

# EKI-1524

## 4-port RS-232/422/485 Serial Device Server



### Features

- Provides 2 x 10/100 Mbps Ethernet ports for LAN redundancy
- Provides COM port redirection (Virtual COM), TCP and UDP operation modes
- Supports baud rate up to 921.6 kbps
- Allows a max. of 5 hosts to access one serial port
- Allows a max. of 16 hosts to be accessed as TCP client mode
- Built-in 15 KV ESD protection for all serial signals
- Provides rich configuration methods including Windows utility, Telnet console, and Web Browser
- Supports Window 2000/XP/Vista drivers
- Automatic RS-485 data flow control
- SNMP MIB-II for network management

### Introduction

EKI-1524 features two independent Ethernet ports and MAC addresses to provide a redundant network mechanism to guarantee Ethernet network reliability. The EKI-1524 is a network-based, serial device server for connecting four RS-232/422/485 devices, such as CNCs, PLCs, scales, and scanners, directly to a TCP/IP network. Once connected through EKI-1524 device server, your serial device will be able to send and receive data on a network like any other network device. EKI-1524 provide a simple and cost-effective way to bring the advantages of remote management and data accessibility to thousands of devices that can not connect to a network.

EKI-1500 series device servers provide various operations: COM port redirection (Virtual COM port), TCP server, client and UDP mode. After Advantech redirection software installation, standard serial operating calls are transparently redirected to the EKI-1500 series device servers, guaranteeing compatibility with legacy serial devices and enabling backward compatibility with existing software. EKI-1524 also supports serial tunneling, allowing two native serial devices to communicate over a network.

### Specifications

#### Ethernet Communications

- **Compatibility** IEEE 802.3, IEEE 802.3u
- **Speed** 10/100 Mbps
- **No. of Ports** 2
- **Port Connector** 8-pin RJ45
- **Protection** Built-in 1.5 KV magnetic isolation

#### Serial Communications

- **Port Type** RS-232/422/485, software selectable
- **No. of Ports** 4
- **Port Connector** DB9 male
- **Data Bits** 5, 6, 7, 8
- **Stop Bits** 1, 1.5, 2
- **Parity** None, Odd, Even, Space, Mark
- **Flow Control** XON/XOFF, RTS/CTS, DTR/DSR
- **Baud Rate** 50 bps ~ 921.6 kbps
- **Serial Signals** RS-232: TxD, RxD, CTS, RTS, DTR, DSR, DCD, RI, GND  
RS-422: TxD+, TxD-, RxD+, RxD-, GND  
RS-485: Data+, Data-, GND
- **Protection** Built-in 15 KV ESD for all signals

#### Software

- **Driver Support** Windows 2000/XP/Vista (x86)
- **Utility Software** Advantech Serial Device Server Configuration Utility
- **Operation Modes** COM port redirection mode (Virtual COM)  
TCP/UDP server (polling) mode  
TCP/UDP client (event handling) mode  
Pair connection (peer to peer) mode
- **Configuration** Windows utility, Telnet console, Web Browser
- **Protocol** ICMP, IP, TCP, UDP, BOOTP, DHCP, Auto IP, Telnet, SNMP, HTTP, DNS, SMTP, ARP, NTP
- **Management** SNMP MIB-II

#### Mechanics

- **Dimensions (W x H x D)** 55 x 140 x 95 mm
- **Enclosure** Metal with solid mounting hardware
- **Mounting** DIN-rail, panel
- **Weight** 668g

#### General

- **LED Indicators** System: Power, System Status  
LAN: Speed, Link/Active  
Serial: Tx, Rx
- **Reboot Trigger** Built-in WDT (watchdog timer)

#### Power Requirements

- **Power Input** 12 ~ 48 V<sub>DC</sub>, redundant dual inputs
- **Power Connector** Terminal block
- **Power Consumption** 4 W

#### Environment

- **Operating Temperature** 0 ~ 60° C (32 ~ 140° F)
- **Storage Temperature** -20 ~ 80° C (-4 ~ 176° F)
- **Operating Humidity** 5 ~ 95% RH

#### Regulatory Approvals

- **EMC** CE, FCC Part 15 Subpart B (Class A)
- **Safety** UL (UL60950-1)
- **MTBF** 862,230 hrs
- **Hazardous Location** UL/cUL Class I, Division 2

### Ordering Information

- **EKI-1524** 4-port RS-232/422/485 Serial Device Server