

Serial Cables for modems ii

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# **Chapter 1**

## **Serial Cables for modems**

### 1.1 Serial Cables for modems

Serial modem Cable

RS-2	32 Definition Signal	-	AMIGA /Terminal TE	Modem DCE				
		9-pin	25-pin	25-pin				
GND	Signal GND	5	1	1				
TXD	Transmit Data	3	2	2				
RXD	Receive Data	2	3	3				
RTS	Req. to Send	7	4	4				
CTS	Clear to Send	8	5	5				
DSR	Data Set Ready	6	6	6				
GND	Chassis GND	_	7	7				
CD	Carrier Detect	1	8	8				
DTR	Data Term. Ready	4	20	20				

CONNECTORS

DB-9 Connector

Pin	Sign	al	Pin	Signal					
1 2		Carrier Detect Receive Data			Data Set Ready Request to Send				
3	TXD	Transmit Data	8	CTS	Clear to Send				
		Data Term. Ready Signal GND	9	KI	Ring Indicator				

DB-25 Connector

Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal

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1	GND	Ground / Shield	14		{2nd TXD}
2	TXD	Transmit Data	15		Transmit Clock
3	RXD	Received Data	16		{2nd Rec. Clock}
4	RTS	Request to Send	17		{Receive Clock}
5	CTS	Clear to Send	18		{Unassigned}
6	DSR	Data Set Ready	19		{2nd RTS}
7	GND	Ground	20	DTR	Data Term Ready
8	DCD	Carrier Detect	21		{Sig. Quality}
9		{Reserved}	22	RI	Ring Indicator
10		{Reserved}	23		{Data Rate Sel.}
11		{Unassigned}	24		{Transmit Clock}
12		{2nd CD}	25		{Unassigned}
13		{2nd CTS}			

#### NULL MODEM CABLE

RS-2	32 Definition Signal	-	/Terminal TE	Modem DCE	
	-	9-pin	25-pin	25-pin	
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TXD	Transmit Data	3	2	3	
RXD	Receive Data	2	3	2	
RTS	Req. to Send	7	4	5	
CTS	Clear to Send	8	5	4	
DSR	Data Set Ready	6	6	20	
GND	Chassis GND	_	7	7	
CD	Carrier Detect	1	8	8	
DTR	Data Term. Ready	4	20	6	

DTE	2																		Ι	OCE
1			•	•	•	•														1
2																				2
3				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				3
4				•	•	•														4
5				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				5
6																				6
7										•						•				7
8				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				8
20																				20

Null modem cables (Several variations)

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The first variation is explained in an excert from the ZIP162 DOC file. The ZIP program will allow computer <> computer file transfers through a null modem cable. It can even clone itself over the cable (in case the disk drives are not compatible/working).

I have tried this cable with Central Point Software's DriveMap 1.0 program and Lap Link V 5.0. It works perfectly. Also note if you build a 25 <> 25 pin cable and you need to connect to a 9 pin COM port that a STANDARD 9F > 25M adapter and/or adapter cable will connect the correct pins.

I have not tried a 9 <> 9 pin cable using a 25F > 9M adapter. It may or may not work. I don't have an cable of this type to check.

SERIAL NULL MODEM CABLES, in various combinations of 9- and 25-pin connectors, are available from a wide variety of sources, and a simple cable in the configuration you need (for example, DB9 to DB25 female) should cost less than \$10 at Radio Shack or many computer stores. Double-headed null modem cables (both 9 and 25 pin on each end) are also made, and would be ideal for use with ZIP; I am told that a good source for these is:

DALCO, 233 Pioneer Blvd, Springboro OH 45066; (800)445-5342

If you're building or shopping for a cable, you need a "null modem" cable, meaning the transmit and receive data lines should be crossed, and the signal ground connected straight through. (The pin numbers depend on whether you have a small DB9 or large DB25 connector, see figure.) No other connections should be needed; ZIP uses no hardware handshaking lines. (NOTE: ZIPDUP does require the DTR connections between pins 20/4 and 6.)

Actually, any serial cable that doesn't work by itself, should work with a "null modem adapter" attached. If available, use a well shielded cable; high speed transmissions can be especially susceptible to RF interference."

In talking around and asking several Tech. support persons I received some variations on the null modem cable. Below are the most to least common types 'believed' to work. (Using the chart layout from above)

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```
6 - - - - 6 - - - - - - 20 - - - 4 (As you can see here, pins
   1 - - - - 8 - - - - - - 20- - - - 4 6 & 8 are jumped together
   4 - - - - 20 - - - - - - 6 - - - - 6 and join the 20 on the
   4 - - - 20 - - - - 8 - - - 1 other end (both ways)).
 |--COMPUTER 1--|
                    |--COMPUTER 2--|
  DB9F or DB25F
                     DB25F or DB9F
pin ----1----1----
   3 - - - - 2 - - - - - 3 - - - - 2
   2 - - - 3 - - - - - 2 - - - 3
   8 - - - - 5 - - - - - - 20- - - - 4 (As you can see here, pins
   6 - - - - 6 - - - - - 20- - - - 4 5, 6 & 8 are jumped together
   1 - - - - 8 - - - - - - 20 - - - 4 and join the 20 on the
   4 - - - 20 - - - - 5 - - - 8 other end (both ways)).
   4 - - - - 20- - - - - - 6 - - - - 6
   4 - - - - 20- - - - - - 8 - - - - 1
                    |--COMPUTER 2--|
  |--COMPUTER 1--|
DB9F or DB25F
 |--COMPUTER 1--|
                     DB25F or DB9F
pin ----1----1
   3 - - - - 2 - - - - - 3 - - - - 2
   2 - - - - 3 - - - - - - 2 - - - 3
   8 - - - - 5 - - - - - - - but don't connect thru.)
    ---- 7 (4 & 5 jumpered on one end
    ---- 8 but don't connect thru.)
   6 - - - - 6 - - - - - - 20- - - - 4
   4 - - - - 20- - - - - 6 - - - - 6
```

The above 9 pin connections were 'figured out' using the 9 <> 25 pin adapters with the following pinouts.

This is the pin outs for adapters from<>to 9<>25 pin cables.

```
|-- 9F <> 25M --|
                                       |-- 25F <> 9M --|
  DB9F or DB25M
                                        DB25F or DB9M
pin 1 - - - 8 - - -
                                           -----
   2 - - - 3 - - -
                                          3 - - - - 2 - - - -
   3 - - - 2 - - -
                                         2 - - - - 3 - - - -
   4 - - - - 20- - -
                                         20- - - - 4 - - - -
                                          7 - - - - 5 - - - -
   5 - - - 7 - - -
   6 - - - - 6 - - -
                                           - - - - 6 - - - -
   7 - - - 4 - - -
                                          4 - - - - 7 - - -
   8 - - - - 5 - - -
                                           _ _ _ 8 _ _ _ _ _
   9 - - - 22- - -
                                           _ _ _ 9 _ _ _ _
```

LAPLINK 3 - SERIAL CABLE WIRING

All connectors are female

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DB9	DB25	_	DB25	DB9
3	2	_	3	2
2	3	_	2	3
	4	_	5	
	5	_	4	
6	6	_	20	
5	7	_	7	5
	20	_	6	6
shroud	shroud		shroud	shroud

### DESKLINK 2 - SERIAL CABLE WIRING

#### All connectors are female

DB9	DB25	TEL		Tel cable is reversed
3	2	4		1 blue - yellow 4
2	3	1		2 red - green 3
	4			3 green - red 2
	5			4 yellow - blue 1
6	6		1 2 3 4	
5	7	2+3		
	20			Tel socket viewed from plug entry
scr.	scr			

#### Serial cable DB25 to DB9

25 pin 9 pin connector serial adapter on computer (cable connector is female)

Signal Direction DCE-ADAPTER Cable-Computer

DB25		DB9	
8	Carrier Detect	1	>
3	Received Data	2	>
2	Transmitted Data	3	<
20	Data Terminal Ready	4	<
7	Signal Ground	5	_
6	Data Set Ready	6	>
4	Request to send	7	<
5	Clear To Send	8	>
22	Ring Indicator	9	>

RS-232C INTERFACE STANDARD

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Data terminal equipment (DTE) is typically a computer. Data Communications equipment (DCE) is typically a modem.

DTE Data Termi	nal Equipment	'	DTE Modem Data Commun	icat	ions Equipment
Signal	EIA / CCITT	Pin	Telephone	Co.	Signal
Direct	Line Number	No.	Lead Numbe	r	Direction
_	Protective Ground	1	AA/101	_	
_	Signal Ground	7	AB/102	_	
_	Transmitted Data	2	BA/103	>	
<	Received Data	3	BB/104	_	
-	Request to Send	4	CA/105	>	
<	Clear to Send	5	CB/106	_	
<	Data Set Ready	6	CC/107	_	
_	Data Terminal Ready	20	CD/108.2	>	
_	Connect Data Set to line	20	* /108.1	>	
<	Received Line Signal Detector	8	CF/109	-	
_	Speed Select	23	CH/111	>	
<	Transmit Signal Element Timing	15	DB/114	_	
<	Receive Signal Element Timing		DD/115	_	
_	Select Standby	11	* /116	>	
<	Ring Indicator	22	DE/125	_	
_	Test	18	* /*	>	

 $\star$  means non-defined/standardised by EIA / CCITT

Switched Timing Sequence	(dial-up line communication)	
Data Terminal Ready		
Data Set Ready	[	
Request To Send		· 
Clear To Send		
Transmitted Data	I	- 

Nonswitched Timing Sequence (direct line connection)

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Data Terminal Ready		
Data Terminal Ready		
Request To Send		_ 
Clear To Send		
Transmitted Data	1 1	