

# Tips for Techs

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<b>Product(s):</b>	<b>FB1200 Viewer, Tech-Lynk Cable</b>	<b>Issue #:</b>	<b>TIP2021-08</b>
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**Subject: Initial connection of the Tech-Lynk Cable to Laptop**

**Procedure:**

When a Tech-Lynk cable is connected to a Windows PC or laptop the first time, the operating system will automatically download the driver to connect to the FB1200 through a virtual COM port.

For this to occur, the PC must have an active internet connection the first time the Tech-Lynk cable is connected to a USB port. Once the driver is installed, the USB Tech-Lynk and FB1200 Viewer can be used without internet service.

To confirm that the driver has installed, with the Tech-Lynk cable connected, go to the PC's **Device Manager** and expand the **Ports (COM & LPT)** item. *Prolific USB-to-Serial Comm Port (COMX)* should be displayed, where X is the number of the virtual COM port.