

# **IMC-21 Series Quick Installation Guide**

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**Moxa Industrial Media Converter**

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## Overview

The Moxa Industrial Media Converter IMC-21 series consists of entry-level 10/100BaseT(X) to 100BaseFX media converters that provide a cost-effective solution, and are specially designed for reliable and stable operation in harsh industrial environments.

IMC-21 accepts either a 12 to 48 VDC power input. It operates reliably in a temperature range from -10 to 60°C, and IMC-21's rugged hardware design makes it ideal for demanding industrial applications, such as those that comply with FCC, CE.

**NOTE** Throughout this Hardware Installation Guide, we use IMC as an abbreviation for Industrial Media Converter:  
**IMC = Industrial Media Converter**

## Package Checklist

Moxa IMC-21 is shipped with the following items. If any of these items is missing or damaged, please contact your customer service representative for assistance.

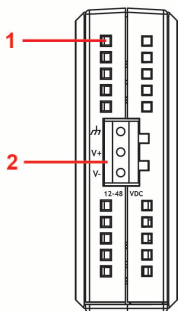
- IMC-21
- Quick Installation Guide (printed)
- Warranty card

## Features

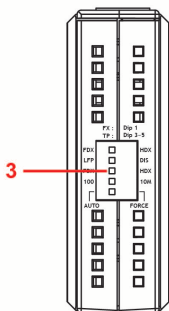
- Power inputs: 12 to 48 VDC
- TP port's connection speed, Half/Full duplex mode, and Force/Auto mode are DIP Switch selectable
- Fiber port's Half/Full duplex mode is DIP Switch selectable
- Supports Link Fault Pass-Through (LFP)
- DIN-Rail mountable
- Multi-mode and single mode models with SC or ST fiber connectors are available
- Operating temperature range from -10 to 60°C

# Panel Layout of IMC-21 Series

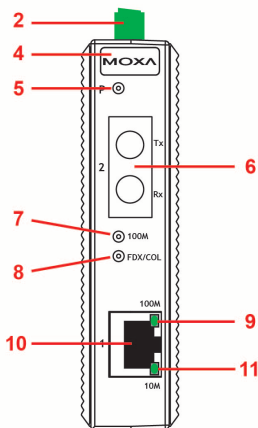
Top View



Bottom View



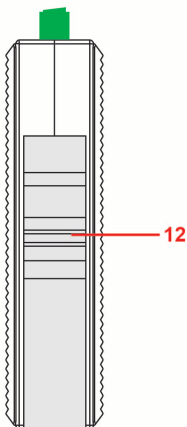
Front View



1. Heat dissipation orifices
2. Terminal block for power input and grounding
3. DIP switch
4. Moxa Logo
5. Power input LED
6. 100BaseFX (SC/ST connector) port
7. FX port's 100 Mbps LED
8. FX port's FDX/COL LED
9. TP port's 100 Mbps LED
10. 10/100BaseT(X) port
11. TP port's 10 Mbps LED
12. DIN-Rail kit

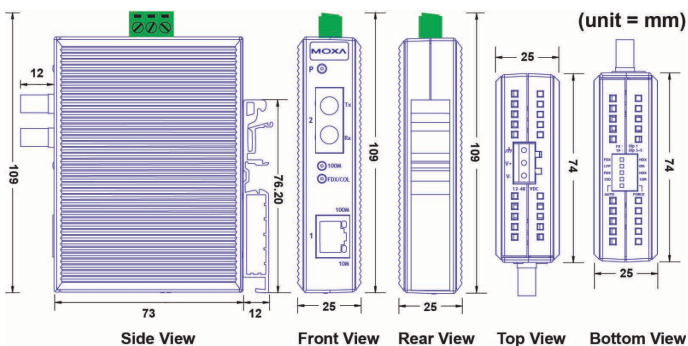
**NOTE:** The IMC-21 series includes IMC-21-M-SC, IMC-21-M-ST, and IMC-21-S-SC.

Rear View



## Mounting Dimensions

### IMC-21 series (10/100BaseT(X) to 100BaseFX)



## DIN-Rail Mounting

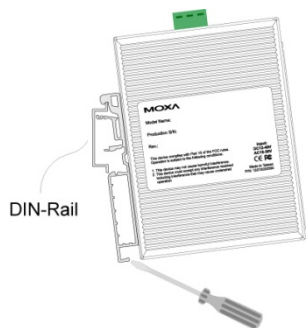
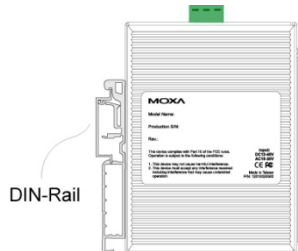
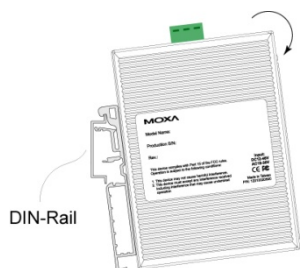
The plastic DIN-Rail attachment plate should already be fixed to the rear panel of IMC when you take it out of the box. If you need to reattach the DIN-Rail attachment plate to IMC, make sure the DIN-Rail kit is situated towards the top, as shown in the figures below.

### STEP 1:

Insert the top of the DIN-Rail into the slot.

### STEP 2:

The DIN-Rail attachment unit will snap into place as shown below.



To remove Moxa IMC-21 from the DIN-Rail, insert a flat-blade screw driver horizontally into the DIN-Rail kit under the IMC-21, and then pull it upwards and release IMC towards you away from the DIN-Rail.

## Wiring Requirements



### ATTENTION

#### Safety First!

Be sure to disconnect the power cord before installing and/or wiring your Moxa Industrial Media Converter.

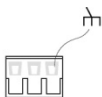
Calculate the maximum possible current in each power wire and common wire. Observe all electrical codes dictating the maximum current allowable for each wire size.

If the current goes above the maximum rating, the wiring could overheat, causing serious damage to your equipment.

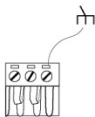
You should also pay attention to the following points:

- Use separate paths to route wiring for power and devices. If power wiring and device wiring paths must cross, make sure the wires are perpendicular at the intersection point.  
**NOTE:** Do not run signal or communications wiring and power wiring in the same wire conduit. To avoid interference, wires with different signal characteristics should be routed separately.
- You can use the type of signal transmitted through a wire to determine which wires should be kept separate. The rule of thumb is that wiring that shares similar electrical characteristics can be bundled together.
- Keep input wiring and output wiring separated.
- It is strongly advised that you label wiring to all devices in the system when necessary.

## Grounding Moxa Industrial Media Converter



Top View



Front View

Grounding and wire routing help limit the effects of noise due to electromagnetic interference (EMI). Run the ground connection from the right most connector of the 3-contact terminal block to the grounding surface prior to connecting devices.

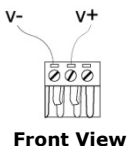
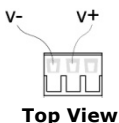


### ATTENTION

This product is intended to be mounted to a well-grounded mounting surface such as a metal panel.

## Wiring the Power Inputs

The two left-most contacts of the 3-contact terminal block connector on IMC's top panel are used for IMC's DC or AC inputs. Top and front views of one of the terminal block connectors are shown here.



**STEP 1:** Insert the negative/positive DC wires into the V-/V+ terminals.

**STEP 2:** To keep the DC wires from pulling loose, use a small flat-blade screwdriver to tighten the wire-clamp screws on the front of the terminal block connector.

**STEP 3:** Insert the plastic terminal block connector prongs into the terminal block receptor, which is located on IMC's top panel.

## Communication Connections

IMC-21 has one 10/100BaseT(X) Ethernet port.

### RJ45 Ethernet Port Connection

The 10/100BaseT(X) port located on IMC's front panel are used to connect to Ethernet-enabled devices.

Below we show pinouts for both MDI (NIC-type) and MDI-X (HUB/Switch-type) ports, and also show cable wiring diagrams for straight-through and cross-over Ethernet cables.

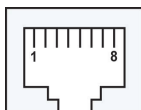
#### MDI Port Pinouts

Pin	Signal
1	Tx+
2	Tx-
3	Rx+
6	Rx-

#### MDI-X Port Pinouts

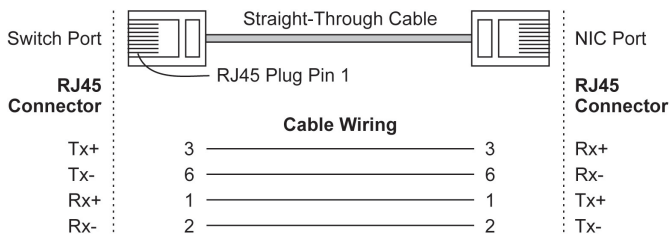
Pin	Signal
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3	Tx+
6	Tx-

#### 8-pin RJ45

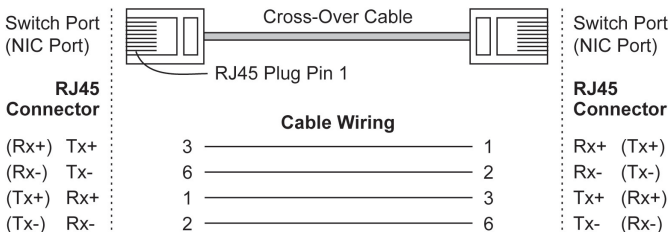


### RJ45 (8-pin) to RJ45 (8-pin) Straight-Through Cable

#### Wiring



## RJ45 (8-pin) to RJ45 (8-pin) Cross-Over Cable Wiring

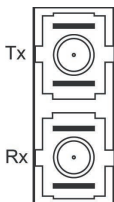


## Fiber Optical Port Connection

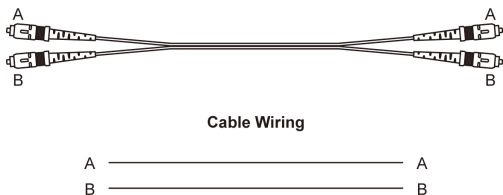
The concept behind the SC/ST port and cable is quite straightforward. Suppose you are connecting devices I and II. Contrary to electrical signals, optical signals do not require a circuit in order to transmit data. Consequently, one of the optical lines is used to transmit data from device I to device II, and the other optical line is used to transmit data from device II to device I, for full-duplex transmission.

All you need to remember is to connect the Tx (transmit) port of device I to the Rx (receive) port of device II, and the Rx (receive) port of device I to the Tx (transmit) port of device II. If you make your own cable, we suggest labeling the two sides of the same line with the same letter (A-to-A and B-to-B, as shown below, or A1-to-A2 and B1-to-B2).

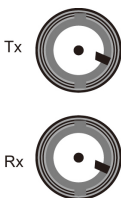
### SC-Port Pinouts



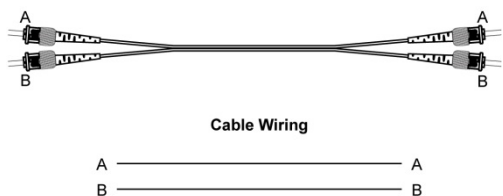
### SC-Port to SC-Port Cable Wiring



### ST-Port Pinouts



### ST-Port to ST-Port Cable Wiring

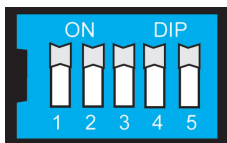


## ATTENTION

This is a Class 1 Laser/LED product. To avoid causing serious damage to your eyes, do not stare directly into the Laser Beam.

## DIP Switch Settings

### IMC-21 Series (10/100BaseT(X) to 100BaseFX)



#### DIP Switch 1 (Default OFF: FDX)

FDX: Fiber port in full duplex mode

HDX: Fiber port in half duplex mode

#### DIP Switch 2 (Default OFF: LFP)

LFP: Enables LFP (Link Fault Pass-Through) for 100BaseFX

LFP DIS: Disables LFP for 100BaseFX

#### DIP Switch 3 (Default OFF: FDX)

FDX: TP port at full duplex mode

HDX: TP port at half duplex mode

#### DIP Switch 4 (Default OFF: 100)

100: TP port at 100 Mbps

10: TP port at 10 Mbps

#### DIP Switch 5 (Default OFF: AUTO)

AUTO: TP port in AUTO (auto-negotiation) mode

FORCE: Force TP port into 10M or half duplex mode

After changing the DIP switch setting, you will need to power off and then power on the IMC-21 to activate the new setting.

## LED Indicators

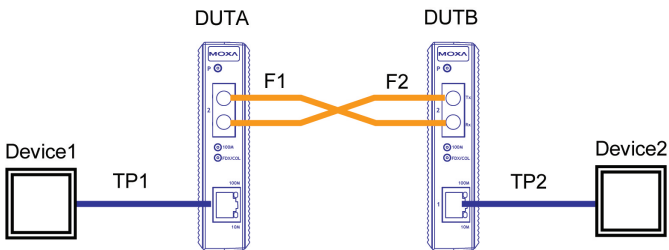
The front panel of Moxa Industrial Media Converter contains several LED indicators. The function of each LED is described in the table below.

### IMC-21 series (10/100BaseT(x) to 100BaseFX)

LED	Color	State	Description
P	AMBER	On	Power is being supplied to the power input.
		Off	Power is not being supplied to the power input.
100M (FX)	GREEN	On	FX port's 100 Mbps link is active.
		Blinking	Data is being transmitted at 100 Mbps.
		Off	FX Port's 100 Mbps link is inactive.
FDX/COL (FX)	GREEN	On	100BaseFX port is transmitting in full duplex mode.
		Blinking	A data collision has occurred.
		Off	100BaseFX port is transmitting in half duplex mode.
100M (TP)	GREEN	On	TP port's 100 Mbps link is active.
		Blinking	Data is being transmitted at 100 Mbps.
		Off	TP port's 100 Mbps link is inactive.
10M (TP)	GREEN	On	TP port's 10 Mbps link is active.
		Blinking	Data is being transmitted at 10 Mbps.
		Off	TP port's 10 Mbps link is inactive.

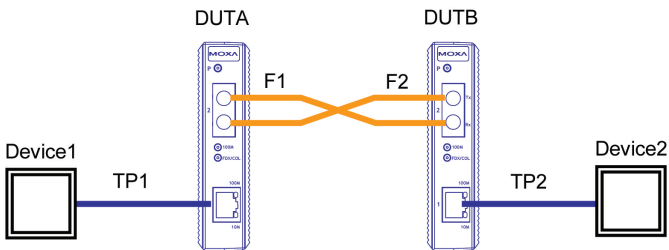


**LFP** DIP switch is set to "LFP" mode:



	Device1 TP LED	DUTA TP LNK LED	DUTA FO LED	DUTB FO LED	DUTB TP LNK LED	Device 2 TP LED
TP1 Faulted	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
F1 Faulted	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
F2 Faulted	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
TP2 Faulted	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF

**LFP** DIP switch is set to "DIS" mode:



	Device1 TP LED	DUTA TP LNK LED	DUTA FO LED	DUTB FO LED	DUTB TP LNK LED	Device 2 TP LED
TP1 Faulted	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	ON	ON
F1 Faulted	ON	ON	OFF	OFF	ON	ON
F2 Faulted	ON	ON	OFF	OFF	ON	ON
TP2 Faulted	ON	ON	ON	ON	OFF	OFF

## Auto MDI/MDI-X Connection

The Auto MDI/MDI-X function allows users to connect Moxa Industrial Media Converter's 10/100BaseT(X) ports to any kind of Ethernet device, without paying attention to the type of Ethernet cable being used for the connection. This means that you can use either a *straight-through* cable or *cross-over* cable to connect IMC to Ethernet devices.

## Dual Speed Functionality and Switching

Moxa Industrial Media Converter's 10/100 Mbps switched RJ45 port auto negotiates with the connected device for the fastest data transmission rate supported by both devices. All models of Moxa Industrial Media Converter are plug-and-play devices, so that software configuration is not required during installation, or for maintenance. The half/full duplex mode for the switched RJ45 ports is user dependent and changes (by auto-negotiation) to full or half duplex, depending on which transmission speed is supported by the attached device.

## Auto-Negotiation and Speed Sensing

Moxa IMC-21 series' RJ45 Ethernet port supports auto-negotiation in 10BaseT and 100BaseT(X) modes, with operation governed by the IEEE 802.3u standard. This means that some nodes could be operating at 10 Mbps, while at the same time, other nodes are operating at 100 Mbps.

Auto-negotiation takes place when an RJ45 cable connection is made, and then each time a LINK is enabled. Moxa Industrial Media Converter advertises its capability for using either 10 Mbps or 100 Mbps transmission speeds, with the device at the other end of the cable expected to advertise similarly. Depending on what type of device is connected, this will result in agreement to operate at a speed of either 10 Mbps or 100 Mbps.

If a Moxa Industrial Media Converter RJ45 Ethernet port is connected to a non-negotiating device, it will default to 10 Mbps speed and half-duplex mode, as required by the IEEE 802.3u standard.

## Specifications

Technology		
Standards	IEEE802.3, 802.3u, 802.3x	
Interface		
RJ45 Port	10/100BaseT(X)	
Fiber Port	100BaseFX (SC, ST connectors available)	
LED Indicators	Power, 10/100M (TP port), 100M (Fiber port), FDX/COL (Fiber port)	
DIP Switch	TP port's connection speed and Half/Full duplex mode and Force/Auto mode are DIP switch selectable Fiber connection's Half/Full duplex mode is DIP switch selectable Link Fault Pass-Through (LFP) is also DIP switch selectable	
Fiber Optics		
	Multi-mode (100BaseFX)	Single mode (100BaseFX)
Distance, km	5	40
Wavelength, nm	1300	1310
Min. Tx Output, dBm	-20	-5
Max. Tx Output, dBm	-14	0
Sensitivity, dBm	-34 to -30	-36 to -32

<b>Power</b>		
Input Voltage	12 to 48 VDC	
Power Consumption	<b>M-SC/ST:</b> 271 mA @ 12 V 137 mA @ 24 V 77 mA @ 48 V	<b>S-SC:</b> 258 mA @ 12 V 129 mA @ 24 V 71 mA @ 48 V
Connection	Removable 3-contact Terminal Block	
Overload Current Protection	1.1 A	
Reverse Polarity Protection	Present	
<b>Mechanical</b>		
Casing	IP30 protection, plastic case	
Dimensions	25 × 109 × 97 mm (W × H × D)	
Weight	125 g	
Installation	DIN-Rail mounting	
<b>Environmental</b>		
Operating Temperature	-10 to 60°C (14 to 140°F)	
Storage Temperature	-40 to 70°C (-40 to 158°F)	
Ambient Relative Humidity	5 to 95% (non-condensing)	
<b>Regulatory Approvals</b>		
Safety	UL 60950-1	
EMI	FCC Part 15, CISPR 32 class A	
EMS	EN61000-4-2 (ESD) Level 3 EN61000-4-3 (RS) Level 2 EN61000-4-4 (EFT) Level 2 EN61000-4-5 (Surge) Level 2 EN61000-4-6 (CS) Level 2	
Shock	IEC 60068-2-27	
Free Fall	IEC 60068-2-32	
Vibration	IEC 60068-2-6	
<b>Warranty</b>	5 years	

## Federal Communications Commission Statement

FCC - This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.



### FCC WARNING

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.