

Automatic Switch





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## Using the CD

Insert the provided CD and the Product Document selection window will automatically display. Select the product and the Manual, DataSheet, and QuickStart document window will display. Select the document to display or print. Documents are in PDF format.



- 1. Connect your PC to port 1 on the Caretaker Plus with the proper cable.
- Connect the power adapter to the Caretaker Plus and turn the Caretaker Plus on. Verify that the power LED is on. The other LEDs light in various patterns as the power up tests are performed and then all go off. The ERROR LED will be lit for any errors.
- 3. Run a communication program such as Procomm with the serial protocol set to 9600 baud, no-parity, 8 bits, and one stop bit.
- 4. Momentarily press in the advance and select switches on the Caretaker Plus. The MODE and BUSY LEDs will light.
- 5. Hit return on your keyboard. The configuration menu should appear. Select the desired items from the menu.
- 6. Exit from the configuration menu with the X command, making sure to save any parameters you changed.
- Setup your application software to print to LPT1. Put the following DOS mode commands in your AUTOEXEC.BAT file. The example below uses COM1, Substitute with COM2 if you are using COM2 on your PC.

MODE LPT1:+COM1(Redirects LPT1 port to your serial port)MODE COM1:9600,N,8,1,P(Sets serial port baud rate to 9600 baud)

8. Connect the Caretaker Plus port 0 to your shared device with the correct cable.

Connect your computers to ports 1-8.

- 9. Send data from your application or print program. Data will be routed to the shared device automatically.
- 10. Re-enter the configuration menu to change any other parameters, such as the baud rate, initialization string, form feed, or the timeout value. See the section on "CONFIGURATION" for further information.



Rear Panel View Model CTP-8P



Parallel 25 pin PC to CTP-8P Rose Part No. CAB-IBMPx

Pinout is that of a standard PC parallel printer cable



Parallel Printer to CTP-8P Rose Part No. CAB-PMMx

Cable has Centronics male connectors on each end wired straight-through

- 1. Connect the Caretaker Plus port 0 to your printer with the correct cable. Connect your computers to ports 1-8 with the correct cables.
- Connect the power adapter to the Caretaker Plus and turn the Caretaker Plus on. Verify that the power LED is on. The other LEDs light in various patterns as the power up tests are performed and then all go off. The ERROR LED will be lit for any errors.
- For PCs you should install your software package(s) to use the parallel port when printing. Also put the following statement in your AUTOEXEC.Bat file: MODE LPT1:,,P

This statement will set the parallel port for infinite retry.

- 4. Send data from your application or print program. Data will be routed to the shared device automatically.
- To optimize your installation, you can later configure any of the programmable parameters such as initialization string, form feed, or the timeout value. See the section on "CONFIGURATION" for further information

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