



# **Model Railroad Computer Interface Module (CI-1)**

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## **User Manual**

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## ***Introduction***

Thank you for purchasing this Ring Engineering product. We take pride in the products that we produce and hope you find this product to be a great addition to your model railroad layout.

Please read all warnings and instructions before installation and use. For the latest information including the latest revision of this manual please visit our Internet site at [www.RingEngineering.com](http://www.RingEngineering.com).

The CI-1 is used to add Direct Radio to a computer with a USB port. By installing the appropriate software, the software can send RF signals to RailPro Direct Radio products to control and setup the RailPro Direct Radio products.

Please see appropriate RailPro software that uses the CI-1.  
<http://www.ringengineering.com/RailProSoftware.htm>

## ***Warnings***

- Only connect a CI-1 module to an approved USB port.
- There are no user serviceable parts inside. Return to Ring Engineering for repair.
- This product contains a chemical known to the state of California to cause cancer and birth defects (or other reproductive harm). This product contains lead.

## ***Installation***

**Step 1 – Plug your CI-1 into a USB port.**

**Step 2 – Load a program to your computer that uses a CI-1 from Ring Engineering's Internet site**

**Your CI-1 is now ready to use!**

## **Operation**

Please see the RailPro Software User Manuals for information on the computer programs that use the CI-1.

<http://www.ringengineering.com/RailProSoftware.htm>

**TIP:** You can plug the CI-1 directly into a computer USB plug, but you will likely get a longer RF transmission range if you plug the CI-1 into a USB extension cable. CI-1 extension cables have to be USB 2.0 compliant or higher and have a USB A female connector on one end, and a USB A male connector on the other end.

**TIP:** You can use dozens of feet of USB extension cables to get the CI-1 into the middle of the area that you will be operating or setting up RailPro products. A USB HUB or powered USB extension cable can be used to reach long distances.

**TIP:** The CI-1 with the HC Simulator Software can use Repeaters (such as the PWR-56) to significantly increase the range and dependability of the RF signal just like the real RailPro Handheld controller does. Please see the Handheld Controller User Manual to see how to setup the HC Simulator to use repeaters.

**TIP:** A real RailPro handheld controller typically has a significantly longer RF range than a CI-1 used with the HC Simulator Software.

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