

# IQS-9100

Optical Switch for IQS platforms



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## **Certification Information**

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**EN 61326:1997 +A1:1998 Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control and Laboratory Use - EMC Requirements**  
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# 1 **Introducing the IQS-9100 Optical Switch**

## **Main Features**

The IQS-9100 Optical Switch provides fiber-to-fiber positioning of optical signals for a number of optical applications. This module, which exists in various models depending on the number of optical ports and configuration options it has, allows you to quickly switch light from one fiber to another.

- This optical switch can be controlled using applications available in the IQS Manager software
- The applications can control one or more modules at a time and allow for various configurations.
- The configurations can be modified at any time and can be saved for future use, allowing you to save time and be more efficient.

The IQS-9100 Optical Switch supports local control (via the IQS Manager software) and remote control (through GPIB, RS-232, or Ethernet TCP/IP using SCPI commands or the provided LabVIEW drivers). For more information, refer to the *IQS platform* user guide.

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Available Models

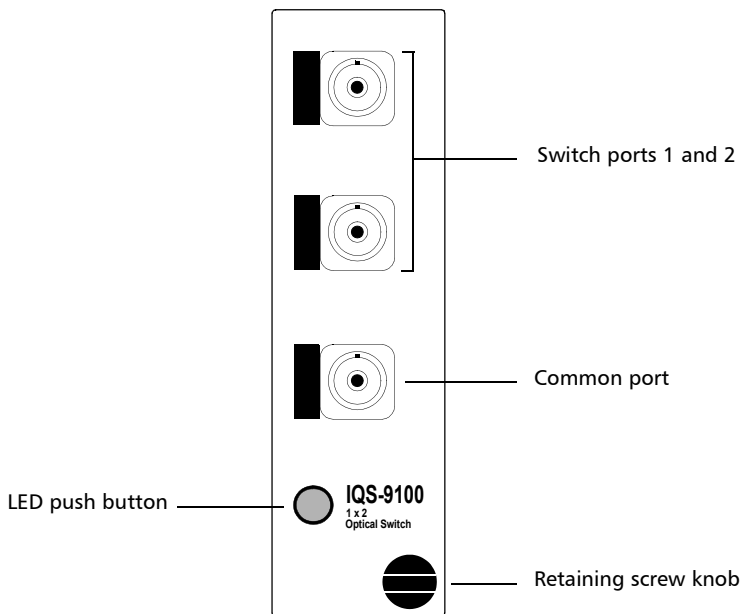
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## Available Models

The different available switch configurations are shown in the following figures, except for the 1 x 8 and the 1 x 24 optical switch models.

**Note:** Actual connectors may differ from those depicted in the illustrations.

### 1 x 2 Optical Switch Module



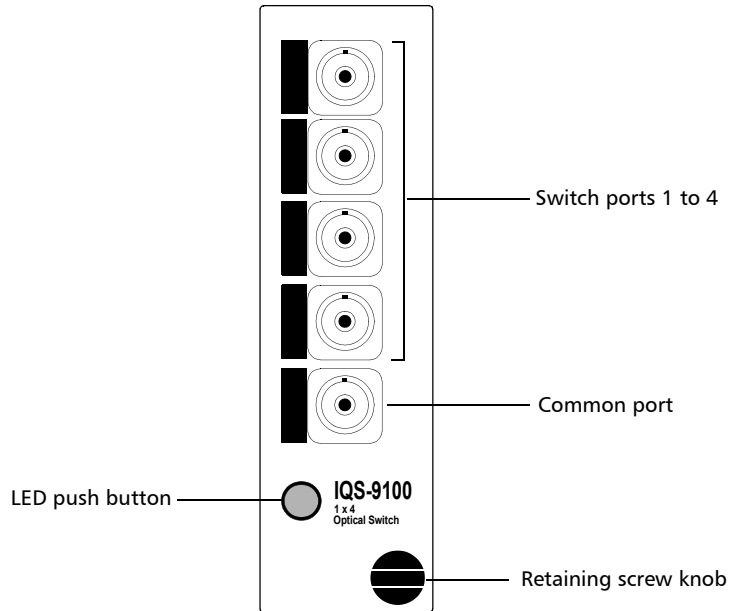


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## 1 x 4 Optical Switch Module

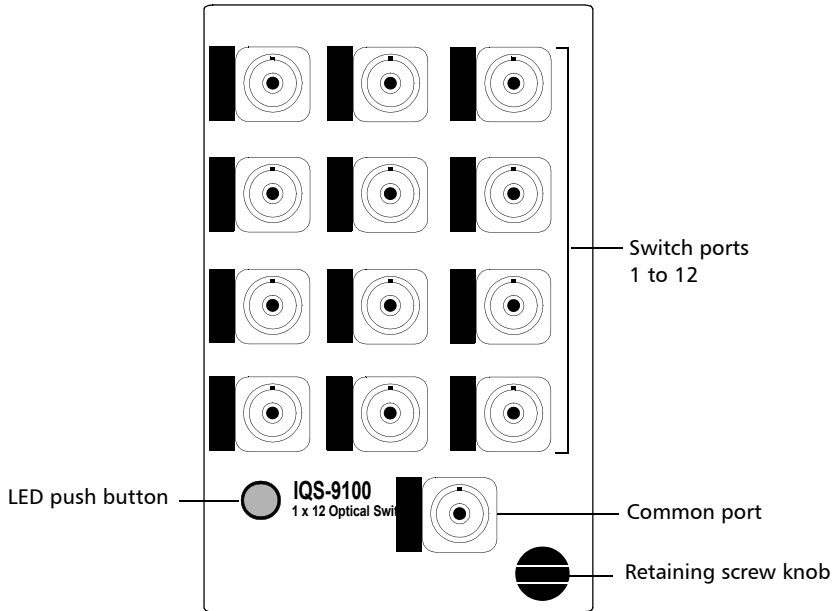


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## 1 x 12 Optical Switch Module

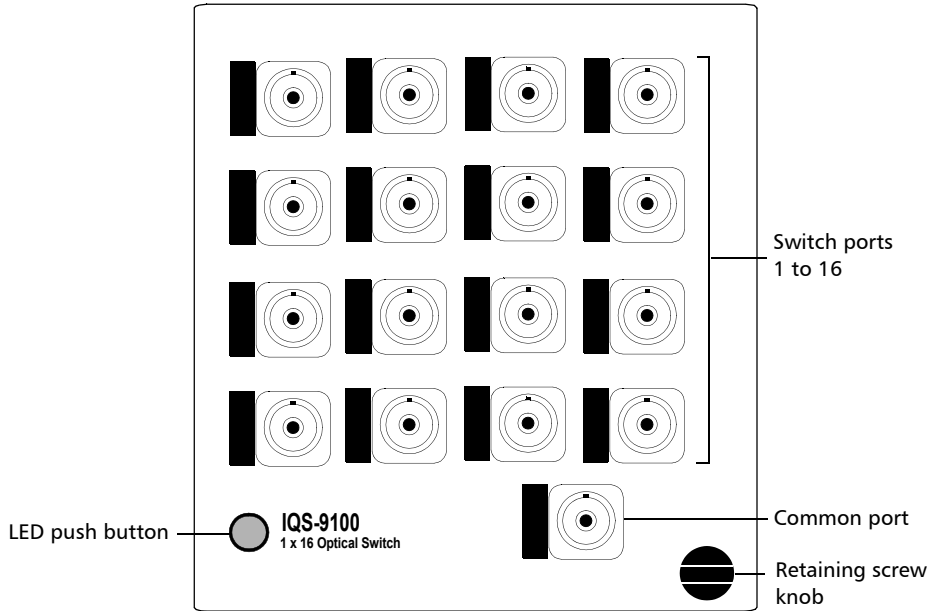


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## 1 x 16 Optical Switch Module

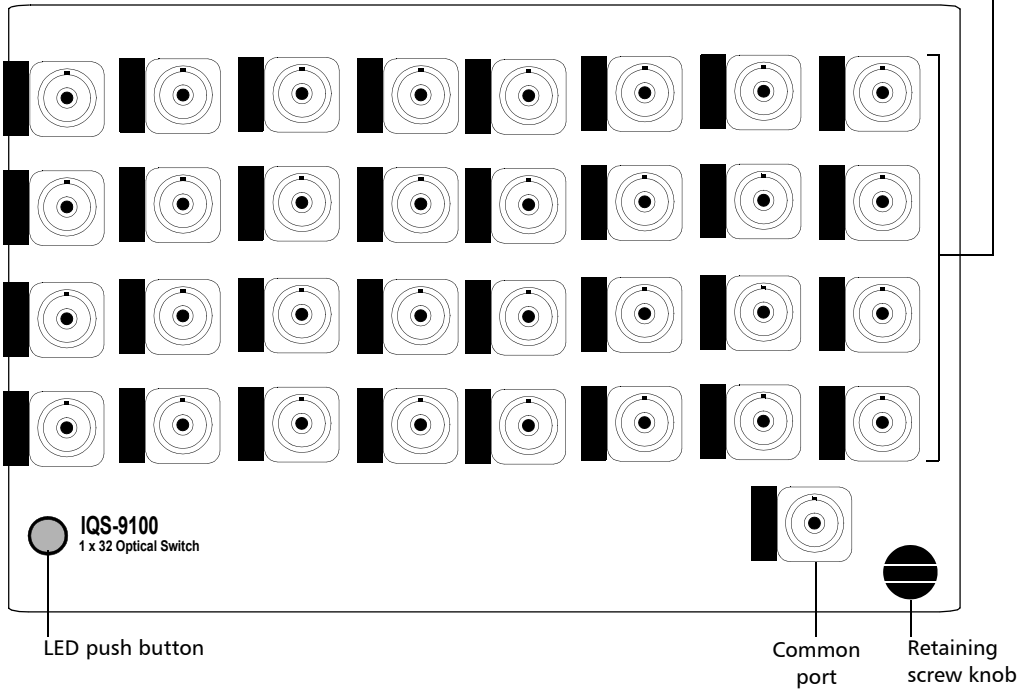


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## 1 x 32 Optical Switch Module

Switch  
ports  
1 to 32

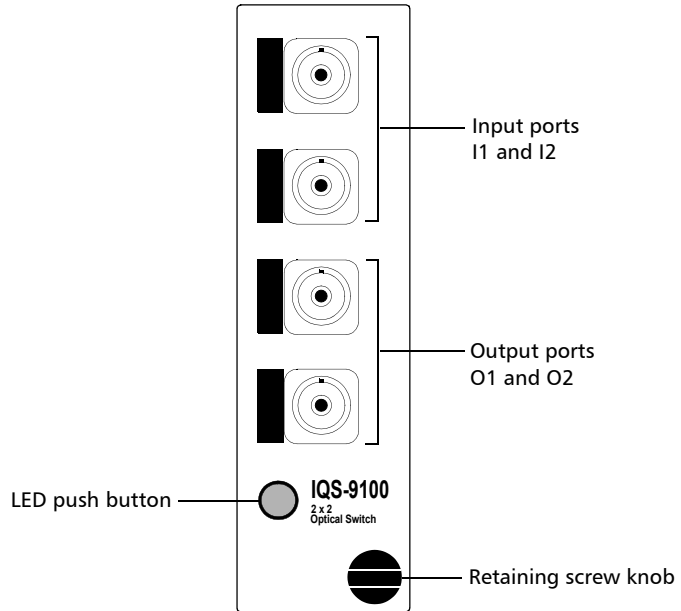


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## 2 x 2 Optical Switch Module

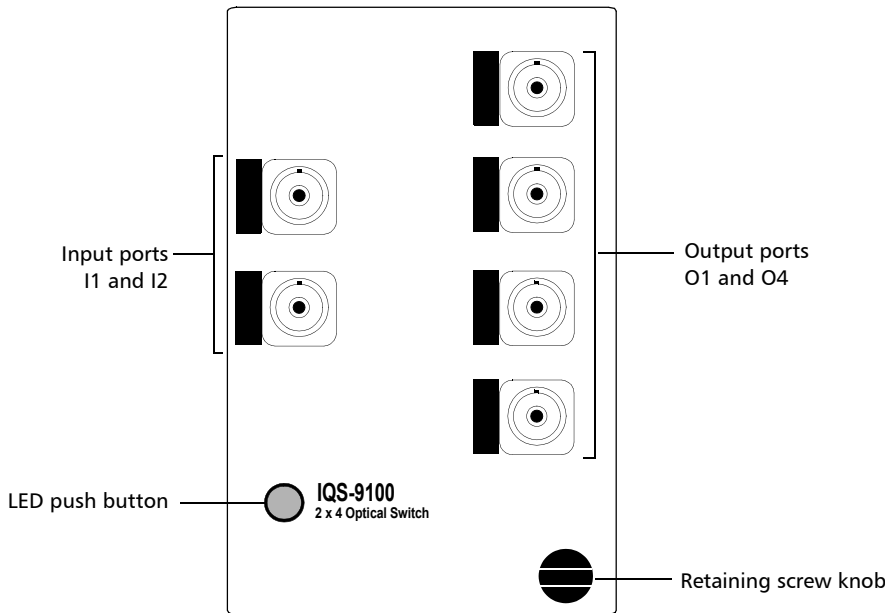


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## 2 x 4 Optical Switch Module

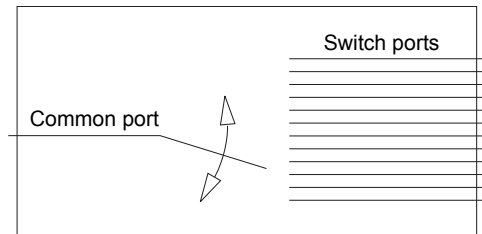


## Basic Switching Principles

The switch ports of 1 x N optical switches are numbered on the front panel, while the common port is identified with a "C."

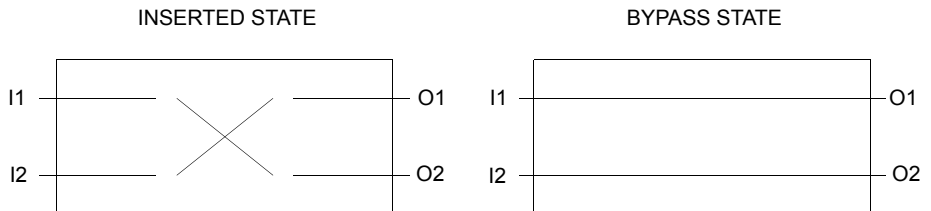
These switches are bidirectional. This means that the optical signal can either enter through the common port and be directed toward any switch port, or enter through any switch port and then be directed toward the common port.

### 1 x N Optical Switch Principle



The IQS-9100-02-02 (2 x 2 model) is also a bidirectional switch. The two positions for this switch are known as inserted state and bypass state.

### 2 x 2 Optical Switch Principle

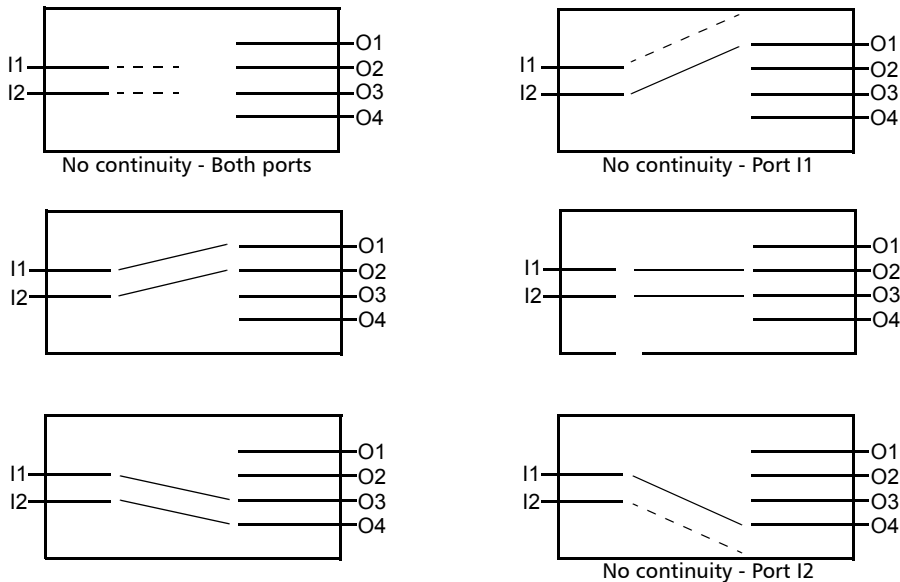


# Introducing the IQS-9100 Optical Switch

## Basic Switching Principles

The IQS-9100-02-04(2 × 4 model) is also a bidirectional switch. As illustrated in the following figure, the IQS-9100-02-04 can be set to sixthree positions. In three of these positions, one or both input channels do not transmit light to output ports.

### 2 x 4 Optical Switch Principle





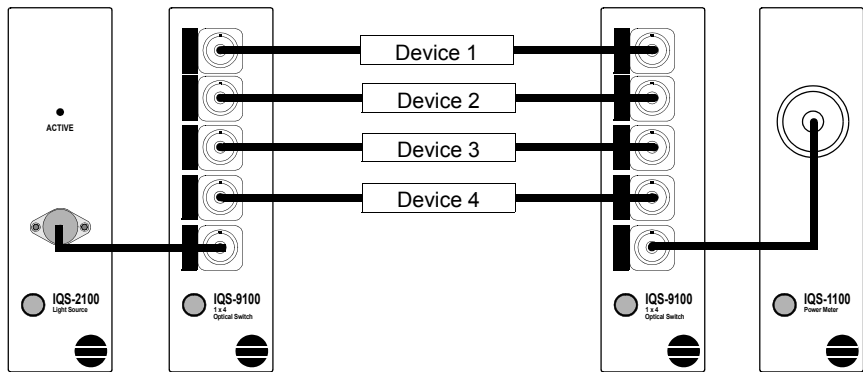
## Typical Applications

### Testing with Multiple Devices

Using two optical switches, a light source and a power meter, it is possible to perform automated qualification and production testing for multiple devices.

**To perform automated qualification and production testing for multiple devices:**

1. Connect the modules and DUTs as shown below.



2. Measure the DUTs with the power meter.

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## Typical Applications

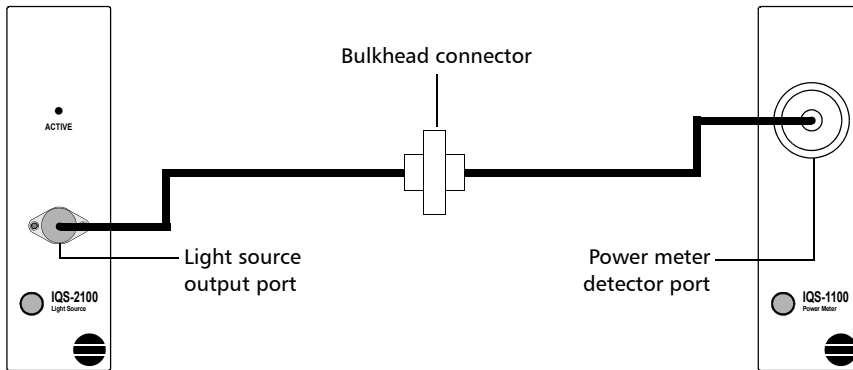
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### Measuring Optical Switch Port Insertion Loss

The insertion loss (IL) of any switch port can be measured using a light source, power meter, and the IQS-9100 Optical Switch.

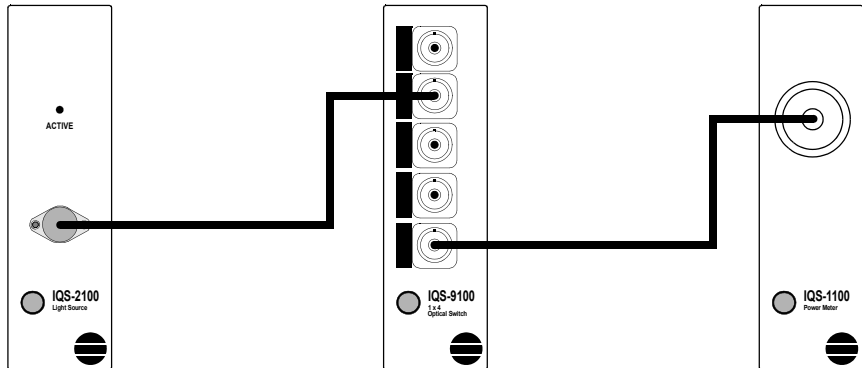
**To measure optical switch port insertion loss:**

1. Connect the light source output port to the power meter detector port using two test jumpers linked with a bulkhead connector.



2. Store the power reading obtained as a reference value in the power meter.

- Using the same test jumpers, connect the light source to one of the IQS-9100 Optical Switch ports, and connect the switch common port to the power meter detector port (the IQS-9100 Optical Switch now replaces the bulkhead connector).



- The IL registered on the power meter will then be the IQS-9100 Optical Switch port IL including connectors.

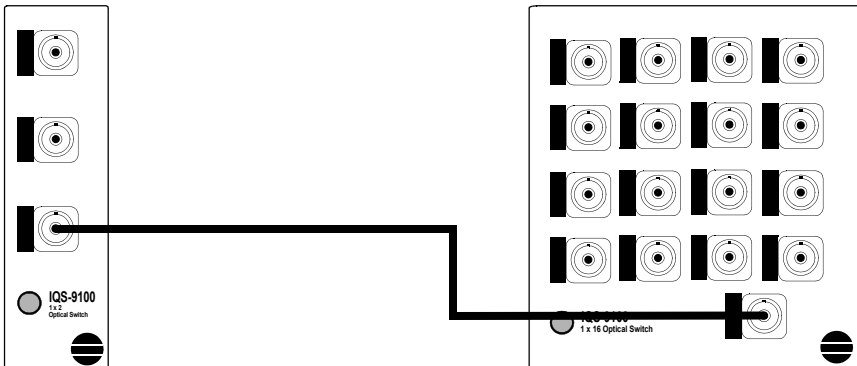
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### *Typical Applications*

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### Creating Customized Switch Configurations

By interconnecting two or more switch modules, customized switch configurations can be built. For example,  $1 \times 2$  and  $1 \times 16$  switches can be connected to create a  $2 \times 16$  switch configuration. To do so, simply connect the common ports of both switches.



### Conventions

Before using the product described in this manual, you should understand the following conventions:



#### **WARNING**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in *death or serious injury*. Do not proceed unless you understand and meet the required conditions.



#### **CAUTION**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in *minor or moderate injury*. Do not proceed unless you understand and meet the required conditions.



#### **CAUTION**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in *component damage*. Do not proceed unless you understand and meet the required conditions.



#### **IMPORTANT**

Refers to information about this product you should not overlook.

## Introducing the IQS-9100 Optical Switch

*General Safety Information*

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### General Safety Information



#### **CAUTION**

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## 2 **Getting Started with Your Optical Switch**



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## **Inserting and Removing Test Modules**



### **CAUTION**

Never insert or remove a module while the controller unit and its expansion units are turned on. This will result in immediate and irreparable damage to both the module and unit.

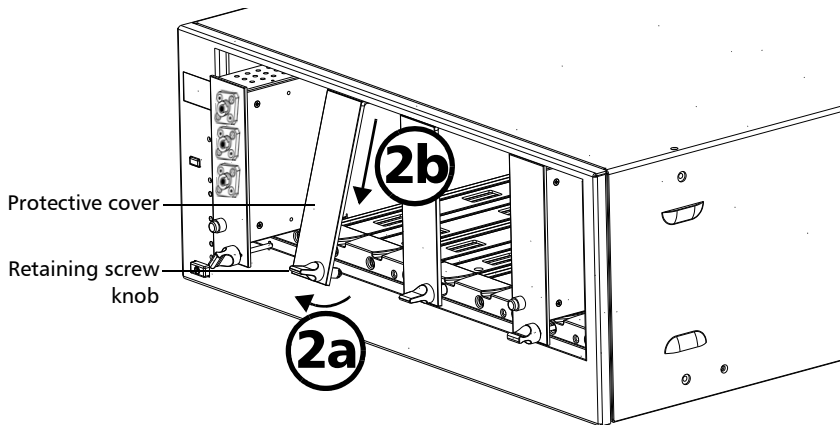
#### ***To insert a module into the controller or expansion unit:***

- 1.** Exit IQS Manager and turn off all your units.
- 2.** Remove the protective cover from the desired unused module slot.
  - 2a.** Pull the retaining screw knob firmly towards you and release the bottom of the cover.
  - 2b.** Gently pull the top of the protective cover downwards, to remove it from the unit grooves.

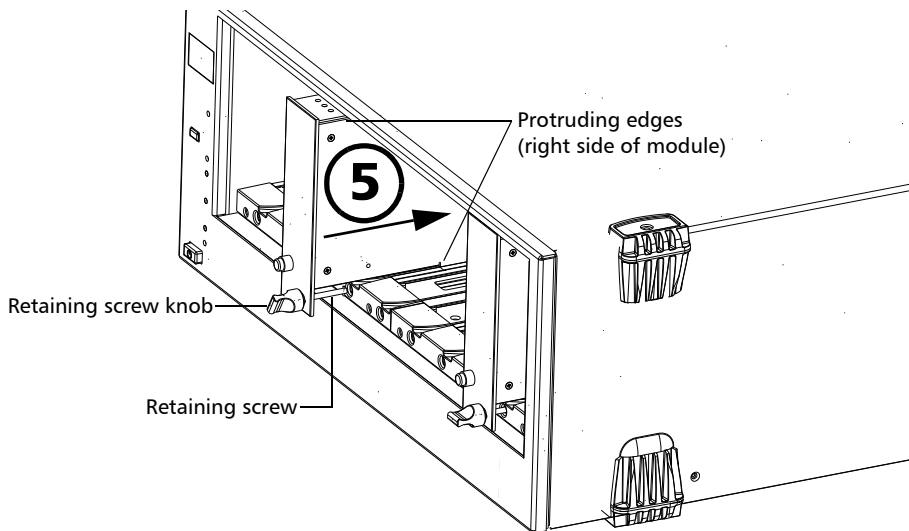
## Getting Started with Your Optical Switch

### *Inserting and Removing Test Modules*

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3. Position the module so that its front panel is facing you and the top and bottom protruding edges are to your right.
4. Insert the protruding edges of the module into the grooves of the unit's module slot.





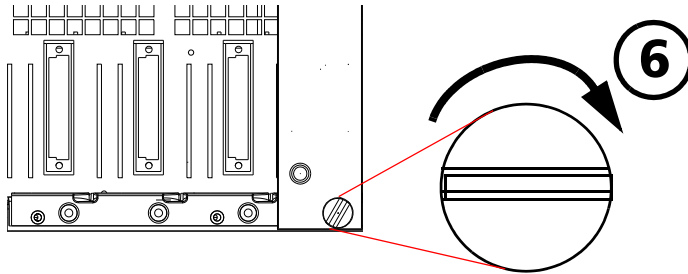
## Getting Started with Your Optical Switch

### *Inserting and Removing Test Modules*

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5. Push the module all the way to the back of the slot, until the retaining screw makes contact with the unit casing.
6. While applying slight pressure to the module, turn the retaining screw knob (located at the bottom of the panel) clockwise until the knob is horizontal.

This will secure the module into its “seated” position.



The module is correctly inserted when its front panel is flush with the front panel of the controller or expansion unit.

When you turn on the controller unit, the startup sequence will automatically detect your module.

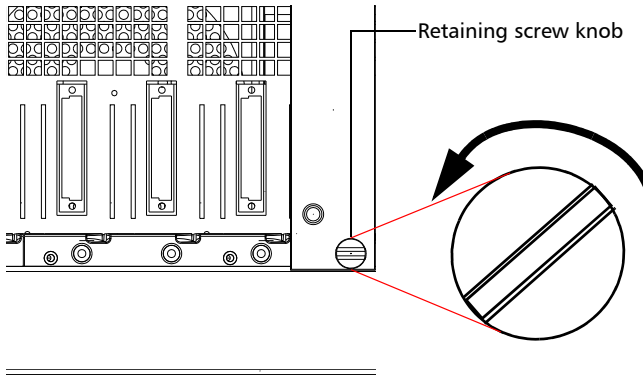
**Note:** *You can insert IQ modules into your controller or expansion unit; the IQS Manager software will recognize them. However, the IQS-9100 locking mechanism (retaining screw) will not work for IQ modules.*

#### **To remove a module from your controller or expansion unit:**

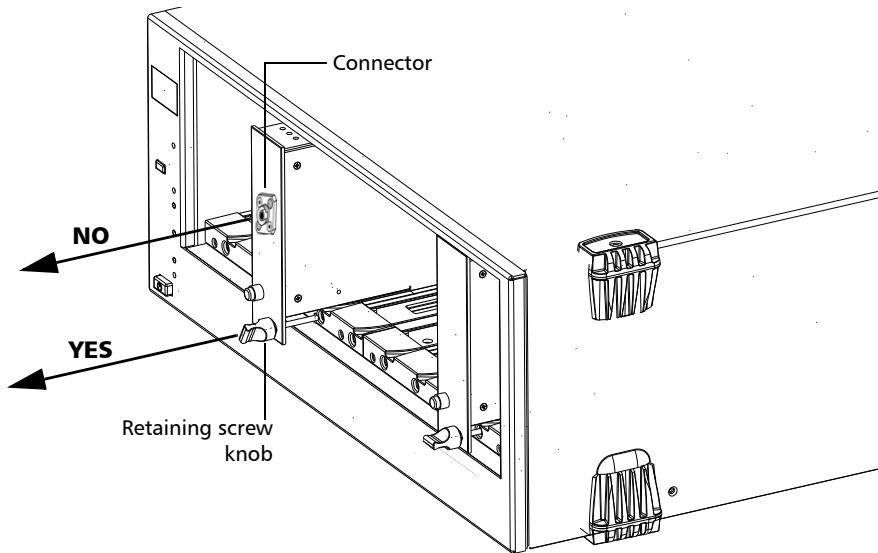
1. While pulling gently on the knob, turn it counterclockwise until it stops.  
The module will slowly be released from the slot.

# Getting Started with Your Optical Switch

## Inserting and Removing Test Modules



2. Place your fingers underneath the module or hold it by the retaining screw knob (*NOT by the connector*) and pull it out.





### CAUTION

Pulling out a module by a connector could seriously damage both the module and connector. Always pull out a module by the retaining screw knob.

3. Cover empty slots with the supplied protective covers.
  - 3a. Slide the top of the protective cover into the upper grooves of the unit.
  - 3b. Snap the cover into place by pushing the retaining screw knob.



### CAUTION

Failure to reinstall protective covers over empty slots will result in ventilation problems.

# Getting Started with Your Optical Switch

## Starting the Optical Switch Application

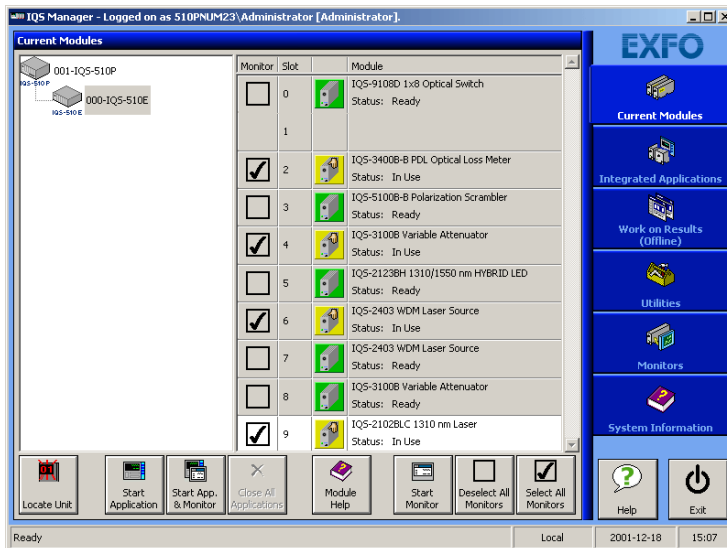
Your IQS-9100 Optical Switch module can be configured and controlled from its dedicated IQS Manager application.

**Note:** For details about IQS Manager, refer to the IQS platform user guide.

### To start the application:

1. From the **Current Modules** function tab select the module to use.

It will turn white to indicate that it is highlighted.



2. Click **Start Application**.

OR

Press the green LED push button on the front of the corresponding module.

You can also double-click its row.

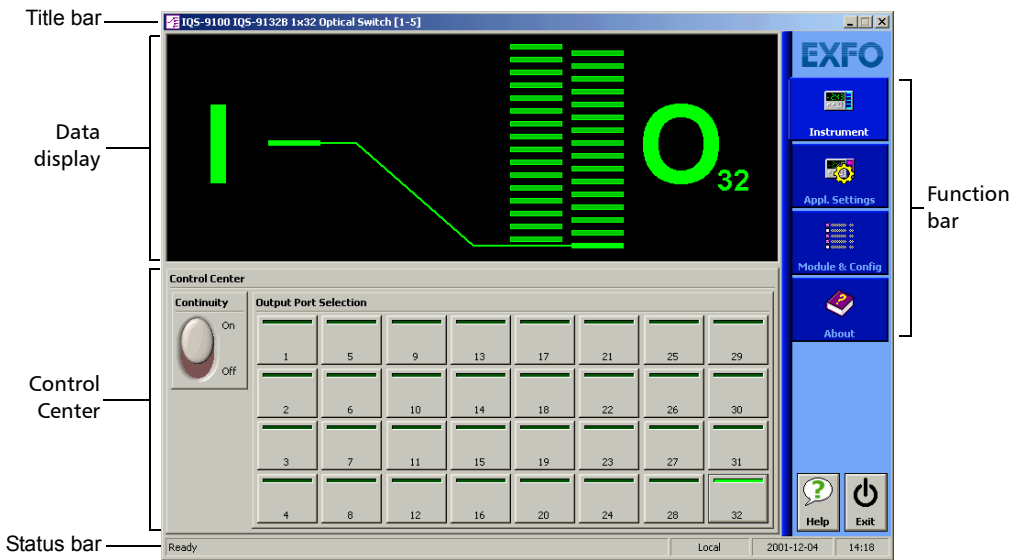
# Getting Started with Your Optical Switch

## Starting the Optical Switch Application

**Note:** Pressing the LED push button will not activate or turn on the module.

**Note:** To start the corresponding monitor window at the same time, click **Start App. & Monitor**. The window opens on the **Monitors** function tab.

The main window (shown below) contains all the commands required to control the Optical Switch:

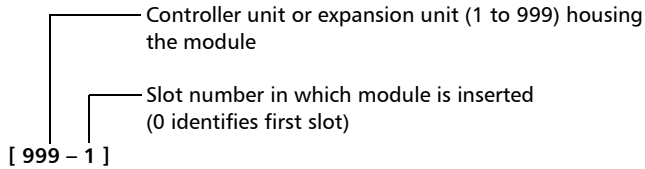


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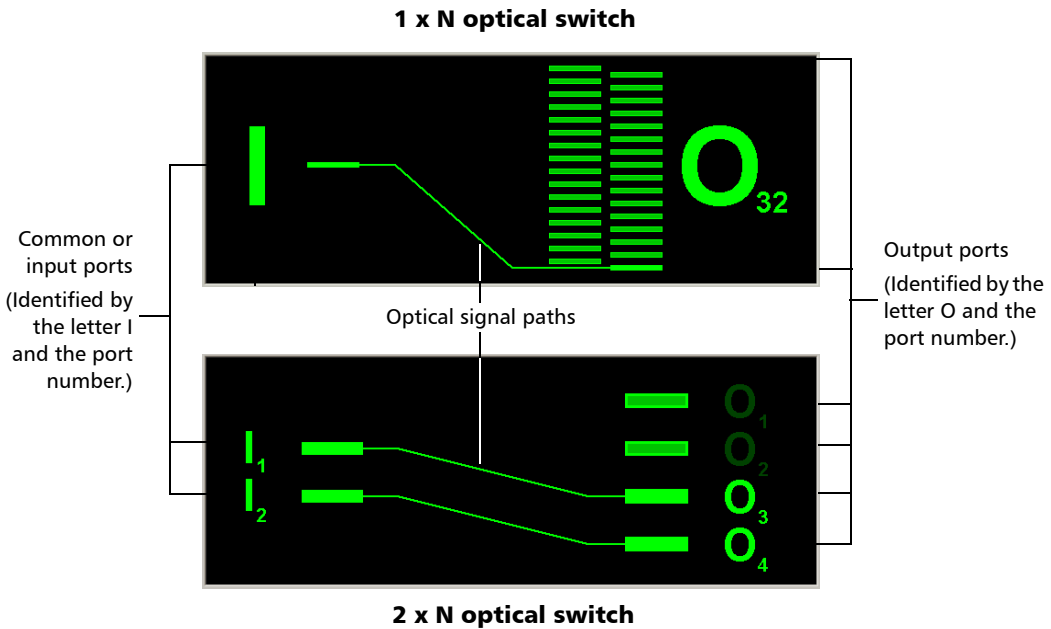
## Starting the Optical Switch Application

### Title Bar

The title bar is located at the top of the main window. It displays the module name and its position in the controller or expansion unit. The module position is identified as follows:

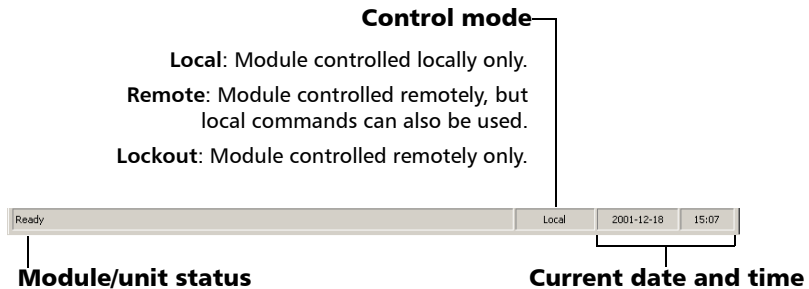


### Data Display



### Status Bar

The status bar, located at the bottom of the main window, identifies the operational status of the IQS-9100 Optical Switch.



For more information about automating or remotely controlling the IQS-9100 Optical Switch, refer to your platform user guide.

### Exiting the Application

Closing any application that is not currently being used is a good way to free system memory.

***To close the application from the main window:***

Click  in the top right corner of the main window.

OR

Click the **Exit** button located at the bottom of the function bar.

***To close all currently running applications:***

From IQS Manager, click **Close All Applications**.





## 3 **Operating the Optical Switch**

The IQS-9100 Optical Switch comes in different models, depending on the number of ports and switch configurations it has. To use its different models more efficiently, follow the instructions provided in this section.

Before using the IQS-9100 Optical Switch in a test setup, you must first connect the ports to other test components and select a switching configuration.

**Note:** *You can configure your switch before connecting it to your test setup.*



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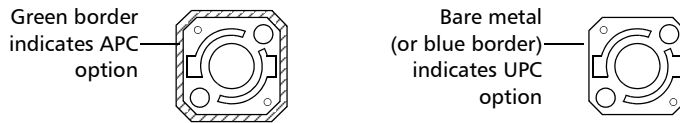
## Operating the Optical Switch

### Installing the EXFO Universal Interface (EUI)

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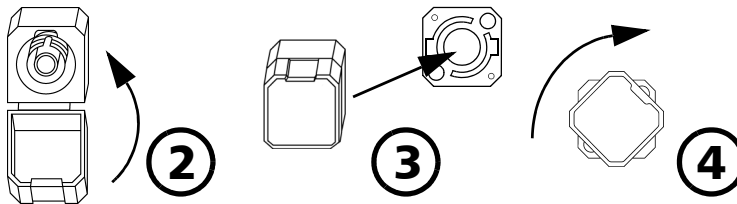
## Installing the EXFO Universal Interface (EUI)

The EUI fixed baseplate is available for connectors with angled (APC) or non-angled (UPC) polishing. A green border around the baseplate indicates that it is for APC-type connectors.



### **To install an EUI connector adapter onto the EUI baseplate:**

1. Hold the EU connector adapter so the dust cap opens downwards.



2. Close the dust cap in order to hold the connector adapter more firmly.
3. Insert the connector adapter into the baseplate.
4. While pushing firmly, turn the connector adapter clockwise on the baseplate to lock it in place.

## Cleaning and Connecting Optical Fibers



### IMPORTANT

To ensure maximum power and to avoid erroneous readings:

- Always clean fiber ends as explained below before inserting them into the port. EXFO is not responsible for damage or errors caused by bad fiber cleaning or handling.
- Ensure that your patchcord has appropriate connectors. Joining mismatched connectors will damage the ferrules.

#### **To connect the fiber-optic cable to the port:**

1. Clean the fiber ends as follows:
  - 1a. Gently wipe the fiber end with a lint-free swab dipped in isopropyl alcohol.
  - 1b. Use compressed air to dry completely.
  - 1c. Visually inspect the fiber end to ensure its cleanliness.
2. Carefully align the connector and port to prevent the fiber end from touching the outside of the port or rubbing against other surfaces.

If your connector features a key, ensure that it is fully fitted into the port's corresponding notch.
3. Push the connector in so that the fiber-optic cable is firmly in place, thus ensuring adequate contact.

If your connector features a screwsleeve, tighten the connector enough to firmly maintain the fiber in place. Do not overtighten, as this will damage the fiber and the port.

**Note:** *If your fiber-optic cable is not properly aligned and/or connected, you will notice heavy loss and reflection.*

## Operating the Optical Switch

### Optimizing the Application for Repeatability

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## Optimizing the Application for Repeatability

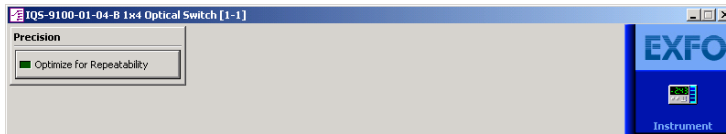
The optimization for repeatability ensures better accuracy in positioning the light path when switching.

- With optimization activated, every time a switching occurs, the switch mechanism returns to the “no continuity” (**Off**) position before aligning to a new channel position. This option provides better precision, but with slower switching.
- With optimization deactivated, the switch mechanism goes directly to the new channel position. This option provides faster switching, but with less precision.

**Note:** This option is *NOT* available in the 1 x 2, 2 x 2 and 2 x 4 models.

### To optimize switching for repeatability:

1. In the main window, select the **Settings** function tab.



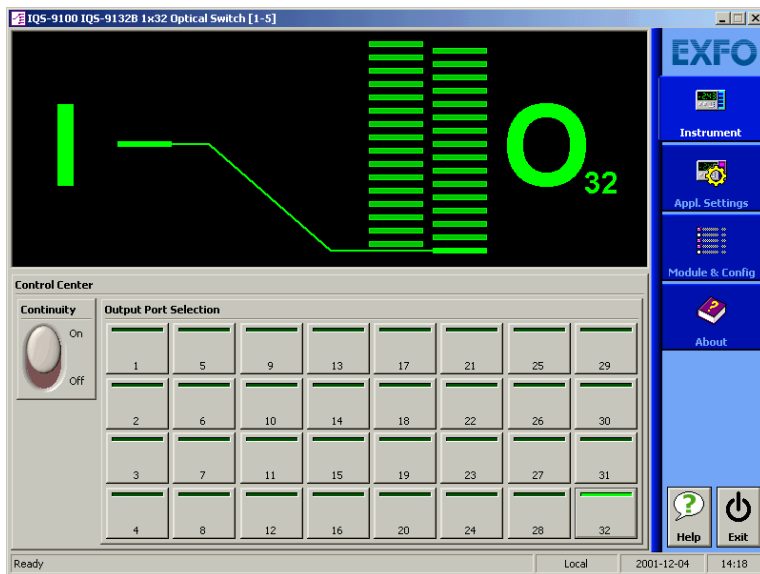
2. Click the **Optimize for Repeatability** button. The light indicator on the button will turn bright green to indicate optimization is active.

## Selecting Configurations with the 1 x n Model

The different configurations available in the 1 x n optical switch model allow you to access a number of switch possibilities.

### **To select configurations with the 1 x n model optical switch:**

1. Set the **Continuity** switch to the **On** or **Off** position, depending on whether or not you want the light signal to pass through the optical switch.



**Note:** For the 1 x 2 model, the **Continuity** function is not available in the **Control Center**.

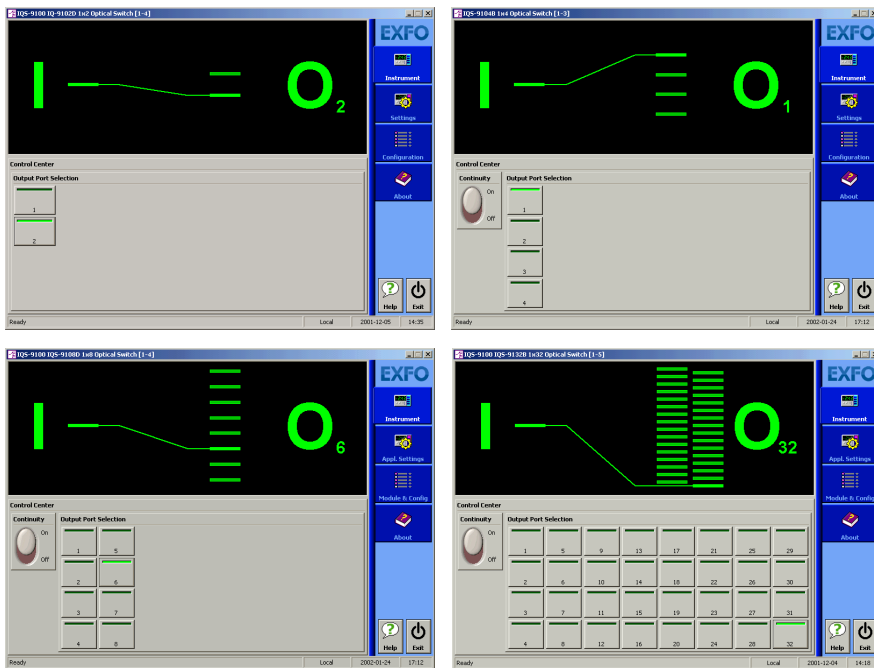
2. In the **Output Port Selection** panel, select the port through which you want to direct the light.

## Operating the Optical Switch

### Selecting Configurations with the 1 x n Model

**Note:** You can change the output port at any time, and as many times as you want. You cannot preset output switch port activation sequences from the control application with 1 x n optical switches. You must activate each port manually.

Following are some of the modules that match the 1 x n model (1 x 2, 1 x 4, 1 x 8 and, 1 x 32 models shown. 1 x 12, 1 x 16 and 1 x 24 models also available).



You can also select a configuration from the QuickTools utility. For details, see *Monitoring Optical Switch Modules* on page 45.

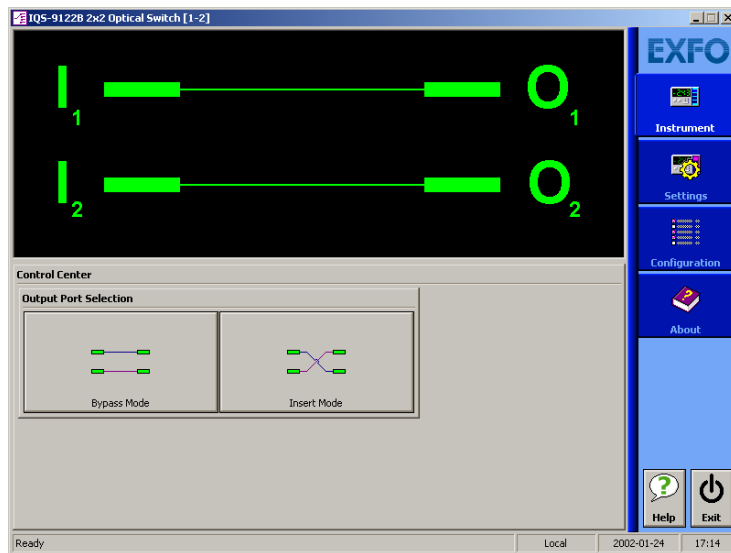
## Selecting Configurations with the 2 x 2 Model

The 2 x 2 optical switch model offers two configurations:

- Bypass mode
- Insert mode

**To select a configuration with the 2 x 2 optical switch model:**

- Click **Bypass Mode** or **Insert Mode**, according to the configuration you want to use.



You can also select a configuration from the QuickTools utility. For details, see *Monitoring Optical Switch Modules* on page 45.

**Note:** For the 2 x 2 model, the **Continuity** function is not available in the **Control Center**.

# Operating the Optical Switch

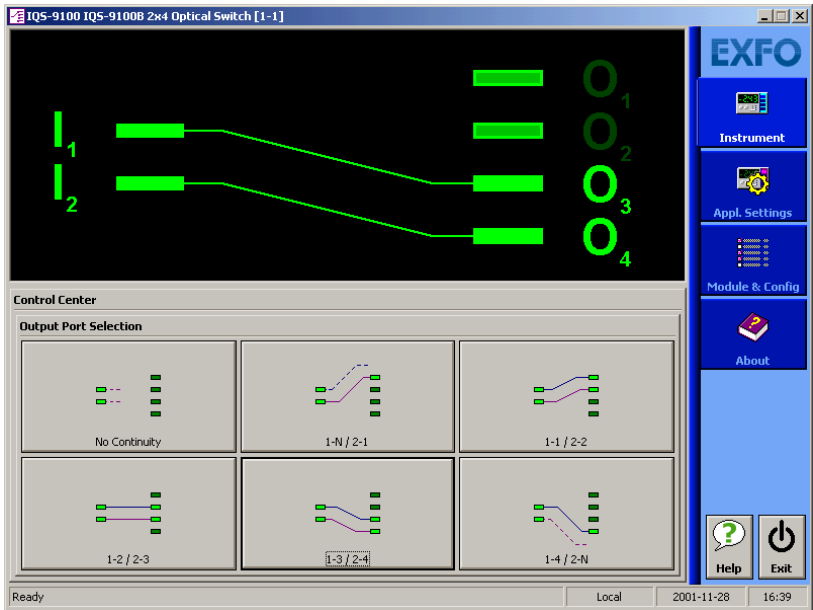
## Selecting Configurations with the 2 x 4 Model

### Selecting Configurations with the 2 x 4 Model

The different configurations available with the 2 x 4 optical switch model provides six switch possibilities.

**To select a configuration with the 2 x 4 optical switch model:**

- In the **Output Port Selection** panel, click the button for the configuration you want. For more information on 2 x 4 model configurations, see *2 x 4 Optical Switch Module* on page 8.



You can also select a configuration from the QuickTools utility. For details, see *Monitoring Optical Switch Modules* on page 45.



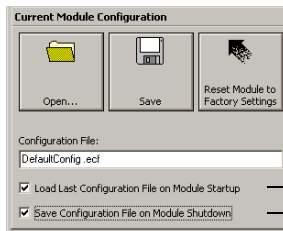
### Saving and Recalling Configurations

Once you have set the IQS-9100 Optical Switch parameters, you can save your custom configuration and recall it at any time. You can also recall the factory-defined settings.

Saved configurations include all parameters set in the **Control Center** (**Instrument** function tab) and in the **Settings** function tab (if present).

#### To save a configuration:

1. Select the **Configuration** function tab.



To always use the last saved parameters when starting.

To save parameters being used just before shutting down, *overwriting the previous file.*

2. Under **Current Module Configuration**, enter the name you want to use for your configuration file.

It will be saved in

*D:\Program Files\EXFO IQS Manager\AppConfig\(*your\_module*)\.*

3. Click **Save**.

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### *Saving and Recalling Configurations*

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#### **To recall a configuration:**

1. Select the **Configuration** function tab.
2. Click **Open**.
3. Select the configuration file you want to recall and confirm your action.  
You will return to your application and the new parameters will be set.

#### **To revert to factory settings:**

1. Select the **Configuration** function tab.
2. Click the **Reset Module to Factory Settings** button.



### **IMPORTANT**

Reverting to the factory settings will interrupt any module operation in progress.



### **IMPORTANT**

The operation may take a few seconds to complete.

# 4 Controlling Multiple Optical Switch Modules

With your platform, you can set common parameters and simultaneously operate several modules *of the same kind* in a single interface, which is particularly useful in larger systems.

**Note:** *You should be familiar with the configuration and operation of a single module before controlling multiple modules simultaneously.*

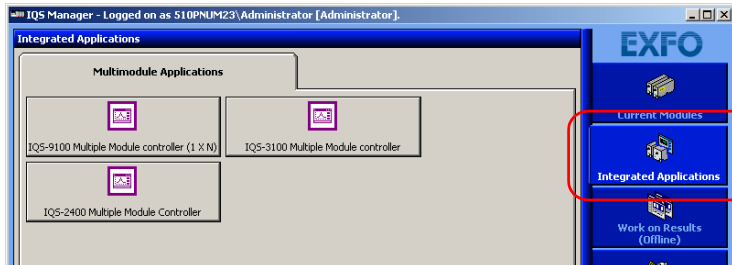
## Starting a Multimodule Application

The multimodule applications available will change according to your module configuration (model, type, etc.).

**Note:** *When you start a multimodule application, you cannot open a monitor window at the same time, as it is possible with a single-module application. You must open the monitor window independently.*

**To start a multimodule application:**

1. In IQS Manager, select the **Integrated Applications** function tab.



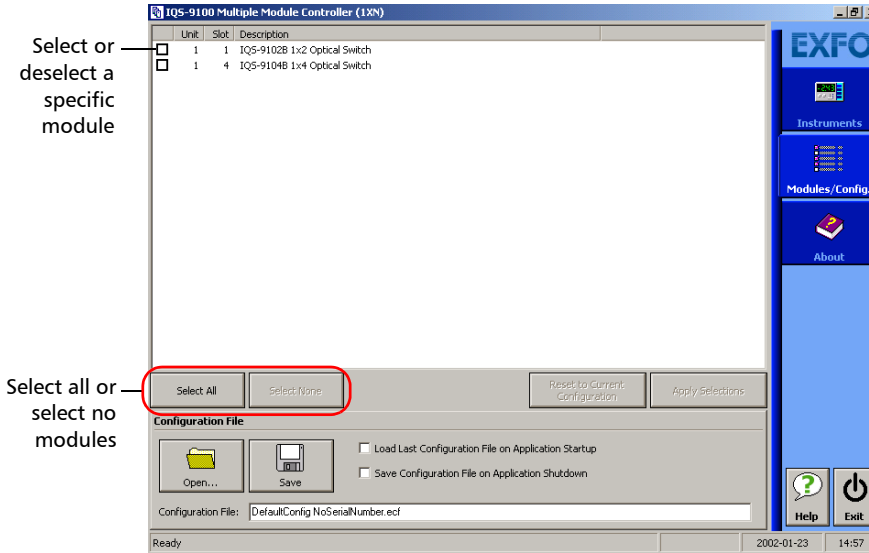
2. Click the appropriate **Multiple Module Controller** button.

The multimodule application appears in a new window.

**Note:** *More than one **Multiple Module Controller** button may be displayed if different models are present in your platform.*

### Selecting Modules to Control

Before you can modify the module parameters, you must specify which modules you intend to use.



#### To select IQS-9100 Optical Switch modules:

1. On the **Modules/Config** function tab, select the boxes corresponding to the modules you want to control.

OR

Click **Select All** if you want to work with all IQS-9100 Optical Switch modules.

2. Click **Apply Selections** and click the **Instruments** function tab.

### Setting Parameters for Multiple Modules

Setting up and operating your IQS-9100 Optical Switch is the same when controlling one or many modules at the same time. For more information, see *Operating the Optical Switch* on page 27.

In the multimodule application, the data display in the upper part of the **Instruments** function tab provides you with useful information about the modules.

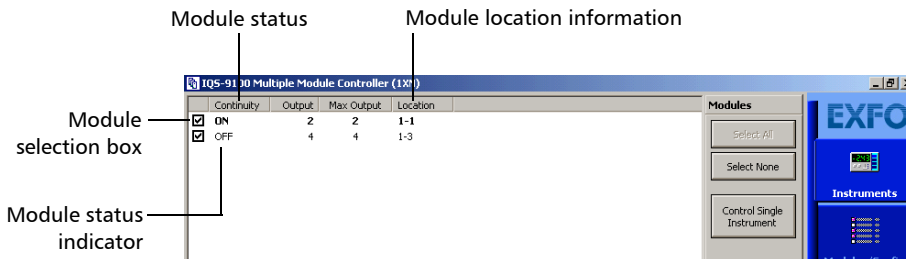
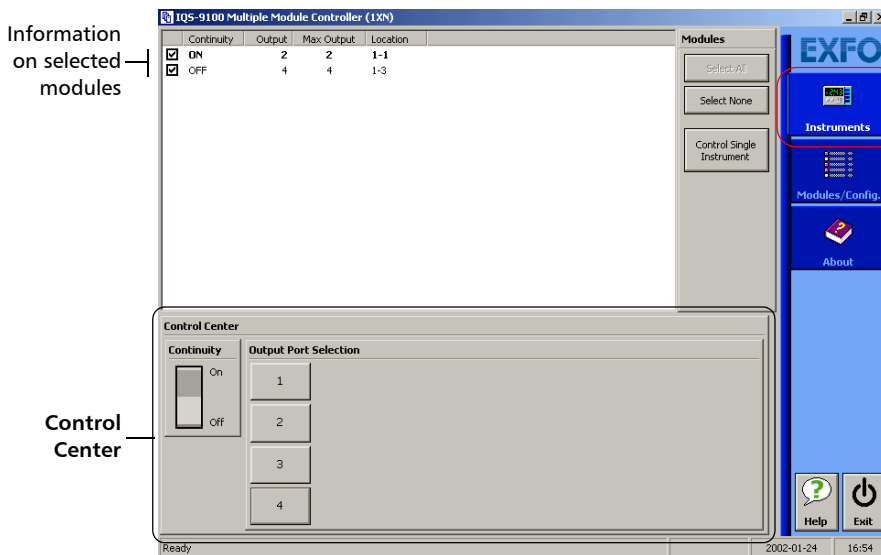
- Information is displayed in black, except when a module is stabilizing or executing a command, in which case it is displayed in red.
- The last column in the data display provides information about the module location (unit and slot). Notice that slot numbers start at 0.

# Controlling Multiple Optical Switch Modules

## Setting Parameters for Multiple Modules

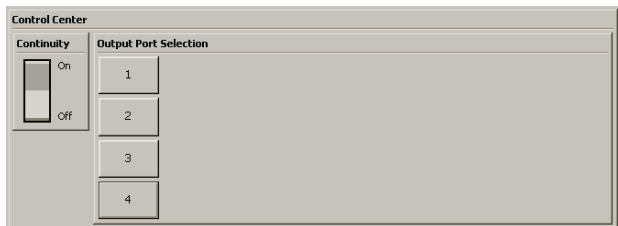
**To set parameters for all selected modules:**

1. Select the Instruments function tab.

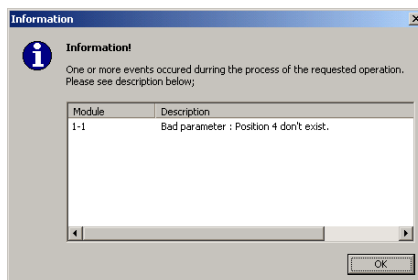


2. Make sure that the check box corresponding to each module to configure is selected.

### 3. Select the appropriate control.



The controls displayed in the **Control Center** are similar to those in the single-module application. If one or more modules cannot execute a command triggered by the activation of a control, an **Information** window is displayed, and identifies for which modules the control is inoperative.



For more information on using switch controls with various optical switch models, see *Operating the Optical Switch* on page 27.

## Controlling Multiple Optical Switch Modules

### Controlling a Single IQS-9100 Optical Switch

# Controlling a Single IQS-9100 Optical Switch

You may want to control a specific module among all the IQS-9100 Optical Switch modules that you have in the system.

#### **To control a specific IQS-9100 Optical Switch:**

1. Make sure that the row corresponding to the module you want to control appears in bold or that it is highlighted.
2. Use the **Control Single Instrument** button to open the IQS-9100 Optical Switch application.

Selected module in bold or highlighted

Continuity	Output	Max Output	Location
<b>ON</b>	2	2	1-1
OFF	4	4	1-3

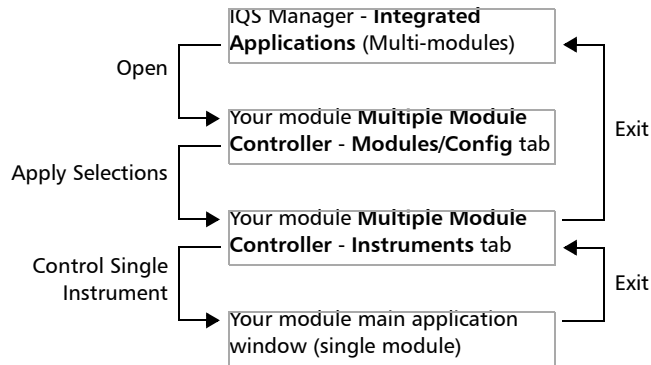
Control Single Instrument button



# Navigating and Closing Multiple Module Windows

When controlling multiple modules, a number of windows are open at the same time. To close a window, use the **Exit** button located under the function tabs. You will return to the preceding window.

The following diagram illustrates the navigation between windows:





# 5 **Monitoring Optical Switch Modules**

When using your IQS-9100 Optical Switch module, either alone or with other modules in a test setup, you can view module data and status using its monitor window in IQS Manager.

## **Using Monitor Windows**

Monitor windows display basic data about modules. A combination of resizable windows allows you to create an integrated data display (refer to the platform user guide).

From the monitor window, you can change module parameters either by:

- opening the module application to access all the functions

OR

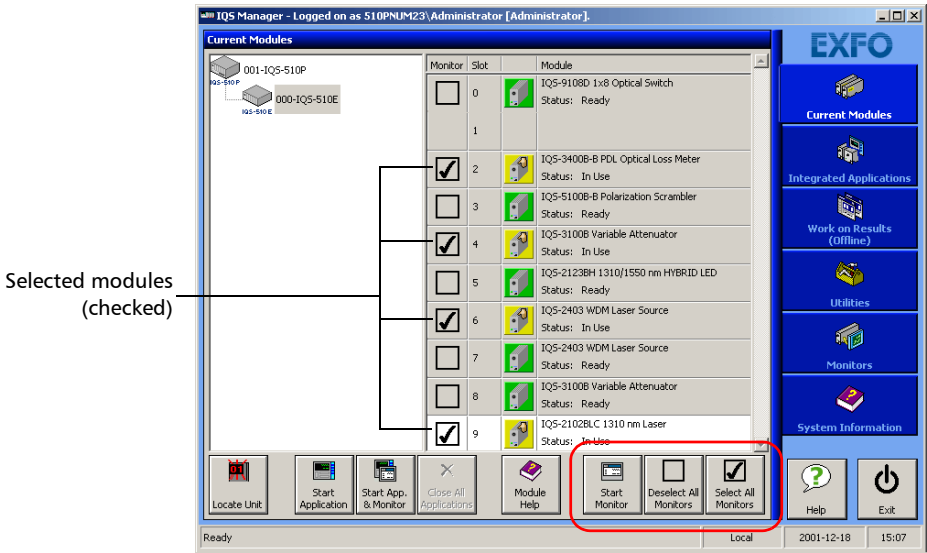
- using the QuickTools utility, which provides frequently used functions from the application.

# Monitoring Optical Switch Modules

## Using Monitor Windows

**To select modules and display their monitor windows:**

1. On the **Current Modules** function tab, select the controller or expansion unit containing the modules you want to monitor.



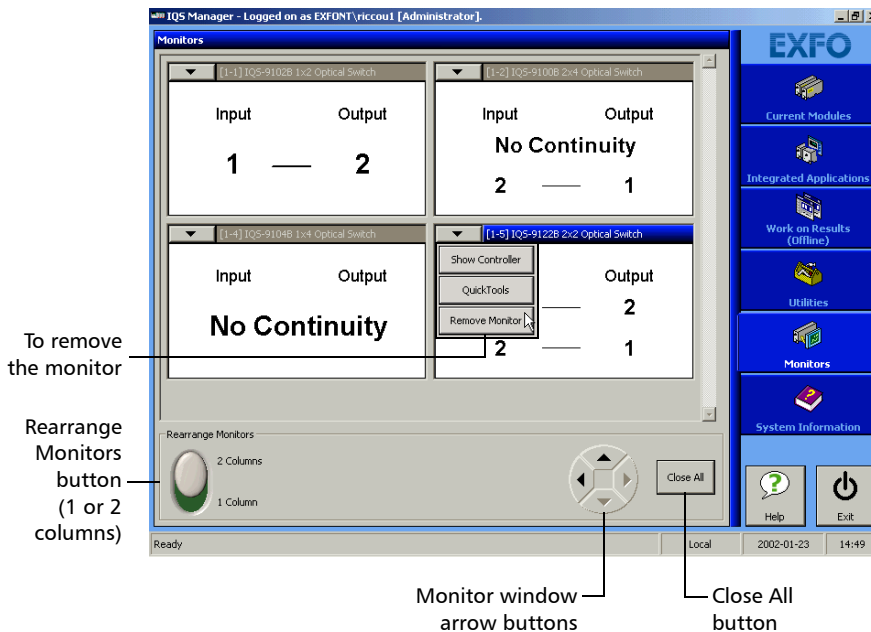
2. In the **Monitor** column, select the box next to each module you want to monitor.

If you want to monitor all the modules *in the current unit*, click **Select All Monitors**. If you want to clear your choices, click **Deselect All Monitors**.

3. Click **Start Monitor** to apply your selection.

IQS Manager will display the selected monitor windows on the **Monitors** function tab.

**Note:** To start the highlighted module's corresponding application at the same time, click **Start App. & Monitor**. The application will appear in a different window.



## Using QuickTools

With QuickTools, you can fine-tune your module directly, while keeping an eye on your entire test setup.

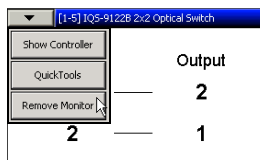
**Note:** *You can only access QuickTools if the module's monitor window is selected from the **Monitors** function tab and is currently active.*

### To start QuickTools:

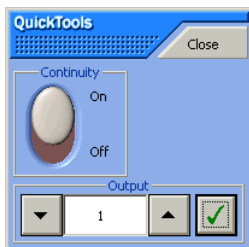
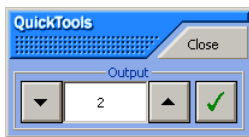
1. From the **Monitors** function tab, elect the monitor window of the module you wish to control.
2. Using the arrow button in the upper left corner, select **QuickTools**.

The corresponding monitor window flashes when QuickTools is activated.

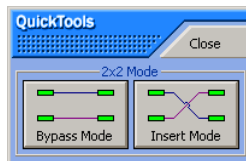
**Note:** *If you want to open the actual application for your module rather than QuickTools, click **Show Controller**.*



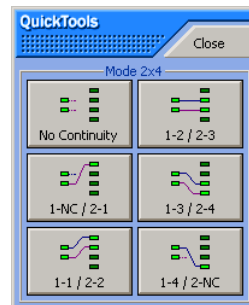
For the IQS-9100 Optical Switch, one of the four QuickTools utility versions will be displayed, depending on the model of the selected module, as shown in the figure below.



1 x 2 and 1 x n optical switch model QuickTools utility



2 x 2 optical switch model QuickTools utility



2 x 4 optical switch model QuickTools utility

### **To control a specific optical switch with QuickTools:**

Ensure that the switch window is selected (its title bar should be displayed in the same color as the sidebar buttons.)

- For 1 x n models, from the **Output** section, click the selection arrows on both sides of the list, and then click the Check  button to select the port. For 2 x 2 or 2 x 4 models, from the **2 x 2 Mode** or **Mode 2 x 4** section, select the appropriate port configuration (For details, see *Operating the Optical Switch* on page 27).
- If a **Continuity** switch button is displayed in the QuickTools utility, click it to activate the optical switch (For more information, see *Selecting Configurations with the 1 x n Model* on page 31).

## Monitoring Optical Switch Modules

*Using QuickTools*

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### **To close QuickTools:**

- Click the **Close** button located at the top of the window.

OR

- Click outside the QuickTools window.

### **To close a monitor window:**

Click the button on the upper left of the monitor window and select **Remove Monitor**.

OR

Click the **Close All** button at the bottom of the window.



## 6 **Maintenance**

To help ensure long, trouble-free operation:

- Always clean fiber-optic connectors before using them.
- Keep the unit free of dust.
- Clean the unit casing and front panel with a cloth slightly dampened with water.
- Store unit at room temperature in a clean and dry area. Keep the unit out of direct sunlight.
- Avoid high humidity or significant temperature fluctuations.
- Avoid unnecessary shocks and vibrations.
- If any liquids are spilled on or into the unit, turn off the power immediately and let the unit dry completely.



### **WARNING**

**Use of controls, adjustments, and procedures for operation and maintenance other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure.**

## **Cleaning Fixed Connectors**

Regular cleaning of connectors will help maintain optimum performance. *Do not try to disassemble the unit. Doing so would break the connector.*

**To clean fixed connectors:**

- 1.** Fold a lint-free wiping cloth in four to form a square.
- 2.** Moisten the center of the lint-free wiping cloth with *only one drop* of isopropyl alcohol.



### **IMPORTANT**

Alcohol may leave traces if used abundantly. Avoid contact between the tip of the bottle and the wiping cloth, and do not use bottles that distribute too much alcohol at a time.

- 3.** Gently wipe the connector threads three times with the folded and moistened section of the wiping cloth.



### **IMPORTANT**

Isopropyl alcohol takes approximately ten seconds to evaporate. Since isopropyl alcohol is not absolutely pure, evaporation will leave microscopic residue. Make sure you dry the surfaces before evaporation occurs.

- 4.** With a dry lint-free wiping cloth, gently wipe the same surfaces three times with a rotating movement.
- 5.** Throw out the wiping cloths after one use.

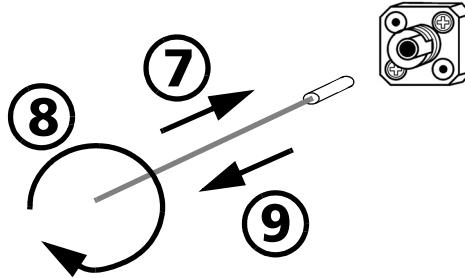
6. Moisten a cleaning tip (2.5 mm tip) with *only one drop* of isopropyl alcohol.



## IMPORTANT

Alcohol may leave traces if used abundantly. Avoid contact between the tip of the bottle and the cleaning tip, and do not use bottles that distribute too much alcohol at a time.

7. Slowly insert the cleaning tip into the connector until it reaches the ferrule inside (a slow clockwise rotating movement may help).



8. Gently turn the cleaning tip one full turn.
9. Continue to turn as you withdraw the cleaning tip.
10. Repeat steps 7 to 9, but this time with a dry cleaning tip (2.5 mm tip provided by EXFO).

**Note:** *Make sure you don't touch the soft end of the cleaning tip and verify the cleanliness of the cotton tip.*

11. Throw out the cleaning tips after one use.

## Cleaning EUI Connectors

Regular cleaning of EUI connectors will help maintain optimum performance. There is no need to disassemble the unit.

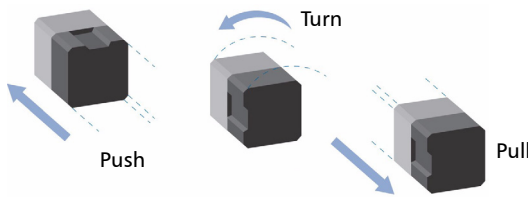


### **IMPORTANT**

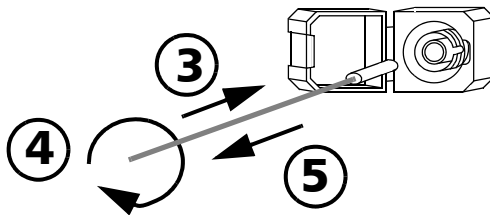
If any damage occurs to internal connectors, the module casing will have to be opened and a new calibration will be required.

**To clean EUI connectors:**

1. Remove the EUI from the instrument to expose the connector baseplate and ferrule.



2. Moisten a 2.5 mm cleaning tip with *one drop* of isopropyl alcohol (alcohol may leave traces if used abundantly).
3. Slowly insert the cleaning tip into the EUI adapter until it comes out on the other side (a slow clockwise rotating movement may help).



4. Gently turn the cleaning tip one full turn, then continue to turn as you withdraw it.

5. Repeat steps 3 to 4 with a dry cleaning tip.

**Note:** *Make sure you don't touch the soft end of the cleaning tip.*

6. Clean the ferrule in the connector port as follows:

**6a.** Deposit *one drop* of isopropyl alcohol on a lint-free wiping cloth.



## **IMPORTANT**

Isopropyl alcohol may leave residues if used abundantly or left to evaporate (about 10 seconds).

**Avoid contact between the tip of the bottle and the wiping cloth, and dry the surface quickly.**

- 6b.** Gently wipe the connector and ferrule.
- 6c.** With a dry lint-free wiping cloth, gently wipe the same surfaces to ensure that the connector and ferrule are perfectly dry.
- 6d.** Verify connector surface with a portable fiber-optic microscope (for example, EXFO's FOMS) or inspection probe (for example, EXFO's FIP).



## **WARNING**

**Verifying the surface of the connector WHILE THE UNIT IS ACTIVE WILL result in permanent eye damage.**

7. Put the EUI back onto the instrument (push and turn clockwise).
8. Throw out cleaning tips and wiping cloths after one use.

## Maintenance

*Recycling and Disposal (Applies to European Union Only)*

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# Recycling and Disposal (Applies to European Union Only)



Recycle or dispose of your product (including electric and electronic accessories) properly, in accordance with local regulations. Do not dispose of it in ordinary garbage receptacles.

This equipment was sold after August 13, 2005 (as identified by the black rectangle).

- Unless otherwise noted in a separate agreement between EXFO and a customer, distributor or commercial partner, EXFO will cover costs related to the collection, treatment, recovery and disposal of end-of-lifecycle waste generated by electronic equipment introduced after August 13, 2005 to an European Union member state with legislation regarding Directive 2002/96/EC.
- Except for reasons of safety or environmental benefit, equipment manufactured by EXFO, under its brand name, is generally designed to facilitate dismantling and reclamation.

For complete recycling/disposal procedures and contact information, visit the EXFO Web site at [www.exfo.com/recycle](http://www.exfo.com/recycle).

# 7 Troubleshooting

## Solving Common Problems

Problem	Possible cause	Recommended action
LED push button does not light up.	Power not on.	Check AC power cord and turn on the
	Module is not properly inserted.	Turn off the, then remove and reinsert the module.
	Computer is locked up.	Reboot the .
	LED is burnt.	Call EXFO.
Pushing the LED push button does not open the module main window.	Computer is locked up.	Reboot the .
Impossible to open a window.	Too many windows are open at the same time.	Close unused windows, then try to reopen the window.
Insertion loss higher than expected.	Dirty optical connectors.	Clean all optical connectors.
	Improper wavelength selected on other instruments	Switch to the correct wavelength on all instruments being used.
Poor repeatability.	Optical source is unstable.	Wait for source to stabilize.
	—	Select <b>Optimize for Repeatability</b> .
No optical continuity.	Switch is off.	Set the <b>Continuity</b> switch to <b>On</b> .

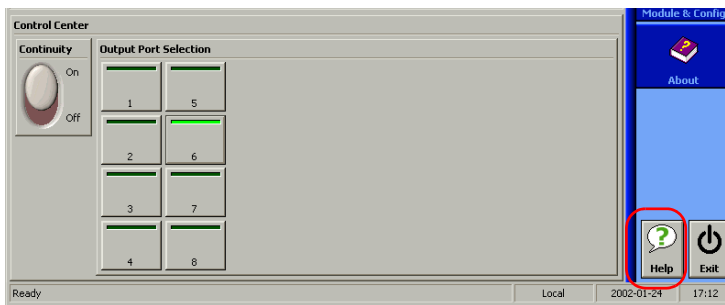
# Obtaining Online Help

An online version of the IQS-9100 Optical Switch user guide is conveniently available at all times from the application.

**Note:** You will also find a printable PDF version on your installation CD.

### To access online help:

Click the **Help** button on the function bar.



# Finding Information on the EXFO Web Site

The EXFO Web site provides answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding the use of your IQS-9100 Optical Switch.

### To access FAQs:

1. Type <http://www.exfo.com> in your Internet browser.
2. Click the **Support** tab.
3. Click **FAQs** and follow the on-screen instructions. You will be given a list of questions pertaining to your subject.

The EXFO Web site also provides the product's most recent technical specifications.



## Contacting the Technical Support Group

To obtain after-sales service or technical support for this product, contact EXFO at one of the following numbers. The Technical Support Group is available to take your calls from Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Eastern Time in North America).

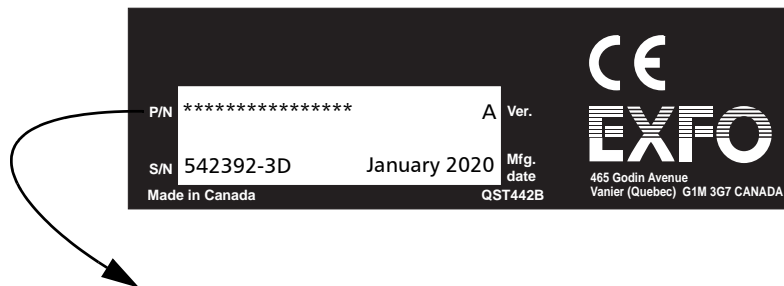
For detailed information about technical support, visit the EXFO Web site at [www.exfo.com](http://www.exfo.com).

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[support@exfo.com](mailto:support@exfo.com)

To accelerate the process, please have information such as the name and the serial number (see the product identification label—an example is shown below), as well as a description of your problem, close at hand.



**IQS-9100-XX-XX-X-XX-XX**

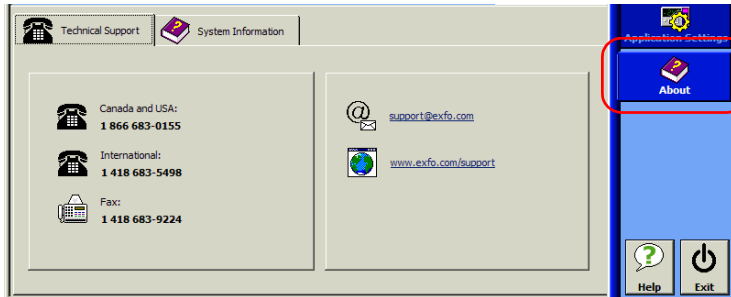
Switch configuration  
Channel configuration  
Fiber code  
Connector code  
Low PDL code

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You may also be requested to provide software and module version numbers. This information, as well as technical support contact information, can be found in the **About** function tab.



- Select the **Technical Support** tab to view phone numbers and active Internet links to EXFO's Technical Support Group. Use these links to send an information request by email or to access EXFO's web site.
- Select the **Module Information** tab to view the module identification, serial number and firmware version.

## Transportation

Maintain a temperature range within specifications when transporting the unit. Transportation damage can occur from improper handling. The following steps are recommended to minimize the possibility of damage:

- Pack the unit in its original packing material when shipping.
- Avoid high humidity or large temperature fluctuations.
- Keep the unit out of direct sunlight.
- Avoid unnecessary shocks and vibrations.

# 8 **Warranty**

## **General Information**

EXFO Electro-Optical Engineering Inc. (EXFO) warrants this equipment against defects in material and workmanship for a period of two years from the date of original shipment. EXFO also warrants that this equipment will meet applicable specifications under normal use.

During the warranty period, EXFO will, at its discretion, repair, replace, or issue credit for any defective product, as well as verify and adjust the product free of charge should the equipment need to be repaired or if the original calibration is erroneous. If the equipment is sent back for verification of calibration during the warranty period and found to meet all published specifications, EXFO will charge standard calibration fees.

THIS WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES EXPRESSED, IMPLIED, OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. IN NO EVENT SHALL EXFO BE LIABLE FOR SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.

## **Liability**

EXFO shall not be liable for damages resulting from the use of the product, nor shall be responsible for any failure in the performance of other items to which the product is connected or the operation of any system of which the product may be a part.

EXFO shall not be liable for damages resulting from improper usage or unauthorized modification of the product, its accompanying accessories and software.

## **Warranty**

### *Exclusions*

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## **Exclusions**

EXFO reserves the right to make changes in the design or construction of any of its products at any time without incurring obligation to make any changes whatsoever on units purchased. Accessories, including but not limited to fuses, pilot lamps, batteries and universal interfaces (EUI) used with EXFO products are not covered by this warranty.

This warranty excludes failure resulting from: improper use or installation, normal wear and tear, accident, abuse, neglect, fire, water, lightning or other acts of nature, causes external to the product or other factors beyond EXFO's control.

## **Certification**

EXFO certifies that this equipment met its published specifications at the time of shipment from the factory.

## Service and Repairs

EXFO commits to providing product service and repair for five years following the date of purchase.

***To send any equipment for service or repair:***

- 1.** Call one of EXFO's authorized service centers (see *EXFO Service Centers Worldwide* on page 64). Support personnel will determine if the equipment requires service, repair, or calibration.
- 2.** If equipment must be returned to EXFO or an authorized service center, support personnel will issue a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number and provide an address for return.
- 3.** If possible, back up your data before sending the unit for repair.
- 4.** Pack the equipment in its original shipping material. Be sure to include a statement or report fully detailing the defect and the conditions under which it was observed.
- 5.** Return the equipment, prepaid, to the address given to you by support personnel. Be sure to write the RMA number on the shipping slip. *EXFO will refuse and return any package that does not bear an RMA number.*

**Note:** *A test setup fee will apply to any returned unit that, after test, is found to meet the applicable specifications.*

After repair, the equipment will be returned with a repair report. If the equipment is not under warranty, you will be invoiced for the cost appearing on this report. EXFO will pay return-to-customer shipping costs for equipment under warranty. Shipping insurance is at your expense.

Routine recalibration is not included in any of the warranty plans. Since calibrations/verifications are not covered by the basic or extended warranties, you may elect to purchase FlexCare Calibration/Verification Packages for a definite period of time. Contact an authorized service center (see *EXFO Service Centers Worldwide* on page 64).

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*EXFO Service Centers Worldwide*

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### **EXFO Service Centers Worldwide**

If your product requires servicing, contact your nearest authorized service center.

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# A Technical Specifications



## IMPORTANT

The following technical specifications can change without notice. The information presented in this section is provided as a reference only. To obtain this product's most recent technical specifications, visit the EXFO Web site at [www.exfo.com](http://www.exfo.com).

Model Mode	1x2		1x4, 1x8, 1x12, 1x16, 1x24, 1x32, 2x4 <sup>f</sup>				2x2	
	Singlemode	Multimode	Singlemode	Multimode	Singlemode	Multimode	Singlemode	Multimode
Insertion loss <sup>b</sup> (dB)	typical	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.5	
	maximum	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	
Backreflection <sup>c</sup> (dB)	maximum	-55	-24	-55	-24	-55	-24	
	Repeatability <sup>d</sup> (dB)	± 0.01	± 0.01	± 0.03	± 0.03	± 0.01	± 0.01	
Operating wavelengths (nm)	1290 to 1570	780 to 1350	1290 to 1650	780 to 1350	1290 to 1570	780 to 1350		
Polarization-dependent loss <sup>e</sup> (dB)	typical	≤ 0.05	-	≤ 0.05	-	≤ 0.05	-	
	standard maximum	0.10	-	0.10	-	0.10	-	
	on request maximum	0.05	-	0.05	-	0.05	-	
	Maximum input power (dBm)	+24	+24	+24	+24	+24	+24	+24
Switching time (ms)	25	25	25 per channel + 425 (debouncing)	25	25	25	25	
Number of channels	1x2	1x2	1x4, 1x8, 1x12, 1x16, 1x24, 1x32	2x2	2x2	2x2	2x2	
Crosstalk (dB)	-80	-80	-80	-80	-80	-80	-80	

### NOTES

- Specifications valid at 23 °C ± 5 °C.
- Insertion loss per module, excluding connectors, measured at singlemode wavelengths of 1310 nm and 1550 nm, and multimode wavelength of 850 nm.
- Backreflection is measured at singlemode wavelengths of 1310 nm and 1550 nm, with APC connectors, and multimode wavelength of 850 nm.
- Repeatability values are for 100 cycles per switch module at constant temperature with stabilized source/meter at singlemode wavelengths of 1310 nm and 1550 nm, and multimode wavelengths of 850 nm and 1300 nm.
- Measured at 1550 nm. Lower polarization-dependent loss is available upon request.
- Non-blocking.

Number of slots	1		2 <sup>h</sup>		3 <sup>a</sup>		5		1		2 <sup>b</sup>	
	Width	3.6 cm (1 3/16 in)	3.6 cm (1 3/16 in)	7.4 cm (2 15/16 in)	7.4 cm (2 15/16 in)	11.2 cm (4 3/8 in)	11.2 cm (4 3/8 in)	18.8 cm (7 5/16 in)	18.8 cm (7 5/16 in)	3.6 cm (1 3/16 in)	3.6 cm (1 3/16 in)	7.4 cm (2 15/16 in)
Dimensions	Height	12.5 cm (4 15/16 in)	12.5 cm (4 15/16 in)	12.5 cm (4 15/16 in)	12.5 cm (4 15/16 in)	12.5 cm (4 15/16 in)	12.5 cm (4 15/16 in)	12.5 cm (4 15/16 in)	12.5 cm (4 15/16 in)	12.5 cm (4 15/16 in)	12.5 cm (4 15/16 in)	12.5 cm (4 15/16 in)
	Depth	28.2 cm (11 1/8 in)	28.2 cm (11 1/8 in)	28.2 cm (11 1/8 in)	28.2 cm (11 1/8 in)	28.2 cm (11 1/8 in)	28.2 cm (11 1/8 in)	28.2 cm (11 1/8 in)	28.2 cm (11 1/8 in)	28.2 cm (11 1/8 in)	28.2 cm (11 1/8 in)	28.2 cm (11 1/8 in)
Weight	0.5 kg (1.1 lb)	0.8 kg (1.8 lb)	0.9 kg (2.0 lb)	0.9 kg (2.0 lb)	1.4 kg (3.2 lb)	1.4 kg (3.2 lb)	0.5 kg (1.1 lb)	1.0 kg (2.3 lb)	1.0 kg (2.3 lb)			
Switch life	10 million cycles minimum											
Temperature	operating	10 °C to 40 °C		(50 °F to 104 °F)								
	storage	-20 °C to 60 °C		(-4 °F to 140 °F)								
Relative humidity maximum	80 % non-condensing at 40 °C											

### NOTES

- 2 slots for MU/UPC connectors
- 1 slot for MU/UPC connectors
- 2xN configurations available only with 2- and 4-channel options.
- Singlemode only.
- Multimode only.
- Available on 1x2, 1x4, 1x8, 1x12, 1x24, 2x2 and 2x4 switches.
- Available for singlemode units. Not with FC/APC, SC/APC or MU/UPC connectors.
- 1x12 switches w/ EUI connectors use 3 slots.





# B SCPI Command Reference

This appendix presents detailed information on the commands and queries supplied with your IQS-9100 Optical Switch.



## IMPORTANT

Since the IQS controllers and expansion units can house many instruments, you must explicitly specify which instrument you want to remotely control.

You must add the following mnemonic *at the beginning of any command or query* that you send to an instrument (except for IEEE 488.2 and platform commands):

**LINstrument<LogicalInstrumentPos>:**

where *<LogicalInstrumentPos>* corresponds to the identification number of the instrument.

IQS controller or expansion unit  
identification number (for example, 001)



Instrument slot number (0 to 9)

For information on modifying unit identification, refer to your platform user guide.

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# Quick Reference Command Tree

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## Product-Specific Commands—Description

### :ROUTe[1..n]:CLOSE

<b>Description</b>	This command positions the optical switch to the reset position. In this position, there is no optical continuity.  *RST has no effect on this command.
<b>Syntax</b>	:ROUTe[1..n]:CLOSE
<b>Parameter(s)</b>	None
<b>Example(s)</b>	ROUT:CLOSE
<b>Notes</b>	For all switches except: 1x2, 2x2, and 2x4.
<b>See Also</b>	ROUTe[1..n]:OPEN ROUTe[1..n]:OPEN:STATE?

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## SCPI Command Reference

*Product-Specific Commands—Description*

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### **:ROUTe[1..n]:OPEN**

<b>Description</b>	This command makes the switch change from the reset position (no optical continuity) to the channel position in effect when the switch was turned off.  *RST has no effect on this command.
<b>Syntax</b>	:ROUTe[1..n]:OPEN
<b>Parameter(s)</b>	None
<b>Example(s)</b>	ROUT:OPEN
<b>Notes</b>	For all switches except: 1x2, 2x2, and 2x4.
<b>See Also</b>	ROUTe[1..n]:OPEN ROUTe[1..n]:OPEN:STATe?

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**:ROUTE[1..n]:OPEN:STATE?**

<b>Description</b>	<p>This query returns a value indicating whether the switch is optically open or closed.</p> <p>On *RST, the value of this setting is OFF.</p>
<b>Syntax</b>	:ROUTE[1..n]:OPEN:STATE?
<b>Parameter(s)</b>	None
<b>Response Syntax</b>	<OpticalContinuity>
<b>Response(s)</b>	<p><i>OpticalContinuity:</i></p> <p>The response data syntax for &lt;OpticalContinuity&gt; is defined as a &lt;NR1 NUMERIC RESPONSE DATA&gt; element.</p> <p>The &lt;OpticalContinuity&gt; response represents the optical continuity state, where:</p> <p>0, means there is no optical continuity. 1, means there is optical continuity.</p>
<b>Example(s)</b>	<p>ROUT:CLOS ROUT:OPEN:STAT? returns 0 (there is no optical continuity) ROUT:OPEN ROUT:OPEN:STAT? returns 1 (there is optical continuity)</p>
<b>Notes</b>	For all switches except: 1x2, 2x2, and 2x4.
<b>See Also</b>	<p>ROUTE[1..n]:OPEN ROUTE[1..n]:CLOSE</p>

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#### **:ROUTe[1..n]:PATH:CATalog?**

<b>Description</b>	<p>This query returns a value indicating the type of switch in use (e.g. 1x2, 1x4, 1x12, 1x16, 1x 32, 2x2 or 2x4).</p> <p>*RST has no effect on this command.</p>
<b>Syntax</b>	:ROUTe[1..n]:PATH:CATalog?
<b>Parameter(s)</b>	None
<b>Response Syntax</b>	<Type>
<b>Response(s)</b>	<p><i>Type:</i></p> <p>The response data syntax for &lt;Type&gt; is defined as a &lt;STRING RESPONSE DATA&gt; element.</p> <p>The &lt;Type&gt; response is a string indicating the switch type in the format 9x99.</p>
<b>Example(s)</b>	ROUT:PATH:CAT? returns "2x2"

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**:ROUTE[1..n]:SCAN**

**Description**

This command sets the switch to a specific channel.

On \*RST, the selected output channel depends on the switch configuration:

- a) For 1xN switch configuration: Output 1.
- b) For 2x4 switch configuration: no continuity for both Input 1 and Input 2.
- c) For 2x2 switch configuration: BYPASS state.

**Syntax**

:ROUTE[1..n]:SCAN<wsp><Position>

**Parameter(s)**

*Position:*

The program data syntax for <Position> is defined as a <DECIMAL NUMERIC PROGRAM DATA> element.

The <Position> is a number from 0 to 32, depending on switch configuration as follows:

- a) For a 1xN switch configuration, a number from 1 to 32, depending on the number of output channels.
- b) For a 2x4 switch, a number from 0 to 5, where
  - 0, means no continuity for both Input 1 and Input 2.
  - 1, means no continuity for Input 1, and Input 2 is connected to Output 1.

## SCPI Command Reference

*Product-Specific Commands—Description*

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### **:ROUTE[1..n]:SCAN**

2, means Input 1 is connected to Output 1 and Input 2 is connected to Output 2.

3, means Input 1 is connected to Output 2 and Input 2 is connected to Output 3.

4, means Input 1 is connected to Output 3 and Input 2 is connected to Output 4.

5, means Input 1 is connected to Output 4 and Input 2 has no continuity.

c) For a 2x2 switch, a number, 1 or 2, where:

1, means BYPASS state.

2, means INSERT state.

#### **Example(s)**

```
ROUT:SCAN 1
ROUT:SCAN? returns 1
ROUT:SCAN 2
ROUT:SCAN? returns 2
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#### **See Also**

```
ROUTE[1..n]:SCAN?
ROUTE[1..n]:SCAN:PREV
ROUTE[1..n]:SCAN:NEXT
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**:ROUTE[1..n]:SCAN?**

<b>Description</b>	<p>This query returns a value indicating the current switch position.</p> <p>On *RST, the selected output channel depends on the switch configuration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) For 1xN switch configuration: Output 1.</li> <li>b) For 2x4 switch configuration: no continuity for both Input 1 and Input 2.</li> <li>c) For 2x2 switch configuration: BYPASS state.</li> </ul>
<b>Syntax</b>	:ROUTE[1..n]:SCAN?
<b>Parameter(s)</b>	None
<b>Response Syntax</b>	<Position>
<b>Response(s)</b>	<p><i>Position:</i></p> <p>The response data syntax for &lt;Position&gt; is defined as a &lt;NR1 NUMERIC RESPONSE DATA&gt; element.</p> <p>The &lt;Position&gt; response represents the currently selected channel on the switch, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) For a 1xN switch configuration, a number from 1 to 32, depending on the number of output channels.</li> <li>b) For a 2x4 switch, a number from 0 to 5, where <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0, means no continuity for both Input 1 and Input 2.</li> <li>1, means no continuity for Input 1, and Input 2 is connected to Output 1.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## SCPI Command Reference

*Product-Specific Commands—Description*

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### **:ROUTE[1..n]:SCAN?**

2, means Input 1 is connected to Output 1 and Input 2 is connected to Output 2.

3, means Input 1 is connected to Output 2 and Input 2 is connected to Output 3.

4, means Input 1 is connected to Output 3 and Input 2 is connected to Output 4.

5, means Input 1 is connected to Output 4 and Input 2 has no continuity.

c) For a 2x2 switch, a number, 1 or 2, where:

1, means BYPASS state.

2, means INSERT state.

#### **Example(s)**

ROUT:SCAN 1

ROUT:SCAN? returns 1

ROUT:SCAN 2

ROUT:SCAN? returns 2

#### **See Also**

ROUTE[1..n]:SCAN

ROUTE[1..n]:SCAN:PREV

ROUTE[1..n]:SCAN:NEXT

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**:ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:ADJust**

<b>Description</b>	<p>This command makes the switch mechanism return to a reference position before aligning to the current position.</p> <p>This command is an event and has no associated *RST condition or query form.</p>
<b>Syntax</b>	:ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:ADJust
<b>Parameter(s)</b>	None
<b>Example(s)</b>	ROUT:SCAN:ADJ
<b>See Also</b>	ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:ADJust:AUTO ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:ADJust:AUTO?

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### **:ROUTE[1..n]:SCAN:ADJust:AUTO**

<b>Description</b>	<p>This command sets the &lt;Optimize for repeatability&gt; option. When this option is selected, the switch mechanism returns to a reference position before aligning to a new position. This ensures optimum repeatability. When this option is not selected, the switch mechanism goes directly to the new channel position. This provides faster switching times, but less repeatability.</p> <p>On *RST, the value of this setting is OFF.</p>
<b>Syntax</b>	<p>:ROUTE[1..n]:SCAN:ADJust:AUTO&lt;wsp&gt; &lt;Auto Adjust&gt;</p>
<b>Parameter(s)</b>	<p><i>AutoAdjust:</i></p> <p>The program data syntax for &lt;AutoAdjust&gt; is defined as a &lt;Boolean Program Data&gt; element. The &lt;AutoAdjust&gt; special forms ON and OFF are accepted on input for increased readability. ON corresponds to 1 and OFF corresponds to 0.</p> <p>The &lt;AutoAdjust&gt; parameter enables or disables the optimization for repeatability.</p> <p>1 or ON, enables the optimization for repeatability. 0 or OFF, disables the optimization for repeatability.</p>

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**:ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:ADJust:AUTO**

**Example(s)**

ROUT:SCAN:ADJ:AUTO 0  
 ROUT:SCAN:ADJ:AUTO? returns 0 (optimization for repeatability is not selected).

ROUT:SCAN:ADJ:AUTO 1  
 ROUT:SCAN:ADJ:AUTO? returns 1 (optimization for repeatability is selected).

**Notes**

For all switches except: 1x2 and 2x2.

**See Also**

ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:ADJust  
 ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:ADJust:AUTO?

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### **:ROUTE[1..n]:SCAN:ADJust:AUTO?**

<b>Description</b>	<p>This query returns the current value of the &lt;Optimize for repeatability&gt; option. When this option is selected, the switch mechanism returns to a reference position before aligning to a new position. This ensures optimum repeatability. When this option is not selected, the switch mechanism goes directly to the new channel position. This provides faster switching times, but less repeatability.</p> <p>On *RST, the value of this setting is OFF.</p>
<b>Syntax</b>	:ROUTE[1..n]:SCAN:ADJust:AUTO?
<b>Parameter(s)</b>	None
<b>Response Syntax</b>	<AutoAdjust>
<b>Response(s)</b>	<p><i>AutoAdjust:</i></p> <p>The response data syntax for &lt;AutoAdjust&gt; is defined as a &lt;NR1 NUMERIC RESPONSE DATA&gt; element.</p>

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**:ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:ADJust:AUTO?**

The <AutoAdjust> response represents the current state of the <Optimize for repeatability> option, where:

1, <Optimize for repeatability> option is selected.

0, <Optimize for repeatability> option is not selected.

**Example(s)**

ROUT:SCAN:ADJ:AUTO 0

ROUT:SCAN:ADJ:AUTO? returns 0 (optimization for repeatability is not selected).

ROUT:SCAN:ADJ:AUTO 1

ROUT:SCAN:ADJ:AUTO? returns 1 (optimization for repeatability is selected).

**See Also**

ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:ADJust

ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:ADJust:AUTO

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### **:ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:NEXT**

<b>Description</b>	<p>This command moves the switch to the next position.</p> <p>This command is an event and has no associated *RST condition or query form.</p>
<b>Syntax</b>	:ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:NEXT
<b>Parameter(s)</b>	None
<b>Example(s)</b>	<p>ROUT:SCAN 1</p> <p>ROUT:SCAN:NEXT</p> <p>ROUT:SCAN? returns 2</p>
<b>See Also</b>	<p>ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN</p> <p>ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN?</p> <p>ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:PREV</p>

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**:ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:PREV**

<b>Description</b>	<p>This command moves the switch to its previous position.</p> <p>This command is an event and has no associated *RST condition or query form.</p>
<b>Syntax</b>	:ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:PREV
<b>Parameter(s)</b>	None
<b>Example(s)</b>	<p>ROUT:SCAN 2</p> <p>ROUT:SCAN:PREV</p> <p>ROUT:SCAN? returns 1</p>
<b>See Also</b>	<p>ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN</p> <p>ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN?</p> <p>ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:NEXT</p>

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#### **:ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:SYNChronous**

<b>Description</b>	This command enables/disables the switch to change position synchronously or not.
<b>Syntax</b>	:ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:SYNChronous <wsp> <Synchronous>
<b>Parameter(s)</b>	<p><i>Synchronous:</i></p> <p>The program data syntax for &lt;Synchronous&gt; is defined as a &lt;Boolean Program Data&gt; element. The &lt;Synchronous&gt; special forms ON and OFF are accepted on input for increased readability. ON corresponds to 1 and OFF corresponds to 0.</p> <p>The &lt;Synchronous&gt; parameter enables or disables the synchronous mode.</p> <p>1 or ON, enables the synchronous mode for changing position. 0 or OFF, disables the synchronous mode for changing position.</p>
<b>Example(s)</b>	<pre>ROUT:SCAN:SYNC 0 ROUT:SCAN:SYNC? returns 0 ROUT:SCAN 12 STATUS? returns BUSY (Module busy)</pre>
<b>See Also</b>	<pre>ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN? ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:SYNChronous?</pre>

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## :ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:SYNChronous?

<b>Description</b>	<p>This query returns a value indicating whether the switch is changing position synchronously or not.</p> <p>On *RST, the value of this setting is ON.</p>
<b>Syntax</b>	:ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:SYNChronous?
<b>Parameter(s)</b>	None
<b>Response Syntax</b>	<Synchronous>
<b>Response(s)</b>	<p><i>Synchronous:</i></p> <p>The response data syntax for &lt;Synchronous&gt; is defined as a &lt;NR1 NUMERIC RESPONSE DATA&gt; element.</p> <p>The &lt;Synchronous&gt; response represents switching position mode, where:</p> <p>0, means the module is changing position asynchronously.</p> <p>1, means the module is changing position synchronously.</p>
<b>See Also</b>	<p>ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN</p> <p>ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN?</p> <p>ROUTe[1..n]:SCAN:SYNChronous</p>

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<b>:SNUMber?</b>	
<b>Description</b>	<p>This query returns a value indicating the module's serial number</p> <p>This command is an event and has no associated *RST condition or query form.</p>
<b>Syntax</b>	:SNUMber?
<b>Parameter(s)</b>	None
<b>Response Syntax</b>	<SerialNumber>
<b>Response(s)</b>	<p><i>SerialNumber:</i></p> <p>The response data syntax for &lt;SerialNumber&gt; is defined as a &lt;STRING RESPONSE DATA&gt; element.</p> <p>The &lt;SerialNumber&gt; response represents a string containing the modules serial number.</p>
<b>Example(s)</b>	SNUM? returns "123456-AB"

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**:STATus?**

<b>Description</b>	<p>This query returns a value indicating the status of the switch (READY, BUSY, etc.)</p> <p>This command is an event and has no associated *RST condition or query form.</p>
<b>Syntax</b>	:STATus?
<b>Parameter(s)</b>	None
<b>Response Syntax</b>	<Status>
<b>Response(s)</b>	<p><i>Status:</i></p> <p>The response data syntax for &lt;Status&gt; is defined as a &lt;CHARACTER RESPONSE DATA&gt; element.</p> <p>The &lt;Status&gt; response represents the module state, where:</p> <p>UNINITIALIZED, means the module is not initialized.</p> <p>INITINPROGRESS, means the module initialization is in progress,</p> <p>READY, means the module is ready,</p> <p>BUSY, means the module is busy,</p> <p>DISCONNECTED, means the module is disconnected,</p> <p>DEFECTIVE, means the module is defective, and</p> <p>UNCONFIGURED, means the module is not configured.</p>
<b>Example(s)</b>	STAT? returns READY (Module is ready.)



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