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INTRODUCTION

This manual describes the operation and use of the C&H Model M217 Quad Serial RS232 M-Module (Part Number 11029520). This module was formerly manufactured by HP (Agilent) as Model E2261A. C&H obtained the manufacturing rights from Agilent and now manufactures it as C&H Model M217. This mezzanine module is designed to interface within any M/MA-Module carrier adhering to the ANSI/VITA 12-1996 M-Module specification. These carriers are available in many formats such as Ethernet, VME, VXI, PXI, cPCI, and the PC.

Contained within this manual are the physical and electrical specifications, installation and startup procedures, functional description, and configuration and programming guidelines to adequately use the product.

This manual is based on a low level register access, and is written in such a manner to provide understanding to the user based on this type of access. If a driver is provided, please refer to the driver documentation for instruction using the higher level interface provided by the driver.

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1.0 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The M217 provides four full-duplex (asynchronous) RS232 Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) ports on a single wide M-Module adhering to the ANSI/VITA 12-1996 specification for M-Modules. The M217 may be installed on any carrier board supporting the M-Module specification. Carriers are available that allow the M217 to be used in Ethernet, VXI, VME, PCI, cPCI and other system architectures.

1.1 PURPOSE OF EQUIPMENT

The M217 provides four full-duplex RS232 ports that can be used for communication with a variety of test instrumentation and equipment.

1.2 SPECIFICATIONS OF EQUIPMENT

1.2.1 Key Features

- Four (4) full-duplex (asynchronous) RS232 Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) ports
- Independently programmable baud rate (13 fixed rates from 75 baud to 38.4K baud)
- Independently programmable handshake mode: RTS/CTS and/or DTR/DSR hardware handshake, XON/XOFF software handshake or NONE
- Independently programmable data format: 5 to 8 data bits plus parity; odd, even or no parity; 1, 1.5 or 2 stop bits
- Independent 2Kbyte Input and Output buffer for each port

1.2.2 Specifications

The M217 incorporates the standard 40-pin, 20x2 row connector interface to the carrier board for power and data/control, but does not have the 24-pin optional connector for carrying user-connections back onto the carrier board.

User input/output is provided through a standard 44-pin D-subminiature female receptacle (CONEC part number 302A10889X or equivalent). A mating connector kit can be ordered separately as AM111 (C&H Part Number 11029700-0001). The connector pin-outs are shown in Appendix A.

Table I. General Characteristics

Drive Distance	50 ft.
Isolation	None

Table II. Power Requirements

Input Supply	IPM (A)	IDM (A)
+5VDC	0.10	0.01
+12VDC	0.01	0.005
-12VDC	0.01	0.005

1.2.3 Mechanical

The mechanical dimensions of the module are in conformance with ANSI/VITA 12-1996 for single-wide M-Module modules. The nominal dimensions are 5.687" (144.5 mm) long × 2.082" (52.9 mm) wide.

1.2.4 Bus Compliance

The module complies with the ANSI/VITA 12-1996 Specification for single-wide M-Modules and the MA-Module trigger signal extension. The module also supports the optional IDENT and VXI-IDENT functions.

Module Type:	MA-Module
Addressing:	A08
Data:	D16
Interrupts:	supported
DMA:	not supported
Triggers:	not supported
Identification:	IDENT
Manufacturer ID:	0FFF ₁₆ (See note below)
Model Number:	067D ₁₆
VXI Model Number:	025A ₁₆

Note: C&H obtained the manufacturing rights from Hewlett Packard (Agilent) for this module. The ID's have been retained as Hewlett Packard to provide compatibility with existing SW drivers.

1.2.5 Applicable Documents

ANSI/VITA 12-1996 Standard for The Mezzanine Concept M-Module Specification, Approved May 20, 1997, American National Standards Institute and VMEbus International Trade Association, 7825 E. Gelding Dr. Suite 104, Scottsdale, AZ 85260-3415, <http://www.vita.com>

2.0 INSTALLATION

2.1 UNPACKING AND INSPECTION

Verify that there has been no damage to the shipping container. If damage exists then the container should be retained, as it will provide evidence of carrier caused problems. Such problems should be reported to the shipping courier immediately, as well as to C&H. If there is no damage to the shipping container, carefully remove the module from its box and anti static bag and inspect for any signs of physical damage. If damage exists, report immediately to C&H.

2.2 HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

The module contains components that are sensitive to electrostatic discharge. When handling the module for any reason, do so at a static-controlled workstation, whenever possible. At a minimum, avoid work areas that are potential static sources, such as carpeted areas. Avoid unnecessary contact with the components on the module.

2.3 INSTALLATION OF M/MA MODULES

All M-Modules must be installed into the carrier before the carrier is installed into the host system. To install a module, firmly press the connector on the M/MA-Module together with the connector on the carrier as shown in Figure 1. Secure the module through the holes in the bottom shield using the original screws.

CAUTION: M/MA-Module connectors are NOT keyed. Use extra caution to avoid misalignment. Applying power to a misaligned module can damage the M/MA-Module and carrier.

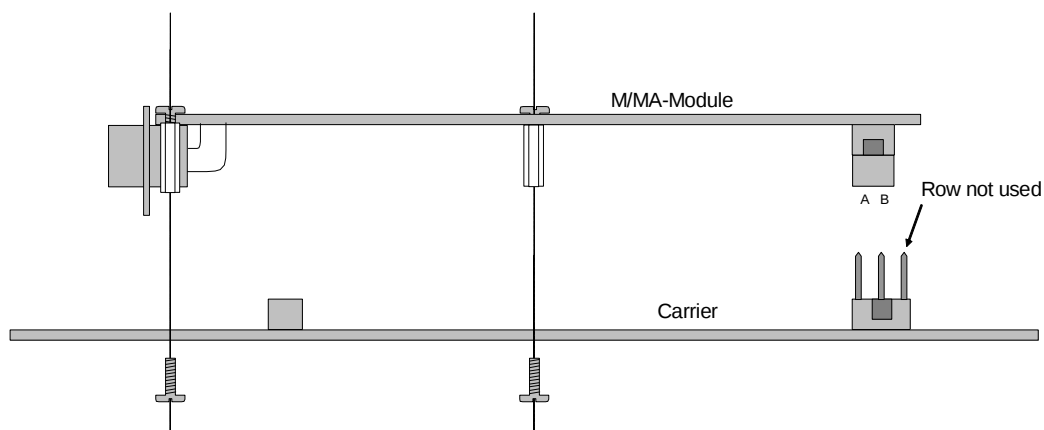


Figure 1. M-MODULE Installation

2.4 PREPARATION FOR RESHIPMENT

If the module is to be shipped separately it should be enclosed in a suitable water and vapor proof anti-static bag. Heat seal or tape the bag to insure a moisture-proof closure. When sealing the bag, keep trapped air volume to a minimum. The shipping container should be a rigid box of sufficient size and strength to protect the equipment from damage. If the module was received separately from a C&H system, then the original module shipping container and packing material may be re-used if it is still in good condition.

3.0 FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

3.1 OVERVIEW

Before considering the individual registers on the M217, you need to understand how the module's receiver and transmitter operate. This section defines several terms used in this chapter. In this discussion, *receiver* is used to describe the M217 receiving data from an external source and sending it to the host computer (VXI system Controller); *transmitter* describes the M217 receiving data from the host computer and transmitting it to the external device. Figure 2 shows a simplified block diagram of the module.

At power-on or reset, the M217 sets the default baud rate and data format for each port; both transmitter and receiver for each port are disabled. The host computer must START/STOP specific port(s) to receive or transmit. The host computer can CLOSE a port without using the disable command. The difference between CLOSE and STOP is that CLOSE clears the port's buffer.

A simplified functional block diagram is shown in Figure 2.

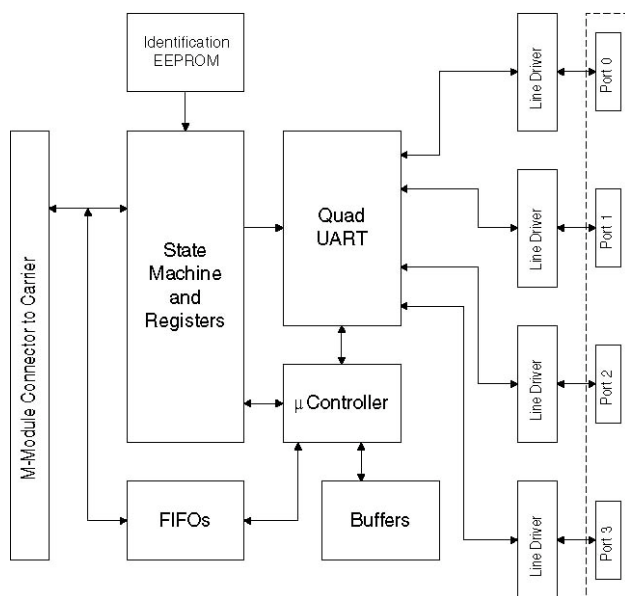


Figure 2. Functional Block Diagram

3.2 IDENTIFICATION AND CONFIGURATION REGISTERS

3.2.1 I/O Registers

There are a variety of registers used to configure and control the M217 module. These registers are located in the IOSpace. The address map of the registers is shown in Table III. Details of the registers are provided in Figure 3.

Table III. I/O Address Map/Command Summary

IO REG. (HEX)	REGISTER DESCRIPTION	REGISTER TYPE
00	Status	Read Only
02	Control	Read/Write
04	Interrupt Vector	Read Only
06 – 1E	Reserved	NA
20	Command Response	Read/Write
22	Parameter Register 0	Read/Write
24	Parameter Register 1	Read/Write
26	Command Status	Read Only
28	Interrupt Generator Serial Port 1	Read/Write
2A	Interrupt Generator Serial Port 2	Read/Write
2C	Interrupt Generator Serial Port 3	Read/Write
2E	Interrupt Generator Serial Port 4	Read/Write
30 – 34	Reserved	NA
36	FIFO Status	Read Only
38	Interrupt Status/Control Serial Port 1	Read/Write
3A	Interrupt Status/Control Serial Port 2	Read/Write
3C	Interrupt Status/Control Serial Port 3	Read/Write
3E	Interrupt Status/Control Serial Port 4	Read/Write
40	Transmit/Receiver Serial Port 1	Read/Write
42	Transmit/Receiver Serial Port 2	Read/Write
44	Transmit/Receiver Serial Port 3	Read/Write
46	Transmit/Receiver Serial Port 4	Read/Write

Reg. 00

Status

Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Write	Read-only															
Read	Not Used											IRQ3	IRQ2	IRQ1	IRQ0	CRDY

CRDY ⇒ Command/Parameter Ready (1 = Command and Parameter registers are empty and available for the next command, 0 = indicates that the DONE bit in the Command Status Register (address 2E₁₆) may not be valid.

IRQn ⇒ Interrupt Request Status Bit (1 = indicates the respective port (1 through 4) has an interrupt request pending (see note 2), 0 = interrupt request is not being asserted)

Notes:

1. At power-on or reset, all bits are “0” except CRDY which has a value of “1.”
2. There are seven interrupt sources for each port. Refer to the Port Interrupt Status/Control Register for details. If Port n and the global system interrupt is enabled, a “1” in any of these bits will generate an interrupt to the host controller.

Reg. 02

Control

Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Write	Not Used															
Read	Not Used											IEN3	IEN2	IEN1	IEN0	SRST

SRST ⇒ Soft Reset (1 followed by 0 = causes soft reset)

IENA ⇒ Global Interrupt Request Enable (1 = allows interrupts to occur)

IENn ⇒ Enable Interrupt of Port n (1 = allows port to generate an interrupt to host controller)

Reg. 04

Interrupt Vector

Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Write	Read-only															
Read	Not Used											ICH3	ICH2	ICH1	ICH0	

ICHn ⇒ Interrupt Channel (1 = channel is a source interrupt of the interrupt)

Notes:

1. The value of this register is placed on the data bus (bits 7-0) during an interrupt acknowledge cycle and then the register is cleared.
2. The Port Interrupt Status/Control Register should be used to determine the actual cause of the interrupt.

Figure 3. M217 I/O Registers

Reg. 20

Command/Response

Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Write	Not Used								Command							
Read	Not Used								Command Response							

Notes:

1. This register is used with the Parameter Registers (addresses 22₁₆ and 24₁₆). The Parameter Registers must be set up before sending a command value to the Command / Response Register. In the following command descriptions, they are called PARM0 and PARM1.
2. The Command Status Register (address 26₁₆) acts as a handshake signal for the Command/Response Register. Writing a value to the Command/Response register clears the CPRDY bit (bit 0) in the Command Status Register indicating that the Command / Parameter registers are not ready for the next data. Usually, a “0” on CPRDY interrupts the M-Module microcontroller. After the microcontroller executes the command, it writes a response to the Response Register and Parameter Registers. After sending the response, the microcontroller sets CPRDY indicating it is ready for the next command.

Reg. 26

Command Status

Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Write	Not Used															
Read	Not Used								DONE	CERR	-	URDY	UPAS	-	RRDY	CRDY

DONE ⇒ Done (1 = microcontroller has completed operation and all Command Status Register bits are valid)

CERR ⇒ Command/Parameter Error (1 = error occurred while communicating with module)

URDY ⇒ Microcontroller Ready (1 = ready to interact with the host)

UPAS ⇒ Microcontroller Pass (1 = microcontroller built-in self test passed)

RRDY ⇒ Response Ready (1 = the Response Register is valid)

CRDY ⇒ Command/Parameter Register Ready (1 = Command and Parameter Registers are empty and available for the next command to be written to the microcontroller, 0 = DONE bit is not valid. This bit is set by the microcontroller, and cleared in hardware by writing to the Command/Response Register (20₁₆).)

Reg. 28

Interrupt Generation Port 1

Reg. 2A

Interrupt Generation Port 2

Reg. 2C

Interrupt Generation Port 3

Reg. 2E

Interrupt Generation Port 4

Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Write	Not Used															Int
Read	Not Used															Int

INT ⇒ Generate Interrupt (writing a 1 to this bit generates an interrupt)

Note: After the host computer writes to this register, a self-generated interrupt occurs. Refer to the Port Interrupt Status/Control Register, Bit 7.

Figure 3. M217 I/O Registers (continued)

Reg. 36

FIFO Status

Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Write	Not Used															
Read	Not Used								Port 4 RCV	Port 4 XMIT	Port 3 RCV	Port 3 XMIT	Port 2 RCV	Port 2 XMIT	Port 1 RCV	Port 1 XMIT

Port n RCV ⇒ Port n RCV (0 = Port n receive FIFO buffer is empty)

Port n XMIT ⇒ Port n XMIT (1 = Port n transmit buffer is half full, 0 = transmit buffer is not half full, the host controller can write up to 1kbyte in the FIFO)

Note: The host controller can read data from a port only when the Port n VCV bit is a 1 indicating data is in the FIFO.

Reg. 38

Port 1 Interrupt Status/Control

Reg. 3A

Port 2 Interrupt Status/Control

Reg. 3C

Port 3 Interrupt Status/Control

Reg. 3E

Port 4 Interrupt Status/Control

Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Write	Not Used								EX1	-	NU	ERR	ETE	ERT	ERF	ETF
Read	Not Used								EX1	-	END	ERR	TE	RTO	RF	HF

Read Bits:

END ⇒ End (1 = termination character has been received)

ERR ⇒ Error Source (1 = error has occurred with receiving data on the port)

EX1 ⇒ Self-Generation Interrupt (1 = host computer has generated a self-generation interrupt for the port. This interrupt is used to initialize a data transmit or receive by the driver with interrupt method. Refer to the Interrupt Generation Registers.)

HF ⇒ Transmit Half Full (1 = the transmit FIFO buffer has decreased to below half full. In this condition, the host controller can send up to 1kbytes to the transmit buffer.)

RF ⇒ Receive Filled Block (1 = the receive buffer for this channel is filled with a pre-defined amount of data. The host controller can read the data from the FIFO buffer)

RTO ⇒ Receive Time Out (1 = the microcontroller has not received data for a pre-defined time after the last BLOCK of data was sent to the FIFO. After receiving this interrupt request, the host controller should verify the actual data length or read the data via the FIFO Status Register)

TE ⇒ Transmit Error (1 = the port's transmit FIFO has become empty. This means the host controller can send at least 2048 bytes of data to the transmit FIFO without the FIFO becoming full.)

Write Bits:

ERR ⇒ Error Interrupt (1 = enables the Error Interrupt for the port)

ERF ⇒ FIFO Filled (1 = enables the Receive FIFO Filled Interrupt for the port)

ERT ⇒ Time-out (1 = enables the Receive Time-out Interrupt for the port)

ETE ⇒ Transmit FIFO Empty (1 = enables the Transmit FIFO Empty Interrupt for the port)

ETF ⇒ Transmit FIFO Half Full (1 = enables the Transmit FIFO Half Full Interrupt for the port)

EX1 ⇒ Self-Generation Interrupt (1 = enables the Self-Generation interrupt for the port)

Note: Always read the Interrupt Vector Register (at address 04₁₆) to clear all sources of interrupts. After one interrupt source is disabled, a later interrupt request may be pending. That is, if the interrupt source is later enabled again, the interrupt request may immediately generate an interrupt unless Interrupt Status Register is read first.

Figure 3. M217 I/O Registers (continued)

Reg. 40	Port 1 Transmit Receive															
Reg. 42	Port 2 Transmit Receive															
Reg. 44	Port 3 Transmit Receive															
Reg. 46	Port 4 Transmit Receive															
Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Write	Not Used								Transmit Data Byte							
Read	Not Used								Receive Data Byte							

Notes:

1. This register can be read only when the BHE_n bit in the FIFO Status Register (at address 36₁₆) is a “1” OR the RF or RT0 or END bits of the Port Interrupt/Status Register for the port (addresses 38₁₆ for Port 1, 3A₁₆ for Port 2, 3C₁₆ for Port 3, or 3E₁₆ for Port 4) is set to a “1”. If the host controller is set for interrupts, it should read all of the data in the Receive FIFO of the port when an interrupt is generated by RF or RTO.
2. Up to 1kBytes of data can be written to this register when BHF_n bit in the FIFO Status Register (at address 36₁₆) is a “0” or up to 2kBytes can be written if the TE bit of the Port Interrupt/Status Register for the port (addresses 38₁₆ for Port 1, 3A₁₆ for Port 2, 3C₁₆ for Port 3, or 3E₁₆ for Port 4) is set to a “1”.

Reg. 22	Parameter Register 0															
Reg. 24	Parameter Register 1															
Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Write	Reserved								Command Parameter							
Read	Reserved								Result of Command							

Notes:

1. The Parameter Registers must be set up before writing a command to the Command / Response Register (0x20).
2. When an 8-bit parameter is required, use only Parameter Register 0. When a 16-bit parameter is required, Parameter Register 0 is used as bits 7 - 0; Parameter Register 1 is used as bits 15 - 8.
3. Refer to the Command / Response Register for a list of commands and the appropriate parameters.
4. At power-on / reset, all bits are set to 0.

Reg. 80-EF	ID EEPROM															
Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Write	Reserved															
Read	Reserved												ECS	ESK	EDIO	

EDIO ⇒ EEPROM Serial Data
 ESK ⇒ EEPROM Shift Clock
 ECS ⇒ EEPROM Chip Select

Notes:

1. The ID EEPROM register allows you to access the contents of the ID EEPROM which contains sixty-four 16-bit works of M-Module ID and VXI M-Module data.
2. CAUTION: Do not attempt to write to Bit00 of the ID EEPROM register. You could overwrite the contents of the EEPROM.

Figure 3. M217 I/O Registers (continued)

3.2.2 Command/Response Values

The host computer communicates with the on-board microcontroller through the Command/Response Register (0x20), the Parameter 0 Register (0x22) and the Parameter 1 Register (0x24). The command must be logically OR'd with the values below to specify the port number.

Port	Binary	Hex
1	0000 0000	00
2	0100 0000	40
3	1000 0000	80
4	1100 0000	C0

For example, to set Port 2's transmitter baud rate (command 0x21) use the command 0x61 (0x21 + 0x40).

3.2.2.1 Query Test Value Command (0x00)

This command is used for test and debugging. Set test values in PARM0 and PARM1 with the Set Command Test Value Command (0x20) and then read them back with this command. The test values have no special meaning and are any values you want to use.

Set Parameters:	PARM0: none	PARM1: none
Result Parameters:	PARM0: testvalue1	PARM1: testvalue0
Default/Reset Value:	PARM0: 0x55	PARM1: 0xAA

3.2.2.2 Query Transmitter Baud Rate Command (0x01)

This command returns a code representing the current port's transmitter baud rate. The baud rate is returned in the Result Parameters register. Set the transmitter baud rate with the Set Transmitter Baud Rate Command (0x21).

Set Parameters:	PARM0: none	PARM1: none
Result Parameters:	PARM0: baud rate code	PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value:	PARM0: 0x0B	PARM1: 0x00

Baud Rate Code	Exact Baud Rate
00	75
01	110
02	38400
03	150
04	300
05	600
06	1200
07	2000
08	2400
09	4800
0A	1800
0B	9600
0C	19200

3.2.2.3 Query Receiver Baud Rate Command (0x02)

This command returns a code representing the current port's receiver baud rate. The baud rate is returned in the Result Parameters register. The table above lists the baud rate code and the exact baud rate. Set the receiver baud rate with the Set Receiver Baud Rate Command (0x22).

Set Parameters:	PARM0: none	PARM1: none
Result Parameters:	PARM0: baud code	PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value:	PARM0: 0x0B	PARM1: 0x00

3.2.2.4 Query Data Transfer Parity Mode Command (0x03)

This command returns a code representing the data transfer parity mode. To set the parity mode, use the Set Data Transfer Parity Mode Command (0x23).

Set Parameters: PARM0: none PARM1: none
Result Parameters: PARM0: parity mode code PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x04 PARM1: 0x00

Parity Mode Code	Parity Type
00	Even
01	Odd
02	Force 0
03	Force 1
04	None

3.2.2.5 Query Character Length Command (0x04)

This command returns a code representing the character data length. To set the character data length, use the Set Character Length Command (0x24).

Set Parameters: PARM0: none PARM1: none
Result Parameters: PARM0: character length code PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x03 PARM1: 0x00

Character Length Code	Character Length
00	5
01	6
02	7
03	8

3.2.2.6 Query Stop Bit Length Command (0x05)

This command returns a code representing the stop bit length. To set the Stop Bit length, use the Set Stop Bit Length Command (0x25).

Set Parameters: PARM0: none PARM1: none
Result Parameters: PARM0: stop bit length code PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x07 PARM1: 0x00

Stop Bit Length Code	Stop Bit Length		Stop Bit Length Code	Stop Bit Length
00	0.563		08	1.563
01	0.625		09	1.625
02	0.688		0A	1.688
03	0.750		0B	1.750
04	0.813		0C	1.813
05	0.875		0D	1.875
06	0.938		0E	1.838
07	1.000		0F	2.000

3.2.2.7 Query RTS/CTS Mode Command (0x06)

This command returns a code representing the RTS/CTS Mode. To set the RTS/CTS mode, use the Set RTS/CTS Mode Command (0x26).

Set Parameters: PARM0: none PARM1: none
Result Parameters: PARM0: RTS/CTS Mode code PARM1: CTS Monitor
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x00

PARM0 Code	RTS/CTS Mode		PARM1 Code	CTS Monitor
00	Idle		00	CTS Monitor OFF
01	On		01	CTS Monitor ON
02	Off			
03	Standard			
04	IBfull			

3.2.2.8 Query DTR/DSR Mode Command (0x07)

This command returns a code representing the DTR/DSR Mode. To set the DTR/DSR Mode, use the Set DTR/DSR Mode Command (0x27).

Set Parameters: PARM0: none; PARM1: none
Result Parameters: PARM0: DTR/DSR Mode code PARM1: DSR Monitor
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x00

PARM0 Code	DTR/DSR Mode		PARM1 Code	DSR Monitor
00	Idle		00	DSR Monitor OFF
01	On		01	DSR Monitor ON
02	Off			
03	Standard			
04	IBfull			

3.2.2.9 Query Pace Mode Command (0x08)

This command returns a code representing the Pace (Xon/Xoff) Mode. To set the Xon/Xoff mode, use the Set Pace Mode Command (0x28).

Set Parameters: PARM0: none; PARM1: none Result Parameters:
Value: PARM0: Xon/Xoff Mode code PARM1: none Default/Reset
 PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x00

Code	Pace Mode
00	Tx & Rx Pace Off
01	Tx Pace On
02	RX Pace On
03	Tx & Rx Pace On

3.2.2.10 Query BLOCK Size Command (0x09)

This command returns a code representing the BLOCK size. The PARM0 and PARM1 registers are both 16-bit registers. The lower 12 bits of each register express the BLOCK length from 1 to 2048 bytes. The upper four bits are not used. To set the BLOCK size, use the Set BLOCK Size Command (0x29).

Set Parameters: PARM0: none PARM1: none
Result Parameters PARM0: BLOCK low code PARM1: BLOCK high code.
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x08 (2048 bytes)

3.2.2.11 Query Port Mode Command (0x0A)

This command returns a code representing the port mode. To set the port mode, use the Set Port Mode Command (0x2A).

Set Parameters: PARM0: none PARM1: none
Result Parameters: PARM0: Port Mode code PARM1: none.
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x00

Code	RTS/CTS Mode
00	Normal
01	Auto-Echo
02	Local Loop
03	Remote Loop

3.2.2.12 Query Line Status Command (0x0B)

This command returns a code representing the status of the individual RS-232 handshake lines and pacing controller information.

Set Parameters: PARM0: none; PARM1: none
Result Parameters: PARM0: Line Status Code; PARM1: none.
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 001100xxb PARM1: 0x00

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Signal Line	TOFF	-	DTR	RTS	ROFF	-	DSR	CTS

TOFF = 0 means XOFF has not been sent (default), TOFF = 1 means that XOFF has been sent.

DTR = 0 means DTR is ON, DTR = 1 means DTR is OFF (default).

RTS = 0 means RTS is ON, RTS = 1 means RTS is OFF (default).

ROFF = 0 means that XON has been received IF XOFF has been received previously, or it means that XOFF has not yet been received (def), ROFF = 1 means that XOFF has been received.

DSR = 0 means DSR is ON, DSR = 1 means DSR is OFF (default).

CTS = 0 means CTS is ON, CTS = 1 means CTS is OFF (default).

3.2.2.13 Query Filled Number in Receiver FIFO Command (0x0C)

This command returns an unsigned integer representing the amount of data in the receiver FIFO when the host received an interrupt.

Set Parameters: PARM0: none; PARM1: none
Result Parameters: PARM0: FIFO Low Byte PARM1: FIFO High Byte (lower 3 bits)
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x00

3.2.2.14 Query Error Code Command (0x0D)

This command returns a code representing one or more errors that have occurred. Reading this register clears the register.

Set Parameters: PARM0: none; PARM1: none
Result Parameters: PARM0: Error Code PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x00

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Signal Line	Not Used	Frame Error occurred during receive	Parity Error detected	Overflow Error detected	Not Used	Receiver Buffer is full	Not Used	Not Used

3.2.2.15 Query Filled Number in Receiver Buffer Command (0x0E)

This command returns an unsigned integer indicating the number of bytes that has received by the port. The value does not include data in the receive FIFO if the receive FIFO is empty. If the receive FIFO is not empty, then the number will include the BLOCK data which has been moved into the receive FIFO (that generated an interrupt).

Set Parameters: PARM0: none PARM1: none
Result Parameters: PARM0: Low Byte PARM1: High Byte
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x00

3.2.2.16 Query Error Mode Command (0x13)

This command returns a value representing the established error mode. For actual error code refer to the Query Error Code Command (0x0D) command. To set the error mode, refer to the Set Error Mode Command (0x33) command.

Set Parameters: PARM0: none PARM1: none
Result Parameters: PARM0: Error Mode PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x00

Code	Error Mode
00	Ignore Errors
01	Acknowledge Errors & Stop

3.2.2.17 Query Start Threshold Command (0x14)

This command returns the start threshold value which is used to control the buffer space where DTE requests DCE restart line transfer activity. To set the Start Threshold anywhere in the 16KB buffer, use the Set Start Threshold Command (0x34).

Set Parameters:	PARM0: none	PARM1: none
Result Parameters:	PARM0: Low Code	PARM1: High Code
Default/Reset Value:	PARM0: 0x00	PARM1: 0x20 (8k buffer is full)

3.2.2.18 Query Stop Threshold Command (0x15)

This command returns the stop threshold value which is used to control the buffer space where DTE requests DCE stop line transfer activity. To set the Stop Threshold anywhere in the 16kbyte buffer, use the Set Stop Threshold Command (0x35).

Set Parameters:	PARM0: none	PARM1: none
Result Parameters:	PARM0: Low Code	PARM1: High Code
Default/Reset Value:	PARM0: 0x00	PARM1: 0x28 (10k buffer full)

3.2.2.19 Query Parity Check Mode Command (0x1A)

This command returns the current Parity Check Mode for the serial port. To set the parity check mode, use the Set Parity Check Mode Command (0x3A).

Set Parameters:	PARM0: none	PARM1: none
Result Parameters:	PARM0: Parity Check Mode	PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value:	PARM0: 0x01	PARM1: 0x00

Code	Parity Check Mode
00	Off
01	On (default)

3.2.2.20 Set Command Test Value Command (0x20)

This command is used for test and debugging. Set test values in PARM0 and PARM1 with this command and then read them back with the Query Command Test Value Command (0x00). The test values have no special meaning and are any values you want to use.

Set Parameters:	PARM0: testvalue0	PARM1: testvalue1
Result:	PARM0: testvalue1	PARM0: testvalue0

3.2.2.21 Set Transmitter Baud Rate Command (0x21)

This command sets the current port's transmitter baud rate. To read the current transmitter baud rate value, use the Query Transmitter Baud Rate Command (0x01).

Set Parameters: PARM0: baud rate code PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x0B PARM1: 0x00

Baud Rate Code	Exact Baud Rate
00	75
01	110
02	38400
03	150
04	300
05	600
06	1200
07	2000
08	2400
09	4800
0A	1800
0B	9600 (default)
0C	19200

3.2.2.22 Set Receiver Baud Rate Command (0x22)

This command sets the current port's receiver baud rate. To read the current baud rate value, use the Query Receiver Baud Rate Command (0x02). See the Set Transmitter Baud Rate Command (0x21) for a list of baud rates and codes.

Set Parameters: PARM0: baud rate code PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x0B PARM1: 0x00

3.2.2.23 Set Data Transfer Parity Mode Command (0x23)

This command sets the data transfer parity mode. To read the current parity mode, use the Query Data Transfer Parity Mode Command (0x03).

Set Parameters: PARM0: parity mode code PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x04 (none) PARM1: 0x00

Parity Mode Code	Parity Type
00	Even
01	Odd
02	Force 0
03	Force 1
04	None

3.2.2.24 Set Character Length Command (0x24)

This command sets the character data length. To read the current character data length, use the Query Character Length Command (0x04).

Set Parameters: PARM0: character length code PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x03 PARM1: 0x00

Character Length Code	Character Length
00	5
01	6
02	7
03	8

3.2.2.25 Set Stop Bit Length Command (0x25)

This command sets the stop bit length. To read the current stop bit length, use the Query Stop Bit Length Command (0x05).

Set Parameters: PARM0: stop bit length code PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x07 PARM1: 0x00

Stop Bit Length Code	Stop Bit Length		Stop Bit Length Code	Stop Bit Length
00	0.563		08	1.563
01	0.625		09	1.625
02	0.688		0A	1.688
03	0.750		0B	1.750
04	0.813		0C	1.813
05	0.875		0D	1.875
06	0.938		0E	1.838
07	1.000		0F	2.000

Note: Upper four bits are reserved and must be set to 00.

3.2.2.26 Set RTS/CTS Mode Command (0x26)

This command sets the RTS/CTS Mode. To read the current RTS/CTS mode, use the Query RTS/CTS Mode Command (0x06).

Set Parameters: PARM0: RTS/CTS Mode code PARM1: CTS Monitor
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x00

PARM0 Code	RTS/CTS Mode		PARM1 Code	CTS Monitor
00	No Change		00	CTS Monitor OFF
01	On		01	CTS Monitor ON
02	Off			
03	Standard			
04	IBfull			

Note: PARM1 is only used when PARM0 is 00, 01, or 02.

3.2.2.27 Set DTR/DSR Mode Command (0x27)

This command sets the DTR/DSR Mode. To read the current DTR/DSR mode, use the Query DTR/DSR Mode Command (0x07).

Set Parameters: PARM0: DTR/DSR Mode code PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x00

PARM0 Code	DTR/DSR Mode		PARM1 Code	DSR Monitor
00	No Change		00	DSR Monitor OFF
01	On		01	DSR Monitor ON
02	Off			
03	Standard			
04	IBfull			

Note: PARM1 is only used when PARM0 is less than 03.

3.2.2.28 Set Pace Mode Command (0x28)

This command sets the Xon/Xoff Mode. To read the current Xon/Xoff mode, use the Query Xon/Xoff Mode Command (0x08).

Set Parameters: PARM0: Pace Mode code PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x00

Code	Pace Mode
00	Tx & Rx Pace Off
01	Tx Pace On
02	RX Pace On
03	Tx & Rx Pace On

3.2.2.29 Set BLOCK Size Command (0x29)

This command sets the BLOCK size. The PARM0 and PARM1 registers are both 16 bit registers. The lower 12 bits of each register express the BLOCK length from 1 to 2048 bytes. Block Size should have a value greater than 1. The upper four bits are not used. To read the current BLOCK size, use the Query BLOCK Size Command (0x09).

Set Parameters PARM0: BLOCK low code PARM1: BLOCK high code.
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x08 (2kBytes)

3.2.2.30 Set Port Mode Command (0x2A)

This command sets the port mode. To read the current Port mode, use the Query Port Mode Command (0A).

Set Parameters: PARM0: Port Mode code PARM1: watchdog timer 0 = off, 1 = on.
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x01

Code	Port Mode
00	Normal
01	Auto-Echo
02	Local Loop
03	Remote Loop

- Normal In this mode, the M217 has the transmitter and receiver operating independently.
- Auto-Echo This mode sets the port to retransmit data automatically. The following conditions are true:
- Received data is clocked and retransmitted on the TX output.
 - Receiver clock is used for the transmitter.
 - Receiver must be enabled, but the transmitter does not need to be enabled.
 - Received parity is checked but not regenerated for transmission.
- Local Loop In this diagnostic mode, the following are true:
- The transmitter output is internally connected to the receiver input.
 - The transmitter clock is used for the receiver.
 - The TxD output is held high.
 - The RxD input is ignored.
 - Both transmitter and receiver must be enabled.
 - The host computer to the M217 continues normally.
- Remote Loop In this mode, the following are true:
- Received data is reclocked and transmitted on the TxD output.
 - The receiver clock is used for the transmitter.
 - The received data is not transferred to the host and error status conditions are inactive.
 - The received parity is not checked and is not regenerated for transmission.
 - The receiver must be enabled, but the transmitter does not need to be enabled.
 - Character framing is not checked and the stop bits are retransmitted as received.

Note: Be careful when switching between modes. The selected mode is activated or deactivated immediately upon mode selection, even if this occurs during a received or transmitted character. However, when switching out of Auto-Echo or Loop Back modes; if the mode change occurs immediately after a stop bit and the transmitter is enabled, the transmitter will remain in Auto-Echo mode until the entire stop bit is retransmitted.

3.2.2.31 Start Receiver Command (0x2B)

This command causes the port to start receiving data.

Set Parameters: PARM0: 0 PARM1: none

3.2.2.32 Stop Receiver Command (0x2C)

This command stops the receiver immediately. Characters in the receiver FIFO and receiver buffer are available for transfer to the host computer.

Set Parameters: PARM0: 0 PARM1: none

3.2.2.33 Start Transmitter Command (0x2D)

This command causes the transmitter to start transmitting data from its buffer.

Set Parameters: PARM0: 0 PARM1: none

3.2.2.34 Stop Transmitter Command (0x2E)

This command causes the transmitter to stop transmitting.

Set Parameters: PARM0: 0 PARM1: none

3.2.2.35 Clear Receiver Buffer Command (0x2F)

This command clears the receiver buffer but not the receiver FIFO memory.

Set Parameters: PARM0: 0 PARM1: none

3.2.2.36 Clear Transmitter FIFO Command (0x30)

This command clears the transmitter FIFO memory. The host computer should stop sending data to the transmitter FIFO.

Set Parameters: PARM0: 0 PARM1: none

3.2.2.37 Open Port Command (0x31)

This command sets the active to its default conditions. To close the current port, use the Close Port Command (0x32).

Set Parameters: PARM0: Open Code PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x00

Open Code	Meaning
00	Open single port
01	Open all four ports

The default conditions are:

Transmitter Characteristics	Setting	Receiver Characteristics	Setting
Transmitter	Disabled	Receiver	Disabled
Transmitter Baud Rate	9600	Receiver Baud Rate	9600
Character Length	8	Block Timeout	Enabled
Stop Bit Length	1	Error Mode	Ignore
Parity Mode	None	Start Threshold	8kBytes
Handshake	Off	Stop Threshold	10kBytes
RTS/CTS	Off	Parity Check	On
DTR/DSR	Off	Start Threshold	20h
BLOCK Size	2048	Stop Threshold	28h
Channel Mode	Normal		

3.2.2.38 Close Port Command (0x32)

This command closes the port immediately. After the command executes, the selected port(s) are set to disabled transmitter, disabled receiver, receiver buffer, and transmitter FIFO are cleared. To open a port and set it to its default conditions, use the Open Port Command (31).

Set Parameters: PARM0: Close Code; PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x00

Open Code	Meaning
00	Close single port
01	Close all four ports

3.2.2.39 Set Error Mode Command (0x33)

This command sets the error mode. For actual error code refer to the Query Error Code Command (0x0D) command. To read the current error mode, use the Query Error Mode Command (0x13). In the Ignore mode, the M217 continues activity when it detects an error; it will generate an interrupt to the host computer. In the STOP mode, an interrupt is generated and the M217 stops receiver activity.

Set Parameters: PARM0: Error Mode; PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x00

Error Mode Code	Error Mode
00	Ignore
01	Acknowledge Errors & Stop

3.2.2.40 Set Start Threshold Command (0x34)

This command sets Start Threshold value which controls the buffer space. When the number of bytes in the receiver buffer drops to or below the Start Threshold, and some form of pacing has been set, the M217 indicates it is ready to receive. The Start threshold must be less than the Stop Threshold. To read the current Start Threshold, use the Query Start Threshold Command (0x14).

Set Parameters: PARM0: Start Low Code PARM1: Start High Code
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x20 (8KB space avail.)

3.2.2.41 Set Stop Threshold Command (0x35)

This command sets the Stop threshold value which controls the buffer space. When the number of characters in the receiver buffer goes above the Stop Threshold value, and some form of pacing has been set, the M217 indicates it is not ready to receive data. You can set Stop Threshold anywhere in the 16kbyte buffer space, but it must never be equal to 0. The Start threshold must be less than the Stop Threshold. To read the current Stop Threshold, use the Query Stop Threshold Command (0x15).

Set Parameters: PARM0: Stop Low Code PARM1: Stop High Code
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x00 PARM1: 0x28 (10KB space avail.)

3.2.2.42 Set Parity Check Mode Command (0x3A)

This command sets the parity check mode. To read the current parity check mode, use the Query Parity Check Mode Command (0x1A).

Set Parameters: PARM0: Parity Check Mode; PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x01 PARM1: 0x00

Parity Check Code	Parity Check Mode
00	Off
01	On

3.2.2.43 Query FIFO Depth Command (0x40)

This command returns the FIFO size used in the transmitter/receiver port.

Set Parameters: PARM0: none; PARM1: none
Result Parameters: PARM0: FIFO depth code; PARM1: none
Default/Reset Value: PARM0: 0x22 PARM1: 0x00

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Signal Line	Transmitter FIFO (in KBytes)				Receiver FIFO (in KBytes)			

3.2.2.44 Query Firmware Version Command (0x80)

This command returns the current firmware version number.

Set Parameters: PARM0: none; PARM1: none
Result Parameters: PARM0: version number; PARM1: none

3.2.2.45 Query Self Test Result Command (0xC0)

This command returns an unsigned integer with the results of the self test.
To initiate a self test, use the Start Self Test Command (0xE0).

Set Parameters: PARM0: none PARM1: none
Result Parameters: PARM0: self test code PARM1: none

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Error	Port 4	Port 3	Port 2	Port 1	RAM 4	RAM 3	RAM2	RAM1

PORT n: 0 = port's receiver and transmitter work in auto-echo mode, 1 = failure.
RAM n : 0 = port's buffer is ok, 1 = failure

3.2.2.46 Start Self Test Command (0xE0)

This command initiates the internal self test. The test mode is set by the Parameter Register (a “1” means to test that port, a “0” means do not test that port). To read the results of the self test, use the Query Self Test Result Command (0xC0).

Set Parameters: PARM0: self test code PARM1: none

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Error	-	-	-	-	Port 4	Port 3	Port 2	Port 1

3.2.3 Module Identification

The M217 supports the identification function called IDENT. This IDENT function provides information about the module and is stored in a sixteen-word deep (32 byte) serial PROM. Access is accomplished with read/write operations on the last address in IOSpace (hex FE) and the data is read one bit at a time. The PROM is compatible with a standard IC 9603 type PROM. For specific timing information refer to the 9603 or compatible PROM data sheet. Data should not be written to the PROM.

The module also supports the VXI-IDENT function. This function is not part of the approved ANSI/VITA 12-1996 standard. This extension to the M-module IDENT function increases the size of the PROM to 64 words and includes VXI compatible ID and Device Type Registers. Details are shown in Table IV.

Table IV. M/MA Module PROM IDENT Words

Word	Description	Value (hex)
0	Sync Code	5346
1	Module Number	067D
2	Revision Number ¹	0001
3	Module Characteristics ²	1868
4-7	Reserved	0000
8-15	M-Module Specific	0000
16	VXI Sync Code	ACBA
17	VXI ID	0FFF ³
18	VXI Device Type ⁴	F25A (M217)
19-31	Reserved	0000
32-63	M-Module Specific	0000

Notes:

- 1) A Revision Number greater than 1 indicates that the module was manufactured by C&H Technologies.
- 2) The Module Characteristics bit definitions are:

Bit(s)	Description
15	0 = no burst access
14/13	unused
12	0 = does not need $\pm 12V$
11	1 = needs +5V
10	0 = no trigger outputs
9	0 = no trigger inputs
8/7	00 = no DMA requestor
6/5	11 = interrupt type
4/3	01 = 16-bit data
2/1	00 = 8-bit address
0	0 = no memory access

- 3) The VXI ID of 0xFFFF is the identification value for Hewlett-Packard. C&H has left the ID equal to this value to allow operation with existing E2290A software drivers. The revision number (see note 1) can be used to identify the module as manufactured by C&H.
- 4) The VXI Device Type word contains the following information:

Bit(s)	Description
15-12	F_{16} = 256 bytes of required memory
11-0	260_{16} = C&H specified VXI model code for M217

4.0 OPERATION

4.1 REGISTER PROGRAMMING

The M217 is a register-based instrument that is controlled through a series of I/O registers described in Section 3.2.1. The exact method of accessing and addressing the I/O registers is dependent on the M-Module carrier used to interface the module to your data acquisition or test system. Refer to the carrier's documentation for information on the address mapping of an M-Module's I/O registers and to your system software documentation for details on data access.

Typically a high level driver is available to aid in control of the module. Refer to the software driver documentation for instructions on using the driver.

4.2 MICROCONTROLLER COMMANDS

The host computer sends commands to and receives data from the microcontroller on the M217 M-Module. Microcontroller register commands are described later in this chapter. The proper sequence to send a command to the M217 microcontroller is:

1. Read the value of the CPRDY bit (bit 0) in the Command Status Register (0x26) to verify the microcontroller is ready to receive a new command (bit value = 1). If bit value = 0 then the microcontroller is busy, do not send the command.
2. Write the parameters to the Parameter Registers 0 and 1 (0x22 and 0x24).
3. Write the command (an integer, listed in this chapter as a hexadecimal number) to the Command / Response Register (0x20). The command specifies the port. Writing to the Command Register signals the M-Module microcontroller to accept the command and parameter value.
4. Read the value of the CPRDY bit (bit 0) and the DONE bit (bit 7) in the Command Status Register (0x26) to verify that the microcontroller has completed the command. Both bit values should be 1.
5. Read the CERR bit (bit 6) of the Command Status Register (0x26) to ensure an error did not occur. A bit value of 0 indicates an error did not occur.
6. Read the resulting value (if any) from the parameter registers.

4.3 RECEIVER OPERATION

The following discussion describes general receiver operation. If you are not using a high-level driver, then you should follow these general guidelines. Refer to Figure 4.

1. The host computer must open the port and enable the port to receive data. The host can send the Start Receiver Command (0x2B). If necessary, set the port's characteristics (baud rate, stop bits, handshake mode, etc.). After the receiver is enabled, the port begins waiting for a start bit from the device.
2. As data is received, the UART on the M-Module stores the data in the buffer and continues receiving data. Each port has a 16 KByte buffer.

3. When the amount of data in the buffer is greater than the defined BLOCK size, or if the amount of data in the buffer is less than a full BLOCK and the BLOCK timeout occurs, the M-Module microcontroller moves the data from the buffer to the Receiver FIFO memory, if the FIFO is empty. The microcontroller then sets the Receiver Ready Bit (bit 1) in the Port's Interrupt Status/Control Register (0x38, 0x3A, 0x3C, 0x3E).
4. If the appropriate registers are set the microcontroller interrupts the host controller indicating that data is in the receiver FIFO memory. Note that each port has the same interrupt priority. If multiple ports are receiving data the host must determine which port interrupted by polling the individual Port Interrupt Status/Control Registers (0x38, 0x3A, 0x3C, 0x3E).
5. When the host receives the interrupt it should read all of the data from the receiver FIFO. Read the data through the Port Transmit/Receive Register (0x40, 0x42, 0x44, or 0x46). The host can determine the FIFO status in two ways; either read the exact number of bytes in the BLOCK or by monitoring the FIFO Status Register (0x36).
6. After the data in the FIFO has been read and the FIFO is empty, the host computer must wait until another receiver interrupt occurs.
7. When the host computer is finished receiving all the data, the host disables the port by either sending the Close Port Command (0x32) or the Stop Receiver Command (0x2C). These commands terminate receiver operation immediately. Note: the Close command clears the receiver buffer; characters in the FIFO are still available.

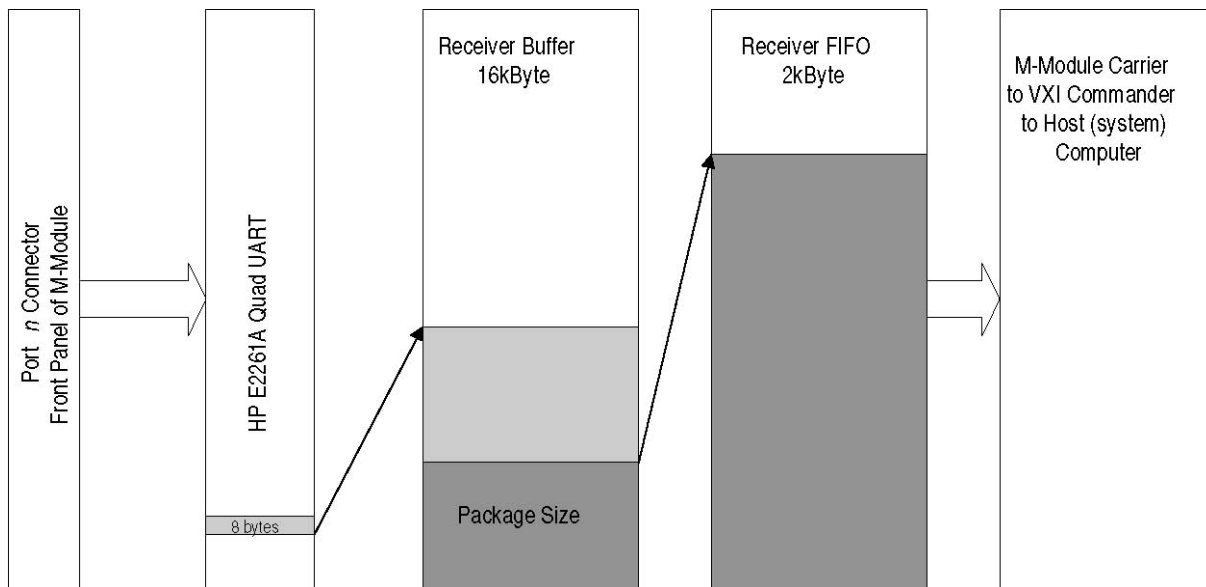


Figure 4. Receiver Data Flow

4.4 TRANSMITTER OPERATION

The following discussion describes general transmitter operation. If you are not using a high-level driver, then you should follow these general guidelines. Refer to Figure 5.

1. The host computer must open and enable the port to transmit data by sending the Open Port Command (0x31) and the Start Transmitter Command (0x2D).
2. The host then sends data to be transmitted to the Port Transmit/Receive Register (0x40, 0x42, 0x44, or 0x46). This automatically sends the data to the Transmit FIFO. If the Transmit FIFO changes from more-than-half-full to half-full, an interrupt occurs, the host (system) computer can then send up to 1KBytes of data. If the transmitter FIFO changes from non-empty to empty, an interrupt occurs, and the host can send up to 2KBytes of data.
3. The host computer can also monitor the FIFO Status Register to determine how full the Transmit FIFO is.
4. The host computer disables the transmitter by sending the Stop Transmitter Command (0x2E) or the Close Port Command (0x32). If the Close Port Command is executed, all of the data stored in the FIFO is lost. New data cannot be loaded in the FIFO if the port is disabled.

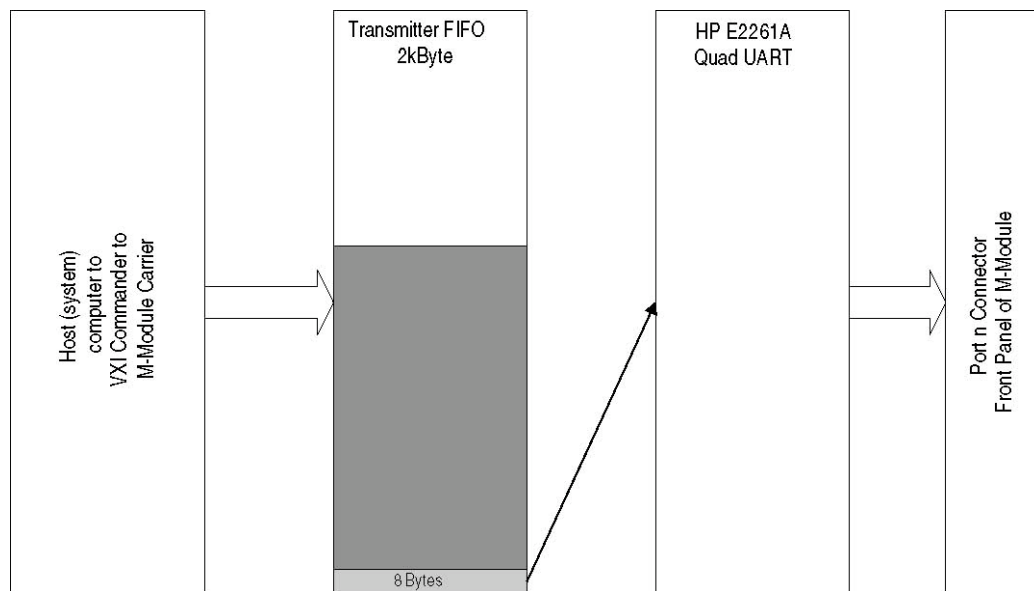
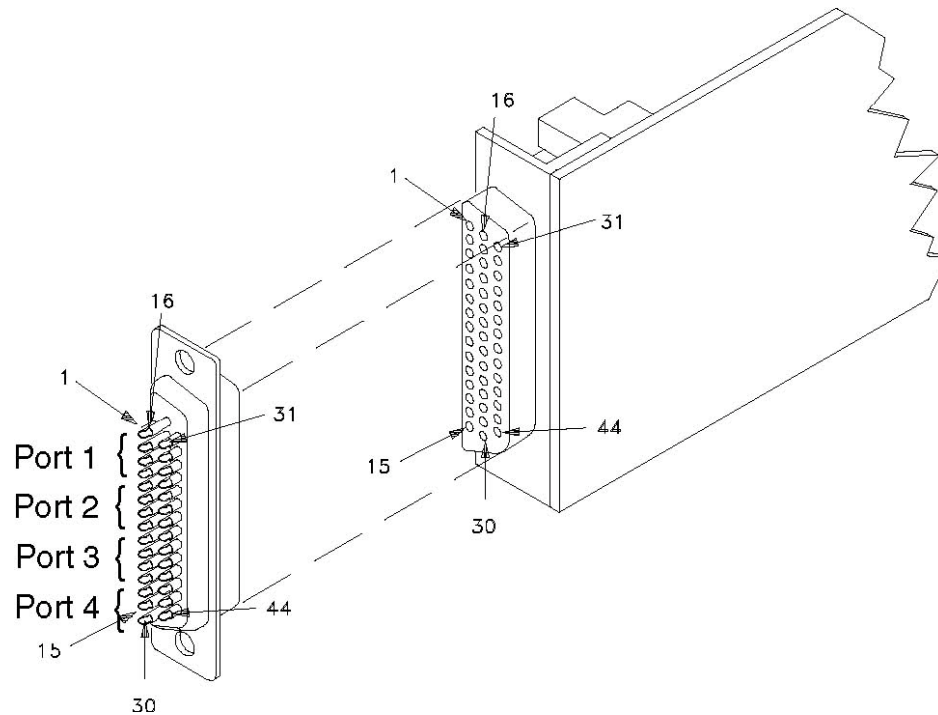


Figure 5. Transmitter Data Flow

APPENDIX A: CONNECTORS



M217 Quad RS-232 M-Module Pin Name and Function		Port 1 Pin #s	Port 2 Pin #s	Port 3 Pin #s	Port 4 Pin #s	9-Pin (Male) Connector Pin #
DTR	Data Terminal Ready	1	5	9	13	4
TD	Transmitted Data	2	6	10	14	3
RD	Received Data	3	7	11	15	2
RTS	Request to Send	16	20	24	28	7
CTS	Clear to Send	17	21	25	29	8
DSR	Data Set Ready	18	22	26	30	6
SG	Signal Ground	4, 8, 12, 19, 23, 27				5
	Chassis Connection	31, 32, 33, . . . 43, 44				-

If you use a shielded cable, connect the shield to a chassis connector pin on the 44-pin connector.
Do not connect the other end of the shield.

Figure A-1. Front Panel I/O Signals

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