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## Summary

It can be difficult from some terminal programs to implement hardware handshaking over the DC2-PC serial interface using the cable wiring described in the DC2-PC manual. NOTE: this information does *not* apply to the DC2-STN.

## More Information

A typical RS232 device uses the RTS and CTS signals (DB9 connector pins 7 and 8) for hardware handshaking. The cable recommended in the DC2-PC manual uses DTR and DSR (DB9 connector pins 4 and 6) for handshaking. This configuration will work with some, but not all, terminal software (handshaking on these pins may be interpreted as "end-of-message", instead of "please wait").

The following serial interface cabling implements hardware handshaking on pins 7 and 8 of the DB9 connector and should work with any serial interface program that supports hardware handshaking:

| DC2 J4<br>Header | DB9<br>(Female) |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1                | -               |
| 2                | 8               |
| 3                | 2               |
| 4                | 4               |
| 5                | 3               |

| DC2 J4 | DB9      |
|--------|----------|
| Header | (Female) |
| 6      | 6        |
| 7      | 7        |
| 8      | 9        |
| 9      | 5        |
| 10     | 1        |

Standard RS232 pin designations for the DB9 connector:

| Pin | Signal | Description         |
|-----|--------|---------------------|
| 1   | CD     | Carrier Detect      |
| 2   | RD     | Received Data       |
| 3   | TD     | Transmitted Data    |
| 4   | DTR    | Data Terminal Ready |
| 5   | SG     | Signal Ground       |
| 6   | DSR    | Data Set Ready      |
| 7   | RTS    | Request to Send     |
| 8   | CTS    | Clear to Send       |
| 9   | RI     | Ring Indicator      |