

# IPC-E3204S

Industrial 4-port RS-232/422/485 with Surge  
PCI-Express Serial Card



## Introduction

SUNIX IPC-E3204S, Industrial 4-port RS-232/422/485 PCI-Express Serial Card, allows users to expand four RS-232/422/485 ports on PC-based system. Each serial port achieves data rates up to 921.6 Kbps and utilizes UART with an on-chip 128-bytes hardware FIFO buffer for reliable, high-speed serial I/O. With SUNIX patented Auto-Switching RS-422/485 and RS-485 AHDC™ technology, user can easily manage different serial interfaces selection and RS-485 signal direction control. SUNIX IPC-E3204S board is provided with 2KV IEC6100-4-5 Level 3 Surge Suppressor and 15KV IEC61000-4-2 ESD Discharge Transceiver. Besides, board supports a wide variety of operating systems, including Windows, Linux, DOS, and UNIX. It is the best serial communicating solution for industrial and harsh environment applications.

## Features

- Expands 4 independent RS-232/422/485 serial ports with communication speeds up to 921.6Kbps.
- With high reliable SUNIX PCI Express UART controller.
- Designed to meet PCI Express Base Specification Revision 2.0.
- RS-422 and RS-485 auto detect and switching technology – jumper and software free.
- AHDC/CS™ technology for collision free communication.
- On-chip hardware auto flow control to guarantee no data loss.
- Ultra low power consumption design for Green Environment.
- 15KV ESD protection for all serial signals meets IEC-61000-4-2 standard.
- 1KV surge protection for RS-422/485 signals meets IEC-61000-4-5 Level 2 standard.
- Plug-n-Play, I/O address and IRQ assigned by BIOS.
- Certified by CE, FCC, VCCI, C-Tick, BSMI, RoHS, and Microsoft WHQL approval.
- Support Microsoft Windows, Linux, and DOS OS.

## Specifications

### Serial Communication

<b>Interface</b>	RS-232/422/485	<b>Baud rate</b>	50bps ~921.6Kbps
<b>Controller</b>	SUNIX SUN2410 (16C950 UART Compatible)	<b>Stop bit</b>	1, 1.5, 2
<b>BUS</b>	PCI Express 2.0 x 1 (single lan)	<b>Parity</b>	even, odd, none, mark, space
<b>No. of Port</b>	4-port	<b>Flow Control</b>	Xon/Xoff (software)
<b>IRQ &amp; IO</b>	Assigned by System	<b>FIFO</b>	128byte Hardware
<b>Signal</b>	RS-232: TxD, RxD, RTS, CTS, DTR, DSR, DCD, GND, RI RS-422: TxD+, TxD-, RxD+, RxD-, GND 4-wire RS-485: TxD+, TxD-, RxD+, RxD-, GND 2-wire RS-485: Data+, Data-, GND		
<b>Protection</b>	±15KV ESD IEC6000-4-2 Air Discharge ±8KV ESD IEC61000-4-2 Contact Discharge ±4KV ESD IEC61000-4-2 Level 2 Line-to-Line 1KV Surge IEC61000-4-5 Level 2 Surge Immunity Test ( RS-422/485 )		
<b>PCB Connector</b>	DB44 Female		

### Driver Support

<b>Microsoft Client</b>	Windows 10 (X86/X64) / Windows 11 (X64)
<b>Microsoft Server</b>	Windows Server 2022 (X64)
<b>Microsoft Embedded</b>	Windows CE5.0/6.0/ XP SP3/ Embedded POS Ready 2009
<b>Linux</b>	Linux Kernel 2.4.x / 2.6.x / 3.x / 4.x / 5.x
<b>DOS</b>	DOS

### Regulatory Approvals

<b>Hardware</b>	CE, FCC, VCCI, BSMI
<b>Software</b>	Microsoft WHQL Windows <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Microsoft Client:</b> Windows 10 (X86/X64) / Windows 11 (X64)</li><li>● <b>Microsoft Server:</b> 2022 (X64)</li></ul>

### Environment

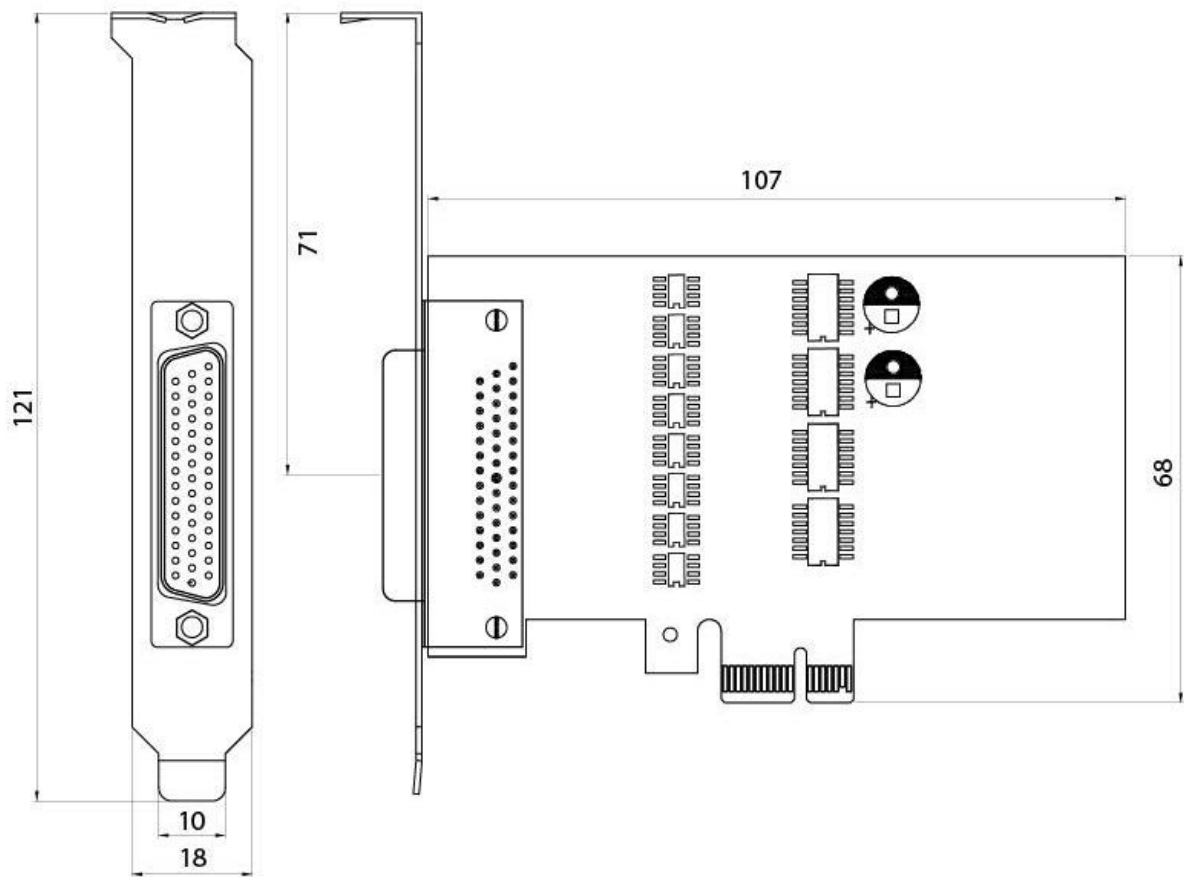
<b>Operation Temperature</b>	0 to 70°C (32 to 158°F)
<b>Operation Humidity</b>	5 to 95% RH
<b>Storage Temperature</b>	-20 to 85°C (-4 to 185°F)

Dimension

PCB Dimension	107 x 68 mm
Bracket	Standard 121 mm
Bracket Space	1

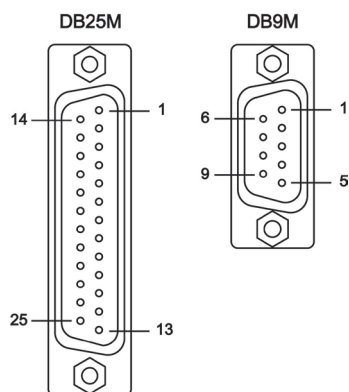
Mechanical Drawings (Unit = mm)

■ Standard



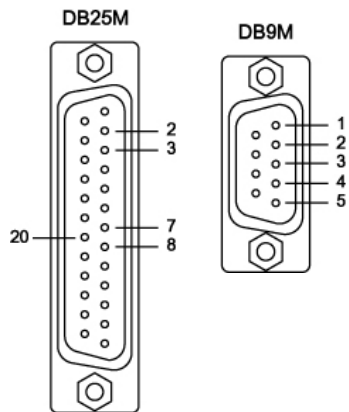
# Pin Assignment

## ■ RS-232



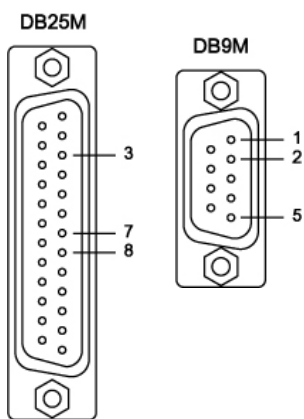
PIN	DB25M	DB9M
DCD	8	1
RxD	3	2
TxD	2	3
DTR	20	4
GND	7	5
DSR	6	6
RTS	4	7
CTS	5	8
RI	22	9

## ■ RS-422



PIN	DB25M	DB9M
TxD-	8	1
TxD+	3	2
RxD+	2	3
RxD-	20	4
GND	7	5

## ■ RS-485

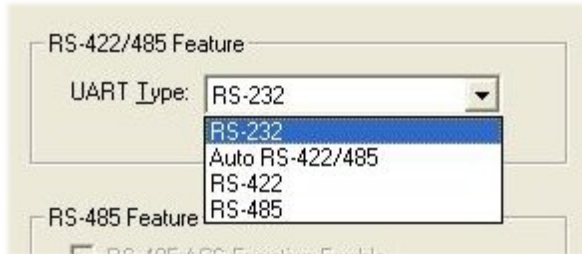


PIN	DB25M	DB9M
Data--	8	1
Data+	3	2
GND	7	5

## Tech Forum

### User-friendly RS-232/422/485 UART Type Setting

User can select RS-232, RS-422 or RS-485 interface for each COM port by software.



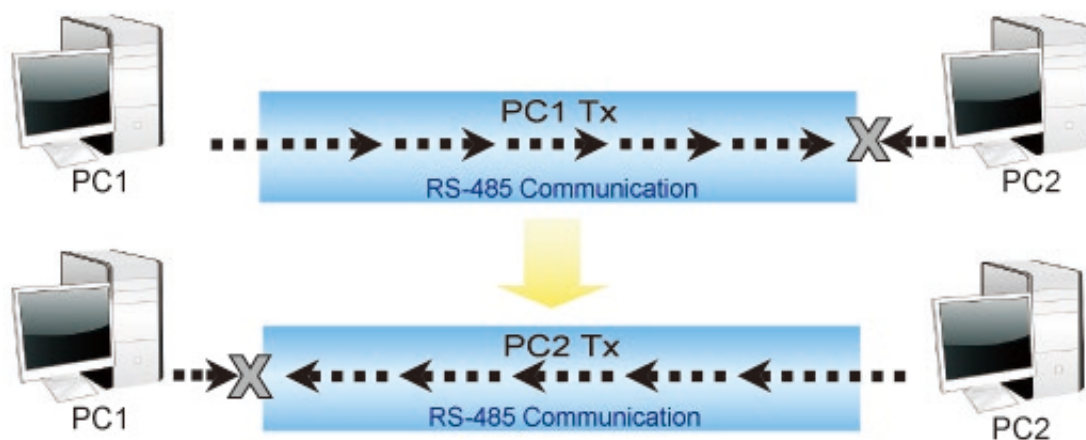
### RS-422/485 Auto Detect & Switching Design

SUNIX developed a unique technology "Auto Detect & Switching RS-422/485, which can automatically detect the state of RS-422 full duplex or RS-485 half duplex and control the data transmitting and receiving wires at the same port without any jumper settings. This design gives users the convenience to change the communication mode setting without any system shut downs.



### RS-485 ACS™ Technology

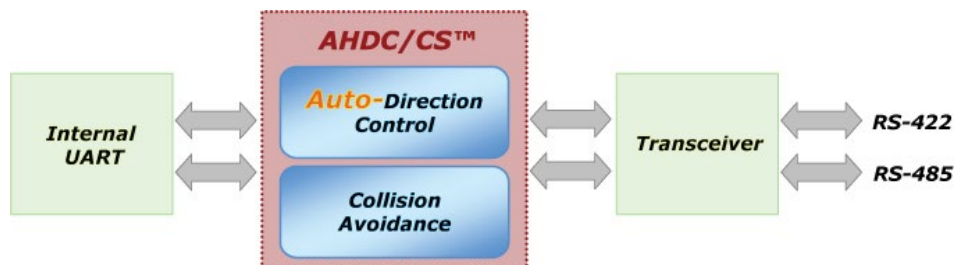
Auto Carrier Sense (ACS™) technology is the data flow control under RS-485 half duplex (one-way traffic) communicating. It manages data flow between computers or devices or between nodes in a RS-485 network, so that the data can be handled at an efficient pace.



Auto Carrier Sense (ACS™) technology will check the status of RS-485 communication bus. If the bus is idle, it starts transmission. If the bus is not idle (some data flows in the bus), then it will postpone the transmission of UART until the bus is idle. Due to the reduction of TX/RX packet conflicting on RS-485 one-way traffic bus, it will enhance better system performance and RS-485 communication ability. SUNIX recommend enabling this feature.

### AHDC/CS™ Technology

Since RS-485 is bidirectional which means the driver is turned on only when it needs to transmit some data, otherwise it is floating. SUNIX developed a new design to control the direction of driver (On or off) automatically which is called Auto Hardware Direction Control/Carrier Sense. AHDC/CS™ works on the same principle and only turns on the driver when UART needs to transmits some data; but the advantage is that AHDC/CS™.



Auto Hardware Direction Control (AHDC™) technology makes it easier to manage 2-wire RS-485 half-duplex communications, eliminating the need for software interference. User does not necessary to write extra code for Windows applications to control the half-duplex protocol. Auto Hardware Direction Control (AHDC™) technology is the key feature of SUNIX UART, and this function is default enabling.

### Ultra Low Power Consumption

Low power consumption is always a large part of the needs expressed by customers. Recently, low power consumption has become essential not only for system development but also for environmental reasons, and in fact low power consumption has become an ever larger part of the needs expressed by customers. SUNIX has pursued this issue via various approaches, as it seeks to provide special cell-bases ASICs that meet today's challenging needs for lower power consumption during active and standby modes. According to our typical test result, SUNIX UART controller costs 0.033W (3.3V@0.01A) power consumption under full-loading working condition.



## Package

- IPC-E3204S - Industrial 4 ports RS-232/422/485 with Surge PCI-Express Serial Card
- Quick Installation Guide
- Software CD Driver
- DB44 to 4-port DB9 Male Connection Cable, 40 cm



## Optional Accessories

- PCIe Add-on Card Holder

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