

Ranger USB Reader User Guide





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Reader Overview

The Ranger is a new compact, full-featured ISO18000-6C/EPC C1G2 reader which is perfect for use in a variety of tag reading, writing and programming applications.

Ranger is powered by a standard USB connection (requires USB 2.0 or above), no additional power supply is needed. Its small size allows it to easily be used on a desktop or where space is limited.

The Ranger Reader is very user friendly and extremely easy to set up read and write tags with its standard free software. It also comes with a SDK to allow you to create your own custom programs to interface and drive the Ranger Reader.

The Ranger reader’s features provides a powerful, and very economical way to implement UHF RFID technology in just about any application.

Possible Applications:

- Point of Sale RFID reading and writing
- Commissioning/Activation of RFID Tags
- Parking and Access Control
- Production / WIP checkpoints
- Document Tracking and Management
- Library Management
- Catering Management
- Healthcare/Pharmaceutical Applications

The reader has 2 LEDs as status indicators. The LEDs provide indication for the following:

Status \ LEDS	Blue	Red
Connected to Host	Off	On
Tag read/write operation	Flash	On

Package Content

<p>Ranger Reader x 1</p>	
<p>USB Cable x 1</p>	

Installing the reader

The reader is intended to work on a desktop environment. We recommend operating the reader on a NON-Metal desktop surface. Since metal cause reflection of RF, and may cause undesirable performance of the reader.

Mechanical installation

Connect the USB cable to the reader and to the host PC. The reader requires USB 2.0 or above to operate on a PC.

The reader's LED should turn on upon successful connection.

Software installation

The reader requires installation of driver to function properly.

System requirement

64 MB Ram

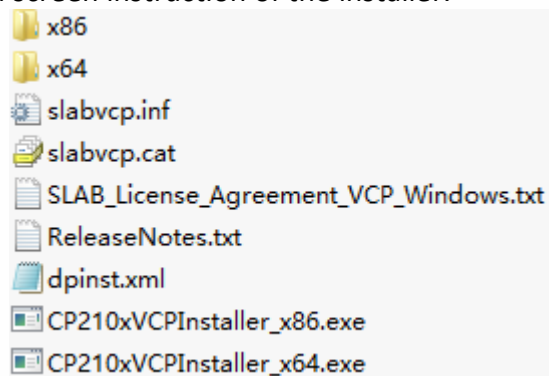
200 MB of Hard disk space

Windows 2000, Windows Vista, Windows 7 and Windows 8

Driver installation

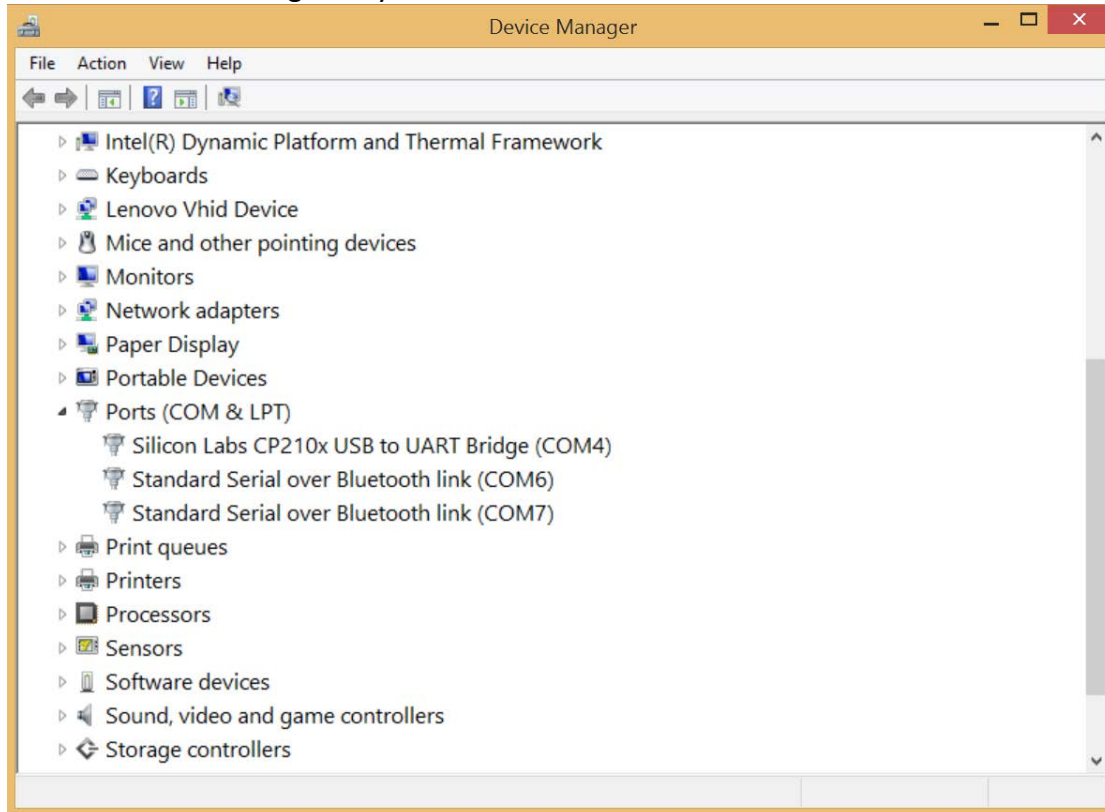
The Ranger Reader use serial protocol to communicate with host PC. In order for the host PC to be able to communicate with the reader, it may be necessary to install the USB to serial driver.

1. Unzip "CP210x_VCP_Windows.zip"
2. If your operating system is running 64bits, run"CP210xVCPIInstaller_x64.exe" Otherwise if your operating system is running 32bits, run"CP210xVCPIInstaller_x86.exe".
3. Follow the on screen instruction of the installer.



Ensure the reader is connected properly

1. Go to Control Panel > Device Manager
2. Open tab (COM 和 LPT) ” ，
3. You should see “CP201x USB to UTRA bridge(COM X)”where X is the port number assigned by the PC



Troubleshooting

- If you cannot see the “CP201x USB to UTRA bridge” in device manager, ensure the USB cable connect to the reader properly and the reader LED is on.
- If you see a (!) symbol at the side of the “CP201x USB to UTRA bridge” in device manager, this indicates that the PC is not able to run the driver properly. You can try:
 1. Re-install the driver as it may be corrupted.
 2. Connect to another USB port of the PC.

Using the reader

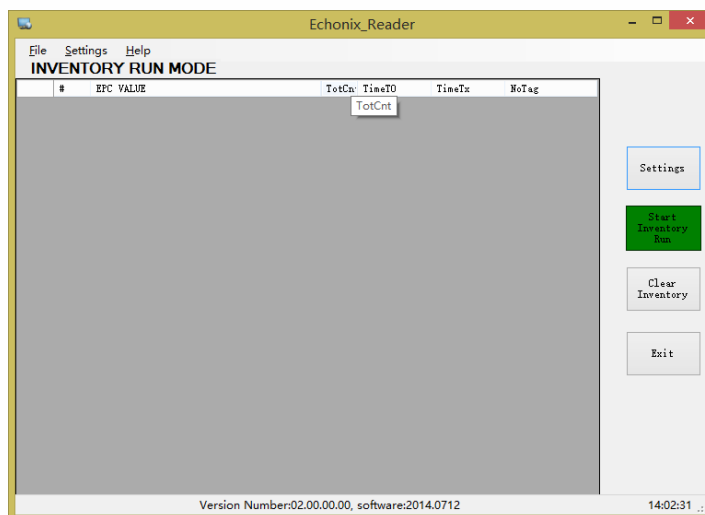
Tag placement

To ensure the tag read and write operations can be performed with a consistent performance, please ensure to place the tag's whole inlay within the surface of the reader.

Running the demo software

Connect the reader to the PC using the USB cable before running the test tool.

Upon successful connection of the test tool with the reader, you will be able to hear two beeps from the reader. A pop up window will be shown as followed:



If the software failed to connect to the reader automatically, you will see a pop up error message:

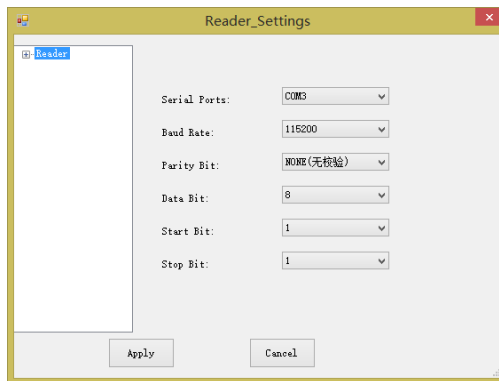


In case where the software failed to automatically connect the correct com port, you can manually input the com port to connect to.

1. Go to *Settings*
2. Go to the "Com" tab

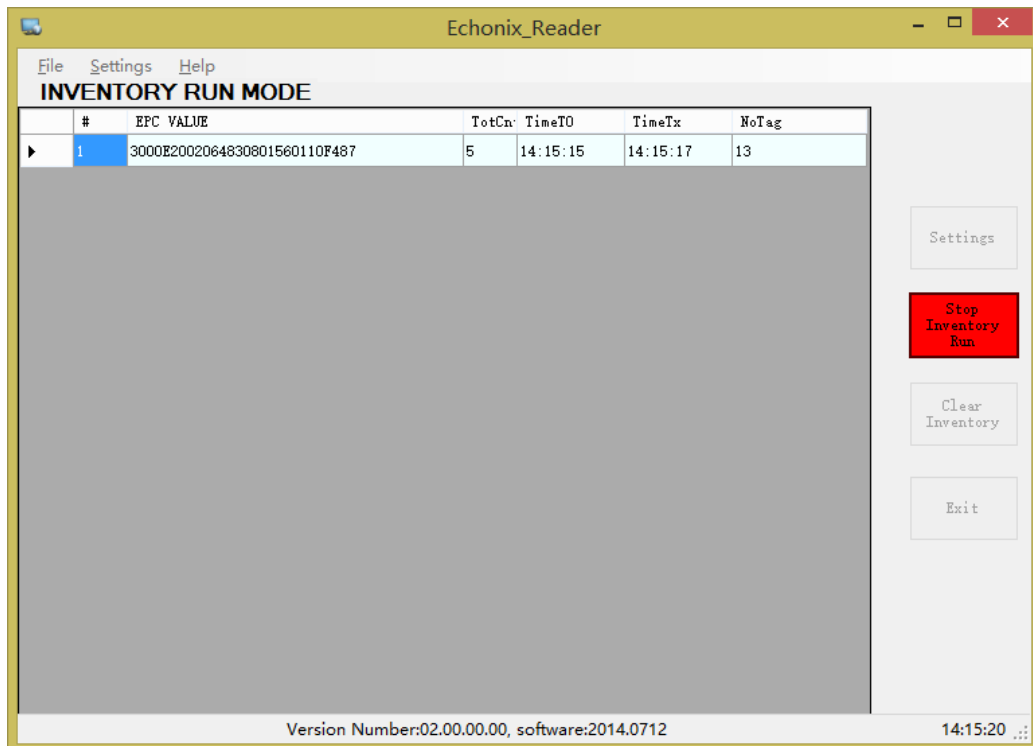
3. Change the value of the “Serial Ports”*

**You can go to Window> Control Panel>Device Manager to check the Com Port number that the reader is using, please refer to section driver installation section.



Reading tags in Inventory Mode

At the main page, click “Start Inventory” Button, information on tag being read will be displayed in the center of the screen as a list. If multiple tags are being read, multiple records will be shown.



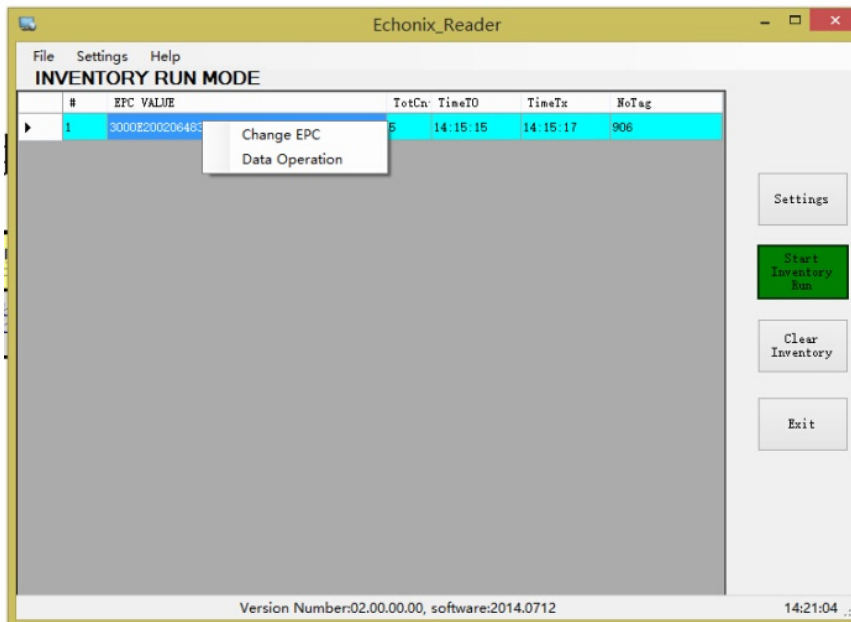


To stop the reader from reading tags, click “Stop Inventory Run” Button.

To clear the tag data read, click “Clear Inventory” button.

Tag Memory Management

To perform read/write operation on individual tag’s memory banks, right click on the tag data record to bring up the option Menu.

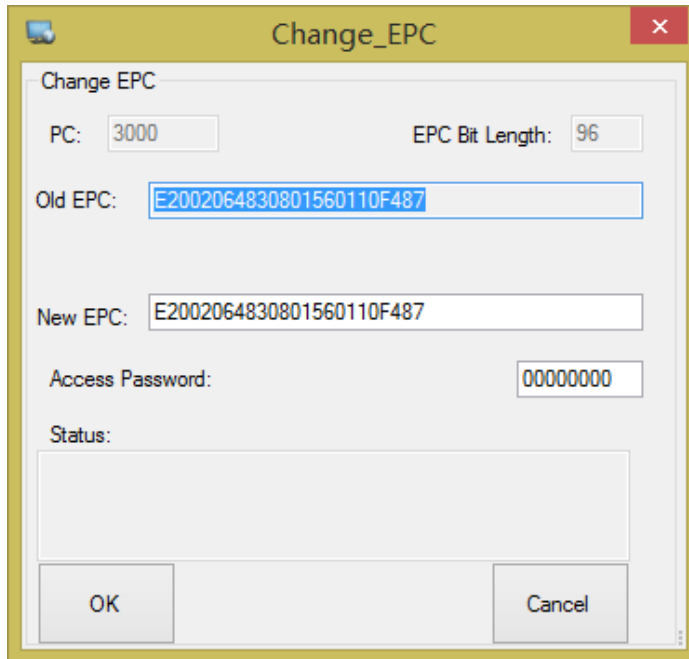


Change EPC

To change EPC click on the Change EPC option and a window will pop up.

Input the new EPC and access password (if necessary).

Finally click ok to confirm the change, the reader will write the new EPC to the tag.

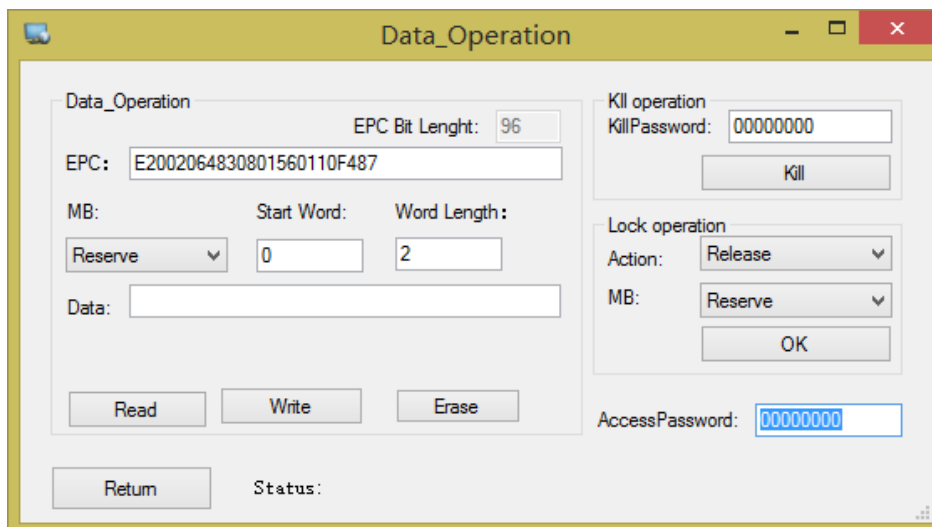


Tag memory banks data operation

To read/write other memory banks of the click on Data Operation option. A new window will pop-up.

Select different memory banks to read/write.

Tag locking operation can also be performed in this window.

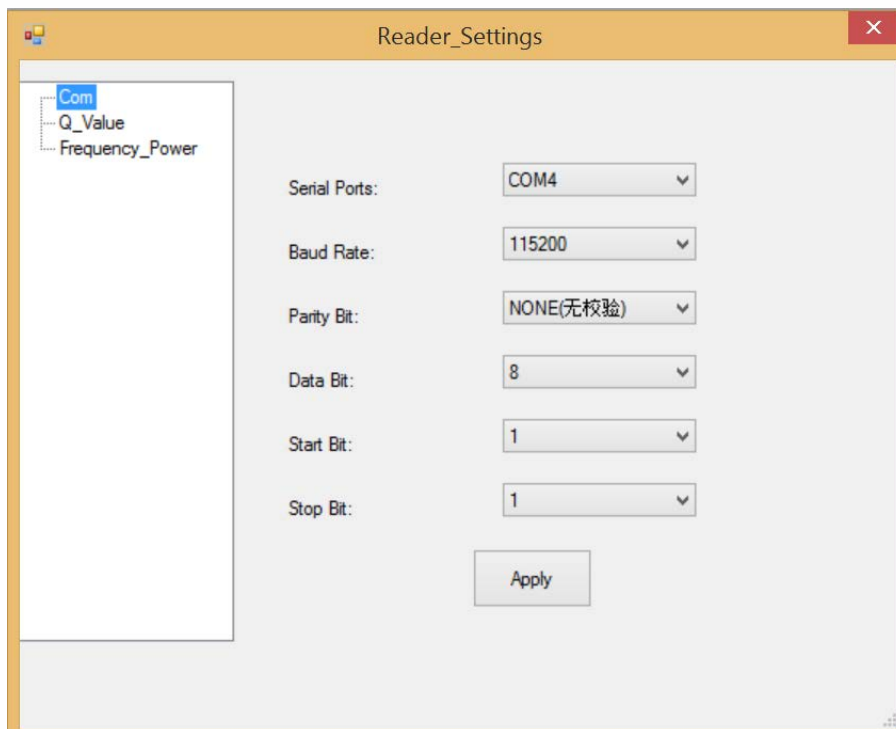


Reader Settings

To change settings of the reader, click on the setting buttons on the right to bring out the setting menu. There are 3 tabs in the pop-up menu that user can choose from.

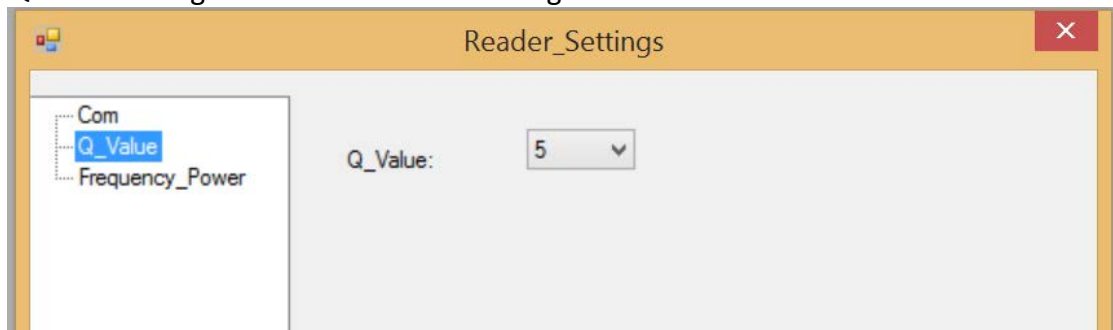
Communication setting

Serial port communication setting can be configured in this tab.



Q-Value Setting

Q-Value setting of the reader can be configured



Frequency Power Setting

This tab allow user to change the output power of the reader.

Reader Specification

Power: 5V , no battery (USB power)

Working Frequency: 902-928MHz

Input Voltage: DC 5V

Maximum Power Output: 20mW

Storage Temperature: -45°C~ +95°C

Operating Temperature: -20°C~ +65°C

Dimensions: 105 * 70 * 25mm

Weight: 75g

Regulatory Compliance: FCC

Supported protocol: ISO 18000 6C, EPC C1G2



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A caution alerts you to an operating procedure, practice, condition, or statement that must be strictly observed to prevent equipment damage or destruction, or corruption or loss of data.

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