

Agilent 81595B Modular Optical Switches

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The Agilent 81595B 1x4 optical switch module is available for both single-mode and multimode fiber applications. These can be used in all Agilent 816x Lightwave mainframes and support automation while improving measurement repeatability. The multimode switch has excellent mode fidelity.

- 81595B Option 009: 1x4 switch for single-mode fiber
- 81595B Option 062: 1x4 switch for multimode fiber

Key Features

| Wide wavelength range | Single mode | 1270 nm to 1670 nm | |
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| | Multimode | 700 nm to 1400 nm | |
| Excellent repeatability | ±0.030 dB (maximum variation over 10,000 random cycles) | | |
| Low insertion loss | Single mode | 2.0 dB, < 1.25 dB typ. | |
| | Multimode | 2.0 dB, < 1.0 dB typ. | |
| Connector types | Single mode | FC/APC (narrow keying) | |
| | Multimode | FC/PC straight | |
| Modular design, allowing up to 17 switches in one mainframe | | | |

The 1 x 4 optical switch has four positions:





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Modular Design for Solution Platform

These modules enable manufacturers of optical and network components to automate their processes by routing optical signals when testing devices such as line cards, amplifiers, and active and passive components. Adding modular optical switches to this instrument platform allows flexible and cost effective all-in-one solutions to be developed for optical component test in automated test environments.

Switching Reduces Uncertainty from Connections and Eases

Test Automation

These modular switches can be used to avoid repeated reconnections during your measurements and are critical to automated procedures. The low IL and PDL and high repeatability assure minimum impact of the switch on measurement accuracy.

Switching can be performed from the button on the module, from the mainframe interface and via GPIB control. The compact form and high performance allow combining switches for multistage setups, like five 1x4 modules.



Modal Fidelity for Multimode Fiber Systems

Signals in multimode fibers are distributed over a range of mode groups that can have different loss and delay in a link. For dependable multimode transceiver testing, the instrument used to set the power level should not change this modal distribution. The Agilent multimode switches are designed with very short collimated paths between fiber, so signals propagate in practically the same distribution as through uninterrupted multimode fiber.

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Modular Optical Switch Specifications

| 81595B | | | |
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| Switch type | 1 x 4 | | |
| Fiber interface | # 009 single mode | # 062 multimode | |
| Fiber type | 9/125 μm SMF | 62.5/125 μm MMF | |
| Connectivity | FC/APC - R angled | FC/PC straight | |
| Wavelength range | 1270 nm to 1670 nm | 700 nm to 1400 nm | |
| Insertion loss | $<$ 2.0 dB, $<$ 1.25 dB typ. 4 | < 2.0 dB, < 1.0 dB typ. ¹ | |
| Polarization dependent loss | typ. 0.07 dBpp | NA | |
| Repeatability ² | ±0.03 dB | ±0.03 dB 1 | |
| Return loss | typ. 55 dB | typ. 20 dB | |
| Crosstalk | typ70 dB | typ70 dB | |
| Switching time | < 11 | < 10 ms | |
| Lifetime | > 10 million cycles | | |
| Maximum input power | ± 20 dBm | | |
| Dimensions (H x W x D) | 75 mm x 32 mm x 335 mm (2.9" x 1.3" X 13.2") | | |
| Weight | 0.5 kg | | |
| Operating temperature | 10 °C to 45 °C | | |
| Storage temperature ⁵ | -40 °C to 70 °C | | |
| Humidity | Non-condesing | | |
| Warm-up time | 30 min. | | |

1. Specification is typical with 50/125 µm multimode fiber.

2. Worst case measurement deviation over 10,000 random switching cycles.

3. For $\lambda = 1550$ nm; for 1270 nm < λ < 1670 nm add 0.3 dB.

4. For $\lambda = 1550$ nm; for 1270 nm < λ < 1670 nm add 0.6 dB.

5. Allow minimum acclimatization of 2 hours if previously stored outside operating temperature range before turning on the module.

Ordering information:

- Modules for single mode fiber interface: #009
- Modules for multimode fiber interface: #062



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