

# DFE-680TX 10/100 Ethernet PC card for CardBus

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# Introduction

Thank you for choosing D-Link DFE-680TX, the value leader among Ethernet / Fast Ethernet adapters for CardBus notebook PCs. This chapter provides a general description of DFE-680TX features, with a summary of features at the end of the chapter. Installation instructions are given in Chapters 2 and 3.

# **General Description**

The D-Link DFE-680TX 10/100 Ethernet PC Card for CardBus notebook PCs is a credit-card sized Ethernet / Fast-Ethernet adapter for connecting a notebook PC to an IEEE 802.3 or 802.3u Ethernet network. The notebook PC must be equipped with CardBus (32 bit) extension bus and Type II or Type III PC Card slot (s).

**NOTE:** The terms "PC Card" and "CardBus" are used throughout this manual to refer to those objects as defined in the PCMCIA / PC Card standards published by Personal Computer Memory Card Industry Association (PCMCIA). The term "slot" is used in this manual is synonymous with "socket" where the standards use the latter term in reference to the physical receptacles of a host notebook computer, for insertion/connection of PC Cards. More information on the standards is available from PCMCIA's www server at http://www.pc-card.com.

The DFE-680TX automatically detects the parameters of its Ethernet environment, and automatically negotiates and determines its own speed and duplex settings as required for maximum performance within the environment. (The autonegotiation function is effective only when the DFE-680TX is connected to the network by a device (switch or hub) which also has autonegotiation functionality.)

Inside its compact case, the D-Link DFE-680TX holds an Ethernet controller, network processing interface, a 68-pin PC Card Standard front-end plug, which connects to the notebook PC, and a 15-pin back-end receptacle for connecting the media coupler. TheDFE-680TX requires no pre-installation setup -- simply insert its front end into the notebook PC's PC-Card slot.

The DFE-680TX is supplied with a media coupler, which plugs into the back end (15-pin receptacle) of the DFE-680TX. The other end of the media coupler has an RJ-45 receptacle, which receives the network cable. The media coupler features full LED display for linkage and activity states, and for the speed and duplex settings.

#### About Fast Ethernet

Fast Ethernet is a network technology specified by IEEE Standard 802.3u. It extends the traditional 10Mbps (10 megabit/sec) Ethernet technology to achieve 100Mbps (100 megabit/sec) transmission and reception. Because Fast Ethernet retains the traditional Ethernet CSMA/CD (Carrier Sense, Multiple Access, Collision Detect) protocol, it remains wholly compatible with 10Mbps Ethernet while providing a tenfold increase in

network capacity.

The Fast Ethernet standard specifies three subtypes, corresponding to three media types:

- 100Base-TX (using two twisted pairs in EIA 568 Category 5 UTP or STP cable)
- 100Base-T4 (using four twisted pairs in a Category 3, Category 4, or Category 5 UTP cable) 100Base-FX (using two fiber-optic strands).

The DFE-680TX provides half-duplex 100Base-TX operation (in Category 5 twisted-pair cable environments). It does not provide 100Base-T4 or 100Base-FX operation. To provide for traditional 10Mbps Ethernet operation in twisted-pair cable environments, the DFE-680TX also offers 10Mbps Ethernet operation, in full-duplex and half-duplex modes. The DFE-680TX's autonegotiation capability provides for automatic selection of the best operation mode.

# **About Autonegotiation**

The basic idea of auto-negotiation can be understood by reflecting for a moment on the familiar process of making a dialup connection between two modems. You have probably heard some gravelly—sounding exchanges between your local modem and a modem at the other end of a telephone line. (These exchanges are ordinarily played out through a speaker in your local modem). As irritating as those few seconds of noise may be, they do let you know that your modem and the remote modem are on the job, preparing for your intended communication with the remote computer.

The preparatory work of the two modems during those few seconds before you see the "connect" message is to *negotiate* the best data communication scheme which is supported by both modems, and which is suitable for the quality of the telephone-line connection between them. The parameters to be settled between the two modems include best baud rate, compression method, and error correction method. When the two modems have tested the phone-line quality and have switched to the combination of parameters which will provide the best data communication, then you are given the "connect" message which signals the end of the inter-modem negotiation and the beginning of your intended communication with the remote computer.

Autonegotiation between devices within an Ethernet LAN is similar in concept, but much briefer. The two devices involved in the autonegotiation will be your DFE-680TX and the switch or hub through which it is connected into the LAN. (Switches ordinarily provide for autonegotiation; traditional hubs do not.) The parameters to be negotiated between the DFE-680TX and its supporting switch or hub include speed (100Mbps = Fast Ethernet, or 10Mbps = traditional Ethernet) and duplex mode (half-duplex or full-duplex).

Startup communication between the two devices occurs when both devices are operating, the cable connection between them is good, and the connected notebook PC's network software is loaded. As soon as those conditions are satisfied, the preparatory process of auto-negotiation between the DFE-680TX and its supporting device begins and proceeds automatically.

If the supporting switch or hub has autonegotiation functionality, then it and the DFE-680TX exchange a series of messages in which each device signals its capabilities and listens for corresponding information about the other. The auto-negotiation process

requires only a few milliseconds, and the two devices select the best communication parameters supported by both devices.

If the supporting device does not have autonegotiation functionality, then its monotone (single capability) message will be recognized by the DFE-680TX's autonegotiation facility, and the DFE-680TX will simply switch to the one of its own capabilities which matches that of the supporting device.

Once the auto-negotiation is completed, then the line is ready, and it will provide an optimal data channel between the DFE-680TX and the supporting device. The line will remain ready without further auto-negotiation action until the linkage is broken. Auto-negotiation then reoccurs at any time that the linkage is restored, again making the line ready for optimal data communications.

#### **LED Indicators**

The media coupler features three LED indicators:

- 10/100 Indicator: Steady green indicates Fast Ethernet selected. Dark indicates 10Mbps Ethernet selected.
- Half /Full Indicator: Steady green indicates Full-Duplex selected.
   Dark indicates Half-Duplex selected.
- Ln/Act Indicator:
   Steady green indicates that there is good linkage to the network ("Linkage" state, quiescent). Flashing green indicates that the DFE-680TX is transmitting or receiving ("Activity" state). In 10Mbps mode, flashing will be regular and periodic. In 100 Mbps mode, flashing may be irregular, with longer dark periods during heavy traffic activity.

# **Summary of Features**

Features of Model DFE-680TX 10/100 Ethernet PC Card:

- 100Mbps and 10Mbps data rates in compliance with IEEE 802.3
- Ethernet standards 100Base-TX and 10Base-T
- Complies with PCMCIA V2.x, JEIDA V4.x, and 32-Bit
- CardBus Standards
- CardBus standard 68-pin front-end connector
- 15-pin back-end connector for media coupler
- Full-Duplex capable in 10Mbps and 100Mbps modes.
- Autonegotiation per IEEE 802.3u specification
- No manual setup switches fully automatic configuration
- Power consumption 2 watts (max.)

- Laser-welded stainless steel case
- RJ-45 connector with auto-detection of network speed
- Software support:

Diagnostic Program

NetWare DOS ODI

NetWare Lite

Personal NetWare

Windows 95 OSR2

Windows NT 3.51

Windows NT 4.0

Packet Driver for NCSA

Packet Driver for FTP PC/TCP

Packet Driver for IPX

Packet Driver for Winsock

Windows 98

Windows 98SE

Windows ME

Windows 2000

# **Hardware Installation**

# **Unpack and Inspect**

**NOTE:** Under ordinary circumstances, the DFE-680TX will not be affected by static charge as may be received through your body during handling of the unit. In special circum-stances where you may carry an extraordinarily high static charge, it is good practice to reduce the charge by touching a ground before handling the DFE-680TX.

Open the shipping carton and carefully remove all items. In addition to this User's Guide, ascertain that you have:

- One DFE-680TX 10/100 Ethernet PC Card
- One plastic storage bag for the DFE-680TX
- One media coupler
- One D-Link DFE-680TX Software CD-ROM
- One Quick Installation Guide

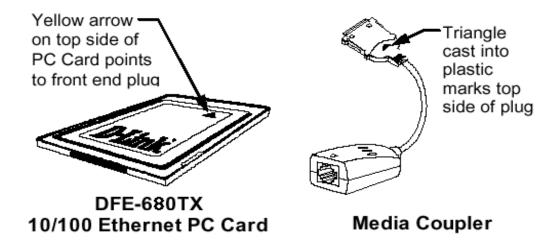


Figure 1

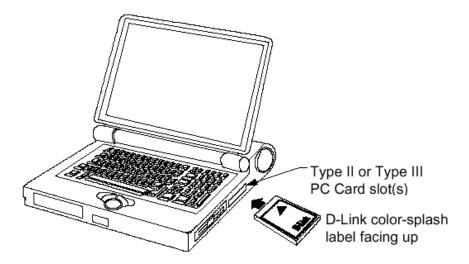
In the event that any item is missing, or if you find any mismatch or damage, promptly contact your dealer for an exchange.

Follow these four steps to install the DFE-680TX:

# **Step 1: Insert the DFE-680TX**

Under the PC Card standard and the corresponding Japanese JEIDA standard, PC Cards may safely be "hot swapped" — it is not necessary to switch the computer's power off before installing or removing the DFE-680TX, or any other PC Card.

Find/select an open Type II or Type III PC Card slot on your notebook computer's side or rear panel. Hold the DFE-680TX with the colorful D-Link splash label upward. Notice that the splash label features a yellow triangle or "arrow," which points to the front end of the PC Card. Insert the front end of the PC Card into the CardBus slot, and slide the PC Card all the way into the slot until it reaches a firm stop.

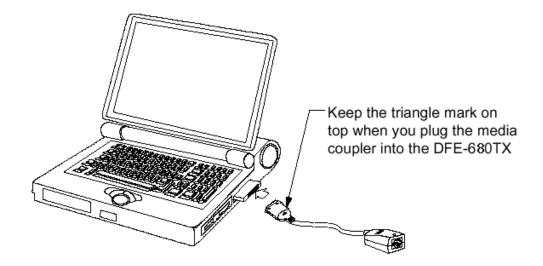


**NOTE:** Many notebook PCs feature a stacked pair of PC Card slots, logically (but not physically) designated as Slot 1 and Slot 2.

It is most usual for the lower one of the two slots in the stack to be designated Slot 1, but there are exceptions. In the subsequent procedure for DFE-680TX software installation, it might be useful for you to know whether your DFE-680TX is installed in Slot 1 or Slot 2. Under Windows 95, you can check by opening the Control Panel / PC Card display. Under DOS it is also possible to make a software check, but it is more difficult. If it develops that you need to make a trial-and-error determination or correction, then it is easy to do: just reinstall the DFE-680TX in another slot.

# **Step 2: Attach the Media Coupler**

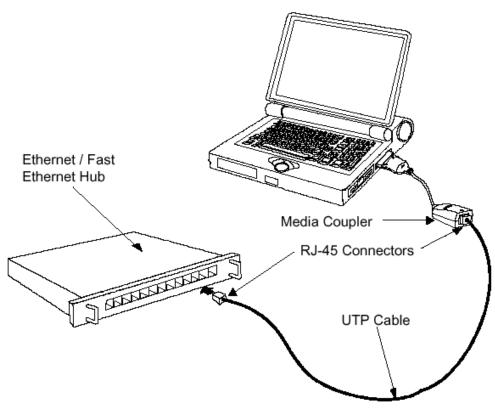
The back-end receptacle of the DFE-680TX remains accessible (approximately flush with the case of the computer) when the DFE-680TX is properly seated in its PC Card slot. Taking care to keep the top side of the media coupler plug up, insert the plug into the DFE-680TX's receptacle until it is firmly seated and latched. (The top side of the plug is labeled with a triangle molded into the plastic.)



**NOTE:** When the media coupler plug is firmly seated, it is held in place by small latching hooks at either side of the plug. To avoid damage when detaching the plug from the DFE-680TX, it is necessary to depress the latch wings of the plug. See the following section, "Remove the DFE-680TX."

# **Step 3: Connect to the Network Medium**

Make the network connection by running a UTP cable from the supporting switch or hub to your media coupler. Simply plug one end (RJ-45 plug) of the cable into an available port of the switch or hub, and plug the other end (RJ-45 plug) into the RJ-45 socket of your media coupler.



UTP cable connecting media coupler to the supporting hub

# **Step 4: Confirm Connection (Ln/Act Indicator)**

When the notebook computer's power is ON, the DFE-680TX is firmly seated in the slot connector, the media adapter plug is firmly engaged (and latched) in the back-end receptacle of the DFE-680TX, the media adapter has a good cable connection to the supporting hub, and the supporting hub is power on and functioning properly, then the media coupler's Ln/Act LED glows steady green ("Linkage" state).

If the Ln/Act LED remains dark without apparent cause, then the most likely fault is poor engagement of the 68-pin front-end plug. Review the following section titled "Remove the DFE-680TX," then remove the DFE-680TX from its slot. Repeat the procedures of the above Step 1, "Insert the DFE-680TX," taking care to ensure that the DFE-680TX is right side up and front-end first, and that it seats firmly in a suitable PC Card slot of your notebook. Repeat the procedures of Steps 2 and 3 as necessary get the Ln/Act LED confirmation.

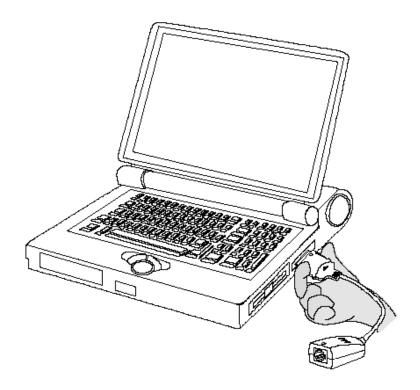
**NOTE:** You might need to wait a few seconds following notebook power up, or following insertion of a PC Card, for the software processing to be completed. The Ln/Act indicator will remain dark until the software processing is completed.

#### Remove the DFE-680TX

Follow these two steps to remove the DFE-680TX from its slot:

#### Step 1: Disconnect the Media Coupler Plug from the DFE-680TX

Unplug the media coupler from the DFE-680TX before ejecting the DFE-680TX from the PC Card slot. The media coupler plug is held in place by small latching hooks at either side of the plug. To remove the media coupler plug from the DFE-680TX, it is necessary to unlatch the hooks by depressing the two small latch wings of the plug. Use thumb and forefinger to squeeze the latch wings into the plug body and gently pull the plug out of its receptacle.



#### Depress clip wings while unplugging the connector



#### Warning:

Don't pull the connector without depressing the clip wings first! Pulling the coupler plug out of it's receptacle without depressing the clip wings will cause damage to the plug.

#### Step 2: Eject the DFE-680TX from the Computer

Firmly press the computer's PC Card Eject button to disengage the DFE-680TX from the slot connector. The DFE-680TX will then protrude from the PC Card slot. Grip its protruding end between your fingers and withdraw it from the PC Card slot.

#### Connect the Network Cable

Category 5 UTP cable is good enough to qualify under both the Fast Ethernet cabling rules and the traditional Ethernet cabling rules. The maximum individual cable run between any station and its supporting hub or switch is 100m. The maximum individual cable run joining two hubs is 10m in general, but is 100m when both hubs qualify as Ethernet Class 2 Repeaters (*all* D-Link Ethernet hubs do qualify). But these cable runs may need to be shorter than the given individual maximum lengths, because their lengths are also restricted by the rule that the maximum *aggregated* cable run between any two stations is 205m.

### **Connecting for Fast Ethernet**

Category 5 UTP cable is required for Fast Ethernet operation. The maximum length of cable between the DFE-680TX and the supporting hub is 300 ft. The cable must be "straight" (not a"crossover" cable), with an RJ-45 plug at each end. Make the network connection by plugging one end of the cable into the RJ-45 receptacle of the media coupler, and the other end into a port of the supporting hub.

# **Connecting for 10Mbps Ethernet**

Category 3, Category 4, and Category 5 UTP cable, as well as EIA/TIA - 568 100-ohm STP cable, all qualify under traditional Ethernet cabling rules. The maximum cable run between the DFE-680TX and the supporting hub is 300 ft. The cable must be "straight" (not a "crossover" cable) with RJ-45 plug at each end. Make the network connection by plugging one end of the cable into the RJ-45 receptacle of the media coupler, and the other end into a port of the supporting hub.

# **Software Installation**

### Windows2000 driver install

**Figure1-** Insert **DFE-680TX** into notebook, new hardware device should prompt. Select **Next**.



Figure 2- Select Next to continue installation.



Figure3- Ensure that the Specify location box is checked and click Next



Figure4- Type in "D:\Win2000" where "D" is your CD-ROM drive letter. Insert driver CD, and click OK.



Figure5- Click Next to continue

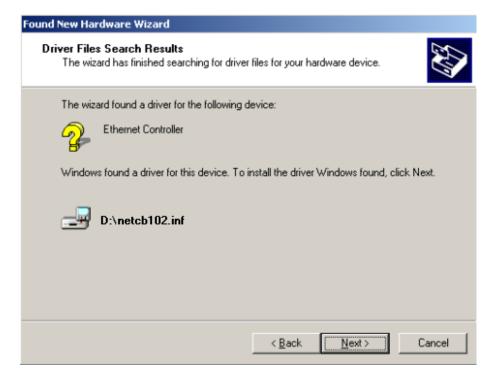


Figure6- The Digital Signature Not Found window appears. Click Yes to continue.

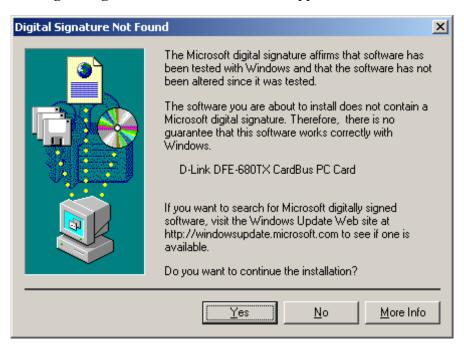


Figure 7- Click Finish to complete the DFE-680TX Ethernet Card installation.



# **Device Manager for proper installation for Win2000**

**Figure8-** Click the **Start** button > **Settings > Control Panel** > Then Double Click the **System** icon and the **Systems Properties** should appear.

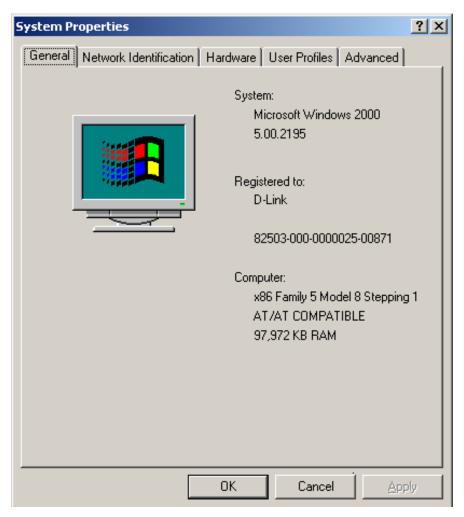


Figure9- Select Hardware and then click the Device Manager button

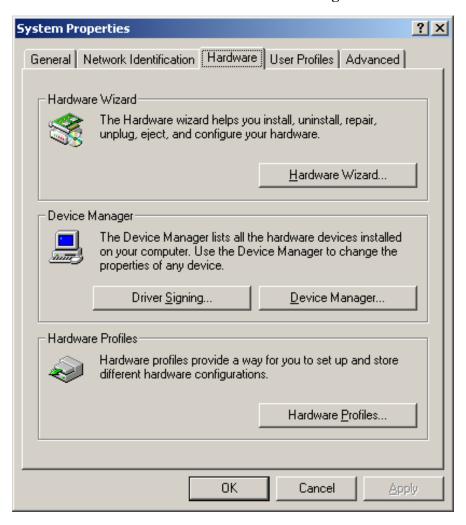
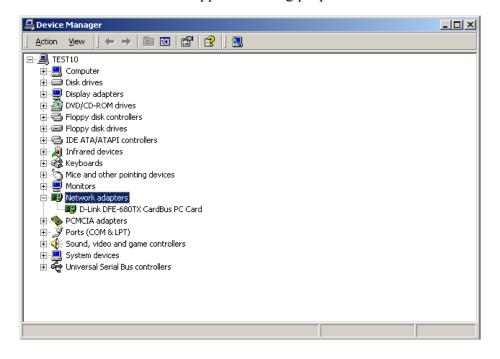


Figure 10- The Device Manager menu. Double click on the Network Adapters and the D-Link DFE-680 CardBus should appear showing proper installation.



### Windows ME driver installation

Figure1- Insert the DFE-680TX into available PCMCIA slot. Windows should detect

# Card. The Add New Hardware windows appears, select Next



**Figure2-** Enter CD-ROM drive letter or click on the Browse button and highlight the **CD-ROM** drive under **Drivers**. Then Click **Next** to continue the installation.



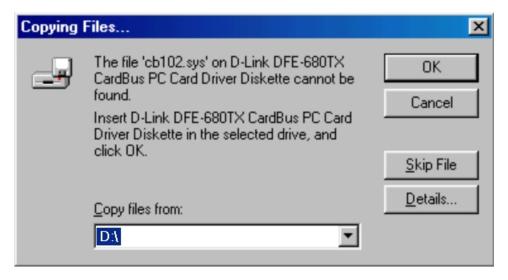
**Figure3**- A screen appears telling you that is has located the DFE-680TX driver in the **CD-ROM** drive. Then click **Next**, Windows will copy files to the hard drive.



Figure 4- Click Finish to complete driver installation.



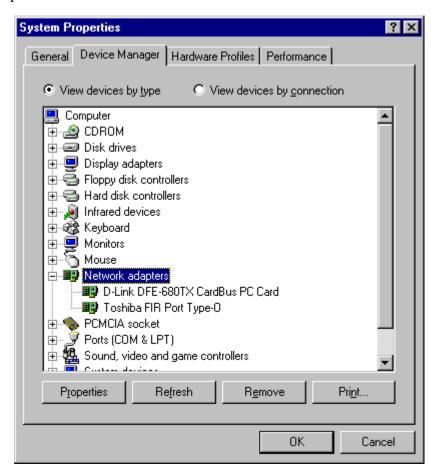
Figure 5- Enter CD-ROM driver letter, select OK



**Figure6-** Then, click **Finish** to finish driver installation. And you should reboot your system to complete the installation.



**Figure7-** Click the **start** button > **Setting** > **Control Panel** > Click the **System** button > **Device Manager** > Network Adapters. And D-Link DFE-680TX CardBus should appear showing proper installation.

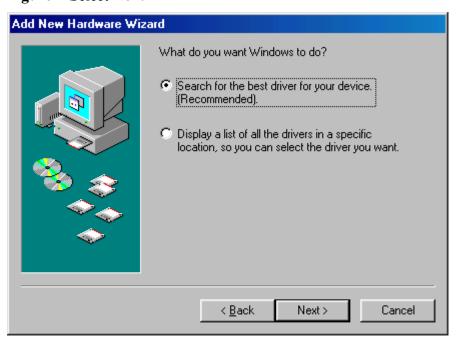


# Windows 98 Driver install

Figure 1- Select Next.



Figure 2- Select Next



**Figure3-** Enter CD-ROM drive, or click on the Browse button and select CD-ROM drive.



Figure4- Driver file name, select Next.



Figure5- Insert 98 CD-ROM then click on **OK** button.



Figure6- Enter CD-ROM drive, then select driver folder.

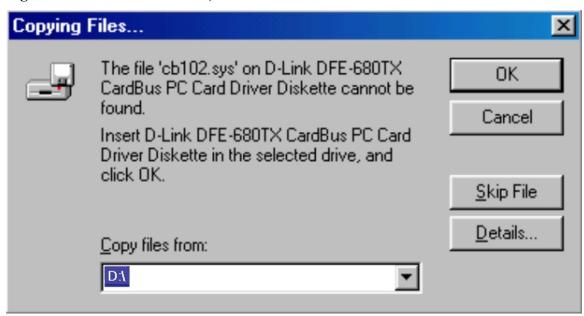
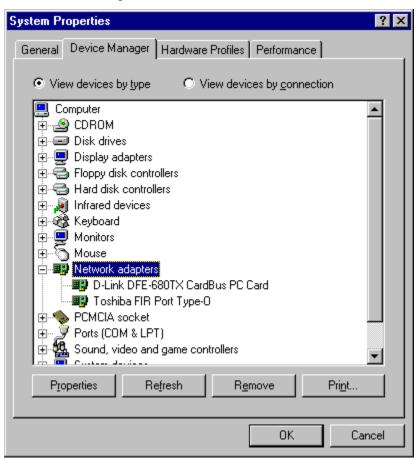


Figure 7- Finish



**Figure8-** Click the **Start** button > **Setting** > **Control Panel** > Click the **System** button > **Device Manager** > **Network Adapters**. Device Manager will display of proper installation of adapter.



# **Troubleshooting**

### **Troubleshooting the Hardware Installation**

If you experience any problems with the hardware installation, first ascertain that all network cable connections are firm, that the proper grade of cable is used for the network connection, and that the cable makeup is correct (straight — without un-needed crossovers in the connector wiring). Check that the supporting hub is power-on and operating normally, and that the hub is properly qualified (under 10Base-T and/or 100Base-TX standards).

# **Verify Each Computers Identification**

If more than one computer on your network has the same "Computer name," communications may be negatively affected. Also, each computer must have the same "Workgroup" name to communicate properly.

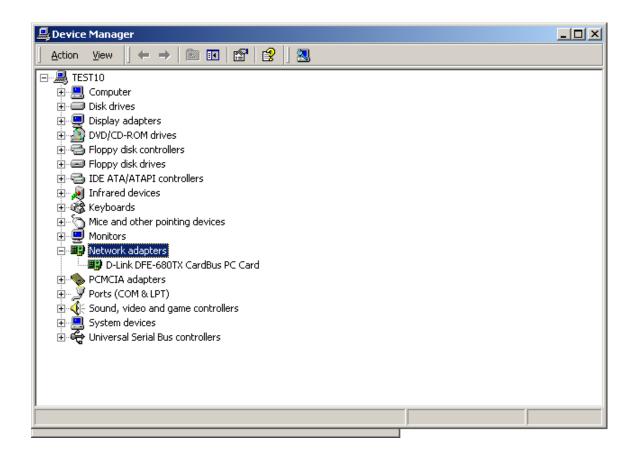
### **Verify Network Adapter Installation**

If your Network Adapter were not installed, including the Network System Software or Device drivers, your network will not function properly. Use these steps to verify that your Network Adapter are properly installed.

- 1. Double-Click the "System" icon in the Control Panel.
- 2. Click the "Device Manager" tab on top of the "System Properties" dialog box.
- 3. Double-Click "Network Adapters" if you do not see any items branching out. You should see "D-Link DFE-680TX CardBus PC Card branching out after double-Clicking Network Adapters."

If you do not see any items branching out after double-clicking "Network Adapters," your Network Adapter has not been properly installed. Start at the beginning of the guide and follow these steps for this computer.

If you see symbols such as yellow exclamation point or red "X" over the icon adjacent to "D-Link DFE-680TX CardBus PC Card," your card is not installed properly or may have a problem. Double-click the "D-Link DFE-680TX CardBus PC Card Adapter" read the explanation of the problem. This information will be helpful if you require technical support from D-Link.



# **Verify Cable Connections**

Check to see that the computer(s) you are troubleshooting are properly connected. Each computer must be connected from its DFE-680TX with a Category 5 cables. Examine the network cables and ensure that they have not been damaged by walking-on, rolling over chairs, or closed in doors. Additionally, make note of and alleviate any possible electromagnetic interference that may be effecting your network.

Your network cables can be plugged into any port on your hub except the "Uplink" port. The "Uplink" port is only used when connecting your hub to another hub or switch.

# **Understanding Indicators**

Your DFE-680TX has indicators or lights that can give you information about your network traffic and help you determine problems when troubleshooting.

Your DFE-680TX has two indicators label "ACT" and "LINK" on their back panels. A steady green "LINK" light indicates a good connection with the hub. A flashing green "ACT" light indicates that the Network Adapter is sending or receiving data.

# **Diagnostics and Checking Communications**

Included on the CD-Rom is a "DFE-680TX PCMCIA Adapter Driver Program" is a diagnostic program that will help you determine if any faults exist in your DFE-680TX Network Adapters or connection.

- 1. Restart your computer in MS-DOS mode. (Click "Start", then ""Shut Down...", and finally select ""Restart the computer in MS-DOS mode?")
- 2. Insert the CD-Rom labeled "DFE-680TX PCMCIA Ethernet Adapter Driver Program" into your CD-Rom D:\
- 3. Type D:\DIAG.EXE at the MS-DOS prompt and press "Enter" to start the D-Link PCMCIA Fast Ethernet Adapter Diagnostic Program.
- 4. Read the follow the instructions on the screen (Press F1 key anytime for additional help.)
- 5. "Adapter Basic Diagnostic" will determine if any problems exist with DFE-680TX.
- 6. "Network Diagnostic" will determine if problems exist with your network or connections. To use "Network Diagnostic", please run program on both computers in MS-DOS Mode.

If you encounter any problems, please contact D-Link technical support.

# **Pinging your DFE-680TX Card**

Follow these steps to Ping a device:

Ping is the acronym for Packet Internet Groper (PING), a utility to determine if a specific IP address is accessible. It works by sending a packet to the specified address and waiting for a reply. Ping is primarily used to troubleshoot Internet connections. By sending out a ping, you are verifying that a specific computer is available. Since all computers on the network must have a unique IP address, getting a reply means that a computer is on the network and that can communicate. If you cannot ping another computer, then there is probably a problem with the hardware. Check the cabling and adapter installation. If you are unable to network, even when you receive a reply to your ping, it is probably a software configuration issue. Verify that all the settings are correct.

1. Start MS-DOS Prompt.

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Windows 2000 IP Configuration

Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix .: dlinkus.com
IP Address ... ... : 192.152.81.85
Subnet Mask ... ... : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway ... .: 192.152.81.100

C:\>ping 192.152.81.85

Pinging 192.152.81.85: bytes=32 time(10ms ITL=128
Reply from 192.152.81.85: bytes=32 time(10ms ITL
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2. Type in following: ping:xxx.xxx.xx, where xxx.xxx.xx is the IP address to be pinged (i.e. 192.152.81.85). In this case, computer A is pinging is own IP address.

# **Specifications**

### Network Type:

• Ethernet 100Base-TX

Ethernet IEEE 802.3u standard for 100Mbps baseband CSMA/CD local area network

Ethernet 10BASE-T

Ethernet IEEE 802.3 standard for 10Mbps baseband CSMA/CD

local area network

Jumperless Hardware

Autonegotiation functionality

Media interface: RJ-45

LAN Chip Set: ADMTEK AN985L

EMI Certifications:

FCC Class B

VCCI Class B

**CE** Certification

Host interface: CardBus

I/O base address assigned by Plug and Play system

Interrupt Number Assigned by Plug and Play system

Physical Dimensions:  $86.0 \times 54.0 \times 5.0$  mm

Environment:

Storage:  $-20^{\circ}$  to  $70^{\circ}$ C,  $(-4^{\circ}$  to  $158^{\circ}$  F)

Operating:  $0^{\circ}$  to  $60^{\circ}$  C,  $(32^{\circ}$  to  $140^{\circ}$  F)

Humidity: 10% to 90% non-condensing

Power Consumption: 2.0W PCB Construction: 2 layers

#### Device Drivers\*

- Diagnostic Program
- NetWare Lite
- Personal NetWare
- NetWare DOS ODI
- Windows 95 OSR2

- Windows 98
- Windows 98 SE
- Windows ME
- Windows 2000
- Windows NT 3.51
- Windows NT 4.0
- Packet Driver for NCSA
- Packet Driver for IPX
- Packet Driver for Winsock
- Packet Driver for FTP PC/TCP
- \*Check http://www.dlink.com for newest

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