

# NI-SERIAL™ FOR PCI/PXI INSTALLATION GUIDE

This guide includes instructions for installing your PCI/PXI serial hardware and software.

Refer to the *Serial Hardware and Software for Windows User Manual* (in PDF format on the CD) for more information about troubleshooting problems, configuring the hardware and software, programming requirements, and more.

## PCI/PXI Serial Installation for Windows 2000/XP/Me/9x

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1. (**Windows 2000/XP only**) Log on as Administrator or as a user with administrator privileges.
2. Insert the *NI-Serial Software CD*.

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3. If the NI-Serial setup starts automatically, follow the onscreen instructions and skip to step 5. Otherwise, select **Start»Settings»Control Panel** and then double-click **Add/Remove Programs**.
4. (**Windows 2000/XP only**) Click **Add New Programs, CD or Floppy**, and **Next**. When the Run Installation Program window appears, click **Finish** and follow the onscreen instructions.  
(**Windows Me/9x only**) In the Install/Uninstall tab, click **Install**. When the Run Installation Program window appears, click **Finish** and follow the onscreen instructions.
5. Remove the CD. Power down the computer, install your NI-Serial PCI or PXI card, and power on the computer.
6. When you restart the computer, the Add New Hardware Wizard appears. Complete the wizard by clicking **Next** in each window and then **Finish**.
7. Select **Start»Programs»National Instruments»NI-Serial»Diagnostics**.
8. The Serial Diagnostics Window appears. Click **Start** to run the diagnostics.
9. Connect the cables.

## PCI/PXI Serial Installation for Windows NT

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1. Log on as Administrator or as a user with administrator privileges and insert the *NI-Serial Software CD*.
2. If the NI-Serial setup starts automatically, follow the onscreen instructions and skip to step 4. Otherwise, select **Start»Settings»Control Panel** and then double-click **Add/Remove Programs**.
3. In the Install/Uninstall tab, click **Install**. When the Run Installation Program window appears, click **Finish** and follow the onscreen instructions.

4. Remove the CD. Power down the computer, install your NI-Serial PCI or PXI card, and power on the computer.
5. Select **Start»Programs»National Instruments»NI-Serial»Diagnostics**.
6. The Serial Diagnostics Window appears. Click **Start** to run the diagnostics.
7. Connect the cables.