



## *iMcV-Gigabit*

# *Operation Manual*

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## About the iMcV-Gigabit

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The SNMP manageable iMcV-Gigabit module provides a single conversion between 1000 Base-T twisted pair and 1000 Base-SX/LX fiber. Each iMcV-Gigabit includes one RJ-45 connector and one pair of SC fiber optic connectors. iMcV-Gigabit modules install into any modular, SNMP manageable iMediaChassis, as well as the MediaChassis series, which is unmanaged.

The iMcV-Gigabit is also available in a single-strand fiber version that allows two wavelengths to share one fiber strand—Full-Duplex data travels on different wavelengths (1310 nm and 1550 nm)—doubling the capacity of fiber. Also, one RJ-45 connector and one SC fiber connector are included.

NOTE
<i>All iMcV-Gigabit modules, including 1300 nm multi-mode and 1310 nm single-mode (TX/LX), 850 nm multi-mode fiber (TX/SX) and single-strand versions (TX/SSLX) will be referred to as iMcV-Gigabit throughout this guide except where differences need to be indicated.</i>

## Configuration Instructions

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iMcV-Gigabit Modules have user-configurable features. Refer to the matrix for configuring both managed (via an SNMP compatible management application such as iView<sup>2</sup>) and unmanaged iMcV-Gigabit modules.

## Managed Modules

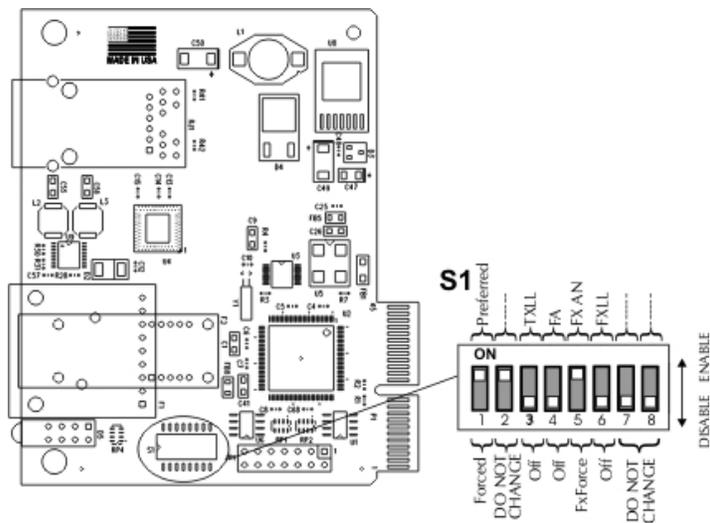
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To manage one or more iMcV-Gigabit Modules, an SNMP agent must be present in the chassis: The iMediaChassis series requires an SNMP Management Module. To configure Managed Modules, install the module first, and then configure using the management software. Refer to the iView<sup>2</sup> for MediaConverters online help file for additional information.

NOTE
<i>If the module is going to be managed via the software management, configuration settings will override any hardware DIP Switch settings.</i>

## Unmanaged Modules

Before installing, configure the iMcV-Gigabit Module for desired features. The table below indicates the available features and settings for the module. After configuring the switch for the desired settings, install the module and connect the appropriate cables. For further information, refer to the Installing an iMcV Module section.



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DIP Switch on S1	Feature	Default Setting
1	Forced/Preferred	ON
2	Factory use - Do not change	ON
3	TX LinkLoss	OFF
4	FiberAlert	OFF
5	FX Auto Negotiation	ON
6	FX LinkLoss	OFF
7	Factory use - Do not change	OFF
8	Factory use - Do not change	OFF

## **LinkLoss, FiberAlert and Link Fault Pass-Through**

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iMcV-Gigabit modules include the troubleshooting features FiberAlert, TXLL, FXLL and LFPT that help locate *silent failures* on a network. Before attempting to install the module(s), understand how these features work and react to a specific network configuration.

**\*\* WARNING \*\***

***Installing modules without understanding the effects of LinkLoss and FiberAlert can cause functioning units to appear flawed or even non functional.***

### **Link Integrity**

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During normal operation, link integrity pulses are transmitted by all point-to-point Ethernet devices. When an IMC Networks media converter receives valid link pulses, it knows that the device to which it is connected is up and sending pulses, and that the copper or fiber cable coming from that device is intact. The appropriate “LNK” (link) LED is lit to indicate this.

The IMC Networks media converter also sends out link pulses from its copper and fiber transmitters, but normally has no way of knowing whether the cable to the other device is intact and the link pulses are reaching the other end. The combination of FiberAlert and LinkLoss allows this information to be obtained, even when physical access to a remote device (and its link integrity LED) is not available.

### **FX LinkLoss (FXLL)**

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FX LinkLoss is a troubleshooting feature. When a fault occurs on the fiber segment of a conversation, FX LinkLoss detects the fault and passes this information to the twisted pair segment. If a media converter is not receiving a fiber link, FX LinkLoss disables the transmitter on the media converter’s twisted pair port. This results in a loss of link on the device connected to the twisted pair port.

### **TX LinkLoss (TXLL)**

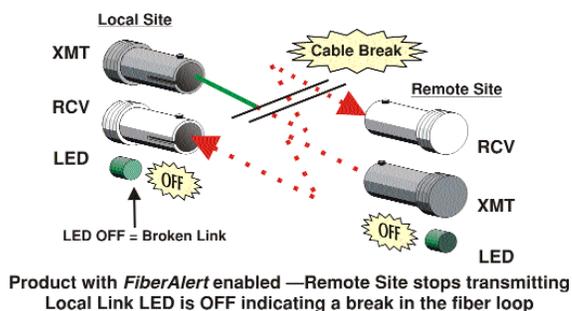
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TX LinkLoss is a troubleshooting feature. When a fault occurs on the twisted pair segment of a conversation, TX LinkLoss detects the fault and passes this information to the fiber segment. If a media converter is not receiving a twisted pair link, TX LinkLoss disables the transmitter on the media converter's fiber port. The result is in a loss of the link on the device connected to the fiber port.

## FiberAlert (FA)

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FiberAlert minimizes the problems associated with the loss of one strand of fiber. If a strand is unavailable, the IMC Networks device at the receiver end notes the loss of link. The device will then stop transmitting data and the link signal until a signal or link pulse is received. The result is that the link LED on BOTH sides of the fiber connection will go out indicating a fault somewhere in the fiber loop. Using FiberAlert, a local site administrator is notified of a fault and can quickly determine where a cable fault is located.



### WARNING

***Enable FiberAlert on one side of a media conversion only. Enabling it on both sides would keep both transmitters off indefinitely.***

## Using FiberAlert and LinkLoss

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Modules ship from the factory with troubleshooting features disabled. Refer to the help file to enable/disable this feature.

## **Link Fault Pass-Through (LFPT)**

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Link Fault Pass-Through (LFPT) is a troubleshooting feature that combines TX and FX LinkLoss from both the local and remote iMcV-Gigabit modules. LFPT is enabled by turning on both FX and TX LinkLoss on both modules. This feature allows either end of the conversion to detect a link fault occurring at the other end of the media conversion chain. FiberAlert can also be enabled at the main site.

If a cable fault occurs on the remote devices' twisted pair port, then TX LinkLoss detects the fault and disable the OPTICS port.

If a cable fault occurs on the remote devices fiber optics' port, then FX LinkLoss detects the fiber loss and disables the Twisted Pair port.

The link fault is passed through the media conversion and is observed at each end. It acts just like it would if the devices were directly connected.

For more information on LinkLoss/FiberAlert, visit the IMC Networks Web site at <http://www.imcnetworks.com/support/> If unsure of how to implement these features in a specific configuration, contact IMC Networks Technical Support at (800) 624-1070 (U.S./Canada), +32-16-550880 (Europe) or via e-mail at: [techsupport@imcnetworks.com](mailto:techsupport@imcnetworks.com).

## Additional Gigabit Features

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### Preferred/Forced Mode

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The iMcV-Gigabit module also includes a Preferred/Forced Modes for Master/Slave negotiation. Preferred Mode helps determine whether the module should act as a Master or Slave. Forced Mode should typically only be used when connecting to some legacy switches, or when there is difficulty establishing a link. The default is Preferred Mode (S1-1 is ON). This feature is hardware configurable only.

Since most switches today typically function as Masters, IMC Networks recommends configuring iMcV-Gigabit as indicated in the table.

DIP Switch	Setting
S1-1	ON (Preferred)
S1-2	ON (Forced)

### FX Negotiation on iMcV-Gigabit

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The iMcV-Gigabit module include a FX Auto Negotiation feature which negotiates duplex mode. This feature must be enabled or disabled on both ends of the connection or there may have difficulty establishing a link. If the device being connected to the iMcV-Gigabit module does not support Auto Negotiation, disabling the feature on the iMcV-Gigabit module forces the link up.

DIP Switch settings for FX AN:

DIP Switch	Setting
S1-5	FX AN = ON

### Installing an iMcV Module

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iMcV Modules install in IMC Networks' SNMP manageable iMediaChassis series or in any MediaChassis.

To install an iMcV Module:

1. Remove the blank bracket covering the slot where the module is to be installed by removing the screws on the outside edges of the bracket.
2. Slide the iMcV Module into the chassis, via the cardguides, until the module is seated securely in the connector.
3. Secure the module to the chassis by tightening the captive screw.
4. Save any "blanks" removed during installation for future use if the configuration requirements change.

## AutoCross Feature for Twisted Pair Connection

All twisted pair ports on the iMcV-Gigabit includes AutoCross, a feature that automatically selects between a crossover workstation and a straight-through connection depending on the connected device.

## LED Operation

Each iMcV-Gigabit Module features diagnostic LEDs that provide information on features and ports.

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<b>LNK/ACT</b>	Glows green when a twisted pair link is established. Blinks green when data is detected on the port. Located on RJ-45 connector.
<b>FDX</b>	Glows amber when port is operating in Full-Duplex Mode on the RJ-45 connector.
<b>FXLL</b>	Glows green when FX LinkLoss is enabled on the port. Blinks when a fault occurs on the fiber port and actively disables the copper port.
<b>TXLL</b>	Glows green when TX LinkLoss is enabled on the port. Blinks when a fault occurs on the copper port and actively disables the fiber port.
<b>LNK</b>	Glows green when a twisted pair link is established.
<b>FA</b>	Glows green when FiberAlert is enabled. Blinks when a fault occurs on the RCV fiber line and actively disables the XMT fiber line.

The diagram shows the front panel of the iMcV-Gigabit module. At the top, it is labeled "1000 Mbps Gigabit". Below this, there is an RJ-45 port labeled "UTP". To the right of the RJ-45 port, there are two LEDs: a green one labeled "LNK/ACT" and an amber one labeled "FDX". Below the RJ-45 port is an "OPTICS" section with two fiber ports labeled "XMT" and "RCV". Below the fiber ports are four LEDs: two green ones labeled "FXLL" and "TXLL", one green one labeled "LNK", and one amber one labeled "FA". At the bottom of the panel is a circular button with a star symbol.

## **Installation Troubleshooting**

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- During installation, first test the fiber and twisted pair connections with all troubleshooting features disabled, then enable these features, if desired, just before final installation. This will reduce the features' interference with testing.

If using a high powered device (which is designed for long distance installations) for a short distance installation, the fiber transmitters may overdrive the receivers and cause data loss. If this is the case, an optical attenuator may need to be added to the connection.

For fiber specifications, visit the IMC Networks Web site at:

[www.imcnetworks.com/adocs/fcs.asp](http://www.imcnetworks.com/adocs/fcs.asp) or contact IMC Networks for more information.

## **Specifications**

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### **Environmental**

#### **Operating Temperature**

32° - 122° F (0° - 50° C)

#### **Storage Temperature**

130° - 158° F (-25° - 85° C)

#### **Humidity**

5 - 95% (non-condensing)

#### **Power Consumption (Typical)**

iMcV-Gigabit w/LFPT: 0.55Amp

### **Fiber Optic Specifications**

For fiber optic specifications, please visit:

<http://www.imcnetworks.com/adocs/fcs.asp>

## **IMC Networks Technical Support**

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## Fiber Optic Cleaning Guidelines

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Fiber Optic transmitters and receivers are extremely susceptible to contamination by particles of dirt or dust, which can obstruct the optic path and cause performance degradation. Good system performance requires clean optics and connector ferrules.

1. Use fiber patch cords (or connectors, if you terminate your own fiber) only from a reputable supplier; low-quality components can cause many hard-to-diagnose problems in an installation.
2. Dust caps are installed at IMC Networks to ensure factory-clean optical devices. These protective caps should not be removed until the moment of connecting the fiber cable to the device. Should it be necessary to disconnect the fiber device, reinstall the protective dust caps.
3. Store spare caps in a dust-free environment such as a sealed plastic bag or box so that when reinstalled they do not introduce any contamination to the optics.
4. If you suspect that the optics have been contaminated, alternate between blasting with clean, dry, compressed air and flushing with methanol to remove particles of dirt.

## Electrostatic Discharge Precautions

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Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can cause damage to any product, add-in modules or stand alone units, containing electronic components. Always observe the following precautions when installing or handling these kinds of products

1. Do not remove unit from its protective packaging until ready to install.
2. Wear an ESD wrist grounding strap before handling any module or component. If the wrist strap is not available, maintain grounded contact with the system unit throughout any procedure requiring ESD protection.
3. Hold the units by the edges; do not touch the electronic components or gold connectors.
4. After removal, always place the boards on a grounded, static-free surface, ESD pad or in a proper ESD bag. Do not slide the modules or stand alone units over any surface.



**WARNING!** Integrated circuits and fiber optic components are extremely susceptible to electrostatic discharge damage. Do not handle these components directly unless you are a qualified service technician and use tools and techniques that conform to accepted industry practices.

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## Certifications

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CE: The products described herein comply with the Council Directive on Electromagnetic Compatibility (2004/108/EC).



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