



Serial ATA PCI-M

Quick Installation Guide

Introducing the *Serial ATA PCI-M*

The *Serial ATA PCI-M* is an ultra high-speed dual channel Serial ATA controller for use in Mac computers. It achieves burst data transfer rates up to 150MB/s (1.5Gbps) and supports various brand of hard disk drives with capacities greater than 137GB.

Features and Benefits

- Compliant with Serial ATA Specification, rev. 1.0
- Compliant with PCI Specification, revision 2.3
- Provides two independent channels to support up to two Serial ATA drives
- Features independent 256-byte FIFOs per channel for host reads and writes
- Co-exists with on-board controller
- Can be used as the boot controller when a bootable hard disk drive is attached
- Supports 64/32-bit wide PCI slot at 33MHz

System Requirements

- G3 (blue & white) or later with one available PCI slot
- Mac OS X v10.1.x or later *

***Note:** Support for Mac OS X v10.1.x will be available at the end of June, 2004. At that time, check our website at **www.siig.com** for more details.

Package Contents

- (1) *Serial ATA PCI-M* board
- (1) Serial ATA cable
- (1) Serial ATA power cable
- This quick installation guide

Board Layout

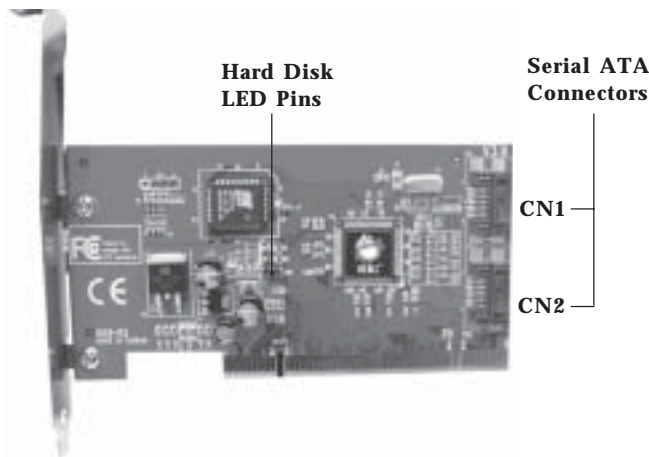


Figure 1. Serial ATA PCI-M Board Layout

Hardware Installation

Static Electricity Discharge may permanently damage your system. Discharge any static electricity build up in your body by touching your computer's case for a few seconds. Avoid any contact with internal parts and handle cards only by their external edges.

1. Turn OFF the power to your computer and any other connected peripheral devices. Unplug the computer's power cord.

2. Open your computer's case and install the card in an available PCI slot.
3. Push the board down firmly, but gently, until it is well seated.
4. Secure the card with a slot bracket holding screw.

Now go to **Device Connection** to connect your Serial ATA hard disk drives.

Device Connection

The *Serial ATA PCI-M* is a dual channel Serial ATA controller that supports up to two Serial ATA hard disk drives. If you plan to use the second Serial ATA channel, you will need to purchase an additional Serial ATA power and data cable.

1. Install hard disk drive(s) in chassis.
2. Connect the Serial ATA hard disk drive to the system power supply using the *Serial ATA power cable*.
3. Connect one end of the *Serial ATA cable* to the hard disk drive.

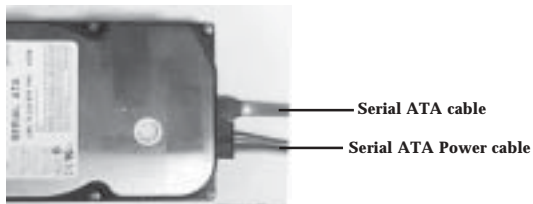


Figure 2. Hard disk drive connections

4. Attach the other end of the *Serial ATA cable* to the Serial ATA connector on the *Serial ATA PCI-M*.

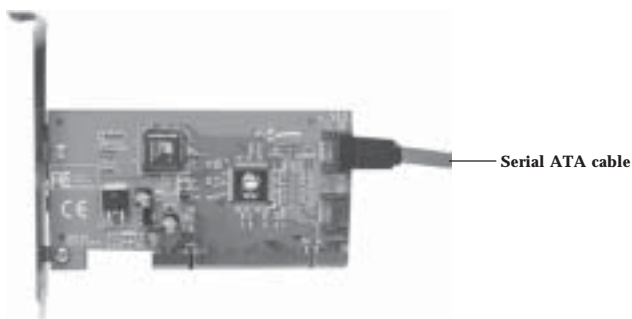


Figure 3. Connecting the Serial ATA cable

5. Follow the same instructions when connecting a second hard drive. Device connection is now complete.
6. Close the computer's case then go to **Software Installation** to complete the *Serial ATA PCI-M* installation.

Software Installation

The driver for the *Serial ATA PCI-M* is built into the controller's firmware, no additional driver installation is needed. This section provides information on how to initialize (partition) the hard disk drives.

OS X Installation

Important: Support for Mac OS X v10.1.x will be available at the end of June, 2004. At that time, check our website at **www.siig.com** for more details.

For a fresh OS X installation:

Use this section when the controller will be the boot controller and Mac OS X will be installed on a blank or new hard disk drive.

1. Install the *Serial ATA PCI-M* and attached drives.

2. Boot up your computer with the Mac OS X CD-ROM. Press and hold letter **C** on the keyboard while your system is booting from the CD-ROM.
3. When Mac OS X finishes booting, click **Installer** in the menu bar.
4. Click **Open Disk Utility**.
5. Highlight the drive connected to the *Serial ATA PCI-M* and click **Partition**. Be aware that partitioning the drive will erase all information on the hard disk drive.
6. Click **Partition**, click **Partition** again to initialize the drive.
7. Close **Disk Utility** when finished and continue with Mac OS X installation.

For systems that have OS X installed:

Use this section when Mac OS X is already installed and the controller will be used as an add-on controller.

1. Install the *Serial ATA PCI-M* and attached drives.
2. Boot up your system. When Mac OS finishes booting, double click **Mac OS X** drive icon on the desktop.

<p>Note: If the drive shows up on the desktop properly, you can choose not to follow steps 3-8.</p>
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3. Double click **Applications** folder.
4. Double click **Utilities** folder.
5. Double click **Disk Utility** icon.
6. Highlight the drive connected to the *Serial ATA PCI-M* and click **Partition**. **Important:** Partitioning the drive will erase all information on this hard disk drive.

7. Click **Partition**, click **Partition** again to initialize the drive.
8. Close **Disk Utility** when finished. The new drive should appear as **Untitled** on the desktop.

Troubleshooting

Important: Below are troubleshooting tips to help you when performing a fresh installation of Mac OS X v10.2 or later.

- Q1. I am installing OS X on a new hard drive connected to the PCI-M using it as the boot controller. I have booted the computer suing the Mac Installation CD-ROM and started the installation. When the 1st CD is finished installing, the computer automatically restarts but will not boot from the hard drive connected to the PCI-M. It boots from either the Mac Installation CD-ROM or the existing hard drive connected to the onboard controller. What can I do to complete the installation?
- A1. When this occurs, power down the system by holding down the power button until it turns off. Wait a few seconds then power the system back on. The computer will recognize the PCI-M as the boot controller and continue with the installation.

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