

**232-FIBER-SM-8**  
Industrial RS-232 To Fiber Optic  
Single Mode 80KM Converter

Datasheet Revision 1.3

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**GENERAL FEATURES:**

- Point to Point Fiber 80KM SM Configuration
- Plug-and-Play (hot-pluggable)
- Externally Powered
- Fiber optic range of up to 49.6 miles (80 KM)
- Available with ST or SC type connectors
- Data direction auto-turnaround - no flow control necessary
- Built-in surge and static protection
- 5-year replacement manufacturer's warranty
- CE, FCC, RoHS and REACH certified



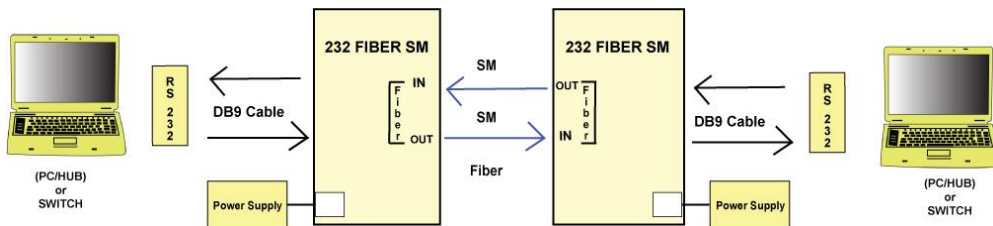
**DESCRIPTION:**

The SerialComm 232-FIBER-SM-8 is an industrial grade bi-directional externally powered full-duplex RS-232 to Single Mode Fiber Optic Converter which converts a standard full-duplex RS-232 transceiver to a Single Mode SC or ST connector type fiber optic link. A data direction auto-turnaround feature automatically enables the RS-232 transmit and receive data signals when data is present, avoiding the need for software drivers, and making the device fully plug-and-play. The 232-FIBER-SM-8 has a DB9 connector for the RS-232 serial port, and either an ST type or SC type connector for the fiber optic link. The unit extends the maximum distance of any RS-232 signal up 49.6 miles (80 KM) using SM fiber optic cable. The unit is enclosed in a rugged steel housing. An external power supply is included.

**CERTIFICATIONS:**



**APPLICATIONS:**

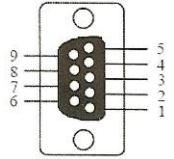


**FIGURE 2: EXTENDING RS-232 DATA DISTANCE**

**PINOUT CONFIGURATION:**  
RS-232 SIDE – DB9 FEMALE

SIG.	DCD	DTR	DSR	RTS	CTS	TX	RX	GND
PIN #	1	4	6	7	8	2	3	5
FUNC.	TIED			TIED		TX	RX	GND

**FEM DB9**



**SPECIFICATIONS:**

COMMUNICATION	
<b>STANDARDS:</b>	EIA/TIA RS-232C Standard
<b>MODEL NUMBERS:</b>	232-FIBER-SM-8-ST - ST Connector Version 232-FIBER-SM-8-SC - SC Connector Version
<b>BAUD RATES:</b>	From 300 baud to 128,000 baud
<b>CONNECTOR TYPES:</b>	DC Input: 2-way Terminal Block, RS-232 Side: DB9 Female and Fiber Side: either 2 X ST Connectors or 2 X SC Connectors
<b>DISTANCE:</b>	RS-232 Side: 16 ft (5m) and Single Mode Side: 49.6 miles (80km)
ELECTRICAL	
<b>POWER SOURCE:</b>	5VDC
<b>DC/AC POWER ADAPTER:</b>	5VDC / (100 - 240VAC 50/60hz US Type A Plug) 500 mA
<b>POWER CONSUMPTION:</b>	4 Watts
<b>STATIC PROTECTION:</b>	15KV Electric Static Discharge (ESD) Protection
<b>SURGE PROTECTION:</b>	600W Surge Protection
FIBER OPTIC	
<b>FIBER OPTIC OPERATION:</b>	Point to Point Fiber 80km Single Mode Configuration
<b>FIBER OPTIC CABLING:</b>	8.3/125µm, 8.7/125µm, 9/125µm & 10/125µm SM Fiber
<b>WAVELENGTH:</b>	1310 nm
<b>OUTPUT LEVEL (MIN):</b>	-5 dBm
<b>OUTPUT LEVEL (MAX):</b>	0 dBm
<b>FIBER SENSITIVITY LEVEL:</b>	-36 dBm
MECHANICAL	
<b>HOUSING:</b>	Heavy Duty Steel Housing
<b>DIN RAIL:</b>	Optional DIN Rail Mounts
<b>WEIGHT:</b>	<b>With ST Connector:</b> 8.87oz (251.4 grams) <b>With SC Connector:</b> 8.73oz (245.3 grams)
<b>DIMENSIONS:</b>	<b>With ST Connector:</b> 4.29" X 3.75" X 1.05" (109.0 mm X 95.0 mm X 26.6 mm) <b>With SC Connector:</b> 3.98" X 3.75" X 1.05" (101.0 mm X 95.0 mm X 26.6 mm)
ENVIRONMENTAL	
<b>OPERATING TEMP:</b>	-40° F to 185° F (-40°C to 85° C)
<b>STORAGE TEMP:</b>	-40° F to 185° F (-40°C to 85° C)
<b>OPERATING HUMIDITY:</b>	5% To 95% - No Condensation
QUALITY	
<b>PRODUCT SAFETY:</b>	CE, FCC, RoHS, Third party Certified
<b>QUALITY MANAGEMENT:</b>	Manufactured and Distributed to ISO 9001:2015 QMS
<b>MEAN TIME BEFORE FAILURE:</b>	701,029 Hours
<b>RELIABILITY:</b>	Low Failure Rate – 99+% Reliability Since Inception
<b>WARRANTY:</b>	5 Year Replacement Warranty

## LED INDICATIONS:

PWR	Power Indicator	ON: Power On - OFF: Power OFF
RX	Data Receive Indicator	ON: When Power is Connected, OFF: When Fiber is Connected, FLASHING: When Data is Received
TX	Data Transmit Indicator	FLASHING: When Data is Transmitted

## TROUBLESHOOTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Using one 232-FIBER-SM unit:

- a) Perform a loop back test on one unit:
  - a. Plug the power connector to the converter. Both the PWR light and RX light should be on
  - b. Please use 3db attenuator when doing loopback test.
  - c. Connect the fiber optic in to fiber optic out. Only the PWR light should be lit.
  - d. Connect the RS-232 port to a PC.
- e. Running a hyper terminal program on the PC, send ASCII characters to the 232-FIBER-SM-8 converter from one PC port, and check that the characters are received at the same PC port. This tests that the transmit and receive functions of the 232-FIBER-SM-8 unit is working properly.
- f. When data is transmitting to the converter the TX light should blink and when the converter is receiving data the RX light should blink.

Using two 232-FIBER-SM units:

1. Check that all connections comply with the connection diagrams.
2. Perform a loop back test on two units:
  - b) Plug the power connector to both converters. Both the PWR light and RX light should be on both units.
    - a. Please use 3db attenuator when doing loopback test.
    - c) Connect the fiber optic in of one converter and fiber optic out to the other converter.
    - d) Connect the fiber optic out of one converter and fiber optic in to the other converter.
    - e) Only the PWR light should be lit on both converters.
    - f) Connect the RS-232 connections to two RS-232 ports.
    - g) Running hyper terminal programs on both PCs, send ASCII characters to the 232-FIBER-SM-8 converter from one PC port, and check that the characters are received at the 2<sup>nd</sup> PC port. Repeat the test in the opposite direction. This tests that the transmit and receive functions of both 232-FIBER-SM-8 units are working properly.
  - h) When data is transmitting to the converter the TX light should blink and when the converter is receiving data the RX light should blink.