Omnitron Systems

iConverter® **RS232**

User Manual

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WARNING: Potential damage to equipment and personal injury.

WARNING: Risk of electrical shock.

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Description

The iConverter RS232 is a serial RS-232 to fiber converter that transmits serial protocol over fiber media. The iConverter RS232 operates in a back-to-back configuration, with one module at each end of the fiber link.

The serial port interface is available with a DB-9 female connector or terminal block connector for field wiring.

The module automatically detects the signal baud rate of the connected device, ranging from 110 to 921,600 baud. The module can be configured to connect to a DCE or DTE device by accessing the DIP-Switch on the front-panel.

A built-in remote Fiber Loopback DIP-Switch provides easy validation of the fiber segment. The Loopback does not interrupt signal transmission over the fiber.

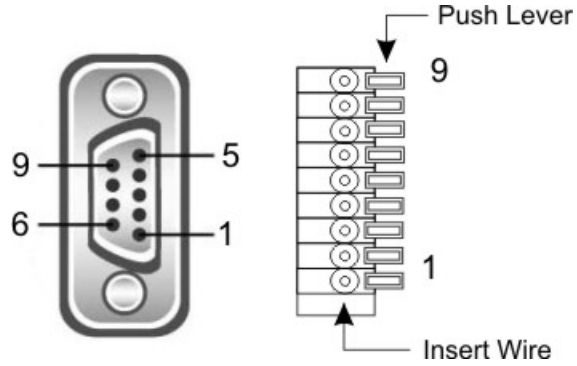
See data sheet for available models.

The RS232 modules 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.

Front-Panel Ports

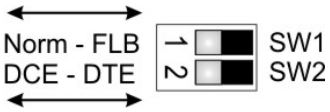
The front panel of the iConverter RS232 features one fiber port (P1) and one RS-232 serial port (P2). Depending on the model, the serial port is available either as a DB-9 female connector or as a terminal block for field wiring.



Pin Out Assignment			
Pin #	**Signal**	**DTE**	**DCE**
1	Data Carrier Detect (DCD)	IN	OUT
2	Receive Data (RD)	IN	OUT
3	Transmit Data (TD)	OUT	IN
4	Data Terminal Ready (DTR)	OUT	IN
5	Signal Ground (SGND)	-	-
6	Data Set Ready (DSR)	IN	OUT
7	Request to Send (RTS)	OUT	IN
8	Clear to Send (CTS)	IN	OUT
9	Ring Indicator (RI)	IN	OUT

DIP-switch Settings

Front Panel DIP-switches



SW1: Fiber Loopback "Norm - FLB"

When this DIP-Switch is in the "Norm" position (factory default), the Fiber Loopback is disabled. Setting this DIP-Switch to the "FLB" position on the module at either end of the fiber segment will enable the Fiber Loopback test.

When Fiber Loopback is enabled, the local module with the DIP-Switch in "FLB" position is the master, and the remote module with the DIP-Switch in "Norm" position is the slave. If the fiber segment passes the Loopback test, the "Tst" LED on the master will blink rapidly (10 times per second) and the "Tst" LED on the slave will blink slowly (once per second). If the fiber segment fails the Loopback test, the "Tst" LED will remain solid on the master unit.

The Fiber Loopback test does not interfere with serial conversion and signal transmission.

If both modules are configured to the "FLB" position, then both modules would still display valid master mode results.

SW2: Serial "DCE - DTE"

When the "DCE - DTE" DIP-Switch is in the "DCE" position (factory default), the module is configured to connect to Data Communications Equipment (DCE) such as a modem or printer.

Setting this DIP-Switch to the "DTE" position configures the module to connect to Data Terminal Equipment (DTE)such as a computer or controller.

Mounting and Cable Attachment

The iConverter modules are hot-swappable and can be installed into any iConverter chassis.

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 front of the chassis.
2. When using the terminal block, the wire used to connect the module to the equipment must be 20AWG to 26AWG thickness. Cut the wires to the length required and strip approximately 11 mm of insulation from the each wire. Insert the stripped end into the terminal connector on the module by pushing the lever associated with the desired pin number.
3. When using the DB-9, attach the DB-9 serial cable to the DB-9 on the module and on a serial RS-232 device.
4. Attach the fiber port via an appropriate multimode or single-mode fiber cable to the other RS232 module.
5. When using single-fiber (SF) media converter models, the Tx wavelength on one end has to match the Rx wavelength on the other.

Software Controlled Settings

Additional settings are available via software control when a RS232 is installed in an iConverter chassis with a Management Module.

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

- Loopback Modes
- DTE/DCE Configuration

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.

LED Indicators

LED	Color	Description
Power “Pwr”	Amber	**OFF:** Module is not powered **ON:** Module has power
Fiber Loopback “Tst”	Green	**OFF:** Test not activated **ON:** Master - Tx pattern sent, but no pattern received. **Blinking (10Hz):** Master - Tx pattern sent, and pattern received. **Blinking (1Hz):** Slave - Rx pattern received
Fiber Activity “Act”	Green	**OFF:** No fiber link **Blinking:** Fiber data received
“DTE”	Green	**OFF:** DTE not selected **ON:** DTE selected
“DCE”	Green	**OFF:** DCE not selected **ON:** DCE selected
Serial Activity “Act”	Green	**OFF:** No serial data **Blinking:** Serial data received

Specifications

Data Rates	Asynchronous: 110 bps to 921,600 bps	
Standard Compliances	EIA-232	
Regulatory Compliances	Safety: EMI: ACT:	UL, CE, UKCA FCC Class A TAA, BAA, NDAA
Environmental	RoHS, WEEE, REACH	
DC Power Requirements	3.3VDC, 0.5A @ 3.3VDC	
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: Wide: Storage:	0 to 50°C -40 to 60°C -40 to 80°C
Humidity	5 to 95% (non-condensing)	
Altitude	-100m to 4,000m	
MTBF (hrs)	850,000	
Warranty	Lifetime warranty	