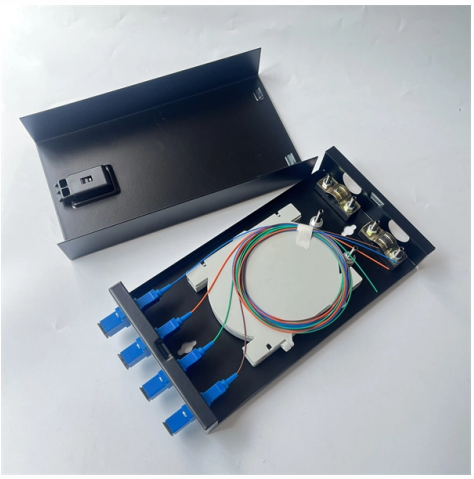
Fiber Optic Sensor I O Allocation Table



Overview

Fiber optic sensors are defined as devices that utilize optical fibers to measure a variety of stimuli, including mechanical, thermal, electromagnetic, radiation, chemical, and flow characteristics.

Key Takeaways

A Fiber Optic Sensor I/O Allocation Table organizes the mapping of sensor heads, amplifiers, and their corresponding input/output channels for efficient integration into control systems. Purpose of an I/O Allocation TableA Fiber Optic Sensor I/O Allocation Table is used to document and manage the connections between fiber optic sensor heads, amplifiers, and the control system. It ensures that each sensor's signal—whether digital (on/off) or analog (intensity, distance)—is correctly assigned to a specific input or output channel, facilitating troubleshooting, maintenance, and system expansion.

Typical Components in the TableSensor ID / Name: Unique identifier for each fiber optic sensor head. Amplifier / Electronics Unit: The amplifier that converts light signals to electrical signals; often includes configuration settings.

Fiber Cable I

D: Identifier for the fiber optic cable connecting the sensor head to the amplifier.

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O Type: Digital (discrete) or analog (continuous) signal.

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O Channel / Address: The specific input or output channel on the control system (PLC, I/O module, or data acquisition system) where the sensor is connected. Function / Description: Purpose of the sensor (e.g., part presence detection, position monitoring). Notes / Configuration: Optional details such as sensing distance, LED wavelength, or special mounting considerations.

Example Table Structure

Sensor IDAmplifierFiber CableI/O TypeI/O ChannelFunctionNotesFOS-01AMP-100FC-01DigitalDI-01Part PresenceRed LED, 50 mm sensing distanceFOS-02AMP-101FC-02AnalogAI-02Position Measurement4–20 mA outputFOS-03AMP-100FC-03DigitalDI-02Conveyor DetectionBackground suppressionConsiderations for AllocationAmplifier Sharing: Some amplifiers can handle multiple fiber heads; the table should indicate which heads share an amplifier. Signal Type: Ensure digital and analog signals are assigned to compatible I/O modules. Distance and Bend Radius: Fiber optic cables have limitations on bending and length, which may affect signal quality and should be noted in the table.

Industrial Network Integration: For systems using EtherNet/IP or CPwE architectures, the table may also include network addresses or zones for each sensor to support plant-wide automation.

Benefits

Simplifies installation and commissioning. Facilitates troubleshooting by clearly showing which sensor corresponds to which I/O channel. Supports future expansion by providing a clear reference for adding new sensors or reassigning channels.

By maintaining a well-structured Fiber Optic Sensor I/O Allocation Table, engineers can ensure reliable operation, reduce errors, and optimize the integration of fiber optic sensors into industrial automation systems.

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This table contains allocation information for each fiber within a cable represented by the LogicalFiberNetwork feature class. This table represents some components of NCDOT''s Intelligent

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Fiber optic sensors, sometimes called fiber photoelectric sensors, include two devices which are typically specified separately: the amplifier and the

Optical fiber

An optical fiber, or optical fibre, is a flexible glass or plastic fiber that can transmit light from one end to the other. Such fibers are widely used in fiber-optic

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