

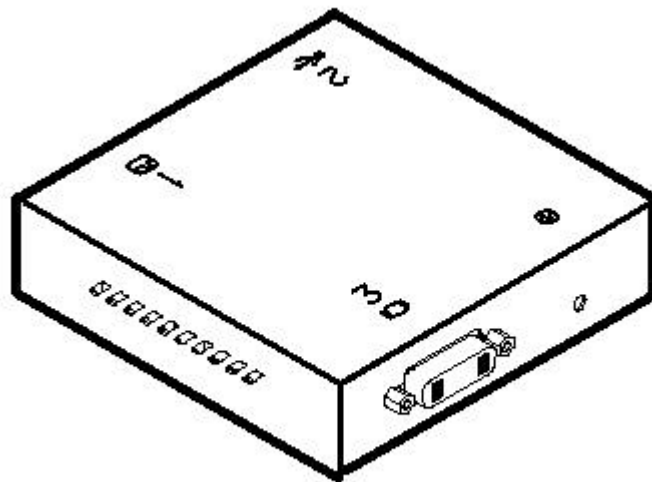


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# Converter Box

## for the T221 Flat Panel Monitor

### User's Guide





## **Preface**

You will need a converter box if you are using an IBM T221 Flat Panel Monitor connected to a computer fitted with a graphics card that supports the DVI Dual Link interface. If your graphics card is not a dual-link type, do not use a converter box.

This manual describes the preparation required before using the converter box, how to connect the converter box to the monitor, how to adjust the monitor, and what to do if a problem occurs.

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**Precautions for using the converter box safely and correctly****DANGER**

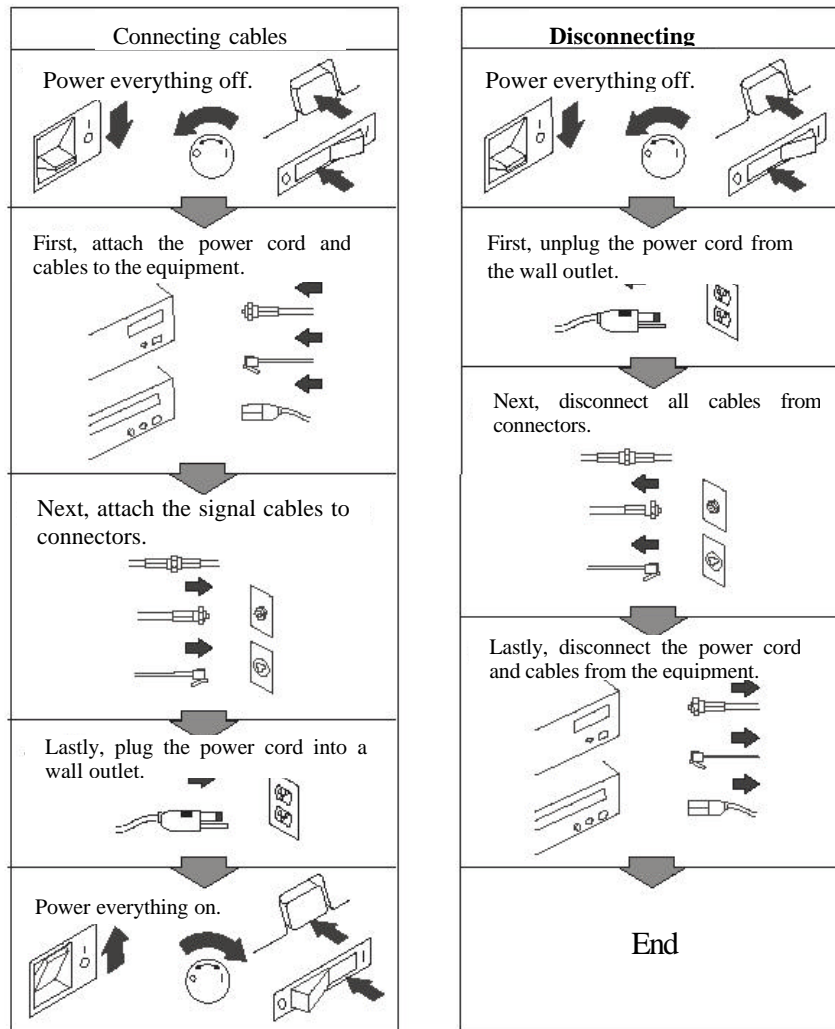
To avoid electrical shock:

- **Never remove the cover of the converter box.**
- **Never connect or disconnect the converter box during an electrical storm.**
- **Any equipment to which the converter box is attached must also be connected to properly wired and grounded electrical outlets.**
- **The monitor to which the converter box is connected must be unplugged at the wall to disconnect it from the power supply. Connect the power plug into an easily accessible outlet.**

# DANGER

## Sequence for connecting and disconnecting cables

Electric current from the power cords and communication cables is hazardous. To avoid any risk of electrical shock, always connect and disconnect the cables as shown below when installing or moving the converter box or connected equipment, or when connecting other equipment.



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## 1. Preparation for Installation

This chapter describes how to make sure that you have the required system configuration and components for using the converter box.

### 1.1. Required System Configuration

To use the converter box with an IBM T221 Flat Panel Monitor, you must have a computer fitted with a DVI-compliant graphics card that supports the DVI Dual Link interface.

See the T221 Flat-Panel Monitor Users Guide.

If your computer does not have a graphics card, install one before you use the converter box (for the installation procedure, see your graphics card manual). You can still get a picture on the monitor during card installation without using a converter box.

**Important:**

If you use a DVI video graphics card not supported by IBM, you will be liable for any damage or defects that may result. IBM offers no comments, advice, or guarantees regarding the functionality, quality, or performance of unsupported graphics cards.

The monitor firmware FPGA-LOGIC must be version 44, 48, 50, 52 or higher to use a converter box. See the T221 Flat-Panel Monitor Users Guide for more information.

### 1.2. Checking Parts

The converter box should be handled with care.

Check that you have the following components:

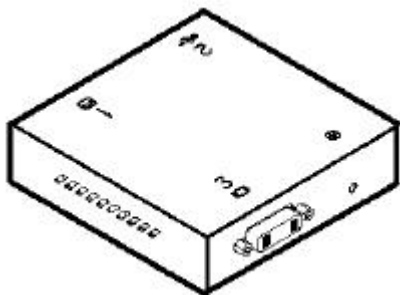
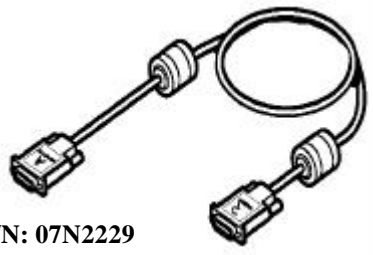


Fig. 1 Converter box

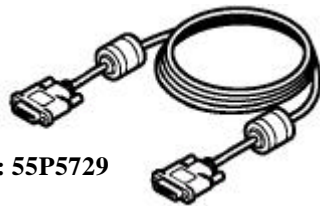


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Fig. 2 USB cable (length 200cm approx.)



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**Fig. 3 Converter signal cable (length 65cm approx.)****Fig. 4 User's guide (this book)**

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**Fig. 5 Dual Link signal cable (length 200cm approx.)****Important:**

Do not use other cables for T221 and the converter box.

Do not use these cables for other equipment than the T221 monitor and converter box.

## 2. Connecting the Converter Box

See your monitor manual for instructions and precautions on handling the monitor.

**Important:**

Use a large desk or table covered with a soft, thick cloth if you need to lay the monitor face down during installation. Make sure there are no pencils, clips, or other hard objects under the monitor screen, and avoid knocking or bumping the monitor. Such treatment could damage the monitor.

### 2.1. Disconnecting the Existing Digital Signal Cable

Power off both of the monitor and the computer.

Unplug the AC power cords of the monitor and computer from the wall outlets.

At the back of the monitor, remove the stand rear cover and connector cover, and disconnect the

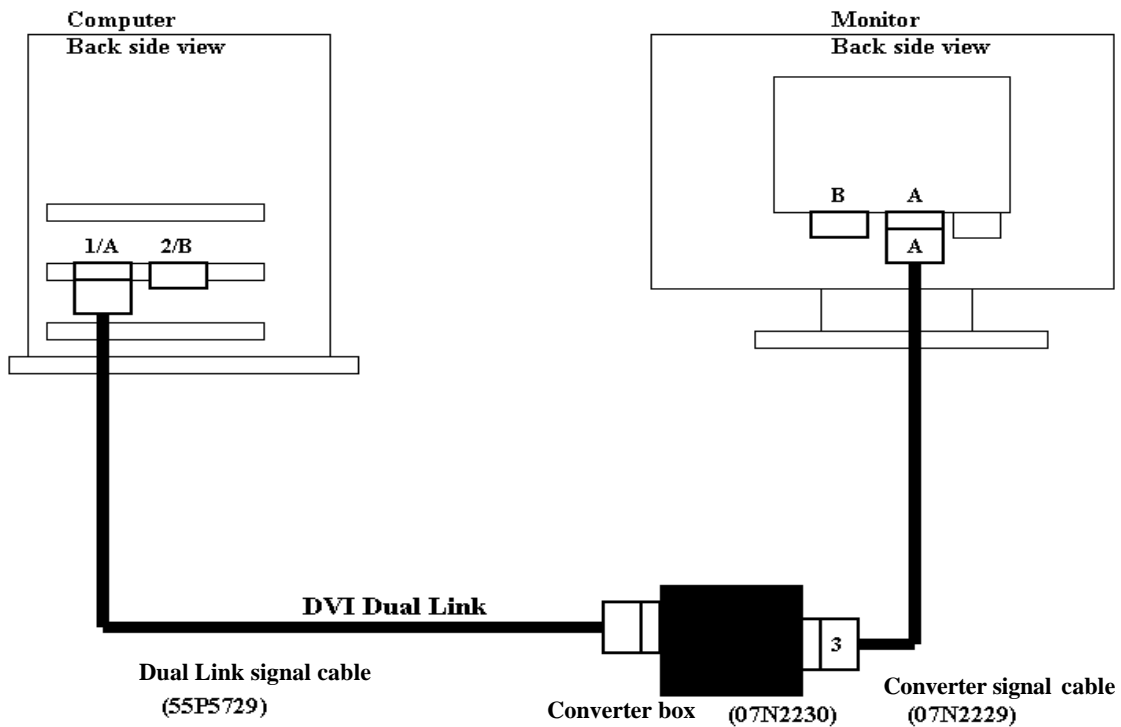
digital signal cable. If two digital signal cables are attached, disconnect both.

Disconnect the digital signal cable from the computer. The disconnected digital signal cable is unnecessary with a converter box. Store the cable away.

**Important:**

Connecting or disconnecting cables while the monitor or computer is switched on may damage the computer or graphics card.

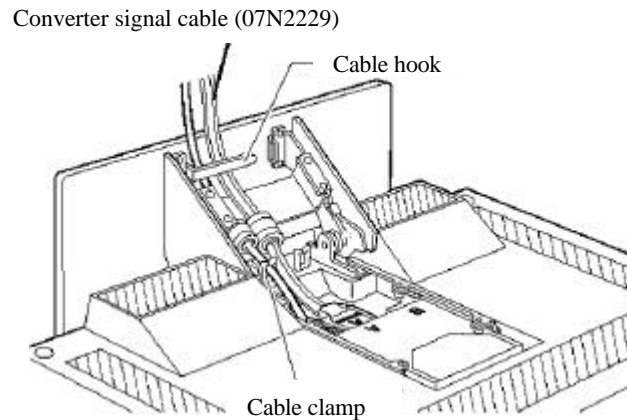
## 2.2. Connecting the Converter Box Display Signal Cables



**Fig. 6 Dual Link**

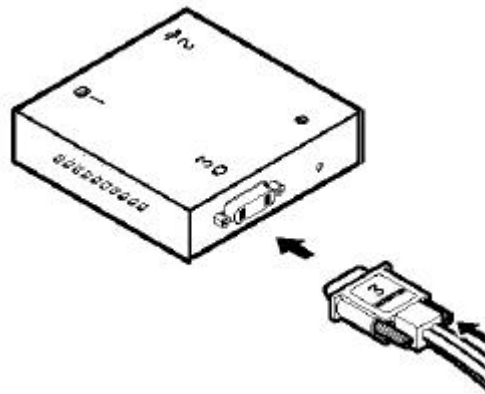
Connect the end marked "A" of the converter signal cable (07N2229) to digital signal connector A at the rear of the monitor.





**Fig. 7 Connection of the converter signal cable and the monitor**

Connect the other end (marked "3") of the converter signal cable (07N2229) to the converter box.



**Fig. 8 Connection of the converter signal cable and the converter box**

Connect the dual-link signal cable (55P5729) to the converter box.

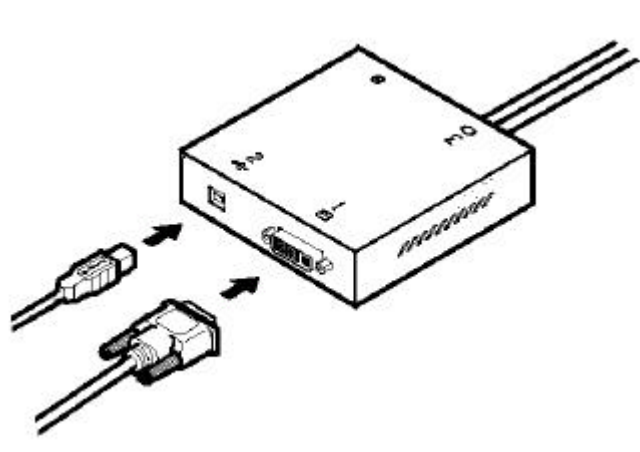
It is only necessary to connect the USB cable (55P5728) to the converter box if you wish to use the monitor's Color Management Utility or Firmware Update Utility. In this case, the program(s) for either or both of those utilities must be installed prior to connecting the USB cable.

**Important:**

Do not connect the USB cable unless you are using the Color Management Utility or Firmware Update Utility.

**Note:**

The video input and video output are Safety Extra Low Voltage (SELV) circuits.

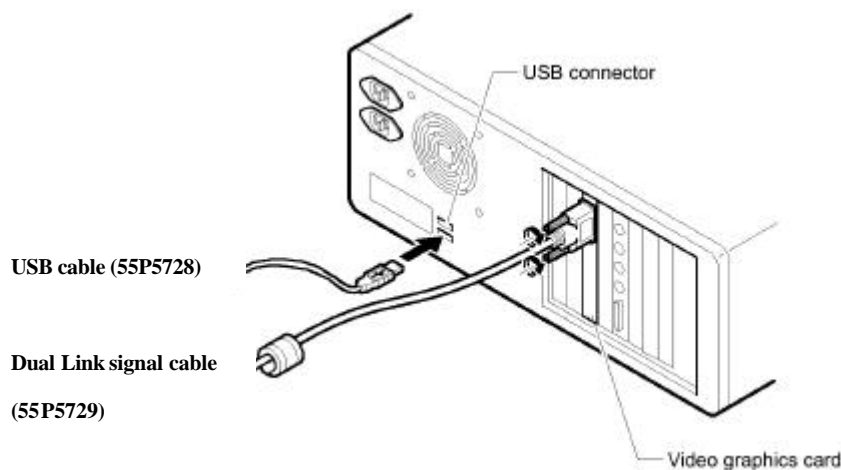


**Fig. 9 Connection of the Dual Link signal cable and the converter box**

Connect the opposite end of the dual-link signal cable (55P5729) to the computer.

If the computer graphics card has another connector that supports DVI Single Link out or Dual Link out in addition to the DVI Dual Link connector, connect the signal cable to the Dual Link connector. (The Dual Link connector is typically marked as "1" or "A". For details, see your graphics card manual or computer manual.)

The USB cable (55P5728) must also be connected to the computer to enable use of monitor's Color Management Utility or Firmware Update Utility.



**Fig. 11 Connection of the Dual Link signal cable and a graphics card**



**Important:**

If the connector is not properly inserted, the computer or graphics card may be damaged when you power on the computer. Insert the connector straight and firmly so as not to bend the connector pins.

### **2.3.Setup**

Replace the covers on the back of the monitor and return the monitor to the upright position. Plug the power cords of the monitor and computer into wall outlets.

The power lamp on the converter box should come on steady green, indicating normal operation. (The power lamp on the converter box does not come on unless the monitor is connected to an AC power supply.)

### **3. Changing the Monitor EDID Setting**

Change the monitor's Extended Display Identification Data (EDID) setting to suit your particular graphics card. See the T221 Flat-Panel Monitor Users Guide for further information.

This completes converter box installation and setup.



## 4. Troubleshooting

This chapter explains what to do if a problem occurs while you are using the monitor.

Only problems related to the converter box are covered here. Refer also to your monitor manual for troubleshooting information.

**Table 1 Problems and Actions**

Problem	Cause and action
Blank screen (LED lamp on the monitor is steady amber or blinking amber.)	<p>Cause 1: No power to the converter box.</p> <p>Action 1: Power on the monitor and make sure that the monitor power lamp is steady amber or blinking amber. Then look at the power lamp on the converter box (next to the connector for the converter signal cable (07N2229)).</p> <p>If the lamp did not come on, the converter box has no power supply. Re-connect the cable between converter box and monitor, referring to the instructions in Chapter 2 for installing the converter box. Be sure to use the cable supplied with the converter box.</p> <p>If the lamp is green, the converter box is properly powered on. A green light with a blank screen means that the digital signal is disconnected somewhere. Check all the digital signal cable connections, referring to the instructions in Chapter 2 for installing the converter box.</p> <p>Cause 2: The monitor's EDID setting is incorrect.</p> <p>Action 2: Set the correct value for your graphics card, referring to the T221 Flat-Panel Monitor Users Guide.</p> <p>Cause 3: The converter box is connected only to the Connector-B of the monitor.</p> <p>Action 3: Connect the converter box to at least the Connector-A of the monitor, referring to the instructions in Chapter 2.</p>
Instead of one large screen, two identical side-by-side screens	<p>Cause 1: No converter box in use.</p> <p>Action 1: Use a converter box.</p>

<p>are squeezed together. Or, the text on the screen is distorted and unreadable.</p>	<p>Cause 2: The monitor has downlevel firmware that does not support a converter box. Action 2: Check the version of FPGA-LOGIC, as described in Chapter 1, Preparation for Installation. Dual-link (that is, a converter box) cannot be used with downlevel versions of FPGA-LOGIC. Use a display mode and EDID setting that does not require a converter box.</p>
	<p>Cause 3: Wrong cable connected between the converter box and computer. Action 3: Use the dedicated cable (dual-link signal cable (55P5729)) supplied with the converter box.</p>
	<p>Cause 4: Cable not attached properly. Action 4: Check the cable connections.</p>
	<p>Cause 5: The monitor's EDID setting is incorrect. Action 5: Set the correct value for your graphics card, referring to the T221 Flat-Panel Monitor Users Guide. Restart the system after making any changes.</p>
<p>Left half of the computer screen is displayed down the center of the monitor screen.</p>	<p>Cause 1: Cable not attached properly. Action 1: Check the cable connections.</p>
	<p>Cause 2: You are using an unsupported graphics card, or the device driver is downlevel. Action 2: Check that the graphics card is a supported type and that the latest level device drivers are being used (see the T221 Flat-Panel Monitor Users Guide for further information &amp; details on how to access the web support page).</p>
<p>The left half and the right half of the computer screen interchange.</p>	<p>Cause 1: Cable not attached properly. Action 1: Check the cable connections.</p>
<p>The sizes of the left half and the right half of the computer screen differ.</p>	<p>Cause 1: Cable not attached properly. Action 1: Check the cable connections.</p>
	<p>Cause 2: The graphics card setting is incorrect. Action 2: Some graphics cards may require the video output setting changed, by using a software program associated with the graphics card. For details, refer to the user's manual for the graphics card.</p>

<p>The wrong display mode is displayed.</p>	<p>Cause 1: The converter box is not connected to the proper connector of the graphics card.</p> <p>Action 1: Connect the converter box to the connector supporting DVI Dual Link output, referring to the instructions in Chapter 2.</p> <hr/> <p>Cause 2: The monitor's EDID setting is incorrect.</p> <p>Action 2: Set the correct value for your graphics card, referring to the T221 Flat-Panel Monitor Users Guide. Restart the system after making any changes.</p> <hr/> <p>Cause 3: You are using an unsupported graphics card, or the device driver is downlevel.</p> <p>Action 3: Check that the graphics card is a supported type and that the latest level device drivers are being used (see the T221 Flat-Panel Monitor Users Guide for further information &amp; details on how to access the web support page).</p> <hr/> <p>Cause 4: The graphics card setting is incorrect.</p> <p>Action 4: Some graphics cards may require the video output setting changed, by using a software program associated with the graphics card. For the detail, refer to the user's manual for the graphics card.</p>
<p>The Color Management Utility or the Firmware Update Utility does not work.</p>	<p>Cause 1: The USB cable is connected to the connector B of the monitor.</p> <p>Action 1: Disconnect the USB cable, and then connect the USB cable to the converter box that is connected to the connector A of the monitor.</p>



## Appendix A. Product Specifications

The following table shows the converter box specifications. They only apply when the converter box is used with the IBM T221 monitor.

**Table 2 Product specifications**

Item	Specification
Outer dimensions (converter box housing)	Width: 106.4 mm Height: 30.8 mm Depth: 107.6 mm
Weight (converter box housing)	350 g
Input voltage (supplied from monitor)	16 V
Power consumption (maximum)	3.5 W (maximum)
Video input	DVI™ Dual Link interface
Video output	TMDS™ interface (RGB: 8bits each)
Standards compliance	AN/NZS 3548 CISPR22 A FCC-A IEC 60950 3rd. Ed. UL 60950 3rd. Ed. / CSA C22.2 No. 60950-00 VCCI-A ISO 13406-2
Temperature	
Operating	0 ~ 35 deg C
Shipping (by air & within 24 hours)	-20 ~ 60 deg C
Storage / Shipping (other than above)	1 ~ 60 deg C
Humidity	
Operating	8 ~ 80 % (No Condensation)
Shipping (by air & within 24 hours)	8 ~ 80 % (No Condensation)
Storage / Shipping (other than above)	8 ~ 80 % (No Condensation)



## **Appendix B. Regulatory Compliance**

### **Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Statement**

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