



*McBasic*  
*TP/FO & TP/BNC*  
*Operation Manual*

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## About the McBasic

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The McBasic series consists of low-cost, IEEE 802.3 single-conversion, 1U high, standalone media converters. The McBasic TP/FO converts 10Base-T twisted pair to 10Base-FL multi-mode or single-mode fiber and includes one RJ-45 connector and one pair of ST or SC connectors.

McBasic TP/BNC converts 10Base-T twisted pair to 10Base-2 thin coax and includes one RJ-45 connector and one BNC connector. Each McBasic includes diagnostic LEDs and an internal 100/240 VAC power supply.

## Installing the McBasic

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McBasic comes ready to install; configure after installation. To install McBasic, first make sure that the unit is placed on a suitable flat surface.

Attach the cables between the McBasic and each device that will be interconnected, then plug the unit into a reliable, filtered power source.

NOTE
<i>The McBasic TP/FO does not auto-negotiate, therefore IMC Networks does NOT recommend connecting it to a switch, media converter or other device that ONLY auto-negotiates; connect to a device that is 10 Mbps or to a device that you can force to 10 Mbps.</i>

## Configuring McBasic

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Once installed, configure McBasic TP/FO for the following:

- A crossover or pass-through connection for the twisted pair port
- Pulsing FiberAlert

Once installed, configure McBasic TP/BNC for the following:

- A crossover or pass-through connection for the twisted pair port
- BNC port termination (default = Enabled)

## Twisted Pair Crossover/Straight-Through Switch

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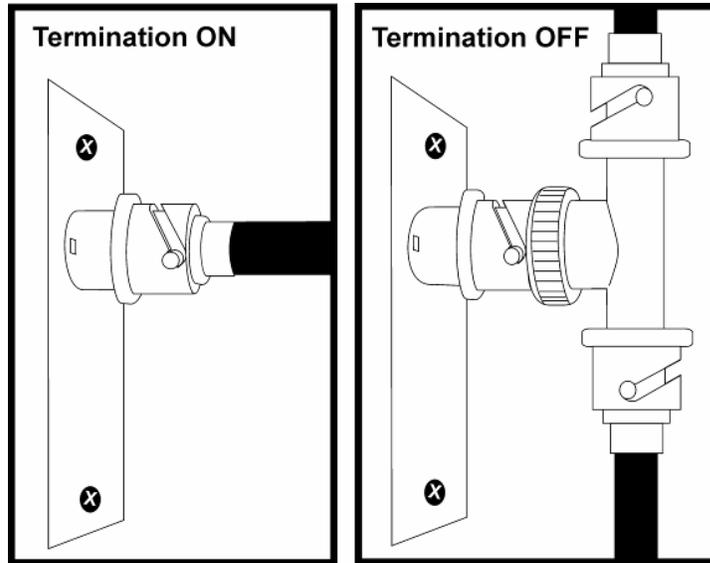
The twisted pair port on McBasic TP/FO and McBasic TP/BNC features a pushbutton switch, located next to the twisted pair connector, for selecting a crossover workstation connection or straight-through repeater/hub connection.

Select a straight-through connection by pressing the push-button IN. A crossover connection is selected when the push-button is OUT. If uncertain whether a crossover or straight-through connection is needed, set the push-button to the position that makes the TP LNK (link) LED glow.

## BNC Port Termination

McBasic TP/BNC features a 2-position switch next to the BNC connector that allows a thin coaxial segment to be terminated at the port without an additional 'T' connector and terminator.

If McBasic TP/BNC is attached to a mid-point of a thin Ethernet segment, attach a 'T' connector to the BNC port.



**BNC Port Termination**

Termination must be OFF (disabled). Termination is disabled when the switch is in the left position. If a thin Ethernet segment is to be terminated at the McBasic TP/BNC, attach the cable directly to the BNC connector and set the termination switch to ON (enabled –factory default) by moving the switch to the right position.

## LinkLoss and Pulsing FiberAlert

LinkLoss and Pulsing FiberAlert are advanced troubleshooting features from IMC Networks that can help you locate “silent failures” on your network.

It is vital that you understand exactly how Pulsing FiberAlert and LinkLoss work and how they will react in your network configuration before attempting to install the enclosed unit.

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

*Installing media converters without understanding the effects of Pulsing FiberAlert can cause perfectly functioning units to appear flawed or even dead!*

If you are unfamiliar with Pulsing FiberAlert and LinkLoss, IMC Networks strongly encourages you to read the following information. Contact IMC Networks technical support at (800) 624-1070 (U.S./Canada), +32-16-550880 (Europe) or [techsupport@imcnetworks.com](mailto:techsupport@imcnetworks.com) for more information and assistance.

## **About 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 "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.

## **FO LinkLoss**

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FO LinkLoss is a troubleshooting feature. When a fault occurs on the fiber segment (receive side) of a conversion, FO LinkLoss detects the fault and passes this information to the twisted pair segment. If a media converter is not receiving a fiber link, FO 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.

## **TP LinkLoss**

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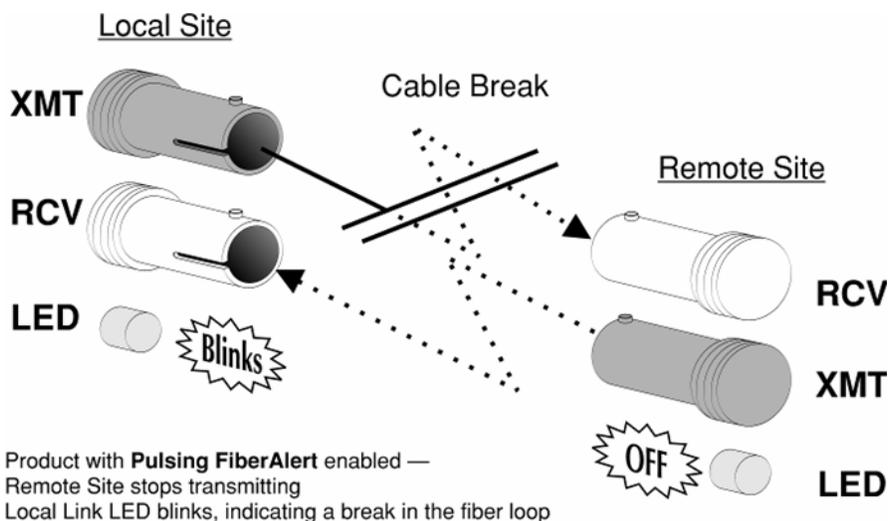
TP LinkLoss is another troubleshooting feature. When a fault occurs on the twisted pair segment of a conversion, TP LinkLoss detects the fault and passes this information to the fiber segment. If a media converter is not receiving a twisted pair link, TP LinkLoss disables the transmitter on the media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

## **Configuring LinkLoss**

TP LinkLoss and FO LinkLoss are always enabled on McBasic TP/FO. Neither is offered on McBasic TP/BNC.

## Pulsing FiberAlert

Pulsing 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 stop transmitting data and start sending link pulses. Until a valid link is received, the fiber link LED will be OFF on the device on the receiver side of the fiber strand with the fault while the fiber Link LED on the other unit will blink. Pulsing FiberAlert notifies a local site administrator of a fault, allowing quick determination of where a cable fault resides.

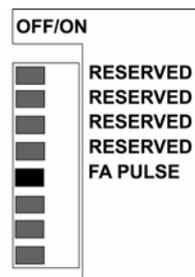


### NOTE

*You can enable Pulsing FiberAlert on BOTH sides of a conversion.*

## Configuring Pulsing FiberAlert

McBasic TP/FO features an 8-position DIP switch located on the bottom of the unit for configuring Pulsing FiberAlert after installation. To enable Pulsing FiberAlert, move the switch labeled “FA Pulse” to the ON position. After configuring the DIP switch, power down the unit and then power up again for the changes to take effect. The default setting for this feature is shown to the right. Switches 5-8 are factory-configured; DO NOT change.

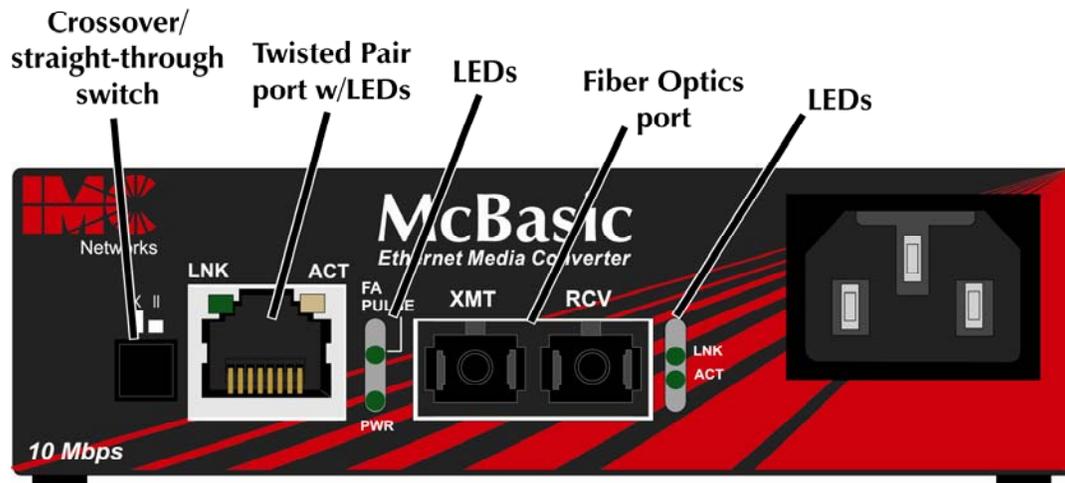


If unsure of how to best implement these features in your configuration, please contact IMC Networks Technical Support at (800) 624-1070 (U.S. and Canada); +32-16-550880 (Europe).

## LED Operation

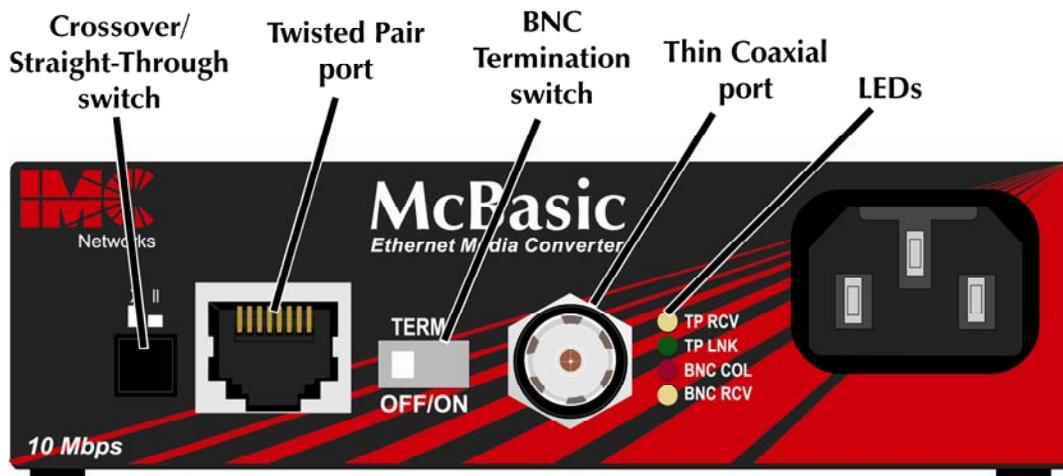
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Each McBasic features diagnostic LEDs. The following illustrations show the location of the LEDs, and other features, on McBasic TP/FO and McBasic TP/BNC.



The LED functions for McBasic TP/FO are as follows:

- **TP LINK**  
Glows green if link is established on the TX port.
- **TP ACT**  
Glows amber when data is being passed on the TX port.
- **FA PULSE**  
Glows green when Pulsing FiberAlert is enabled.
- **PWR**  
Glows green when unit has power.
- **FO LINK**  
Glows green when link is established on the FX port.
- **FO ACT**  
Glows green if data is being passed on the FX port.



The LED functions for McBasic TP/BNC are as follows:

- **TP RCV**  
Flickers amber when twisted pair port is receiving data.
- **TP LNK**  
Glows green when a twisted pair link is established.
- **BNC COL**  
Flickers red in normal operation indicating normal collisions are being detected on the BNC segment.
- **BNC RCV**  
Flickers amber when BNC port is receiving data (On a -20 McBasic TP/BNC, the TP RCV and BNC RCV LEDs flicker at a rate proportional to the rate that the data is passing on the ports. Under low traffic conditions, the LEDs flicker visibly, while they appear to glow under high traffic conditions.)

## Installation Troubleshooting

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- During installation, first test your fiber and twisted pair connections with all troubleshooting features disabled. Then enable these features, if desired, just before final installation. This will reduce the interference from features upon testing.
- To test McBasic TP/FO by itself, you must have an appropriate fiber patch cable. First, connect McBasic TP/FO to the twisted pair device with a twisted pair cable and establish valid link. Next, loop a single strand of fiber from the transmit port to the receive port of your media converter. Finally, verify that you have both twisted pair and fiber link on your media converter.
- Make sure that you are using the appropriate twisted pair cable or have the crossover/pass-through button on the media converter set correctly.
- Interconnection between the Next Generation of McBasic TP/FOs, iMcV-PIM TP/FOs and McPIM TP/FOs and their Legacy counterparts is possible. Where possible, however, use Legacy with Legacy product, or Next Generation with Next Generation product.
- When connecting the fiber port of a McBasic TP/FO to a 100 Mbps fiber port of the link partner or another media converter, an unlabeled LED located at the top of the fiber LED stack will glow amber, indicating the presence of a configuration fault. To correct this fault, you must configure the end-device to force 10 Mbps mode.

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## **Specifications**

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### **Power**

AC Input Load: 100/240V $\pm$ 10% ~ 50/60 Hz, 0.1/0.05A

### **Operating Temperature:**

32° to 104° F (0° to 40° C)

### **Storage Temperature:**

-4° to 158° F (-20° to 70° C)

### **Humidity:**

5 to 90% (non-condensing); 0 to 10,000 ft. altitude

### **Shipping weight:**

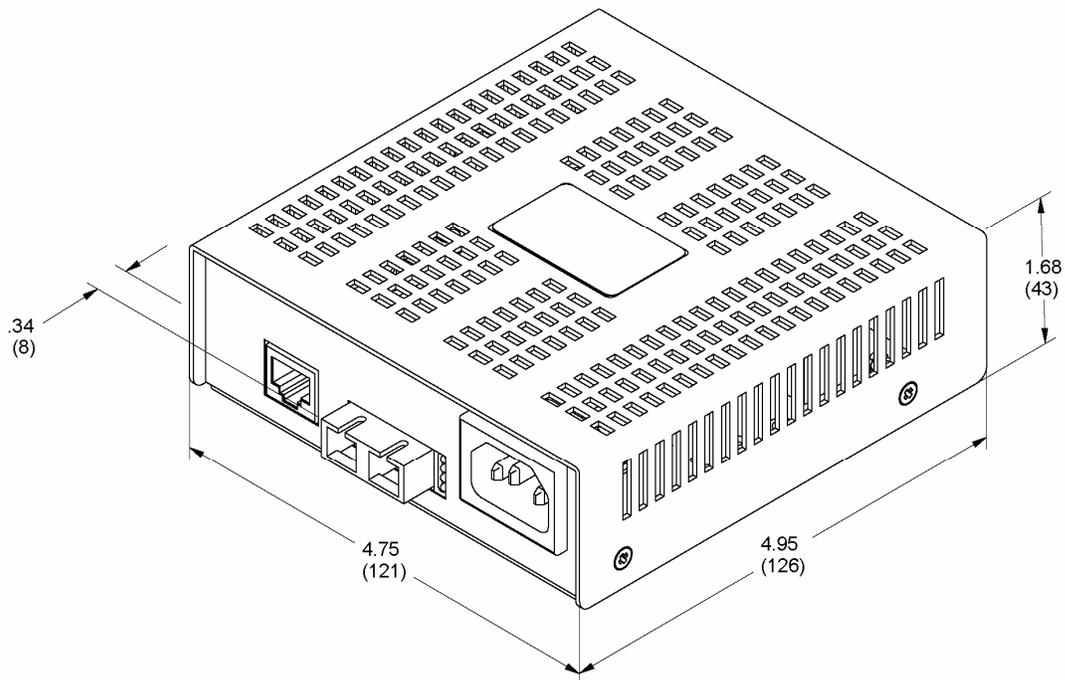
1.3 lbs. (0.6 kg)

## Dimensions:

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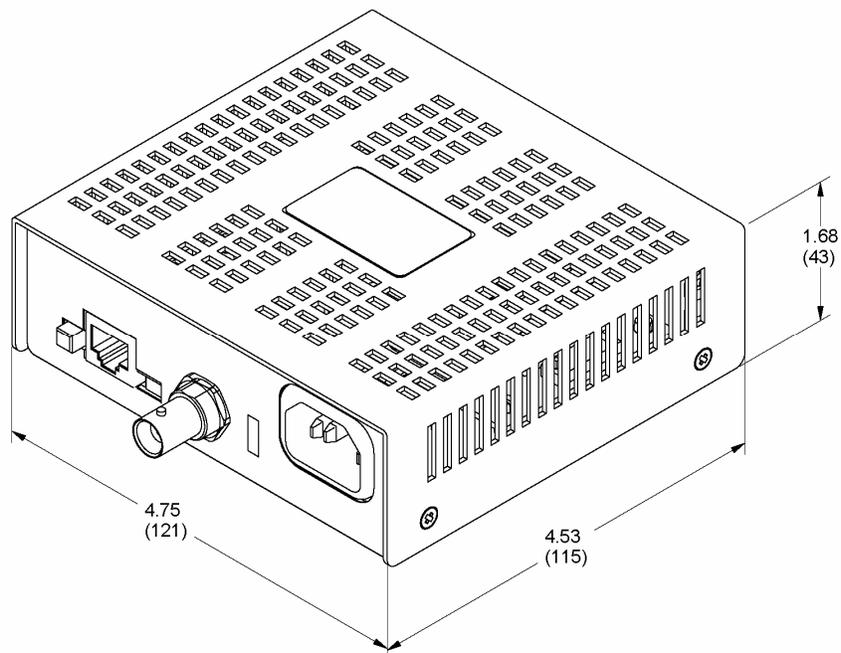
McBasic TP/FO

1.68"H x 4.75"W x 4.95"D (4.3 cm x 12.1 cm x 12.6 cm)



McBasic TP/BNC

1.68"H x 4.75"W x 4.53"D (4.3 cm x 12.1 cm x 11.5 cm)



## 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 your add-in modules. Always observe the following precautions when installing or handling an add-in module or any board assembly.

1. Do not remove unit from its protective packaging until you're ready to install it.
2. Wear an ESD wrist grounding strap before handling any module or component. If you do not have a wrist strap, maintain grounded contact with the system unit throughout any procedure requiring ESD protection.
3. Hold boards by the edges only; 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 board 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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## Safety Certifications

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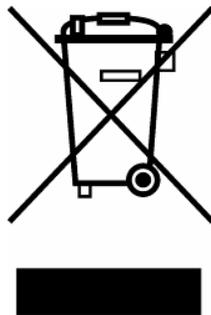
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