

Installing the USB Serial Port Device Driver

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This device driver will work with all modern versions of Windows (XP, Vista and Windows 7) in both 32 and 64 bit modes.

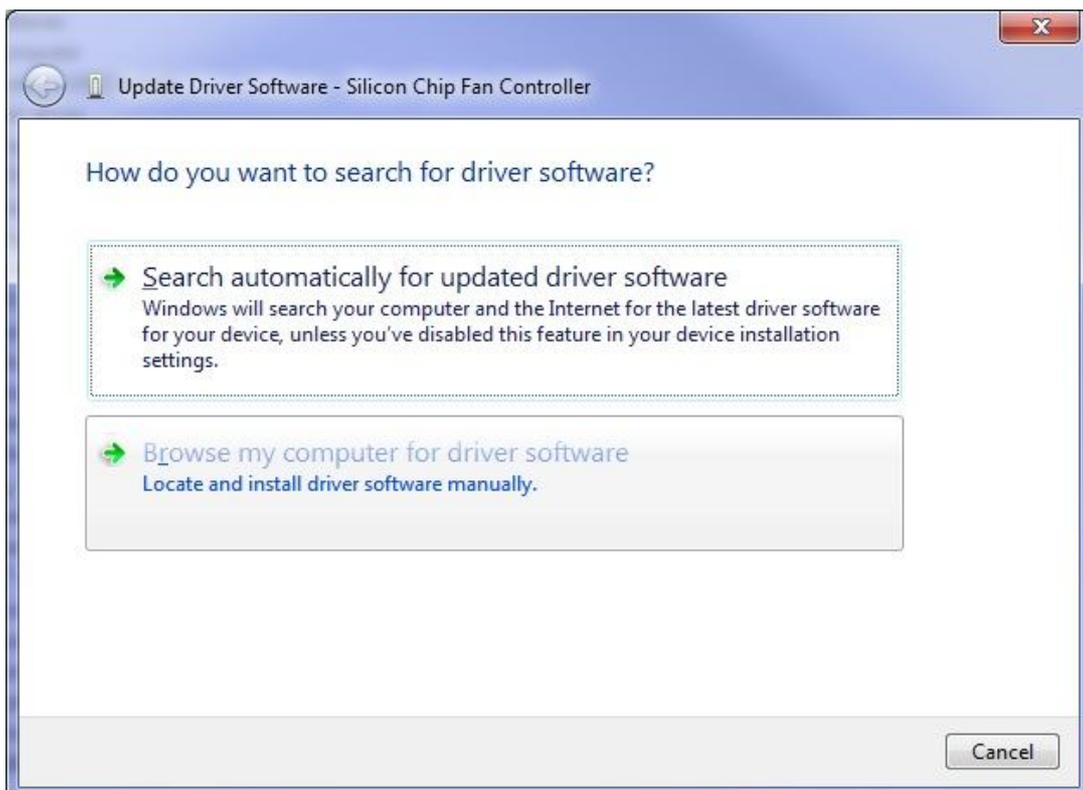
Download the driver and unzip the files into a temporary folder. The method of installing the software varies between versions of Windows but essentially, when you plug the device into an USB port the operating system will prompt for a driver. You should then point it to the temporary folder and install from there.

If, for some reason, you are not prompted to install the driver you can navigate to Device Manager and you should see an entry under Other Devices for your device. The following illustrations are for the *Silicon Chip Fan Controller* but your experience should be the same. For example, the GPS Car Computer or Boat Computer will be called “SC GPS Display”.

Right click on that entry and select Update Driver Software.



Select “Browse my computer for driver software”.



Select the location of the files that you have unzipped:



Select "Install this driver software anyway":



After processing you should receive confirmation:



When you have successfully installed the driver you should see your device listed in Device Manager under Ports (COM and LPT) as “Communications Port - Silicon Chip USB Serial Port”.



Take note of the COM port number allocated by the operating system (in this case COM4). When you configure software on your computer you will need to specify this number to establish communications. If the software also needs to know the communications parameters you can specify 9600 baud with one stop bit and no parity - although any speed will work as the Silicon Chip USB Serial Port device driver always runs at the highest possible speed.

You can use a terminal emulator like PuTTY to test the link. PuTTY is free and can be downloaded from <http://www.putty.org>. The following illustrates how to configure it.

