

MediaConverter Series

Operation Manual



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MediaConverter/8 and /12

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About the Modular Media Converters & Chassis

The Modular Media Converter Series includes modules that convert copper to single-mode or multi-mode fiber at Ethernet, Fast Ethernet and Gigabit speeds. All Modules are unmanaged media converters, to allow simple installation.

Modular Media Converter series chassis provide power to media converter modules, and are available with one, four, eight or twelve slots for installing any combination of McPIMs (10Mbps Ethernet), McLIMs (100 Mbps Fast Ethernet), McLIM TP-TX/FX (Switching 10/100 Mbps) and McGigabit modules (1.25 Gbps Ethernet). All chassis include internal AC power, and a country-specific power cord is included with each chassis.

Media Converter	Description
1	Is a standalone chassis which includes one media conversion module slot, and a fixed, internal 115/230 VAC power supply.
4	Is a standalone chassis which includes four media conversion module slots, and a fixed, internal 120/240 VAC power supply.
8	Is a 1U high, Rackmountable chassis that includes eight media module slots and a fixed 120/240 VAC power supply.
12	Is a Rackmountable chassis and includes twelve media conversion module slots and a 115/230 VAC power supply. MediaConverter/12 is 1U high and has the power on the rear of the chassis with media conversion module slots on the front. For redundancy a second power supply maybe installed.

About McPIMs

McPIMs (Media Converter Port Interface Modules) are 10 Mbps Ethernet modules which provide a single-conversion between 10Base-T twisted pair and 10Base-FL single-mode or multi-mode fiber. McPIMs include one RJ-45 connector and one pair of ST or SC fiber optic connectors. Each McPIM requires one slot in a media converter chassis.

About McLIMs

McLIMs (Media Converter Link Interface Modules) are 100 Mbps Fast Ethernet modules which provide a single-conversion between 100Base-TX twisted pair and 100Base-FX (McLIM TX/FX) or 100Base-SX (McLIM TX/SX) fiber and support Half or Full-Duplex.

McLIM TP-TX/FX is an Auto Negotiating, switching media converter which offers plug-and-play operation to convert 10 Mbps or 100 Mbps, Half-or-Full-Duplex twisted pair to 100Base-FX, Full-Duplex fiber. McLIM TP-TX/FX allows jumbo packets of up to 1916 bytes.

McLIMs include one RJ-45 connector for the twisted pair port and one pair of fiber connectors for the fiber port. McLIMs are also available in single-strand fiber versions which include one SC fiber connector. Each McLIM requires one slot in a media converter chassis.

About McGigabit

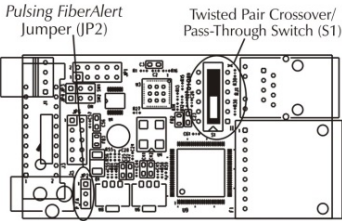
McGigabit is a Gigabit Ethernet module which provides a single-conversion between 1000Base-SX (multi-mode) or LX (single-mode) fiber and 1000Base-T copper. McGigabit offers plug-and-play operation, and always operates at Full-Duplex. McGigabit modules include one RJ-45 connector for the twisted pair port and one pair of SC fiber connectors. Single-strand single-mode fiber versions are also available. Each McGigabit requires one slot in a media converter chassis.

NOTE
This Manual refers to McPIM, McLIM and McGigabit modules as "Media Conversion Modules" except where differences require indication.

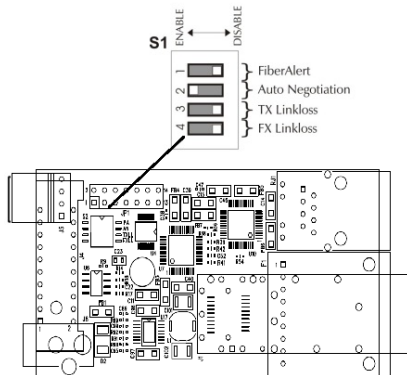
Configuring Media Conversion Modules

The McPIMs and McLIMs can be configured for a variety of features before installation (see board Diagrams/Configuration Table for specific information). **McLIM TP-TX/FX and McGigabit have plug-and-play operation and require no configuration.** The illustrations show the location of the configuration jumpers and switches on the various Media Conversion Modules.

Board Diagrams and Jumper/Switch Settings



McPIM 10Mbps board



McLIM 100Mbps board

NOTE

Jumper settings apply only to 10Mbps and 100Mbps boards. 10/100 Switching modules and Gigabit modules sets do not require any configuration and are not shown above.

Media Converter Jumper/DIP Switch Configuration Table

Module/Board	Feature	Jumper Position	ON (pins)	OFF (pins)	Factory Default
McPIM 10Mbps with Pulsing FiberAlert Jumpers	Pulsing FiberAlert TP LinkLoss FO LinkLoss	JP2 N/A N/A	1-2 ALWAYS ENA ALWAYS ENA	2-3 N/A N/A	OFF ALWAYS ENA ALWAYS ENA
McLIM TX/FX 100Mbps with AutoCross MDI-II/MDI-X DIP Switch	FiberAlert Auto Negotiation TX LinkLoss FX LinkLoss	S1 S2 S3 S4	N/A	N/A	OFF ON OFF OFF

Twisted Pair Crossover/Straight-Through Connections

Whether using crossover or straight-through CAT5 twisted pair cabling, all Switching Modules will support both types of connections by one of the following methods:

AutoCross	McLIM TX/FX (100Mbps) and McGigabit include AutoCross, a feature that automatically selects between a crossover workstation or straight-through connection depending on the connected device.
MDI-II/MDI-X Switch	All McPIMs (10Mbps) feature a 2-position switch, located at position S1 (see table for location on boards), for selecting a crossover workstation connection or straight-through connection. The switch is labeled with "X" for a crossover connection (factory default) and an "I" for a straight-through connection. Select the appropriate setting by moving the switch to the proper position before installing the media conversion module. If uncertain whether crossover or straight-through is needed, set the switch to the position that makes the link LED glow.

LinkLoss, FiberAlert and Link Fault Pass-Through

McPIM TP/FO and McLIM TX/FX and TX/SX include the following features:

- FO/FX LinkLoss (Fiber LinkLoss)
- TP/TX LinkLoss (Twisted Pair LinkLoss)
- FiberAlert and Pulsing FiberAlert

FiberAlert and LinkLoss are advanced troubleshooting features that can help you locate "silent failures" on your network. However, it is vital to understand exactly how FiberAlert and LinkLoss work, and how they will react in the network configuration, before attempting to install the enclosed module(s).

WARNING
Installing modules without understanding the effects of FiberAlert and LinkLoss can cause perfectly functioning units to appear flawed or non-functional.

Link Integrity

During normal operation, link integrity pulses are transmitted by all point-to-point Ethernet devices. When an B+B SmartWorX media converter receives valid link pulses, it knows that the device to which it is connected is up and sending pulses, and that the copper or fiber cable coming from that device is intact. The appropriate “LNK” (link) LED is lit to indicate this.

The B+B SmartWorX media converter also sends out link pulses from its copper and fiber transmitters, but normally has no way of knowing whether the cable to the other device is intact and the link pulses are reaching the other end. The combination of FiberAlert and LinkLoss allows this information to be obtained, even when physical access to a remote device (and its link integrity LED) is not available.

FO/FX LinkLoss

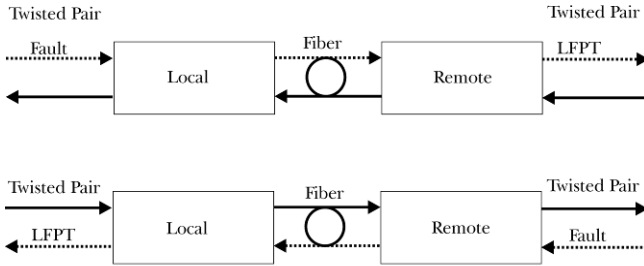
FO/FX LinkLoss is a troubleshooting feature. When a fault occurs on the fiber segment of a conversion, FO/FX LinkLoss detects the fault and passes this information to the twisted pair segment. If a media converter is not receiving a fiber link, FO/FX LinkLoss disables the transmitter on the media converter's twisted pair port. This results in a loss of link on the device connected to the twisted pair port.

TP/TX LinkLoss

TP/TX LinkLoss is another troubleshooting feature. When a fault occurs on the twisted pair segment of a conversion, TP/TX LinkLoss detects the fault and passes this information to the fiber segment. If a media converter is not receiving a twisted pair link, TP/TX LinkLoss disables the transmitter on the media converter's fiber port. This results in a loss of link on the device connected to the fiber port.

Link Fault Pass Through

Link Fault Pass Through (LFPT) is a troubleshooting feature that combines TX and FX LinkLoss from both the local and remote media converter modules (only available on the McLIM,100Mbps TX/FX). LFPT is enabled by turning on both FX and TX LinkLoss on each module if installed as a pair. This feature allows both end segments of the conversion to detect link faults occurring in the media conversion chain.



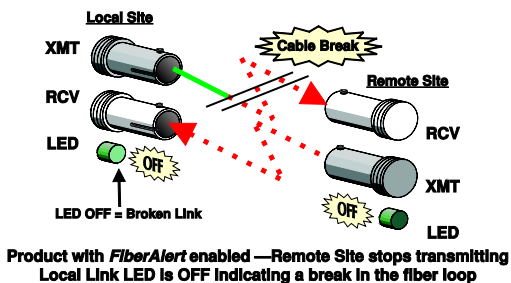
FX and TX LinkLoss enabled on both modules will enable LFPT

FiberAlert

FiberAlert minimizes the problems associated with the loss of one strand of fiber. If a strand is unavailable, the B+B SmartWorX device at the receiver end notes the loss of link. The device will then stop transmitting data and the link signal until a signal or link pulse is received. The result is that the link LED on BOTH sides of the fiber connection will go out indicating a fault somewhere in the fiber loop. Using FiberAlert, a local site administrator is notified of a fault and can quickly determine where a cable fault is located.

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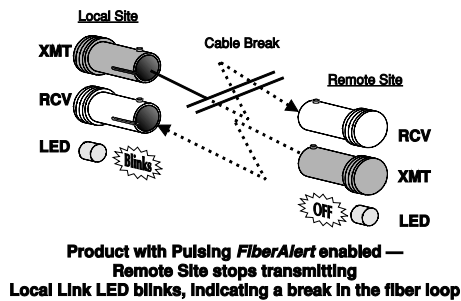
Enable FiberAlert on ONE side of a media conversion only; enabling it on both sides will keep both transmitters off indefinitely!



Pulsing FiberAlert

Pulsing FiberAlert minimizes the problems associated with the loss of one strand of fiber. If a strand is unavailable, the device at the receiver end notes the loss of link. The device will stop transmitting data and start sending link pulses. Until a valid link is received, the fiber link LED will be OFF on the device on the receiver side of the fiber strand with the fault while the fiber Link LED on the other unit will blink. Pulsing FiberAlert notifies a local site administrator of a fault, allowing quick determination of where a cable fault resides.

NOTE
Pulsing FiberAlert can be enabled on BOTH sides of a conversion.



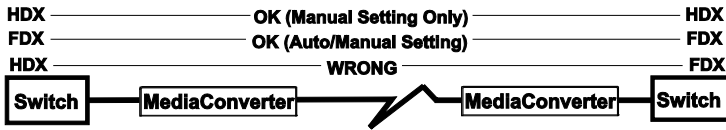
Auto Negotiation

The following chart states the availability of the Auto Negotiation feature on media conversion modules.

Auto Negotiation Product Comparison		
10 Mbps Modules	Auto Negotiation	N/A
100 Mbps Modules	Auto Negotiation	DIP Switch Selectable
10/100 Mbps Modules	Auto Negotiation	Always Enabled

Auto Negotiation on 100Mbps, 10/100Mbps Modules

When Auto Negotiation is enabled, the media converter negotiates as a 100 Mbps Full-Duplex device; if the device the media converter is connected to can operate at 100 Mbps Full-Duplex, a link will be established. If the twisted pair port on the other device does not have the ability to Auto Negotiate, or if a 100 Mbps Half-Duplex connection is desired, Auto Negotiation on the media converter must be disabled. Half- and Full-Duplex settings must be manually set and match on both end devices to which the media converters are connected. The diagram below shows a typical application, followed by a table with three possible configurations.

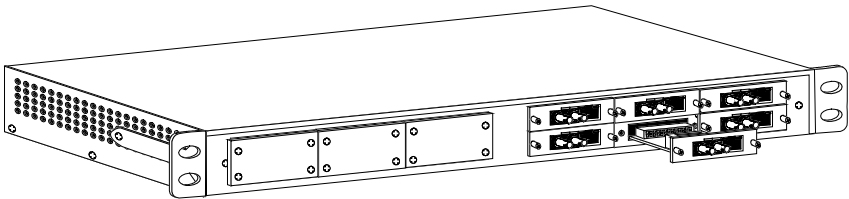


End to End Connection	End Device	Media Converter
Half-Duplex	Manually configure HDX	Auto Negotiation Off
Full-Duplex	Manually configure FDX	Auto Negotiation Off
Full-Duplex	Auto Negotiation On	Auto Negotiation On

Installing Media Converter Modules

The media conversion modules can be installed in any available slot in a media converter chassis. Media conversion modules are hot-swappable.

Media conversion modules include screws on the faceplate for securing them to the media converter chassis. To install a module, simply unscrew the blank bracket converting the slot where the module is installed. Slide the module into the chassis, via the card guides, until the module is seated securely in the connector. Hand tighten the thumb screw until snug. Finish tightening the thumb screw using a screw driver, being careful to not over-tighten.



NOTE

Media converter chassis ship with all but one media conversion module slot covered with "blank" brackets. Be sure to keep unused slots covered for EMI containment. It is a good idea to save any "blanks" removed during installation for future use if configuration requirements change.

Installation Tip

Since single-strand fiber products use optics that transmit and receive on two different wavelengths, the single-strand fiber products must be deployed in pairs, or connect two compatible B+B SmartWorX single-strand fiber products. For example, connect Compact Media Converter, TX/SSFX-SM1310-SC (which has 1310 xmt and 1550 rcv) to a product which has 1550 xmt and 1310 rcv, e.g. 100 Mbps TX/SSFX-SM1550-SC Module. The two connected products must also have the same speed and distance capabilities (i.e. both are single-mode [20 km] or both are single/PLUS [40 km]).

Power Supply Installation

When installing a redundant power supply module into a powered-on 12-Slot chassis, B+B SmartWorX recommends setting the ON/OFF switch on the module (if present) to OFF. After installing the power supply, turn its switch ON.

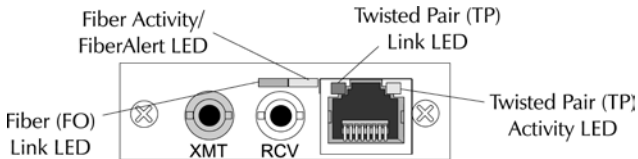
If the redundant power supply module does NOT have an ON/OFF switch, B+B SmartWorX recommends powering-down the chassis before installing the power supply. Turn the chassis back ON after installing the power supply.

LED Operation

Each media conversion module features diagnostic LEDs (see diagrams below) that provide information on features and ports.

LEDs on on McPIM TP/FO

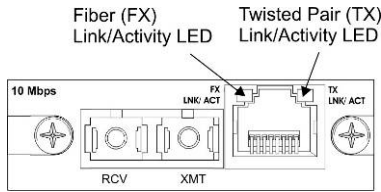
The LED functions for McPIM TP/FO with fiber ports are as follows:



FO LINK	Glows green when link is established on the fiber port.
FIBERALERT	Glows amber when <i>FiberAlert</i> is enabled
TP LINK	Glows green when link is established on the TP port.
ACTIVITY	Blinks amber when data is being passed on either port.

LEDs on McPIM TP/FO (10Mbps)

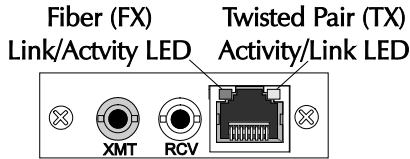
The LED functions on McPIM TP/FO are as follows:



FO LINK/ACT	Glows green when link is established on the FO port; blinks green when activity is detected on the port.
TP LINK/ACT	Glows amber when link is established on the TP port; blinks amber when activity is detected on the port.

LEDs on McLIM TP-TX/FX (10/100Mbps)

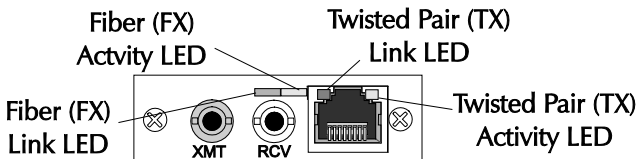
The LED functions on McLIM TP-TX/FX are as follows:



FX LINK/ACT	Glows green when link is established on the FX port; blinks green when activity is detected on the port.
TX LINK/ACT	Glows green when link is established on the TP/TX port; blinks green when activity is detected on the port.

LEDs on McLIM TX/FX and TX/SX

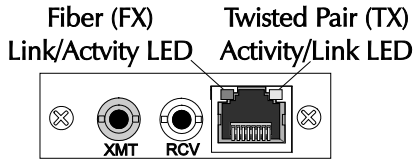
The LED functions on McLIM TX/FX are as follows:



FX LINK	Glows green when link is established on the FX port.
FX ACTIVITY	Glows amber if data is being passed on the FX port.
TX PAIR LINK	Glows green if link is established on the TX port.
TX ACTIVITY	Glows amber when data is being passed on the TX port.

LEDs on McGigabit

The LED functions on McGigabit and McLIM TX/FX and TX/SX Modules are as follows:



FX LINK/ACT	Glows green when link is established on the FX port; blinks green when activity is detected on the port.
TX LINK/ACT	Glows amber when link is established on the TX port; blinks amber when activity is detected on the port.
ACTIVITY	Glows green in normal operation.

MediaConverter Series Chassis

The MediaConverter Series Chassis are available in one, four, eight and twelve slot chassis. The one, four and eight include one power supply. The twelve slot chassis includes one power supply and has an available slot to purchase and populate a second slot for redundant power.

All Modules, McPIM, McLIM, McLIM 10/100 and McGigabit, can be installed in the chassis and in any combination.

LEDs on MediaConverter Chassis

4-Slot and 8-Slot chassis include LEDs on the back of the chassis. The LEDs will only light if a 10Mbps McPIM is installed. All Modules offer port interface LEDs for link and activity; do not rely on the chassis LEDs other than the power LED.

LEDs on Power Supplies

Power supplies include the following LEDs:

POWER	Glows green when chassis has power.
ACTIVITY	This LED blinks green when data is being passed on either port of a module that does not include Link/Activity LEDs; applicable to modules only.

Installation Troubleshooting

The following information assists in troubleshooting the Modular Media Converters:

- During installation, first test the fiber and twisted pair connections with all troubleshooting features disabled, then enable these features, if desired, just before final installation. This will reduce the features' interference with testing.
- When working with units where the features cannot be connect, establish BOTH the twisted pair and fiber connections in order to establish link LEDs.
- To test a media converter by itself, have an appropriate fiber patch cable, then follow these steps to test:
 1. Connect the media converter to the twisted pair device with a twisted pair cable.
 2. Loop a single strand of fiber from the transmit port to the receive port of the media converter.
 3. Verify that both the twisted pair and the fiber link (see LEDs, below) on the media converter.

NOTE
Use caution when conducting a loopback test; it is possible to create a network loop if connecting the twisted pair port to an active network switch. B+B SmartWorX recommends connecting the twisted pair cable to a PC for this type of test.

- Make sure to use the appropriate twisted pair cable, and have the crossover/straight-through switch set correctly if the media converter does not include AutoCross.
- If using a high powered device (which is designed for long distance installations) for a short distance installation, the fiber transmitters may overdrive the receivers and cause data loss. If this is the case, an optical attenuator may need to be added to the connection.

Rackmount Instructions

Elevated Operating Ambient	If installed in a closed or multi-unit rack assembly, the operating ambient temperature of the rack environment may be greater than room ambient. Therefore, consideration should be given to installing the equipment in an environment compatible with the maximum ambient temperature (Tma) specified by the manufacturer.
Reduced Air Flow	Installation of the equipment in a rack should be such that the amount of air flow required for safe operation of the equipment is not compromised.
Circuit Overloading	Consideration should be given to the connection of the equipment to the supply circuit and the effect that overloading of the circuits might have on over current protection and supply wiring. Approximate consideration of equipment nameplate ratings should be used when addressing this concern.
Reliable Grounding	Reliable grounding of Rackmounted equipment should be maintained. Particular attention should be given to supply connections other than direct connections to the branch circuit (e.g. use of power strips).

Specifications

Operating Temperature

+32°F to +122°F (0°C to +50°C); 5% to 95% (non-condensing), 0 – 10,000 ft. altitude

Storage Temperature

-13°F to +158°F (-25°C to +70°C); 5% to 95% (non-condensing)

*Some products may support lower operating and storage temperatures.

Electrical

Media Converter Chassis	AC Input Load	Maximum Heat Generated
1	115/230 or 120-240 VAC , 50/60Hz, 0.3A/0.15A	51 BTU/hour
4	120/240 VAC , 50/60Hz, 1A/0.5A	67 BTU/hour
8	120/240 or 100-240 VAC, 50/60Hz, 1.6/0.8A	137 BTU/hour
12	115/230 or 120-240 VAC, 50/60Hz, 1.2/0.6A	137 BTU/hour

Media Converter Chassis	AC Power Supply
1	20 Watts
4	20 Watts
8	40 Watts
12	40 Watts

Dimensions

MediaConverter/1	H=1.6"	x	W= 4.8"	x	D=4.5"	(4 x 12.1 x 11.5 cm)
MediaConverter/4	H=1.7"	x	W= 9.1"	x	D=5"	(4.4 x 23.1 x 12.6cm)
MediaConverter/8	H=1.7"	x	W= 17.4"	x	D=5"	(4.4 x 44.2 x 12.8 cm)
MediaConverter/12	H=1.7"	x	W= 19"	x	D=9"	(4.4 x 48.3 x 22.9 cm)

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Fiber Optic Cleaning Guidelines

Fiber Optic transmitters and receivers are extremely susceptible to contamination by particles of dirt or dust, which can obstruct the optic path and cause performance degradation. Good system performance requires clean optics and connector ferrules.

1. Use fiber patch cords (or connectors, if you terminate your own fiber) only from a reputable supplier; low-quality components can cause many hard-to-diagnose problems in an installation.
2. Dust caps are installed at B+B SmartWorX to ensure factory-clean optical devices. These protective caps should not be removed until the moment of connecting the fiber cable to the device. Should it be necessary to disconnect the fiber device, reinstall the protective dust caps.
3. Store spare caps in a dust-free environment such as a sealed plastic bag or box so that when reinstalled they do not introduce any contamination to the optics.
4. If it is suspected that the optics have been contaminated, alternate between blasting with clean, dry, compressed air and flushing with methanol to remove particles of dirt.

Electrostatic Discharge Precautions

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can cause damage to any product, add-in modules or stand alone units, containing electronic components. Always observe the following precautions when installing or handling these kinds of products

1. Do not remove unit from its protective packaging until ready to install.
2. Wear an ESD wrist grounding strap before handling any module or component. If the wrist strap is not available, maintain grounded contact with the system unit throughout any procedure requiring ESD protection.
3. Hold the units by the edges; do not touch the electronic components or gold connectors.
4. After removal, always place the boards on a grounded, static-free surface, ESD pad or in a proper ESD bag. Do not slide the modules or chassis over any surface.



WARNING! Integrated circuits and fiber optic components are extremely susceptible to electrostatic discharge damage. Do not handle these components directly unless you are a qualified service technician and use tools and techniques that conform to accepted industry practices.

Safety Certifications

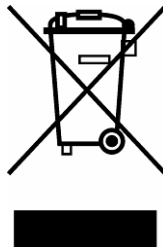
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