

# EKI-1528I-DR

# EKI-1528CI-DR

8-Port RS-232/422/485 Device Server

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## Features

- 2 x 10/100 Mbps Ethernet ports for LAN redundancy
- Provides COM port redirection (Virtual COM), TCP, and UDP operation modes
- Supports up to 921.6 kbps and any baud rate setting
- Allows a maximum of 5 hosts to access one serial port
- Allows a maximum of 16 hosts to be accessed in TCP client mode
- Built-in 15-kV ESD protection for all serial signals
- Provides rich configuration methods including Windows utility, Telnet console, and web browser
- Supports 32/64-bit Windows XP/7/8.1/10, Windows Server 2003/2008/2012/2016/2019, and Linux
- Automatic RS-485 data flow control
- Supports line-to-line (2 kV) and line-to-ground (4 kV) surge protection
- "I" models support a wide operating temperature
- "CI" models support isolation and a wide operating temperature

## Introduction

The EKI-1528I and EKI-1528CI feature two independent Ethernet ports and MAC addresses to provide a redundant network mechanism that guarantees Ethernet network reliability. These serial device servers are designed to connect RS-232/422/485 serial devices such as PLC, meters, sensors, and barcode readers to an IP-based Ethernet LAN. They allow nearly any device with serial ports to connect and share an Ethernet network, while also providing various operations such as COM port redirection (Virtual COMport), TCP server, TCP client, and UDP mode. With COM port redirection mode, standard serial operation calls are transparently redirected to the servers, guaranteeing compatibility with legacy serial devices and enabling backward-compatibility with existing software. With TCP server, TCP client, and UDP modes, the EKI-1528I and EKI-1528CI ensure compatibility in network software using a standard network API. Moreover, serial devices can be made communicate with other devices via peer-to-peer, thus eliminating the need for an intermediate host PC and software programming.

## Specifications

### Ethernet Communications

- **Compatibility** IEEE 802.3, IEEE 802.3u
- **Speed** 10/100 Mbps
- **No. of Ports** 2
- **Port Connector** 8-pin RJ45
- **Protection** Built-in 2.25 kV<sub>DC</sub> magnetic isolation

### Serial Communications

- **Port Type** RS-232/422/485, software selectable ("CI" model supports RS-422/485)
- **No. of Ports** 8
- **Port Connector** DB9 male
- **Data Bits** 5, 6, 7, 8
- **Stop Bits** 1, 1.5, 2
- **Parity** None, Odd, Even, Space, Mark
- **Flow Control** XON/XOFF, RTS/CTS, DTR/DSR
- **Baud Rate** 50 bps ~ 921.6 kbps, any baud rate setting
- **Serial Signals** RS-232: TxD, RxD, CTS, RTS, DTR, DSR, DCD, RI, GND  
RS-422: TxD+, TxD-, RxD+, RxD-, GND  
RS-485: Data+, Data-, GND
- **Protection** Built-in 15 kV ESD for all signals

### Software

- **Driver Support** Windows XP/7/8.1/10, Windows Server 2003/2008/2012/2016/2019, and Linux
- **Operation Modes** COM port redirection mode (Virtual COM)  
TCP/UDP server (polling) mode  
TCP/UDP client (event handling) mode  
Pair connection (peer to peer) mode  
Windows utility, Telnet console, Web Browser  
SNMP MIB-II
- **Configuration**
- **Management**

### Mechanics

- **Dimensions (W x H x D)** 86 x 140 x 95 mm (3.38" x 5.51" x 3.74")
- **Enclosure** Metal with solid mounting hardware
- **Mounting** DIN-rail, Wall
- **Weight** EKI-1528I:900g/ EKI-1528CI:1000g

### General

- **LED Indicators** System: Power, System Status/LAN: Speed, Link/Active  
Serial: Tx, Rx

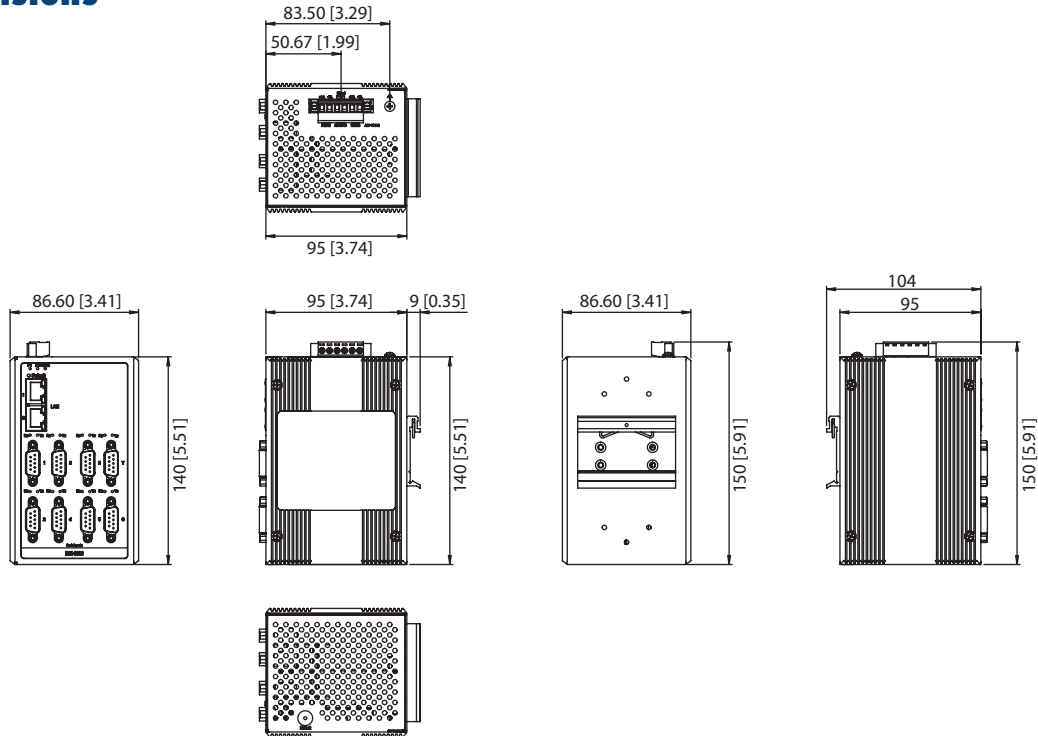
### Power Requirements

- **Input** 12 ~ 48 V<sub>DC</sub>, redundant dual inputs
- **Connector** Terminal block
- **Consumption** EKI-1528I: 5W  
EKI-1528CI: 6W



## Dimensions

Unit: mm [inch]



**Panel Cut-out Dimensions: 86 x 140 x 95 mm (3.38" x 5.51" x 3.74")**

### Environment

- **Operating Temperature** -40 ~ 70°C (-40 ~ 158°F)
- **Storage Temperature** -40 ~ 85°C (-40 ~ 185°F)
- **Operating Humidity** 10 ~ 95% RH

### Regulatory Approvals

- **EMC** CE, FCC Part 15 Subpart B (Class A)

### Port to Port Isolation ('CI' models)

- **Serial to Ethernet** 2.25 k V<sub>DC</sub>
- **Serial to Power** 2 k V<sub>DC</sub>
- **Ethernet to Power** 2.25 k V<sub>DC</sub>

## Ordering Information

- **EKI-1528I-DR** 8-port RS-232/422/485 Serial Device Server with Wide Temp.
- **EKI-1528CI-DR** 8-port RS-422/485 Serial Device Server with Wide Temp. and Isolation