

Fiber Optic Rotary Joints

Description

Fiber Optic Rotary Joints (FORJs) are to optical signals what electrical slip rings are to electrical signals, a means to pass signals across rotating interfaces, particularly when transmitting large amounts of data. FORJs maintain the intrinsic advantages of fiber end to end. Moog Components Group has been producing fiber optic rotary joints for over 20 years.

Single or Multi-channel

FORJs are available in single and multi-channel options. The most cost and size efficient options are the single and dual channel designs. If more than two fibers are present in a system, multiplexing solutions are available to combine multiple channels onto one or two fibers to allow the use of a one or two channel FORJ.

In cases where more than two fibers are required, Moog has three designs; FO190, FO242 and FO291 where single channels are stacked to achieve the desired number of channels. The FO300 uses a common de-rotating optical element for all fiber channels.

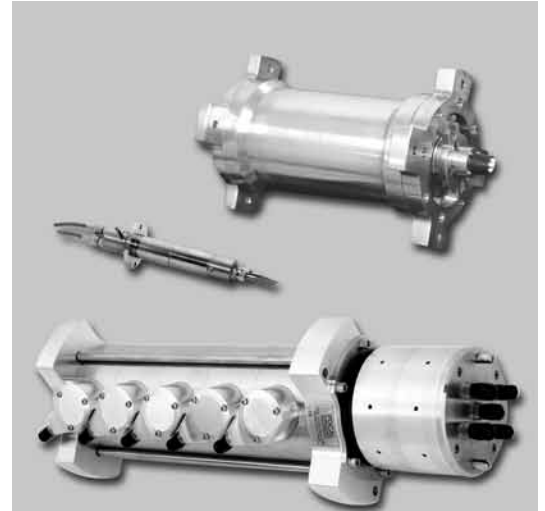
Singlemode or Multimode

Singlemode fibers allow the propagation of a singlemode of optical energy due to their small core size and small numerical aperture and for this reason they exhibit very high bandwidths. Most singlemode fiber systems operate at 1300 nm and 1550 nm wavelengths because of lower fiber attenuation at these wavelengths. Because of these smaller core sizes and numerical aperture, singlemode FORJs must be designed with very precise mechanical alignments.

Multimode fibers have large cores and large numerical apertures allowing the propagation of multiple modes of optical energy. These features allow larger amounts of light to be transmitted from sources such as LEDs and VCSELs, but result in higher attenuation and dispersion. Because of these attenuation and dispersion features, multimode fiber systems are typically used for shorter datacom links. Most multimode systems operate at 850 nm and 1300 nm.

Features

- Ruggedized for harsh environments
- Compact sizes
- Variety of configuration options
- Custom designs available



Typical Applications

- Robotics
- Vehicle turrets
- Radar antennas
- Medical systems
- Security systems
- Sensor platforms
- Material handling systems
- Remotely operated vehicles
- Fiber optic cable reels
- Video surveillance systems
- Marine propulsion systems
- Wind energy turbines

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FORJ Performance Data

Product	Performance							Physical					
	Fiber Type		Channels	Insertion Loss - Maximum dB MM = 5.5 dB		Maximum Rotational Speed	Operating Temperature	Size Inches (mm)			Standard Interface		
-	SM	MM	-	SM	MM	RPM	-	Minimum Length	Flange Diameter	Drum Diameter	Pigtail / Adaptor	Connector Type	Pigtail Length
FO228	N	Y	1	NA	4.0	100	-40 to +75°C	1.75 (44.45)	1.50 (38.10)	0.73 (18.54)	Adaptor	FC or ST	NA
FO197	N	Y	1	NA	3	1000	-40 to +60°C	2.38 (60.45)	1.50 (38.10)	0.62 (15.74)	Pigtail or Adaptor	FC, ST for Adaptors; As Required on Pigtails	As Required
FO206	Y	Y	1	3.5	NA	1000	-40 to +60°C	2.36 (59.94)	1.50 (38.10)	0.77 (19.55)	Pigtail or Adaptor	FC / PC Standard Alternates Available	As Required
FO285 *	Y	Y	1	3.5	NA	500 +	-55 to +75°C	1.02 (25.90)	0.75 (19.05)	0.037 (.93)	Pigtail	As Required	As Required
FO286 *	N	Y	1	NA	2.5	500 +	-55 to +75°C	0.75 (19.05)	0.75 (19.05)	0.037 (.93)	Pigtail	As Required	As Required
FO310	Y	Y	1	1.5	1.5	100	-40 to +85°C	3.41 (86.6)	1.5 (38.1)	0.63 (15.9)	Pigtail	As Required	As Required
FO300A **	Y	Y	2 to 17	< 4.0 dB	< 4.0 dB	100	-40 to +60°C	4.22 (107.18)	1.8 (45.72)	2.35 (59.69)	Pigtail	As Required	As Required
FO300B **	Y	Y	2 to 31	< 4.5 dB	< 5.0 dB	100	-40 to +60°C	5.76 (146.2)	2.1 (53.34)	2.72 (69.1)	Pigtail	As Required	As Required
FO300C **	Y	N	2 to 52	< 5.0 dB	NA	100	-40 to +60°C	6.79 (172.5)	3.1 (78.74)	3.72 (94.5)	Pigtail	As Required	As Required
FO215 *	N	Y	2	NA	5.5	500 +	-40 to +60°C	P: 3.30 (83.82)	P: 1.50 (38.10)	P: 0.75 (19.05)	Pigtail or Adaptor	ST, FC, SC, LC	As Required
FO257	Plastic		2	8 ***		500 +	-40 to +60°C	3.47 (88.13)	1.85 (46.99)	1.24 (31.49)	Pigtail	ST or SMA	As Required
FO292 *	N	Y	2	NA	5.5	500 +	-40 to +60°C	2.25 (57.15)	1.25 (31.75)	0.50 (12.7)	Pigtail	ST, FC, SC, LC	As Required
FO242 *	Y	N	2 to 5	5.5	NA	100 +	-40 to +60°C	See Data Sheet	5.02 (127.50)	5.00 (127.00)	Adaptor	FC / PC Standard; ST Optional	NA
FO291 ***	Y	Y	2 to 9	6	5.5	100 +	-40 to +60°C	See Data Sheet	See Data Sheet	See Data Sheet	Adaptor	FC / PC Standard; ST Optional	NA
FO190 *	N	Y	2 to 21**	NA	5.5	100	-40 to +60°C	See Data Sheet	5.02 (127.50)	5.00 (127.0)	Adaptor	FC / PC, ST	NA
Hybrid Units													
H18	Y	Y	1 Optic 18 Elec.	3.5	2.5	500	-20 to +60°C	3.4 (86.36) MM, 3.64 (92.45) SM	1.75 (44.45)	0.87 (22.0)	Pigtail	As Required	As Required
H24	Y	Y	1 Optic 24 Elec.	3.5	2.5	500	-20 to +60°C	3.7 (93.98) MM, 3.94 (100.07) SM	1.75 (44.45)	0.87 (22.0)	Pigtail	As Required	As Required

* The FO242 and FO190 can be combined to offer a hybrid multimode and singlemode solution
 SM = Singlemode MM = Multimode
 ** More passes are available with a custom design
 *** 1 MM pass can be accommodated on the FO291

* Right angle options available
 ** Consult factory for number of passes available for SM and MM combination applications
 *** Pigtail length effect with plastic fiber

Note: Optical values for all listed multimode FORJs are based on use with LED sources.

Shock and Vibration

Moog Component Group FORJs support high shock and vibration environments, long life requirements of more than 200,000 hours and long data links over 100 km of fiber. Units are available that are tested to MIL-STD-167-1, MIL-STD-202, MIL-STD-204 for vibration and MIL-STD-810D / E and MIL-STD-901D for shock.

Options

- Supply and installation of customer specific connectors and fibers
- Customization of mounting configurations, housing materials and drive couplers
- Fluid filling and pressure compensation for underwater use

FO285 / FO286

Fiber optic rotary joint

Description

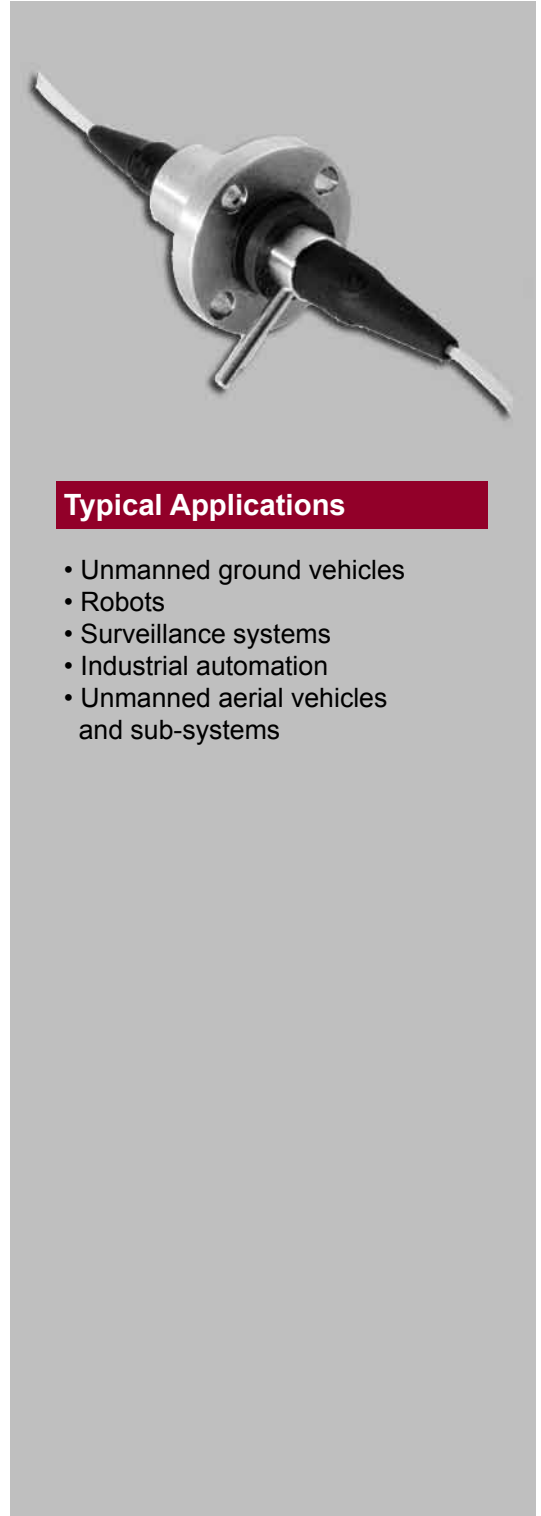
The FO285 (single-pass singlemode) and the FO286 (single-pass multimode) are passive and bidirectional, and allow the transfer of optical signals across rotational interfaces.

With a body diameter of only 9.5 mm and lengths of 26 mm and 19 mm for the FO285 and FO286 respectively, both units are ideally suited to applications where size and weight are critical issues. An extremely cost effective solution for high data rate signals, both models also offer other benefits of fiber optics, including low spark hazard and immunity to electromagnetic interference.

Both models can be combined with our electrical and fluid slip rings, and with our entire line of video and data multiplexers to provide a complete solution.

Features

- Provides rotary coupling for a multimode or singlemode fiber link
- Passive bidirectional device
- Low cost, small size
- Can be combined with our electrical slips and fluid unions
- Alternative drive coupling and mounting arrangements are available (consult factory for specification details)
- Can be integrated into existing slip ring designs
- Stainless steel or aluminum construction
- Rugged design
 - MIL-STD-167-1 ship vibration
 - MIL-STD-810F functional shock (40 g)
- 90° fiber exits available for limited space requirements



Typical Applications

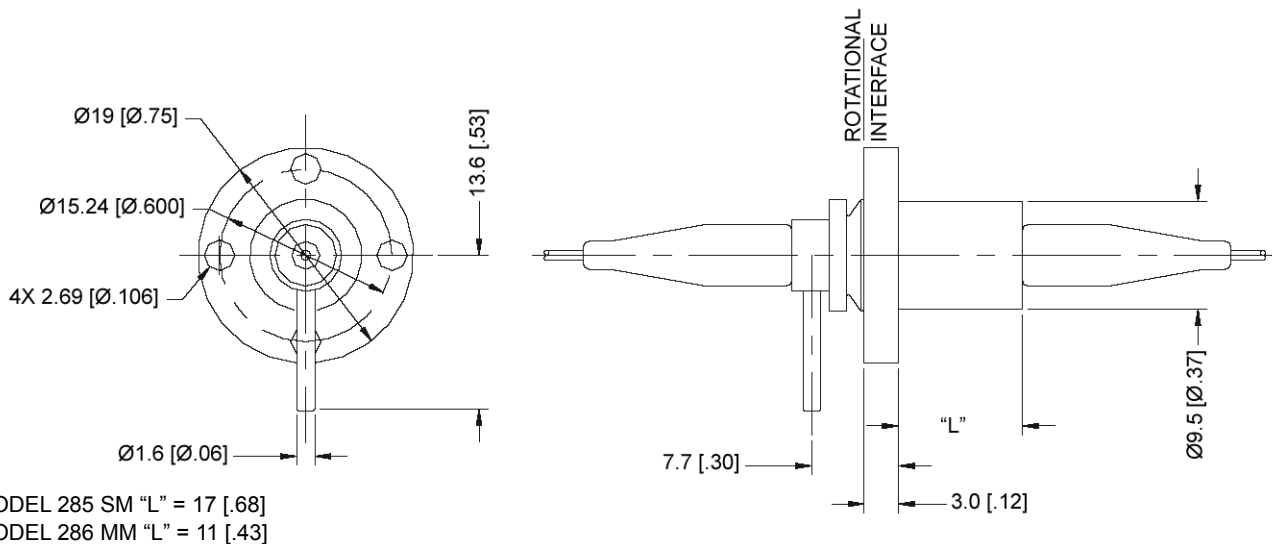
- Unmanned ground vehicles
- Robots
- Surveillance systems
- Industrial automation
- Unmanned aerial vehicles and sub-systems

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Specifications				
	FO285 (Singlemode)		FO286 (Multimode)	
Fiber Size (Microns)	9 / 125 SMF-28 (consult factory for other sizes)		50 / 125 or 62.5 / 125 (consult factory for other sizes)	
Insertion Loss	Typical < 1.5 dB	Maximum < 3.5 dB	Typical < 1.5 dB	Maximum < 2.5 dB
Rotation Variation	Typical < 0.5 dB	Maximum < 1.5 dB	Typical < 0.5 dB	Maximum < 1.0 dB
Back Reflection*	Typical 22 dB	18 dB Minimum	Typical 22 dB	18 dB Minimum
Wavelength	1310 / 1550 nm (consult factory for other wavelengths)		850, 1300 or 1550 nm (consult factory for multi-wavelengths applications)	
Dimensions	9.5 mm diameter x 26 mm length		9.5 mm diameter x 19 mm length	
Weight/Material	Stainless steel: 16 g (pigtailed with connectors)		Aluminum: 7g, Stainless steel: 14 g (pigtailed with connectors)	
Rotational Speeds	To 1000 rpm. Higher rotational speeds should be discussed with the factory.			
Temperature	-55 to +75 deg C. Consult factory for extended range.			
Vibration	Tested to MIL-STD-167-1 (ships)			
Shock	Tested to MIL-STD-810F			
Terminations	Pigtailed with cable and connectors to meet customer's requirements 900 micron buffered cable standard			
Pigtail Length	As required			

*35 dB minimum back reflection option available for FO285.

FO285 and FO286 Dimensions



Dimensions in inches [millimeters]