

Q1. What is the purpose of a Modem Eliminator?

A1. A modem eliminator basically reverses pins 2 and 3 in the RS-232 cable. This is necessary for your Serial Printer to work properly. Reversing the pin outs is necessary, because the printer and the A/// both send info out the 2 pin and receive thru the 3 pin. For more info on the Serial port, see page 131 of your owners manual. The March Issue of this newsletter gave the exact pin outs to build your own printer cable. To use your serial port with a modem you do Not use the modem eliminator. If you have had a special serial cable built for your printer (or plotter), you also would not use the modem eliminator. However, if you want to use a standard RS-232 25 pin cable to hook your serial printer to your built-in serial port, then you must have a modem eliminator.