



DESCRIPTION

The iConverter GX/F is a two-port fiber Ethernet switch and media converter. It provides Gigabit 100BASE-X fiber to Fast Ethernet 100BASE-X fiber conversion. The iConverter GX/F regenerates, reshapes and re-times the fiber optic signal, and multiple GX/F converters can be cascaded to extend total network distances.

The iConverter GX/F features two 10/100 Ethernet backplane ports to provide connectivity to adjacent modules for network expansion and for in-band connectivity to an iConverter Network Management Module

See data sheet for available models.

The GX/F can be used in an unmanaged or managed applications. To be managed, an Network Management Module (NMM2) or a module with integrated management must be installed in the same chassis.

For more information on management software and hardware options, see [Comprehensive Network Management Solution product page](#).

Advanced Features

The GX/F features Port VLAN and Tag VLAN, which allow control of traffic flow among the fiber ports and chassis backplane ports. It also features Port Access Control, which

facilitates enabling and disabling of individual ports.

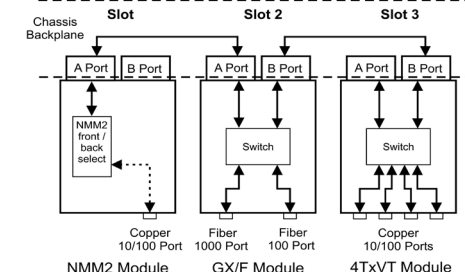
The GX/F supports reporting of MIB statistics. Statistics are available for 32 variables per port, reporting a wide range of real-time packet statistics to provide performance and operational monitoring.

PORT STRUCTURE

The GX/F module has two front fiber Ethernet ports and two 10/100 Ethernet backplane port. The front ports allow connections to external devices and the backplane ports allow connections to adjacent module in an iConverter chassis. The backplane ports on the module are enabled using the on-board DIP-switches.

Multi-slot iConverter chassis have backplane ports that allow connectivity to adjacent slots. Backplane Port A allows connectivity between Odd Slot numbers to Even Slot numbers (1 to 2, 3 to 4, etc). Backplane Port B allows connectivity between Even Slot numbers to Odd Slot numbers (2 to 3, 4 to 5, etc).

The figure below illustrates one of the many applications of the GX/F module when enabling the backplane feature on each module.



position, the port will operate in full-duplex mode. This allows connections to hubs or workstations that supports full-duplex.

SOFTWARE CONTROLLED SETTINGS

Additional settings are available via software control when a GX/F is installed in an iConverter chassis with a Management Module.

The following software only settings can be controlled via Serial Console/Telnet Console, NetOutlook Management Software or other third-party SNMP-based clients:

- Backplane Control
- Port 1 and Port 2 Configuration
- Port VLAN for Front Ports and Backplane Ports
- Port Access Control for All Ports
- MIB Statistics Reporting

Software controlled settings can be selected to override DIP-Switch settings.

For more information on using and configuring the Advanced Features, register for access to the [NetOutlook Management Software user manual](#).

MOUNTING AND CABLE ATTACHMENT

The iConverter modules are hot-swappable and can be installed into [any iConverter chassis](#).

Caution: Use proper ESD protection to reduce the risk of damage to your equipment.

1. Carefully slide the module into an open slot in the chassis. Align the module with the installation guides and ensure that the module is firmly seated against the backplane. Secure the module by fastening the front panel thumbscrew (push in and turn clockwise to tighten) to the chassis front. Verify the "Pwr" LED is ON (indicating the chassis is powered).

2. Connect an appropriate multimode or single-mode fiber cable to the Gigabit Port 1 fiber port.

management access for the chassis.

For more information on backplane connectivity, refer to the specific [chassis user manual](#).

DIP-SWITCH SETTINGS

Front Panel DIP-Switch

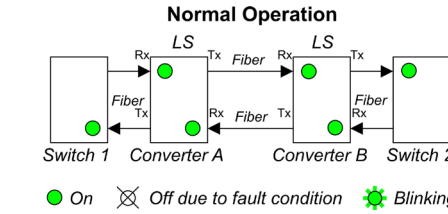


Link Modes

| LS/LP | RFD | SFD | Link Mode |
|-------|-------|-------|---|
| LEFT | LEFT | LEFT | Link Segment (LS) |
| RIGHT | LEFT | LEFT | Link Propagate (LP) |
| LEFT | RIGHT | LEFT | Remote Fault Detect + Link Segment (RFD+LS) |
| RIGHT | RIGHT | LEFT | Remote Fault Detect + Link Propagate (RFD+LP) |
| LEFT | LEFT | RIGHT | Symmetrical Fault Detect (SFD) |

Any other DIP-Switch combination will result in unpredictable conditions.

In order to accommodate different user needs, the GX/F supports four different linking modes. In default configuration, the module operates in Link Segment.

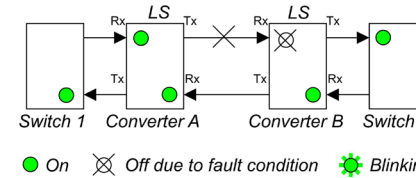


SPECIFICATIONS

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| Standard Compliances | IEEE 802.3, 802.1Q RFC 2819 (RMON) |
| Regulatory Compliances | Safety: UL, CE, UKCA EMI: FCC Class A ACT: TAA, BAA, NDAA |
| Environmental | RoHS, WEEE, REACH |
| Frame Size | Up to 1,536 bytes |
| Port Types | Fiber: 1000BASE-X (Port 1) 100BASE-X (Port 2) |
| Cable Types | Fiber: Multimode: 50/125µm, 62.5/125µm Single-mode: 9/125µm |
| DC Power Requirements | DC Input: 3.3VDC, 1.5A @ 3.3VDC (Backplane) |
| Dimensions W x D x H | 0.85" x 4.5" x 2.8" (21.6 mm x 114.3 mm x 71.1 mm) |
| Weight | 8 oz. (226.8 grams) |
| Temperature | Commercial: 0 to 50°C Wide: -40 to 60°C Storage: -40 to 80°C |
| Humidity | 5 to 95% (non-condensing) |
| Altitude | -100m to 4,000m |
| MTBF (hrs) | 730,000 |
| Warranty | Lifetime warranty and 24/7/365 free Technical Support |

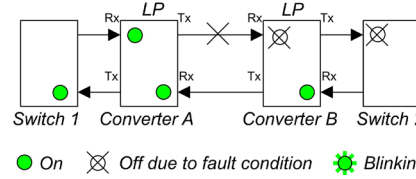
independently of any received link at any port. Utilizing this configuration, a loss of a receive link signal will only affect the port detecting the loss of signal. All the other ports will continue to generate a link signal.

Fiber Fault with Link Segment



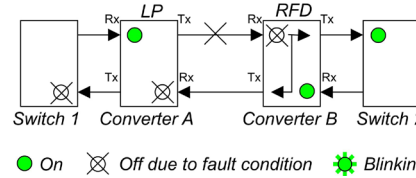
The Link Propagate (LP) mode transmits a link signal only when a link signal is detected. Utilizing this configuration, a loss of a receive link signal will continue to propagate through to the next port in the network.

Fiber Fault with Link Propagate



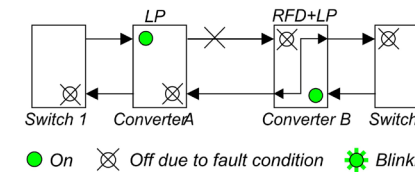
The Remote Fault Detection + Link Segment (RFD+LS) mode transmits a link signal only when a link signal is detected. When a loss of link is detected, this mode will loop back the fault condition.

Fiber Fault with RFD + LS Link Mode



The Remote Fault Detection + Link Propagate (RFD+LP) mode transmits a link signal only when a link signal is detected. When a loss of link is detected, this mode will loop back and propagate forward the fault condition.

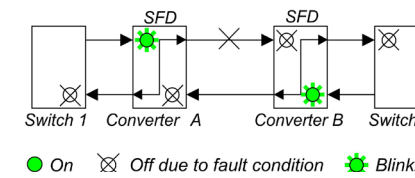
Fiber Fault with RFD+LP Link Mode



NOTE: Connecting two modules set to RFD is an illegal setting and will cause unpredictable conditions.

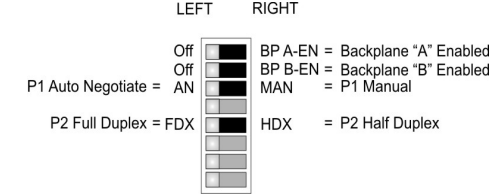
In Symmetrical Fault Detection (SFD), Port 2 transmits a Link signal only when receiving a Link on Port 1. Port 1 transmits a Link signal only when receiving a Link signal at both the Port 1 and Port 2. As a result, faults (no Link received on Port 1) are looped back and can be reported to the network core. In addition, connecting two back-to-back modules which are both set to SFD facilitates dual-loop-back, where faults are reported to both ends of the network link. A blinking fiber link LED on a module indicates a fault of the transmit port or cables of that port.

Fiber Fault with SFD Link Mode



NOTE: SFD mode must be deployed in pairs.

Board Mounted DIP-Switch



DIP-switches not labeled are unused and should be left in the default LEFT position.

Backplane A Enable "BP A-EN"

When this DIP-switch is in the "BP A-EN" RIGHT position backplane A is enabled and the module is connected to the adjacent slots in the chassis. When this DIP-switch is in the LEFT position (factory setting), the backplane port is disabled and disconnected from the backplane.

Backplane B Enable "BP B-EN"

When this DIP-switch is in the "BP B-EN" RIGHT position, backplane B is enabled and the module is connected to the adjacent slots in the chassis. When this DIP-switch is in the LEFT position (factory setting), the backplane port is disabled and disconnected from the backplane.

Fiber Port 1 Negotiation "AN/MAN"

When this DIP-switch is in the "AN" LEFT position (factory setting), Port 1 is operating in auto-negotiation. The port will determine duplex mode automatically. If the device connected to Port 1 cannot provide the proper signal to indicate its own mode of operation, then the DIP-Switch should be set to the "MAN" RIGHT position, forcing Port 1 to Full-Duplex mode.

Fiber Port 2 Full/Half-Duplex "FDX / HDX"

When this DIP-switch is in the "HDX" RIGHT position, the port will operate in half-duplex mode. This allows connections to hubs or workstations that supports only half-duplex. When this DIP-switch is in the "FDX" LEFT

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WARNING: Potential damage to equipment and personal injury.

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