



PowerLinc™ Controller

Quick Start Guide

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Congratulations and Introduction

PowerLinc™ Controller USB is the world's first downloadable home automation interface for X10/PLC (Powerline Carrier) control that connects to a computer's Universal Serial Bus (USB). It is a stand-alone home automation interface for controlling lights, appliances, heating/air conditioning systems and alarm systems. This totally new module is just like our original PowerLinc USB Interface (1132U), but now includes on-board processing so timers and macros can be downloaded without the need to leave the host computer up and running.



Unlike previous solutions that used the slower-speed RS-232 Com Port and required the use of a dedicated interrupt control line (IRQ), PowerLinc Controller USB uses the newer and more flexible USB channel found on nearly all computers. USB ports support higher speeds and multiple USB devices can be attached to the computer at the same time.

PowerLinc Controller USB works with all USB-aware versions of Microsoft® Windows® starting with Microsoft Windows 98se and above with exception of Windows 2000/2003 Server. PowerLinc Controller USB uses the Microsoft Windows Human Interface Drivers that are already in use and installed on all versions of Microsoft Windows 98se and later. This means there are no hardware drivers to install or conflict with other hardware or software.

Key Features

- Includes internal memory and clock for PC-free operation
- Easy and trouble-free USB connection
- Stores over 1,000 commands in 32KB of memory
- Includes Smarthome Manager Essential automation software
- Feed-through outlet won't block you from plugging in other devices
- Compatible with third-party programs
- Uses the HID (human interface device) drivers already installed with Windows®

Install the software before plugging in the Interface!

The PowerLinc Controller USB includes Windows-based programming on a CD ROM. The Smarthome Manager program will allow you to set up timers, macros and other home automation events for the PowerLinc Controller USB. Once the events are added, they are downloaded into the Controller's on-board memory and will execute independently of the computer. An internal battery will keep the time and preserve the programming if the interface is disconnected from electricity. The software will need approximately 40MB of hard drive space.

Follow these steps to start automating your home:

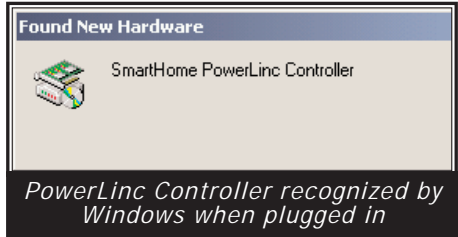
1. Place the CD ROM into the computer's CD drive.
2. A selection screen will be displayed.
3. Choose **Install Smarthome Manager (Essential or Plus) for PowerLinc Controller** to begin the installation.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions.

After the installation, an icon will appear on your desktop.



Connecting PowerLinc Controller Interface to the Computer

1. Turn on and boot up your computer (if already on, turn off all running programs).
2. Plug in the PowerLinc Controller into an AC outlet and connect the USB cable into the USB outlet on the bottom of the controller.
3. Once the computer is fully booted up, plug in the USB cable into a USB port on the computer.
4. In a few seconds, the computer displays this message:
5. Moments later, the computer will display a message indicating that it is using drivers already built into Windows. In some cases, you may need your original Windows Installation CD to load the HID drivers.



The computer is now ready to use the PowerLinc Controller. You can confirm that Windows has recognized the PowerLinc Controller by looking it up in Windows' Device Manager.



Tips for Using PowerLinc Controller USB

- The cable cannot be any longer than 10' (6' or less is recommended).
- Do not plug PowerLinc Controller USB into a power strip or AC line filter.
- Use only one PowerLinc Controller USB per computer.
- Some computers and their accessories can absorb Power Line Carrier (PLC) signals off the power lines. Since PowerLinc Controller will be so close to the computer, the power strip for the computer should be filtered. Use Smarthome's FilterLinc #1626 on the computer's power strip to keep the PowerLinc Controller's signals from getting absorbed by the computer equipment.
- Don't plug other PLC transmitters into the same outlet as PowerLinc Controller USB. Every PLC transmitter will absorb the other transmitter's PLC signals when they are not transmitting. In some cases, up to half the signal can be lost nearby transmitters.



About PowerLinc Controller's Certification

PowerLinc Controller has been thoroughly tested by ITS ETL SEMKO, a nationally recognized independent third-party testing laboratory. Products bearing North American ETL Listed mark signifies that the product has been tested to and has met the requirements of a widely recognized consensus of U.S. and Canadian product safety standards, that the manufacturing site has been audited, and that the manufacturer has agreed to a program of quarterly factory follow-up inspections to verify continued conformance.



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