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## FlexPoint™ 232

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**Overview and Description:**

The FlexPoint™ 232 converts between asynchronous RS-232 and fiber with baud-rate auto-sensing, supporting speeds of up to 115,200 baud. The following multimode (MM) and single-mode (SM) models are described here:

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**RS-232 Cable Attachment:**

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Note: Use RS-232 cables that are compliant with the specifications that are outlined in RS-232 cable specifications.

**Fiber Optic Cable Attachment:**

Connect the fiber cables between the two FlexPoint 232 converters. The transmit (Tx) must attach to the receive side and the receive (Rx) must attach to the transmit side.

Note: Use fiber cables that are compliant with the specifications that are outlined in fiber cable specifications.

**Switch Settings:**

**DB9 to DTE / DB9 to DCE Switch:**

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(Please refer to pin assignments for more detailed information)

**Fiber Loopback Switch:**

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**Fiber Cable Specifications:**

**Multimode (standard)**

Cable:	62.5/125, 100/140 μm
Wavelength:	850nm
Max Distance:	2.5km/1.5 mi.

**Multimode (long-haul)**

Cable:	62.5/125, 100/140 μm
Wavelength:	1310nm
Max Distance:	5km/3.1 mi.

**Singlemode**

Cable:	9/125 μm
Wavelength:	1310nm
Max Distance:	28km/16.8 mi.

**RS-232 Cable Specifications:**

Gauge	22 to 24 AWG
Mutual Capacitance	12 to 50 pF/ft.
Maximum Distance	15.2 m/50 ft.

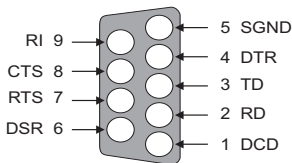
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LED	Color	Function	Description
Power:	Yellow	Solid	Power applied
DTE/DCE:	Green	Solid	DTE selected
	Yellow	Solid	DCE selected
DB9/232:	Green	Solid/Blink	Link / Data received
Fiber Link:	Green	Solid	Link
	Green	Blink fast	Fiber loop-back is good
	Green	Blink slow	Error in fiber loop-back

**Switches:**

Description	Function
DB9 to DTE / DCE:	Data Terminal / Data Communication
Fiber Loop-back:	Loop-back / Normal

**FlexPoint 232 Pin Assignments**



PIN	PIN SIGNAL	ABBR	DTE	DCE
1	Data Carrier Detect	DCD	IN	OUT
2	Received Data	RD	IN	OUT
3	Transmitted Data	TD	OUT	IN
4	Data Terminal	DTR	OUT	IN
5	Signal Ground	SGND	-	-
6	Data Set Ready	DSR	IN	OUT
7	Request To Send	RTS	OUT	IN
8	Clear To Send	CTS	IN	OUT
9	Ring Indicator	RI	IN	OUT

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**NORMAS OFICIALES MEXICANAS (NOM)**

*ELECTRICAL SAFETY STATEMENT*

- Todas las instrucciones de seguridad y operación deberán ser leídas antes de que el aparato eléctrico sea operado.
- Las instrucciones de seguridad y operación deberán ser guardadas para referencia futura.
- Todas las advertencias en el aparato eléctrico y en sus instrucciones de operación deben ser respetadas.
- Todas las instrucciones de operación y uso deben ser seguidas.
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- El aparato eléctrico debe ser montado a la pared o al techo sólo como sea recomendado por el fabricante.
- Servicio—El usuario no debe intentar dar servicio al equipo eléctrico más allá de lo descrito en las instrucciones de operación. Todo otro servicio deberá ser referido a personal de servicio calificado.
- El aparato eléctrico debe ser situado de tal manera que su posición no interfiera su uso. La colocación del aparato eléctrico sobre una cama, sofá, alfombra o superficie similar puede bloquea la ventilación, no se debe colocar en libreros o gabinetes que impidan el flujo de aire por los orificios de ventilación.
- El equipo eléctrico debe ser situado fuera del alcance de fuentes de calor como radiadores, registros de calor, estufas u otros aparatos (incluyendo amplificadores) que producen calor.
- El aparato eléctrico deberá ser conectado a una fuente de poder sólo del tipo descrito en el instructivo de operación, o como se indique en el aparato.

- Precación debe ser tomada de tal manera que la tierra física y la polarización del equipo no sea eliminada.
- Los cables de la fuente de poder deben ser guiados de tal manera que no sean pisados ni pellizcados por objetos colocados sobre o contra ellos, poniendo particular atención a los contactos y receptáculos donde salen del aparato.
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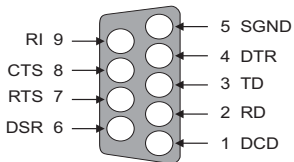
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