

Agilent 82351A PCIe[®]-GPIB Interface

Quick Start Guide



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Safety Information

Use the product only as specified by the manufacturer. Do not install substitute parts or perform any unauthorized modification to the product. Return the product to Agilent Technologies or a designated Agilent Service Center to ensure that safety features are maintained.

The Agilent 82351A PCIe-GPIB Interface complies with the following safety and EMC requirements:

- IEC 61010-1:2001/EN61010-1:2001
- IEC 61326:2002 / EN61326:1997+A1:1998+A2:2001+A3:2003

Safety Terms













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Safety Symbols

	Direct current
	Alternating current
	Both direct and alternating current
	Three-phase alternating current
	Earth (ground) terminal
	Protective conductor terminal
	Frame or chassis terminal
	Equipotentiality
	Equipment protected through by double insulation or reinforced insulation
	Caution, risk of electric shock
	Caution, risk of danger (refer to the manual for specific Warning or Caution information)
	Caution, hot surface

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	The CE mark is a registered trademark of the European Community. This CE mark shows that the product complies with all the relevant European Legal Directives.
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	This instrument complies with the WEEE Directive (2002/96/EC) marking requirement. This affixed product label indicates that you must not discard this electrical/electronic product in domestic household waste.

WARNING

- Do not use the device if it appears damaged or defective.
- Observe all markings on the device before connecting any wiring to the device.
- Do not operate the device in the presence of flammable gases or fumes.
- Do not install substitute parts or perform any unauthorized modification to the device.

CAUTION

- Use the device with the cables provided.
- Repair or service that this not covered in this manual should only be performed by qualified personnels.

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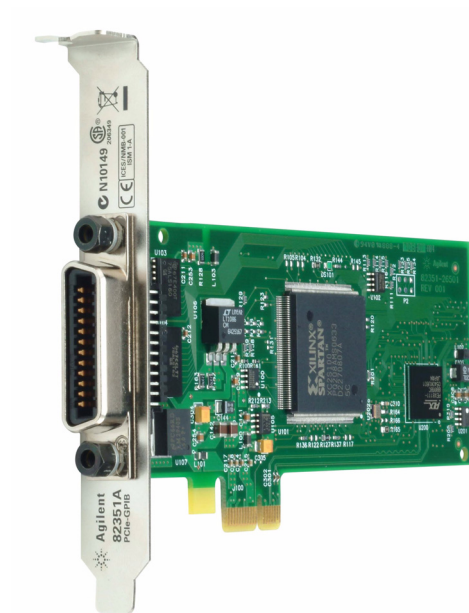
Introduction

This Quick Start Guide provides a quick approach for installing and configuring the 82351A PCIe-GPIB interface card in your PC. For detailed step-by-step installation and configuration instructions, refer to *Agilent 82351A PCIe-GPIB Interface User's Guide*.

NOTE

Ensure the Agilent IO Libraries Suite software is installed in your PC before installing the 82351A PCIe-GPIB interface card.

Product at a Glance



Related Documentation

See the following documents for information related to the 82351A. All documents are available in electronic format by clicking the IO icon on the Windows® taskbar notification area and selecting **Documentation**.

- *Agilent 82351A PCIe- GPIB Interface User's Guide* describes the 82351A and provides installation and troubleshooting information.
- *Agilent IO Libraries Connectivity Guide* provides a description of the Agilent IO Libraries and utilities, and detailed installation information.
- *Agilent IO Libraries Suite Online Help* provides detailed usage information on the Agilent IO Libraries Suite utilities, including Connection Expert.
- *Agilent VISA User's Guide* describes the Agilent Virtual Instrument Software Architecture (VISA) library.
- *Agilent SICL User's Guide* for Windows describes the Agilent Standard Instrument Control Library (SICL) for Windows.

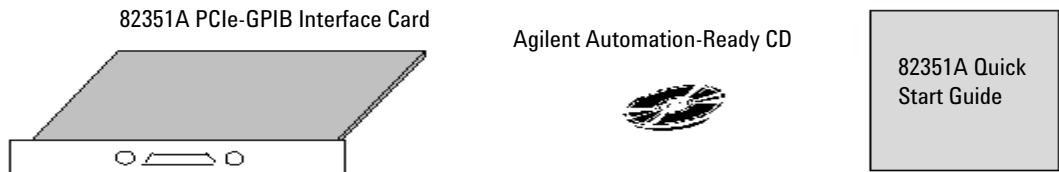
Go to <http://www.agilent.com/find/82351A> for additional information on the 82351A.

1 Before Installing the 82351A

✓ Unpack and inspect the shipping container for damage

Verify that you received the following items in your shipment of the 82351A PCIe- GPIB Interface:

- Agilent 82351A PCIe- GPIB Interface Card
- Automation-Ready CD with Agilent IO Libraries Suite
- 82351A Quick Start Guide



If your shipping container appears to be damaged, keep the shipping container or cushioning material until you have inspected the contents of the shipment for completeness. See the last page for Agilent Technologies phone and web contact information.

✓ Check your PC operating system

To install the 82351A PCIe-GPIB card, your PC operating system must be installed with one of the following: Windows 7, Windows Vista®, or Windows XP.

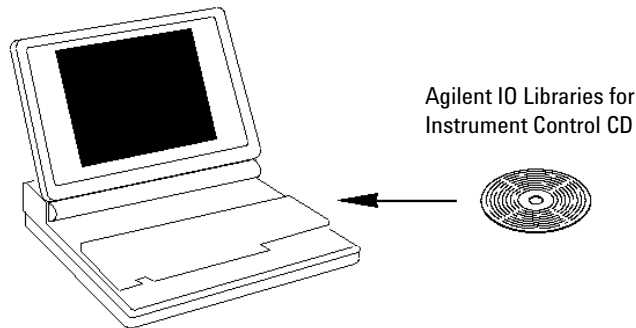
NOTE

- For those users who had Agilent IO Libraries v14.2 installed and would like to use 82351A PCIe-GPIB Interface, you need to install 82351A driver. You can download the driver from the following site: <http://www.agilent.com/find/82351A>
- PC installed with Windows Vista or above MUST upgrade to Agilent IO Libraries v15.0 or above.

2 Installing Agilent IO Libraries Suite

✓ Insert *Automation-Ready CD*

Turn on your PC and insert the *Automation-Ready CD* with Agilent IO Libraries Suite into the CD-ROM drive. If the installer is not automatically activated, click **Start > Run** and type <drive>:autorun\auto.exe

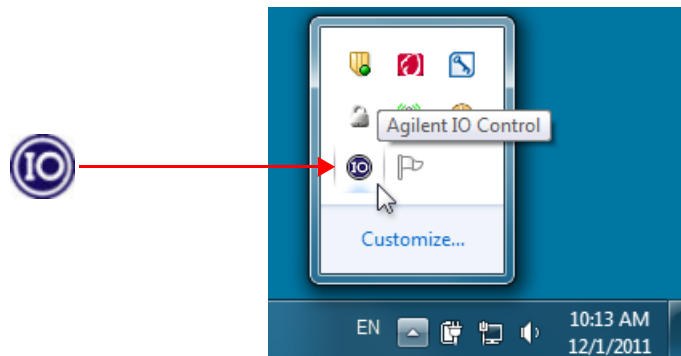


✓ Install the libraries

When the Agilent IO Libraries Suite window appears, follow the on-screen instructions to install the libraries. You do not need to run Agilent Connection Expert at this time.

✓ Look for IO icon

After the libraries are installed, the IO icon is displayed on the Windows taskbar notification area. You can click the icon to manually run I/O configuration utilities and to display online documentation. It is not necessary to use the icon at this time.



3 Installing the 82351A in Your PC

- ✓ **Record the card serial number**

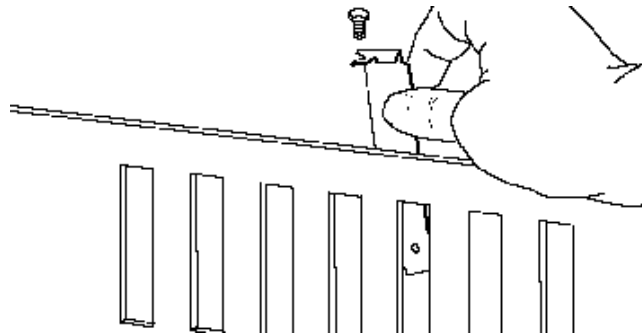
Remove the card from its anti-static bag and record the serial number for future reference. Keep the anti-static bag for storing purpose when you need to remove the card from the PC.

- ✓ **Remove PC cover**

Turn off power to the PC and to all of its peripherals. Remove the power cord from the PC. Remove the cover from the PC to allow access to the I/O slots. See your PC documentation for instructions. Take precautions against static discharge when handling and installing cards.

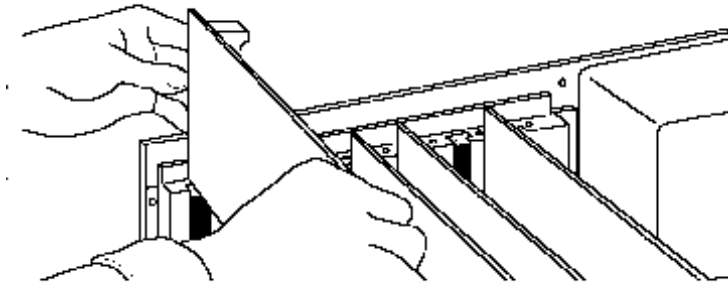
- ✓ **Remove a cover plate**

Remove one of the PC back panel cover plates. The 82351A is a 3.3 V PCIe card and it can be fit in a PCIe 1x, PCIe 4x or PCIe 8x slot. Choose a 3.3 V PCIe slot that will give adequate clearance for the GPIB connector.



✓ **Install the 82351A**

Insert the card's edge connector into the PCIe expansion slot connector of the PC. Ensure the interface is fully seated by pushing firmly on the top edge of the card with the palm of your hand. The GPIB connector should extend through the back panel opening to allow GPIB cable connection. Be sure to hold the card by its edges. Also, be careful with the metal faceplate around the GPIB connector as the faceplate can be bent.



✓ **Replace the cover plate screw**

This will hold the 82351A in place. Save the blank cover plate for future use if the 82351A is later removed. Replace the PC cover(s) as described in your PC documentation.

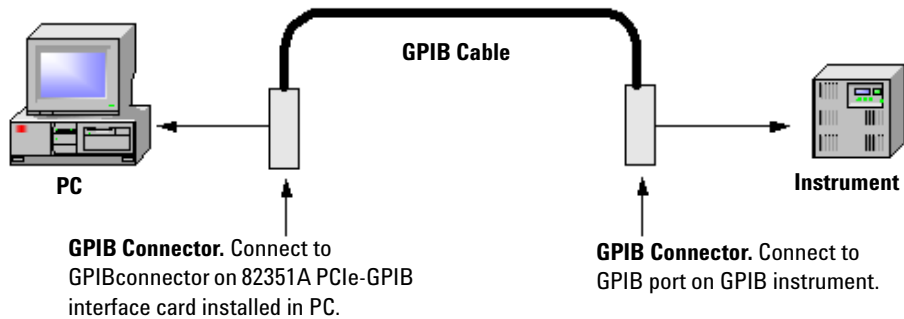
4 Connecting GPIB Instruments

✓ Review connection guidelines

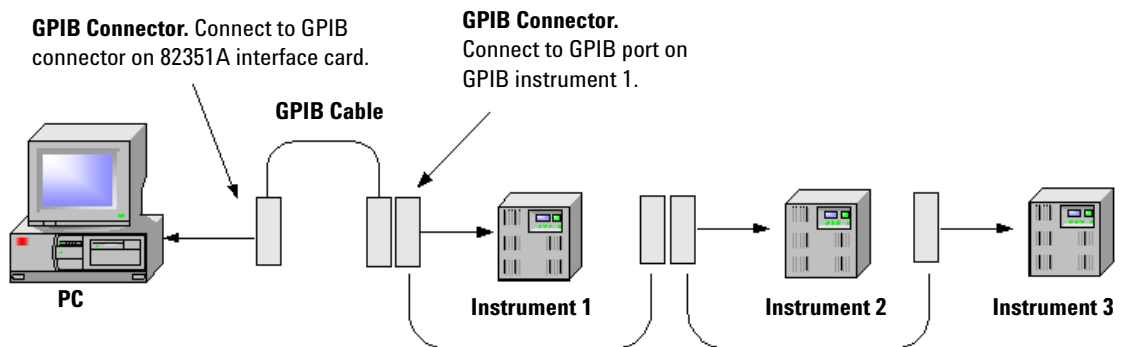
- To minimize stress on connector mountings, stack not more than three cable connectors blocks.
- Minimize cable length as much as possible. See the *Agilent 82351A PCIe- GPIB Interface User's Guide* for maximum cable lengths.

✓ Connect GPIB cables to the 82351A

Tighten the GPIB connector screws finger-tight only.



Example: Single instrument connections



Example: Multiple instrument connections

5 Configuring 82351A Interface

- ✓ **Start your PC**

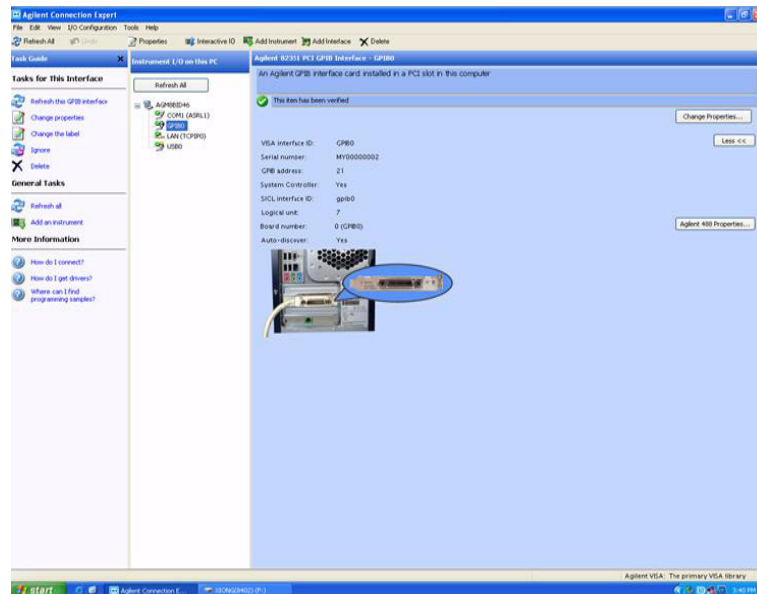
You may see a Windows **Found New Hardware** wizard. Click **Next>** to step through the wizard. It is not necessary to insert a CD.

- ✓ **Start the Agilent Connection Expert**

Click the IO icon on the Windows taskbar notification area. Click **Agilent Connection Expert**.

- ✓ **Observe the Agilent Connection Expert**

The 82351A will appear as a PCIe-GPIB interface in the Connection Expert explorer. Connected instruments will be displayed beneath the interface. At any time, you can click **Refresh All** to update the displayed information.



- ✓ **Configure the 82351A**

Once you see the 82351A displayed in Connection Expert, it has been configured and can be used for programming.

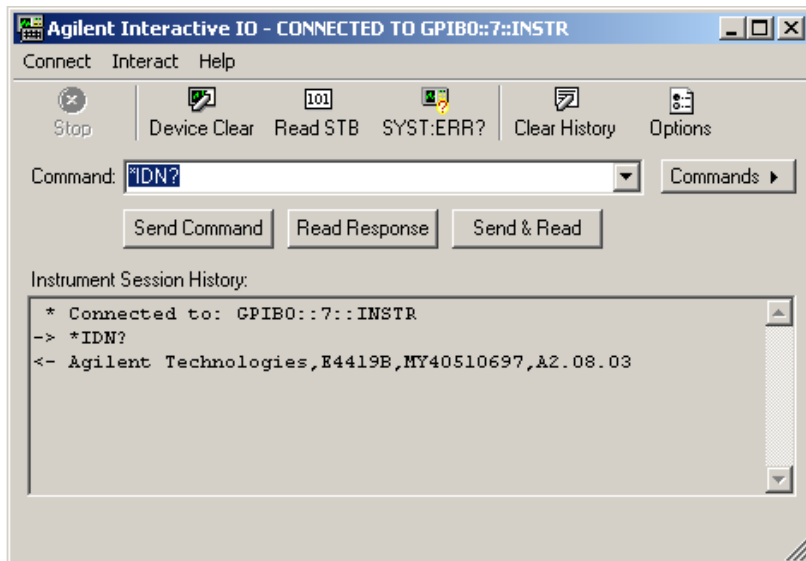
To edit the configuration settings, click **Change Properties...** in the detail pane on the right side of the window.

6 Programming Instruments via 82351A

✓ Use Interactive IO to communicate with instruments

After the 82351A has been connected to GPIB instruments and configured, you can use **Interactive IO** to establish communication between your PC and GPIB instruments. To run **Interactive IO** for an IEEE-488.2 compliant instrument, do the following steps:

- 1 Click the instrument's icon in the **Connection Expert** window.
- 2 Click **Send Commands To This Instrument** to display **Interactive IO**.
- 3 With the default command, *IDN?, displayed in the text box, click the **Send & Read** button.
- 4 The instrument identification string will appear.
- 5 Repeat steps 1 to 3 for the next instrument.



✓ Program GPIB instruments (optional)

After communication has been established, you can program your GPIB instruments using VISA, VISA COM, or SICL. See page 2 for related documentation.

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