5.1 Channel PCI Surround Sound Card - 16 bit

PCISOUND5CH2

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• Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
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Introduction

Packaging Contents
• 1x PCI 5.1 Surround Sound Card
• 1x Low Profile Bracket
• 1x Driver CD
• 1x Instruction Manual

System Requirements
• Available 5V PCI Slot
• Microsoft DirectX® 8.1 or later
• Windows® 8 / 8.1 (32/64bit), 7 (32/64), Vista (32/64), XP (32/64), Windows Server® 2012, 2008 R2, 2003 (32/64), Linux 2.6.x and up (Tested up to 3.5)
Product Overview

1. **Line In:** Connect to Tape/CD/DVD player, or other audio sources for output mixing and/or recording

2. **Mic In:** Connect to microphone

3. **Front-Speaker:** Output to speakers with amplifier or earphones or audio-in of home stereo

4. **Rear-Speaker:** Connect to the rear speakers while four/six channel speaker mode is enabled

5. **Center/Sub-Woofer:** Connect to the center speaker and sub-woofer while six channel speaker mode is enabled
**Internal Headers**

**Note:** The header pinout is Pin 1 to Pin 4 from left to right for all headers (6, 7, 8).

6. **J1 - Analog CD/IN:** Signals: L-G-G-R

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<td>3</td>
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<td>Right channel signal</td>
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7. **J2 - Analog CD/IN:** Signals: G-R-G-L

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8. **J3 - Auxiliary Input:** Signals: L-G-G-R.

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**Internal Jumpers**

**JP1 & JP2**

- 1-2 close - Center/Bass channel in normal mode
- 2-3 close - Center/Bass channel in inverse mode

**Installation**

**Note:** It is recommended that you remove any previously installed sound cards and drivers prior to installing this card to avoid any conflicts. If previously installed drivers are not removed, this sound card may not function properly.

If your computer has on-board sound you will need to disable it on the motherboard. For more information please see your computer’s documentation or contact your computer’s manufacturer.
Hardware Installation

**WARNING!** PCI cards, like all computer equipment, can be severely damaged by static electricity. Be sure that you are properly grounded before opening your computer case or touching your PCI card. StarTech.com recommends that you wear an anti-static strap when installing any computer component. If an anti-static strap is unavailable, discharge yourself of any static electricity build-up by touching a large grounded metal surface (such as the computer case) for several seconds. Also be careful to handle the card by its edges and not the gold connectors.

1. Turn your computer off and any peripherals connected to the computer (i.e. Printers, external hard drives, etc.). Unplug the power cable from the rear of the power supply on the back of the computer and disconnect all peripheral devices.
2. Remove the cover from the computer case. See documentation for your computer system for details.
3. Locate an open PCI slot and remove the metal cover plate on the rear of the computer case (Refer to documentation for your computer system for details.)
4. Insert the card into the open PCI slot and fasten the bracket to the rear of the case.

**NOTE:** If installing the card into a low profile desktop system, replacing the preinstalled standard profile bracket with the included low profile (half height) installation bracket may be necessary.

5. **OPTIONAL** To connect an existing CD/DVD drive’s analog audio signal to the sound card, use an appropriate audio cable (supplied with CD/DVD drive) from the audio output on the CD/DVD drive to one of the input headers on the card. Connect to the appropriate header depending on the make of CD/DVD drive.

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<th>Header</th>
<th>CD/DVD Drive Brand</th>
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<tr>
<td>J1</td>
<td>Sony</td>
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<tr>
<td>J2</td>
<td>Panasonic</td>
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<tr>
<td>J3</td>
<td>Other brands</td>
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6. Place the cover back onto the computer case.
7. Insert the power cable into the socket on the power supply and reconnect all other connectors removed in Step 1.
Driver and Software Installation

Windows

1. Upon starting Windows, if the Found New Hardware wizard appears on the screen, cancel/close the window and insert the included Driver CD into your CD/DVD drive.

2. If Autoplay is enabled, select the “Open folder to view files” option when the dialog appears.

3. Otherwise, browse to your CD/DVD drive and open the Setup.exe application located in the SOUND\CMedia8738 folder to start the installation process.

4. Follow any on-screen instructions to complete the software installation.

   **NOTE:** You may be prompted to restart your system. Once you have restarted, the sound card will be ready to use.
Verifying Installation

Windows

1. Open the Device Manager by right-clicking on Computer, and then select Manage. In the new Computer Management window, select Device Manager from the left window panel (For Windows 8, open the Control Panel and select Device Manager).

2. Expand the “Sound, video and game controllers” section. On a successful install, you should see the following device in the list with no exclamation points or question marks.
## Specifications

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<td><strong>Warranty</strong></td>
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<td>PCI v2.2 (5V)</td>
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<td><strong>Card Type</strong></td>
<td>Standard profile installed, low-profile included</td>
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<td>C-Media 8738LX</td>
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<td><strong>Internal Ports</strong></td>
<td>3 x MPC2 (4 pin; Audio) Male</td>
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<td><strong>External Ports</strong></td>
<td>5 x 3.5 mm Mini-Jack (3 Position) Female</td>
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<td><strong>Audio Specifications</strong></td>
<td>Supports 5.1 Channel 16 bit stereo audio</td>
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<td><strong>Full Duplex Support</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>Dimensions</strong></td>
<td>121mm x 19mm x 122mm</td>
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<td><strong>Weight</strong></td>
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<td>Windows® 8 / 8.1 (32/64bit), 7 (32/64), Vista (32/64), XP (32/64), Windows Server® 2012, 2008 R2, 2003 (32/64), Linux 2.6.x and up (Tested up to 3.5)</td>
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<td><strong>Storage Temperature</strong></td>
<td>-20°C to 60°C (-4°F to 140°F)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Humidity</strong></td>
<td>5~85% RH</td>
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