

MEMS Dual 1xN Fiber Optical Switch

N up to 380 ports, bidirectional

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Applications

- Network
- Data Storage
- Sensor System
- Instrument

Features

- Up to 380 Channels
- 780 to 2100nm
- SM, MM, PM
- Compact
- Low Cost
- Bidirectional
- Temperature Insensitive
- High Reliability

The MEMS Dual 1xN Fiber Optical Switch is based on a reflecting silicon mirror that directs light from an input fiber to the requested output fiber among the N output fibers. The light path length difference between each state is small. The switch is bidirectional that can be used as Dual Nx1. It comes mounted on a PCB with control electronics powered by 5VDC. TTL control interface is standard. USB or RS232 with GUI is achieved through an optional adapting board that comes with a wall pluggable power supply and a computer interface cable. The two switches can be activated simultaneously or independently.

This MEMS platform offers the advantages of low cost and compact size. The on/off ratio, channel isolation, optical power handling, and response speed are less than our digital silicon mirrors-based switches.

Specifications

| Parameter | Min | Typical | Max | Unit |
|--|-----------------|---------|------|-------|
| Wavelength | 850 | | 1625 | nm |
| Wavelength Range | | ± 30 | | nm |
| Insertion Loss ^[1] | 0.7 | | 1.6 | dB |
| Cross Talk ^[2] | 30 | 45 | 50 | dB |
| Return Loss ^[3] | 30 | | 50 | dB |
| Repeatability | 0.03 | | 0.05 | dB |
| Polarization Dependent Loss | | | 0.15 | dB |
| Wavelength Dependent Loss ^[4] | | | 0.3 | dB |
| Temperature Dependent Loss | | | 0.3 | dB |
| Switching Time | | | 20 | ms |
| Optical Power Handling | | | 500 | mW |
| Life Time | 10 ⁹ | | | cycle |
| Operating Temperature | -5 | | 70 | °C |
| Storage Temperature | -40 | | 80 | °C |
| Power Supply | 0 | | 5 | VDC |
| Power Consumption | | | 500 | mW |

Notes:

[1]: measured without connectors @CWL ±30nm, 23°C; each connector adds 0.3dB. 0.7dB for 8 ch, 1dB for 12 ch, 1.2dB for 24 ch., 1.4dB for 32 ch., 1.5dB for 48 ch, 1.6 dB for 64 ch.

[2]: 30dB for multimode fiber, 45dB for >single mode 24 ch., 50dB for < single mode 16 ch.

[3]: 30dB for multimode fiber, 50dB for single mode

[4]: @CWL ±30nm, 23°C

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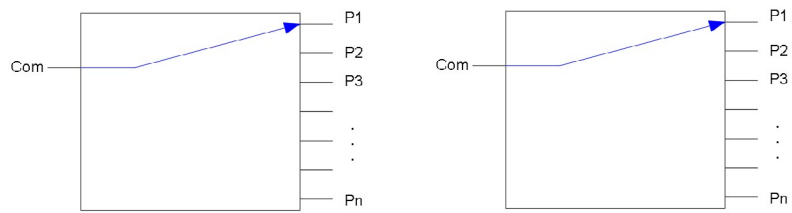
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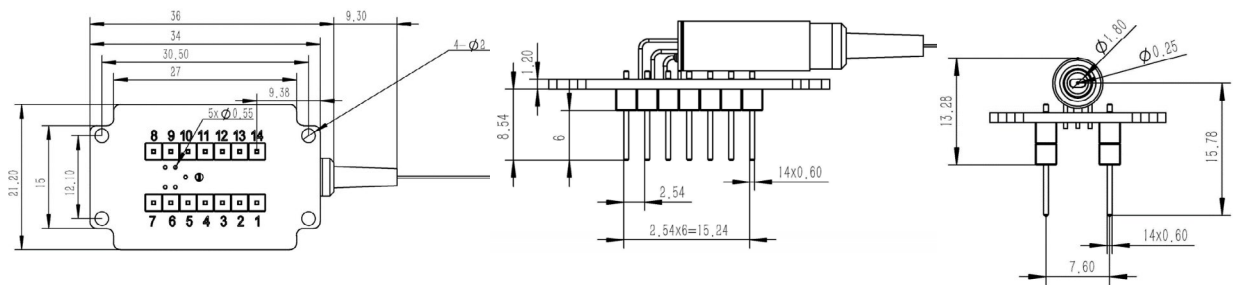
Optical Path Diagram

Switchable fiber loops in series

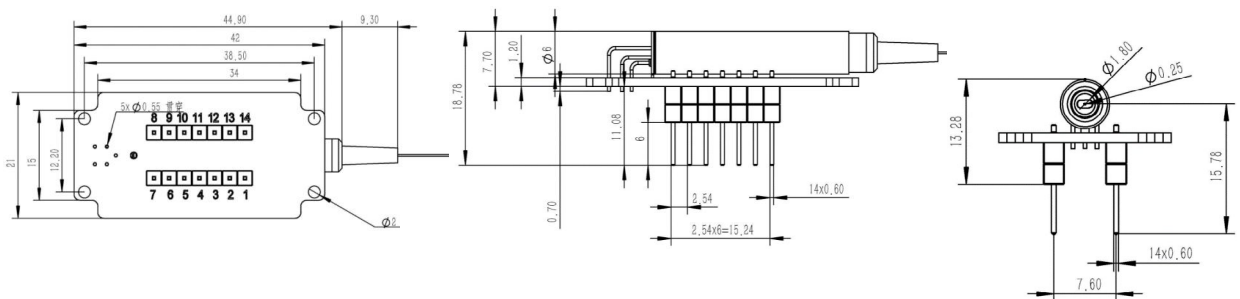


Dimension (mm)

1x4, 1x8



1x12 to 1x64



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Ordering Information

| Prefix | Configuration | Wavelength * | Control | Fiber Type | Fiber Cover | Fiber Length | Connector |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| MSWH- | Dual 1x4 = DA4 | 1240-1630nm = 1 | TTL = 1 | SM28 = 1 | Bare fiber = 1 | 0.25m = 1 | None = 1 |
| | Dual 1x8 = DA8 | 1550nm = 5 | USB = 2 | 50/125 = 2 | 900um tube = 3 | 0.5m = 2 | FC/PC = 2 |
| | Dual 1x12 = D12 | 1310nm = 3 | RS232 = 3 | Hi1060 = 3 | Special = 0 | 1.0m = 3 | FC/APC = 3 |
| | ... | 1310/1550nm = B | Special = 0 | PM1550 = 4 | | Special = 0 | SC/PC = 4 |
| | Dual 1x64 = D64 | 850nm = 8 | | 62.5/125 = 5 | | | SC/APC = 5 |
| | | 850/1310 = C | | SM800 = 6 | | | ST/PC = 6 |
| | | 1060nm = 6 | | SM1950 = 7 | | | LC/PC = 7 |
| | | 980nm = 9 | | PM850 = 8 | | | MTP = 9 |
| | | 780nm = 7 | | Hi780 = 9 | | | LC/U/PC = U |
| | | Special = 0 | | Special = 0 | | | Special = 0 |

* selection of 5, 3, B is the same device as 1, but test at different wavelength with extra cost.

RED indicates special order

Driver Part Number: **SWDR-D1XN2D5VS**

Fiber Core Alignment

Note that the minimum attenuation for these devices depends on excellent core-to-core alignment when the connectors are mated. This is crucial for shorter wavelengths with smaller fiber core diameters that can increase the loss of many decibels above the specification if they are not perfectly aligned. Different vendors' connectors may not mate well with each other, especially for angled APC.

Fiber Cleanliness

Fibers with smaller core diameters (<5 μm) must be kept extremely clean, contamination at fiber-fiber interfaces, combined with the high optical power density, can lead to significant optical damage. This type of damage usually requires re-polishing or replacement of the connector.

Maximum Optical Input Power

Due to their small fiber core diameters for short wavelength and high photon energies, the damage thresholds for device is substantially reduced than the common 1550nm fiber. To avoid damage to the exposed fiber end faces and internal components, the optical input power should never exceed 20 mW for wavelengths shorter 650nm. We produce a special version to increase the handling by expanding the core side at the fiber ends.

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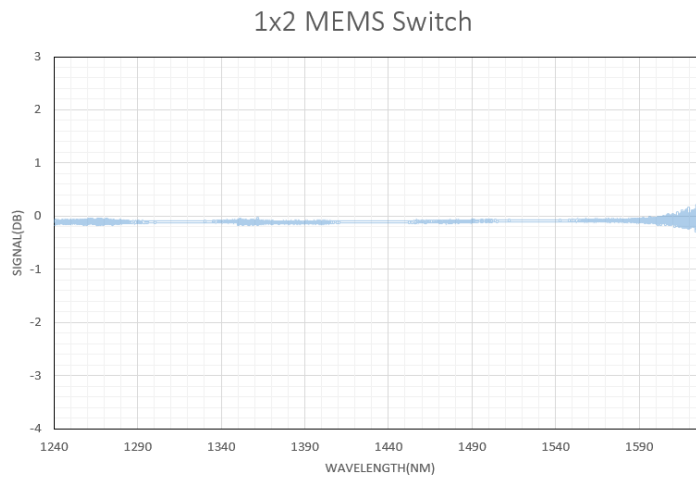
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Typical Insertion Loss vs Wavelength (1240-1630nm)



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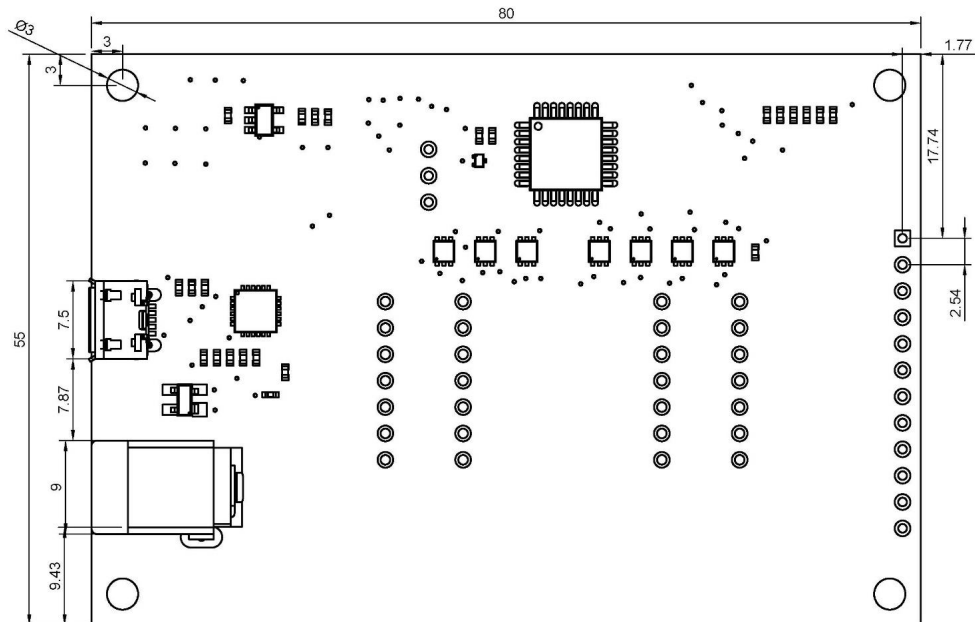
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USB/TTL Driver Description

The MSWH MEMS 1xN Driver is compatible with MEMS 1xN switches (Up to 64 ports). It has three control modes: Onboard Switch; TTL; USB (Virtual COM) with a user-friendly GUI Windows™ program supporting UART commands. It is intended for convenient laboratory use or switch performance evaluation. The unit has a mini USB connector with a USB-to-MicroUSB cable. It can be powered by 5V USB cable and USB power supply or via onboard 5V-GND holes.

Mechanical Dimension



Manual Operation Instruction

- **Power the Board**

The unit can be powered up via 5V USB power supply.

- **Onboard Switch Control**

Onboard DIP-6 switch is available for quick TTL function test and fast manual control. After setting the DIP-6 switch, press the STROBE button to change the channel of MEMS 1xN switch.

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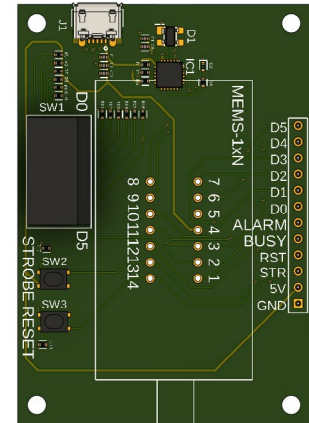
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TTL Operation Instruction

- TTL Interface Definition

| Name | Direction | Description |
|-------|-----------|---|
| 5V | Power | The driver board can also be powered up via these two holes. |
| GND | Ground | |
| D0-D5 | Input | 6 Pin TTL |
| STR | Input | STROBE, Send a pulse to set the switch channel |
| RST | Input | RESET, Send a pulse to reset switch status |
| BUSY | Output | Logic HIGH when the device is busy |
| ALARM | Output | Logic HIGH when the device meets error when booting/ high temperature |

| CH | D5 | D4 | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| . | | | | | | |
| 64 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |



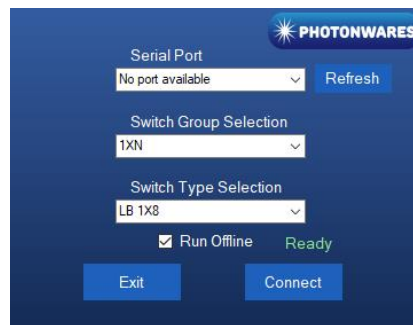
Computer Graphic Software User Guide

- Install the Program

Click on setup.exe for the automatic installation, which should be provided with the product.

- Run the Program

Run the "Switch Operation Program.exe" and the program will open the configuration window. Select the correct Switch Group and select the specific Switch Type. Then click the "Connect" button and the program will establish the connection between PC and board.



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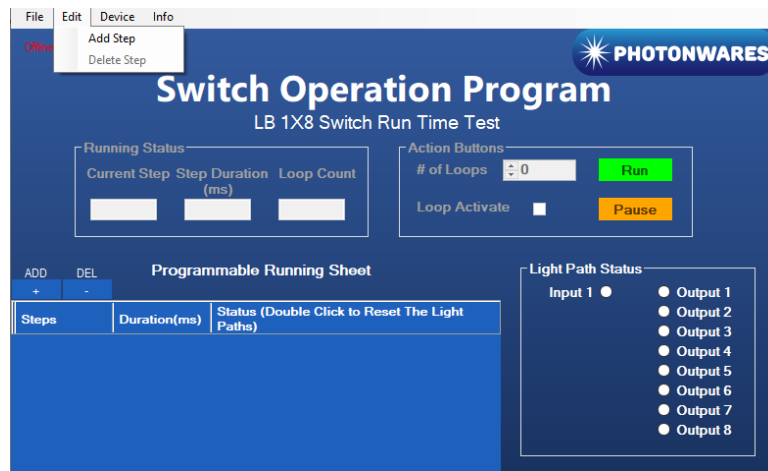
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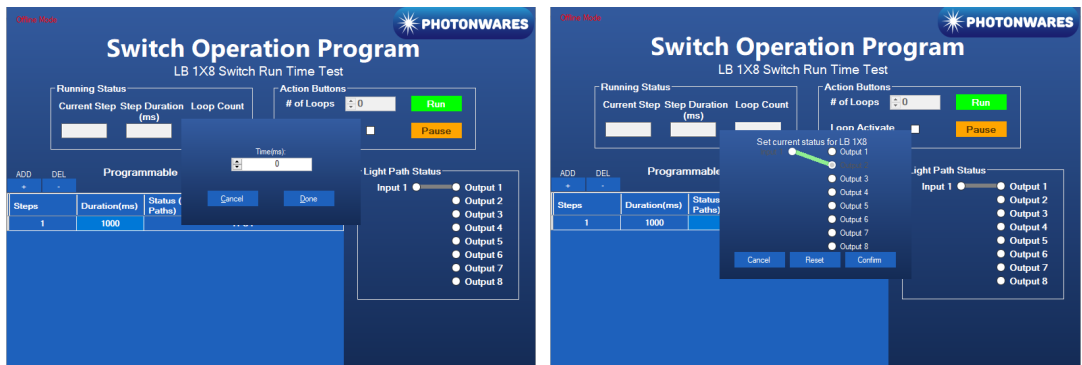
• Create and edit testing time sequence

Add step: Click the “Add Step” button in the menu strip or click the “+(ADD)” button would both add a step to the Programmable Running Sheet.

Delete step: Click the “Delete Step” button in the menu strip or click the “-(DEL)” button would both delete a step in the Programmable Running Sheet.



Edit step: There are two things that you can modify for one step. One is the light path, and the other is the duration for each step. Double click the cell that you want to modify, and the program will allow you to modify the setting.



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Command List

- **Command in Serial**

The serial communication should be set in **115200 baud rate, none parity, 8 data bits, 1 stop bits**.

Command in **ASCII**:

1. Check PN of device:

CMD: *PN<cr>

RTN: <cr><lf>AB.CD.EFGH<cr><lf>

2. Check SN of device:

CMD: *SN<cr>

RTN: <cr><lf>ABCDEFGHIJ<cr><lf>

3. Set Channel:

CMD: *SWABC<cr>

RTN: <cr><lf>CHAN:ABC<cr><lf>

Example: *SW001<cr> RTN: <cr><lf>CHAN:001<cr><lf>

Note: <cr> is 0x0C in HEX, \n in ASCII

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