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### USER GUIDE

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# **4 Line POTS Fiber Link System**

### **Extend Analog Phone Over Fiber Optic Cable**

## Introduction

The RLH 4 Line Analog Phone or Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS) Fiber Link system transports four analog phone lines over fiber optic cable. This rugged system is designed to operate reliability in harsh environments over a wide temperature range.

Common applications include connecting analog lines over fiber for the benefit of electrical isolation, extending service over long distances, or reducing EMI in electrically noisy environments. The system is compatible with all traditional analog phone services, dial-up modems, meters, and fax machines.

A comprehensive set of LEDs on the front panel indicate the status of the power, fiber link, and phone lines. The standard system powering requirement is 12-48VDC, and a 125VDC option is available. The system also features dual redundant power inputs with a system status alarm contact relay, and comes standard with DIN clip and wall mount ears for flexible installation.

The 4 Line POTS Fiber Link System is designed, engineered, and assembled in the USA, and covered by our Lifetime Warranty.



4 Line POTS FXO Fiber Optic Converter

#### Features

Supports MSA compliant Gigabit SFPs

Supports Caller ID

Supports Call-Forward Disconnect (Hook Flash)

Supports Ringdown Function (FXS to FXS Hotline Phone)

Standard 2-wire analog phone lines, dial-up modems, and fax machines

Hardened to operate in -40°F to +158°F (-40°C to +70°C)

Dual redundant power inputs (12~48VDC)

DC power, fiber break, or system failure alarm contacts

DIN rail or wall mount (mounting ears included)

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## **General Safety Practices**

#### **Intended Audience**

This guide is intended for use by knowledgeable installation, operation and repair personnel. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this guide. However, due to constant product improvement, specifications and information contained in this document are subject to change without notice.

### Conventions

Symbols for notes, attention, and caution are used throughout this manual to provide readers with additional information, advice when special attention is needed, and caution to prevent injury or equipment damage.

The equipment discussed in this document may require tools designed for the purpose being described. RLH recommends that service personnel be familiar with the correct handling and use of any installation equipment used, and follow all safety precautions including the use of protective personal equipment as required.

### Caution - Severe Shock Hazard

- Never install during a lightning storm or where unsafe high voltages are present.
- Active phone lines may carry high DC voltages. Use caution when handling copper wiring.
- Do not open the enclosure, there are no user serviceable parts.

#### Guidelines for handling terminated fiber cable



- Do not bend fiber cable sharply. Use gradual and smooth bends to avoid damaging glass fiber.
- Keep dust caps on fiber optic connectors at all times when disconnected.
- Do not remove dust caps from unused fiber.
- Keep fiber ends and fiber connectors clean and free from dust, dirt and debris. Contamination will cause signal loss.
- Do not touch fiber ends.
- Store excess fiber on fiber spools at site

#### Laser Safety



Do not look directly into a fiber-optic transceiver or into the ends of fiber-optic cables. Fiber-optic transceivers and fiber-optic cable connected to a transceiver emit laser light that can cause eye damage.

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### **Acronyms**

#### Commonly used acronyms and abbreviations

Acronym/Abbreviation	Description
POTS	Plain Old Telephone Service (analog phone)
FXO	Foreign Exchange Office or Central Office location
FXS	Foreign Exchange Station or Subscriber Side location
ТΧ	Transmit
RX	Receive
ММ	Multimode
SM	Single Mode
PBX	Private Branch Exchange

## **System Description**

#### **FXO Side**

The RLH 4 Line POTS FXO device provides the electrical-optical interface between a service provider's inbound telephone line or analog PBX phone line, and fiber optic cable.

#### **FXS Side**

The RLH 4 Line POTS FXS device provides the optical-electrical interface between fiber optic cable and an inbound telephone line to a telephone, fax, or modem. The FXS device is powered by a local DC power source. LED Indicators on the unit indicate power, fiber link, ringing, and off-hook conditions.





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## **System Description**

### FXO to FXS - Phone Line Extension

When a fiber link is established between an RLH 4 Line Analog Phone FXO and FXS device, the complete system will act as an electrically isolated analog phone line extender. The inbound phone line connects to the FXO device, transmits over an optical medium to the FXS device, and transparently returns its analog phone signal back to copper for use by end devices.



Phone Line Extension

#### FXS to FXS - Ringdown (Hotline Phone)

When a fiber link is established between two (2) RLH 4 Line Analog Phone FXS devices, the system's four lines implement a ringdown signaling method. This type of configuration creates a closed circuit point-to-point telephone system for each line. When a phone connected to one FXS device is taken off-hook, the opposing FXS device's phone residing on the same analog line will ring until answered. An active call will then exist until either phone on that line hangs up.



**Ringdown (Hotline Phone)** 

#### **Call-Forward Disconnect**

Also known as "disconnect supervision", this feature enables the RLH 4 Line Analog Phone system to transmit battery drops to the FXO interface. This informs the remote party that the phone has been hung up. In addition to Call-Forward Disconnect, this system supports Hook Flash for traditional analog telephones.

#### Caller ID (CLID)

This system fully supports Caller ID Passthrough for both Single Data Message Format (SDMF) and Multiple Data Message Format (MDMF). If present, both the Calling Party Name and Calling Party Number will be transmitted to the remote party.



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## Installation

### **DIN Rail Mounting**

The DIN clip for mounting the system is mounted onto the rear panel. Hook the DIN clip on the top flange of the DIN rail, press down and rotate to the locked position to install. To remove, push down to depress the spring latch and rotate off of the DIN rail.



Installation

Removal

#### **DIN Rail Mounting**

### Wall Mounting

The system can be easily wall mounted by attaching the provided wall mount ears and hardware. Attache the wall mount ears by following the instructions below.



Wall Mounting



## Installation

### Install SFP Transceiver

This system requires MSA compliant, Gigabit fiber optic SFP transceivers. An Industrial grade SFP is recommended to enable reliable operation throughout the entire operational range. SFP transceivers are sold separately.

- Dual fiber systems require identical SFP transceivers.
- Single fiber systems require a matching pair, side A and side B.
- Close clasp and slide the SFP transceiver into the port.
- To remove, pull the clasp back to release it, and then slide it out



SFP Transceiver

#### **Connect Fiber Optic Cable**

The optical ports are for use with SFP transceivers only. Remove the dust caps from the SFP transceiver and fiber connectors. Plug the cable(s) securely into the SFP.

- Dual fiber systems require the TX fiber port to be connected to the RX fiber port on the other end.
- Once the system is properly connected and power is applied, the LINK LED will BLINK while the link is active.

#### Connect RJ-11

Each device has four RJ-11 female connectors, one for each of the phone lines. The active pins are the center two pins of the RJ-11 connector. The RJ-11 male connector pinouts are indicated in the following table and diagrams.

#### **RJ-11 Pinout Table**

P Line	POTS e/Phone	RJ-11 Female (On Device)	6 Pin RJ-11 Male	4 Pin RJ-11 Male
1~1	Ring	3	3	2
1.~4	TIP	4	4	3



#### 6 Pin RJ-11 male to 6 Pin RJ-11 Female



#### 4 Pin RJ-11 male to 6 Pin RJ-11 Female



#### **Alarm Wiring**

Connect the wire pair for alarm relay monitoring equipment to the alarm contact screw-down terminals located on the top of the unit.

- Use the NO or NC (SPDT) contact positions as required.
- The alarm terminal block is removable and accepts 16~26 AWG wire sizes.
- Fully seat the terminal block back into the connector before operating the system.

#### **Connect Power**

Ensure power supply is OFF prior to wiring the system. Connect a 12-48VDC power supply to the screw-down terminals located on the top of the unit.

- Requires one (1) 12-48VDC power supply. Use a second power source for redundant power.
- The terminal blocks are removable and accept wire sizes 16~26 AWG.
- Fully seat the terminal blocks back into the connector before operating the system.

Note: The power inputs are polarity insensitive. Be sure to confirm the appropriate power source is being used before wiring.



Power and Alarm Terminals



## Operation

### **System Alarm Contacts**

The alarm contact operates based on the System Status.

- Alarms on power failure.
- Alarms when fiber links down.

### **LED Indicators**

The 4 Line Analog Phone Fiber System has several LED Indicators to indicate system status. Please refer to the following diagram.



### LED Indicators

#### Troubleshooting

If trouble is encountered, verify all copper and fiber connections, signal and voltage levels. If the alarm is on, check the fiber cable and connections, or the power supply and connections of the unit at the other end. If trouble persists, contact technical support at RLH Industries, Inc.

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# System Specifications

Fiber Port	1 Gigabit SFP Slot, Accepts MSA compliant 1.25Gbps SFPs(Available separately)				
Phone Connectors	(4) RJ-11 Female				
Audio Bandwidth	300Hz to 3400Hz				
	EXO Dovico	Impedance	600 ohms		
	FAO Device	Ring Frequency	Acceptable 20 ~50Hz		
		Impedance	600 ohms		
Analog Phone (POTS)		Dial	DTMF and Pulse		
Interface		Battery Source	48VDC ± 4V		
	FXS Device	Ring Voltage	80Vrms at 20Hz (Depending on the ringing load)		
		REN	REN 3.0 (Ring Equivalence Number)		
			*REN value is per channel		
Ringing Waveform	Sine wave				
	FXS to FXS $ON \rightarrow 2$ seconds, $OFF \rightarrow 4$ seconds				
Ring Cadence	FXO to FXS Reproduces the cadence detected by the FXO				
Ringing Standard	Designed for use with Typical North American Telephone Networks				
Return Loss	40dB				
Supports	Caller ID & Call Forwarding				
LED Indicators	Power, Fiber, Phone or Line 1-4				
Power Input	12~48VDC (11~53V)				
	-A powering option 125VDC (42~160V)				
	Dual redundant power options - Polarity insensitive				
Power Consumption	≤10W				
System Alarm Relay	Normally Open / Closed Relay. (SPDT)				
DC Input Isolation (in/out)	1.5KV				
Overcurrent Protection	1.0A (Automatic Recovery)				
<b>T</b>	Storage -40°C to + 85°C (-40°F to +185°F)				
Temperature	Operating -40°C to + 70°C (-40°F to +158°F)				
Dimensions	H 5.2" x W 2.2" x D 4", (131mm x 56mm x 102mm) - not including DIN clip				
Weight	1.6 lbs. (0.73kg)				
Mounting	Includes standard T-35 DIN rail clip and wall mount ears				
Humidity	95% non-condensing				
Safety	FCC Class B, CE, Ro	HS			
Warranty	Lifetime - Visit www.fi	Lifetime - Visit www.fiberopticlink.com for warranty information and coverage details			



## **Ordering Information**

Description	Туре	Part Number
Industrial POTS Fiber Media Converter, 4 Channels, FXO, 12-48VDC	FXO	FBX-POTS-FXO-4-1
Industrial POTS Fiber Media Converter, 4 Channels, FXS, 12-48VDC	FXS	FBX-POTS-FXS-4-1

• A complete system requires 2 devices of either configuration:

- One (1) FXO device paired with one (1) FXS device for a typical phone line extension, or

- Two (2) FXS devices paired for a ringdown hotline

• Add -A to the part number for 125VDC Power Option

## **RLH Certified SFP Transceivers**

Description	Mode	Conn.	Distance	Fibers	Wavelength	Part Number
Multimode, LC, 550m/1804 feet, Dual Fiber, 850nm	MM	LC	550m/1804 feet	Dual Fiber	850nm	SFP-1G-03-2
Multimode, LC, 2km/1.2 miles, Dual Fiber, 1310nm	MM	LC	2km/1.2 miles	Dual Fiber	1310nm	SFP-1G-04-2
Singlemode, LC, 20km/12.4 miles, Dual Fiber, 1310nm	SM	LC	20km/12.4 miles	Dual Fiber	1310nm	SFP-1G-30-2
Singlemode, LC, 60km/37 miles, Dual Fiber, 1550nm	SM	LC	60km/37 miles	Dual Fiber	1550nm	SFP-1G-31-2
Singlemode, LC, 120km/74 miles, Dual Fiber, 1550nm, with Digital Diagnostic Monitoring	SM	LC	120km/74 miles	Dual Fiber	1550nm	SFPD-1G-34-2
Singlemode, LC, 20km/12.4 miles, Single Fiber – Side A, Tx1310/Rx1550	SM	LC	20km/12.4 miles	Single Fiber Side A	T-1310/ R- 1550	SFP-1G-20-2
Singlemode, LC, 20km/12.4 miles, Single Fiber – Side B, Rx1310/Tx1550	SM	LC	20km/12.4 miles	Single Fiber Side B	T-1550/ R- 1310	SFP-1G-21-2
Singlemode, LC, 60km/37 miles, Single Fiber – Side A, Tx1310/Rx1550, with Digital Diagnostic Monitoring	SM	LC	60km/37 miles	Single Fiber Side A	T-1310/ R- 1550	SFPD-1G-24-2
Singlemode, LC, 60km/37 miles, Single Fiber – Side B, Rx1310/Tx1550, with Digital Diagnostic Monitoring	SM	LC	60km/ 37 miles	Single Fiber Side B	T-1550/ R- 1310	SFPD-1G-25-2

• Single fiber (bi-directional) SFP transceivers must always be paired, side A and side B

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