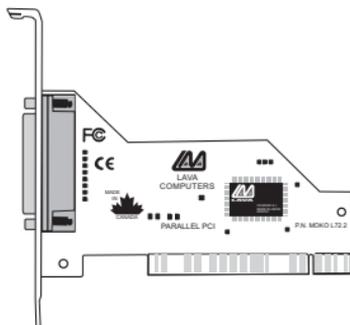


# Lava Parallel-PCI Installation Manual

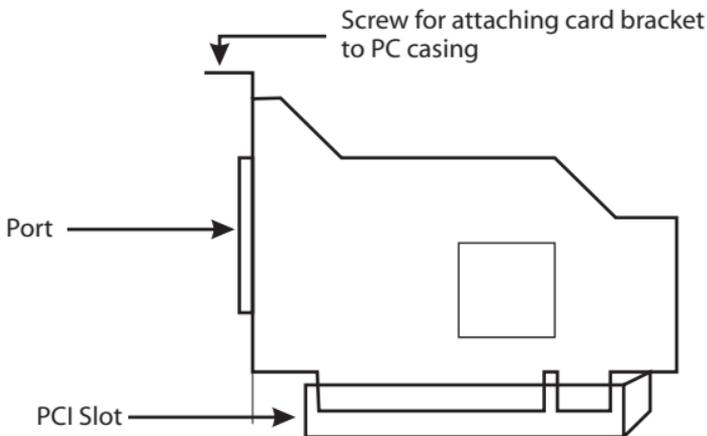
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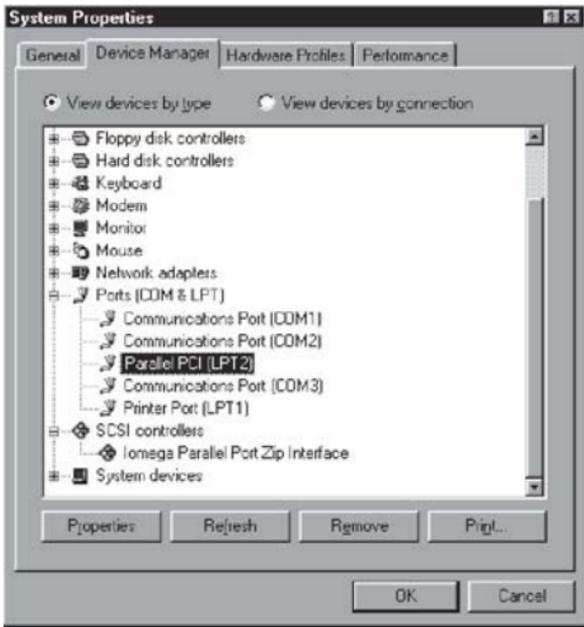
# Windows Hardware and Driver Installation

1. Before opening the casing of your computer, make sure that all power is off.
2. Locate an unused PCI slot and insert the Parallel-PCI card into it. Ensure that the card is well seated.
3. Screw the metal bracket of the Parallel-PCI card to your PC's casing and replace the machine's cover.
4. Connect your parallel (printer) cable to the port on the Parallel-PCI card and turn the PC on.
5. When Windows starts, it will find a Parallel-PCI Controller and will ask you for a driver for this device. When prompted, insert the installation diskette into your floppy drive. After copying the



necessary files from the diskette, Windows may restart your PC in order to complete the installation of the Parallel-PCI card. Any Plug and Play printers attached to the Parallel-PCI will now also be detected and installed. Windows XP may display a message to the effect that the drivers are not digitally signed. This warning can be ignored.

6. The Parallel-PCI card will appear in Control Panel|System|Device Manager under Ports, as a listing similar to the one below. If required, settings may be customized by clicking on the Parallel-PCI listing and then clicking Properties. Please note that changes to default settings may be required by users connecting the Parallel-PCI card to a non-printer peripheral (see reverse). Users connecting a printer should use default settings.



# Connecting a non-printer device (e.g. external drive or parallel scanner) to the Parallel-PCI

In Windows 95/98/ME (not Windows 2000/XP) some parallel port devices require parallel ports that use standard (legacy) ISA LPT addresses (0278h or 0378h). Because the Parallel-PCI card is a fully compliant PCI device, its default address (Input/Output Range) is beyond the standard range of ISA I/O addresses. In order to connect such a peripheral to the Parallel-PCI card, the I/O address range of the card must therefore be changed manually. This section describes how this is done.

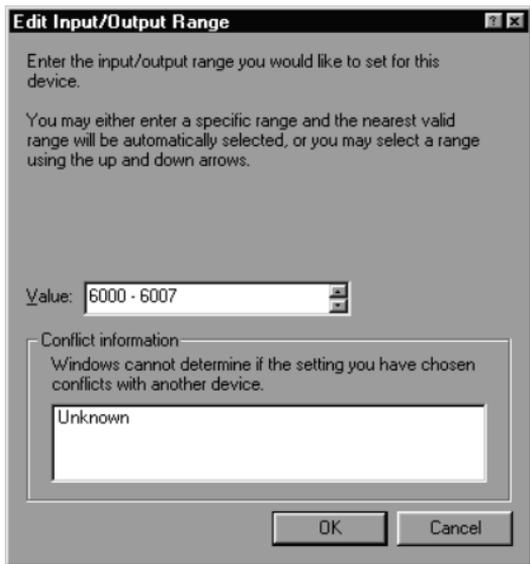
1. Open Control Panel\System|Device Manager and find the Parallel-PCI listing under Ports. Click Properties, and proceed to the Resources tab. The following screen will appear (Note: the Input/Output Range and Interrupt of your particular configuration may differ from the one below).



2. Remove the check mark from the Use Automatic Settings box.

Note: In some cases Windows will give an error message to the effect that "Windows cannot modify this resource" at this point. If you are unable to access the settings for changing system resources, reboot the system in Safe Mode to make changes to resource settings. (To enter Safe Mode, press the F8 key while the system is rebooting.)

3. Double-click on the words Input/Output Range. The following screen will appear:



4. Use the up/down arrows to scroll to one of the following range settings, or type them in manually:

0278 – 027F

0378 – 037F

0338 – 033F

0238 – 023F

02B8 – 02BF

5. After one of these has been entered, click OK. Windows will verify whether you would like to force this particular configuration rather than the automatic one that it had previously chosen. Click Yes.
6. Verify that there are no conflicts with addresses being used by other devices already in your PC. If no conflicts are found, restart Windows.

## Using Zip Drives with the Parallel-PCI

NOTE: The default input/output range for the Parallel-PCI card works with Zip Drives using new lomegaware software. The instructions "Connecting a non-printer device" given above apply to Zip Drive users using old versions of lomegaware.

For best results with Windows 2000 and XP, we recommend downloading the latest "lomegaware" from lomega.

Additional instructions on optimizing Zip Drive performance with the Parallel-PCI can be found at [www.lavalink.com](http://www.lavalink.com).

## **Release Notes:**

- A. This documentation describes the installation of the Parallel-PCI card on a Windows95/98/Me/2000/XP PC. Instructions and software for DOS, Windows 3.x, and Windows NT 4.0 may be found in the NT4.0 subdirectory of the Parallel-PCI card Installation diskette. Instructions for Linux installation are available at [www.lavalink.com](http://www.lavalink.com).
- B. Because the Parallel-PCI card uses PCI (not ISA) I/O address ranges, it will never be seen by your BIOS at boot-up as a standard parallel port (occupying 0278h or 0378h) even if the address has been changed in Windows using the above procedure. This is normal, and does not indicate a fault in your Parallel-PCI card.
- C. The Parallel-PCI card will not work at address 0278h or 0378h if it is installed in a PCI slot that is behind a PCI-to-PCI bridge. If you have trouble installing the Parallel-PCI card, try seating it in a different slot.
- D. In standard installations of Windows 2000/XP, the I/O address cannot be changed to a legacy address.
- E. Some devices (like external CD writers) default to "word mode" (ie: 16-bit data transfer) for fastest performance. Such devices need to operate in "byte mode" (8-bit data transfer) to work with the Parallel-PCI. Look in your device software for a "byte mode" setting, and enable it.

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This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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