



ActiveHome2  
USB 2-Way  
Home Automation  
Interface



Model CM15A



## Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the X10 ActiveHome2 USB Home Automation Interface. The X10 ActiveHome2 software you purchased, in conjunction with the Interface, lets you control lights and appliances around your home when used with X10 Modules.

**Important: Please download and install the X10 ActiveHome2 software before you plug in the Interface.**

The X10 ActiveHome2 software you purchased should be downloaded from the link you received in our e-mail titled “New Software Download Link.” This manual assumes that you have already connected your lights and appliances to X10 modules, following the instructions that came with the modules.



## Basic Setup

- 1** Download X10 Software. Click on the software link in the e-mail you received titled “New Software Download Link.” Before you download the software, choose the option to save the file, and save it onto your desktop so you can more easily access it later.
- 2** Disable or turn off your anti-virus software before you install the software as some anti-virus programs interfere with the installation. Remember to turn on your anti-virus program when you finish these steps.
- 3** Install Software. Go to your desktop and double click the installation program you just downloaded. The software installation process will install the driver for your CM15A.





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**Windows XP Users:** When you see a notice that the X10 CM15A ActiveHome2 driver has not passed Windows Logo testing, click “Continue Anyway.” Installing these drivers will not negatively affect your computer.

- 4** Plug in the CM15A Interface (wait until the installation program asks you to connect it).



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- 5** Connect the other end of the USB cable to the CM15A Interface.
- 6** Plug the Interface into an AC outlet near your PC.

### Using the CM15A Interface

All you need to do is run your X10 ActiveHome2 software — your software controls the Interface. Use the entry in your Windows Start Menu, or double-click the icon on your desktop to open the program. When the program opens click on help for information on how to use ActiveHome2.

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## Troubleshooting

### If you can't find your link to download the software:

You can fill out a form to have the link sent to you again. Go to:

<http://www.x10.com/support>

and click on the link for Secure Software Download Link, under Technical Support. Enter your e-mail address and order number to be sent the download link again.



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### X10 software installation on Windows 98 asks for a disk:

If your X10 software asks you to insert an X10 disk when you connect the Interface, follow these steps:

1. Click OK in this window.
2. In the "Insert Disk" window, click the "Browse" button to look for the driver files.
3. Go to your C: drive in the browse list and then "Program Files," "Common Files," "X10," "DriverInstall," and finally "CM15A ActiveHome2."
4. Click the OK button to use the driver files in that folder. Follow the instructions on your screen after that.

If asked for the Windows 98 disk, click "OK." Insert your Windows 98 CD and browse to the "Win98" folder. Click "OK."





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#### **Windows 98 or Windows Me says it has found an Unknown Device:**

If you plug in the Interface and get an “Unknown Device” message, you will have to update the drivers in Windows manually:

1. Go to Device Manager by right-clicking on “My Computer” and selecting “Properties.” Then click on the Device Manager tab.
2. Double click on “Universal Serial Bus Controllers” in the device list, and find the item called “Unknown Device.”
3. Double-click on it and select the “Driver” tab. Select “Update Driver.”
4. Select “Display a list of all the drivers in a specific location so you can select the driver you want.” Press the “Next” button.



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5. Select the “Show all hardware” selection at the bottom of the screen. Choose X10 as the manufacturer and then CM15A ActiveHome2. Press the “Next” button.
6. Press “Next” to continue. Windows will install the X10 ActiveHome2 driver.
7. At this point your PC should be copying files for the driver. You may need to insert your Windows CD.

When all these steps are done, the driver will be updated and the screen will say you’re finished.





### FCC Caution

THIS DEVICE COMPLIES WITH PART 15 OF THE FCC RULES. OPERATION IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TWO CONDITIONS:

- (1) THIS DEVICE MAY NOT CAUSE HARMFUL INTERFERENCE, AND
- (2) THIS DEVICE MUST ACCEPT ANY INTERFERENCE RECEIVED, INCLUDING INTERFERENCE THAT MAY CAUSE UNDESIRE OPERATION.

This equipment generates and uses radio frequency energy, and if not installed and used properly, that is, in strict accordance with the manufacturers instructions, it may cause interference to radio and television reception. It has been type tested and found to comply with the limits for remote control devices in accordance with the specifications in Sub-Parts B and C of Part 15 of FCC Rules, which are designed to provide reasonable protection against such interference in a residential installation.



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However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by unplugging the equipment, try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures.

- Reorient the antenna of the radio/TV experiencing the interference.
- Relocate the interface with respect to the radio/TV.
- Move the interface away from the radio/TV.
- Plug the interface into an outlet on a different electrical circuit from the radio/TV experiencing the interference.
- If necessary, consult your local Dealer for additional suggestions.

**NOTE:** Modifications to any of the components in this kit will void the user's authority to operate this equipment.





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**For help or more information on setup, please visit: <http://www.x10.com/support>**

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