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BCOM-USB for the ASE2000

The ASE BCOM-USB is a USB Bus powered, two-channel serial RS-232 communication device that is being offered as a direct replacement for the ASE two-channel BCOM PCMCIA communication card. The PCMCIA slot has been discontinued on most new laptops.

The two RS-232 ports support both Synchronous (bit protocol) and Asynchronous (byte protocol) communication. A set of RS-232 LED's for each channel show TX, RX, RTS, CTS, and CD status. Connection to the PC is via a standard USB device cable. Both USB 2.0 and USB 1.1 standards are supported. A +5 VDC connector is included for powering the external ASE dual channel, Bell 202 modem.

Communication operates up to 56K baud for byte-oriented protocols and 2400 baud for bit-oriented protocols. The BCOM-USB is available with new ASE2000 Test Set purchases or as an upgrade option from existing ASE PCMCIA or dongle (USB or Parallel port) Test Sets. Prices for new ASE2000 Test Sets with the BCOM-USB device, models **ASE2000-USB-M** and **ASE2000-USB-RS**, are the same as for PCMCIA models **ASE2000-PCM-M** and **ASE2000-PCM-RS**.

The price to upgrade from an existing PCMCIA or dongle Test Set is \$495 and requires return of the current hardware (PCMCIA card or dongle). To upgrade to Version 2 of the ASE2000 is an additional \$495. (\$990 total) For upgrades, the BCOM USB device will be delivered with a license supporting operation for six-weeks from the date of shipment. This provides an overlap period where the BCOM-USB device can be installed and tested prior to return of the PCMCIA card or dongle. When the PCMCIA card or dongle is returned, an updated license will be provided to remove the time limitation and allow unlimited usage. BCOM-USB devices included with new ASE2000 orders will be configured with the unlimited use license.

The BCOM-USB device requires ASE2000 release 1.47, available for download from our web site. Support is not included in prior releases. The BCOM-USB hardware package includes a BCOM-USB device, a 3' USB Type A to USB Type B device cable, two 6' DB9F to DB25M RS232 Cables, and a power connector for the ASE Dual Channel Bell 202/V.23 modem.

