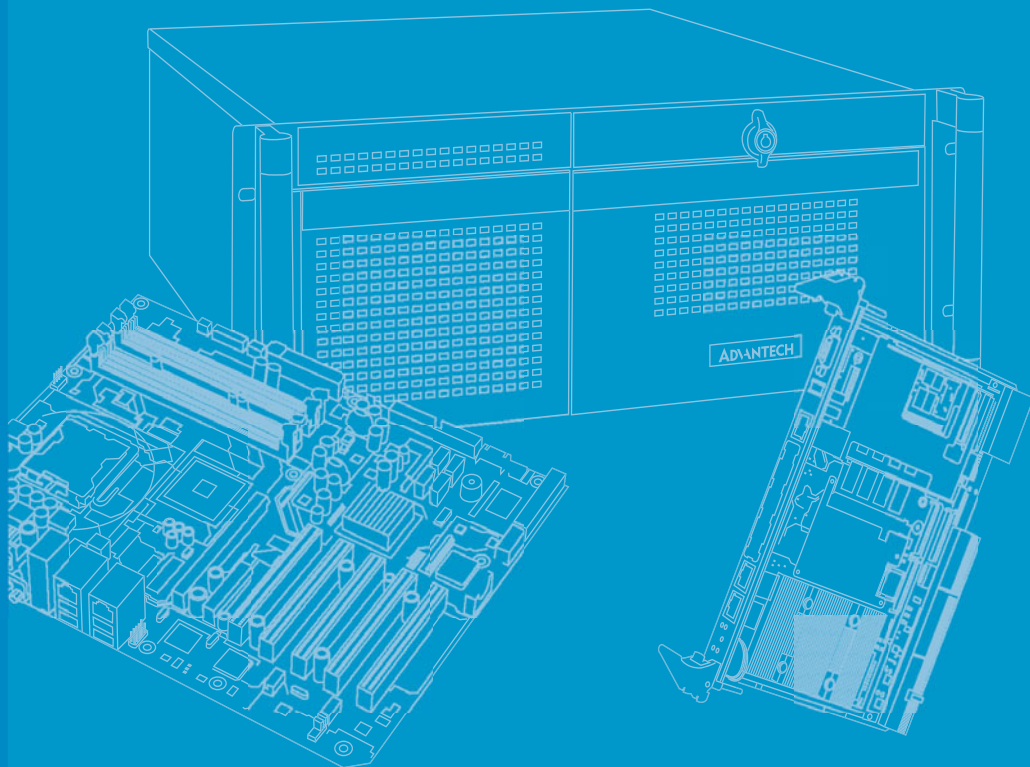


User Manual



MIC-3955/3527 Series

3U CPCI 4/8 Port RS-232/422/485
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1. Read these safety instructions carefully.
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3. Disconnect this equipment from any AC outlet before cleaning. Use a damp cloth. Do not use liquid or spray detergents for cleaning.
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9. Position the power cord so that people cannot step on it. Do not place anything over the power cord.
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11. If the equipment is not used for a long time, disconnect it from the power source to avoid damage by transient overvoltage.
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 - Liquid has penetrated into the equipment.
 - The equipment has been exposed to moisture.
 - The equipment does not work well, or you cannot get it to work according to the user's manual.
 - The equipment has been dropped and damaged.
 - The equipment has obvious signs of breakage.
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16. **CAUTION: DANGER OF EXPLOSION IF BATTERY IS INCORRECTLY REPLACED. REPLACE ONLY WITH THE SAME OR EQUIVALENT TYPE RECOMMENDED BY THE MANUFACTURER, DISCARD USED BATTERIES ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS.**

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Chapter 1

General Information

1.1 Introduction

The MIC-3955 is a 3U CompactPCI 4/8-port RS-232/422/485 communication card, compliant with PICMG 2.0 R2.1 CompactPCI specification. Four or eight serial ports communicate via 32-bit PCI bus and share one interrupt source register and PCI interrupt number. Each serial port of MIC-3955 has 16C550 compatible Gen.5 register set, transmitting/receiving 64-bit FIFOs. MIC-3955 supports RTS/CTS or DTR/DSR auto hardware flow control and automatic software flow control over RS-485.

MIC-3955 supports 4-port DB44 female connector via the front panel, 4-port DB44 female connector via the backplane, and 8-port DB37 male connector via the backplane. The backplane versions support RIO MIC-3527. The MIC-3955 with 4-port DB44 female connector via the backplane supports RTM MIC-3527A1, while the 8-port version supports RIO MIC-3527A2.

1.2 Hardware Specifications

- **PICMG compliance:** CompactPCI V2.0, R3.0
- **Bus interface:** PCI V2.3, 32-bit / 33MHz
- **I/O operating voltage:** 5 V
- **COM1, COM2, COM3, COM4, COM5, COM6, COM7, COM8:** RS-232/422/485 (isolated)
- **Communication controller:** XR17D154/XR17D158
- **IRQ:** All the ports use the same IRQ assigned by PCI plug & play function
- **Data bit:** 5, 6, 7, 8
- **Stop bit:** 1, 1.5, 2
- **Parity bit:** None, odd, even
- **Data rate:** 1Mbps (max)
- **Data signal:**
 - MIC-3955 4-port DB44 pin FIO
DCD, RxD, TxD, DTR, GND, DSR, RTS, CTS, RI (RS-232)
TxD-, TxD+, RxD+, RxD- (RS-422)
DATA-, DATA+ (RS-485)
 - MIC-3955 4-port DB44 pin RIO
No data signal output. Four groups of Tx and Rx LED indicators
 - MIC-3955 8-port DB37 pin RIO
No data signal output. Eight groups of Tx and Rx LED indicators
 - Rear IO MIC-3527A1 for MIC-3955 4-port DB44 female connector via backplane
DCD, RxD, TxD, DTR, GND, DSR, RTS, CTS, RI (RS-232)
TxD-, TxD+, RxD+, RxD- (RS-422)
DATA-, DATA+ (RS-485)
 - Rear IO MIC-3527A2 for MIC-3955 8 port DB37 male connector via backplane
RxD, TxD, RTS, CTS, GND (RS-232)
TxD-, TxD+, RxD+, RxD- (RS-422)
DATA-, DATA+ (RS-485)
- **Isolated voltage:** 2500 VDC
- **Surge protection:** 2KV
- **Connector:** DB44PIN/DB37PIN for the plate, converted to DB9PIN via cable
- **Power Consumption:** <4W @ 5V (typical)
- **Operating temperature:** -40 ~ 85° C
- **Operating humidity:** relative humidity 0%~95%, non-condensing

- **Storage temperature:** -40 ~ 85° C

1.3 Front Panel

- **Dimension (W x H):** 160 x 100 mm
- **Pin out:**
 - MIC-3955 4 port DB44 pin FIO, DB44 pin female connector
 - MIC-3955 4 port DB44 pin RIO, without IO
 - MIC-3955 8 port DB37 pin RIO, without IO
- **Display:** Each port has independent RX, TX LED indicators
- **LED color:** yellow for transmitting/green for receiving
- **CPCI connector:** J1, J2

1.4 Rear Panel

- RIO MIC-3527 provides 4/8 RS-232/422/485 ports with surge protection. The data transmission rate can be up to 1Mbps. Each UART of MIC-3955 can be independently controlled; each UART has 16C550 compliant 5G registers and 64 byte FIFO. Therefore, MIC-3955 is suitable for multi-task processing environment. MIC-3527 is fully compatible with PIMG2.0 specification.
- **Dimension (W x H):** 80 x 100 mm
- **Pin out:**
 - RIO MIC-3527A1 for MIC-3955 4-port DB44 female connector via backplane, with 4 communication ports and independent RX, TX LED indicators for each port
 - RIO MIC-3527A2 for MIC-3955 8 port DB37 male connector via backplane, with 8 communication ports and no LED indicators.
- **CPCI connector:** J2, with dowel pin

1.5 System Diagram

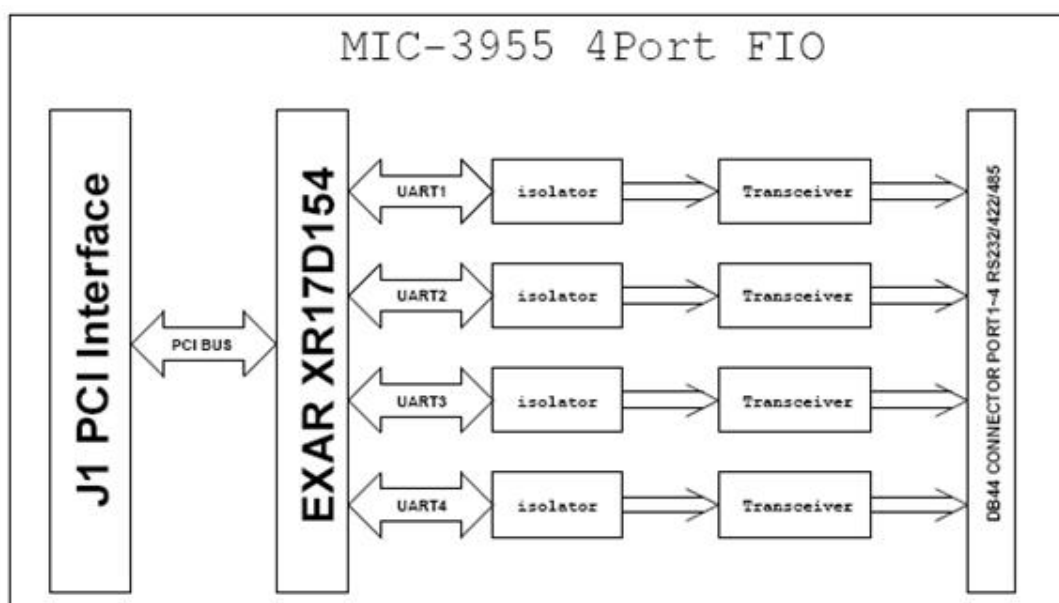


Figure 1.1 MIC-3955 4 port FIO

MIC-3955 4Port & MIC-3527 4RS

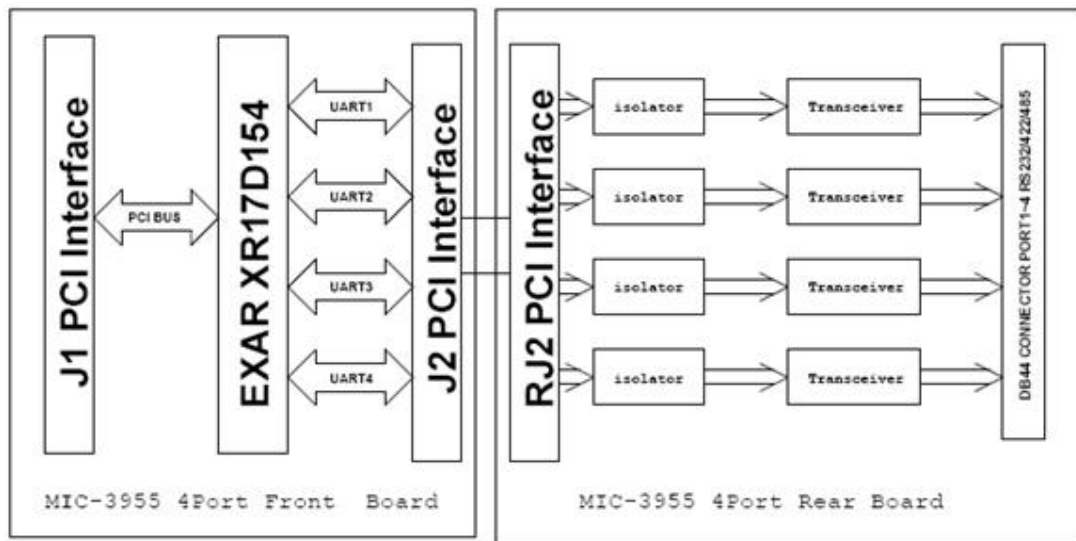


Figure 1.2 MIC-3955 4 Port RIO & MIC-3527A1 System Diagram

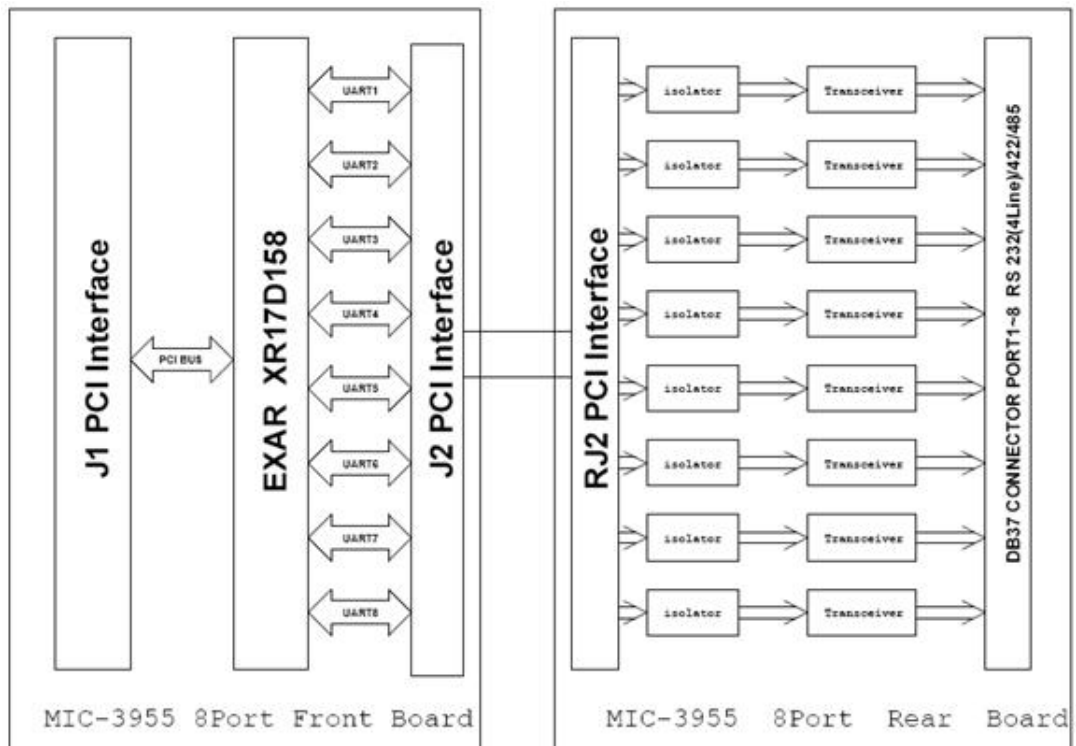


Figure 1.3 MIC-3955 8 Port RIO & MIC-3527A2 System Diagram

1.6 Board Dimensions

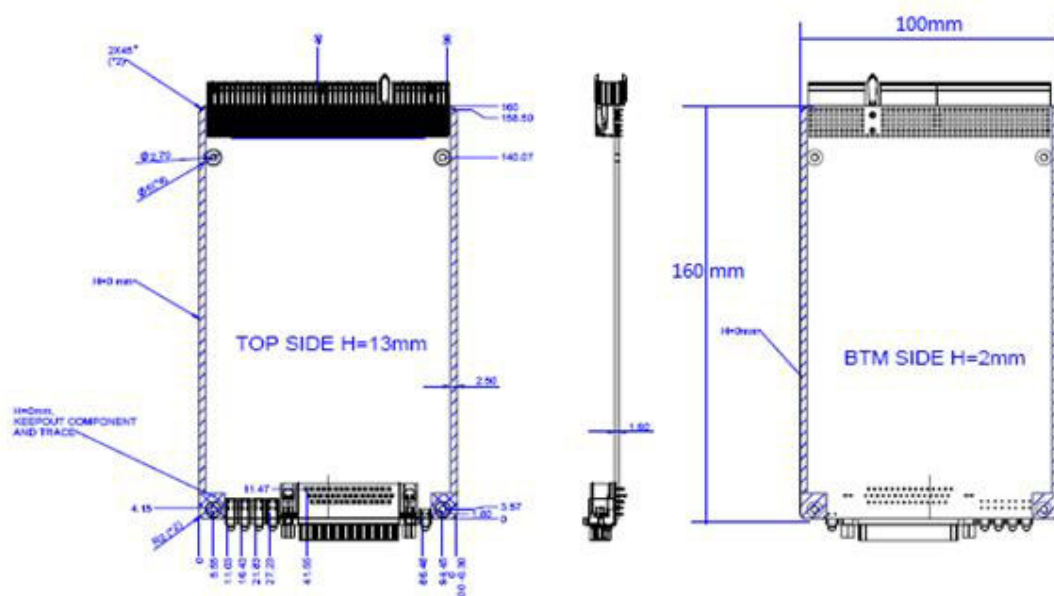


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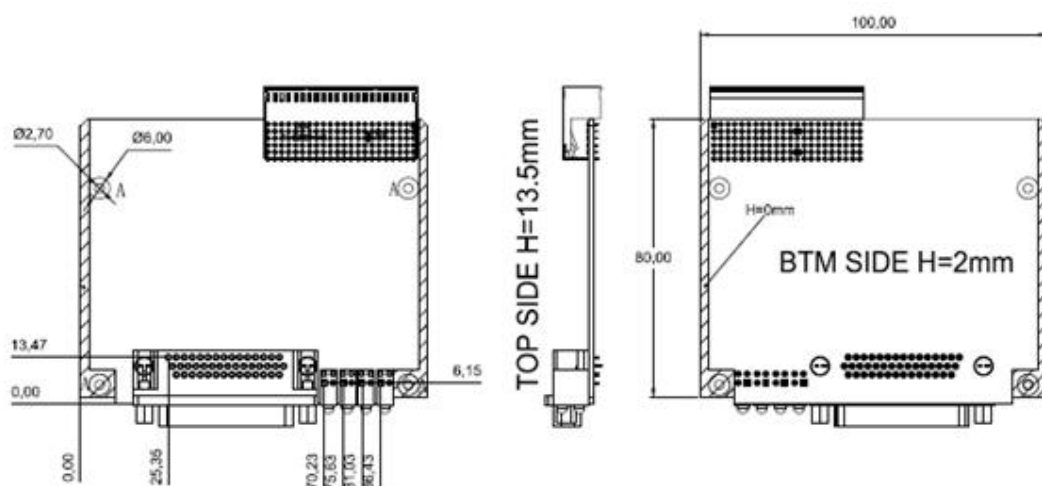


Figure 1.5 4-port RIO Dimensions

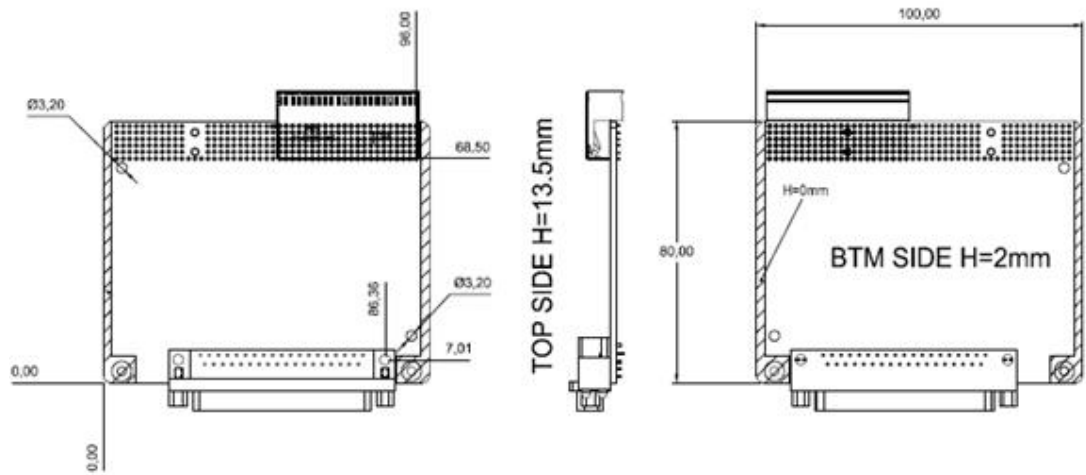


Figure 1.6 8-port RIO Dimensions

Chapter 2

Hardware Configuration

2.1 Board Assembly

Please refer to the figures below to assemble MIC-3955 front and rear board.

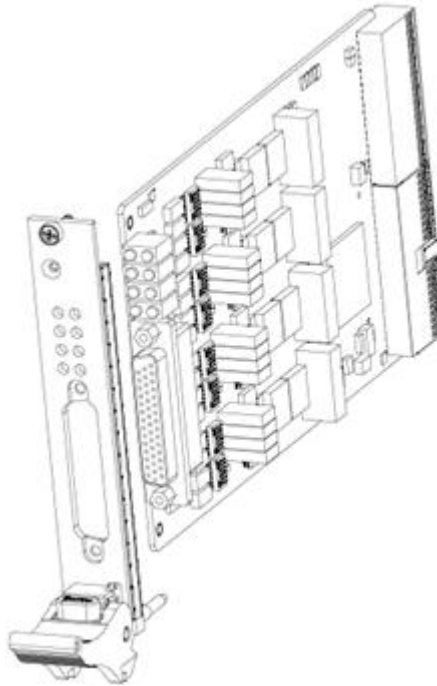


Figure 2.1 MIC-3955 4 port FIO, with DB44 pin female connector

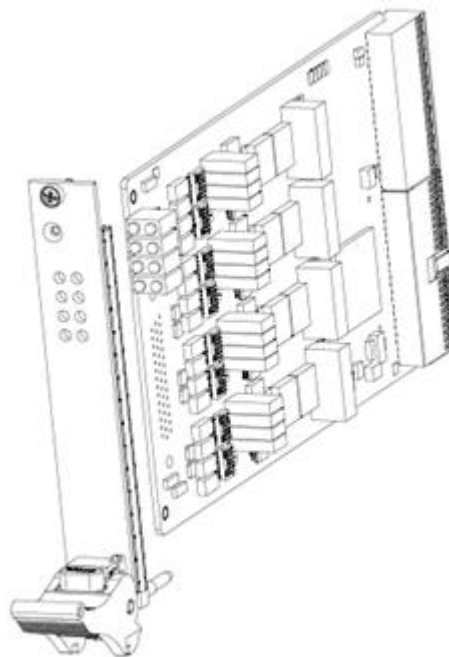


Figure 2.2 MIC-3955 FIO, for 4 port DB44 pin RIO, without IO

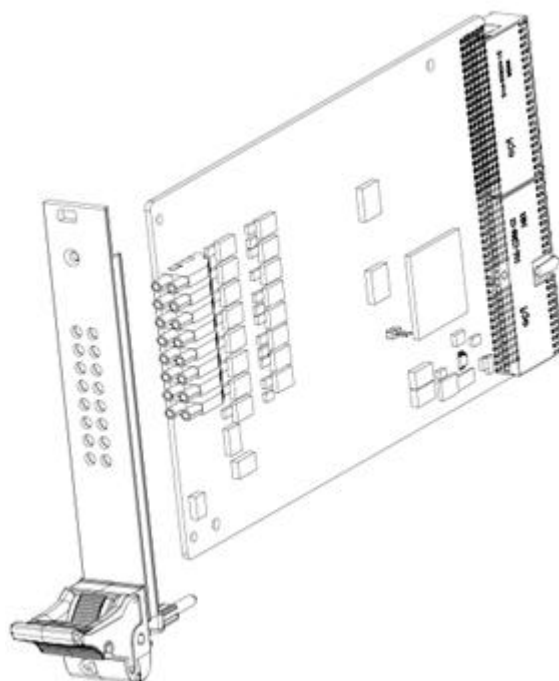


Figure 2.3 MIC-3955 FIO for 8 port DB37 pin RIO, without IO

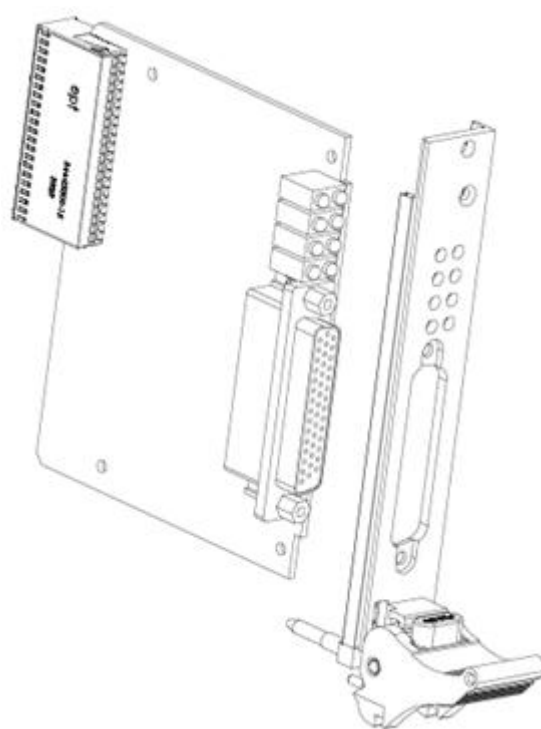


Figure 2.4 Rear IO MIC-3527A1 for MIC-3955 4-port DB44 female connector via backplane

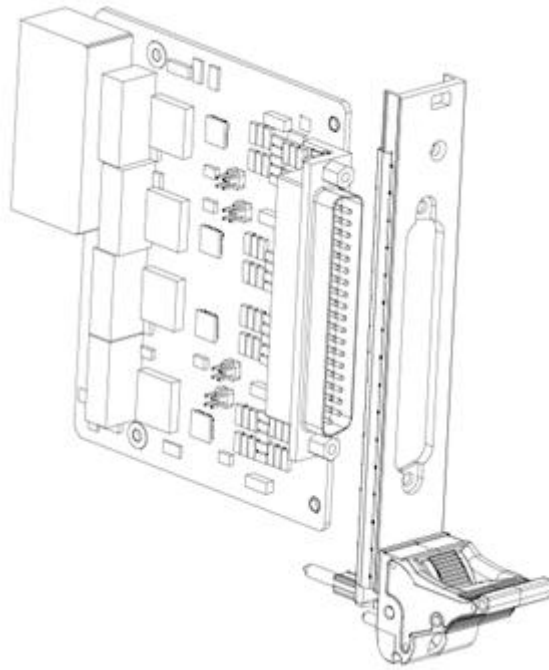


Figure 2.5 Rear IO MIC-3527A2 for MIC-3955 8 port DB37 male connector via backplane

2.2 Board Layout and LED Indicators

MIC-3955 FIO and MIC-3527 RIO are as below:

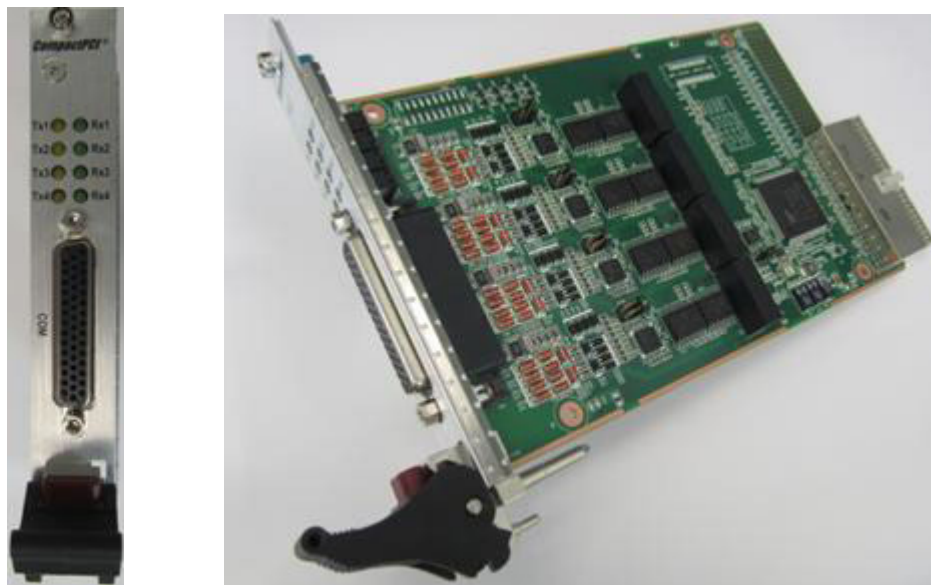


Figure 2.6 MIC-3955 4 port FIO, DB44 female connector

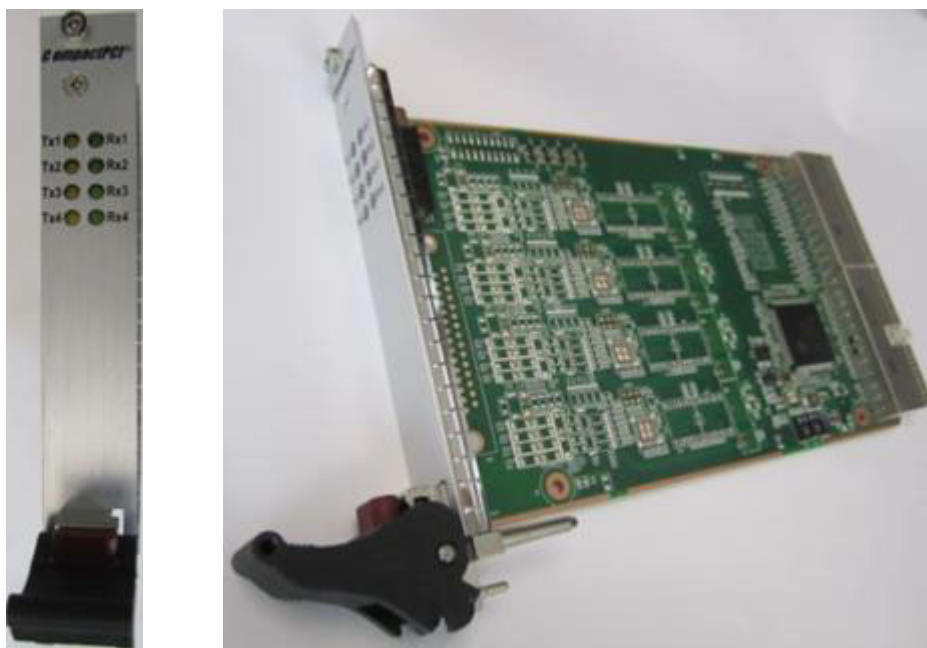


Figure 2.7 MIC-3955 FIO, for 4 port DB44 pin RIO



Figure 2.8 MIC-3955 FIO, for 8 port DB37 pin RIO



Figure 2.9 Rear IO MIC-3527A1 for MIC-3955 4-port DB44 female connector via backplane



Figure 2.10 Rear IO MIC-3527A2 for MIC-3955 8 port DB37 male connector via backplane

Table 2.1: Front Panel LED Indicators Definition

No.	LED	Status (Green for RX receiving, yellow for TX transmitting)	Description
1	RX1	Blinking	COM1 is receiving data
2	TX1	Blinking	COM1 is transmitting data
3	RX2	Blinking	COM2 is receiving data
4	TX2	Blinking	COM2 is transmitting data
5	RX3	Blinking	COM3 is receiving data
6	TX3	Blinking	COM3 is transmitting data
7	RX4	Blinking	COM4 is receiving data
8	TX4	Blinking	COM4 is transmitting data
9	RX5	Blinking	COM5 is receiving data
10	TX5	Blinking	COM5 is transmitting data
11	RX6	Blinking	COM6 is receiving data
12	TX6	Blinking	COM6 is transmitting data
13	RX7	Blinking	COM7 is receiving data
14	TX7	Blinking	COM7 is transmitting data
15	RX8	Blinking	COM8 is receiving data
16	TX8	Blinking	COM8 is transmitting data

2.3 Installation

Be cautious when plugging the card because CompactPCI connector has rigid pins. The chassis's backplane may be damaged easily if the card is improperly installed. Plugging the card will be easier with handles. Please follow the procedures below to install the card to the chassis:

Insert the card:

1. Hold the card vertically to make sure the direction is correct: component of the front panel points to the right hand side, component of the rear card points to the left hand side and the handles point to the lower part of chassis.
2. Hold the handles and press the button in the middle to unlock them.

Caution! Keep your finger away from bottom of the chassis to avoid getting hurt.



3. Align upper and lower edges of the card to rails of the chassis and insert it.
4. Slide the card along the rail until dowel pin of the handle touches the circle hole on the top of rail.

Note! *If the card is correctly inserted and totally slides into the chassis, the dowel pin should align with the circle hole on the rail. Or else, remove the card and repeat step 3. Avoid inserting the card into the chassis by force.*



5. Uplift the handle to insert the card to the proper place.

Pull out the card:

1. Remove the four screws from the card.
2. Press the button to unlock the handle to ensure the card can be pulled out.
3. Pull out the card.

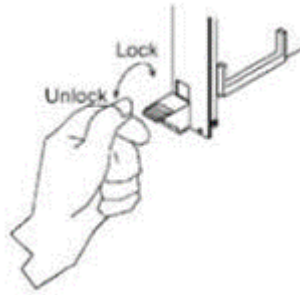


Figure 2.11 Handle status

Chapter 3

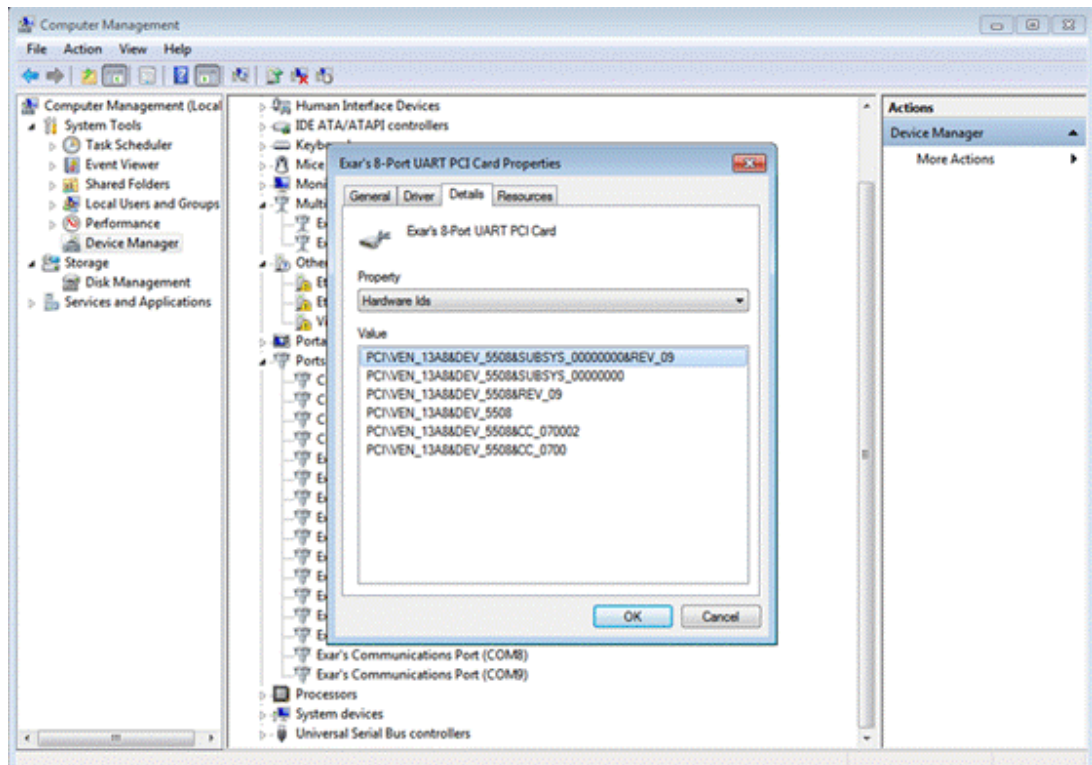
Driver Installation

3.1 Introduction

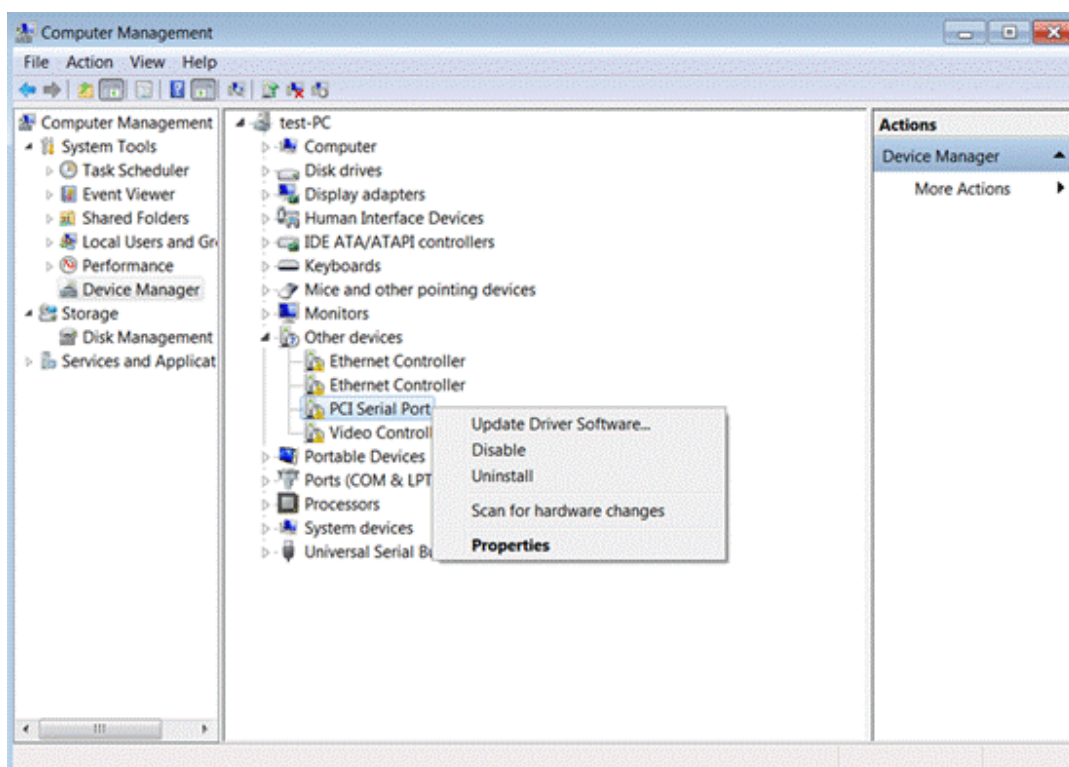
MIC-3955 supports Microsoft Windows OS and open source Linux OS. Microsoft Windows supports Windows XP 32 bit, Windows7 32 bit/64 bit. Linux supports CentOS 6.6 32 bit and Fedora14 64 bit. Corresponding drivers will be uploaded to Advantech official website for the user to download.

3.1.1 Microsoft Windows Driver Setup

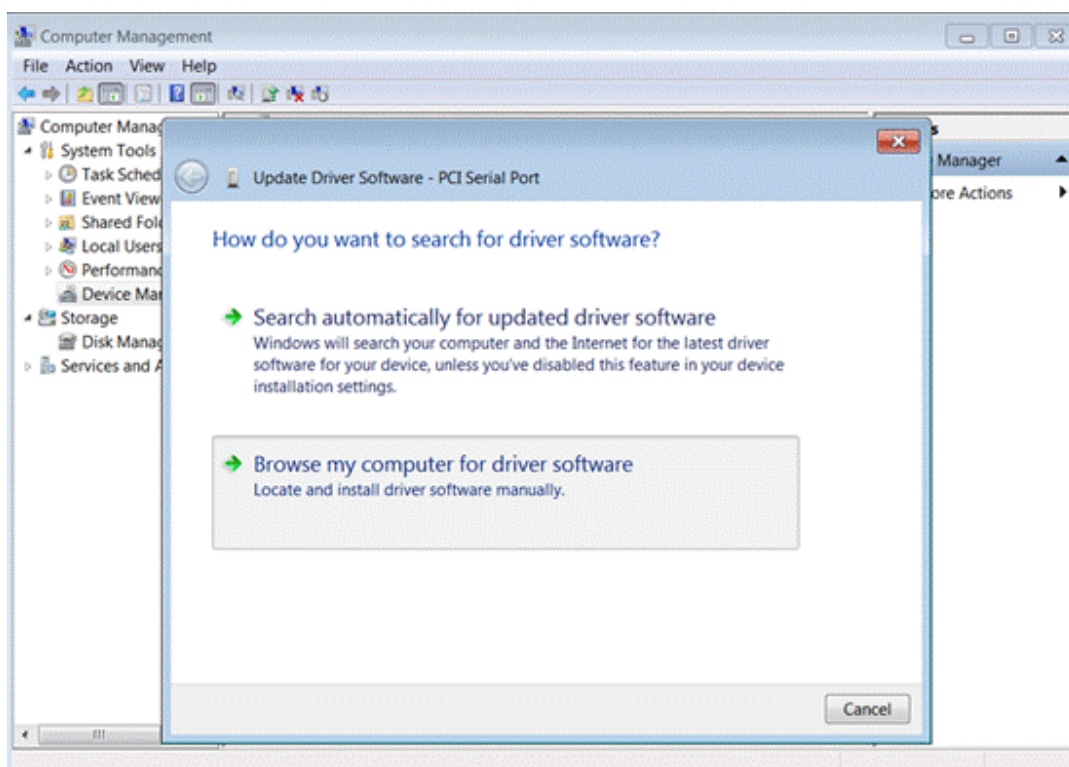
1. Open Device Manager after turning on the computer. If serial port card driver is not installed, please find the card named "PCI Serial Port" in "Other devices". Check whether the "Vendor ID" and "Device ID" in "Properties - Detail" are consistent with the preset (Vendor ID: 13FE, Device ID: 4port:3955h/8Port:5508h).



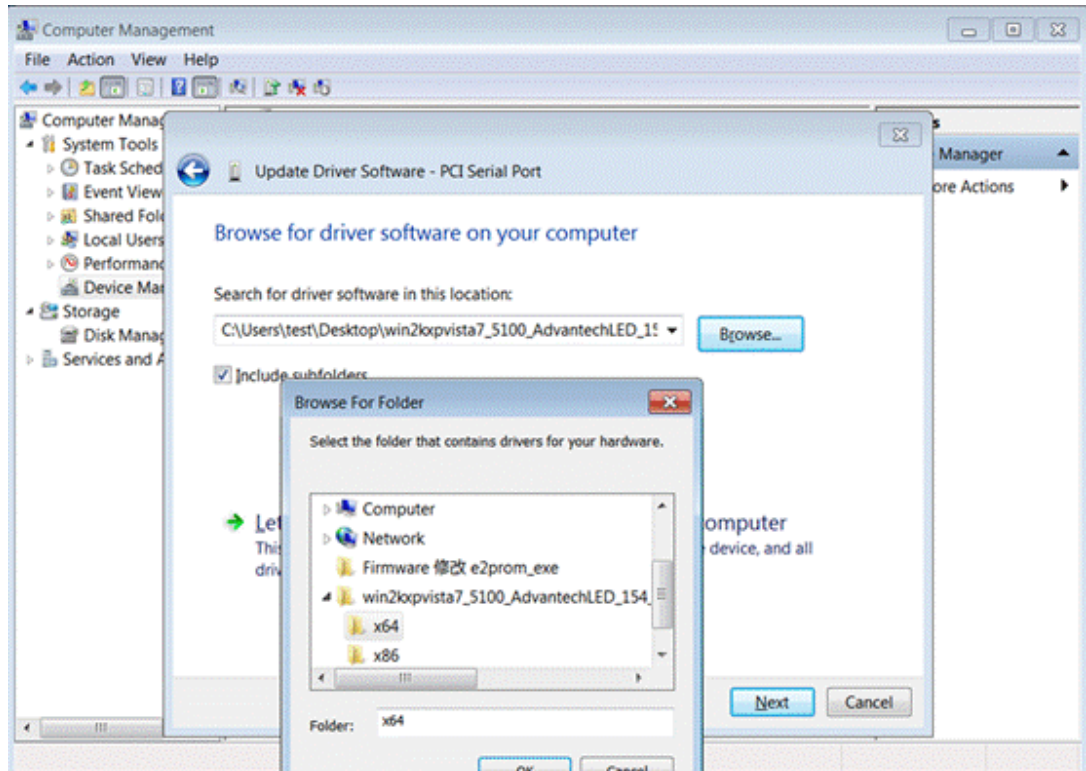
2. When confirmed OK, right click "PCI Serial Port" and select "Update Driver Software" to install driver for serial port card.



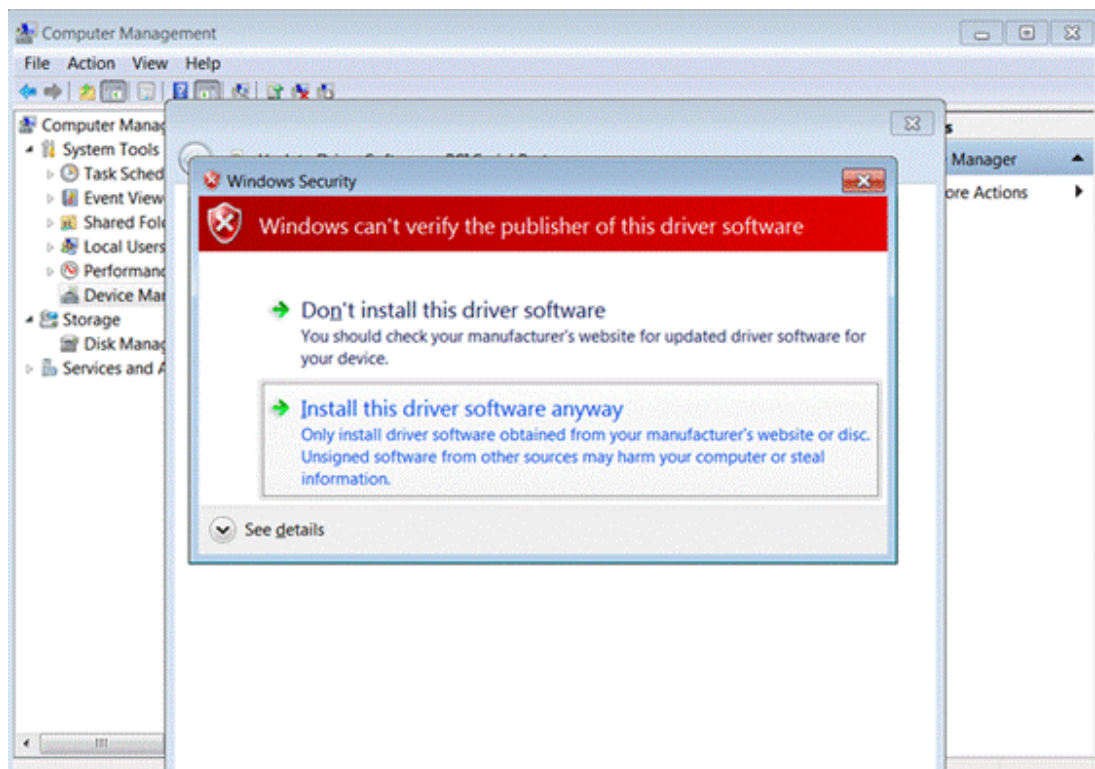
3. Select "Browse my computer for driver software".



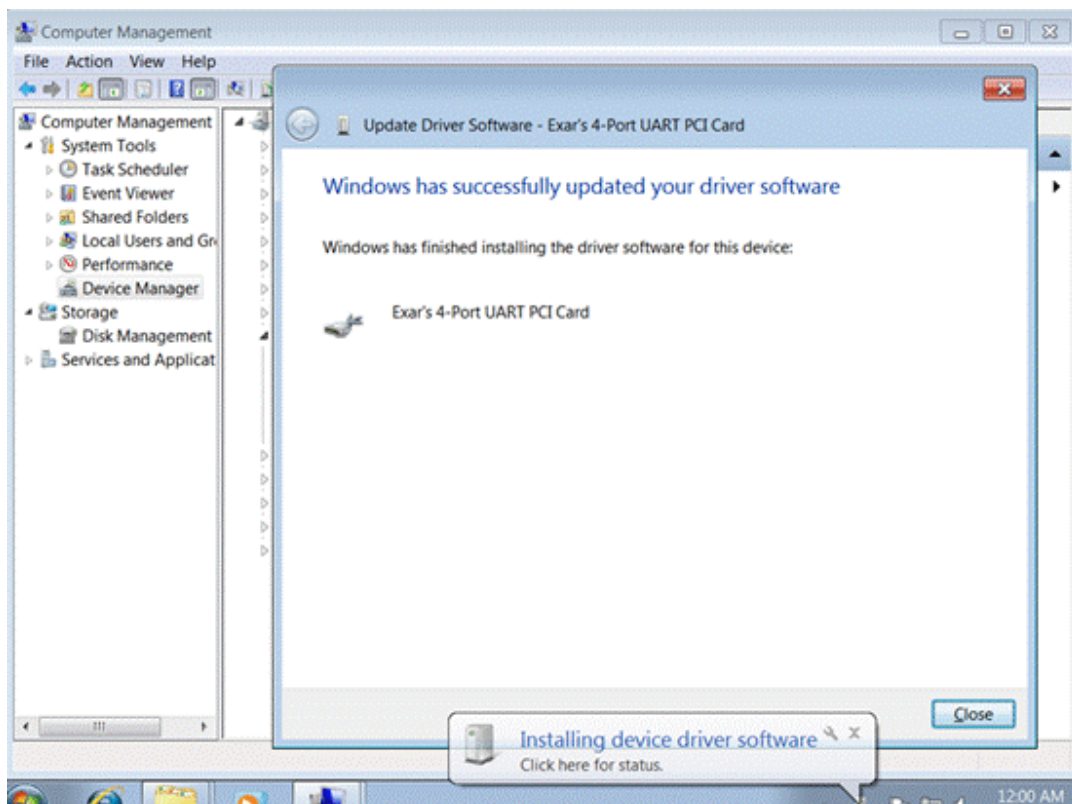
4. Select the folder where driver files are located.



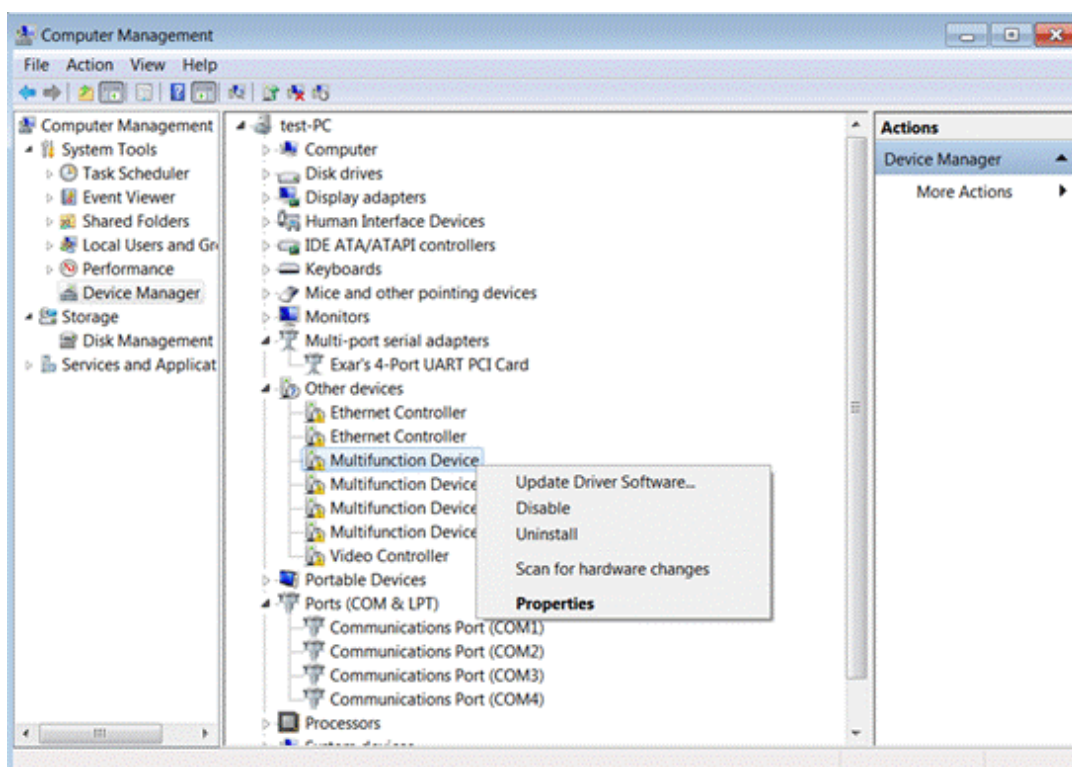
5. This window pops up when the device has no Internet access or OS cannot identify driver source. Click "Next" to proceed.



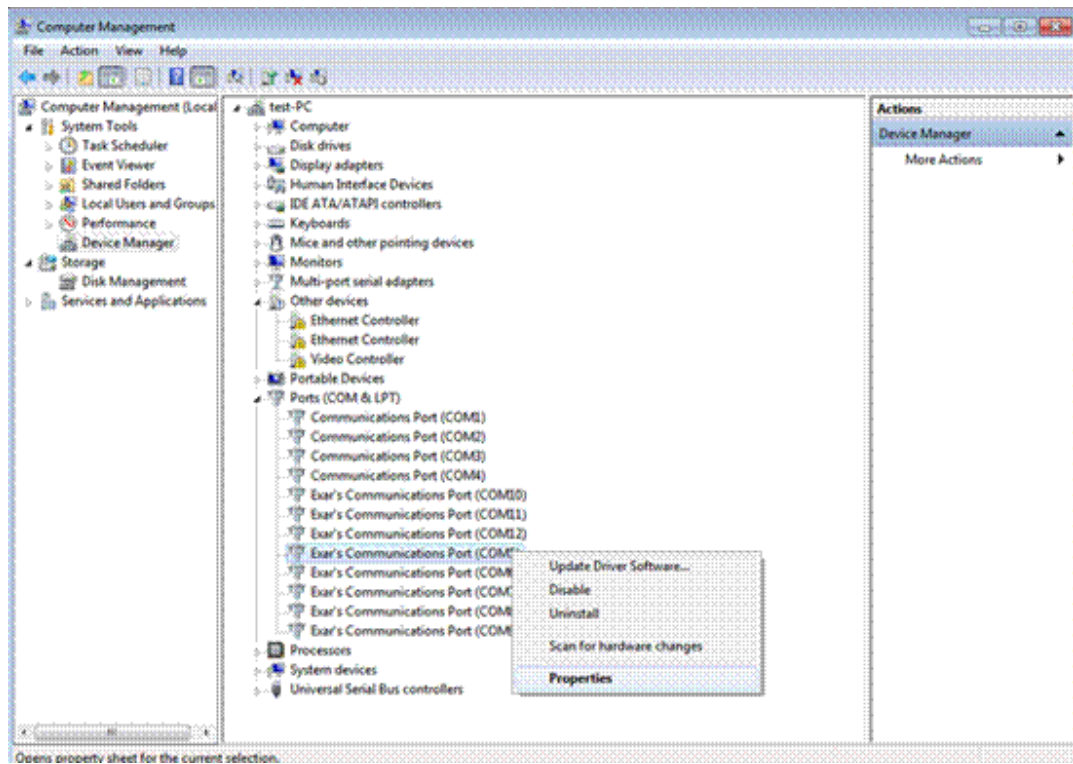
6. The below window appears when installation is finished.



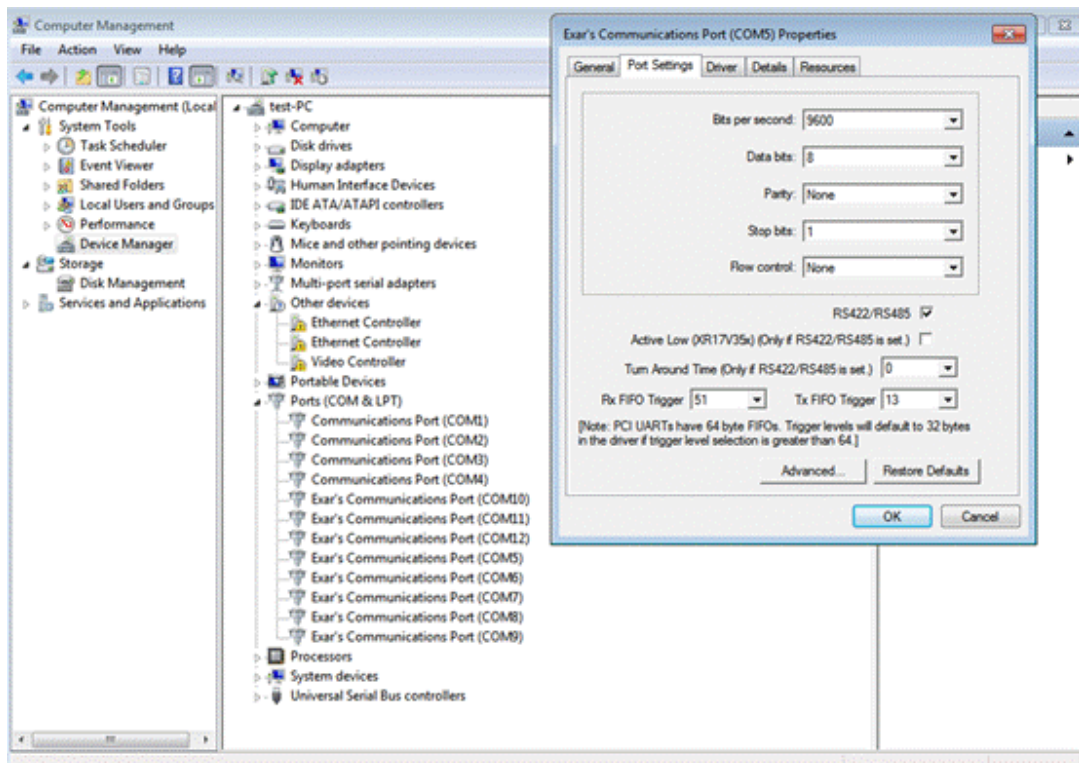
7. If installation is successful, "exar's 4/8 Port UART PCI Card" will appear under "Multi-port serial adapters", 154 chip shows 4 port and 158 chip shows 8 port. Several "Multifunction Device" with exclamation marks appear under "Other devices". Install the same driver for them.



8. Each time when a “Multifunction Device” is successfully installed, “Exar’s Communication Port (COMxx)” will appear under “Ports (COM&LPT)”.



9. When you need to test RS422/RS485, please first adjust to the right serial port mode, and then check “RS422/RS485” under “Port Setting” of “COM Port” and enable RS422 primary/secondary selection and RS485 automatic data flow control function.



3.1.2 Linux Driver Setup

1. Decompress the driver installation package (suppose the package name is:

```
xr17v35x_v1.9.6.tgz)
```

```
# tar xvf xr17v35x_v1.9.6.tgz
```

2. Enter the driver folder

```
# cd xr17v35x
```

3. Compile the driver

```
# make
```

4. Install the driver

```
# make install
```

Restart the Linux system when installation is complete and the driver will be automatically loaded.

3.1.3 RS232/RS422/RS485 Selection under Linux

RS232/RS422/RS485 selection under Linux is as below:

Currently, driver v1.9.6 adopts RS485 mode by default and supports auto low control function.

Before testing RS232, please adjust to the proper serial port mode and make relative settings under OS. Procedures are:

MIC-3955 provides a source code tool named mic3955_rs485_v0.1.zip, which can be downloaded from Advantech website.

File List

- main.c - The source file
- Makefile - Makefile
- README.md - This file

3.1.3.1 Install

Use make command build the utility.

3.1.3.2 Usage

This utility supports two parameters:

1. The first parameter indicate the device node, like /dev/ttyXR0, ttyXR1 ...
2. The second parameter indicate the different mode, 0: disable, 1: enable.

```
[root@localhost mic3955_rs485]# ./mic3955_rs485
```

```
-----
      Utility to enable/disable RS-485 autoflow mode for MIC-3955
-----
```

Usage:

- /mic3955_rs485 <port> <mode>
 port - The device of serial port: /dev/ttyXR0, /dev/ttyXR1 ...
 mode - Enable/disable RS-485 autoflow mode: 1(enable),
 0(disable)

Example:

- /mic3955_rs485 /dev/ttyXR0 1

3.1.4 Precautions for CentOS 6 Series

For customers who use CentOS 6.x or Fedora 14, some services must be disabled to avoid the conflict with MIC-3955 Linux driver. In the latest release of Linux (CentOS7), these services are removed by default, so this procedure is no need any more.

Please use the following commands to disable the services.

```
chkconfig spice-vdagentd off
chkconfig modem-manager off
chkconfig haldaemon off
mv /usr/sbin/modem-manager /usr/sbin/modem-manager.bak
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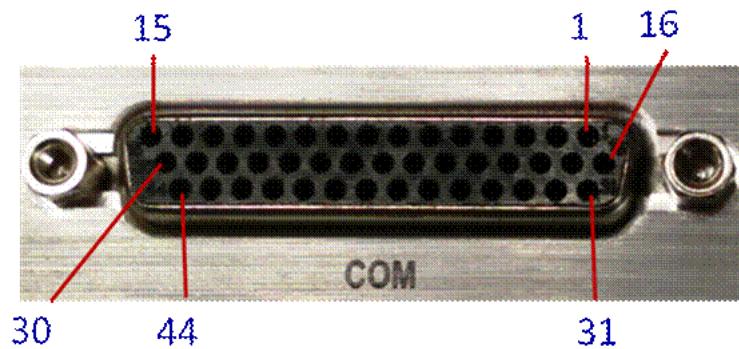
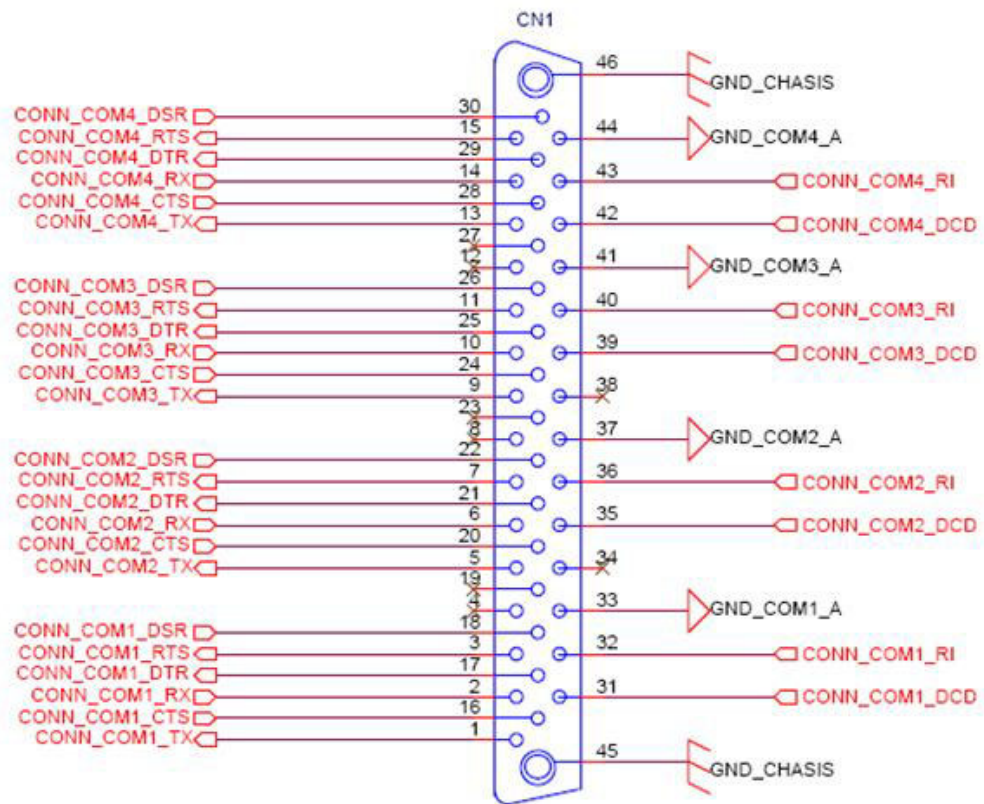
Please reboot your system, then MIC-3955 will work well.

Appendix **A**

Pin Assignments and Jumper Settings

A.1 Pin Assignments

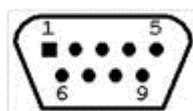
A.1.1 MIC-3955/MIC-3527A1 DB44 Connector Pin Assignments



Pin	Definition	Pin	Definition	Pin	Definition
1	COM1_TX	16	COM1_CTS	31	COM1_DCD
2	COM1_RX	17	COM1_DTR	32	COM1_RI
3	COM1_RTS	18	COM1_DSR	33	GND_COM1
4	NC	19	NC	34	NC
5	COM2_TX	20	COM2_CTS	35	COM2_DCD
6	COM2_RX	21	COM2_DTR	36	COM2_RI
7	COM2_RTS	22	COM2_DSR	37	GND_COM2
8	NC	23	NC	38	NC
9	COM3_TX	24	COM3_CTS	39	COM3_DCD
10	COM3_RX	25	COM3_DTR	40	COM3_RI

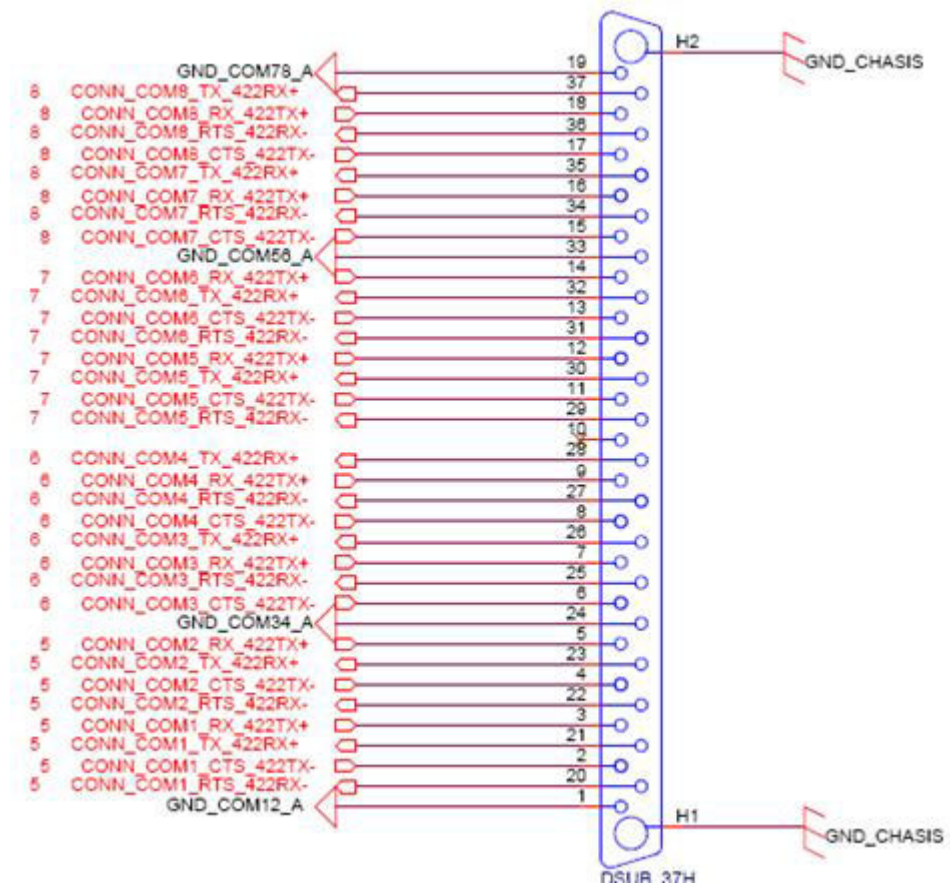
11	COM3_RTS	26	COM3_DSR	41	GND_COM3
12	NC	27	NC	42	COM4_DCD
13	COM4_TX	28	COM4_CTS	43	COM4_RI
14	COM4_RX	29	COM4_DTR	44	GND_COM4
15	COM4_RTS	30	COM4_DSR		

A.1.2 MIC-3955/MIC-3527A1's DB44 to 4-port DB9 Serial Cable COM1 ~ COM4 Pin Assignments



Pin	Pin assignments		
	RS232	RS422	RS485
1	DCD	TX-	DATA-
2	RX	TX+	DATA+
3	TX	RX+	NC
4	DTR	RX-	NC
5	GND	GND	GND
6	DSR	NC	NC
7	RTS	NC	NC
8	CTS	NC	NC
9	RI	NC	NC

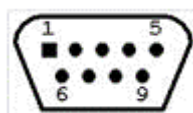
A.1.3 MIC-3527 RTM DB37 Connector Pin Assignments



Pin	Definition	Pin	Definition
1	GND_COM12	20	COM1_RTS_422RX-
2	COM1_CTS_422TX-	21	COM1_TX_422RX+
3	COM1_RX_422TX+	22	COM2_RTS_422RX-
4	COM2_CTS_422TX-	23	COM2_TX_422RX+
5	COM2_RX_422TX+	24	GND_COM34
6	COM3_CTS_422TX-	25	COM3_RTS_422RX-
7	COM3_RX_422TX+	26	COM3_TX_422RX+
8	COM4_CTS_422TX-	27	COM4_RTS_422RX-
9	COM4_RX_422TX+	28	COM4_TX_422RX+
10	NC	29	COM5_RTS_422RX-
11	COM5_CTS_422TX-	30	COM5_TX_422RX+
12	COM5_RX_422TX+	31	COM6_RTS_422RX-
13	COM6_CTS_422TX-	32	COM6_TX_422RX+

14	COM6_RX_422TX+	33	GND_COM56
15	COM7_CTS_422TX-	34	COM7_RTS_422RX-
16	COM7_RX_422TX+	35	COM7_TX_422RX+
17	COM8_CTS_422TX-	36	COM8_RTS_422RX-
18	COM8_RX_422TX+	37	COM8_TX_422RX+
19	GND_COM78	?	?

A.1.4 MIC-3527's DB37 to 8-port DB9 Serial Cable COM1 ~ COM4 Pin Assignments



Pin	Pin assignment		
	RS232	RS422	RS485
1	CTS#	TX-	DATA-
2	RX	TX+	DATA+
3	TX	RX+	NC
4	RTS#	RX-	NC
5	GND	GND	GND
6	NC	NC	NC
7	NC	NC	NC
8	NC	NC	NC
9	NC	NC	NC

A.2 Jumper Settings

A.2.1 RS-232/RS-422/RS-485 Selection

MIC-3955 supports RS-232/422/485 communication modes, which can be selected via the jumpers on the card.

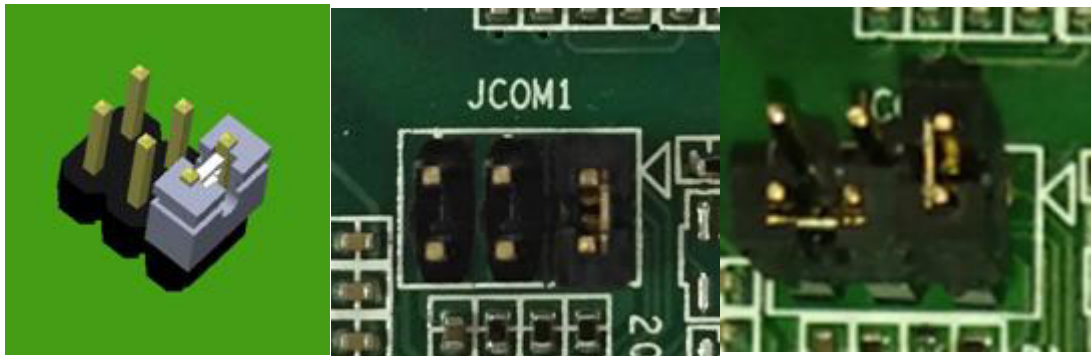
A.2.1.1 MIC-3955 4-port DB44 FIO

Corresponding chip on the card controls operation mode of the serial port. Currently, the chip is SP339 and operation mode of each port can be controlled individually. The four jumpers are JCOM1, JCOM2, JCOM3 and JCOM4. Operation modes of the 4 ports can be selected through closing different jumpers.

	SP338	SP339
RS232	1-2	1-2
RS485	3-4	3-4
RS422	5-6	1-2?3-4

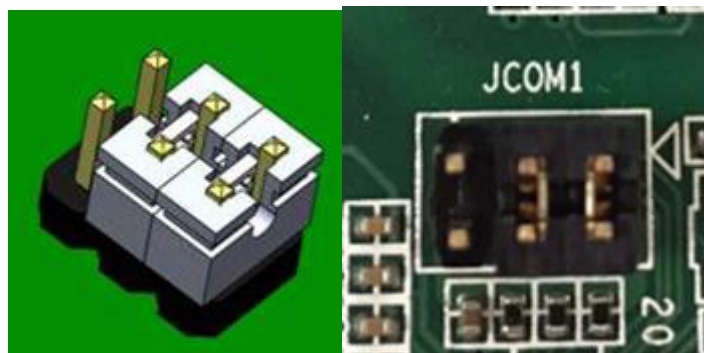
RS-232 mode jumper setting (This is the factory setting. An additional jumper closes pin 4 and pin6, which doesn't affect the function of RS232):

Close Pin1 and Pin2 of JCOM1, JCOM2, JCOM3 and JCOM4. The pin indicated by the triangle on PCB is Pin1.



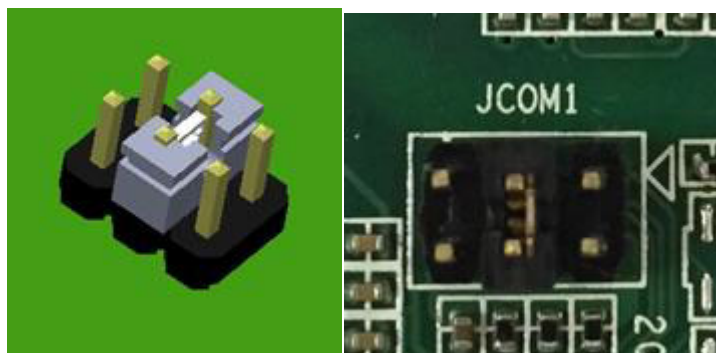
RS-422 mode jumper selection:

Close Pin1 & Pin2, Pin3 & Pin4 of JCOM1, JCOM2, JCOM3 and JCOM4. The pin indicated by the triangle on PCB is Pin1.



RS-485 mode jumper selection:

Close Pin3 & Pin4 of JCOM1, JCOM2, JCOM3 and JCOM4.



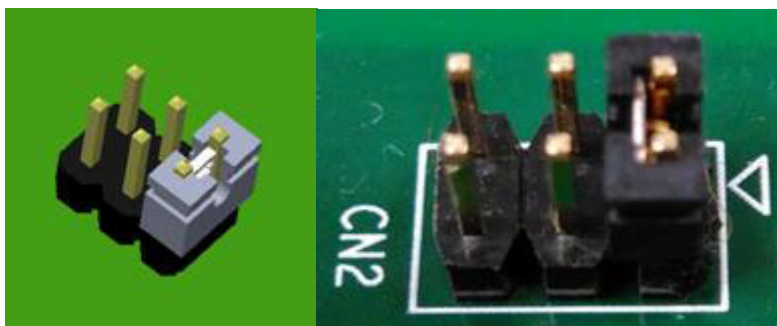
A.2.1.2 RIO MIC-3527A1 4-port DB44 Pin

Corresponding chip on the card controls operation mode of the serial port. Currently, the chip is SP338 and operation mode of each port can be controlled individually. The four jumpers are CN1, CN2, CN3 and CN4. Operation modes of the 4 ports can be selected via closing different jumpers.

	SP338	SP339
RS232	1-2	1-2
RS485	3-4	3-4
RS422	5-6	1-2, 3-4

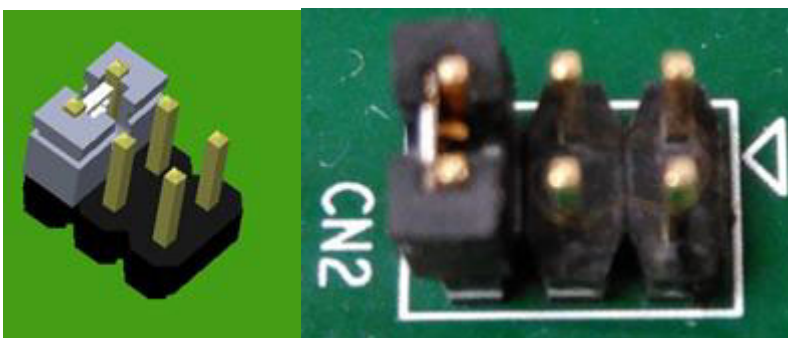
RS-232 mode jumper selection (Default setting):

Close Pin1 and Pin2 of CN1, CN2, CN3 and CN4. The pin indicated by the triangle on PCB is Pin1.

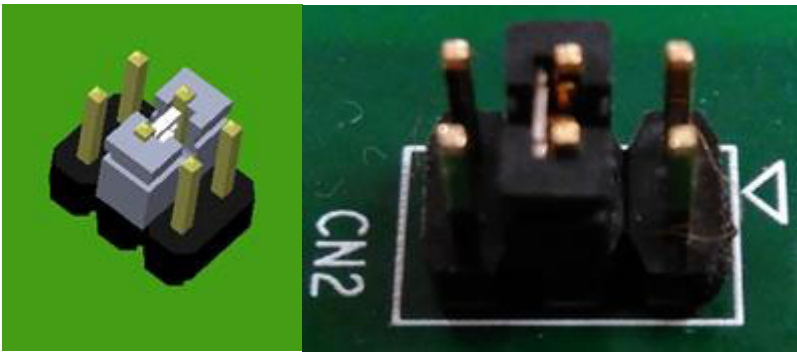


RS-422 mode jumper selection:

Close Pin5 and Pin6 of CN1, CN2, CN3 and CN4. The pin indicated by the triangle on PCB is Pin1.



RS-485 mode jumper selection:
Close Pin3 and Pin4 of CN1,CN2, CN3 and CN4.

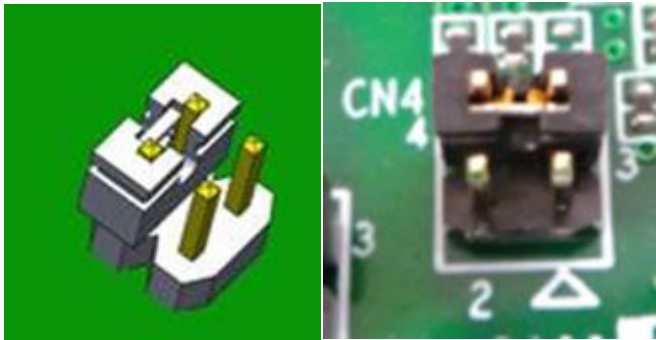


A.2.1.3 RIO MIC-3527A2 8-port DB37 Pin

Corresponding chip on the card controls operation mode of the serial port. Currently, the chip is SP339 and operation mode of each port can be controlled individually. The four jumpers are CN1,CN2, CN3 and CN4. Operation modes of the 4 ports can be selected via closing different jumpers.

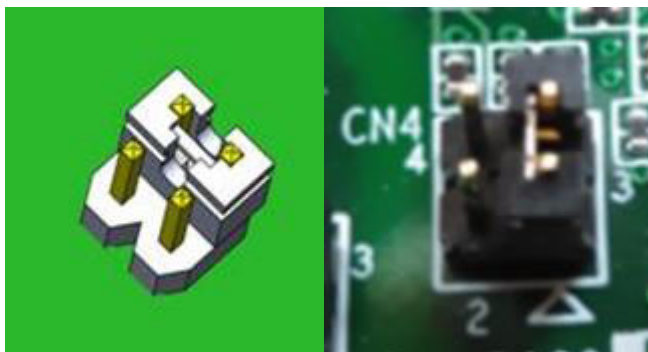
	SP339
RS232	3-4
RS485	1-2
RS422	1-3

RS-232 mode jumper selection:
Close Pin3 and Pin4 of CN1,CN2, CN3 and CN4. The pin indicated by the triangle on PCB is Pin1.



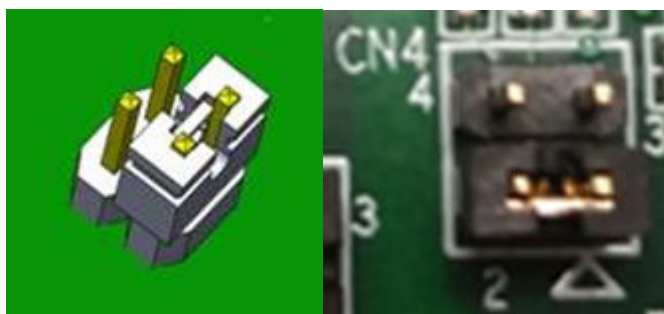
RS-422 mode jumper selection (Default setting):

Close Pin1 and Pin3 of CN1,CN2, CN3 and CN4. The pin indicated by the triangle on PCB is Pin1.



RS-485 mode jumper selection:

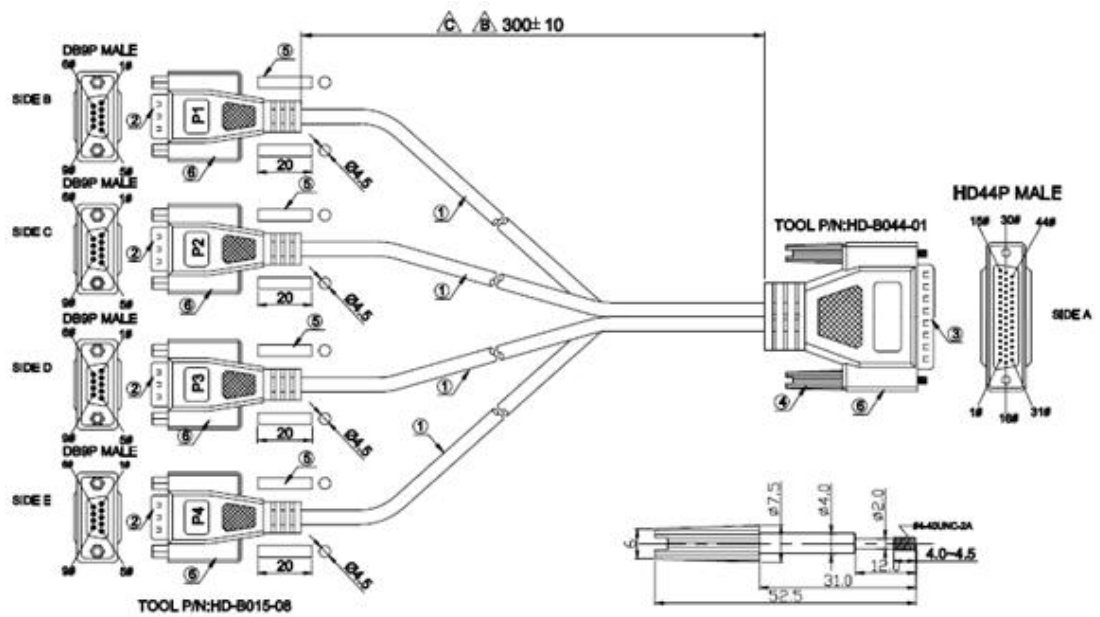
Close Pin1 and Pin2 of CN1,CN2, CN3 and CN4. The pin indicated by the triangle on PCB is Pin1.



A.2.2 Accessory Cables

A.2.2.1 1 to 4 port cable for 4-port FIO and RIO



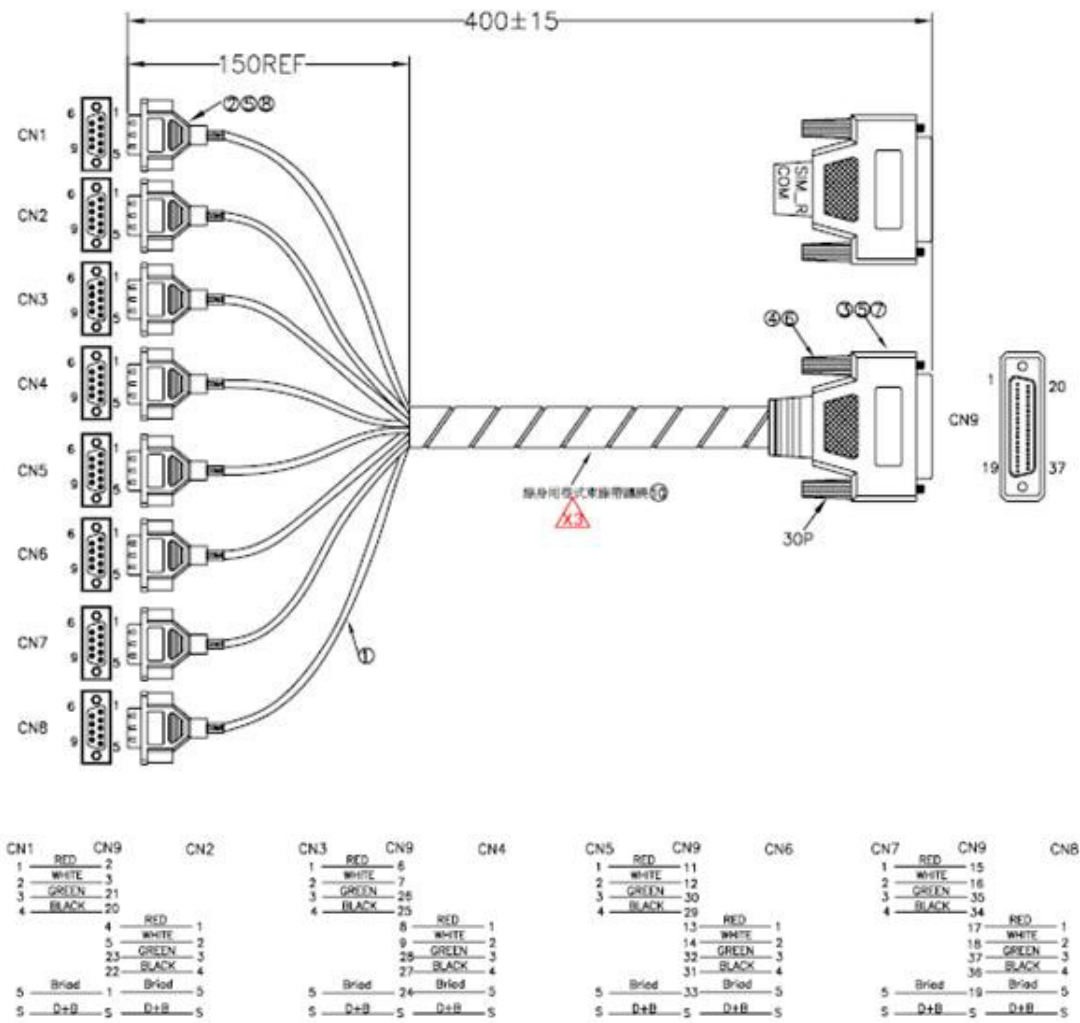


PIN ASSIGNMENT

HD44P MALE SIDE A	DB9P MALE SIDE B	HD44P MALE SIDE A	DB9P MALE SIDE C
1	3	5	3
16	8	20	8
2	2	6	2
17	4	21	4
3	7	7	7
18	6	22	6
31	1	35	1
32	9	36	9
33	5	37	5
4	SHELL	8	SHELL

HD44P MALE SIDE A	DB9P MALE SIDE D	HD44P MALE SIDE A	DB9P MALE SIDE E
9	3	13	3
24	8	28	8
10	2	14	2
25	4	29	4
11	7	15	7
26	6	30	6
39	1	42	1
40	9	43	9
41	5	44	5
12	SHELL	19	SHELL

A.2.2.2 1 to 8 port cable for 8-port RIO





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