Universal Serial Bus (USB) to DH-485 Interface Converter

Catalog Number 1747-UIC

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Important User Information

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WARNING	Identifies information about practices or circumstances that can cause an explosion in a hazardous environment, which may lead to personal injury or death, property damage, or economic loss.
IMPORTANT	Identifies information that is critical for successful application and understanding of the product.
ATTENTION	Identifies information about practices or circumstances that can lead to personal injury or death, property damage, or economic loss. Attentions help you: • identify a hazard • avoid a hazard • recognize the consequence
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Overview

The 1747-UIC allows you to connect devices that communicate using DH-485 protocol directly to a computer's USB port, using either the 1747-UIC's RS-232 or RS-485 port and user-provided programming cables. Three LED indicators on the 1747-UIC provide communication status.

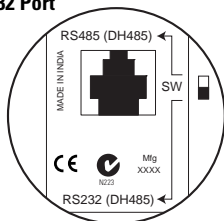## Computer and Operating System Requirements

The USB to DH-485 interface converter works with RSLinx version 2.41 or higher and Windows98/2000/XP, on computers equipped with USB ports.
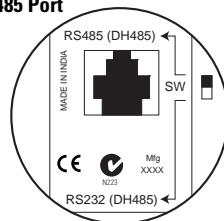
Install the Interface Converter

To install the interface converter:

1. Determine whether you will mount the interface converter. The interface converter can be mounted on a DIN rail using the DIN rail mounting kit (included).

2. Install the Ferrite Collar for EMC Compliance. See page 4.

3. Slide the switch (SW) on the interface converter to indicate the appropriate port.

4. To ensure proper ground, make cable connections between the interface converter and the DH-485 device or interface first.

   See Connect DH-485 Devices to the Interface Converter's RS-485 Port on page 5 or Connect DH-485 Devices to the Interface Converter's RS-232 Port on page 6.

   IMPORTANT Do not connect more than one 1747-UIC interface converter to a single computer.

5. Plug the 1747-UIC USB cable into the computer's USB port. The green OK LED indicator should turn on to indicate that the 1747-UIC is receiving power through the USB port.

6. If this is the first time that this interface converter has been connected to this computer, you must install the 1747-UIC drivers.

See Install the Drivers on page 7.

7. Identify which COM port has been assigned to the interface converter.

See Identify the Assigned COM Port on page 11.

8. Create an RS-232 DF1 Driver within RSLinx.

See Configure the 1747-UIC Interface Converter in RSLinx on page 11.

9. Verify DH-485 communications using RSWho. Both the USB and DH-485 green LED indicators should be flashing when communications are working.

IMPORTANT	Always stop the RSLinx RS-232 DF1 driver or shut down RSLinx prior to unplugging the interface converter from the computer's USB port.

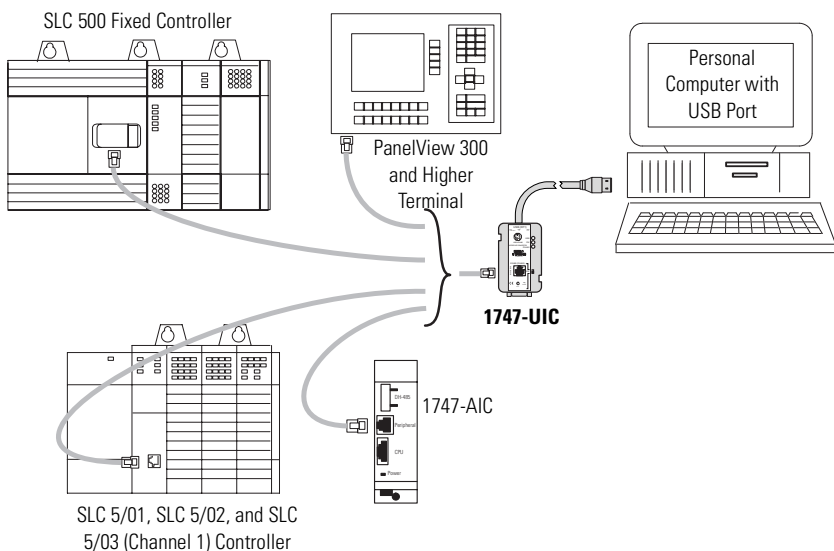## Install the Ferrite Collar (European EMC Compliance)

Install the provided ferrite collar on the 1747-UIC cable for suppression of electromagnetic emissions and interference. The collar is required for compliance with the European EMC directive.

To be most effective, the ferrite collar must be placed between the cable ties on the USB cable where the cable exits the 1747-UIC interface converter.

1. Fold the collar so that it encircles the cable.

2. Press the plastic housing until the collar snaps together.

3. Check that the collar is fully latched.
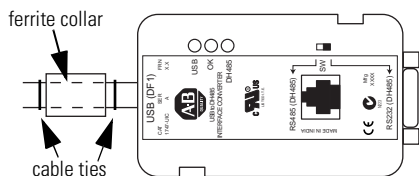
ferrite collar

cable ties

Connect DH-485 Devices to the Interface Converter's RS-485 Port

SLC 500 Fixed Controller

PanelView 300 and Higher Terminal

Personal Computer with USB Port

1747-UIC

1747-AIC

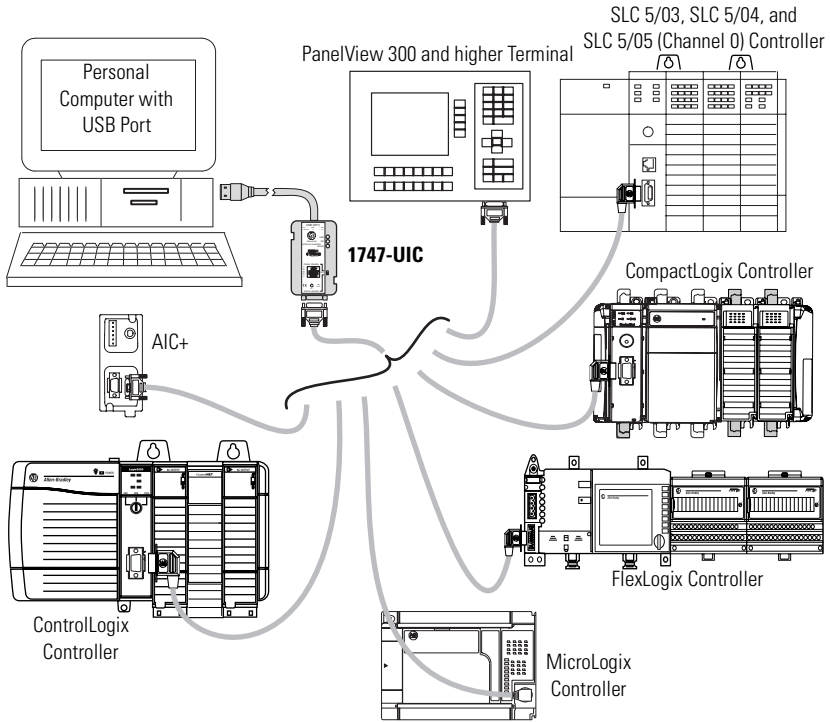SLC 5/01, SLC 5/02, and SLC 5/03 (Channel 1) Controller

Connect the Following DH-485 Equipment to the RS-485 Port	Use Cable
SLC 500 Fixed Controller	1747-C13
SLC 5/01, SLC 5/02, and SLC 5/03 (Channel 1) Controllers	
1747-AIC Isolated Link Coupler	
PanelView 300 and higher Terminals with DH-485 Ports	

ATTENTION	To avoid ESD damage to the 1747-UIC interface converter, always connect it to the properly grounded DH-485 device or interface prior to plugging the USB cable into the computer's USB port.

Connect DH-485 Devices to the Interface Converter's RS-232 Port

Connect the Following DH-485 Equipment to the RS-232 Port	Use Cable
SLC 5/03, SLC 5/04, and SLC 5/05 (Channel 0)[1] Controllers	1747-CP3, 1756-CP3
1761-NET-AIC (AIC+) Advanced Interface Converter	1747-CP3, 1756-CP3 (Port 1, 9-pin D) 1761-CBL-PM02 (Port 2, 8-pin DIN)
PanelView 300 and higher Terminals with RS-232 (DH-485) Ports	2711-NC13 or equivalent
MicroLogix[1] Controllers PanelView 300 Micro (DH-485) Terminals	1761-CBL-PM02 or equivalent
CompactLogix[1] Controllers	1747-CP3, 1756-CP3
FlexLogix[1] Controllers	1747-CP3, 1756-CP3
ControlLogix[1] Controllers	1747-CP3, 1756-CP3

[1] Make sure your controller's Channel 0 configuration is set to DH-485 prior to connecting the 1747-UIC interface converter to Channel 0. The factory default is DF1.

ATTENTION	To avoid ESD damage to the interface converter, always connect the interface converter to the properly grounded DH-485 device or interface prior to plugging the USB cable into the computer's USB port.

Install the Drivers

Before using the 1747-UIC, you must install drivers for both the 1747-UIC interface converter and the USB serial port. To install the drivers:

1. If you have RSLinx version 2.42, or higher, the 1747-UIC drivers are included on the RSLinx distribution CD. Otherwise, you may download them onto your hard drive from the Allen-Bradley product support webpage (http://www.ab.com/support/products/pccards.html).

2. Plug the interface converter into your PC's USB port.

3. Verify that the OK LED indicator is on (solid).

   The Found New Hardware screen shows the Allen-Bradley 1747-UIC.

   Found New Hardware
   Allen-Bradley 1747-UIC
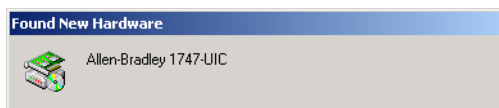
 | **TIP** | If the 1747-UIC screen (above) does not appear within 30 seconds after you plug the 1747-UIC interface converter into the computer's USB port, then either the computer has already been configured for this interface converter, or there is a problem with the USB port on the computer. |
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   | | You can determine whether the computer was previously configured for this interface converter by checking the computer's COM port assignments. See Identify the Assigned COM Port on page 11. |

4. The Found New Hardware Wizard appears. Click Next.

   Found New Hardware Wizard

   Welcome to the Found New Hardware Wizard

   This wizard helps you install a device driver for a hardware device.

   To continue, click Next.

   < Back   Next >   Cancel

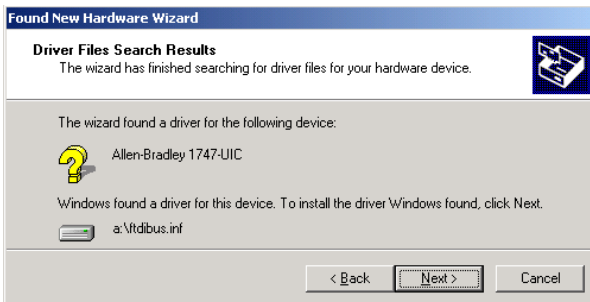 | **TIP** | The screens shown are from a Windows 2000 system. |
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5. The Install Hardware Device Drivers screen appears with Search for a suitable driver… selected as the default. Click Next.
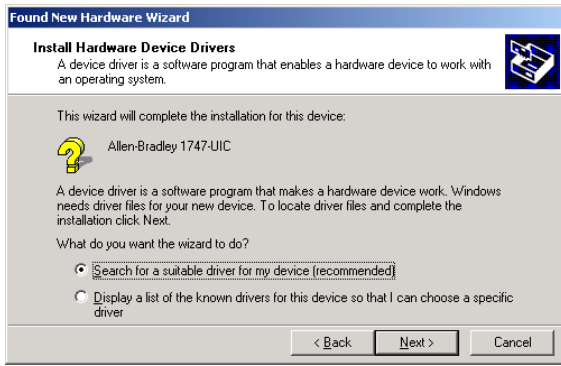
6. When the Locate Driver Files screen appears, select the media where the drivers are stored. Click Next.
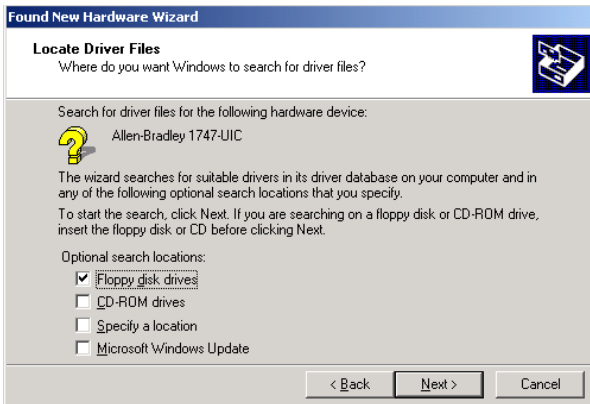
7. When the wizard indicates that it has found the driver for the 1747-UIC interface converter, click Next.

8. Click Finish to complete the installation of the 1747-UIC interface converter.

If you have Windows98/ME, your installation completes automatically and you may proceed directly to Identify the Assigned COM Port on page 11. Otherwise, continue with step 9.
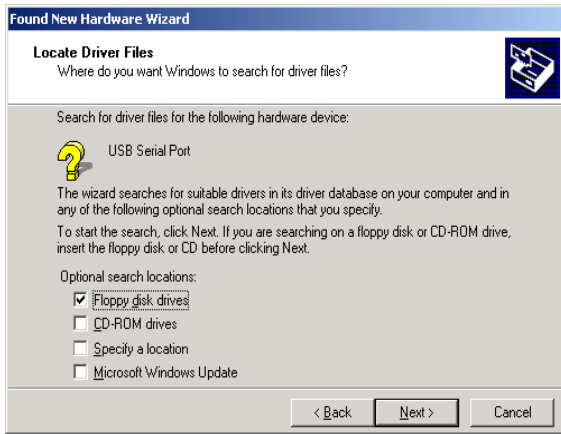
9. The Found New Hardware Wizard continues immediately with installation of the USB serial port. Click Next.

10. The Install Hardware Device Drivers screen appears with Search for a suitable driver… selected as the default. Click Next.
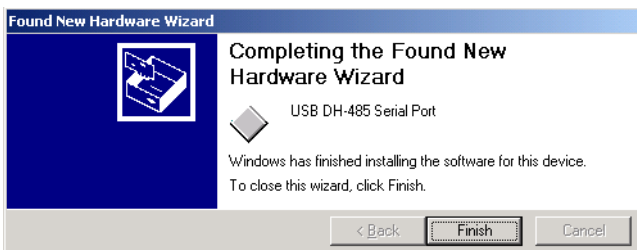
11. When the Locate Driver Files screen appears, select Specify a location, Floppy disk drives, or CD-ROM drives, and click Next.

12. When the wizard indicates that it has found the driver for the USB Serial Port, click Next.

13. Click Finish to complete the installation of the USB Serial Port.

Identify the Assigned COM Port

Identify the assigned COM port using Device Manager, as shown below.

Windows Version	Required Steps
Windows 98/ME	1. From the Start menu, choose Settings>Control Panel>System. 2. From the System Properties Window, select the Device Manager tab. 3. Select the View devices by type radio button.
Windows 2000	1. From the Start menu, choose Settings>Control Panel>System. 2. From the System window, choose the Hardware tab and click the Device Manager button. 3. From the Device Manager, choose View>Devices by Type.
Windows XP	1. From the Start menu, choose Control Panel>Performance and Maintenance>System Properties. 2. From the System window, select the Hardware tab and click the Device Manager button. 3. From the Device Manager, choose View>Devices by Type.

| TIP | The 1747-UIC interface converter will only appear under Device Manager when the converter is plugged into the computer's USB port, with the OK LED indicator on (solid), and when the 1747-UIC drivers are installed.

If the drivers have not yet been installed, see Install the Drivers on page 7. |
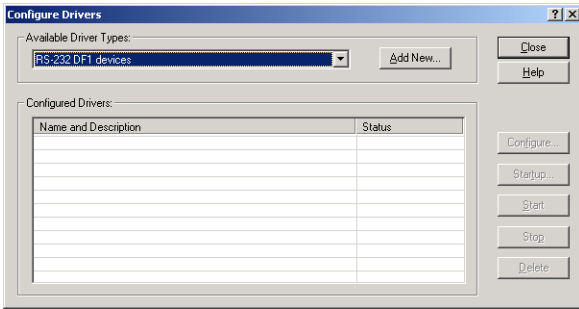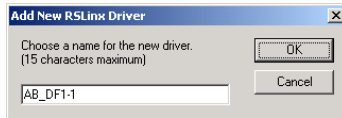
Example Using Windows 2000
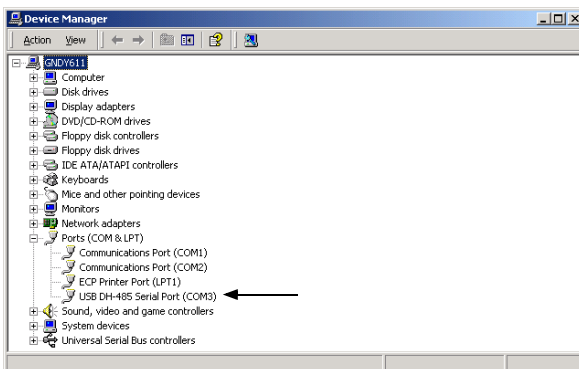
Configure the 1747-UIC Interface Converter in RSLinx

1. Launch RSLinx.

2. Choose Configure Drivers from the Communications menu.

3. Choose RS-232 DF1 devices from the Available Driver Types pulldown menu and click Add New…

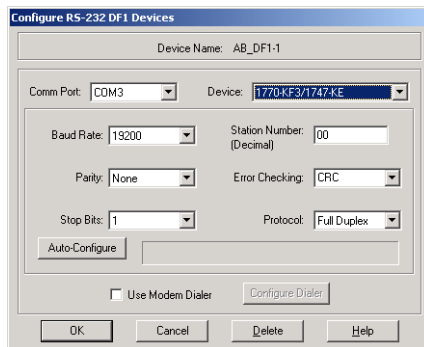**4.** Enter a name for your new driver and click OK.

5. Choose the COM Port to which the interface converter is associated, in this case COM 3.

> **TIP** You can determine the COM port to which the interface converter is assigned using the Device Manager.
>
> See Identify the Assigned COM Port on page 11.

6. Choose 1770-KF3/1747-KE as the Device.

**7.** Set Error Checking to CRC. The default is BCC.

8. The 1747-UIC interface converter operates at 19.2 Kbps only, so set the Baud Rate to 19200.

    Do not click AutoConfigure.

9. Assign the 1747-UIC interface converter an unused station number on the DH-485 network to which you are connecting.

    The interface converter cannot go online to a DH-485 network if it's assigned station number is already being used. Station number 0 is typically reserved for use by RSLinx, but any station number from 0 to 31 is valid.

10. Click OK.
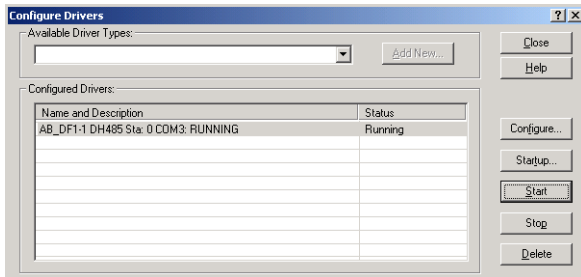
    The 1747-UIC interface converter appears on the network at node 0, as shown in the example below.
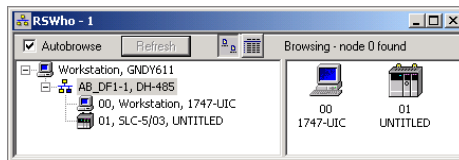
> **IMPORTANT** Always stop the RSLinx RS-232 DF1 driver or shut down RSLinx prior to unplugging the interface converter from the computer's USB port.

Uninstall the Drivers

To uninstall the 1747-UIC drivers from a computer:

1. Choose Add/Remove Programs from the Windows Control Panel.

2. Select FTDI USB Serial Converter Drivers.

3. Click Change/Remove and follow the instructions.

4. Click Continue and then click Finish.

Change the Station Number

If you want to change the station number when the 1747-UIC interface converter is already online to a DH-485 network with an existing station number, you must:

1. Configure the new station number in the RSLinx DF1 driver.

2. Stop the RSLinx DF1 driver.

3. Unplug the 1747-UIC interface converter from the computer's USB port.

4. Plug the interface converter back into the computer's USB port.

5. Start the RSLinx DF1 driver.

Now, when you go online through the 1747-UIC interface converter, it will use the new station number.

Interpret the LED Indicators

The interface converter has three green LED indicators, which indicate the following when lit:
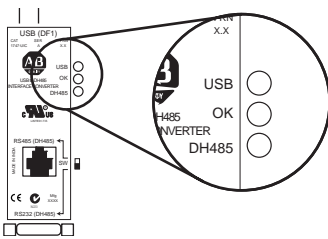
LED Indicator	Description
OK (solid)	The USB port is powered and operational.
USB (flashing)	The USB port is transmitting or receiving DF1 data.
DH-485 (flashing)	The interface converter is actively passing token or data on DH-485 network.

If the LED Indicators Show	The Following Error Exists	Probable Cause	Recommended Action
• All LEDs off	No power to 1747-UIC	No power from USB port	1. Check cable connection to computer's USB port. 2. Verify power to the computer and it's USB port. 3. Plug the interface converter into a different computer's USB port to verify the condition of the interface converter.
• OK LED on solid • USB LED off • DH-485 LED off	No communication occurring through USB or DH-485 ports	RSLinx is not yet attempting to communicate through the 1747-UIC interface converter	1. Check which COM port the interface converter is configured for. See Identify the Assigned COM Port on page 11. 2. Verify that the RSLinx RS-232 DF1 driver is assigned to this COM port, is configured properly, and is running. Examples: See page 12 for proper configuration and page 13 for the Configure Drivers dialog that shows that the driver is running.
• OK LED on solid • USB LED flashing • DH-485 LED off	No DH-485 communications	Duplicate station address	1. Verify the existing station addresses on the DH-485 network and make sure that the RSLinx RS-232 DF1 driver is assigned to an unused station address in the 0 to 31 range.
• OK LED on solid • USB LED flashing • DH-485 LED flashing	RSWho doesn't display any devices on the DH-485 network other than the 1747-UIC	Improper connection to DH-485 network or improper configuration of RSLinx RS-232 DF1 driver	1. Verify that the SW switch is in the correct position for the DH-485 connector being used. 2. Verify that the correct cable is being used. See Connect DH-485 Devices to the Interface Converter's RS-485 Port on page 5. 3. Verify that the Device type in the RS-232 DF1 driver configuration is 1770-KF3/1747-KE so that RSWho will browse stations 0 through 31.

Specifications

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Attribute	Value
Dimensions (HxWxD), Approx.	80.8 x 46.5 x 24.5 mm (3.18 x 1.83 x 0.97 in.)
Dimensions with DIN Rail Mounting Hardware (HxWxD), Approx.	109 x 50.6 x 31 mm (4.29 x 1.99 x 1.22 in.)
Mounting Hole Center-to-Center Spacing	39.3 mm (1.55 in) and 86.9 mm (3.42 in.)
Temperature Range	0…60 °C (32…140 °F)
USB Speed	USB 1.1 (12 Mbps)
USB Power Consumption	< 100 mA (low power)
DH-485 Baud Rate	19.2 Kbps only

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