

# CrystaLatch™ 1x4 High Power Fiber Optical Switch 5W

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## Features

- High Speed
- Non-Mechanical
- High Reliability
- Fail-Safe Latching
- Low Insertion Loss
- Rugged
- Compact
- Cost Effective
- Direct Low Voltage Drive

## Applications

- Optical Signal Routing
- Network Protection
- Burst Switching
- Configurable Add/Drop
- Signal Monitoring
- Instrumentation

The CL 1x4 5W High-Power Series fiber optic switch connects optical channels by redirecting an incoming optical signal to a selected output fiber. This process utilizes patented non-mechanical configurations activated by an electrical control signal. With its latching operation, the selected optical path is maintained even after the control signal is removed.

This switch features low insertion loss, high extinction ratio, excellent channel isolation, and outstanding reliability and repeatability. Designed to meet the most demanding switching requirements, it ensures continuous operation, extended longevity, and reliable performance even under shock, vibration, temperature fluctuations, and rapid response conditions.

The switch also integrates built-in circulator and isolator functions, with an electronic driver available for added control. Additionally, the magneto-optical crystals used in CL switches offer high stability, eliminating fatigue or drift effects over time.

## Specifications

Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Operation Wavelength <sup>[1]</sup>	1520	1550	1580	nm
	1295	1310	1325	nm
Insertion Loss <sup>[2]</sup>		1.5	2.2	dB
Crosstalk <sup>[2]</sup>	Bidirectional Series	17	25	dB
	Unidirectional Series	20	25	dB
Return Loss <sup>[2]</sup>	52	56		dB
PDL (SM Series Switch only)		0.15	0.25	dB
Extinction Ratio (PM Series Switch only)	18	25		dB
Polarization Mode Dispersion			0.2	ps
Optical Switching Speed (Rise, Fall)	5		10	μs
Repetition Rate		2K		Hz
Durability	10 <sup>15</sup>			cycle
Optic Power Handling			5	W
Operating Temperature	-5		70	°C
Storage Temperature	-40		85	°C
Fiber Type	SMF-28, PM1310, PM1550 or equivalent			

### Notes:

- [1]. Agiltron can achieve same SPEC at L band
- [2]. Measured without connectors.

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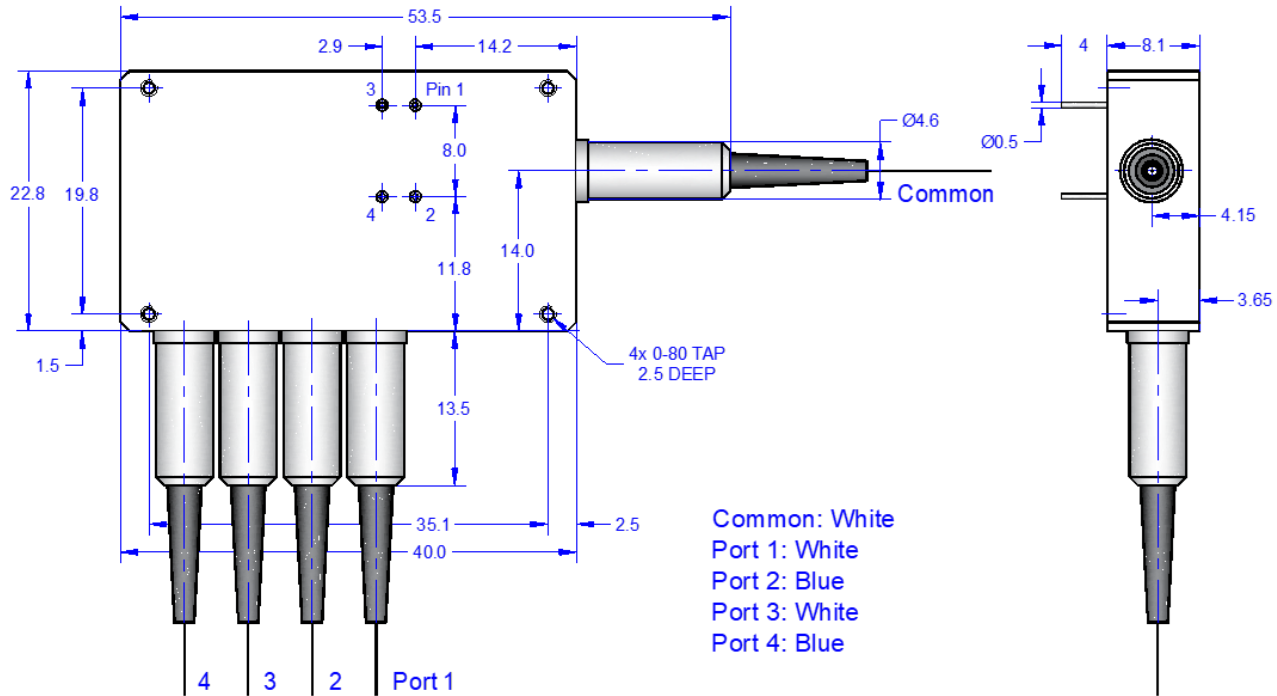
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### Mechanical Dimensions (Unit: mm)



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### Electrical Driving Information

Each switching point is actuated by applying a voltage pulse. Applying one polarity pulse, one light path will be connected and latched to the position. Applying a reversed polarity pulse, another light path will be connected and latched to the position after pulse removed.

Parameter	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Unit
Resistance (each group)	15	18	22	Ω
Switch Voltage	2.25	2.5	2.75	V
Pulse Duration	0.2	0.3	0.5	ms

Driving kit with USB and TTL interfaces and Windows™ GUI is available. We also offer RS232 interface as an option – please contact Agiltron sales.

### Bidirectional Series 1x4, or 4x1 Switch Driving Table

Optical Path	Pin Group 1		Pin Group 2	
	Pin 1	2	3	4
Common ↔ Port 1	+ [1]	0	+	0
Common ↔ Port 2	0	+	0	+
Common ↔ Port 3	+	0	0	+
Common ↔ Port 4	0	+	+	0

[1]. "+": 2.25~2.75 V pulse

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### Unidirectional Series 1x4 Switch Driving Table

Optical Path	Pin Group 1		Pin Group 2	
	Pin 1	2	3	4
Common → Port 1	+ <sup>[1]</sup>	0	+	0
Common → Port 2	0	+	0	+
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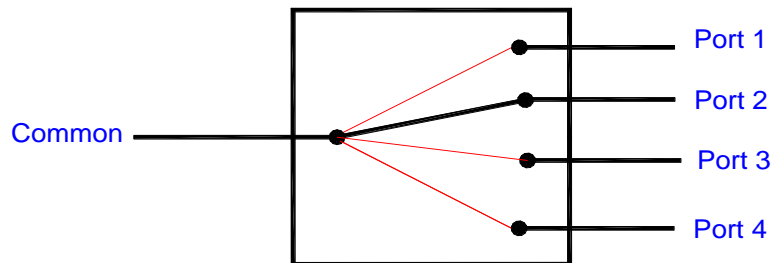
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### Unidirectional Series 4x1 Switch Driving Table

Optical Path	Pin Group 1		Pin Group 2	
	Pin 1	2	3	4
Port 1 → Common	0	+ <sup>[1]</sup>	0	+
Port 2 → Common	+	0	+	0
Port 3 → Common	0	+	+	0
Port 4 → Common	+	0	0	+

[1]. "+": 2.25~2.75 V pulse

### Functional Diagram



CL 1x4 Series Switch

### Ordering Information

Prefix	Type	Wavelength	Switch	Package	Fiber Type	Fiber Cover	Fiber Length	Connector
CLHS- <sup>[1]</sup>	1x4 = 14	1310 = 3	1-Stage = S	Standard = 1	SMF-28 = 1	Bare fiber = 1	0.25m = 1	None = 1
CLHB- <sup>[2]</sup>	4x1 = 41	1550 = 5		Special = 0	PM1550 = B	900 μm tube = 3	0.5m = 2	FC/PC = 2
	1x3 = 13	Special = 0			PM1310 = D	Special = 0	1.0m = 3	FC/APC = 3
	3x1 = 31				Special = 0		Special = 0	SC/PC = 4
	Special = 00							SC/APC = 5
								ST/PC = 6
								LC/PC = 7
								Duplex LC/PC = 8
								LC/APC = A
								LC/UPC = U
								Special = 0

[1]. CLHS: CrystaLatch 1x4 5W High Power 1-stage Switch.

[2]. CLHB: CrystaLatch 1x4 5W High Power 1-stage Bidirectional Switch.

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### Fiber Core Alignment

Note that the minimum attenuation for these devices depends on excellent core-to-core alignment when the connectors are mated. This is crucial for shorter wavelengths with smaller fiber core diameters that can increase the loss of many decibels above the specification if they are not perfectly aligned. Different vendors' connectors may not mate well with each other, especially for angled APC.

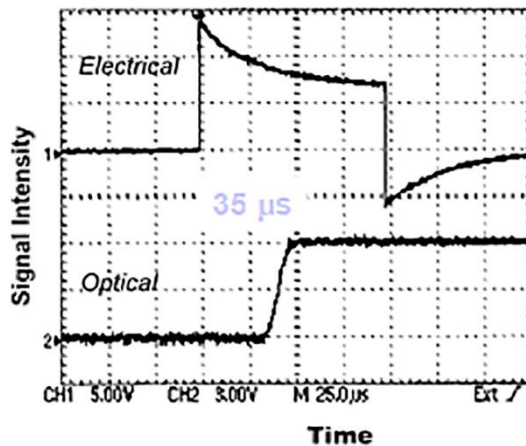
### Fiber Cleanliness

Fibers with smaller core diameters (<5 μm) must be kept extremely clean, contamination at fiber-fiber interfaces, combined with the high optical power density, can lead to significant optical damage. This type of damage usually requires re-polishing or replacement of the connector.

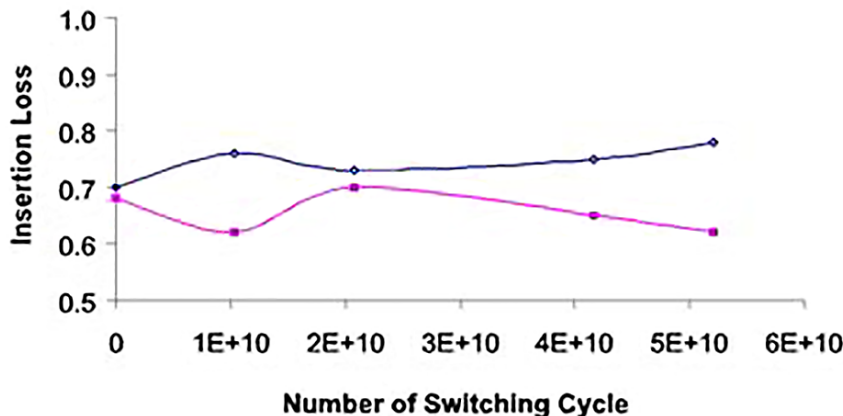
### Maximum Optical Input Power

Due to their small fiber core diameters for short wavelength and high photon energies, the damage thresholds for device is substantially reduced than the common 1550nm fiber. To avoid damage to the exposed fiber end faces and internal components, the optical input power should never exceed 20 mW for wavelengths shorter 650nm. We produce a special version to increase the handling by expanding the core side at the fiber ends.

## Typical Switching Response



## Typical Loss Change of 1x2 vs Switching Numbers



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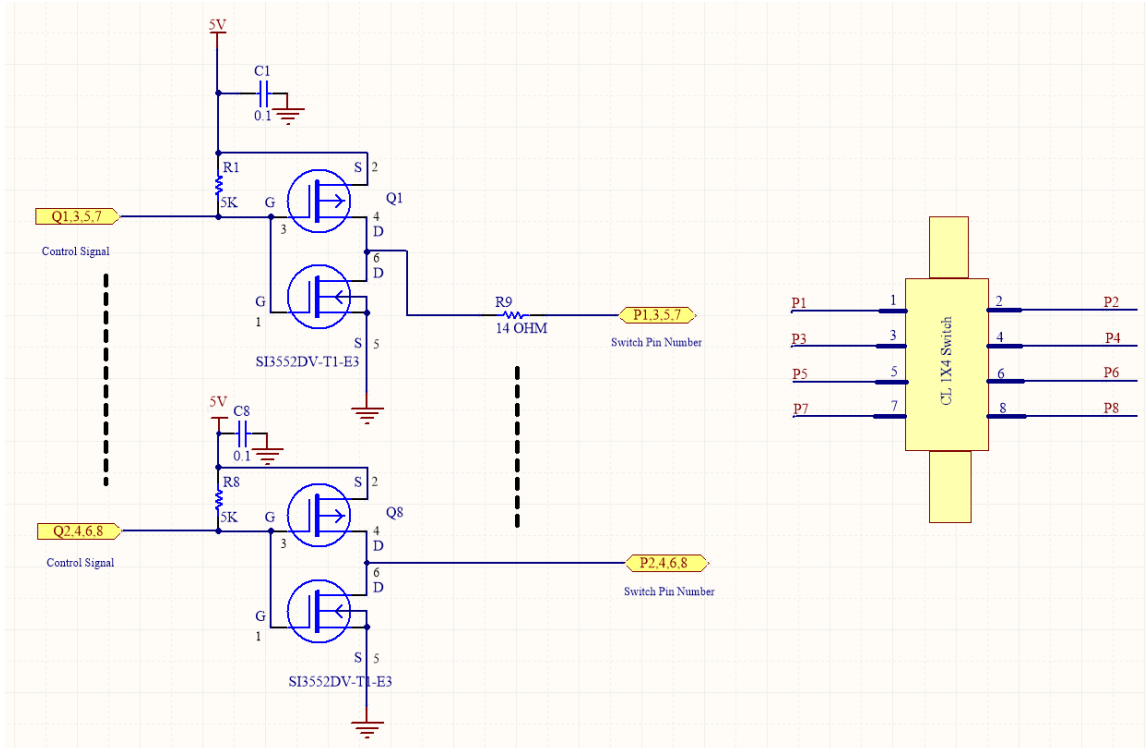
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### Driver Design Example for 1x4

A recommended +5VDC powered driving circuit is provided. The resistor network R1~R8 is to suppress the driving signal's voltage level to meet the "switch voltage" requirements. In specific applications, users can use lower voltage to eliminate the R1~R8. The Q1~Q8 is the control signal from either a function generator or a microcontroller general purpose I/O. The Q1-Q8 switching speed must meet the specific MOSFET switching requirement and CL 1x4 Switch specific requirement. Usually, the control signal speed is  $\leq 2\text{kHz}$ .



Usually, a clean power supply source will be sufficient. However, decoupling capacitors for the transistor supply rail are recommended depending on different applications. Minimum the current loop on the switching circuits will minimize the switching noise. For other layout recommendations, please refer to books or application notes from the IC manufacturer.