

G90 Firmware Update

Instructions

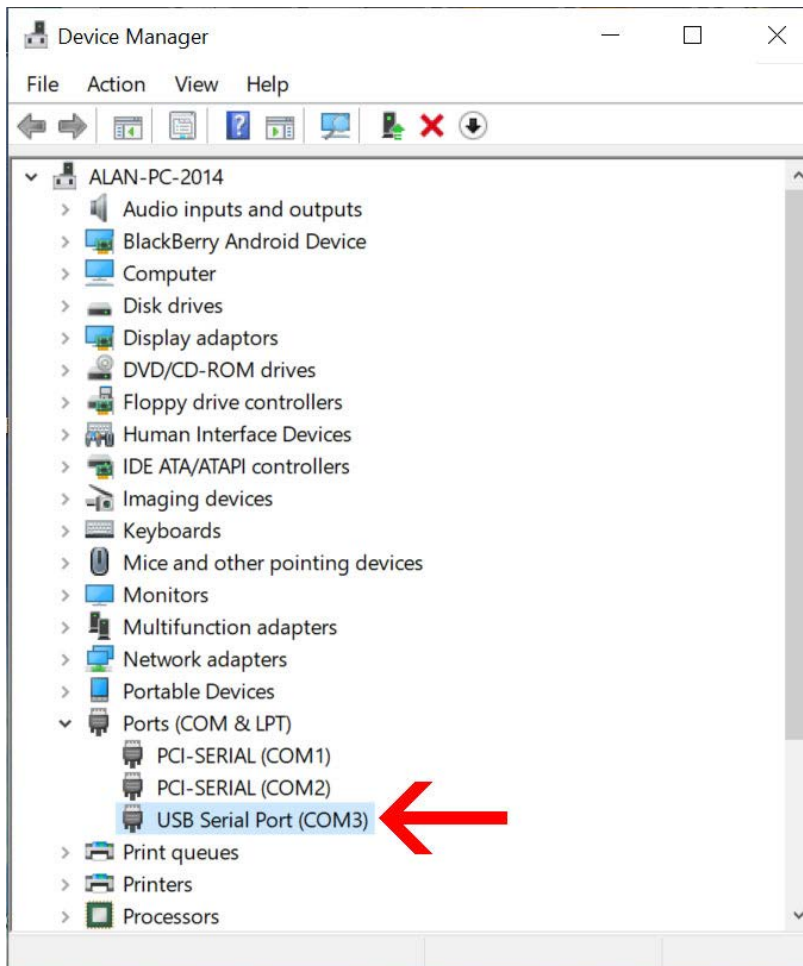
The following items are needed:

- A. G90
- B. USB-to-serial cable (supplied with G90)
- C. A PC running the Microsoft Windows operating system (XP/Vista/7/8/10)
- D. 12-15 V DC power supply
- E. Latest firmware for the G90 must be downloaded onto your PC – note that there are separate firmware files for the base unit and the display unit.
- F. TeraTerm communications software must be installed on your PC – download link below:

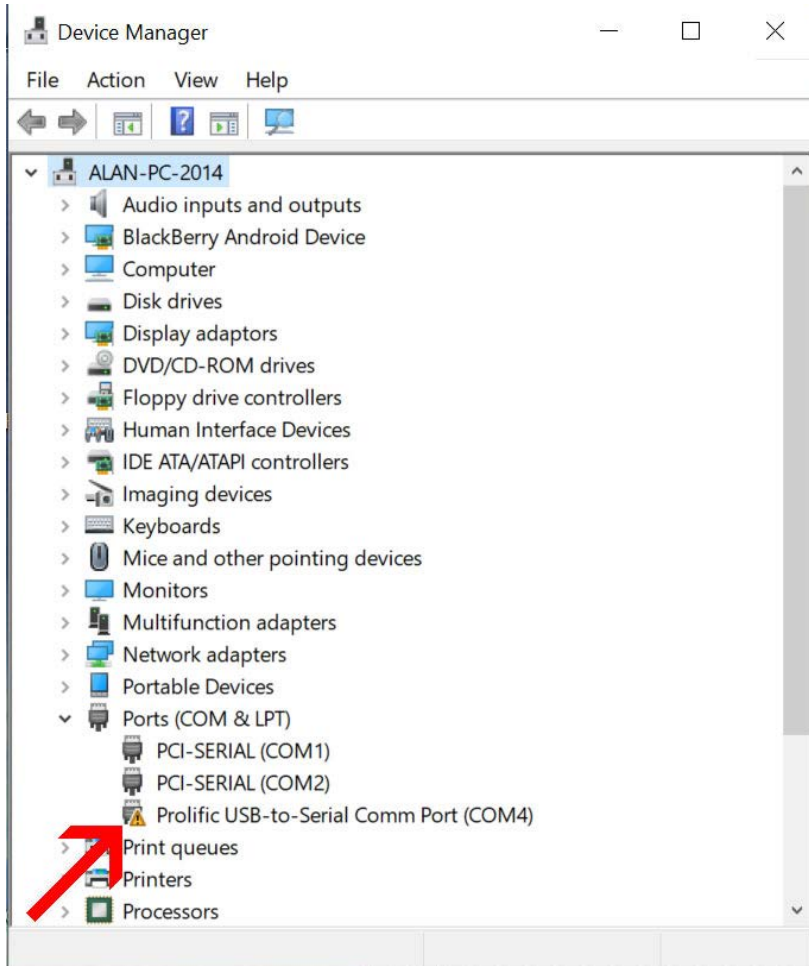
<https://tera-term.en.softonic.com/download>

1. Install USB-to-serial cable:

- A. Plug the USB-to-serial cable into the PC. It should be recognized by Windows, which will install the appropriate driver. Open Windows Device Manager and you will be able to check that it has installed correctly and see which COM port has been allocated to it:



- B. If you are using the old type of USB-to-serial cable supplied with early G90s (it has a black rather than a blue USB housing), which has a Prolific chipset instead of the FTDI chipset in the later cable, you may find that Windows displays an error in Device manager:



- C. To resolve this problem you need to install the correct driver for the cable. To do so, double-click on the item so the *Properties* window opens. Select the *Driver* tab and click on *Update Driver*.

Prolific USB-to-Serial Comm Port (COM4) Properties



General Port Settings **Driver** Details Events

Prolific USB-to-Serial Comm Port (COM4)

Driver Provider: Prolific
Driver Date: 19/11/2009
Driver Version: 3.3.10.140
Digital Signer: Microsoft Windows Hardware Compatibility Publisher

Driver Details View details about the installed driver files.

Update Driver Update the driver for this device.

Roll Back Driver If the device fails after updating the driver, roll back to the previously installed driver.

Disable Device Disable the device.

Uninstall Device Uninstall the device from the system (Advanced).

OK Cancel

D. Select *“Browse my computer for driver software.”*

← Update Drivers – Prolific USB-to-Serial Comm Port (COM4)

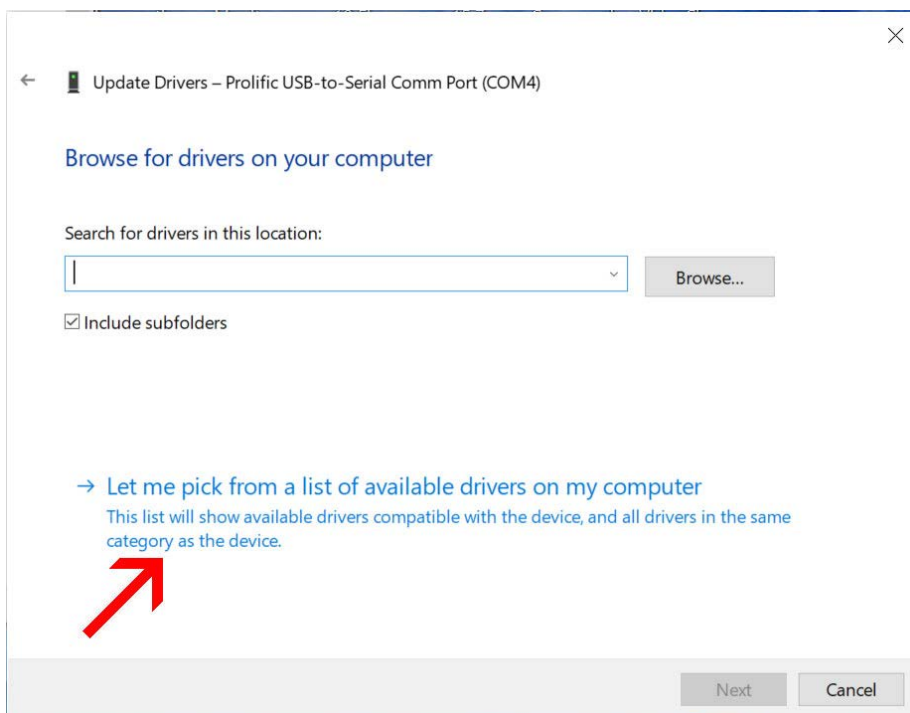
How do you want to search for drivers?

→ Search automatically for updated driver software
Windows will search your computer and the Internet for the latest driver software for your device, unless you've disabled this feature in your device installation settings.

→ Browse my computer for driver software
Locate and install driver software manually.

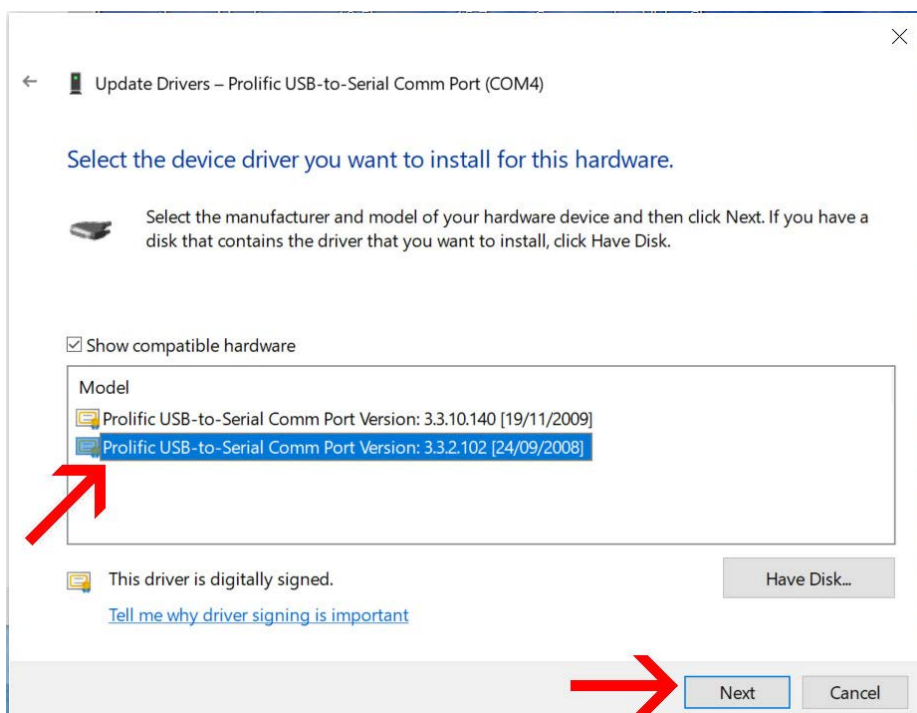
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E. Select "Let me pick from a list of available drivers on my computer."

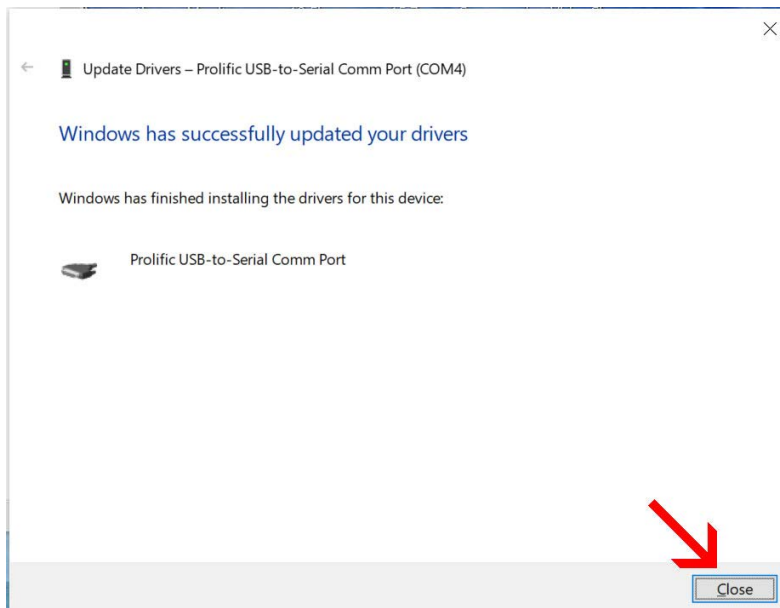


F. The correct driver for the cable is Version 3.3.2.102 dated 24/09/2008. There is a good chance this version is already available on your PC. If it isn't, you can download it from the Sinotel Website:

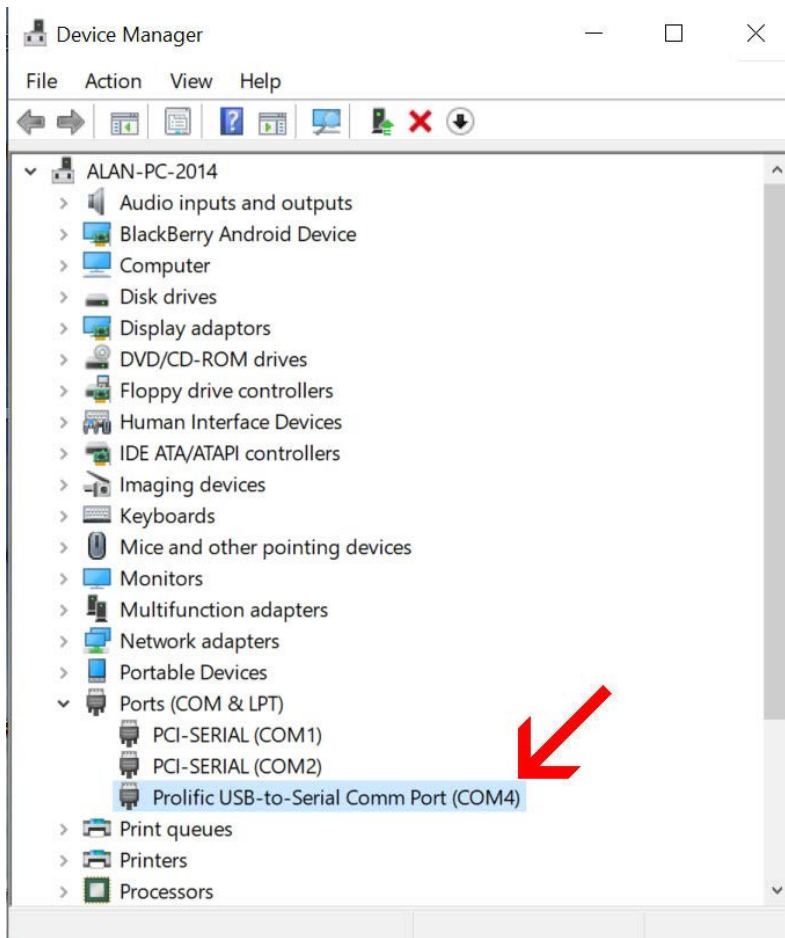
https://www.sinotel.co.uk/extra_files/PL2303_Prolific_DriverInstaller_v1190.zip



G. Once the driver has been successfully installed you will see the following message:



H. Click Close. You can now go back to Device manager to check that the driver has been correctly installed:



PLEASE NOTE: Windows may in its infinite wisdom decide to reinstall the later (non-functioning) driver the next time you plug the USB-to-serial cable into your PC. Always plugging the cable back into the exact same USB socket can prevent this, but not always, so you may have to go through the above procedure again.

2. Connecting everything up:

2.1 Connect power cable



2.2 For Head updating:

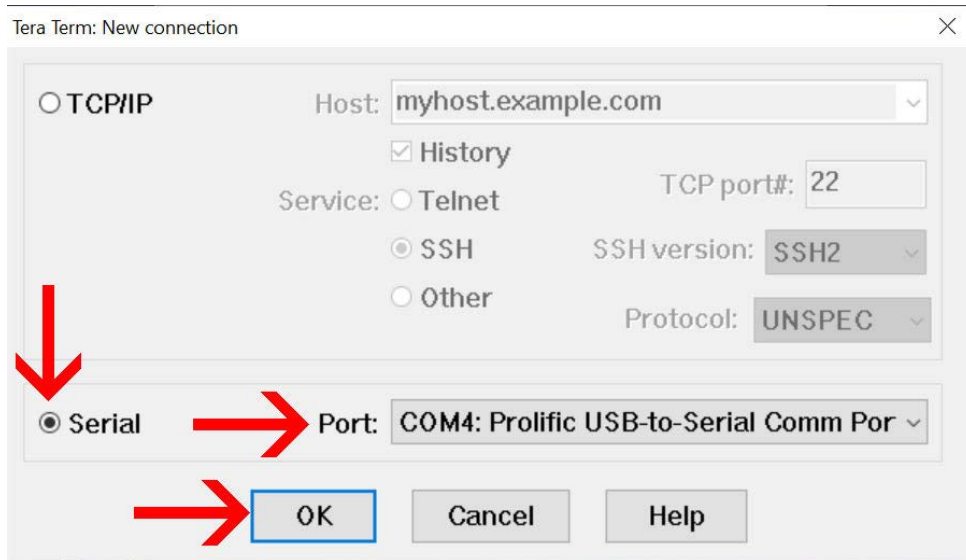


2.3 For Base updating:

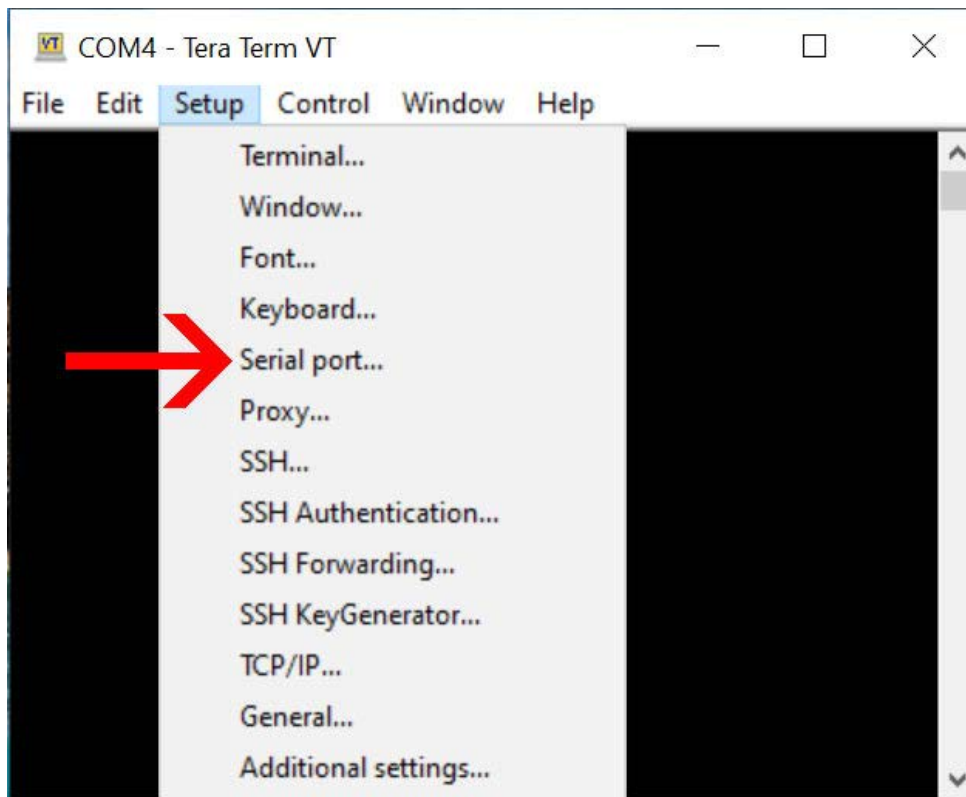


3. Updating firmware using the TeraTerm communication program:

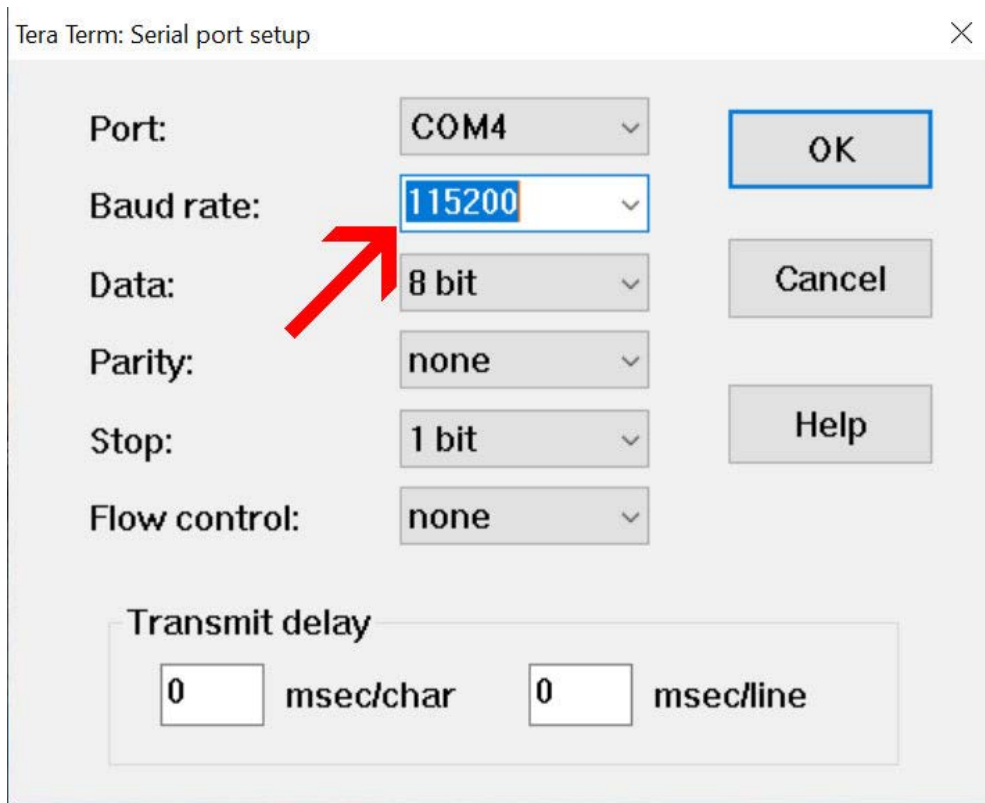
A. Start Teraterm. The following window will open:



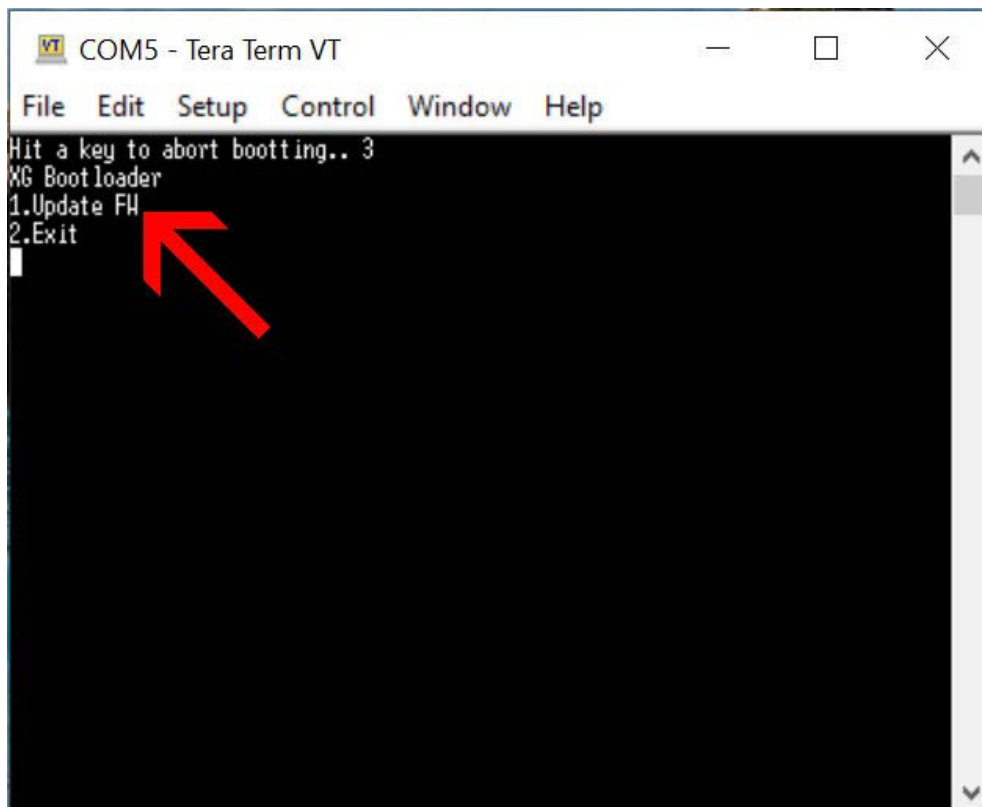
B. Select the *Serial* button, then select the COM port that Windows allocated to your cable from the dropdown *Port* menu. Click OK.



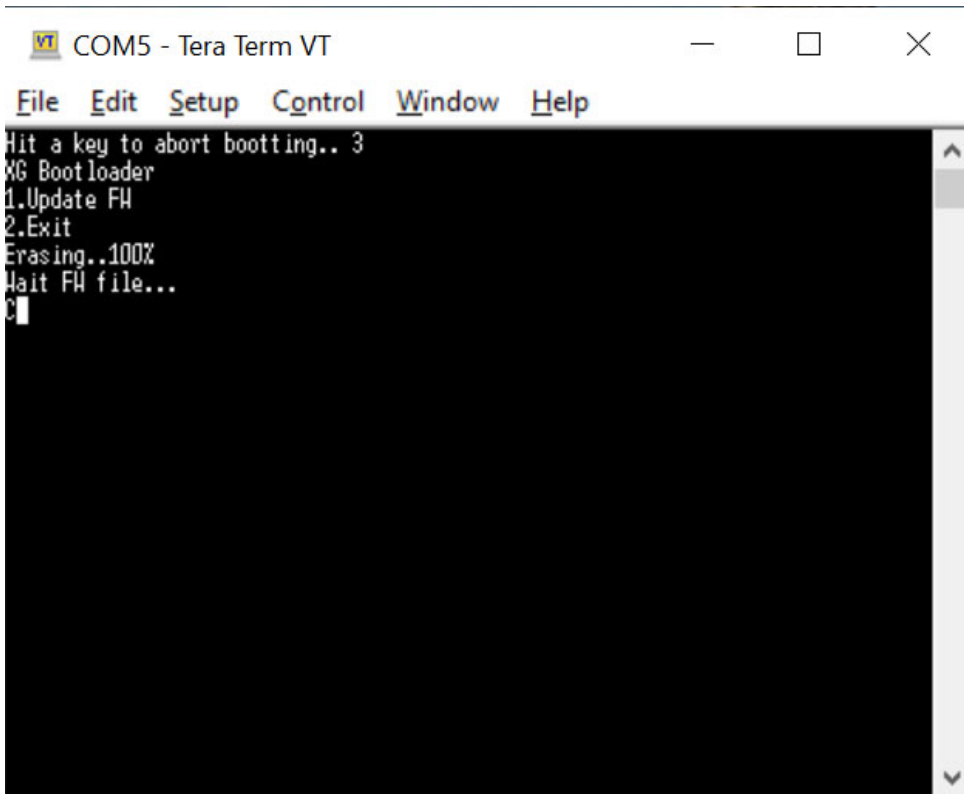
C. The main TeraTerm window will open. Select *Serial port* from the *Setup* menu. Set the *Baud rate* to 115200 using the dropdown menu.



- D. Plug the power cable into your G90 and the USB-to-serial cable into the base unit COMM port as shown above. Turn the PSU on, hold down the space bar on your PC and keep it held down while you press the power button on the G90. You can release the space bar when you see the following appear on the TeraTerm screen:

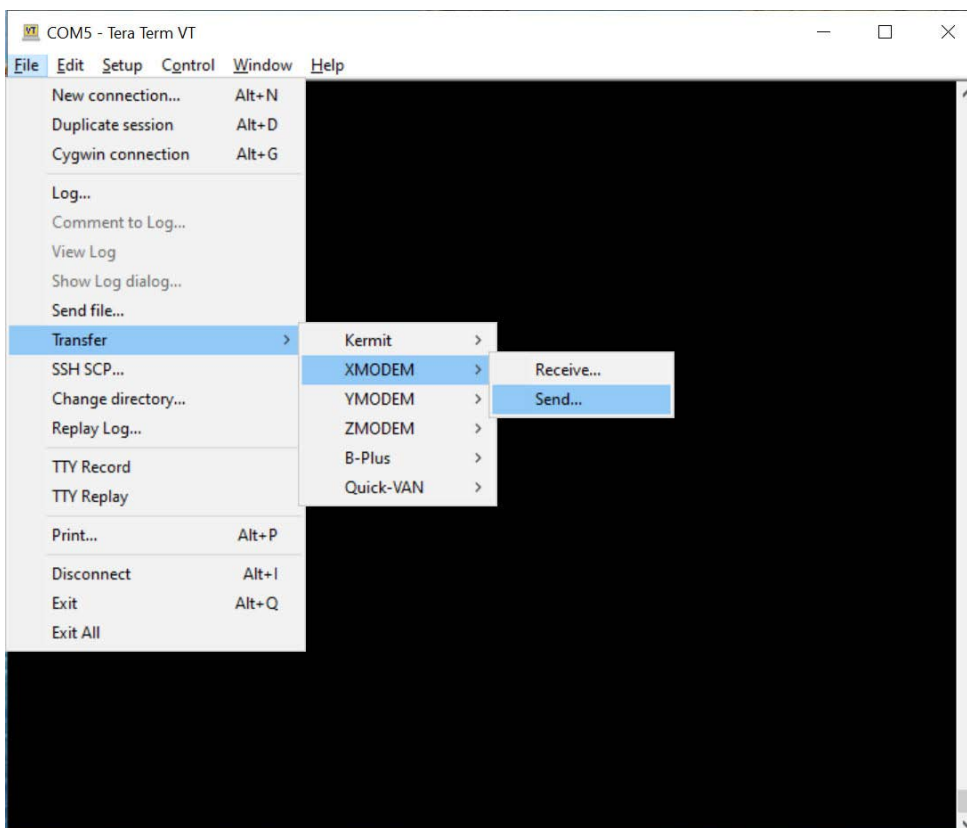


- E. Hit 1 on your PC keyboard. The existing firmware will be erased. You will see the following message when the G90 is ready for the new firmware to be installed:



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "COM5 - Tera Term VT". The menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "Setup", "Control", "Window", and "Help". The terminal text reads: "Hit a key to abort booting.. 3", "WG Bootloader", "1.Update FH", "2.Exit", "Erasing..100%", "Wait FH file...", and a cursor on a new line.

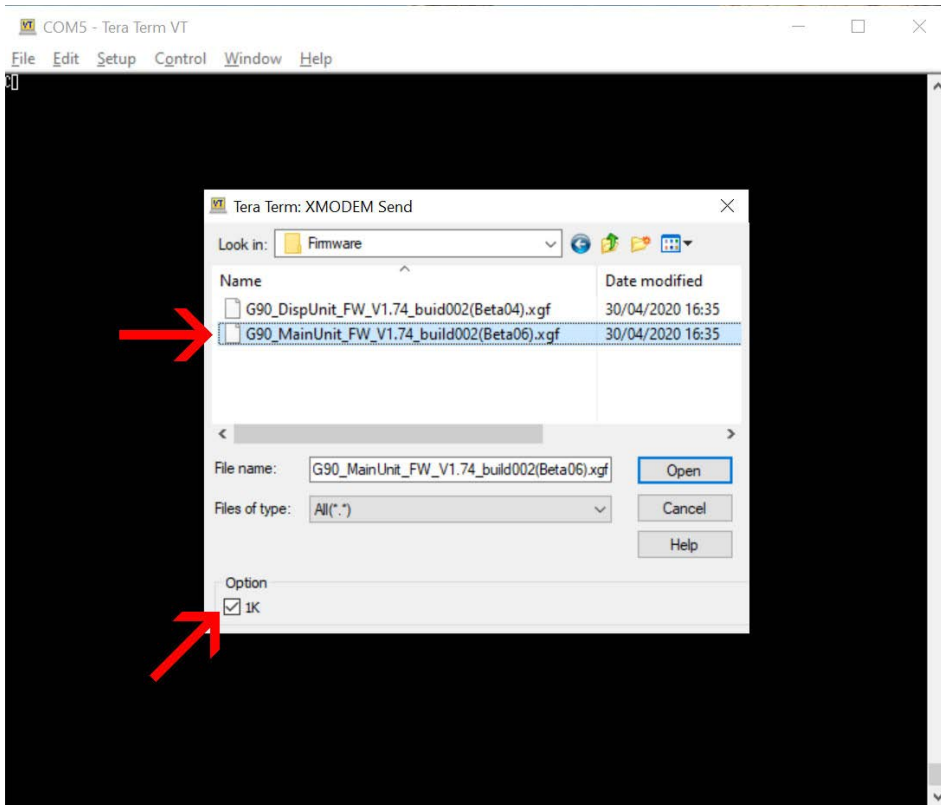
- F. Select *File>Transfer>XMODEM>Send...*



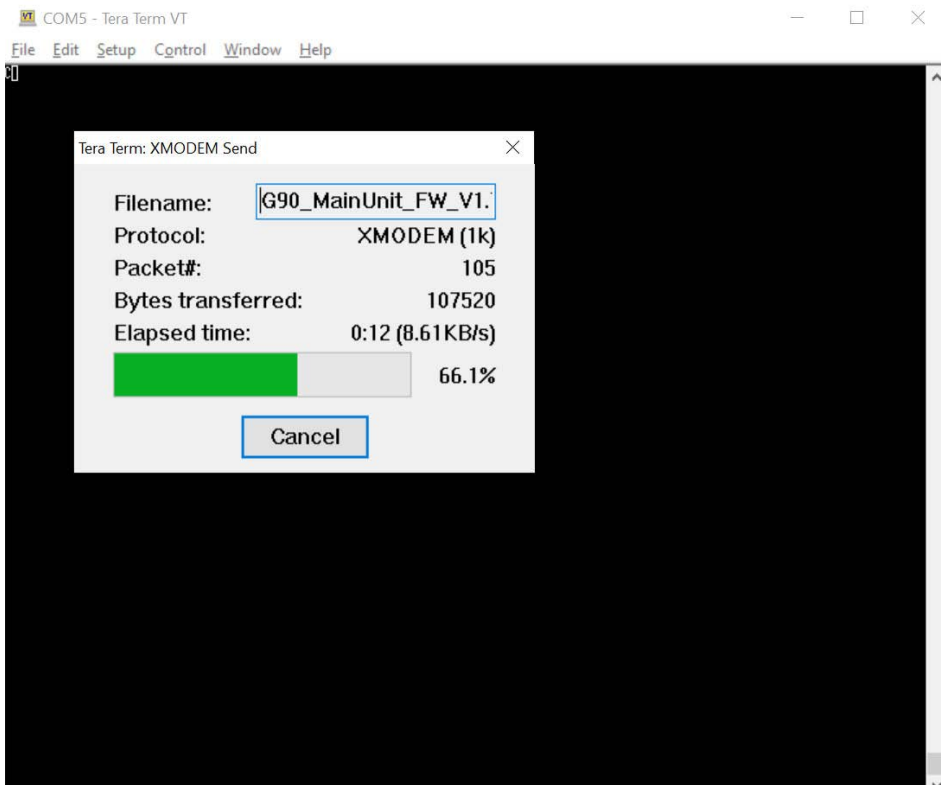
The screenshot shows the same terminal window with the "File" menu open. The "Transfer" option is selected, and its sub-menu is visible, showing "Kermit", "XMODEM", "YMODEM", "ZMODEM", "B-Plus", and "Quick-VAN". The "XMODEM" sub-menu is also open, showing "Receive..." and "Send...".

- G. Before you do anything else, tick the 1K box at the bottom right of the window. The firmware update will not work successfully unless you do so.

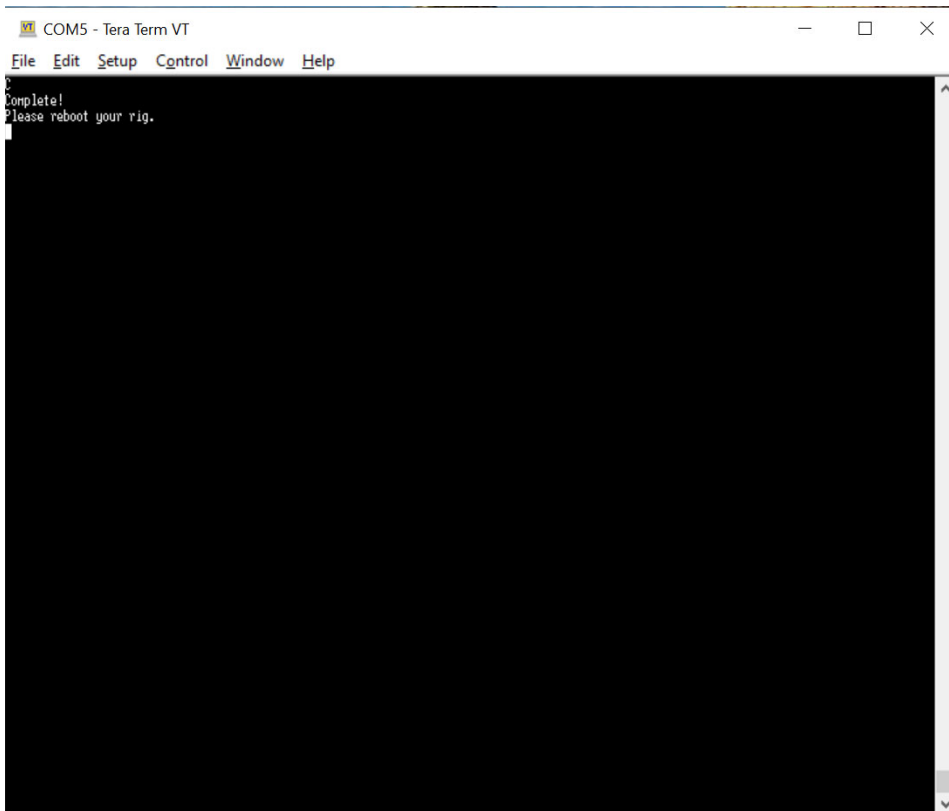
- H. Navigate to the location of the base unit firmware file on your PC using the *Look in:* dropdown pick button and click *Open*.



- I. You will see a progress bar as the firmware is installed:



- J. The following message will appear when the firmware update is complete (for later firmware versions, the reboot process will take place automatically after five seconds):

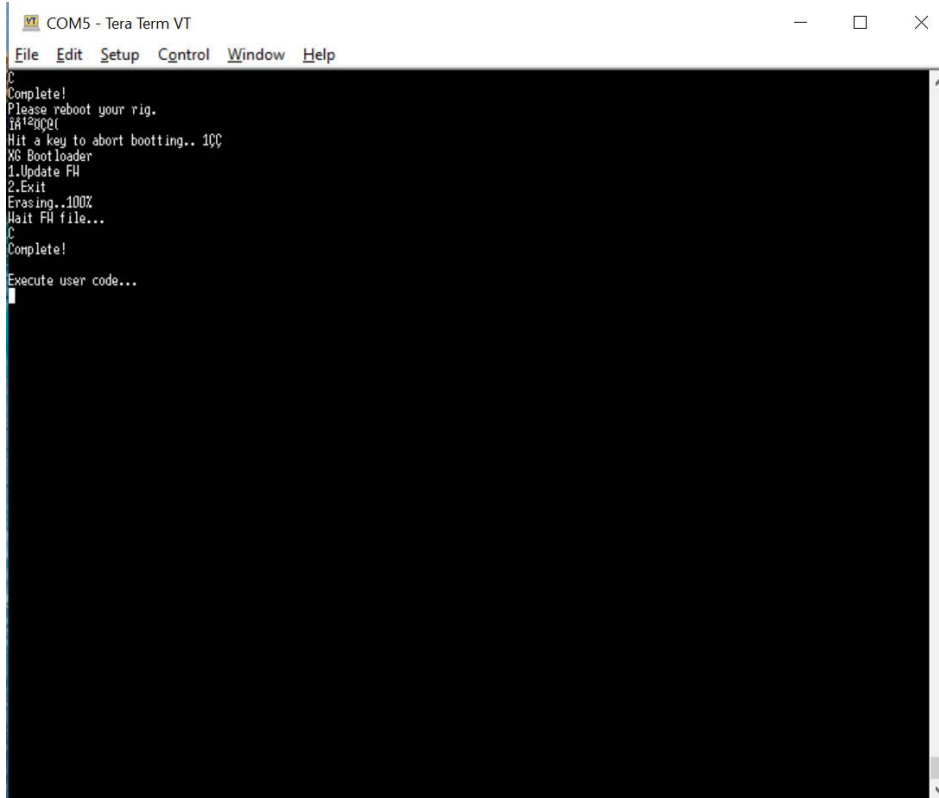


- K. Disconnect the power lead from the G90 for five seconds and plug it back in. Insert the USB-to-serial cable plug into the COMM port on the head unit, as shown above. Hold down the space bar on your PC and keep it held down while you press the power button on the G90.
- L. Repeat steps E to I above, selecting the head unit firmware file at step H.

PLEASE NOTE: FOR G90s WITH A LETTER "V" AS THE FIRST CHARACTER OF THE SERIAL NUMBER, PRESS THE VOLUME BUTTON INWARDS AND HOLD IT WHEN POWERING THE RADIO ON INSTEAD OF HOLDING DOWN THE SPACE BAR ON YOUR PC.

- M. The message *"Execute User Code"* will appear when the firmware update of the head unit has completed.
- N. Disconnect the power lead from the G90 for five seconds and plug it back in. Press and hold down the FUNC key to the top right of the display screen on the G90, then press the power button and release it, but keep the FUNC key held down until you see a message on the G90 screen: *"Main Reset."*
- O. Release the FUNC key and press the PRE button to the bottom left of the G90 display screen.
- P. You're good to go.

If for some reason the firmware update does not complete successfully, and you get a blank screen or a *"Comm Lost"* message, simply repeat the update process.



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COM5 - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
C
Complete!
Please reboot your rig.
i412000
Hit a key to abort booting.. 100
MS Bootloader
1.Update FH
2.Exit
Erasing..100%
Wait FH file...
C
Complete!
Execute user code...
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