

Case Communications

CM- A100L

100TX to 100FX Media Converter

User Guide

Covers the following Variations

100TX to 100FX

Single Mode, Multi-Mode, SC & ST Connectors

Part Numbers 8421-150, 8421-151,
8421-170 , 8421-171



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Introduce

The CM A100L Fast Fiber Converter Module (Auto MDI/MDIX) is a cost-effective solution for converting between 10/100Base-TX and 100Base-FX cabling. It allows you to extend the cabling distance of your 100Base-FX network up to 2 kilometers for multi-mode fiber or 30 kilometers for single-mode fiber. The Fast Fiber Converter module gives you the option to choose from the most popular fiber cabling connectors: SC/ST/MT-RJ/VF-45 multi-mode fiber connector and SC single-mode fiber connector. The Fast Fiber Converters module provides you with one Fiber connector for your fiber optic cable and one Ethernet RJ-45 port (Auto MDI/MDIX) for your 100BaseTX copper cable connection. There are 4 DIP- switches to set the operation mode for UTP, Fiber ports and link loss forwarding function.

The CM A100L also supports WDM technology that offers a cost efficient solution and allows the grouping of different services on existing optical fiber.. WDM Converter module converts signals between 10/100Base-TX and 100Base-FX cabling, and incorporates WDM technology. The WDM technology allows transmit (TX) and receive (RX) to operate over a single fiber, which reduces cabling cost by a half. A pair of WDM converters (wavelength 1310 and 1550 nm) should be installed at both ends of the single fiber cable. The fiber cabling can extend the connectivity distance up to 20 kilometers. The UTP port (RJ-45 connector) of this converter supports Auto MDI/MDIX function. Besides, there are 4 DIP- switches on the front panel of the converter to set the operation mode and Link Loss Forwarding Function.

The CM A100L can be slotted in Multi-Converter Chassis with up to 10 optional modular converter units per chassis, allowing your network to be more flexible. It also can be use as a stand-alone media converter.

CM A100L Features

Fast Fiber Converter Module

- Comply with IEEE 802.3, 802.3u, and 802.3x standards.
- Convert between UTP cabling and Fiber-optic cabling.
- One RJ-45 connector, Auto-MDI/MDIX for UTP port.
- Support 10/100 Mbps Auto-negotiation for UTP port.
- Fiber cabling connectivity up to 30Km.
- Store-and-forward switching architecture.
- One fiber connector (SC/ SC single-mode fiber/ST/ MT-RJ/VF-45) for 100Base-FX.
- 4DIP-switches to set the operation mode and Link- Lost-Forwarding function.
- 6 LEDs for per port: 100, Link, Activity, Full, Collision, and per unit Power.
- External DC power adapter 9V/0.7A.
- Two types of module: Stand-alone and mounted in converter chassis.
- FCC Class A, CE, UL, and CUL Mark certification

WDM Converter Module

- Comply with IEEE 802.3, 802.3u, and 802.3x standards.
- Convert between UTP cabling and Fiber-optic cabling.
- WDM (Wavelength Division Multiplexing) supports single fiber converter, transporting Bi-direction full-duplex signal over a single fiber simultaneously.
- One RJ-45 connector, Auto-MDI/MDIX for UTP port.
- Support 10/100 Mbps Auto-negotiation for UTP port.
- One Single-SC Style Single-Mode Connector for 100 Base- FX fiber cable.
- Fiber cabling connectivity up to 20Km.
- Uses store-and-forward switching architecture.
- 4DIP-switches to set the operation mode and Link- Lost-Forwarding function.

- 6 LEDs for Per port: 100, Link/Activity, Full/Collision, Per Unit: Power.
- External DC power adapter 9V/0.7A.
- Two types of module: Stand-alone and mounted in converter chassis.
- FCC Class A, CE, UL, and CUL Mark certification

Package Contents

Please check the type of converter module that you have purchased, and refer to the package content list below to verify them against the checklist.

- Stand-alone converter module package contains following items.
 - Modular Fast Fiber Converter (or WDM converter)
 - AC-DC Power Adapter
 - User Guide

- Mounted in converter chassis converter module package contains following items.
 - Modular Fast Fiber Converter (or WDM converter)
 - Rack mount kit
 - User Guide

Compare the contents of your converter module with the checklist above. If any item is damaged or missing, please contact your local dealer for service.

Hardware Description

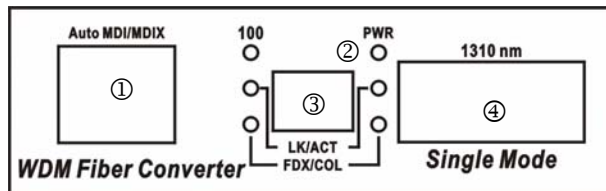
CM A100L Fast Fiber Converter Module

Dimension (L x W x H) is : 119mm x 85mm x 26mm

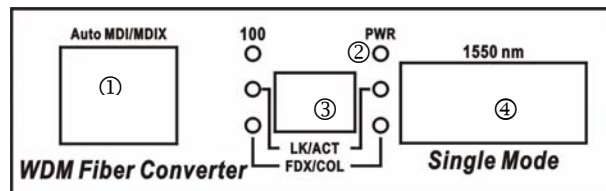
Front Panel

The Front Panel of the CM A100L consists of one RJ-45 Port (Auto MDI/MDIX), 6 LED Indicators (UTP 100, LK/ACT, FDX/COL, Fiber LK/ACT, FDX/COL and PWR) and one fiber 100Base-FX Port.

WDM converter (Single Mode/ 1310m)

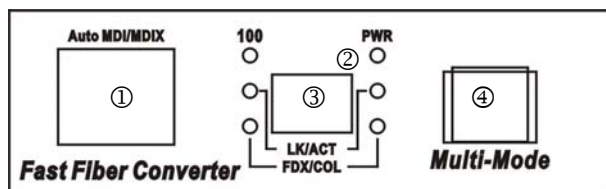


WDM converter (Single Mode/ 1550m)

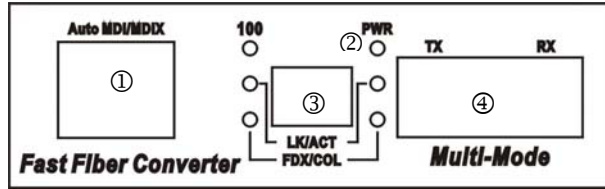


- (1) RJ-45 Port (3) DIP-Switch
- (2) LED (4) SC Connector

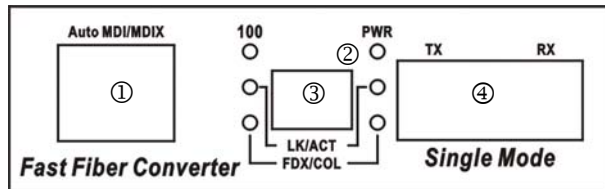
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- (1) RJ-45 Port
- (2) LED
- (3) DIP-Switch
- (4) Fiber Connector

Ports

- **RJ-45 Port (Auto MDI/MDIX):** the Ethernet RJ-45 will automatically auto-sense for 10Base-T or 100Base-TX connections. Auto MDI/MDIX means that you can connect to another Switch or workstation without changing non-crossover or crossover cabling.
- **Fiber Port:** This port is for 100 Base-FX connection. We provide five different style of fiber connectors (SC / SC single-mode / ST / MT-RJ / VF-45) to meet your needs.

LED Indicators

There are 6 diagnostic LEDs located on the Front panel of WDM Converter. They provide real-time information of system and optional status. The indicator includes Power, UTP 100, LK/ACT, FDX/COL, Fiber LK/ACT, FDX/COL. The following table provides description of the LED status and their meanings.

LED	Status	Meaning
PWR	Green	Power on
100	Green	100Mbps UTP Speed
	OFF	10 Mbps UTP Speed
LK/ACT (UTP)	Green	The unit is linking with it's link partner.
	Blinks	The unit is transmitting or receiving packets from UTP devices.
	Off	No device attached
LK/ACT (Fiber)	Green	The unit is linking with it's link partner.
	Blinks	The unit is transmitting or receiving packets from FX devices.
	Off	No device attached
FDX/COL (UTP)	Orange	The UTP port is operating in full-duplex mode.
	Blinks	Collision of Packets occurs in the port.
	Off	Half-duplex mode or no device attached
FDX/COL (Fiber)	Orange	The fiber port is operating in full-duplex mode.
	Blinks	Collision of Packets occurs in the port.
	Off	Half-duplex mode or no device attached

DIP-switches.

The DIP-switches are used to configure the operational mode for LLF (**Link Lost Forwarding**) and the operational mode for UTP/Fiber port. The default value of DIPswitch is **OFF**.

S/W No	Status	Description
1	ON	UTP 100Mbps Full Duplex mode
	OFF	UTP Auto-Nego
2	ON	Fiber in Half Duplex
	OFF	Fiber in Full Duplex
3	ON	LLF Enable
	OFF	LLF Disable
4	ON	Pure converter mode
	OFF	Switch Converter mode

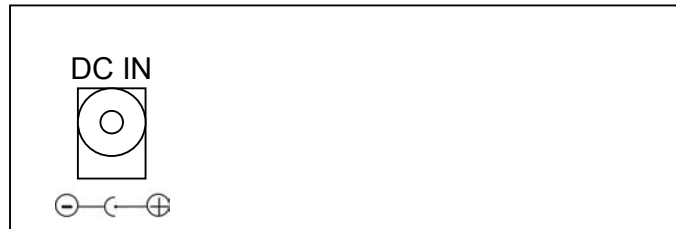
Link Lost Forwarding (DIP-Switch 3): When LLF is enable, it allows UTP link failures to be reported to the fiber side and also allows Fiber link failure to be reported to the UTP side. Therefore, a link loss forward feature is provided in both UTP and Fiber side.

Pure Converter mode (DIP-Switch 4): When pure converter mode is enabling (on), it operates with the minimum latency. The transmission flow does not wait until entire frame is ready, but instead it forwards the received data immediately after the data being received. And TP port should be forced at 100M in this application. When DIP-Switch is in Switch Converter mode (off), the converter function is same as Switch Hub.

[Note] Please don't change the DIP-switch setting when UTP or fiber port is transmitting or receiving data. It may cause some data error. Besides, if you change the DIP-switch setting, please power off the converter and power on again to make the setting effective.

Rear Panel

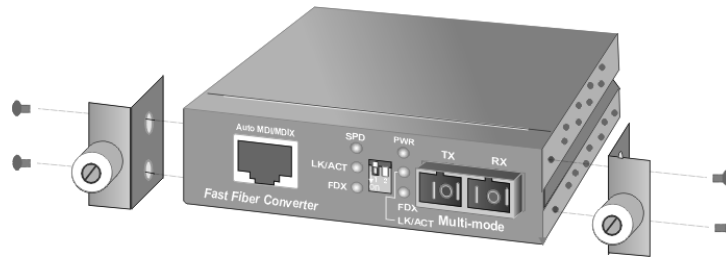
The rear panel contains a power socket. This power socket accepts DC9V voltage and minimum 0.7A supplied current.



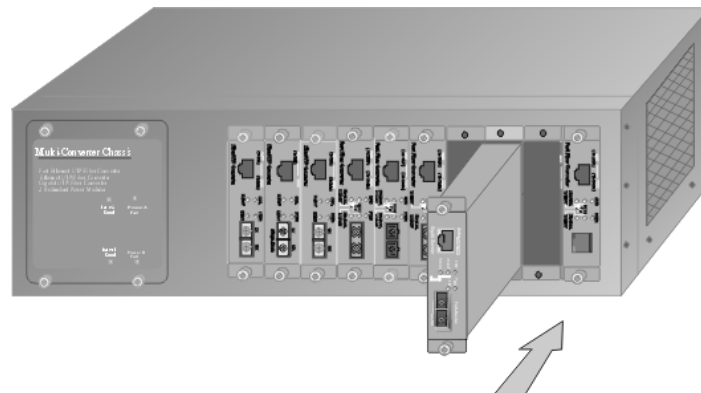
Installing Converters module

This section covers the installation of the media converters within a chassis. Follow the steps below to install the converter module into a chassis.

- A. Remove the blank bracket by rotating thumbscrew counterclockwise. Put the blank bracket aside, but don't discard blanket bracket.
- B. Open the rack mount ear kit. The kit contains two-rack mount ear (with thumbscrew) and four screws.
- C. Attach rack mount ear on both sides of the converter module by using a screwdriver to secure the rack mount ears.



- D. Install the converter module by inserting it into the guides and sliding it in until it stops. Press it firmly until the power plug in the chassis plugs into the converter module receptacle. Slide the converter module in smoothly.



- E. Gently push the thumbscrews in and turn clockwise to tighten. Do not over tighten the thumbscrews.

Cabling

- Both unshielded twisted pair (UTP) or shielded twisted pair (STP) Twisted Pair cabling can be used. The cable must comply with the IEEE 802.3u 100Base TX standard for Category 5. The cable between the converter and the link partner (switch, hub, workstation, etc.) must be less than 100 meters (328 ft.) long.
- Fiber segment using single-mode connector type must use 9/125 μm single-mode fiber cable. You can connect two devices in the distance of 30 Kilometers in full duplex operation. For half-duplex operation, the recommended maximum distance is 412 meters (1,352 ft.)
- Fiber segment using multi-mode connector type must use 50 or 62.5/125 μm multi-mode fiber cable. You can connect two devices up to a 2-kilometer (6,562 ft.) distance.

Troubles shooting

- Check the configuration DIP-switch. Both units at either end of the link must have their switches set identically.
- Select the proper UTP/Fiber cable for your network. The single-mode converter must use single-mode fiber cable. Please check that you are using the right cable.

Optical Fiber Specification

The following table shows the optical Fiber Specification

Module Name	Wavelength (nm)	Avg. Launch Power (dB)	Avg. Sensitivity (dB)
Fast Fiber Converter Module (SC)	1310 (nm)	-18 (dB)	-30 (dB)
Fast Fiber Converter Module (SC-Single mode)	1310 (nm)	-6 (dB)	-34 (dB)
Fast Fiber Converter Module (ST)	1310 (nm)	-18 (dB)	-30 (dB)
Fast Fiber Converter Module (MT-RJ)	1310 (nm)	-15.7 (dB)	-33.5 (dB)
Fast Fiber Converter Module (VF-45)	1310 (nm)	-16 (dB)	-33 (dB)

Module Name	Avg. Power Loss Budget (dBm)	Max. FDX Fiber Distance (Km)	Fiber Size (um)
Fast Fiber Converter Module (SC)	12 (dBm)	2 (Km)	62.5/125 50/125
Fast Fiber Converter Module (SC-Single mode)	28 (dBm)	30(Km)	9/125
Fast Fiber Converter Module (ST)	12 (dBm)	2 (Km)	62.5/125 50/125
Fast Fiber Converter Module (MT-RJ)	17.8 (dBm)	2 (Km)	62.5/125 50/125
Fast Fiber Converter Module (VF-45)	17 (dBm)	2 (Km)	62.5/125 50/125

■ **Optical Specifications of Transceivers**

1310 nm Single mode	Transmitter (Output Center Wavelength): 1261~1360 nm
	Receiver (Wavelength of Operation): 1100~1600 nm
	Optical Transmit Power: Min. -15 dBm, Max. -7 dBm
	Sensitivity: Min. ---, Max. -34 dBm
1550 nm Single mode	Transmitter (Output Center Wavelength): 1510~1590 nm
	Receiver (Wavelength of Operation): 1100~1600 nm
	Optical Transmit Power: Min. -15 dBm, Max. -7 dBm
	Sensitivity: Min ---, Max. -34 dBm

Technical Specification

The CM A100L technical specification is as following:

Standard	IEEE802.3 10BASE-T IEEE802.3u 100BASE-TX/100BASE-FX IEEE802.3x Flow Control and Back pressure
Connector	Fiber: Duplex ST/SC/MT-RJ, VF-45, Simplex SC (WDM single mode) RJ-45 Socket: CAT-3/5 (10/100Mbps) Twisted Pair cable Auto MDI/MDI-X and Auto-Negotiation Function Support
Switch architecture	Store and Forward
Fiber parameters	Fiber Core: Multi-Mode (62.5/125um, 50/125um) Single-Mode (9/125µm) Wavelength: 1310nm(Multi-mode) 1310nm(Single-mode) 1550nm(WDM, TX), 1310nm(WDM, RX) Fiber Distance: Multi-Mode Fiber 2KM Single-Mode Fiber (30 KM) WDM (Single-Mode) 20KM
Transparent packet	64 to 1518 Bytes for Non-VLAN Ethernet packet
Link Lost Forward	UTP → Fiber: If UTP port link down, then converter will forced fiber to link down. Fiber → UTP: If Fiber port link down, the media converter will force UTP port to link down.

DIP Switch	DIP Switch 1: UTP Auto-Nego / 100Mbps Full Duplex mode DIP Switch 2: Fiber Full/Half Duplex DIP Switch 3: LLF (Link Lose Forwarding) Disable/Enable DIP Switch 4: Switch Converter / Pure converter mode
LED	Module: Power, TX (100Mbps, LK/Act, FDX/COL) Fiber (LK/Act, FDX/COL)
Power	Stand-alone (external adapter): DC9V / 0.7A
Dimension	Module: 119mm x 85mm x 26mm
EMI & safety	FCC Class A, CE, UL, CUL