CON-485-PE9
RS-232 To RS-485 Converter – DB9
Datasheet Revision 2.4

GENERAL FEATURES:
• Plug-and-Play (hot-pluggable)
• Both rugged or terminal block with optional 120 Ohm termination
• Data direction auto-turnaround - no flow control necessary
• Port powered - no external power needed
• Built-in surge and static protection
• 5 year manufacturer’s warranty
• RoHS, CE, and FCC certified

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The SerialComm CON-485-PE9 is a bi-directional port powered RS-232 to RS-485 converter which
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turnaround feature automatically enables the RS-485 driver when data is present from the RS-232 port,
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termination are included with the product for maximum flexibility. The terminal blocks plugs into the RS-
485 port, providing screw-lug wire terminations for the port. The unit is enclosed in a rugged ABS
housing, and is powered from the RS-232 data lines; no external power is required.

CERTIFICATIONS:
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The other terminal block has a built-in 120 Ohm termination selectable by a jumper on the terminal block.
Both terminal blocks include fastening hardware.

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SPECIFICATIONS:

COMMUNICATION
STANDARDS: EIA/TIA RS-232C Standard and RS-485 Standard
BAUD RATES: From 300 bps to 115,200 bps
CONNECTOR TYPES: RS-232 Side: DB9 Female and RS-485 Side: either DB9 Male or 3-way Terminal Block
DISTANCE: RS-232 Side: 16 ft (5m) and RS-485 Side: up to 4000 ft (1.2km)
MAX # OF CONNECTIONS: 32 Connection Drops

ELECTRICAL
POWER SOURCE: Port Powered From RS-232 Data Lines
CURRENT CONSUMPTION: Less Than 10 mA
STATIC PROTECTION: 15KV Electric Static Discharge (ESD) Protection
SURGE PROTECTION: 600W Surge Protection

MECHANICAL
HOUSING: Rugged ABS
WEIGHT: With Terminal Block: 1.2oz (36 grams) Without Terminal Block: 0.8oz (24 grams)
DIMENSIONS: With Terminal Block: 3.15” X 1.33” X 0.70” (80.0 mm X 33.8 mm X 17.8 mm) Without Terminal Block: 2.47” X 1.33” X 0.70” (62.8 mm X 33.8 mm X 17.8 mm)

ENVIRONMENTAL
OPERATING TEMP: -4° F to 140° F (-20°C to 60°C)
STORAGE TEMP: -40° F to 185° F (-40°C to 85°C)
OPERATING HUMIDITY: 5% To 95% - No Condensation

QUALITY
PRODUCT SAFETY: CE, FCC and RoHS Conformance Certified
QUALITY MANAGEMENT: Manufactured and Distributed to ISO 9001:2008
RELIABILITY: Low Failure Rate – 99+% Reliability Since Inception
WARRANTY: 5 Year Replacement Warranty

PINOUT CONFIGURATION:
RS-232 SIDE – DB9 FEMALE

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RS-485 SIDE – DB9 MALE OR TERMINAL BLOCK

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**TERMINATION GUIDE:**
The CON-485-PE9 terminal block has an optional built-in 120 ohm termination. 120 ohm termination is an advanced feature typically used to reduce noise and signal reflections. It is recommended to use 120 Ohm termination if you are exceeding 600 feet in distance, 19.6K baud or in a noisy environment. The terminal blocks are shipped with 120 Ohm termination off but can be turned on using the convenient jumper setting located on the left bottom of the terminal block.

**TROUBLESHOOTING INSTRUCTIONS:**
Using two CON-485-PE9 units:
1. Check that all connections comply with the connection diagrams.
2. Perform a loop back test:
   a) Connect the two RS-485 ports.
   b) Connect the two RS-232 ports to two PC RS-232 ports.
   c) Running hyper terminal programs on both PCs, send ASCII characters to the CON-485-PE9 converter from one PC port, and check that the characters are received at the 2nd PC port. Repeat the test in the opposite direction. This tests that the transmit and receive functions of both CON-485-PE9 units are working properly.

**APPLICATIONS:**

*FIGURE 1: EXTENDING RS-232 DATA DISTANCE*

*FIGURE 2: MASTER/SLAVE MULTIPLE DROP CONFIGURATION*