

# Autonics

## Serial Converter Module SCM Series

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SCM-US (USB/Serial Converter)    SCM-381 (RS232C/RS485 Converter)    SCM-US481 (USB/RS485 Converter)

Thank you very much for selecting Autonics products.  
For your safety, please read the following before using.

### Caution for your safety

- Please keep these instructions and review them before using this unit.
- Please observe the cautions that follow;
  - Warning** Serious injury may result if instructions are not followed.
  - Caution** Product may be damaged, or injury may result if instructions are not followed.
- The following is an explanation of the symbols used in the operation manual.
  - Caution:** Injury or danger may occur under special conditions.

### Warning

- In case of using this unit with machineries(Nuclear power control, medical equipment, vehicle, train, airplane, combustion apparatus, entertainment or safety device etc), it requires installing fail-safe device, or contact us for information required. It may result in fatal damage, fire or human injury.
- Do not connect, inspect and repair when power is ON. It may result in damage to the USB connector or Earphone Jack.
- Do not disassemble and modify this unit, when it requires. If needs, please contact us. It may give an electric shock and cause a fire. If needs, please contact us.
- Do not put metal materials in this unit. It may give an electric shock and cause a fire. If needs, please contact us.
- Do not separate a terminal block while it is operating. It may cause human injury, property loss, or a malfunction.
- Do not turn off while it is operating. It may cause human injury, property loss, or a malfunction.
- Please separate as industrial waste when disusing this unit.

### Caution

- This unit shall not be used outdoors. It might shorten the life cycle of the product or give an electric shock.
- Do not insert any other connector except dedicated connector. It may result in damage to the USB connector or Earphone Jack.
- Please observe specification rating. It might shorten the life cycle of the product and cause a fire.
- Do not inflow dust or wire drops into inside of this unit. It may cause a fire or mechanical trouble.
- When connector is not inserted or disconnect easily, do not apply excessive force. It may result in damage to the product.
- Do not disconnect USB connector and Earphone Jack while it is operating and do not quickly and repeatedly connect and disconnect the USB connector. It may cause the computer to malfunction and result in damage to the product.
- Connect to the unit based on description and make sure that connection is correct. It may cause the computer to malfunction and result in damage to the product.
- Please use a dedicated driver for M2 screw at RS485 connector and the specified torque is 0.22 ~ 0.29N·m and the max. torque is 0.4N·m. Using over power causes a screw damage and connection error.
- In cleaning the unit, do not use water or an oil-based detergent. It might cause an electric shock or a fire.
- Do not use this unit at place where there are flammable or explosive gas, humidity, direct ray of the sun, radiant heat, vibration, impact etc. It may cause explosion or a fire.
- Please note the seller or user that the devices(ClassA) complies with EMC registration for the purpose of being used in areas except home.

### Proper usage

- TX\_Enable signal(RTS signal)**  
In case of SCM-381 and SCM-US481, Tx\_Enable signal (RTS signal) is automatically generated according to protocol.(Do not need to generate signal on your own)
- Auto-loop Back**  
SCM-381 has Auto-loop Back function. When using Auto-loop back function, please use as 'RS232C' cable connections.
- Termination Resistor**  
RS485 Communication has many advantages such as fast transmission rate, long distance communication and etc. But if the impedance of transmission line does not match to RS485 network terminations, the reflected wave will be generated. In case of increasing the length of transmission line or using 1:N multi-drops, the reflected wave may cause transmission error. Therefore in this case, please use termination resistor(100 to 120Ω) at both terminations.

### Features

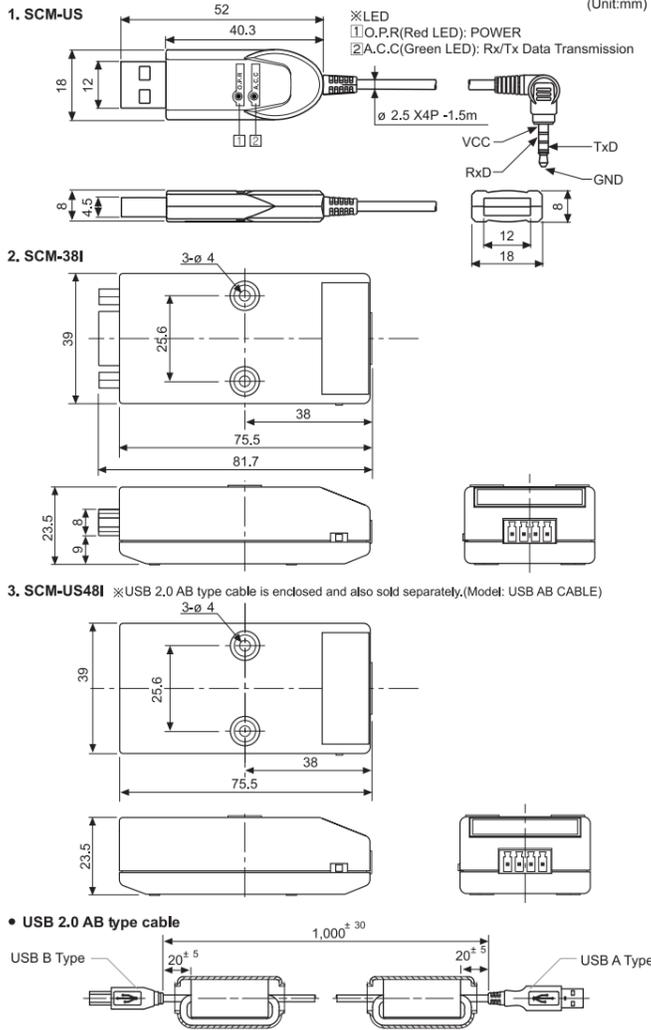
SCM-US	SCM-381	SCM-US481
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•USB ↔ Serial</li> <li>•Communication cable is specifically designed to connect to Autonics products.</li> <li>•Non-isolation type</li> <li>•Applicable OS: Windows 98/98SE/ME/2000/Server 2003/XP/Vista/7</li> <li>•Built-in ferrite core cable for noise reduction</li> <li>•Both USB1.1, USB 2.0 compatible</li> <li>•Data transmission/power supply indicating LED</li> <li>•Easy to connect with PC</li> <li>•Built-in protection circuit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•RS232C ↔ RS485</li> <li>•Isolating RS485 Transceiver(2500V/RMS)</li> <li>•Built-in protection circuit</li> <li>•Tx-Enable signal (RTS signal) is automatically generated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•USB ↔ RS485</li> <li>•Isolating RS485 Transceiver(2500V/RMS)</li> <li>•Applicable OS: Windows 98/98SE/ME/2000/Server 2003/XP/Vista/7</li> <li>•Built-in ferrite core USB 2.0 AB cable for noise reduction</li> <li>•Both USB1.1, USB 2.0 compatible</li> <li>•Power supply ON/OFF indicating LED</li> <li>•Easy to connect with PC</li> <li>•Built-in protection circuit</li> </ul>

### Specifications

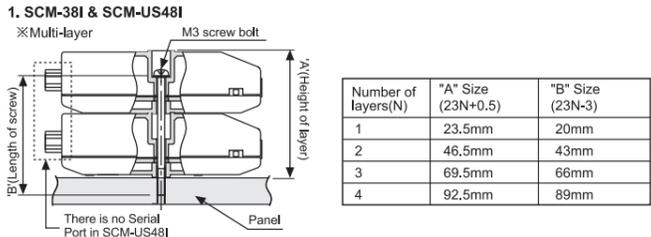
Model	SCM-US	SCM-381	SCM-US481
Power supply	5VDC USB bus Power (※1)	12-24VDC ± 10%	5VDC USB bus Power (※1)
Power consumption	Approx. 1W	Approx. 1.7W	Approx. 1W
Communication speed	(※2) 1,200 ~ 115,200bps (Recommended: 9,600bps)		
Communication type	Half Duplex type		
Available communication distance	1.5m(No extension)	Max. 1.2km	USB: Max. 1m± 30% RS485: Max. 1.2km
Multi-drop	-	Max. 31 Multi-drop	-
Protocol	Data Bit: - Stop Bit: - Parity Bit: -	5 to 8 1 or 2 None/Odd/Even	-
Connection type	USB: A type connector Earphone Jack (4 pole stereo phone plug)	RS232C: D-sub 9Pin RS485: 4 wire Screw terminal(2 wire communication type)	USB: B type connector
Isolation type	Non-isolation	Isolation	Isolation
Dielectric strength	-	Between terminals and case: 2000VAC 50/60Hz for 1 min. Between RS232C and RS485: 2500VAC 50/60Hz for 1 min.	Between terminals and case: 2500VAC 50/60Hz for 1 min. Between RS232C and RS485: 2500VAC 50/60Hz for 1 min.
Isolation resistance	-	100MΩ (at 500VDC megger)	-
Dielectric strength	-	± 500V the square wave noise(plus width:1μs) by the noise simulator	-
Vibration	Mechanical: 0.75mm amplitude at frequency of 10 to 55Hz in each of X, Y, Z directions for 1hour Malfunction: 0.5mm amplitude at frequency of 10 to 55Hz in each of X, Y, Z directions for 10 minutes	-	-
Shock	Mechanical: 300m/s <sup>2</sup> (30G) X, Y, Z directions for 3 times Malfunction: 100m/s <sup>2</sup> (10G) X, Y, Z directions for 3 times	-	-
Environment	Ambient temperature: -10 to 55°C, Storage: -20 to 60°C Ambient humidity: 35 to 85%RH, Storage: 35 to 85%RH	-	-
Approval	CE		
Accessory	-	-	USB 2.0 AB type cable(length:1m)
Weight	Approx. 41g	Approx. 46g	Approx. 34.5g

※1: USB bus Power is supplied from PC or USB host controller.  
※2: Protocol and Communication speed are set by Hyper terminal, DAQ master, ParaSet, Modbus Poll.  
When communicating with Autonics products, set communication speed to 9,600bps.  
※There might be some differences in the specification above depending on PC environment.  
※Environment resistance is rated at no freezing or condensation.  
※The above specifications are subject to change and some models may be discontinued without notice.

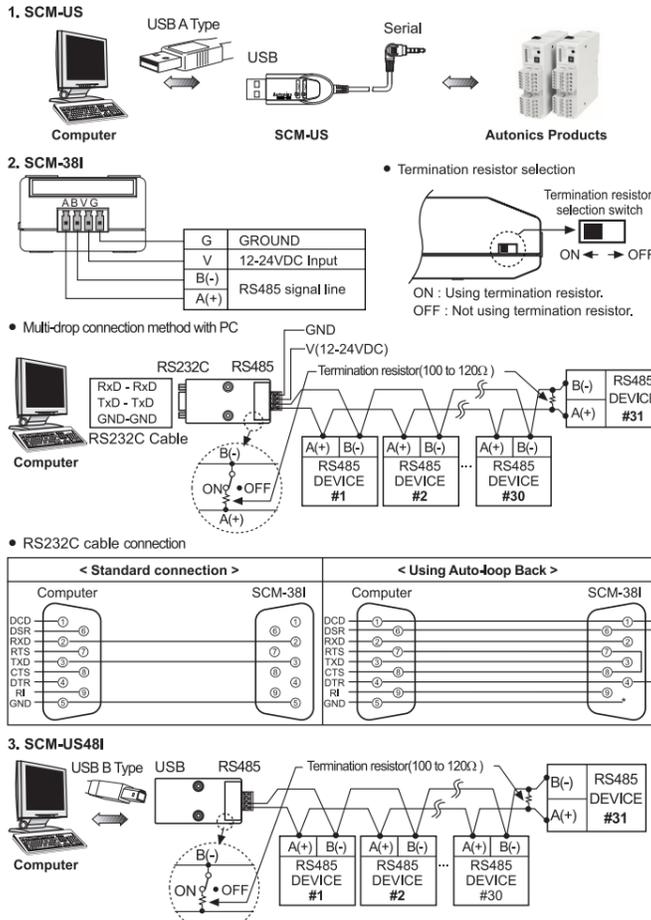
### Dimensions



### Panel mounting



### Connection and Installation



### Caution for using

- In case of connecting PC with SCM-US/SCM-US481, when changing PC USB port and connecting this unit to another (changed) USB port, USB driver will be reinstalled. This is not a malfunction.
  - When connecting SCM-US or SCM-US481 communication module, please connect PC first. Then, connect RS485 communication product afterward. When disconnecting the units, remove the unit in reverse order.
  - Using the Twist pair cable(AWG 24), which is suitable to RS485 communication is recommended. If the Twist pair cable is not used, be sure preserving identically the length of A(+) and B(-) cables.
  - After connecting SCM-381, SCM-US481 with RS485 communication DEVICE, be sure to attach the termination resistor(100 to 120Ω).
  - In case of connect PC with SCM-US or SCM-US481, No. of COM Port will be numbered in order. This is not a malfunction. ( e.g., COM 14, COM 15.....COM 256)
  - When connecting SCM-US or SCM-US481 with USB cable, check COM port number before communication. It may take some time for computer to detect the cable after the cable is connected. (This is not a malfunctions)
  - When connecting PC with SCM-US or SCM-481, do not use the extension cable to extend USB cable length. It may cause a malfunction.
  - Be cautious when using SCM-US as non-isolated type.
  - Only use Autonics products that are available for SCM-US.
  - Observe the rated voltage.
  - To avoid malfunctions due to noise, do not place the unit close to a high-voltage power line.
  - Do not use this unit at below places because of product damage.
    - Place where there are severe vibration or impact
    - Place where strong alkalis or acids are used
    - Place where there are direct ray of the sun
    - Place where strong magnetic field or electric noise are generated
  - Storage  
 Keep the unit -20 to 60°C, 35 to 85% RH with avoiding direct rays of light. It is recommended to keep the unit package as it is.
  - Installation environment  
 It shall be used indoor Altitude Max. 2,000m Pollution Degree 2 Installation Category I
- ※It may cause malfunction if above instructions are not followed.

### Driver Installation(SCM-US, SCM-US481)

1. USB Driver Installation  
 1) Visit our website (<http://www.autonics.com>) to download 'SCM-US USB Driver' or 'SCM-US481 USB Driver'.  
 2) Unzip download 'SCM-US.zip' or 'SCM-US481.zip' at any directory.  
 3) When connecting product with USB port, 'Found New Hardware Wizard' will appear automatically. 'Do you want to search software by connecting 'Window Update'?. Click 'No' button and the following window will be displayed to proceed Driver installation. Select 'Install from a list or specific location (Advanced)' and click 'Next'.  
 4) Select 'Search for best driver in these locations' and 'include this location in the search' continuously. Click the 'Browse' button.  
 5) When 'Browse Folder' window is displayed, select 'SCM-US/Driver' and click 'Finish'. Click 'Next' to proceed with the USB Driver installation.

6) Hardware installation message will appear while Found New Hardware Wizard is running. Click 'Continue Anyway' to proceed with installation.

7) The following window will be displayed if the USB Driver is installed properly. Click the 'Finish' button.

### 2. Serial Port Driver Installation

1) After installing USB Driver, Serial Port (COM port), 'Found New Hardware Wizard' will appear (Serial Port Driver installation follows the same procedures described in installing USB Driver).

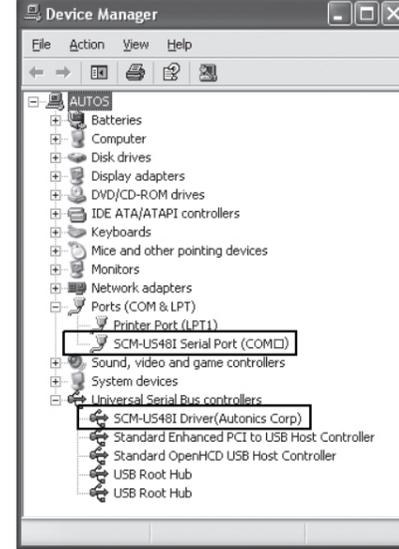
2) After selecting 'Install from a list or specific location(advance)', click 'Next' button. The following window will be displayed for 'Search and installation options'

3) Because a driver location was selected when installing USB driver, click 'Next' button.

4) Hardware installation message will appear while Found New Hardware Wizard is running. Click 'Continue Anyway' to proceed with installation.

5) 'Completing the Found New Hardware wizard' will be displayed if the Serial Port Driver is installed properly. Click the 'Finish' button.

※Verify that drivers were installed properly with the windows Device Manager after finishing USB Driver and Serial Port Driver installation.  
 Open the folder [My computer], open the system folder (click right), click the hardware tab, and click the device manager button. Then, make sure that 'SCM-US Serial Port (COM...)' or 'SCM-US481 Serial Port (COM...)' is found in 'Port (COM and LPT)' and 'SCM-US Driver(Autonics Corp)' or 'SCM-US481 Driver (Autonics Corp)' is found in 'Common Serial Bus Controller' category.



※This Driver Installation shows the procedure for Windows XP. There might be some differences in the specification above depending on OS.

### Major products

- Photoelectric sensors
- Fiber optic sensors
- Door sensors
- Door side sensors
- Area sensors
- Proximity sensors
- Pressure sensors
- Rotary encoders
- Connectors/sockets
- Control switches/Lamps/Buzzers
- I/O Terminal Blocks & Cables
- Stepper motors/drivers/motion controllers
- Graphic/Logic panels
- Laser marking system(Fiber, Co<sub>2</sub>, Nd:YAG)
- Laser welding/soldering system
- Temperature controllers
- Temperature/Humidity transducers
- Tachometer/Pulse(Rate)meters
- SSR/Power controllers
- Sensor controllers
- Display units
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