



ALM Series

Fiber assurance solution for lean operations

Fiber is a high-value asset. It transports huge amounts of data, generating significant revenue. Fiber failure demands immediate action but a lack of information about the nature of a problem often makes this impossible. In-service fiber monitoring solves this issue and our unique ALM does it with unrivalled efficiency.

Operations teams have one key objective: run a complex communication infrastructure as efficiently as possible. In the event of network failure, a root cause analysis should not require on-site field forces with expensive measurement equipment. Giving customers higher bandwidth services should be possible without changing demarcation device. Gathering real-time information about the integrity of the fiber network should not require costly new kit. Proactive fiber link monitoring solves those challenges. Our ALM is an in-service advanced link monitoring solution for highly precise, real-time monitoring of fiber links. It streamlines operational processes, shortens repair cycles and enables service-agnostic network demarcation.



Your benefits

- ✓ **Improved service quality**
Real-time information on fiber integrity for fast failure detection and short repair cycles
- ✓ **Higher availability**
Detecting degradations and initiating counter-measures before services are affected and SLAs are violated
- ✓ **Non-intrusive monitoring**
Inherent compatibility of demarcation reflectors with any user data protocol as well as multi-wavelength transmission systems
- ✓ **Simplified demarcation**
Passive demarcation reflectors for operation without power supply even under harsh environmental conditions
- ✓ **Streamlined operations**
In-service fiber monitoring for immediate separation between failures of active devices and problems with the fiber plant
- ✓ **Intuitive management interface**
Integrated with market-leading geographic information systems (GIS) to quickly and easily localize fiber issues

High-level specifications

Fiber link monitoring

- Two ALM variants for supervision of 16 (16ALM) or 64 fibers (64ALM) per ALM device
- Non-intrusive monitoring independent from user traffic
- Active component at central office only

Demarcation reflector

- Passive device at remote site
- No power and no additional space required
- Integrated with patch cable or discrete devices
- Applicable in harsh environments

Management capabilities

- Full SNMP management for all operational processes
- Built into market-leading GIS
- FSP Network Manager for full set of FCAPS functions

Measurement principles

- Real-time information about fiber loss profile
- Localization of loss points with alarm thresholds
- Ultra-fast fiber integrity verification with 3 to 6 secs. per port

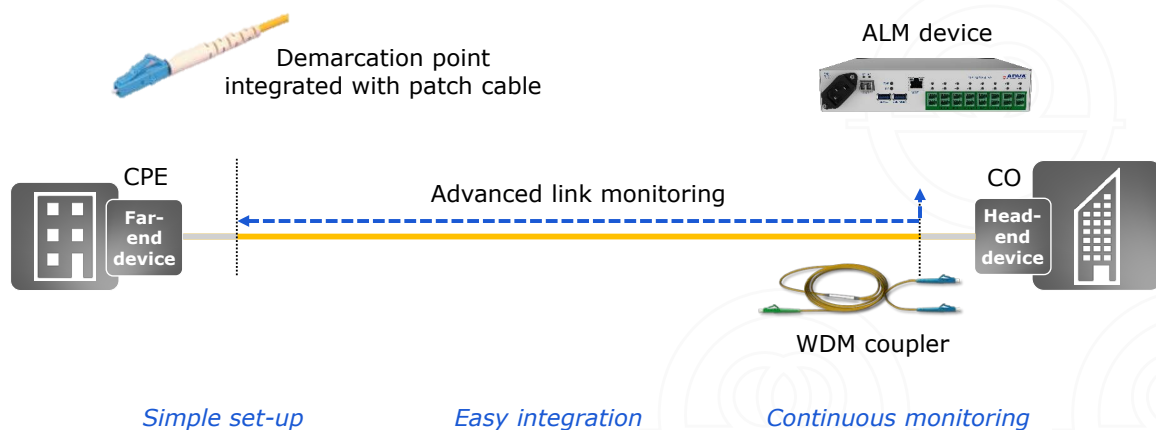
Optical performance

- Up to 160km nominal reach for access, metro and core applications
- Measurement signal at 1650nm, outside user traffic wavelengths

Operational requirements

- Power consumption <15W
- Fanless operation
- Wide operating temperature range (-5°C to 55°C)
- Ultra-compact ETSI solution: up to 64 ports per 1RU chassis

Applications in your network



Simplifying operations and creating more value from fiber networks

- Enhancing dark fiber services with real-time assurance information and shorter repair cycles
- Passive demarcation minimizing operational cost at customer premises with powerless operation
- Proactive fiber monitoring instead of post-failure problem analysis with field services engagement
- Non-intrusive fiber monitoring for assured service delivery enabling service modifications and upgrades without on-site visits
- Remote access to passive fiber sensors for monitoring of unpowered sites



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ALM16 / ALM64 general information

Parameter		Specification	Units
Dimensions	Height	1	RU
	Width	42 or 84	HP
	Depth	215	mm
Power (typical / maximum)		10 / 13	W
Power supply options		AC or DC (-72 to -36V)	
MTBF at 30°C ambient temperature		>20	years

Environmental specification

Parameter	Specification	Units
ALM temperature operating range ^(*)	-5 to 55	°C
Storage temperature range	-40 to 85	°C
Relative humidity (non-condensing)	85	%

(*) Passive components (eg. demarcation reflector) available for I-TEMP operation -40 to 85 °C

Equipment management

Management method	Supported protocols
Embedded GUI	HTTP, HTTPS
SNMP	v1, v3
Remote authentication	RADIUS
Integrated with various GIS solutions	

Ordering information

Product code	Product name	Product description
1043709841-02	16ALM/#1650D/AC	Advanced Link Monitor (ALM), 16 ports with LC/APC connectors, AC powered
1043709842-02	16ALM/#1650D/-48VDC	Advanced Link Monitor (ALM), 16 ports with LC/APC connectors, -48V DC powered
1043709846-01	64ALM/#1650D/AC	Advanced Link Monitor (ALM), 64 ports with LC/APC connectors, AC powered
1043709847-01	64ALM/#1650D/-48VDC	Advanced Link Monitor (ALM), 64 ports with LC/APC connector, -48V DC powered

OTDR specification

Parameter		Specification	Units
Number of ports		16 or 64	ports
Dynamic range	OTDR core	41	dB
	module	39 ^(**)	dB
Wavelength		1650	nm
Pulse width		5 to 20,000	ns
Number of data points		up to 256,000	points
Distance range		up to 160	km
Sampling resolution		0.1 to 1.6	meter
Event dead zone		0.8	meter
Attenuation dead zone		4	meters
Distance accuracy		± (0.8 + sampling resolution + 9.5 x 10 ⁻⁶ x distance)	meter
Optical switch lifetime		1 x 10 ⁹	cycles

(**) Depending on pulse width and resolution

Certification and RoHS compliance

Description	Compliance
NEBS level 3	Compliant
ETSI EN 300019-1-3	Compliant
Protection class IP20	Compliant
CE, FCC, NRTL, VCCI	Compliant