USER GUIDE:
INSTALLING THE DESKTOP USB DRIVER
INTRODUCTION

TSL® Readers use the standard FTDI device to provide a serial connection to the reader over USB. This presents the reader to the operating system as a standard COM port. The USB connection has priority over the Bluetooth connection so while connected over USB, although the Bluetooth will remain connected, all commands over Bluetooth will be ignored. The command interface is the same over Bluetooth or USB so the same TSL® ASCII protocol is used over either Bluetooth or USB.

To connect a TSL® Reader to a desktop PC via a USB connection, the necessary Virtual COM Port (VCP) drivers must be installed. If these drivers do not automatically install through Windows Update, this document details how to manually install the USB drivers.

MANUALLY INSTALLING THE VCP DRIVER

1. The required VCP Driver package can be downloaded from Future Technology Devices International Ltd
2. Visit http://www.ftdichip.com
3. Browse to Drivers, VCP Drivers
4. Download the relevant driver files (or setup executable) for your operating system (see FIGURE 1).
5. Run the executable and follow the on-screen instructions to unpack and install the driver package

**FIGURE 1:** Location of Windows setup executable (circled in red) at www.ftdichip.com/Drivers/VCP.htm
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TSL® designs and manufactures both standard and custom embedded, snap on and standalone peripherals for handheld computer terminals. Embedded technologies include:

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- Contact Smartcard
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- 1D and 2D Barcode Scanning
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