

Fiber access terminals

Solutions for the always-on networks of tomorrow



The network landscape is changing relentlessly.

In today's fiber optic data networks traffic is growing at unprecedented rates. Consumers worldwide are demanding highquality, reliable connectivity, spurring a huge growth in data traffic, especially from mobile devices. In fact, mobile data consumption is expected to grow seven-fold between 2016 and 2021, increasing mobile data's share of total internet traffic from 8 percent in 2016 to 20 percent in 2021.¹

The increasing demand for the speed of fiber from smartphones and other mobile devices is forcing providers to deploy additional equipment in markets from dense metropolitan zones to small towns and rural areas. Additionally, cloud computing, streaming hi-def video, gaming, the Internet of Things, and other bandwidth-intensive applications are prompting fiber buildouts in networks of all sizes. As service providers face the need to upgrade, they must deal with many uncertainties. Yes, there is huge demand on the horizon, but where, exactly? And how much? To defer investments but, at the same time, meet the demands of the market, service providers are searching for flexible technology solutions—solutions that provide the options to deal with present needs, and solutions that ensure their network is ready for the future.

MOBILE DATA CONSUMPTION





Providers need a partner with vision and expertise for the future.

Providers are constantly seeking solutions that allow them to react quickly to changes in the technology environment. **Speed** of network deployment and connecting subscribers is a critical part in sustaining competitive advantage and maintaining customer satisfaction. Additionally, network providers that maximize the productivity of their labor force will see increased speed and agility when deploying new technology.

Network **density** is the number of potential connections in a network that are actually connected. Today's networks are becoming increasingly dense to serve new customers and provide the latest high-bandwidth services. To have the capacity to deal with the huge amount of data that networks are forecast to carry in the near future, cutting-edge equipment solutions are designed to pack more connections into smaller spaces. The best solutions will have high capacity and still be easy for technicians to access when it's time for expansion or maintenance.

Because applications can greatly vary, providers are always looking for options to ensure any configuration challenge can be easily resolved. Will new equipment have the design superiority, the features, and the technical support to maintain the **flexibility** providers need to face the inevitable changes coming down the road?

¹Cisco https://newsroom.cisco.com/press-release-content?articleId=1819296

A wealth of choices at the speed of plug-and-play

After listening carefully to our customers who've deployed hardened connectivity in their own networks, we've created the industry's most versatile access terminals portfolio. It incorporates patented technologies like the DLX® fiber optic connector system with miniaturized hardened connectors, innovative fiber indexing techniques, and superior environmental protection. The result: access terminals that combine speed and flexibility with the ease of installation of hardened connectivity.

We know network solutions aren't one-size-fits-all—each network has its own unique challenges. Our 40 years of proven experience means we can be trusted to anticipate any need, solve any challenge, and pursue any opportunity. The access terminals portfolio offers a versatile plug-and-play architecture that maximizes speed of deployment, minimizes splicing, and reduces labor costs. Innovations like miniaturized DLX connectors can give networks the density needed for the future—technicians can make more connections in smaller spaces, an important factor when it's time to add new subscribers or services.

The access terminal portfolio brings true flexibility to networks. Designed for quick installation, built for long-life service, these solutions deliver the options providers need to meet their network challenges—today and in the future. Creatively combining speed, density, and flexibility, CommScope's access terminals deliver reliable performance for the life of an FTTx network...with the speed of plug-and-play.



	Multiport service terminals	Fiber indexing terminals	Flexible service terminals
Architecture	Star	Daisy-chain	Star
Recommended application	Pole, pedestal, handhole or strand mounting options	Pole, pedestal or handhole mounting options	Highly flexible and easy to fit into tight places—handhole and pedestal
Single fiber drop ports (max)	12 full size or 12 DLX miniaturized	8 full size or 8 DLX miniaturized	12 full size or 12 DLX miniaturized
Multi fiber drop ports	No	Yes	No
Reverse feed capability	No	Yes	No
Internal splitter	No splitter, 1:2, 1:4 or 1:8 splitter	No splitter or 1:4 or 1:8 splitter	No splitter or 1:4 or 1:8 splitter
Sealing level	IP68	IP68	IP68

Commscope offers a variety of fiber drop cable assemblies.

Please visit for details: https://www.commscope.com/solutions/access-terminals-and-drops/

Multiport service terminal series the industry's workhorse

CommScope's history of innovation in fiber connectivity and material science has given the multiport service terminal (MST) series the reputation of the industry's access terminal workhorse. Designed and built with hardened connector technology, the MST series is factory-terminated and environmentally sealed, to withstand rugged outside plant environments. Plug-and-play connectivity ensures fast deployment and lower installation costs by eliminating timeconsuming splicing.

The MST series offers four options.

The MST gives providers pole, pedestal, handhole, or strand mounting options, and is offered in two primary configurations: 4x3 or 2xN terminal bodies, each using full-size optical connectors.

The Mini-MST is designed specifically for situations requiring high connector densities and small footprints. It can be factoryterminated with as many as 12 hardened miniaturized DLX connectors. This patented connector, only two-thirds the size of fullsize connectors, saves space and brings all the speed and flexibility of plug-and-play installations.

The MST-04 series is designed specifically for aerial and wall-mounted applications. This lightweight and very compact terminal features miniaturized DLX connectors, and is perfect for installations in tight spaces or where concealment is desired. For fiber-rich applications, the MHT series provides up to six ports, with two fibers available per port. The multiport MHT is factory-terminated with HMFOC (hardened multifiber fiber optical connector) connectors, and does not have an internal splitter option.

- · No splicing required in the terminal
- · No terminal re-entry required
- Available with hardened full-size optical or miniaturized
 DLX connectors with up to 12 ports
- \cdot 1:2, 1:4, or 1:8 splitter options
- Dielectric, toneable, or armored input stub cables
- Pole, pedestal, handhole, or strand mounting options
- · Ships with universal mounting bracket
- · User-friendly packaging allows for easy un-spooling
- Factory-sealed enclosure for environmental protection

MST-04

CONFIGURATIONS

MST: full-size connectors

- 2xN style: 2, 4, 6, 8, or 12 ports
- 4x3 style: 4, 6, 8, or 12 ports

Mini-MST: miniaturized DLX connectors

4, 6, 8, or 12 ports

MST-04: miniaturized DLX connectors

4 DLX ports

MHT: HMFOC connectors

- · 2, 4, or 6 HMFOC 2 fiber ports
- · 2 or 12 port HMFOC, 24 fibers
- Optional test feature with factory-installed Loop Back plugs on each port



MST



MHT



Mini-MST

MHT with Loop Back Plugs

Fiber indexing terminals series—the next evolution in FTTx deployment

With innovative fiber indexing technology, the benefits of plug-and-play hardened connectivity are dramatically increased. Designed specifically for fiber indexing deployments, fiber indexing terminals (NDX) give providers pole, pedestal, or handhole mounting options, and are designed for quick and easy installation.

When deployed in a daisy-chain architecture, fiber indexing terminals have all the advantages of the access terminals portfolio—speed, flexibility, and density plus, they save the network provider as much as 70 percent of their fiber cabling budget.

In fiber indexing, up to 12 terminals are daisy-chained in a series. This allows a fast and repeatable "cookie-cutter" approach to network design and deployment. The efficient modular design enables efficient, cost-effective connections for new subscribers and services, while allowing providers to take a pay-as-you-grow approach to FTTx deployment.

In a typical FTTx network, signals from the fiber distribution hub (FDH) travel "forward" from the first terminal to the last. When a second FDH cable is connected to the last terminal, the signal runs "backwards" toward the first terminal. Called "reversed feed," this technique makes additional fibers available, which providers can use to respond in a virtual instant to unforeseen demands for a wide range of revenue-generating services.

- · No splicing required in the terminal
- · No terminal re-entry required
- Available with hardened full size or miniaturized DLX connector adapters with 4 and 8 ports
- Available with terminal only, 1:4, and 1:8 integrated splitters; or branching terminals
- Optional multi-use ports, with Index Only and Splitter terminals
- · Available with 12 or 24 fiber
- Connector ports colored and clearly labeled for fast installation
- · Dielectric input stub cables
- Ships with universal mounting bracket
- User-friendly packaging allows for easy unspooling
- Factory-sealed enclosure for environmental protection

FIBER INDEXING

Fiber indexing is the shifting of a fiber's position from one multifiber connector to another, within each terminal.

- 1 The process begins with a 12-fiber cable from the fiber distribution hub (FDH) entering the first index terminal.
- **2** Inside the terminal, the fibers divide and the signal from the fiber in the first position is routed to a 1:4 or 1:8 splitter for servicing local customers.



- **3** The remaining fibers are "indexed"—advanced one position in the order—then combined using a 12-fiber HFMOC.
- **4** The exiting 12-fiber hardened cable connects to the next terminal where the indexing process is repeated.



Flexible service terminal series—the ultimate option for difficult environments

The flexible service terminal (FST) series is designed specially for fast, easy network connections in space-constrained environments. A small terminal unit attached to staggered-length connector cables gives installers maximum flexibility in the tightest, most challenging install situations. Hardened fiber stubs make for fast, reliable, plugand-play distribution to customer premises. The FST's unique design also simplifies maintenance, as the flexible hardened adapter stubs are easy to clean and reconnect without removing the terminal from its installed position.

This factory-sealed terminal withstands harsh outside plant conditions, and is an ideal option for spaces such as handholes or congested pits where moisture is possible. The small unit's flexible structure gives technicians a wealth of install options it's a simple solution that can reduce or even eliminate the costs of civil works and construction. The FST series consists of three options:

FST-T

The FST-T terminal features preconnectorized, hardened, full-size or miniaturized DLX single-fiber adapter drops and an HMFOC stub.

FST-B

The FST-B features four single-fiber preconnectorized, hardened, full-size connector adapter drops, and two four-fiber branch drops with HMFOC connectors.

> If you have design, installation, or troubleshooting questions, find prompt, expert support from a CommScope professional.

FST-S

The FST-S is available with a factoryintegrated 1x4 or 1x8 planar splitter and full-size connectors.

FST-R

FST-R terminals incorporate hardened connector technology, designed to withstand the rugged outside plant. The factory-terminated hardened connectors are environmentally sealed for optical drop deployments. The FST's flexible structure and branching design allows for installation in constrained spaces. Output cables are staggered, optimizing space consumption and minimizing cable kinking.

- · No splicing required in the terminal
- · No terminal re-entry required
- Output cables are grouped and staggered to distribute space consumption and minimize kinking
- Hardened adapter drops are configured in pre-defined lengths for easy identification and management
- Dielectric input cable with nylon jacket for termite protection
- Multiple mounting options

FST-T

SUPPORT CENTER

CONFIGURATIONS

FST-T: full-size or DLX ports

- Single fiber drops
- 4, 8, or 12 drops
- Available with HMFOC stub or various-length stub tails for splicing
- Quick install to distribution cable with 12-fiber HMFOC interface or various-length stub tails

FST-B: full-size ports

- 4 single-fiber drops
- 2 four-fiber branch drops
- Available with HMFOC plub stub

FST-S: full-size ports

- 4 or 8 single-fiber drops
- Available with hardened full-size adapter stub

FST-R: full-size or DLX ports

- Single fiber drops
- 4, 8, or 12 drops
- · Inline configuration
- · Available with stub tail for splicing
- · Cable stub up to 300 meters



Partner with a proven innovator to build your network

CommScope is committed to providing our customers with the support they need to build their network fiber infrastructure on a solid foundation—one that addresses immediate needs and prepares for the future. Creating the FTTx infrastructure that's right for you begins with a thorough understanding of the strengths and tradeoffs of various deployment options.

Some variables, such as first cost and installer availability and expertise, have short-term implications and are critical to consider upfront. Others, such as the ability to respond to unforeseen demand for future services, impact the network further down the road, but are no less important.

A future-ready fiber infrastructure is one that's scalable and agile enough to handle both today's needs and those of tomorrow. If you're seeking long-term solutions that allow cost-effective labor and quality products, look no further than CommScope. We'll work with you to custom build your ideal infrastructure.

GOOD BETTER BEST Installation speed Fiber indexing's preconnectorized plug-and-play design is faster to install than splice-based models, while the use of standard presized cable, enabled by daisy chaining, makes installation faster than star topologies. Image: Comparison of the standard presized cable, enabled by daisy chaining, makes installation

Material cost

Conventional FTTx solution provides lowest material cost, but, because materials represent a relatively small percentage of total installation cost, fiber indexing typically delivers the lowest overall installation cost.

Network testing

The time required to proof test and troubleshoot depends largely on the total number of connections; thus, a conventional deployed network takes the least amount of time to test.

Network reliability

Significant advancement in the design and factory production of hardened plug-and-play connectors have resulted in fewer installation errors and better long-term network reliability versus solutions using field splicing.

Net revenue

The modularity of fiber indexing along with the ability of reverse feed activation, providing additional fiber for services, gives this solution an intrinsic advantage over other solutions.

Conventional Star topolo

Star topology plug & play

Daisy-chain field splicing

Fiber indexing

Let's shape the future together

With a 40-year record of industry leadership, innovation, and customer success, CommScope can help you create the fiber infrastructure you need. Leveraging our network expertise and diverse FTTx solutions—of which fiber indexing is one of many—we collaborate with our customers to ensure the single best design and blend of technologies for each specific application. From solution architects to field application engineers, we're there with best-practice advice and real-world information on technology pros and cons to help you get the most from your FTTx deployment. More than a supplier, CommScope is a partner and trusted advisor.

"A pioneer in the field, CommScope first brought the MST series to market four decades ago. Today these industry-standard terminals have been improved with new configurations for added versatility, and tougher housing materials for increased reliability. It's good to see that, just as their customers' needs evolve, so does CommScope's determination to improve their equipment...to keep pace with that evolution."

INDUSTRY EXPERT

Ordering information

MST SERIES



*0–300 ft lengths of cable is automatically coiled (option U), for greater than 300 ft cable lengths, choose U or A option.

2000 2000 feet Standard lengths shown; metric lengths available

750 feet 1000 feet 1500 feet



*0–300 ft lengths of cable is automatically coiled (option U), for greater than 300 ft cable lengths, choose U or A option.

Standard lengths shown; metric lengths available

erminal	model		Mounting	style*		
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04	4 ports			spool; stub		
06	6 ports		А	bottom of t		hal is on the terminal
08	8 ports			deploys firs		
	12 ports			gths of cable is au		
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0J	1x8 splitter		Standard	cable stub le	ngth	
0W	1x2 splitter		0050	50 feet	1000	1,000 feet
able tei	rmination		0100	100 feet	1250	1,250 feet
			0250	250 feet	1500	1,500 feet
00	Pigtail (No connector)		0500	500 feet	1750	1,750 feet
X0	DLX connector (only available on splitter terminals)		0750	750 feet	2000	2,000 feet
			Standard leng	ths shown; metric	lengths avail	able
able typ	pe					
А	Dielectric, flat, loose tube (44.3mmx8.0mm)					
В	Locatable/tonable, flat, loose tube (44.3mmx10.0mm)					
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erminal	model		Standard	cable stub le	nath	
02	2 ports				-	
	3 ports**		0050	50 feet	0500 0750	500 feet
			0150		0750	750 feet
04	4 ports		0200	200 feet	1000	1,000 feet

Connector type

Н	HMFOC
	HMFOC with Loop Back plug

12 ports

Number of fibers per port

Two fibers
Four fibers (3 port only)**
Twelve fibers

Tail end

00	Stub end	
H0	HMFOC stub end	

0250 250 feet

Cable type A Dielectric flat B Locatable, dielectric, flat, loose tube Mounting style Universal: Terminal is on top of the

Universal: Terminal is on top of the spool; stub deploys first*

*0–99 foot lengths of cable are automatically coiled and packaged 2 per box; lengths greater than 99 feet are spooled, for example: MHT-04H200U-A0250F, MHT with four 2-fiber HMFOC ports, feeder cable dielectric, flat, loose tube, length 250 feet

**Three port, 4 fiber terminal is available with cable type A and stub lengths: 3 feet, 210 meters, 240 meters, 310 meters, and 340 meters

MST-04 SERIES



FST-T SERIES



Example: FST-T-06NHM2-A0500F FST with 6 full-size outputs, feeder connector – HMFOC plug (Female/No Pin), Feeder cable – Buried dielectric flat, Length – 500 feet Multifiber connector HMFOC plug (Female/No Pin)

Stub (no connector)

NDX SERIES

NDX – ____

Terminal model

06	1x4 splitter w/reverse
10	1x8 splitter w/reverse
D1	Index only, 1F w/reverse
B2	Branching, 2F (DLX only)**
B3	Branching, 3F (DLX only)**
B4	Branching, 4F (DLX only)**
B5	Branching, 5F (DLX only)**
B6	Branching, 6F (DLX only)**
43	12F Multi-use, 1F to 1x4 splitter, two 1F ports***
44	12F Multi-use, 1F to 1x4 splitter, three 1F ports***
45	12F Multi-use, 1F to 1x4 splitter, four 1F ports***
83	12F Multi-use, 1F to 1x8 splitter, two 1F ports***

Housing type

В	DLX indexing terminal	
Н	4x3 indexing terminal	

Connector type housing

Т	DLX adapters and 1 HMFOC
G	Full-size adapters and 1 HMFOC
D	Index only, 1 HMFOC, 1 DLX, 1 DLX (reverse)
E	Index only, 1 HMFOC, 1 full-size, 1 full-size (reverse)
Н	**Branching, 2 HMFOC (only available for housing type "B" - DLX)
R	Multi-use, DLX and 1 HMFOC
A	***Multi-use, HMFOC Output, HMFOC Reverse, DLX (only available for housing type 'B' DLX)
В	***Multi-use, HMFOC Output, HMFOC Reverse, Full-size (only available for housing type 'H' 4x3)
С	***Multi-use, Full-size and 1 HFMOC (only available for housing type 'H' 4x3)

*0-99 foot lengths of cable is automatically coiled and packaged 2 units per box. Lengths greater than 99 feet are spooled.

0020	20 feet	0450	450 feet
0050	50 feet	0500	500 feet
0100	100 feet	0600	600 feet
0150	150 feet	0750	750 feet
0200	200 feet	1000	1,000 feet
0250	250 feet	1250	1,250 feet
0300	300 feet	1500	1,500 feet
0350	350 feet	1750	1,750 feet
0400	400 feet	2000	2,000 feet
Cable typ	be		
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HMFOC stub end



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