

Fiber-Fiber™ MxN Fiber Optic Switch Module

(all fiber type, ultra-broadband, bidirectional, latching, M/N up to 300, 70dB on/off)

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The Fiber-Fiber Series of optical fiber switch is based on a patent-pending self-groove alignment mechanism without needing AR coating and lenses. It offers unparalleled advantages of very low loss of about 1dB for any array size, low cost, amicable to any fiber core size, and broad wavelength operation from 300nm~2300nm. The latching operation preserves the selected optical path after removing the drive signal. Multimode fiber core size is from 50 to 1000 μm. The switch is bidirectional and can accommodate up to 300 fiber ports. The Fiber-Fiber multimode switches are designed with very short paths between fibers, so signals propagate in practically the same distribution as through uninterrupted multimode fiber, uniquely achieving high modal fidelity. It is available in single and dual channels. The dual channel acts at the same time, design for testing applications.

The switch is controlled by RS232 or USB computer interface with graphic Software. The Labview version is also available.

Lightpath in the device is bidirectional.

The order table includes a list of standard control interfaces. Additionally, we provide a list of commands to assist customer engineers in coding. For those who require it, we offer a code-writing service for customer interfaces at an additional charge.

Specifications

Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Operation Wavelength	400	1260~1650	1800	nm
Insertion Loss ^[1]		1	2.0	dB
Crosstalk, On/Off Ratio	55	60	70	dB
Extinction Ratio (PM Fiber)	18		23	dB
Switch Speed (Rise, Fall)			1000	ms
Durability	10 ⁷			cycle
Polarization Dependent Loss		0.04	0.2	dB
Wavelength Dependence Loss ^[2]		0.1	0.3	dB
Return Loss	45			dB
Repeatability		0.05	0.1	dB
Operation Voltage ^[3]			12	V
Power Consumption ^[4]	0.7	3.6	5	W
Operating Temperature ^[5]	-5		65	°C
Optical Power Handling ^[6]		300	500 ^[6]	mW
Storage Temperature	-40		85	°C
Switch type	Non-Latching/Latching			
Fiber Type	SMF-28 or 50/125μm or 62.5/125μm			
Package Dimension	Connector dependent W/LC=2RU/96 Ports			

Notes:

- [1]. Measured without connectors for 1xN. For multimode fiber, use a laser source with CPR<15
- [2]. Within 50nm bandwidth
- [3]. Other voltage options also available
- [4]. Consume minimum power during sleep time, latching switch type only
- [5]. -25°C~75°C version is also available.
- [6]. High power version available

Features

- High Reliability
- Ultra Low Insertion Loss
- Broad Band
- Latching
- All Fiber Types

Applications

- Optical Signal Routing
- Network Protection
- Wavelength Management
- Signal Monitoring
- Instrumentation

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Module Mechanical Dimensions

2RU 19" mount rack typically. The input and output connectors are on the front panel, while the control interface and power supplier are on the rear panel.

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Control Interface and Power Supply

- RS 232
- Ethernet 10/100 with definable IP address
- USB
- GUI
- 110-220V (0.6 A) Power Input

Typical Graphic User Interface

The screenshot shows a graphical user interface for a fiber optic switch. The window title is "SWITCH" and it features the Agiltron logo. A "Setting" menu is visible on the left with options: Single Channel Control, Communication Port Setting, Set Steps, About, and Exit. The main area displays a table with the following data:

Step	Time(s)	Switch Channel
1	600000	32
2	5000000	10
3	6000	5
4	100000	1
5	10000	9
6	50	8
7	10	7
8	5	6
9	1	15
10	2	20

Below the table is a "Calibration" button. At the bottom, there are three input fields labeled "Current Step", "Current Loop", and "Loop Count", each containing the value "1". A "RUN" button is located to the right of these fields.

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Ordering Information

Prefix	Type	Wavelength	Switch Type	Package	Fiber Type	Power Monitor	Connector
SANM-	16x16 = 1616 24x24 = 2424 32x32 = 3232 48x48 = 4848 64x64 = 6464 80x80 = 8080 96x96 = 9696 128x128 = 1282 144x144 = 1442 192x192 = 1922 250x250 = 2502 Special = 0000	1240-1640 = A 1060 = 1 1310 = 3 1410 = 4 1550 = 5 1310/1550 = 2 650 = 6 780 = 7 850 = 8 Special = 0	Latching = 1 Non-latching = 0	Standard = 1 Special = 0	50/NA.22 = 5 62.5/NA.22 = 6 105/NA.15 = E 200/NA.22 = F 300/NA.22 = G 400/NA.22 = H 600/NA.22 = J 800/NA.22 = K Special = 0	Input = 1 Output = 3 Input/Output = 2 No = 0	None = 1 FC/PC = 2 FC/APC = 3 SC/PC = 4 SC/APC = 5 ST/PC = 6 LC/PC = 7 Duplex LC/PC = 8 Quad LC/PC = 9 LC/APC = A LC/UPC = U Special = 0

RED is Special Order

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.

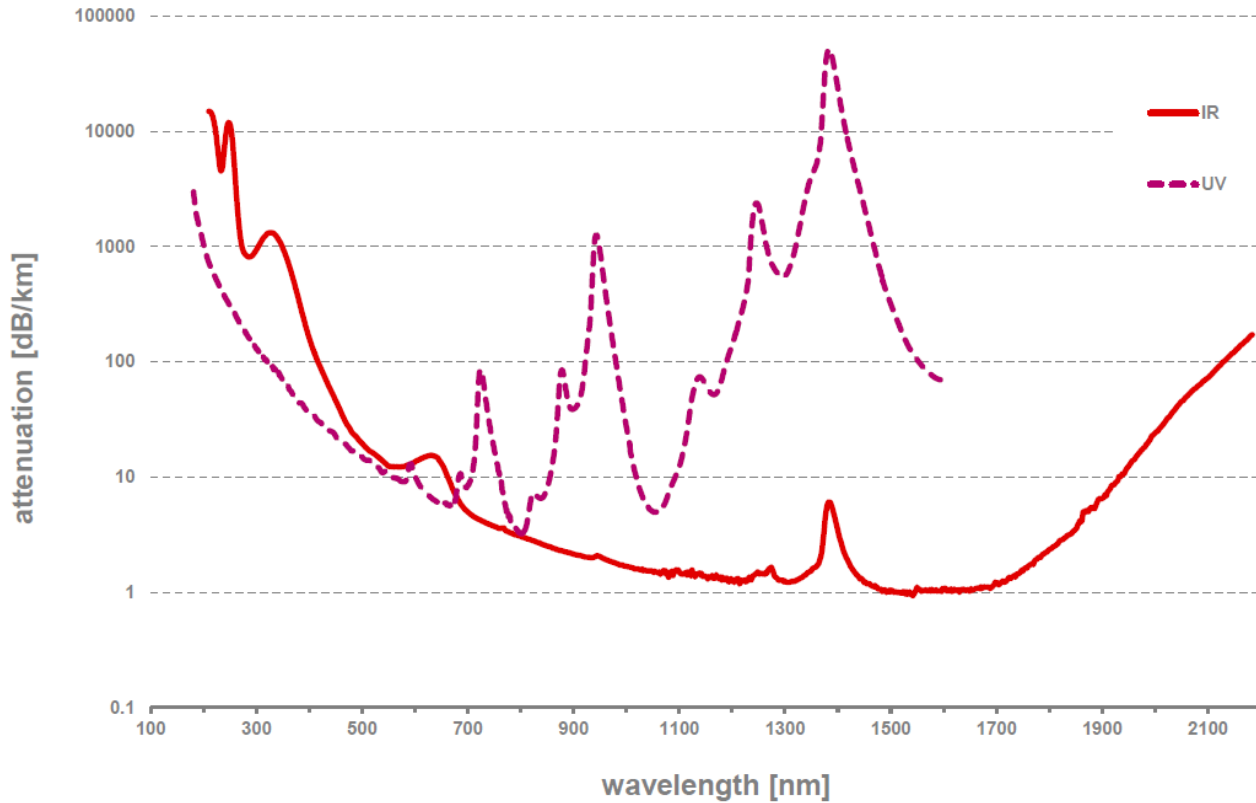
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Typical Fiber Transmissions



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Questions and Answers

Q: If the device were to fail, would the switch continue to pass the fiber light through the switch as configured before failure? When power is restored, does the IN/OUT configuration before failure remain in place?

A: This depends, if one mirror fails, it only affects the light go through that mirror. Yes, when power back up it will go to the previous points

Q: When power is restored, does the IN/OUT configuration before failure remain in place?

A: Yes, when power back up it will go to the previous flightpath

Q: If power to the device were shutoff, would the device continue to pass the fiber light as configured before failure?

A: This function is call latching. We uniquely offer MEMS latching switch but cost more.

Q: With the Ethernet Control Option, does the switch support SNMPv3

A: Yes. This internet standard protocol allows user to write their own control code

Q: With the Ethernet Control Option, what type of encryption does the SNMPv3 use?

A: MD5/DES

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Q: With the Ethernet Control Option, does the user need to install any software on their computer other than a web browser?

A: No