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HOW TO INSTALL THE USB DRIVER FOR EVALUATION KITS/SYSTEMS THAT USE THE FTDI UART-TO-USB CONVERTER CHIP (WINDOWS VISTA, WINDOWS 7, AND WINDOWS 10 SUPPORT)

Abstract: This is a quick-start guide for EV kits and EV systems that use the FTDI FT232BL (or FT232BM) UART-to-USB converter chip (32-pin TQFP) implemented with Maxim VID = 0x0B6A PID = 0x434D for the purpose of the USB PC connection. This USB driver allows the EV kit software to support Windows Vista, Windows 7, and Windows 10.

Overview

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Follow these steps to start evaluating the EV kit now. The MAX6581 Evaluation Kit (MAX6581EVKIT) is used in the example figures.

- 1. Plug in the USB cable into a EV kit board and allow Windows to update the driver.
- 2. Make sure the **Device Manager** displays the information under Ports and **Universal Serial Bus controllers** as shown in **Figure 1**.



Figure 1. Device Manager window.

3. In this example, the MAX6581 Evaluation Kit software is open. Notice the status bar at the bottom displays MAX6581EVKIT not connected. This is an indication that the driver needs to be updated.

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4. Download the file **FTDI_VID_PID_x86_x64_CDM_2.0.6.00.zip** Maxim's EV Kit Software webpage at: www.maximintegrated.com/evkitsoftware.

- 5. Unzip the file FTDI_VID_PID_x86_x64_CDM_2.0.6.00.zip.
- 6. Within the directory FTDI_VID_FTDI_PID_x86_x64_CDM_2.06.00\usb_driver, double-click CDM20600.exe.
- 7. Click the Run button. See Figure 3 and Figure 4.



Figure 3. Pop-up menu to install driver.



Figure 4. Installing the driver.

8. Open the MAX6581 Evaluation Kit GUI. The board should be connected as shown in Figure 5.

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If you get this far, you are ready to evaluate the part. If you continue to have problems connecting, refer to the document in the same driver directory named **USB_Driver_Help_200.pdf**.

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MAX6581	±1°C Accurate 8-Channel Temperature Sensor	Free Samples
MAX6639	2-Channel Temperature Monitor with Dual, Automatic, PWM Fan- Speed Controller	Free Samples
MAX7500	Digital Temperature Sensors and Thermal Watchdog with Bus Lockup Protection	Free Samples
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