Windows 8 Installation Instructions for the PR3

Required equipment:

- PR3
- Installation CD or downloaded and extracted PR3 files from <u>www.digitrax.com/downloads</u> (PR3 Windows XP and Vista Drivers)
- USB Cable
- PS14 (or equivalent) 14 volt power supply

STOP! Read these instructions before connecting the PR-3 to your Computer

- NOTE The Windows Vista drivers are compatible with Windows 8.
- These instructions are for a new installation of the PR3 Drivers.
- The key to a successful installation is NOT to allow Windows 8 to install the drivers automatically.

PART ONE

Changes to Windows 8 need to be made before you can proceed! Please do the following:

1. Mouse over to the top-right to bring up the search window or press the **Windows Key** + **I** on your keyboard.



2. Click on the "Search" button.



- 3. Click on Settings
- 4. Type in "advanced startup" without the quotes
- 5. Click on "Advanced startup options"

Advanced startup options	2 Type in "advanced startup"	advanced startup
	without the quotes	Apps
	1. Click on Settings.	Settings
3. Click on Advanced startup options		Files
		Bing
		Finance
		Games
		Internet Explorer
		Mail

6. The PC Settings > General menu will appear, scroll all the way down.



7. When you see "Advanced startup" click on the "Restart now" button below.

Add or change input methods, keyboard layouts, and languages

PC settings	Audio Change Input Interodo, keyobalo layous, and languages. Language preferences
Activate Windows	You have 9.22 GB available. See how much space your apps are using.
Personalize	View app sizes
Users	Refresh your PC without affecting your files
Notifications	If your PC isn't running well, you can refresh it without losing your photos, music, videos, and other personal files.
Search	Get started
Share	Remove everything and reinstall Windows
General	If you want to recycle your PC or start over completely, you can reset it to its factory settings.
Privacy	Get started
Devices	Advanced startup
Ease of Access	Start up from a device or disc (such as a USB drive or DVD), change Windows startup settings, restore Windows from a system image. This will restart your PC.
Sync your settings	Restart now Click "Restart Now"
HomeGroup	

8. Windows will now restart into a new options menu, select "Troubleshoot".

Cho	ose an option		
\rightarrow	Continue Exit and continue to Windows 8		
li	Troubleshoot Refresh or reset your PC, or use advanced tools	<	 Click "Troubleshoot"
С С	ium on your PC		

9. In the Troubleshoot menu, click on "Advanced options"

\odot Troubleshoot	
Refresh your PC If your PC isn't running well, you can refresh it without losing your files	
Reset your PC If you want to remove all of your files, you can reset your PC completely	
く く Advanced options	Click "Advanced Options"

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4	System Restore Use a restore point recorded on your PC to restore Windows	C:\	Command Prompt Use the Command Prompt for advanced troubleshooting	
	System Image Recovery Recover Windows using a specific system image file	۵	Startup Settings Change Windows startup behavior	
<	Automatic Repair Fix problems that keep Windows from loading		1	
			Click "Startup Settings"	

10. In the "Advanced Options" menu click on "Startup Settings"

11. You will now want to click on "Restart" to boot into the Startup Settings boot screen.

Restart to chan	ge Windows options su	ich as:	
Enable low-resolution v Enable debugging mod	ideo mode le		
Enable boot logging Enable Safe Mode			
Disable driver signature	enforcement		
 Disable early-launch an Disable automatic resta 	ti-malware protection		
	Click Re		

12. Once your computer has rebooted, the "Startup Settings" screen appears, Press "7" or F7" on your keyboard to "Disable driver signature enforcement". Your

computer will reboot and you will now be able to install the PR3 Driver.



PART TWO

If you downloaded the drivers from the Digitrax website, extract the zipped files and note where you stored them prior to beginning installation:

- 1. Right click on the file folder.
- 2. Then click on *Extract All...*
- 3. Select a location, such as the desktop, where you will save the extracted files.
- 4. Click on Extract.
- 5. The files will decompress into a new folder.
- 6. Note the location where you saved the extracted files. You'll need it later in the install process.

Installation

- 13. Plug PS14 into a wall outlet.
- 14. Plug the 2.1mm jack of the PS14 into the PR3's Power Connector located on the back of the PR3.
 - a. The red LED (next to "ERR") should light solid and
 - b. The Green LED (next to "USB") should blink on and off.
- 15. Press and Hold both buttons until the bi-color "STAT" LED flashes red and green. Release both buttons, the PR3 is now reset to its default settings (MS-100 Mode, No Termination).

- 16. Plug the USB cable into an open USB port on the computer. Select a port that is convenient and can be dedicated to the PR3. Using the same USB port will allow the PR3 to use the same Virtual Com Port number and ease future software configuration.
- 17. Plug the other end of the USB cable into the USB plug on the PR3.
- 18. An Error message will briefly display at the bottom right of the screen stating *Device driver software was not installed correctly*.
- 19. If using the supplied CD-ROM Device Driver disk, insert the disk now.

NOTE - The following steps and screen captures may vary depending on your computer, software version and settings.

20. Press the **Windows Key + R** on your keyboard this will open the run dialog box.



21. The Run dialog box will open, type in devmgmt.msc and press OK.

🖃 Run	
	Type the name of a program, folder, document, or Internet resource, and Windows will open it for you.
Open:	devmgmt.msc Type in here
	😚 This task will be created with administrative privileges.
	OK Cancel <u>B</u> rowse

22. The *Device Manager* will open. Right Click on the *VCOM Port* with the Yellow Exclamation Point.



23. Click on Update Driver Software...



24. Click on *Browse my computer for driver software*.



- 25. Click the Browse my computer for driver software button
- 26. *Browse for driver software on your computer* dialog box updates, click on the **Browse** button.

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Update Driver Software - VC0M Port	
Browse for driver software on your computer	
Search for driver software in this location: C:\Users\ \Documents Click here. Browse Include subfolders	
Let me pick from a list of device drivers on my computer This list will show installed driver software compatible with the device, and all driver software in the same category as the device.	
Next	ancel

27. Click on *Computer*.



- 28. If using the Installation CD, click on the CD-Rom or DVD Drive. Typically (D:). OR, if you downloaded the drivers from the Digitrax website, browse to the location on your computer where you saved the drivers. Skip to Step 30.
- 29. If using the Installation CD, click on the subdirectory *win_xp_vista32_64*.



- 30. Click the *OK* button.
- 31. Click the *Next* button.



32. A Red Windows Security box will pop up.



- 33. Click Install this driver software anyway.
- 34. A Installing driver software box will pop up.
- 35. A Windows has successfully updated your driver software box will pop up.

Update Driver Software - Communications Performance - Communications Pe				
Windows has successfully updated your driver son ware				
Windows has finished installing the driver software for this device:				
Communications Port	Please make note of the Com Port it has assigned you, in this case it was "COM3" the port it assigns will be what is used in Digitrax Utilities / 3rd Party Software.			
	Close			

- 36. Note the COM Port that windows assigned the PR3. You will need this COM Port information for various Digitrax Utilities or 3rd party software programs. If you plug your PR3 into the same physical USB Port each and every time, Windows will always assign the same COM Port to your PR3.
- 37. Device Manager will show your newly installed COM port under Ports (Com & LPT).
- 38. Click the *Close* Button
- 39. Reboot your computer this is important to complete the install process!

You have successfully installed your PR3 Driver Software!