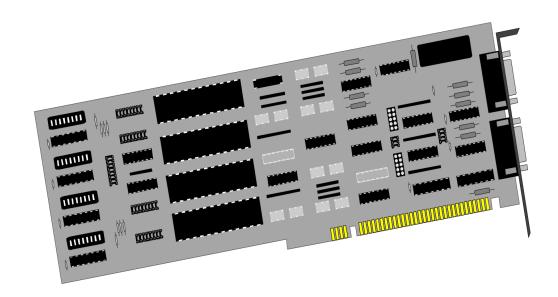
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Introduction

Overview

The Sealevel Systems **ISO-COMM** provides the PC with additional ground isolated serial ports for terminals, modems, printers, etc. Isolation is important in installations where the equipment being connected to the PC is either far from the PC, or on a different power transformer circuit. Ground loop current is a commonly neglected and misunderstood phenomena that leads to the failure (and destruction) of communication interfaces. The **ISO-COMM** isolated boards provide up to 500 volts DC of isolation.

The **ISO-COMM** provides two or four DOS and Windows compatible serial ports, and also offers extended 'AT' interrupts. Each port is independently addressable as COM1: through COM4:, or any other I/O address up to 3FF Hex.

Before You Get Started

What's Included

The **ISO-COMM** is shipped with the following items. If any of these items are missing or damaged, contact the supplier.

- ISO-COMM Serial I/O Adapter
- · Cable providing 2 DB-9 connectors.

Advisory Conventions



Warning

The highest level of importance used to stress a condition where damage could result to the product, or the user could suffer serious injury.



Important

The middle level of importance used to highlight information that might not seem obvious or a situation that could cause the product to fail.



Note

The lowest level of importance used to provide background information, additional tips, or other non-critical facts that will not affect the use of the product.

Before We Get Started, Continued

Factory Default Settings

The **ISO-COMM** factory default settings are as follows:

| Port # | Base Address | IRQ |
|--------|--------------|-----|
| Port 1 | 3F8 | 4 |
| Port 2 | 2F8 | 3 |
| Port 3 | 3E8 | 4 |
| Port 4 | 2E8 | 3 |

For your reference, record installed **ISO-COMM** settings below:

| Port # | Base Address | IRQ |
|--------|--------------|-----|
| Port 1 | | |
| Port 2 | | |
| Port 3 | | |
| Port 4 | | |

Card Setup

The **ISO-COMM** contains several jumper straps which must be set for proper operation.

Address Selection

Each port on the ISO-COMM 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. SW4 sets the I/O address for port 1, SW3 sets the address for port 2, SW2 sets the address for port 3 and SW1 sets the address for port 4.

| Address | Binary | Switch Position Setting | | | | | | |
|---------|-------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Hex | A9 A0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 280-287 | 1010000XXX | Off | On | Off | On | On | On | On |
| 2A0-2A7 | 1010100XXX | Off | On | Off | On | Off | On | On |
| 2E8-2EF | 1011101XXX | Off | On | Off | Off | Off | On | Off |
| 2F8-2FF | 10111111XXX | Off | On | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off |
| 3E8-3EF | 1111101XXX | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | On | Off |
| 300-307 | 1100000XXX | Off | Off | On | On | On | On | On |
| 328-32F | 1100101XXX | Off | Off | On | On | Off | On | Off |
| 3F8-3FF | 11111111XXX | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off | Off |

Figure 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 is selected as a base. Address 300 in binary is XX11 0000 0XXX where X = a non-selectable address bit.



Figure 2 - DIP Switch Illustration



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 **ISO-COMM** 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

Headers E1, E2, E3 and E4 select the IRQ for each serial port. If COM1: is selected, this jumper must be on the IRQ4 setting. If COM2: is selected, this jumper must be on IRQ3.

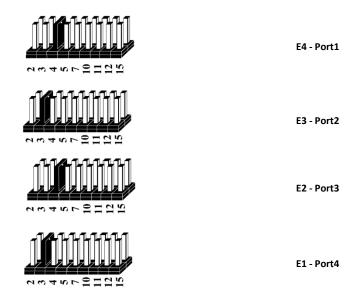


Figure 3 - Headers E1, E2, E3, and E4 (Factory Default)



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.

Interrupt Mode Options

Header E5 selects the interrupt mode for each port. Each port must be set in the correct mode to insure proper installation.

'N' indicates the (N)ormal, single interrupt per port mode. 'S' Indicates the (S)hared interrupt mode, which allows more than one port to access a single IRQ. Any two or more ports can share a common IRQ by placing the jumpers on the same IRQ setting and setting the appropriate selections at E5. Consult your particular software for IRQ selection. If no interrupt is desired, remove the jumper. 'M' indicates the inclusion of a 1K ohm pull-down resistor required on one port when sharing interrupts.

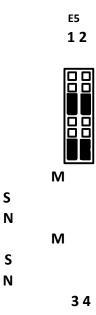


Figure 4 - Header E5, Normal IRQ Mode

Set jumpers to 'S' for shared interrupt mode on all blocks sharing an IRQ except one. Set that port block for 'M'. This provides the pull-down resistor circuit that makes sharing of IRQs possible. If you are using more than one ISO-COMM or a compatible card in a bus you should only have one port set to 'M'. The following example shows all four ports sharing a single IRQ.

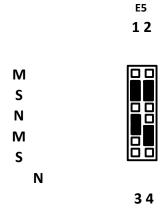


Figure 5 - Header E5, Shared IRQ Mode

Set jumper to 'S' if you are using more than one **ISO-COMM** in a bus or wish to completely remove the pull-down resistor for hardware compatibility.

Setting the board in this configuration when it is not accompanied by a pulldown resistor will prevent the ports from triggering an interrupt.

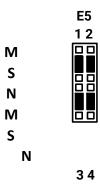


Figure 6 - Header E5, Sharing IRQs with another adapter

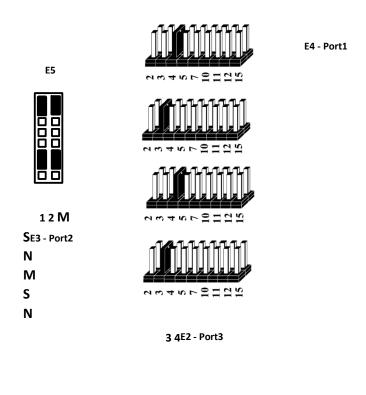


Figure 7 - IRQ Headers E1 - E5 (Factory Default)

E1 - Port4

The above example shows the correlation between jumper block E5 and the interrupt jumpers (E1-E4). This example shows the **ISO-COMM** shipping configuration with COM1: & COM3: sharing interrupt 4 and COM2: & COM4: sharing interrupt 3.

Headers E8 and E9

RS-485 is backwardly compatible with RS-422, however it is optimized for party line 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 PCs to be connected in a multi-drop bus and selectively polled. Half duplex two-wire operation is also possible by connecting TX+ to RX+ and TX- to RX- in your cable hood. The enable to the driver is connected to the UART Request To Send (RTS) line for RS-485 communications. This allows the RS485 driver to be tri-stated when inactive on a multi-drop polled network. The software that you are using must "know how" to enable the driver when it is answering a poll. Failure to correctly set this jumper can cause transmitter contention problems preventing operation by any nodes on the network. Sealevel Systems communication software is compatible with this mode of operation. To enable the driver with RTS install jumpers at E9-A for port 1, E9-C for port 2, E8-A for port 3 and E8-C for port 4.

The RS-485 'Echo' is the result of connecting the receiver inputs to the transmitter outputs. Every time a character is transmitted; it is also received. This can be beneficial if the software can handle the 'echoing' (i.e., using received characters to throttle the transmitter) or it can confuse the system if the software does not. The RS-485 echo can also be disabled at E8 and E9. To disable the echo, install a jumper at E9-B for port 1, E9-D for port 2, E8-B for port 3 and E8-D for port 4.

The following example shows the driver in the RS-485 mode and the echo enabled.

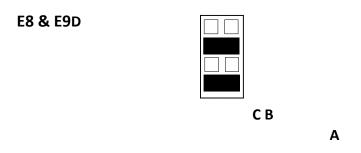


Figure 8 - Headers E8 and E9 RS-485 Mode Enable

Interface Options

Due to the versatility of the **ISO-COMM** series a wide range of interface configuration options are available to the end user. Please use this section as a guide in configuring your board to provide the interface you require.

RS-232

To configure the board as RS-232 ensure that the 75174 driver at U33 & U27 and the DIP resistor pack at RP15 have been removed (if previously installed). By installing the MAX234 driver at U34 & U28, the board will be configured as RS-232. Please note that on two port versions of the **ISO-COMM** series only one driver chip will be provided at either U33 or U34.

RS-422

To configure the **ISO-COMM** as RS-422 ensure that the MAX234 driver at U34 & U28 have been removed (if previously installed). By installing the 75174 driver at U33 & U27 and installing a 100 ohm DIP resistor at RP-15, the board will be configured as RS-422. Please note that on two port versions of the **ISO-COMM** series only one driver chip will be provided at either U33 or U34.

Combined RS-232 and RS-422

On the four port **ISO-COMM** boards two ports of RS-232 and two ports of RS422 is possible, but it is complicated to configure. The configuration requires that you selectively bend (or float) pins on the DIP-resistor pack out of the socket.

| Configuration | Drivers | RP-15 Pin Positions |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Ports 1 & 2 RS-232 | U34 & U27 Installed | Pins 1, 7, 8, 4 "Floated" |
| Ports 3 & 4 RS-422 | U33 & U28 Removed | All Others Installed |
| Ports 1 & 2 RS-422 | U33 & U28 Installed | Pins 2, 3, 5, 6 "Floated" |
| Ports 3 & 4 RS-232 | U34 & U27 Removed | All Others Installed |

Figure 9 - Four Port RS-232/RS-422 Configuration Table

Installation

Software Installation

For Windows Users



Do not install the Adapter in the machine until the software had been fully installed.

1. Begin by locating, selecting, and installing the SeaCOM software from the website: <u>Sealevel SeaCOM Software download</u>.

Other Operating Systems

Refer to the appropriate section of the Serial Utilities Software.

LINUX INSTALLATION

Refer to <u>Linux Archives - Sealevel</u>. This link contains valuable information on installing your serial adapter in the various Linux releases. Also included is a series of files explaining proper Linux syntax and typical Linux serial implementations.

For additional software support, please call Sealevel Systems' Technical Support, (864) 843-4343. Our technical support is free and available from 8:00AM-5PM Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. For email support contact: support@sealevel.com.

Hardware Installation

The **ISO-COMM** can be installed in any of the PC expansion slots, but to access the 'AT' or (E)ISA IRQs (10, 11, 12, 15) the adapter must be installed in one of the 16 bit slots. The **ISO-COMM** contains several jumper straps for each port which must be set for proper operation prior to installing the card into the computer.



Do not install the Adapter in the machine until the software has been fully installed.

- 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 **ISO-COMM** into the slot. Make sure that the adapter is seated properly.
- 5. Replace the screw.
- 6. Install the twin DB-9 (ports 3 and 4) Cable
- 7. Replace the cover.
- 8. Connect the power cord.

Installation is complete.



Technical Description

The Sealevel Systems **ISO-COMM** provides the PC with two or four additional ground isolated RS-422/485/232 or two or four non-isolated RS-422/485 serial ports for terminals, modems, printers, etc. Isolation is important in installations where the equipment being connected to the PC is either far from the PC, or on a different power transformer circuit. Ground loop current is a commonly neglected and misunderstood phenomena that leads to data loss and the destruction of communications interfaces. The **ISO-COMM** isolated boards provide up to 500 volts DC of isolation.

The **ISO-COMM** utilizes the 16550 UART. This chip features programmable baud rate, data format, interrupt control and a 16 byte input and output FIFO. Also available as an option is the 16C650 UART that provides a deeper FIFO (32 bytes) and enhanced clocking features.

- Two / four serial ports with RTS and CTS modem control signals
- Individually selectable port addresses
- Individually selectable interrupt (2-7, 10, 11, 12, and 15)
- Multiple cards can share the same IRQ signal
- DB-9 male connectors
- Software available for interrupt buffering
- ISO-COMM-1 Four Port Isolated RS-422/485

Part # 3415

Part # 3415-232 (includes RS-232 chips)

• ISO-COMM-2 Four Port Non-Isolated RS-422/485

Part # 3416 (options same as 3415)

• ISO-COMM-3 Two Port Isolated RS-422/485

Part # 3417

Part # 3417-232 (includes RS-232 Chip)

• ISO-COMM-4 Four Port Isolated RS-232

Part # 3418

• ISO-COMM-5 Two Port Isolated RS-232

Part # 3419



Part #34xx-232 specifies RS-232 chips to be included for mixed RS-232 and RS-422 on same board.



TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, CONTINUED

Connector Pin Assignments

RS-422 (DB 9 Male)

| 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 (DB 9 Male)

| Signal | Name | Pin # | Mode |
|--------|-----------------|-------|--------|
| GND | Ground | 5 | |
| TD | Transmit Data | 3 | Output |
| RTS | Request To Send | 7 | Output |
| RD | Receive Data | 2 | Input |
| CTS | Clear To Send | 8 | Input |



These are the only pins that should be connected in your cable. Connecting any other pins on the DB-9 connector could result in intermittent data.



Please terminate any control signals that are not going to be used. The most common way to do this is to connect RTS to CTS and RI. Also, connect DCD to DTR and DSR. Terminating these pins, if not used, will help insure you get the best performance from your adapter.

Specifications

Environmental Specifications

| Specification | Operating | Storage |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Temperature Range | 0° to 50° C (32° to 122° F) | -20° to 70° C (-4° to 158° F) |
| Humidity Range | 10 to 90% R.H. Non-Condensing | 10 to 90% R.H. Non-Condensing |

Manufacturing

All Sealevel Systems Printed Circuit boards are built to UL 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

| Part # | +5 V DC Supply Line |
|--------|---------------------|
| 3415 | 800mA |
| 3416 | 450mA |
| 3417 | 450mA |
| 3418 | 600mA |
| 3419 | 450mA |

Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF)

Greater than 150,000 hours. (Calculated)

Physical Dimensions

| Board length | 13.3 inches (33.86 cm) |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Board Height including Goldfingers | 4.2 inches (10.66 cm) |
| Board Height Excluding Goldfingers | 3.9 inches (9.91 cm) |

Appendix A – Troubleshooting

Sealevel Software is supplied with the Sealevel Systems adapter and will be used in the troubleshooting procedures. By using this software and following these simple steps, most common problems can be eliminated without the need to call Technical Support.

- 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 Sealevel Systems adapter so that there is no conflict with currently installed adapters. No two adapters can occupy the same I/O address.
- Make sure the Sealevel Systems adapter is using a unique IRQ 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 Sealevel Systems adapter is securely installed in a motherboard slot.
- 5. When running DOS, Windows 3.x or other operating systems refer to the Serial Utilities software for that operating system and the User Manual to verify that the Sealevel Systems adapter is configured correctly. The Sealevel software contains a diagnostic program 'SSD' that runs under DOS and 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 DIAG.txt file in the dos\diag directory for detailed instructions on using 'SSD'.
- 6. For Windows 95/98 and Windows NT, the diagnostic tool 'WinSSD' is installed in the Sealevel folder on the Start Menu during the setup process. First find the ports using the Device Manager, then use 'WinSSD' to verify that the ports are functional.
- 7. Always use the Sealevel Systems diagnostic software when troubleshooting a problem. This will help eliminate any software issues and identify any hardware conflicts.
- 8. 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:
- 9. Remember to use Sealevel Systems diagnostic software when troubleshooting a problem. This will help eliminate any software issues and identify any hardware conflicts.

If these steps do not solve your problem, please call Sealevel Systems' Technical Support, (864) 843-4343. Our technical support is free and available from 8:00AM-5PM Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. For email support contact: support@sealevel.com.



Appendix B – How To Get Assistance

Please refer to: Appendix A -- Troubleshooting Guide prior to calling Technical Support.

Begin by reading through the Trouble Shooting Guide in Appendix A. If assistance is still needed, please see below.

When calling for technical assistance, please have your user manual and current adapter settings. If possible, please have the adapter installed in a computer ready to run diagnostics.

Sealevel Systems provides an FAQ section on its web site. Please refer to this to answer many common questions. This section can be found at http://www.sealevel.com/fag.asp.

Sealevel Systems maintains a web page on the Internet. Our home page address is www.sealevel.com. The latest software updates, and newest manuals are available via our web site.

Technical support is available Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. eastern time. Technical support can be reached at (864) 843-4343.

RETURN AUTHORIZATION MUST BE OBTAINED FROM SEALEVEL SYSTEMS BEFORE RETURNED MERCHANDISE WILL BE ACCEPTED. AUTHORIZATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING SEALEVEL SYSTEMS AND REQUESTING A RETURN MERCHANDISE AUTHORIZATION (RMA) NUMBER.

Appendix C – 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 widespread 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 -12 volts (-3 to -10 volts) denotes a binary 1 (mark). The RS-232 and the EIA/TIA-574 specification defines two type of interface circuits, Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) and Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment (DCE). The Sealevel Systems 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

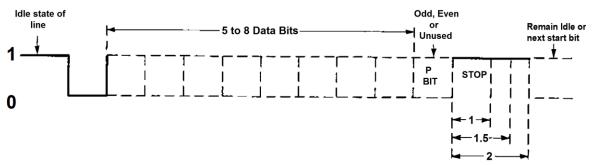
RS-485 is backwardly compatible with RS-422; however, it is optimized for party line or multi-drop applications. The output of the RS-422/485 driver is capable of being Active (enabled) or Tri-State (disabled). This capability allows multiple ports to be connected in a multi-drop bus and selectively polled. RS-485 allows cable lengths up to four thousand (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.



Appendix D – 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. A start bit, followed by a pre-defined number of data bits (5, 6, 7, or 8) defines character boundaries for asynchronous communications. The end of the character is defined by the transmission of a pre-defined number of stop bits (usually 1, 1.5 or 2). An extra bit used for error detection is often appended before the stop bits.

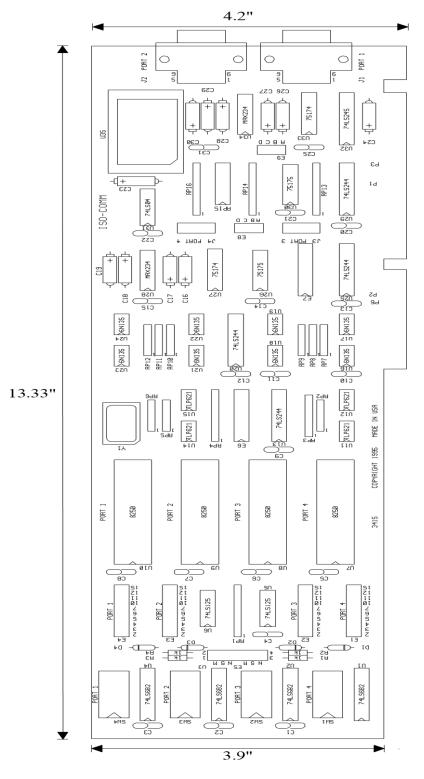


Asynchronous Communications Bit Diagram

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 referred 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).

Appendix E – Silk Screen

Appendix E - Silk-Screen



Appendix F – Schematic



Appendix D – Compliance Notices

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Statement



This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in such case the user will be required to correct the interference at the user's expense.

EMC Directive Statement



Products bearing the CE Label fulfill the requirements of the EMC directive (89/336/EEC) and of the low-voltage directive (73/23/EEC) issued by the European Commission. To obey these directives, the following European standards must be met:

- EN55022 Class A "Limits and methods of measurement of radio interference characteristics of information technology equipment"
- EN55024 "Information technology equipment Immunity characteristics Limits and methods of measurement".



This is a Class A Product. In a domestic environment, this product may cause radio interference in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures to prevent or correct the interference.



Always use cabling provided with this product if possible. If no cable is provided or if an alternate cable is required, use high quality shielded cabling to maintain compliance with FCC/EMC directives.

Warranty

Sealevel's commitment to providing the best I/O solutions is reflected in the Lifetime Warranty that is standard on all Sealevel manufactured I/O products. We are able to offer this warranty due to our control of manufacturing quality and the historically high reliability of our products in the field. Sealevel products are designed and manufactured at its Liberty, South Carolina facility, allowing direct control over product development, production, burn-in and testing. Sealevel achieved ISO-9001:2015 certification in 2018.

Warranty Policy

Sealevel Systems, Inc. (hereafter "Sealevel") warrants that the Product shall conform to and perform in accordance with published technical specifications and shall be free of defects in materials and workmanship for the warranty period. In the event of failure, Sealevel will repair or replace the product at Sealevel's sole discretion. Failures resulting from misapplication or misuse of the Product, failure to adhere to any specifications or instructions, or failure resulting from neglect, abuse, accidents, or acts of nature are not covered under this warranty.

Warranty service may be obtained by delivering the Product to Sealevel and providing proof of purchase. Customer agrees to ensure the Product or assume the risk of loss or damage in transit, to prepay shipping charges to Sealevel, and to use the original shipping container or equivalent. Warranty is valid only for original purchaser and is not transferable.

This warranty applies to Sealevel manufactured Product. Product purchased through Sealevel but manufactured by a third party will retain the original manufacturer's warranty.

Non-Warranty Repair/Retest

Products returned due to damage or misuse and Products retested with no problem found are subject to repair/retest charges. A purchase order or credit card number and authorization must be provided in order to obtain an RMA (Return Merchandise Authorization) number prior to returning Product.

How to obtain an RMA (Return Merchandise Authorization)

If you need to return a product for warranty or non-warranty repair, you must first obtain an RMA number. Please contact Sealevel Systems, Inc. Technical Support for assistance:

Available Monday – Friday, 8:00AM to 5:00PM EST

Phone 864-843-4343

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