

Model ATC-106
RS-232 to RS-485 Interface Converter
User's Manual



1.0 General Description

The ATC-106 is a 2 channel non-power SD Control RS-232 to RS-485 interface converter. ATC-106 can convert the TD and RD signals of RS-232 into balanced half-duplex RS-485 signals.

2.0 Specifications

2.1 Interface

Conforms to EIA RS-232 and RS-485 standards

2.2 Connectors and signals

The ATC-106 has a DB-9 female connector on the RS-232 side and DB-9 male connector or a terminal block connector on the RS-485 side.

RS-232 Side:

Connector: DB-9 Female.

Signals: Use Pins 3 (TD also called SD) and 2 (RD) Pins 7 (RTS) and 8 (CTS) are tied together Pins 4 (DTR), 6 (DSR), and 1 (CD) are tied together.

RS-485 Side: Connector: DB-9 male connector or 6 position terminal block -- 485+, 485-, +5V, GND .

2.3 Data Rate : 300 to 115.2 KBPS, up to 4,000 feet at 19,200 BPS.

2.4 Sending Control

ATC-106 does not need RTS to control the RS-485 driver. The RS-485 driver is automatically enabled during each spacing state of SD line (also called TD) on the RS-232 side. The ATC-106 has an internal connection to prevent data transmitted from the RS-232 port from being echoed back to the RS-232 port. The ATC-106 is used as a two wire (half duplex) RS-485 Converter.

2.5 Operating Distance

Data Rate (KBPS):	19.2	9.6	4.8	2.4
Maximum Distance (feet):	4,000	6,000	8,000	10,000
	(using 24 AWG wire)			

2.6 Power

ATC-106 is powered from the RS-232 data TD or handshake lines. It will try to get its power from RTS or DTR (at least +5.5V or -5.5V in the quiescent state). If there are no RS-232 control signals (DTR or RTS) available. ATC-106 will get power from the data input TD pin (at least -5.5V in the quiescent state). For this kind of power stealing devices, the sufficient power is needed to operate the device. In some case maybe no handshake lines are available and the TD can not drive ATC-106, then an external 5VDC/40mA power supply can be connected to two terminals on the RS-485 connector between terminals +5VDC and GND .

2.7 Dimensions : 88mmx33mmx17mm

2.8 Environment : 0° to 50° C, 5% to 95% relative humidity

2.9 Connection Diagram

3.0 ATC-106 connecting other RS-485 device

