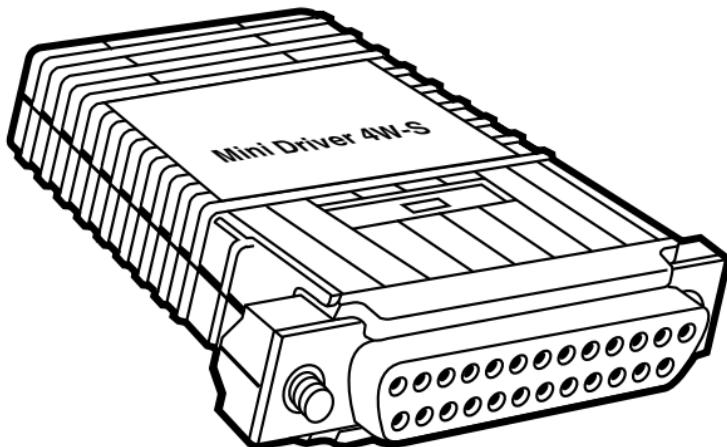




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15. En caso de existir, una antena externa deberá ser localizada lejos de las líneas de energía.
16. El cable de corriente deberá ser desconectado del cuando el equipo no sea usado por un largo periodo de tiempo.
17. Cuidado debe ser tomado de tal manera que objetos líquidos no sean derramados sobre la cubierta u orificios de ventilación.
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  - B: Objectos han caído o líquido ha sido derramado dentro del aparato; o
  - C: El aparato ha sido expuesto a la lluvia; o
  - D: El aparato parece no operar normalmente o muestra un cambio en su desempeño; o
  - E: El aparato ha sido tirado o su cubierta ha sido dañada.

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# **1. Specifications**

**Transmission Format**—Synchronous, full duplex

**Transmission Line**—Two unconditioned twisted pair 19-26 AWG

**Distance**—

<b>Data Rate</b>	<b>Wire Gauge</b>		
	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>
19.200	7.5 mi (12.0 km)	3.5 mi (5.6 km)	2.5 mi (4.0 km)
9600	10.0 mi (16.1 km)	3.5 mi (5.6 km)	2.5 mi (4.0 km)
4800	10.0 mi (16.1 km)	7.0 mi (11.3 km)	4.0 mi (6.4 km)
2400	10.0 mi (16.1 km)	8.5 mi (13.7 km)	5.0 mi (8.1 km)
1200	11.0 mi (17.7 km)	8.5 mi (13.7 km)	6.0 mi (9.7 km)

**Interfaces**—EIA RS-232, CCITT V.24

**Data Rates**—1200 bps to 19.2 kbps

**Isolation**—Minimum 1500 V RMS via custom transformers

**Surge Protection**—600 W power dissipation at 1 mS and response time of 1 picosecond

**Control Signals**—CTS turns on 7 or 53 mS (switch-selectable) after the terminal raises RTS; DSR and DCD are constantly on

**Connectors**—DB25 male or female on RS-232 side; RJ-11, RJ-45 or terminal block with strain relief on line side

**Power Supply**—None required; uses 6-VDC power from EIA data and control signals on pins 2, 4, 9, and 20

**Temperature Range**—32 to 140°F (0 to 60°C)

**Altitude**—Up to 15,000 feet

**Humidity**—Up to 95% non-condensing

**Size**—2.6"H x 2.1"W x 0.7"D (6.7 x 5.3 x 1.9 cm)

**Weight**—0.1 lb. (0.06 kg)

## **2. General Information**

### **2.1 Description**

The Mini Driver 4W-S is a miniature, synchronous short-range modem that uses the latest in VLSI technology to combine high-quality data transmission with compact size. The Mini Driver does not need any AC power or batteries to operate, and communicates up to 11 miles (17.7 km) in point-to-point environments.

Ten models are available:

- Mini Driver 4W-S (DB25) with Surge Protection (ME750A-MSP)
- Mini Driver 4W-S (DB25) with Surge Protection (ME750A-FSP)
- Mini Driver 4W-S (RJ-11) (ME751A-M)
- Mini Driver 4W-S (RJ-11) (ME751A-F)
- Mini Driver 4W-S (RJ-11) with Surge Protection (ME751A-MSP)
- Mini Driver 4W-S (RJ-11) with Surge Protection (ME751A-FSP)
- Mini Driver 4W-S (RJ-45) (ME752A-M)
- Mini Driver 4W-S (RJ-45) (ME752A-F)

- Mini Driver 4W-S (RJ-45) with Surge Protection (ME752A-MSP)
- Mini Driver 4W-S (RJ-45) with Surge Protection (ME752A-FSP)

Supporting full-duplex transmission over two twisted pairs, the Mini Driver has a crystal-controlled internal clock. Data rates are switch selectable from 1200 to 19,200 bps. The Mini Driver's custom VLSI chip uses a separate filter for each data rate, rather than a single "compromise" filter. Transformer isolation allows the Mini Driver to operate between buildings without data disruption because of ground potential differences.

The ME750A, ME751A, and ME752A are surge-protected line drivers incorporating silicon avalanche diodes that provide 600 watts of protection per wire.

## **2.2 Features**

- Supports point-to-point data rates from 1.2 to 19.2 kbps
- Internal, crystal controlled clock
- Transformer isolation guards against ground looping
- Range to 11 miles (17.7 km)
- Full duplex operation

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- Custom VLSI chip with separate filter for each data rate
- No AC power or batteries required
- Miniature size
- High-speed surge protection (-MSP and -FSP models)

## 3. Configuration

The Mini Driver has four configuration switches that let you select RTS/CTS delay and data rates. This section describes switch locations and explains all possible switch configurations.

### 3.1 Switch Locations

For your convenience, all configuration switches are located on a SIP (single in-line package) mounted on the PC board. **Figure 3-1** shows the location of the SIP on the PC board. For instructions on opening the Mini Driver case, see **Section 4.1.2**.

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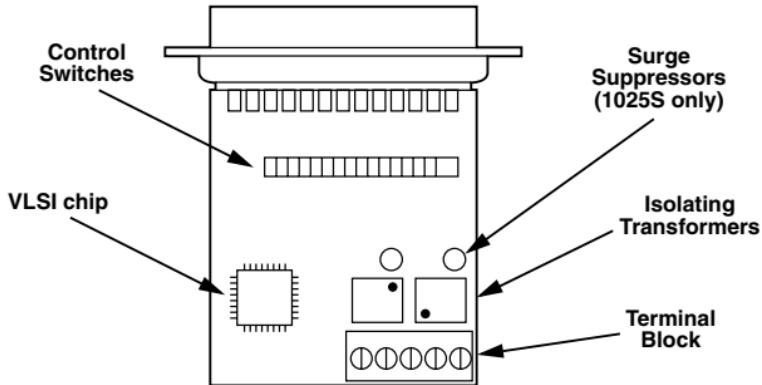


Figure 3-1. Mini Driver PC Board Showing Switches.

**Figure 3-2** shows the orientation of the configuration switches, including the ON/OFF position.

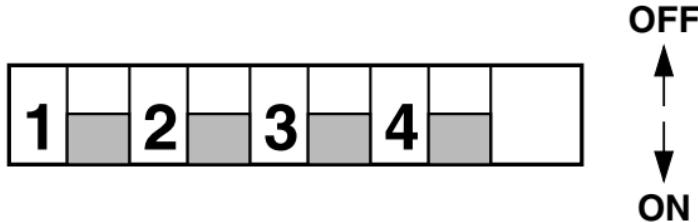


Figure 3-2. Close-up of Configuration Switches.

## 3.2 Switch Settings

All possible settings for the Mini Driver's configuration switches are presented in the summary table and descriptions below. If you have additional questions about configuration, call for technical support.

Table 3-1. Switch Summary.

SWITCH SUMMARY TABLE			
Position	Function	Factory default	
Switch 1	RTS/CTS delay	On	7-ms delay
Switch 2	Data rate	On	
Switch 3	Data rate	Off	9600 bps
Switch 4	Data rate	Off	

### Switch 1: RTS/CTS Delay

After request to send (RTS) is raised by the host terminal, the Mini Driver raises CTS after a slight delay in order to give the remote terminal time to receive an incoming signal. Depending on the type of environment, either 7 ms or 53 ms can be selected.

**Table 3-2. Switch 1 Setting.**

<u>Switch 1Setting</u>	
On	7 ms
Off	53 ms

Switches 2, 3, and 4: Data Rate

Switches 2 through 4 are set in combination to allow the Mini Driver to be used at data rates from 1.2 kbps up to 19.2 kbps.

**Table 3-3. Settings for Switches 4, 5, and 6.**

<u>Switch 2</u>	<u>Switch 3</u>	<u>Switch 4</u>	<u>Setting</u>
On	On	On	1.2 kbps
On	On	Off	2.4 kbps
On	Off	On	4.8 kbps
Off	On	On	7.2 kbps
On	Off	Off	9.6 kbps
Off	On	Off	14.4 kbps
Off	Off	On	19.2 kbps
Off	Off	Off	19.2 kbps

## **4. Installation**

Once the Mini Driver is properly configured, it is ready to connect to your system. This section tells you how to properly connect the Mini Driver to the twisted pair and RS-232 interfaces, and how to operate the Mini Driver.

### **4.1 Connection to the Twisted-Pair Interface**

The Mini Driver supports data-only communication between two RS-232 devices at distances to 11 miles and data rates to 19.2 kbps. There are two essential requirements for installing the Mini Driver:

1. These units work in pairs. Therefore, you must have one Mini Driver at each end of a two twisted-pair interface.
2. To function properly, the Mini Driver needs two twisted pairs of metallic wire. These pairs must be unconditioned, dry, metallic wire, between 19 and 26 AWG (the higher-number gauges may limit distance somewhat). Standard dial-up telephone circuits, or leased circuits that run through signal-equalization equipment, are not acceptable.

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For your convenience, the Mini Driver is available with three different twisted-pair interfaces: RJ-11 jack, RJ-45 jack, and terminal blocks with strain relief.

### 4.1.1 TWISTED-PAIR CONNECTION USING RJ-11 OR RJ-45

The RJ-11 and RJ-45 connectors on the Mini Driver's twisted-pair interface are pre-wired for a standard telco wiring environment. The signal/pin relationships are shown below:

<u>RJ-11</u>	<u>Signal</u>	<u>RJ-45</u>	<u>Signal</u>
1	GND <sup>1</sup>	1	N/C
2	RCV <sup>2</sup>	2	GND <sup>1</sup>
3	XMT	3	RCV
4	XMT	4	XMT
5	RCV	5	XMT
6	GND	6	RCV
		7	GND
		8	N/C

<sup>1</sup>Connection to ground is optional.

<sup>2</sup>The Mini Driver models without surge protection are not polarity-sensitive.

**Figure 4-1. Signal/Pin Relationships for the RJ-11 and RJ-45 Connectors.**

When connecting two Mini Drivers, you need to use a “crossover” cable. **Figure 4-2** shows how a crossover cable should be constructed for an environment where both Mini Drivers use a 6-wire RJ-11 connector. Follow similar logic when using RJ-45 connectors or a combination of the two.

<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>PIN#</u>	<u>COLOR</u> <sup>2</sup>	<u>COLOR</u>	<u>PIN#</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>
GND <sup>1</sup>	1	Blue	—White	6	GND
RCV <sup>3</sup>	2	Yellow	—Red	4	XMT
XMT	3	Green	—Black	5	RCV
XMT	4	Red	—Yellow	2	RCV
RCV	5	Black	—Green	3	XMT
GND	6	White	—Blue	1	GND

<sup>1</sup>Connection to ground is optional.

<sup>2</sup>Standard color codes—yours maybe different.

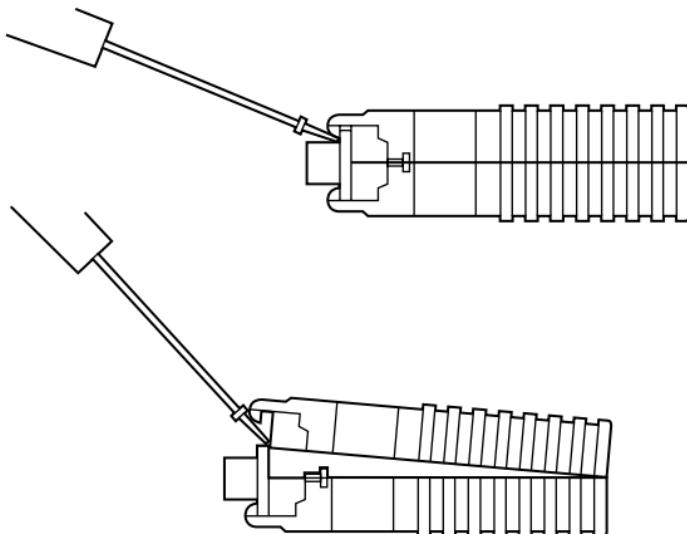
<sup>3</sup>The Mini Driver models without surge protection are not sensitive to polarity.

**Figure 4-2. Crossover Cable Construction.**

### 4.1.2 TWISTED-PAIR CONNECTION USING TERMINAL BLOCKS

If your application requires you to connect two pairs of bare wires to the Mini Driver, you will need to open the case to access the terminal blocks. The instructions on the following pages will tell you how to open the case, connect the bare wires to the terminal blocks, and fasten the strain-relief collar in place so that the wires won't pull loose.

1. Open the unit by gently inserting a screwdriver between the DB25 connector and the lip of the plastic case (see **Figure 4-3**). You don't have to worry about breaking the plastic, but be careful not to bend the D-sub connector.

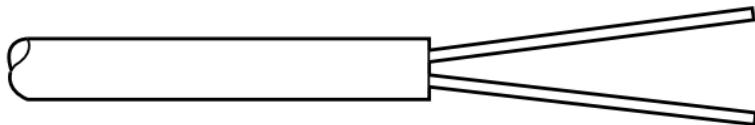


**Figure 4-3. Opening the Unit.**

Once the unit has been opened, you will be able to see the terminal blocks located at the rear of the PC board.

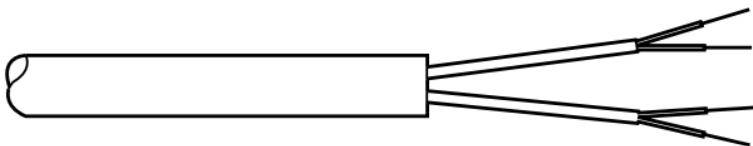
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2. Strip the outer insulation from the twisted pairs about one inch from the end.



**Figure 4-4. Stripping the Outer Insulation from the Twisted Pairs.**

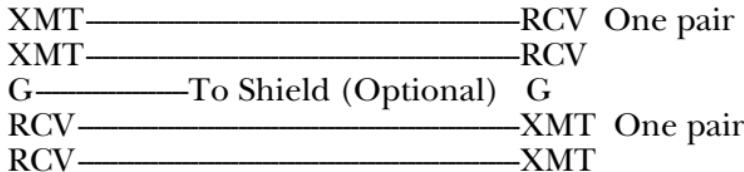
3. Strip back the insulation on each of the two twisted-pair wires about 0.25".



**Figure 4-5. Stripping the Insulation on Each of the Twisted-Pair Wires.**

4. Connect one pair of wires to the two XMT (transmit) poles on the terminal block, making careful note of which colors you use. The Mini Driver is not polarity-sensitive, so either wire may connect to either pole.
5. Connect the other pair of wires to the two RCV (receive) poles on the terminal block, making careful note of which colors you use. The Mini Driver is not polarity-sensitive, so either wire may connect to either pole.

Ultimately, you will want to construct a two pair crossover cable that makes a connection with the two Mini Drivers as shown in **Figure 4-6**.

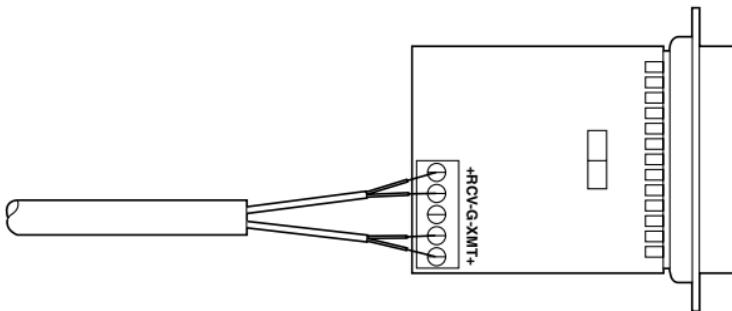


**Figure 4-6. Two-Pair Crossover Cable Configuration.**

6. If there is a shield around the telephone cable, it may be connected to “G” on the terminal block. To avoid ground loops, we recommend connecting the shield at the computer end only. A ground wire is not necessary for proper operation of the Mini Driver.

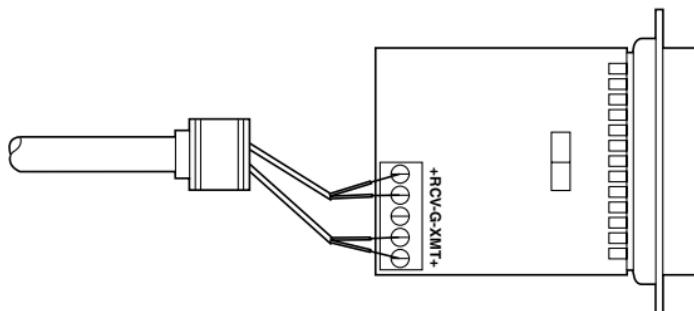
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- When you finish connecting the wires to the terminal block, the assembly should resemble **Figure 4-7**.



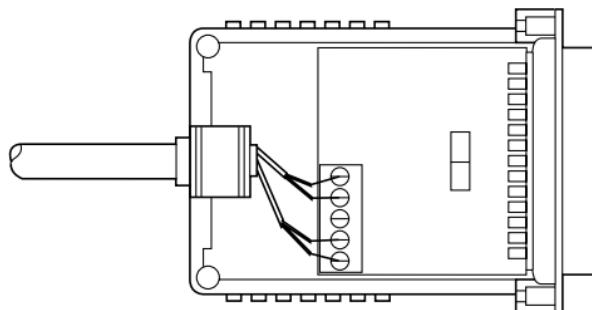
**Figure 4-7. Terminal Block with Wires Connected.**

- Place the two halves of the strain-relief assembly on either side of the telephone wire and press together very lightly. Slide the assembly so that it is about two inches (5 cm) from the terminal posts and press together firmly.



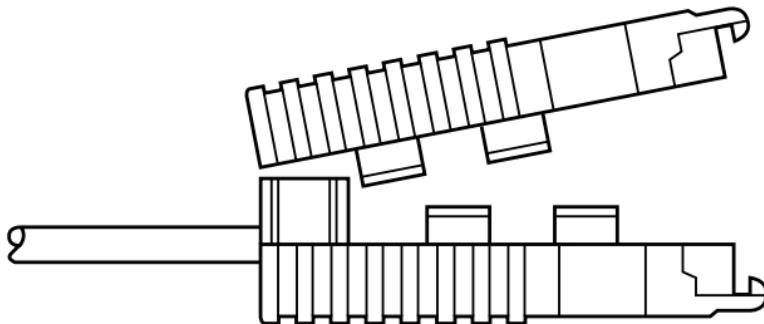
**Figure 4-8. Pressing Together the Two Halves of the Strain-Relief Assembly.**

9. Insert the strain-relief assembly with the wire going through it into the slot in the bottom half of the modem case and set it into the recess in the case.



**Figure 4-9. Inserting the Strain-Relief Assembly into the Modem Case.**

10. Bend the top half of the case as necessary to place it over the strain relief assembly. Do not snap the case together yet.



**Figure 4-10. Placing the Top Half of the Case Over the Strain-Relief Assembly.**

11. Insert one captive screw through a saddle washer and then insert the entire piece through the hole in the DB25 end of the case. Snap that side of the case closed. Repeat the process for the other side. This completes cable installation.

## **4.2 Connection to the RS-232 Interface**

Once you have connected the twisted-pair wires correctly, simply plug the Mini Driver directly into the DB25 port of the RS-232 device. After doing so, remember to insert and tighten the two captive connector screws.

### **NOTE**

If you must use a cable to connect the Mini Driver to the RS-232 device, make sure it is a straight-through cable of the shortest possible length—we recommend 6 feet (1.8 m) or less.

## **4.3 Operating the Mini Driver**

Once the Mini Driver is properly configured and installed, it should operate transparently—as if it were a standard cable connection. Operating power is derived from the RS-232 data and control signals; there is no “ON/OFF” switch. All data signals from the RS-232 interface are passed straight through. All control signals from the RS-232 interface are looped back.

# Appendix: RS-232 Pin Configurations

DIRECTION	STANDARD "DCE" SETTING	DIRECTION
To Mini Driver	Transmitter Timing - 15	1 - (FG) Frame Ground 2 - (TD) Transmit Data 3 - (RD) Receive Data 4 - (RTS) Request to Send 5 - (CTS) Clear to Send 6 - (DSR) Data Set Ready 7 - (SG) Signal Ground 8 - (DCD) Data Carrier Detect
To Mini Driver	Receiver Timing - 17	To Mini Driver From Mini Driver
To Mini Driver	Data Term. Ready (DTR) - 20	To Mini Driver From Mini Driver From Mini Driver From Mini Driver From Mini Driver

**Figure A-1. RS-232 Pin Configurations.**



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