	On	On	On
328-32F	110010	IXXX	Off	Off	On	On	Off	On	Off
3F8-3FF	1111111	XXX	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off

Table 1: Address Selection Table

The following illustration shows the correlation between the DIP-switch setting and the address bits used to determine the base address. In the example below, address 300 Hex is selected as a base. Address 300 in binary is XX11 0000 0XXX where X = a non-selectable address bit.

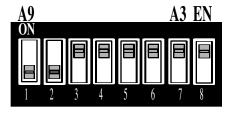


Figure 1: DIP-Switch Illustration

Note: Setting the switch "On" or "Closed" corresponds to a "0" in the address, while leaving it "Off" or "Open" corresponds to a "1".

Refer to Appendix A for common address contentions.

Port Enable / Disable

Each port on the **SPRT2A/AT** can be enabled or disabled with switch position 8 on the DIP-switch. The port is enabled with the switch "On" or "Closed" and disabled when "Off" or "Open". If any port is disabled, be sure to disable the interrupt request for that port by removing the IRQ jumper.

IRQ Selection

Header E6 selects the interrupt request for each serial port. If COM1: is selected, the corresponding jumper must be on the IRQ4 setting. If COM2: is selected, the corresponding jumper must be on IRQ3.

Note: Most communications software applications default COM3: to IRQ4 and COM4: to IRQ3. This requires the sharing of interrupts between COM1: and COM3:, and between COM2: and COM4:. While this is the default, it is not always the preferred setting. Check your software configuration instructions to determine the most appropriate IRQ selection.

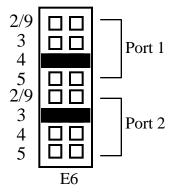


Figure 2: Header E6, IRQ Selection (Factory Default)

Note: The actual Silk-Screen for the **SPRT2A/AT** may have a "2" in place of the IRQ "2/9" selection.

Any two or more ports can share a common IRQ by placing the jumpers on the same IRQ setting at header E6, and setting the appropriate selections at E5. Consult your particular software for IRQ selection. If no interrupt is desired, remove the jumper.

Interrupt Modes

Jumper block E5 allows you to select a single interrupt per port mode or a shared interrupt mode. The single interrupt per port mode is the typical DOS, O/S 2 and Windows 3.X mode of operation.

The shared interrupt mode, which allows more than one port to access a single IRQ, indicates the inclusion of a 1K ohm pull-down resistor required on one port when sharing interrupts. This mode is used by software that requires COM3: and COM4: to share interrupts with COM1: and COM2: (see note on E6) or in an OEM configuration to support a specific software application.

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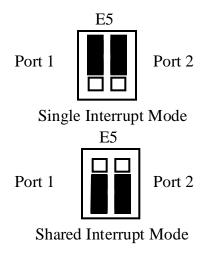


Figure 3: Header E5, IRQ Mode Selection

Headers E2 & E4

These jumper blocks make the connection between the UART pins and the actual driver/receiver pair that are used. If you are using the RS-232 driver/receiver pair, all eight of these jumpers will be in the "A" position. If you are using the RS-422 driver/receiver pair all eight of these jumpers will be in the "B" position.

Headers E1 & E3

These jumper blocks allow you to customize your interface in the following ways:

- Select if Modem control signals are used or tied "True".
- Select the RS-485 enable option.
- Select whether the Ground connection is a Direct Ground or a High Impedance Ground through a 100-ohm resistor.

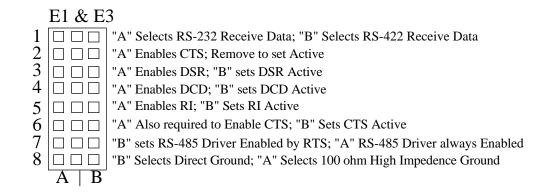


Figure 4: Header E1 and E3, Interface Selection Options

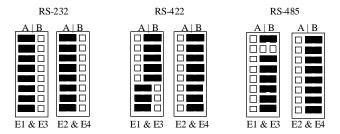


Figure 5: Interface Option Examples

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Chapter 3: Installation

The **SPRT2A/AT** can be installed in any of the PC expansion slots. The **SPRT2A/AT** contains several jumper straps for each port which must be set for proper operation.

- 1. Turn off PC power. Disconnect the power cord.
- 2. Remove the PC case cover.
- 3. Locate an available slot and remove the blank metal slot cover.
- 4. Gently insert the **SPRT2A/AT** into the slot. Make sure that the adapter is seated properly.
- 5. Replace the screw.
- 6. Replace the cover.
- 7. Connect the power cord.

Installation is complete.

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Chapter 4: Technical Description

The **SPRT2A/AT** adapter utilizes the 16550 UART chip. This chip features programmable baud rate, data format, interrupt control and has a 16 byte transmit and receive FIFO.

Features

- Full independent operation of ports allowing two ports RS-232, two ports RS-422/485 or one
 port of each.
- Addressable as COM1: COM4: or any other I/O address up to 3FF Hex.
- "Shareable" IRQs allow more than one port to share a single IRQ.
- IRQs 2/9, 3, 4, 5 supported.
- Support for non-standard baud rates available. These baud rates (such as 31.25K or 76.8K baud) are supported by installing a different oscillator.

Modem Control Signal Considerations

Some software packages require the use of the modem handshake signals such as CTS or DCD. Refer to your application software manual to determine the requirements for modem control signals. If no requirements are mentioned, a safe configuration is to tie DTR to DSR and DCD, and tie RTS to CTS. This configuration will typically satisfy the modem control signal requirements for most communications software.

Line Termination

Typically, each end of the RS-422/485 bus must have line-terminating resistors. A 100 ohm resistor is across each RS-422/485 input and a 1K ohm pull-up/pull-down combination bias the receiver inputs. If more than two RS-485 nodes are configured in a multi-drop network, only the nodes at each end of the bus should have the 100-ohm resistors installed.

Connector Pin Assignments

RS-422

Signal	Name	Pin#	Mode
GND	Ground	5	
TX +	Transmit Data Positive	4	Output
TX-	Transmit Data Negative	3	Output
RTS+	Request To Send Positive	6	Output
RTS-	Request To Send Negative	7	Output
RX+	Receive Data Positive	1	Input
RX-	Receive Data Negative	2	Input
CTS+	Clear To Send Positive	9	Input
CTS-	Clear To Send Negative	8	Input

RS-232

Signal	Name	Pin#	Mode
GND	Ground	5	
TD	Transmit Data	3	Output
RTS	Request To Send	7	Output
DTR	Data Terminal Ready	4	Output
RD	Receive Data	2	Input
CTS	Clear To Send	8	Input
DSR	Data Set Ready	6	Input
CD	Carrier Detect	1	Input
RI	Ring Indicator	9	Input

 $\textbf{Note:} \quad \text{These assignments meet EIA/TIA/ANSI-574 DTE for DB-9 type connectors.}$

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Chapter 5: Specifications

Environmental Specifications

Temperature Range

Operating

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0° to 50° C
(32° to 122° F)
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Storage

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-20° to 70° C
(-4° to 158° F)
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Humidity Range

Operating

10 to 90% R.H. Non-Condensing

Storage

10 to 90% R.H. Non-Condensing

Manufacturing

- IPC 610-A Class-III standards are adhered to with a 0.1 visual A.Q.L. and 100% Functional Testing.
- All printed circuit boards are built to U.L. 94V0 rating and are 100% electrically tested. These printed circuit boards are solder mask over bare copper or solder mask over tin nickel.

Power Consumption

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        Supply line
        +12 VDC
        -12 VDC
        +5 VDC

        Rating
        50 mA
        50 mA
        195 mA
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Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF)

Greater than 150,000 hours. (Calculated)

Physical Dimensions

Board length	4.6 inches	(11.684 cm)
Board Height including Goldfingers	4.2 inches	(10.66 cm)
Board Height excluding Goldfingers	3.9 inches	(9.91 cm)

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Appendix A: Troubleshooting

A Serial Utility Diskette is supplied with the adapter and will be used in the troubleshooting procedures. By using this diskette and following these simple steps, most common problems can be eliminated without the need to call Technical Support.

- 1. Identify all I/O adapters currently installed in your system. This includes your on-board serial ports, controller cards, sound cards etc. The I/O addresses used by these adapters, as well as the IRQ (if any) should be identified.
- 2. Configure your adapter so that there is no conflict with currently installed adapters. No two adapters can occupy the same I/O address.
- 3. Make sure the adapter is using a unique IRQ. While the adapter does allow the sharing of IRQs, many other adapters (i.e. SCSI adapters & on-board serial ports) do not. The IRQ is typically selected via an on-board header block. Refer to the section on Card Setup for help in choosing an I/O address and IRQ.
- 4. Make sure the adapter is securely installed in a motherboard slot.
- 5. Use the supplied diskette and User Manual to verify that the adapter is configured correctly. The supplied diskette contains a diagnostic program "SSD" that will verify if an adapter is configured properly. This diagnostic program is written with the user in mind and is easy to use. Refer to the "README" file on the supplied diskette for detailed instructions on using "SSD".
- 1. The following are known I/O conflicts:
 - The 278 and 378 settings may conflict with your printer I/O adapter.
 - 3B0 cannot be used if a Monochrome adapter is installed.
 - 3F8-3FF is typically reserved for COM1:
 - 2F8-2FF is typically reserved for COM2:
 - 3E8-3EF is typically reserved for COM3:
 - 2E8-2EF is typically reserved for COM4:
- 2. Please refer to your included diskette for any post production manual updates and application specific information.
- 3. Always use the diagnostic software when Troubleshooting a problem. This will eliminate the software issue from the equation.

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Appendix B: Electrical Interface

RS-232

Quite possibly the most widely used communication standard is RS-232. This implementation has been defined and revised several times and is often referred to as RS-232 or EIA/TIA-232. The IBM PC computer defined the RS-232 port on a 9 pin D sub connector and subsequently the EIA/TIA approved this implementation as the EIA/TIA-574 standard. This standard is defined as the 9-Position Non-Synchronous Interface between Data Terminal Equipment and Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment Employing Serial Binary Data Interchange. Both implementations are in wide spread use and will be referred to as RS-232 in this document. RS-232 is capable of operating at data rates up to 20 Kbps at distances less than 50 ft. The absolute maximum data rate may vary due to line conditions and cable lengths. RS-232 often operates at 38.4 Kbps over very short distances. The voltage levels defined by RS-232 range from -12 to +12 volts. RS-232 is a single ended or unbalanced interface, meaning that a single electrical signal is compared to a common signal (ground) to determine binary logic states. A voltage of +12 volts (usually +3 to +10 volts) represents a binary 0 (space) and a -12 volt (-3 to -10 volts) denotes a binary 1 (mark). The RS-232 and the EIA/TIA-574 specification define two type of interface circuits, Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) and Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment (DCE). The SPRT2A/AT adapter is a DTE interface.

RS-422

The RS-422 specification defines the electrical characteristics of balanced voltage digital interface circuits. RS-422 is a differential interface that defines voltage levels and driver/receiver electrical specifications. On a differential interface, logic levels are defined by the difference in voltage between a pair of outputs or inputs. In contrast, a single ended interface, for example RS-232, defines the logic levels as the difference in voltage between a single signal and a common ground connection. Differential interfaces are typically more immune to noise or voltage spikes that may occur on the communication lines. Differential interfaces also have greater drive capabilities that allow for longer cable lengths. RS-422 is rated up to 10 Megabits per second and can have cabling 4000 feet long. RS-422 also defines driver and receiver electrical characteristics that will allow 1 driver and up to 32 receivers on the line at once. RS-422 signal levels range from 0 to +5 volts. RS-422 does not define a physical connector.

RS-485

RS-485 is backwardly compatible with RS-422; however, it is optimized for partyline or multi-drop applications. The output of the RS-422/485 driver is capable of being Active (enabled) or Tri-State (disabled). This capability allows multiple ports to be connected in a multi-drop bus and selectively polled. RS-485 allows cable lengths up to 4000 feet and data rates up to 10 Megabits per second. The signal levels for RS-485 are the same as those defined by RS-422. RS-485 has electrical characteristics that allow for 32 drivers and 32 receivers to be connected to one line. This interface is ideal for multi-drop or network environments. RS-485 tri-state driver (not dual-state) will allow the electrical presence of the driver to be removed from the line. Only one driver may be active at a time and the other driver(s) must be tri-stated. The output modem control signal RTS controls the state of the driver. Some communication software packages refer to RS-485 as RTS enable or RTS block mode transfer. RS-485 can be cabled in two ways, two wire and four wire mode. Two wire mode does not allow for full duplex communication, and requires that data be transferred in only one direction at a time. For half-duplex operation, the two transmit pins should be connected to the two receive pins (Tx+ to Rx+ and Tx- to Rx-). Four wire mode allows full duplex data transfers. RS-485 does not define a connector pin-out or a set of modem control signals. RS-485 does not define a physical connector.

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Appendix C: Asynchronous Communications

Serial data communications implies that individual bits of a character are transmitted consecutively to a receiver that assembles the bits back into a character. Data rate, error checking, handshaking, and character framing (start/stop bits) are pre-defined and must correspond at both the transmitting and receiving ends.

Asynchronous communications is the standard means of serial data communication for PC compatibles and PS/2 computers. The original PC was equipped with a communication or COM: port that was designed around an 8250 Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter (UART). This device allows asynchronous serial data to be transferred through a simple and straightforward programming interface. Character boundaries for asynchronous communications are defined by a starting bit followed by a pre-defined number of data bits (5, 6, 7, or 8). The end of the character is defined by the transmission of a pre-defined number of stop bits (usual 1, 1.5 or 2). An extra bit used for error detection is often appended before the stop bits.

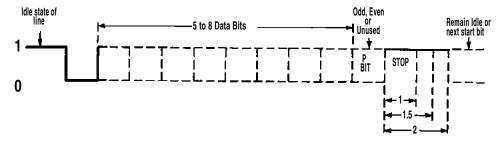
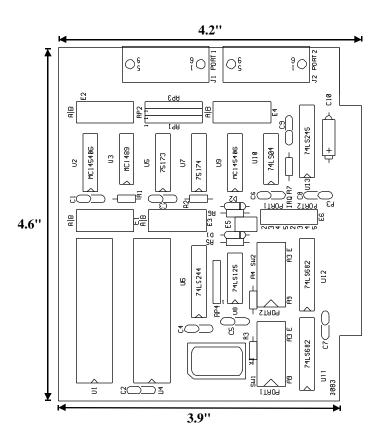


Figure 6: Asynchronous Communications Bit Diagram

This special bit is called the parity bit. Parity is a simple method of determining if a data bit has been lost or corrupted during transmission. There are several methods for implementing a parity check to guard against data corruption. Common methods are called (E)ven Parity or (O)dd Parity. Sometimes parity is not used to detect errors on the data stream. This is refereed to as (N)o parity. Because each bit in asynchronous communications is sent consecutively, it is easy to generalize asynchronous communications by stating that each character is wrapped (framed) by pre-defined bits to mark the beginning and end of the serial transmission of the character. The data rate and communication parameters for asynchronous communications have to be the same at both the transmitting and receiving ends. The communication parameters are baud rate, parity, number of data bits per character, and stop bits (i.e. 9600,N,8,1).

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Appendix D: Silk-Screen



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