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User Manual

Auto-Link-SPE-G

1000BASE-T1 Media Converter



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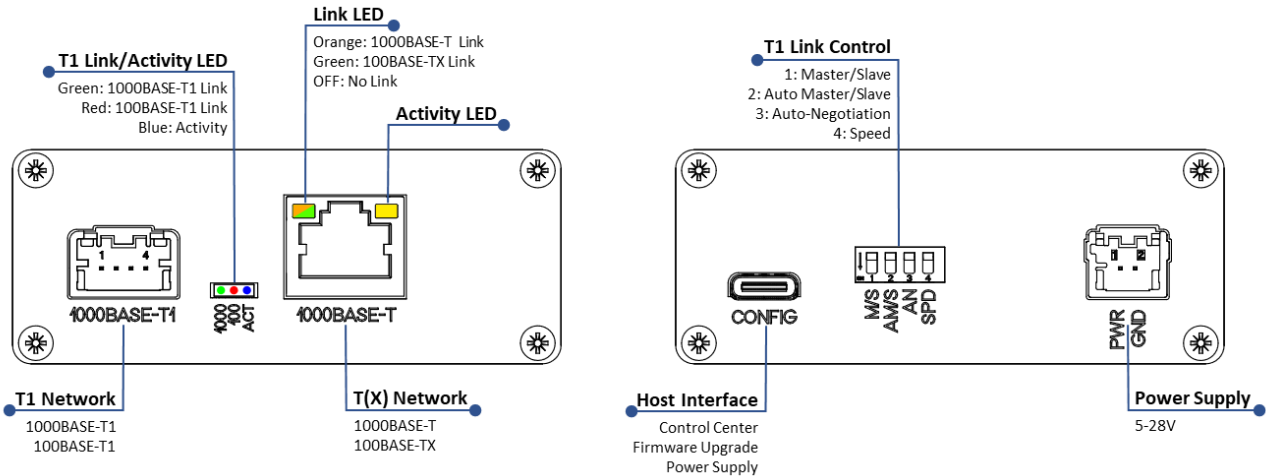
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Revision History

Revision	Date	Change
1.7	07/05/2020	initial release version
1.8	05/25/2021	changed T1 speed LED assignment (green=1000MBit/s, red=100MBit/s)

1 Introduction

The Auto-Link-SPE-G connects 1000BASE-T1 with 1000BASE-T networks as well as 100BASE-T1 with 100BASE-TX networks. It supports 802.3bp auto-negotiation and proprietary master/slave detection. Master/slave role, speed and auto-negotiation modes can be set via DIP switches. The Control Center software connects via the USB to the Auto-Link-SPE-G and provides information about link state, signal quality and allows direct PHY register access. Faults in the T1 connection can be detected using Signal Quality Indicator and the Automotive Cable Diagnostics function. The Auto-Link-SPE-G is equipped with a dual power supply that seamlessly switches between the dedicated power port and USB.



2 Technical Data

2.1 Features

- Standards: IEEE802.3bp, IEEE802.3bw, IEEE802.3ab, IEEE802.3u
- 1000BASE-T1 / 100BASE-T1 Port (Molex Mini50 4pos)
- 1000BASE-T / 100BASE-TX Port (RJ45)
- USB-C Port (Configuration, Firmware Update)
- DIP Switch for Master/Slave, Speed, Auto-Negotiation Setting
- Automatic Master/Slave-Detection (proprietary)
- 802.3bp Auto-Negotiation
- 802.3bp Link Type-A (15m TP)
- Automotive Cable Diagnostics (T1 connection)
- Robust Aluminum Housing
 - Dimensions: 75 x 30 x 82 mm (width x height x depth)
- Dual Power Supply (PWR Port and USB-C)
 - PWR Conn (Molex Mini50 2Pos): DC 5V – 28V
 - USB-C: DC 5V
- Power Consumption: < 150mA @ 12V
- Environmental Temperature Range: -40°C - +65°C
- Network Interfaces (PHYs)
 - 1000BASE-T1 / 100BASE-T1 PHY: Broadcom BCM89881
 - 1000BASE-T / 100BASE-TX PHY: Broadcom BCM54811

3 Scope of Delivery

- Auto-Link-SPE-G (1000Base-T1 Media Converter)
- T1 Network Connector Receptacle (Molex Mini50 4Pos)
- Power Connector Receptacle (Molex Mini50 2Pos)
- Terminals for the Mini50 Receptacles (4x AWG22 + 4x AWG24 + 4x AWG26-30)
- USB Cable (USB-A to USB-C)

4 Intended Purpose and Disclaimer

The Auto-Link-SPE-G is intended to be used for development and testing purposes in automotive or industrial areas.

It is not allowed to use the Auto-Link-SPE-G in series products.

Warranty Exclusion: i-novative® GmbH does not take over any liability for damages resulting from the use of the Auto-Link-SPE-G.

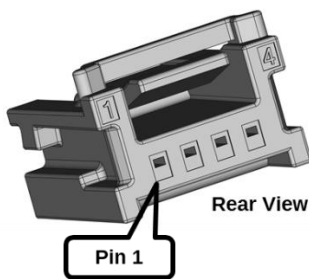
5 Connectors and Cables

5.1 1000BASE-T1 / 100BASE-T1 Connector

5.1.1 Receptacle Specification

	Description	Vendor	Part Number	Distributor	Distributor Number
Connector	MINI50 4Pos Receptacle Opt A	Molex	347910040	Digi-Key	WM9381-ND
	MINI50 4Pos Receptacle Opt A	Molex	347910140	Digi-Key	WM19983-ND
Terminals	CTX50 Terminal L-Grip 22 AWG	Molex	5600230448	Digi-Key	WM16315CT-ND
	CTX50 Terminal M-Grip 24 AWG	Molex	5600230421	Digi-Key	WM8745CT-ND
	CTX50 Terminal S-Grip 26-30 AWG	Molex	5600230444	Digi-Key	WM25289CT-ND

5.1.2 Pin Assignment



Pin	Signal	Remark
1	Shield	
2	Data P	
3	Data N	
4	Shield	

5.1.3 T1 Cable Recommendation

For proper operation of the link, the used network cables and connectors for the T1 link must comply to the specifications of the respective standards. Please refer to:

- 100BASE-T1: “IEEE 802.3bw Clause 96.7”
- 1000BASE-T1: “IEEE 802.3bp Clause 97.6”

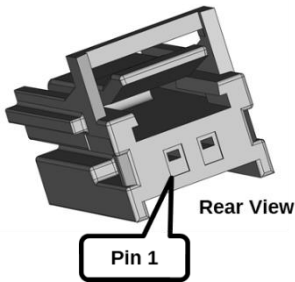
	Description	Manufacturer	Structure	Jacket	Shield	AWG
1000BASE-T1	Dacar 676	Leoni	2x0,14mm ²	yes	yes	AWG26
	Dacar 645	Leoni	2x0,17mm ²	yes	yes	AWG25
	Dacar 646	Leoni	2x0,35mm ²	yes	yes	AWG22
	FL09YBCY	Kromberg & Schubert	2x0,14mm ²	yes	yes	AWG26
	FLCUSN9Y-9YBCY	Kromberg & Schubert	2x0,13mm ²	yes	yes	AWG26
100BASE-T1	Dacar 547	Leoni	2x0,13mm ²	yes	no	AWG26
	Dacar 626	Leoni	2x0,14mm ²	yes	no	AWG26
	Dacar 546	Leoni	2x0,35mm ²	yes	no	AWG22
	Dacar 624	Leoni	2x0,35mm ²	no	no	AWG22
	Dacar 617	Leoni	2x0,17mm ²	no	no	AWG25
	FLR9Y-31Y	Kromberg & Schubert	2x0,35mm ²	yes	no	AWG22
	FLKCuMgU9Y-9Y	Kromberg & Schubert	2x0,13mm ²	yes	no	AWG26
	FLCUSNU9Y-31Y	Kromberg & Schubert	2x0,13mm ²	yes	no	AWG26

5.2 Power Connector

5.2.1 Receptacle Specification

	Description	Vendor	Part Number	Distributor	Distributor Number
Connector	MINI50 2Pos Receptacle Opt A	Molex	347910020	Digi-Key	WM16033-ND
Terminals	CTX50 Terminal L-Grip 22 AWG	Molex	5600230448	Digi-Key	WM16315CT-ND
	CTX50 Terminal M-Grip 24 AWG	Molex	5600230421	Digi-Key	WM8745CT-ND
	CTX50 Terminal S-Grip 26-30 AWG	Molex	5600230444	Digi-Key	WM25289CT-ND

5.2.2 Pin Assignment



Pin	Signal	Remark
1	PWR (+)	5V - 28V DC
2	GND (-)	

5.2.3 Power Cable Recommendation

	Description	Manufacturer	Structure	Jacket	Shield	Remarks
Power Supply	FLRY 2x0,35-B RD/BL	Leoni	2x0,35mm ²	no	no	AWG22
	FLRY-B 1x0,35 RD	Leoni	1x0,35mm ²	no	no	AWG22
	FLRY-B 1x0,35 BL	Leoni	1x0,35mm ²	no	no	AWG22

6 Configuration

Using the DIP switches, you can configure the master / slave role, speed and auto-negotiation modes of the T1 port.



DIP Switch				
	1	2	3	4
OFF	Slave	Fixed Role	802.3bp Auto-Neg off	100BASE-T1 Mode
ON	Master	Auto Role	802.3bp Auto-Neg on	1000BASE-T1 Mode

6.1 T1 Role (DIP1)

DIP1 configures the T1 link role either to Master (ON) or Slave (OFF). If Auto Role Switch is active (DIP2=ON; DIP3=OFF) it has no effect. If Auto-Negotiation (DIP3) is turned on DIP1 controls the preferred role being advertised during auto-negotiation.

6.2 Auto Role Switch (DIP2)

DIP2 controls a proprietary Auto Role Switch function. When turned on, the Auto-Link-SPE-G automatically determines the T1 link role (master or slave). This function is for easily connecting to link partners not supporting 802.3bp Auto-Negotiation or having it turned off. This switch is ignored when Auto-Negotiation (DIP3) is turned on.

The Auto Role Switch feature can increase the link setup time.

Do not connect the T1 interfaces of two Auto-Link-SPE-G with activated Auto Role Switch on both sides. This may prevent the link establishment.

6.3 Auto-Negotiation (DIP3)

DIP3 turns the 802.3bp Auto-Negotiation feature on and off. When enabled, T1 link role (Master/Slave) and the link speed (1000/100Mbit/s) are automatically negotiated between the link partners. For proper operation, both link partners must support 802.3bp Auto-Negotiation and have it turned on.

When Auto-Negotiation is enabled at the Auto-Link-SPE-G, Auto Role Switch (DIP2) is turned off and DIP4 (Speed) controls the speed that is being advertised (OFF: 100Mbit/s; ON: 100Mbit/s and 1000Mbit/s). The effective link speed is determined between the link partners by the auto-negotiation protocol. The Auto-Negotiation Preferred Role is determined by the setting of DIP1.

6.4 Speed (DIP4)

DIP4 controls the link speed. If Auto-Negotiation (DIP3) is turned off, it directly sets the link speed to either 100Mbit/s (OFF) or 1000Mbit/s (ON). With activated Auto-Negotiation, DIP4 controls the advertised link speed (OFF: 100Mbit/s; ON: 100Mbit/s and 1000Mbit/s).

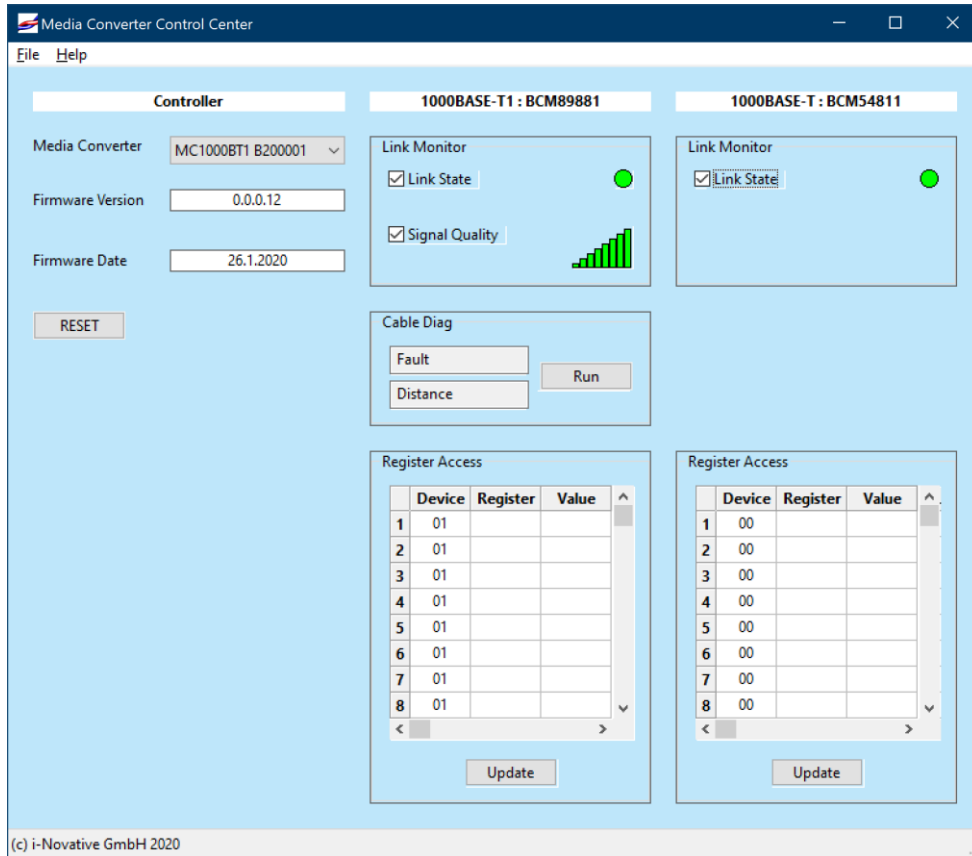
6.5 1000BASE-T / 100BASE-TX Link

At the “legacy” Ethernet side (RJ45 port), the Auto-Link-SPE-G is configured for Auto-Negotiation and follows the link speed of the T1 side. If the T1 link is established with 1000Mbit/s, the Auto-Link-SPE-G advertises 1000Mbit/s and if the T1 link is established with 100Mbit/s, the Auto-Link-SPE-G advertises 100Mbit/s.

7 Software

The graphical user interface is intended for remote monitoring. It can also be used for testing and development purposes since it provides direct access to the register sets of the integrated PHYs. It provides the following functions:

Controller	1000BASE-T1 100BASE-T1 connection	1000BASE-T 100BASE-TX connection
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media Converter Selection • Firmware Information • Device Reset 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link Status Monitoring • Signal Quality Indicator (SQI) Monitoring • Cable Diagnostics • Read/Write Access to PHY registers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link Status Monitoring • Read/Write Access to PHY registers



7.1 Controller Functions

If you have attached multiple Auto-Link Media Converters to the same host via the USB configuration port, you can connect the UI to a specific one using the drop-down list. The Media Converters are distinguished by their type and USB serial number.

When an Auto-Link Media converter is selected, its firmware revision and firmware date are read out and displayed in the respective fields.

Using the RESET button, the Auto-Link Media Converter is re-initialized to its default state.

7.2 T1 Functions

Link Monitoring

The UI provides continuous monitoring of T1 link state and SQI (Signal Quality Indicator). Using the checkboxes, you can enable and disable the respective functions.

The bars of the SQI bar-graph represent the exact SQI values ranging from SQI=0 to SQI=7. SQI needs to be 1 or higher for proper operation of the link.

Cable Diagnostics

Using the T1 PHY Automotive Cable Diagnostics, cable faults and their distance from the device can be detected. During the measurement, the link is broken. The distance measurement has a tolerance of $\pm 1.5\text{m}$. ACD can detect broken wires (OPEN) and intra-pair shorts (SHORT). In case of an INVALID result, try to repeat the measurement. PAIR BUSY indicates traffic on the pair. Turn off the link partner in order to get a valid result.

Register Access

The Register Table allows to read and write PHY registers directly. Modifying the register settings can impact the Media Converter functionality. All changes are transient and are lost after resetting or power cycling the device. Please use this function only if you do have the required knowledge. The software prevents write access to registers which can impact the hardware configuration. For a documentation of the PHY registers contact the PHY vendor.

The Register Table is laid out for Clause 45 MDIO access.

Device	Specifies the Clause 45 device address. The values are preconfigured and be selected by right-clicking a respective field.
Register	Is the PHY Register address according to Clause 45. Entering a value and pressing ENTER or TAB will read the respective register.
Value	Represents a PHY register value that has been read entering the address data in the Device and Register fields. Entering a value in this field will result in a write operation to the respective register. Written values are read back and displayed for a validation of the write operation.

All entries are expected to be hexadecimal numbers.

7.3 T(X) Functions

The “legacy” Ethernet PHY supports Link State Monitoring and Register Access like the T1 PHY. Please refer to the previous section for a description.

The used BCM54811 PHY does not support Clause 45 MDIO addressing. The Device address is used here to ease access to registers that need a specific access procedure.

00	1000BASE-T/100BASE-TX/10BASE-T Registers and Auxiliary Registers
18	Shadow 18 Registers: Enter the Shadow Selector in the Register field.
1C	Shadow 1C Registers: Enter the Shadow Selector in the Register field.
07	Clause 45 Registers
0D	Top Level Expansion Registers
0F	Expansion Registers

8 Important Information

8.1 Packaging Ordinance

„Basically, manufacturers as well as distributors are obliged to ensure that sales packaging are in principle taken back after use by the end user and recycled or reused.“ (according § 4 Satz 1 VerpackVO). If you as a customer have problems with the disposal of packaging and shipping materials, please write an email to info@i-novative.de.

8.2 Recycling Reference and RoHS Compliance



Please note that parts of the products from i-novative® GmbH must be properly recycled and must not be disposed with household waste (i.e. circuit boards, power supply, etc.).



i-novative® products are RoHS compliant (RoHS = Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances; dt. „Restriction of use certain dangerous substances“).

8.3 CE Marking

The i-novative Auto-Link-SPE-G has the CE mark.



This device complies with the requirements of EU Directive: 89/336 / EC Directive on electromagnetic compatibility and the mutual recognition of their conformity. Conformity with the o.a. directive is confirmed by the CE mark.

9 Manufacturer and Support

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10 Warranty

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