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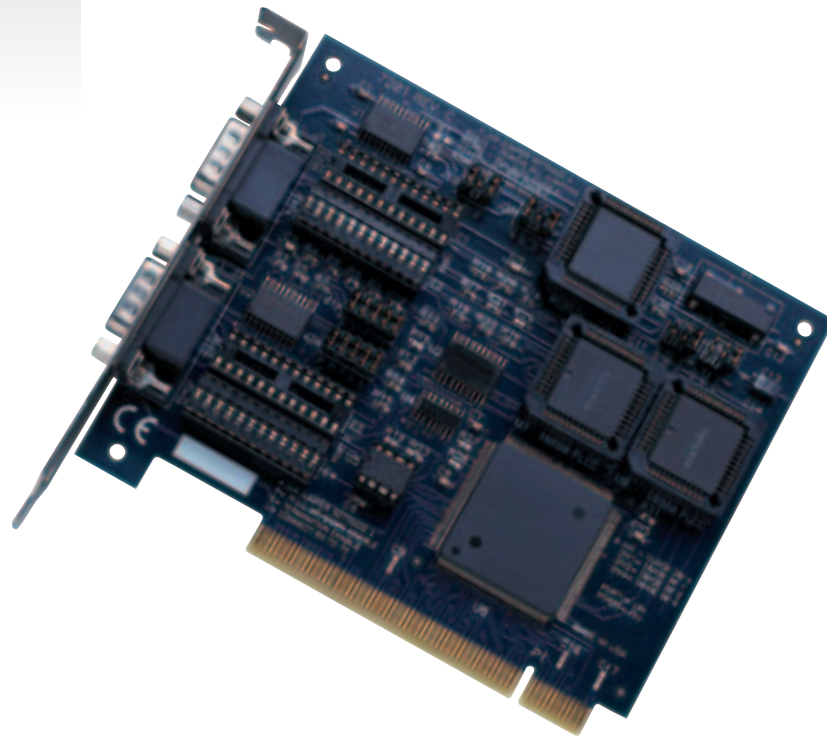
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Introduction

Overview

The **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** is a two channel PCI Bus serial I/O adapter for the PC and compatibles. It provides two field selectable RS-232/422/485 serial ports supporting data rates up to 460.8K bps.

Configure both ports as RS-232 for standard serial COM: port requirements. Choose the RS-422 mode for long distance device connections up to 4000ft. where noise immunity and high data integrity are essential. Select RS-485 and capture data from multiple peripherals in a RS-485 multidrop network. Up to 31 RS-485 devices can be connected to each port to automate your data collection. You can even mix the ports in any of the interface combinations to provide maximum flexibility to your application.

In both RS-232 and RS-422 modes, the card works seamlessly with the standard operating system serial driver. In RS-485 mode, our special auto-enable feature allows the RS-485 ports to be viewed by the operating system as a COM: port. This allows the standard COM: driver to be utilized for RS-485 communications. Our on-board hardware automatically handles the RS-485 driver enable. UART upgrades are available providing 32 and 64 byte FIFOs.

What's Included

The **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** is shipped with the following items. If any of these items are missing or damaged, contact the supplier.

- **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** Serial I/O Adapter
- Serial Utility Software
- User Manual

Factory Default Settings

The **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** factory default settings are as follows:

Port #	Electrical Specification
Port 1	RS-232
Port 2	RS-232

To install the **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** using factory default settings, refer to Installation on page 10.

For your reference, record installed **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** settings below:

Port #	Electrical Specification
Port 1	
Port 2	

Card Setup

In all cases J1x refers to settings for the first port and J2x refer to settings for the second port.

RS-485 Enable Modes

RS-485 is ideal for multi-drop or network environments. RS-485 requires a tri-state driver that will allow the electrical presence of the driver to be removed from the line. The driver is in a tri-state or high impedance condition when this occurs. Only one driver may be active at a time and the other driver(s) must be tri-stated. The output modem control signal **Request To Send (RTS)** is typically used to control the state of the driver. Some communication software packages refer to RS-485 as RTS enable or RTS block mode transfer.

One of the unique features of the **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** is the ability to be RS-485 compatible without the need for special software or drivers. This ability is especially useful in Windows, Windows NT, and OS/2 environments where the lower level I/O control is abstracted from the application program. This ability means that the user can effectively use the **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** in a RS-485 application with existing (i.e. standard RS-232) software drivers.

Headers J1B and J2B are used to control the RS-485 mode functions for the driver circuit. The selections are 'RTS' enable (silk-screen 'RT') or 'Auto' enable (silk-screen 'AT'). The 'Auto' enable feature automatically enables/disables the RS-485 interface. The 'RTS' mode uses the 'RTS' modem control signal to enable the RS-485 interface and provides backward compatibility with existing software products.

Position 3 (silk-screen 'NE') of J1B and J2B is used to control the RS-485 enable/disable functions for the receiver circuit and determine the state of the RS-422/485 driver. 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 echoing (i.e. using received characters to throttle the transmitter) or it can confuse the system if the software does not. To select the 'No Echo' mode select silk-screen position 'NE'.

For RS-422/530/449 compatibility remove the jumpers at J1B and J2B.

Examples on the following pages describe all of the valid settings for J1B and J2B.

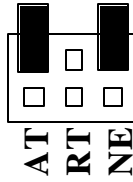
Interface Mode Examples J1D – J4D

Figure 1- Headers J1B and J2B, RS-422

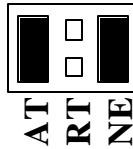


Figure 2 - Headers J1B and J2B, RS-485 'Auto' Enabled, with 'No Echo'

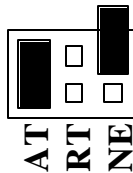


Figure 3 - Headers J1B and J2B, RS-485 'Auto' Enabled, with 'Echo'

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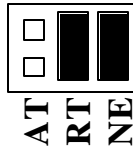


Figure 4 - Headers J1B and J2B, RS-485 'RTS' Enabled, with 'No Echo'

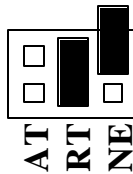


Figure 5 - Headers J1B and J2B, RS-485 'RTS' Enabled, with 'Echo'

Address and IRQ selection

The **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** is automatically assigned I/O addresses and IRQs by your motherboard BIOS. Only the I/O address may be modified by the user.

Adding or removing other hardware may change the assignment of I/O addresses and IRQs.

Line Termination

Typically, each end of the RS-485 bus must have line terminating resistors (RS-422 terminates at the receive end only). A 120-ohm resistor is across each RS-530/422/485 input in addition to a 1K ohm pull-up/pull-down combination that biases the receiver inputs. Headers J1A and J2A allow the user to customize this interface to their specific requirements. Each jumper position corresponds to a specific portion of the interface. If multiple **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** adapters are configured in a RS-485 network, only the boards on each end should have jumpers T, P & P **ON**. Refer to the following table for each position's operation:

Name	Function
P	Adds or removes the 1K ohm pull-down resistor in the RS-422/RS-485 receiver circuit (Receive data only).
P	Adds or removes the 1K ohm pull-up resistor in the RS-422/RS-485 receiver circuit (Receive data only).
T	Adds or removes the 120 ohm termination.
L	Connects the TX+ to RX+ for RS-485 two wire operation.
L	Connects the TX- to RX- for RS-485 two wire operation.

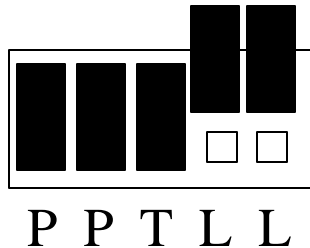


Figure 6 - Headers J1A and J2A, Line Termination

Electrical Interface Selection

Each port on the **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** has the ability to be used in either RS-232 or RS-422/485. This is selectable via four 24 pin DIP-shunts at E1-E4. Please use the following illustration to aid in the configuration of your electrical interface.

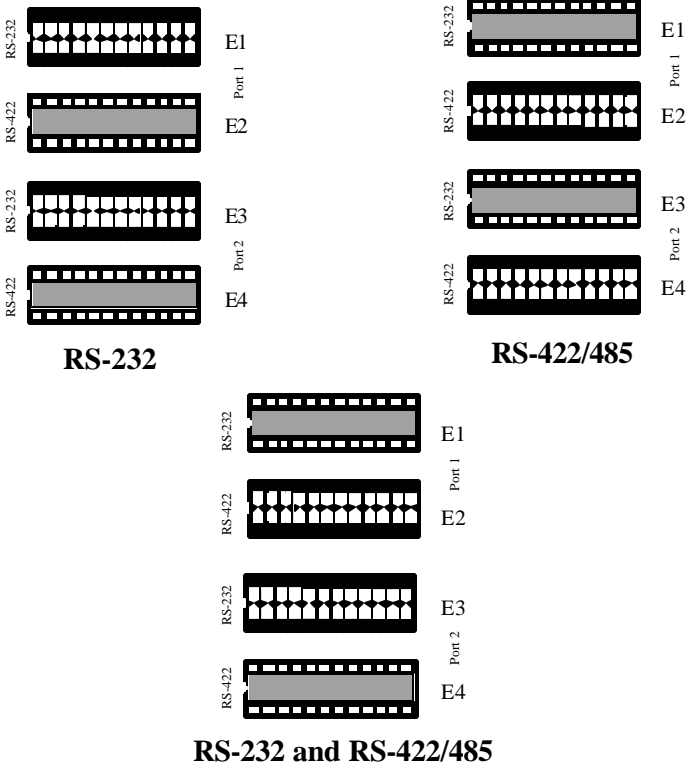


Figure 7 Headers E1 - E4, Electrical Interface Selection

Clock Modes

The **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** employs a unique clocking option that allows the end user to select from divide by 4, divide by 2 and divide by 1 clocking modes. These modes are selected at Headers J1C through J4C.

To select the Baud rates commonly associated with COM: ports (i.e. 2400, 4800, 9600, 19.2, ... 115.2K Bps) place the jumper in the divide by 4 mode (silk-screen DIV4).

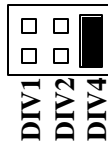


Figure 8 - Clocking Mode 'Divide By 4'

To double these rates up to a maximum rate for 230.4K bps place the jumper in the divide by 2 (silk-screen DIV2) position.

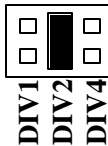


Figure 9 - Clocking Mode 'Divide By 2'

To select the maximum data rate (460.8K bps) place the jumper in the divide by 1 (silk-screen DIV1) position.

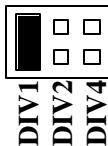


Figure 10 - Clocking Mode 'Divide By 1'

Baud Rates and Divisors for the 'Div1' mode

The following table shows some common data rates and the rates you should choose to match them if using the adapter in the 'Div1' mode.

For this Data Rate	Choose this Data Rate
1200 bps	300 bps
2400 bps	600 bps
4800 bps	1200 bps
9600 bps	2400 bps
19.2K bps	4800 bps
57.6 K bps	14.4K bps
115.2 K bps	28.8K bps
230.4K bps	57.6 K bps
460.8K bps	115.2 K bps

If your communications package allows the use of Baud rate divisors, choose the appropriate divisor from the following table:

For this Data Rate	Choose this Divisor
1200 bps	384
2400 bps	192
4800 bps	96
9600 bps	48
19.2K bps	24
38.4K bps	12
57.6K bps	8
115.2K bps	4
230.4K bps	2
460.8K bps	1

Baud Rates and Divisors for the 'Div2' mode

The following table shows some common data rates and the rates you should choose to match them if using the adapter in the 'Div2' mode.

For this Data Rate	Choose this Data Rate
1200 bps	600 bps
2400 bps	1200 bps
4800 bps	2400bps
9600 bps	4800 bps
19.2K bps	9600 bps
38.4K bps	19.2K bps
57.6 K bps	28.8K bps
115.2 K bps	57.6 K bps
230.4 K bps	115.2 K bps

If your communications package allows the use of Baud rate divisors, choose the appropriate divisor from the following table:

For this Data Rate	Choose this Divisor
1200 bps	192
2400 bps	96
4800 bps	48
9600 bps	24
19.2K bps	12
38.4K bps	8
57.6K bps	4
115.2K bps	2
230.4K bps	1

Installation

Operating System Installation

DOS

Refer to the 'PCI.txt' file found in the \DOS\PCI sub-directory on the supplied Serial Utilities Diskette.

Windows 3.1x

Refer to the Win3x.hlp file found in the \Windows\3.1x sub-directory on the supplied Serial Utilities Diskette.

Windows 95

Refer to the PCI.hlp file found in the \Windows\95 sub-directory on the supplied Serial Utilities Diskette.

Windows NT

Refer to the PCI.hlp file found in the \Windows\NT sub-directory on the supplied Serial Utilities Diskette.

Hardware Installation

The **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** can be installed in any of the PCI expansion slots and contains several jumper straps for each port that 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 PCI slot and remove the blank metal slot cover.
4. Gently insert the **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** 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.

Technical Description

The Omega Engineering **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** provides a PCI interface adapter with 2 asynchronous serial ports providing a versatile interface, field selectable as RS-232 for modems, printers and plotters, as well as RS-422/485 for industrial automation and control applications.

The **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** utilizes the 16550 UART. This chip features programmable baud rates, 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.

Interrupts

A good description of an interrupt and it's importance to the IBM PC can be found in the book 'Peter Norton's Inside the PC, Premier Edition':

“ One of the key things that makes a computer different from any other kind of man-made machine is that computers have the capability to respond to the unpredictable variety of work that comes to them. The key to this capability is a feature known as interrupts. The interrupt feature enables the computer to suspend whatever it is doing and switch to something else in response to an interruption, such as the press of a key on the keyboard.”

A good analogy of a PC interrupt would be the phone ringing. The phone 'bell' is a request for us to stop what we are currently doing and take up another task (speak to the person on the other end of the line). This is the same process the PC uses to alert the CPU that a task must be preformed. The CPU upon receiving an interrupt makes a record of what the processor was doing at the time and stores this information on the 'stack'; this allows the processor to resume its predefined duties after the interrupt is handled, exactly where it left off. Every main sub-system in the PC has it's own interrupt, frequently called an IRQ (short for **I**nterrupt **Re**Quest). The following IRQ table will define the system IRQs as well as show typically free IRQs.

In these early days of PC's Omega Engineering decided that the ability to share IRQs was an important feature for any add-in I/O card. Consider that in the IBM XT the available IRQs were IRQ0 through IRQ7. Of these interrupts only IRQ2-5 and IRQ7 were actually available for use. This made the IRQ a very valuable system resource. To make the maximum use of these system resources Omega Engineering devised an IRQ sharing circuit that allowed more than one port to use a selected IRQ. This worked fine as a hardware solution but presented the

software designer with a challenge to identify the source of the interrupt. The software designer frequently used a technique referred to as ‘round robin polling’. This method required the interrupt service routine to ‘poll’ or interrogate each UART as to its interrupt pending status. This method of polling was sufficient for use with slower speed communications, but as modems increased their throughput abilities this method of servicing shared IRQs became inefficient.

Why use an ISP?

The answer to the polling inefficiency was the **Interrupt Status Port (ISP)**. The ISP is a read only 8-bit register that sets a corresponding bit when an interrupt is pending. Port 1 interrupt line corresponds with Bit D0 of the status port, Port 2 with D1 etc. The use of this port means that the software designer now only has to poll a single port to determine if an interrupt is pending.

The ISP is at Base+7 on each port (Example: Base = 280 Hex, Status Port = 287, 28F... etc.). The **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** will allow any one of the available locations to be read to obtain the value in the status register. Both status ports on the **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** are identical, so any one can be read.

Example: This indicates that Channel 2 has an interrupt pending.

Bit Position:	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Value Read:	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Connector Pin Assignments

RS-232

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

Note: These assignments meet EIA/TIA/ANSI-574 DTE for DB-9 type connectors.

RS-422/485

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

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 Omega Engineering 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

Supply line	+12VDC	-12VDC	+5 VDC
Rating	50 mA	50 mA	480 mA

Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF)

Greater than 150,000 hours. (Calculated)

Physical Dimensions

Board length	5.0 inches	(12.7 cm)
Board Height including Goldfingers	4.2 inches	(10.66 cm)
Board Height excluding Goldfingers	3.875 inches	(9.841 cm)

Appendix A - Troubleshooting

A Serial Utility Diskette is supplied with the Omega Engineering 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 Omega Engineering 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 Omega Engineering adapter is using a unique IRQ. While the Omega Engineering 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 Omega Engineering adapter is securely installed in a motherboard slot.
5. When running DOS, Windows 3.x or other operating systems refer to the Serial Utilities Disk 1 and the User Manual to verify that the Omega Engineering adapter is configured correctly. The supplied 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 README.txt file on the supplied diskette for detailed instructions on using 'SSD'.
6. For Windows 95/98 and Windows NT, the diagnostic tool 'WinSSD' is installed in the Omega 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.

Always use the Omega Engineering diagnostic software when troubleshooting a problem. This will help eliminate any software issues and identify any hardware conflicts

Appendix B - How To Get Assistance

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

1. Read this manual thoroughly before attempting to install the adapter in your system.
2. 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.

RETURN AUTHORIZATION MUST BE OBTAINED FROM OMEGA ENGINEERING BEFORE RETURNED MERCHANDISE WILL BE ACCEPTED. AUTHORIZATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING OMEGA ENGINEERING 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 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 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. The RS-232 and the EIA/TIA-574 specification define two types of interface circuits, Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) and Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment (DCE). The **OMG-ULTRA COMM+2.PCI** is a DTE device.

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. 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 (usual 1, 1.5 or 2). An extra bit used for error detection is often appended before the stop bits.

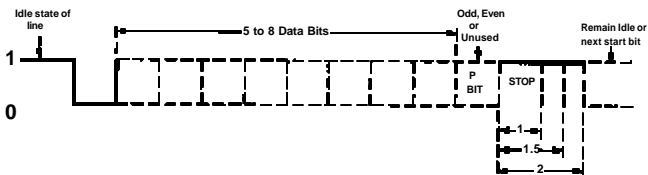


Figure 11 - Asynchronous Communications Bit Diagram

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 F - Compliance Notices

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