



Socket Serial Newsletter

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Windows Vista driver - We are happy to announce that new a driver for our Serial I/O cards is available to download now.

Card Compatibility:

- Single I/O
- Dual I/O
- Quad I/O

OS Compatibility:

- Windows Vista
- Windows XP
- Windows 2000

Other Features:

- Further optimization for CoreDuo and other multi-processor CPUs
- Improved user interface for Hi-Speed COM Tools utility
- Advanced customization features for baud mapping and flow control
- Scalable icons in Vista Control Panel
- New, detailed README file

Recommended Update For:

- Windows Vista computers
- CoreDuo computers

[Download the driver](#)

Uninstalling old drivers – This is one of our most frequently asked questions. Windows will not fully uninstall our older serial I/O drivers, and installation of a new driver can fail unless you follow these steps.

1. The executable download will copy driver installation files to a folder on your computer. Take note of the folder location, you can change it if you like
2. Use Windows Device Manager to uninstall the old driver
3. Go to the Windows\inf folder and delete any OEM???.INF and OEM???.PNF files that are related to the old serial driver. This will make sure Windows doesn't re-install the old driver

Note: In Vista you can run PNPUTIL -E in a DOS window to see a list of OEM??? files and what drivers they are for. In XP and 2000 you have to read the first few lines of

each file. If there are too many OEM??? files to read, you can just make a backup copy of them somewhere and then delete them all. You can restore the copies after the new driver installation is complete, but often they aren't needed

4. Insert your serial I/O card and follow the on-screen new device installation instructions. When asked, tell Windows the name of the folder where you put the new driver
5. You will be prompted if it is necessary to restart your computer after the installation

[See our driver release notes for more detailed instructions](#)

Introducing Socket Savers – These are so simple and elegant a solution they are cool!



Socket Savers save your expensive serial peripherals from connector wear. Even if you only connect cables infrequently pins can be bent. But Socket Savers are inexpensive; if one wears out or is damaged -- just replace it!

Our price: \$24.99 for five Socket Savers

Availability: Shipping in December

Order from www.socketmobile.com when listed

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