# RS-232C Serial I/O Board for PCI 4-ch COM-4(PCI)H

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This product is a PCI bus-supported board designed for extending RS-232C compatible serial communication functionality on your PC.

COM-4(PCI)H has four RS-232C communication ports.

With a 128byte built-in FIFO buffer for transmission and reception of each channel, the product supports a baud rate of up to 921,600bps.

Windows/Linux device driver is supported with this product.

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- \* Visit the CONTEC website to check the latest details in the document.
- \* The information in the data sheets is as of April, 2024.

# Features

# Max. 921,600bps RS-232C Serial Communication

The COM ports of this product support up to 921,600 bps. COM-4(PCI)H has four RS-232C-standard serial ports.

#### Possibly used as Windows, Linux-standard COM ports

Combining the product with our device driver COM-DRV makes it possible to use the product in the same manner as the COM ports of a PC.

This product supports communication using DCB structures in the Win32 API and Linux-standard system calls.

In addition, supplies a diagnostic program to confirm hardware operation and to perform a communication test with equipment.

# Up to 16 boards can be installed

Up to 16 boards of the same model can be mounted on a single PC.

# Each channel is equipped with separate 128-byte FIFO buffers for transmit and receive

Equipped with a buffer memory for transmitting 128 bytes and receiving 128 bytes for each channel. These are FIFO format, useful for high speed communications and to reduce the load to the CPU when transmitting/receiving.

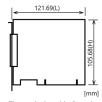
# The control line for RS-232C can be controlled and monitored by software

The control lines for RTS, CTS, DTR and DSR can be controlled and monitored using software.

# **Included Items**

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# **Physical Dimensions**



The standard outside dimension (L) is the distance from the end of the board to the outer surface of the slot cover.

# **Specifications**

#### **Function specification**

Item	Specifications				
Number of channels	4ch				
Interface type	RS-232C				
Transfer method	Asynchronous serial transfer				
Baud rate	2 - 921,600bps *1 *2 *4				
Data length	5, 6, 7, 8 bits 1, 1.5, 2 stop bits *1				
Parity check	Even, Odd, Non-parity *1				
Controller chip	162850 or equivalent (Each channel has 128-byte receive and 128-byte transmit FIFO buffers.)				
Connecting distance	15m(Typ.)				
Interrupt requests	1 level use *3				
I/O address	Any 32-byte boundary				
Power consumption	3.3VDC 210mA (Max.) (JP1 pins 1 and 2 connected) *4 5VDC 210mA (Max.) (JP1 pins 2 and 3 connected) *4				
PCI Bus specification	32-bit, 33MHz, Universal key shapes supported *4				
Dimension (mm)	121.69(L) x 105.68(H) *4				
Weight	130g				

- \*1 These items can be set by software.
  - In our device driver COM-DRV(WDM) the range is 15 921,600 bps.
- \*2 Data transmission at high speed may not be performed normally depending on the environment including the type of status of connected material of cable and environment.
- \*3 The interrupt signals from individual channels are arranged into a single interrupt signal and connected to the PCI bus.
- 44 Product with different board numbers are different in these specifications. See "Differences by Board Number" at the end of this document.

## **Installation Environment Requirements**

Item	Specifications	
Operating ambient temperature	0 - 50°C	
Operating ambient humidity	10 - 90%RH (No condensation)	
Floating dust particles	les Not to be excessive	
Corrosive gases	None	
Standard	VCCI Class A, CE Marking (EMC Directive Class A, RoHS Directive), UKCA	

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# **Support Software**

Name	Contents	How to get	
Windows Version Serial communication driver COM-DRV(WDM)	Software that makes it possible to use the product in the same manner as the COM ports of a PC running Windows. This software supports communication using DCB structures in the standard OS Win32 API, and the SerialPort class in the .NET Framework and the pySerial module in Python. Various sample programs such as C# and Visual Basic.NET, Visual C++, Python etc. and diagnostic program useful for checking operation is provided.	Download from the CONTEC website *1	
Linux Version Serial communication driver COM-DRV(LNX)	Software that makes it possible to use the product in the same manner as the COM ports of a PC running Linux.  This software conforms to Linux-standard tty drivers, and the pySerial module in Python. The software includes various sample programs such as gcc (C, C++) and Python programs.	Download from the CONTEC website *1	

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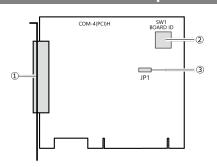
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# **Optional Products**

Product Name	Model type	Description
Connection Conversion Cable for Serial I/O (37P→9P×4)	PCE37/9PS	
Connection Conversion Cable for RS-232C (37P→25P×4)	PCE37/25PS	
COM-4ch Board Optional Cable for CCU-78F/25M	RSS-78M/37M	2m
Connection Conversion Unit for RS-232C (78p→25p×8)	CCU-78F/25M	*1

<sup>\*1</sup> RSS-78M or RSS-78M/37M optional cable is required separately.

# **Nomenclature of Product Components**



No.	Name	No.	Name
1	Interface Connector (CN1)	3	PCI bus slot power voltage setting jumper (JP1)
2	Board ID Setting Switch (SW1)		

# **Connecting to an External Device**

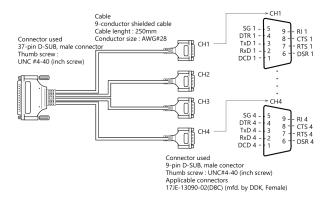
When using a COM-4(PCI)H, an alternative to connecting an external device directly to the connector

on the board is to use a connection conversion cable or connection conversion unit.

#### Using the 9-pin D-SUB Connector Conversion Cables

Use a PCE37/9PS connection conversion cable (purchased separately) to connect to external devices after dividing into four 9-pin D-SUB male connector channels.

Use separately purchased 9-pin D-SUB or equivalent cables to connect from the four individual connectors.



# Connection conversion cable (Option)

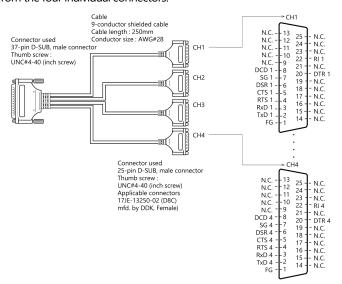
Connection Conversion Cable for Serial I/O (37P->9P x 4, 250mm)

PCE37/9PS

## Using the 25-pin D-SUB Connector Conversion Cables

Use a PCE37/25PS connection conversion cable (purchased separately) to connect to external devices after dividing into four 25-pin D-SUB male connector channels.

Use separately purchased 25-pin D-SUB or equivalent cables to connect from the four individual connectors.



## Connection conversion cable (Option)

Connection Conversion Cable for RS-232C (37P $\rightarrow$ 25P x 4, 250mm)

PCE37/25PS

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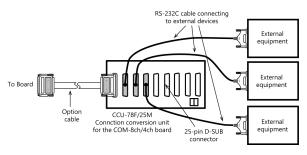
#### Using the 25-pin D-SUB Connector Conversion Units

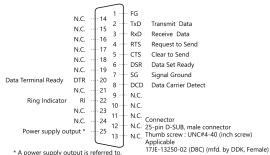
Use a CCU-78F/25M connection conversion unit (purchased separately) to connect to external devices after dividing into four 25-pin D-SUB male connector channels.

This method has the following features.

- The unit can be fitted to a DIN rail using a separately purchased ADP-1 DIN rail adapter.
- The unit can be fitted to a wall or similar using screws.
- By connecting an external power supply, the unit can output a power supply from the 25-pin D-SUB connector.

Use a separately purchased 25-pin D-SUB connector cable to connect from the four individual connectors.





#### Connection conversion cable & connection conversion unit (Option)

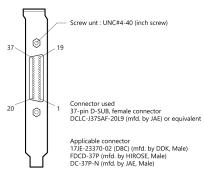
Connection Conversion Unit for RS-232C (78p→25p x 8) COM-4ch Board Optional Cable for CCU-78F/25M (2m)

CCU-78F/25M RSS-78M/37M

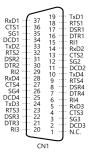
# Connecting it directly from the on-board connector

If connecting an external device directly from the connector on the board, make your own cable and connect it.

## Pin Assignment







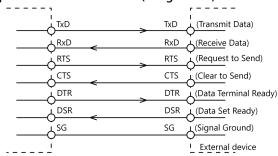
CH1 Transmir Data 1
CH1 Request to Send 1
CH1 Data Set Ready 1
CH1 Data Set Ready 1
CH1 Data Terminal Ready 1
CH1 Reten Data 2
CH2 Clear to Send 2
CH2 Clear to Send 2
CH2 Clear to Send 2
CH2 Data Carrier Detect 2
CH3 Transmir Data 4
CH4 Request to Send 4
CH4 Data Set Ready 4
CH4 Data Set Ready 4
CH4 Data Set Data Carrier Detect 3
CH3 Clear to Send 3
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# **Types of Cable and Example Connections**

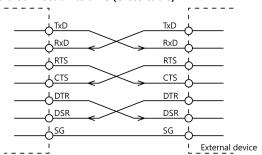
When using an RS-232C interface, different cables are required depending on the type of device to which you are connecting (computer or modem, etc.). Check the requirements of the external device and select either a straight-through or crossed (null modem) cable as appropriate. If special treatment

of the signal lines in the connector is required, ensure that this is done in accordance with the specifications.

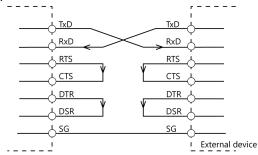
### Example Connection to a Modem (Straight cable)



# Example Connection to a PC (Cross cable)



#### **Example Connection to a Device**



# **Differences by Board Number**

The COM-4(PCI)H is different in specifications, depending on the board number as listed below.

Board No.	No.7190	No.7190A	No.7190B	No.7190C	No.7190D or later
Baud rate	2 - 921,600bps	2 - 921,600bps	2 - 921,600bps	2 - 921,600bps	30 - 921,600bps
PCI bus specification	32bit, 33MHz, 5V	32bit, 33MHz	32bit, 33MHz	32bit, 33MHz	32bit, 33MHz
Universal key shapes supported	Absent	Present *1	Present *2	Present *2	Present *2
Clock mode setting	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent
Power voltage setting jumper (JP1)	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	Present
Power consumption	5VDC 500mA (Max.)	5VDC 500mA (Max.)	5VDC 150mA (Max.) 3.3VDC 150mA (Max.)	5VDC 210mA (Max.) 3.3VDC 210mA (Max.)	5VDC 210mA (Max.) 3.3VDC 210mA (Max.)
External dimension	121.69(L) x 106.68(H)	121.69(L) x 105.68(H)	121.69(L) x 105.68(H)	121.69(L) x 105.68(H)	121.69(L) x 105.68(H)

<sup>5</sup>V is supplied to the 5V pin.

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<sup>\*2</sup> Power voltage is set by jumper.