

ALBA Software Disk 2

Installing the Software for the USB Version of ALBA

The ALBA software runs on computers with the Windows XP operating system or later. Versions 2.00 and greater of the ALBA software support both the serial port and USB versions of the ALBA Interface and Logger.

If the installation does not start automatically then type *D:\setup.exe* from the “run” command where D is the letter of your CD-ROM drive.

There are several parts to the installation:

- The first part installs the latest ALBA core, the Help file and manual.
- Next the software asks you if you wish to install the USB drivers. If you are using only the older serial port ALBAs then you do not need to install the USB drivers. If you are using a USB ALBA and already have the drivers installed from other ALBA disks then you may answer No to this else answer Yes. Note that answering Yes when the drivers are already installed is ok. If you have a mixture of serial port and USB in your lab then all your computers should have the USB drivers installed.
- Next the Applications are installed.
- Finally you are asked if you wish to install the Adobe Acrobat Reader.

Note that if in the future you wish to uninstall the ALBA software there are two parts to uninstall: the ALBA Core and the Applications.

Users may make as many copies of the manual as they wish for use within their educational establishment.

To uninstall the drivers and associated registry entries do the following :

- Go to <http://www.fdichip.com/Resources/Utilities.htm> and download the utility FTClean – Driver Removal Utility.
- Run the file FTClean.exe
- Now from the Control Panel select *Add or Remove Software*. Scroll down until you see two copies of *Windows Driver Package – FTDI CDM Driver Package*. Remove both of them.

Windows 98

djb microtech does not officially support the older operating systems. However the ALBA software does run on windows 98 and ME and users with these operating systems will have to install the USB drivers manually.

The following steps may help you :

- After installing the ALBA software connect the ALBA Interface and Logger to your PC. A message will appear telling you that new hardware has been found.
- The next window displays *Please insert the disk labeled 'FTDI USB Driver Disk', and then click ok*. You do not have this disk – just click ok to dismiss the window.
- At the bottom of the next window you will see *'Copy files from:'* and a location underneath. Replace this location with *D:\Drivers\Win98* where D is the letter of your CD-ROM drive. Alternatively you can click the browse button and navigate to the folder containing the 98 drivers on your CD.
- Now click OK to install the drivers.

Your ALBA Interface and Logger should now work when the ALBA software is launched.

Please note that if you have several ALBA Interfaces then you will have to go through this procedure for each ALBA on each computer. If you find yourself in this position please contact djb microtech.

Contents of CD – ROM

The Applications contained on this disk are:

- Analogue Snapshot (allows table and graph to be built up where user enters the independent variable).
- Fast Timer (resolution of 10 ms).
- Gap Timer
- Event Timer (displays event times with channel information - resolution 1ms).
- Interval Timer (used for developing concept of instantaneous speed).
- Introduction to Speed (general purpose tool with user selectable display of t, d, v, decimal places and display size).
- Introduction to Acceleration (user selectable display of v_1 , v_2 , Dv , Dt , a, decimal places and display size).
- Velocity/Time graph for vehicle with uniform acceleration (graph/table built up point by point).
- Displacement/Time graph for vehicle with uniform acceleration (graph/table built up point by point).
- Free fall - a replacement for the trap door experiment (requires our Timing Plate)
- The Q/V relationship.

In addition to the Applications there is a pdf version of the manual which can be read using Adobe Acrobat. A version of the Acrobat Reader is on the CD.

Upgrading the ALBA Core

As new versions of the core are produced they will be put on the website along with the accompanying manual and Help files. In this way you will be able to stay abreast of all new core features which are developed without incurring additional costs.

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