

# LRXI Industrial Fiber Extender

# Extend high resolution digital video, USB, audio and serial signals reliably up to 2.5 miles.

Uses fiber optic links to ensure immunity from interference.



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- 1. Todas las instrucciones de seguridad y operación deberán ser leídas antes de que el aparato eléctrico sea operado.
- 2. Las instrucciones de seguridad y operación deberán ser guardadas para referencia futura.
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- 8. Servicio—El usuario no debe intentar dar servicio al equipo eléctrico más allá a lo descrito en las instrucciones de operación. Todo otro servicio deberá ser referido a personal de servicio calificado.
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- 10. El equipo eléctrico deber ser situado fuera del alcance de fuentes de calor como radiadores, registros de calor, estufas u otros aparatos (incluyendo amplificadores) que producen calor.
- 11. El aparato eléctrico deberá ser connectado a una fuente de poder sólo del tipo descrito en el instructivo de operación, o como se indique en el aparato.
- 12. Precaución debe ser tomada de tal manera que la tierra fisica y la polarización del equipo no sea eliminada.
- 13. Los cables de la fuente de poder deben ser guiados de tal manera que no sean pisados ni pellizcados por objetos colocados sobre o contra ellos, poniendo particular atención a los contactos y receptáculos donde salen del aparato.
- 14. El equipo eléctrico debe ser limpiado únicamente de acuerdo a las recomendaciones del fabricante.
- 15. En caso de existir, una antena externa deberá ser localizada lejos de las lineas de energia.
- 16. El cable de corriente deberá ser desconectado del cuando el equipo no sea usado por un largo periodo de tiempo.
- 17. Cuidado debe ser tomado de tal manera que objectos liquidos no sean derramados sobre la cubierta u orificios de ventilación.
- 18. Servicio por personal calificado deberá ser provisto cuando:
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  - B: Objectos han caído o líquido ha sido derramado dentro del aparato; o
  - C: El aparato ha sido expuesto a la lluvia; o
  - D: El aparato parece no operar normalmente o muestra un cambio en su desempeño; o
  - E: El aparato ha sido tirado o su cubierta ha sido dañada.

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# LRXI Industrial Fiber Extender

# 1. Specifications

Approvals: CE, FCC

Hardware Compatibility: All computers with DVI-D digital video and USB interfaces

Software Compatibility: Operates with all known software and operating systems including

Windows®, Linux®, Unix®, BSD, all Sun® OS, all Mac® OS, NetWare®, etc.

Operating Temperature: 32 to 104°F (0 to 40°C)

#### 2. Welcome

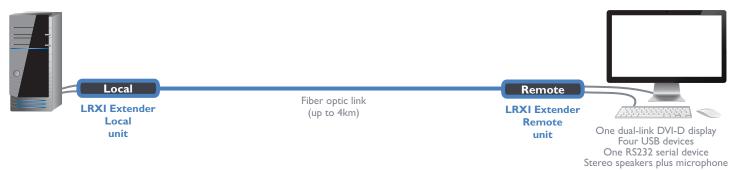
Thank you for choosing the LRXI Industrial Fiber Extender (ACU5600A) units. Using fiber optic links, these compact units allow you to transfer the multiple connections listed below up to 2.5 miles (4 kilometers) from a host computer (see Transmission distances below).

The high grade screening employed within the metal cased enclosures combined with the immunity from interference of the fiber optic links make the LRXI Industrial Fiber Extender units highly suitable for use in 'noisy' industrial environments.

LRXI Industrial Fiber Extender units provide support for:

- High quality single- or dual-link DVI digital video (up to 2560 x 2048 @60Hz),
- USB keyboard and mouse plus two other USB devices (up to USB 2.0),
- An RS232 serial device at speeds up to 115200 baud,
- Mono microphone,
- Stereo speakers,
- Line-level audio in/out connections.

The LRXI Industrial Fiber Extender units are totally transparent in operation, leaving you free to use your computer as though you're still sitting next to it.



# **Transmission distances**

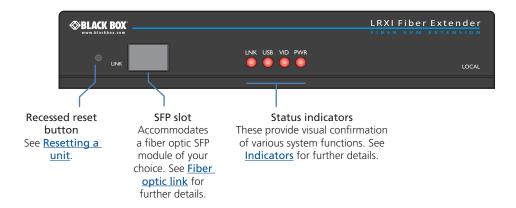
The choice of fiber used with the LRXI Industrial Fiber Extender units has a considerable effect on the distance over which operation can take place. Using multi-mode fiber you can achieve distances up to 400m (1,312 feet); whereas, by using single-mode fiber (and accompanying SFP modules), the achievable maximum distance is increased to 2.5 miles (4km):

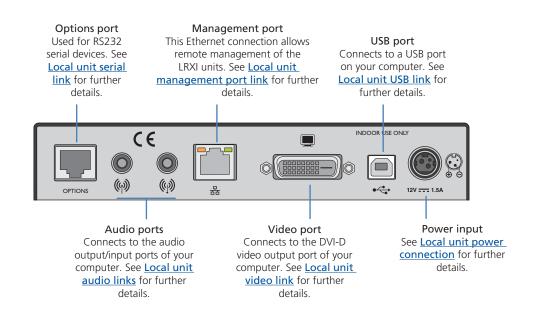
modules), the achievable maximum distance is increased to 2.5 miles (4km).					
ı	Distance	Fiber type	Fiber color code	SFP module	SFP bar color
l	70m	OM1 (TIA-492AAAA)	Orange	ACUSFP-MM-100	Black
l	150m	OM2 (TIA-492AAAB)	Orange	ACUSFP-MM-100	Black
l	380m	OM3 (TIA-492AAAC)	Aqua	ACUSFP-MM-100	Black
l	400m	OM4 (TIA-492AAAC)	Aqua	ACUSFP-MM-100	Black
	4km	OS1 (TIA-492C000) OS2 (TIA-492E000)	Yellow Yellow	ACUSFP-SM-10G ACUSFP-SM-10G	
SFP bar color  Fiber color  module					

#### 2.1 LRXI Industrial Fiber Extender features

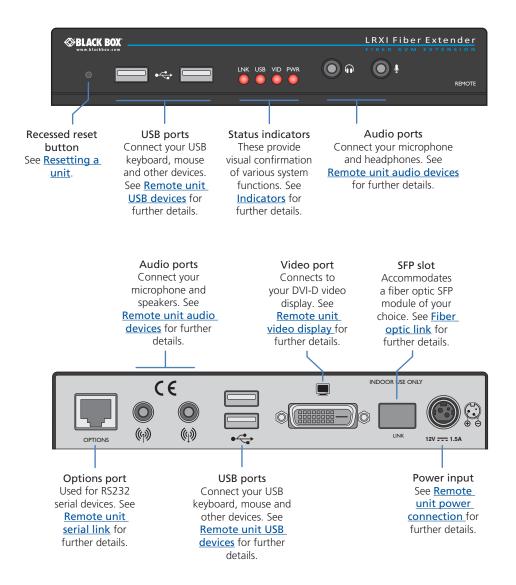
The local and remote units are contained within slimline metal casings that measure just 169 x 120 x 31mm.

#### 2.1.1 Local unit





#### 2.1.2 Remote unit



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#### 3. Locations

Please consider the following important points when planning the position of the LRXI Industrial Fiber Extender units:

- Situate the local unit close to the system to which it will be connected and near to a source of mains power. Place the remote unit in similar close proximity to the peripherals that it will connect with, plus a source of mains power.
- Consult the precautions listed within the **Safety information** section.
- Connections do not need to be carried out in the order given within this guide, however, where possible connect the power in as a final step.

#### 3.1 Connections

Installation involves linking the LRXI Local unit to various ports on the host computer, while the LRXI Remote unit is attached to your peripherals.

# 3.2 Fiber optic link

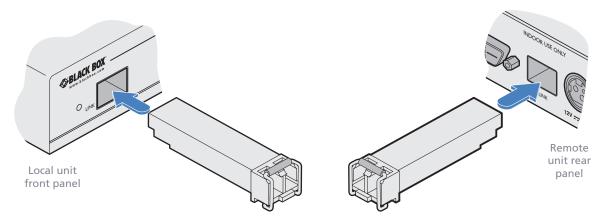
Each pair of LRXI Industrial Fiber Extenders are supplied together with SFP fiber optic units of your choice (single or multi-mode). The fiber optic cable used must match the SFP type and also be of a suitable type for the distance being covered. See <a href="Transmission distances">Transmission distances</a> for details.

Note: In order to maintain a high level of confidence in the fiber optic link, the SFP's used must be those supplied by Black Box. If alternative parts are used, the system will detect this and will flash the front panel LNK indicator.

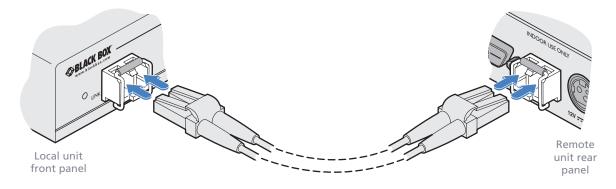
# 3.2.1 To make the fiber optic link

IMPORTANT: Ensure the power supply is off/disconnected before inserting or removing an SFP module.

1 Remove the SFP module from its protective packing and insert it fully into the empty slot on the LRXI unit. The LRXI local unit slot is located on the front panel; the LRXI remote unit slot is situated on the rear panel.



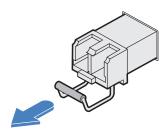
- 2 Repeat for the other SFP module on the other LRXI unit.
- 3 For each SFP module, remove the black rubber insert that protects the sensors.
- 4 If fitted, remove the dual inserts that protect the fiber optic connector.
- 5 Insert the fiber optic connector into the SFP module so that it clicks into place.



6 Repeat steps 4 and 5 at the other end.

#### 3.2.2 To remove an SFP module

- 1 If fitted, remove the fiber optic connector from the SFP module (press down on the upper tab of the fiber optic connector to release it).
- 2 Unclip the small wire extraction lever and open it out (this action releases a locking tab and also provides a grip point).



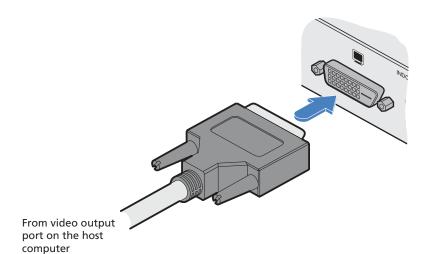
- 3 Gently pull on the extraction lever to withdraw the SFP module from the slot.
- 4 If the SFP module and/or fiber optic connector will remain unused for any period of time, be sure to fit the protective inserts to keep the optical interfaces clean.

#### 3.3 Local unit video link

LRXI Industrial Fiber Extender units can support various high resolution video modes via the Dual-Link DVI-D port, see Video resolutions below for details.

# 3.3.1 To connect the video port

1 Connect the supplied digital video (plus USB) link cable between the DVI-D socket on the local unit rear panel and the DVI-D video output socket of the host computer.



#### Video resolutions

The LRXI Industrial Fiber Extender units support, but are not limited to, the following common video resolutions:

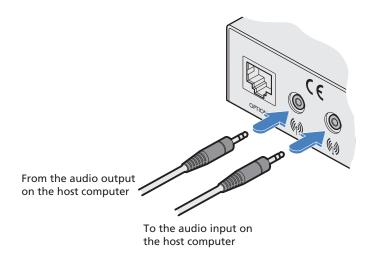
1920 x 1080 (HD) 1920 x 1200 (WUXGA) 2560 x 1080 2560 x 1440 (WQHD) 2560 x 1600 (WQXGA) 2560 x 2048 (QSXGA) 2048 x 2160

#### 3.4 Local unit audio links

The LRXI Industrial Fiber Extender units support stereo audio in and out connections. Where necessary, make connections between the audio input and/or output ports of the host computer and the local unit.

# 3.4.1 To connect the audio ports

1 For the line in and/or line out ports, connect the supplied audio link cable between the audio port on the local unit rear panel and the line in or line out socket of the host computer.

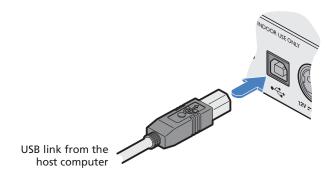


#### 3.5 Local unit USB link

The local unit requires a single USB connection to the host computer; this allows the remote unit to operate as a USB 2.0 hub with four ports.

# 3.5.1 To connect the USB port

1 Connect the type B connector of the supplied USB/video cable to the USB port on the rear panel of the local unit.



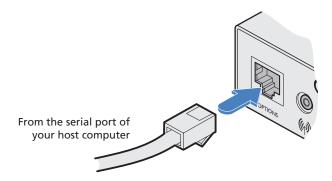
2 Connect the type A connector of the cable to a vacant USB port on the host computer.

#### 3.6 Local unit serial link

The Options port provides an RS232 serial connection with the remote unit. When serial devices are attached to the Options ports on the local and remote units, the units transparently convey the signals between them, via the fiber optic link, at rates up to 115200 baud - no serial configuration is required. An optional serial cable is available from Black Box.

# 3.6.1 To connect the serial port

1 Use the optional serial cable to link the Options port on the rear panel of the local unit with a vacant RS232 serial port on your host computer.



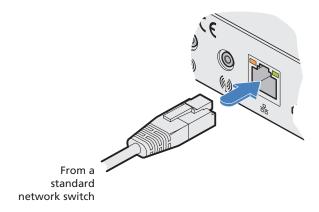
Please see Appendix A for pin-out details of the Options port.

# 3.7 Local unit management port link

The management port, located on the local unit, allows the unit to be connected to a standard Ethernet 10/100 network in order to allow remote monitoring and management functions to take place.

# 3.7.1 To connect the management port

1 Connect a standard CATx patch lead between the port on the rear panel of the local unit and a standard network switch.



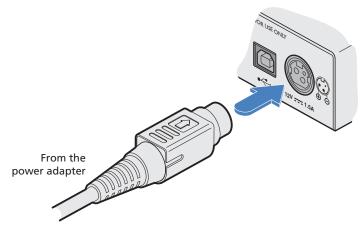
By default, the IP address is set to **192.168.1.22**. If required, you can change the default IP address or alternatively, choose automated address selection by DHCP server. For details, please see the Configuration section.

# 3.8 Local unit power connection

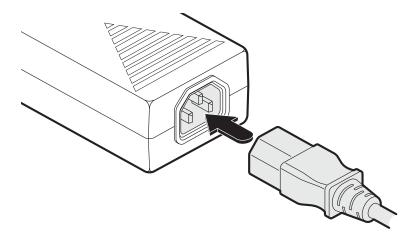
There is no on/off switch on either of the LRXI Industrial Fiber Extender units, so operation begins as soon as power is applied. The power adapters supplied with the units use locking-type plugs to help prevent accidental disconnections; please follow the instructions shown on the right whenever disconnecting a power adapter.

# 3.8.1 To connect the power adapter

1 Attach the output plug of the supplied power adapter to the power input socket on the right side of the rear panel.



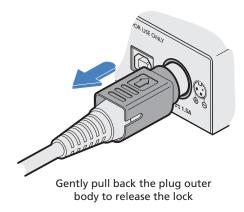
2 Connect the IEC connector of the supplied country-specific power cord to the socket of the power adapter.



3 Connect the power cord to a nearby mains supply socket.

# 3.8.2 To disconnect the power adapter

- 1 Isolate the power adapter from the mains supply.
- 2 Grasp the outer body of the power adapter plug where it connects with the unit.
- 3 Gently pull the body of the outer plug away from the unit. As the body of the plug slides back, it will release from the socket and you can fully withdraw the whole plug.



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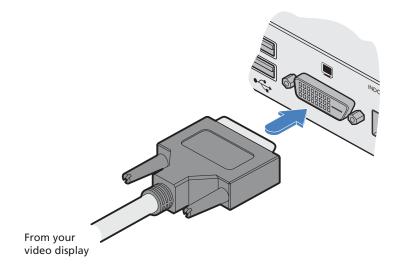
Note: Both the units and the power supplies generate heat when in operation and will become warm to the touch. Do not enclose them or place them in locations where air cannot circulate to cool the equipment. Do not operate the equipment in ambient temperatures exceeding 40 degrees Centigrade. Do not place the products in contact with equipment whose surface temperature exceeds 40 degrees Centigrade.

# 3.9 Remote unit video display

A Dual-Link DVI-D port is provided on the rear panel of the remote unit. The LRXI units can support various high resolution video modes, see <u>Video resolutions</u> for details.

# 3.9.1 To connect the video display

1 Connect the DVI-D video cable from your video display to the video output port on the rear panel of the remote unit.



# 3.9.2 EDID management

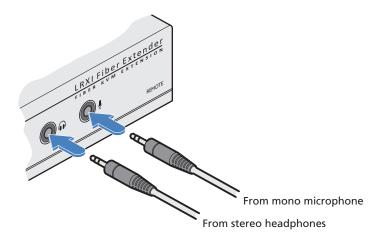
The EDID (Extended Display Identification Data) is read from the connected video display at the remote unit; it is then transferred to, and stored within, the local unit and then declared to the host computer. If the video display is removed then the cloned EDID stored at the local unit will still be presented to the video source.

#### 3.10 Remote unit audio devices

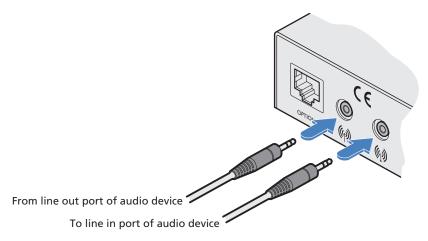
The LRXI Industrial Fiber remote unit can support multiple audio devices, such as stereo headphones, a mono microphone or line-level in/out connections.

### 3.10.1 To connect audio devices

1 Connect stereo headphones and/or a mono microphone to the 3.5mm jack audio sockets on the front panel of the remote unit.



2 Optionally use the rear panel 3.5mm jack audio sockets to connect line-level in or out connections from audio devices, such as powered speakers.



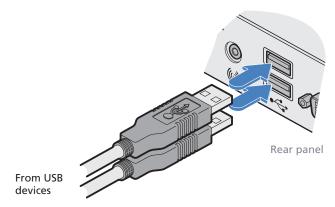
Note: If the microphone port on the front panel is used, the unit will disconnect the Line In port on the rear panel.

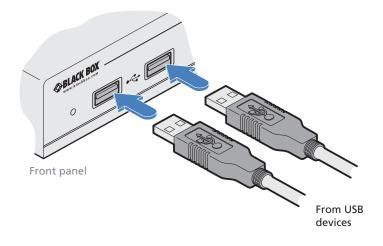
#### 3.11 Remote unit USB devices

The remote unit contains a USB hub that can support up to four v2.0 or v1.1 USB devices (in any combination). All four USB sockets are identical in operation.

# 3.11.1 To connect USB devices

1 Connect your USB keyboard, mouse and any other two USB devices to the four sockets distributed on the front and rear panels of the remote unit.



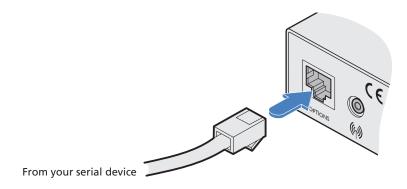


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# 3.12.1 To connect the serial port

1 Use the optional serial cable to link the Options port on the rear panel of the remote unit with your RS232 serial device.



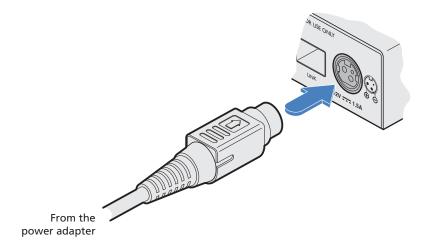
Please see Appendix A for pin-out details of the Options port.

# 3.13 Remote unit power connection

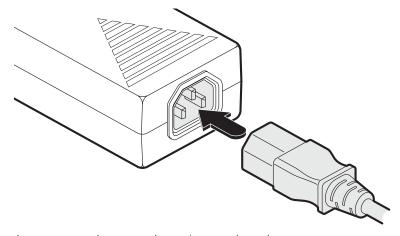
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# 3.13.1 To connect the power adapter

1 Attach the output plug of the supplied power adapter to the power input socket on the right side of the rear panel.



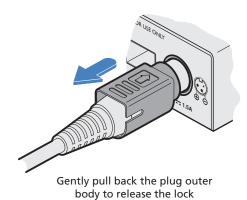
2 Connect the IEC connector of the supplied country-specific power cord to the socket of the power adapter.



3 Connect the power cord to a nearby mains supply socket.

# 3.13.2 To disconnect the power adapter

- 1 Isolate the power adapter from the mains supply.
- 2 Grasp the outer body of the power adapter plug where it connects with the unit.
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# 4. Accessing the management application

LRXI Industrial Fiber Extender units generally configure themselves automatically, collecting EDID information from the attached monitor and passing it to the host computer. In most cases the units will begin working together correctly as soon as they are connected. Where configuration changes are required (or remote monitoring is required), the management application provides an intuitive user interface.

# 4.1 To access the management application

- 1 Use a computer that is directly or indirectly (i.e. via a network switch) connected to the LRXI local unit. If you need to make a temporary connection, see below.
- 2 Run a web browser on your computer and enter the IP address of the local unit. By default, the IP address is set to **192.168.1.22**. If required, you can change the default IP address or alternatively, choose automated address selection by DHCP server. See the Configure page.
- 3 If requested, enter the registered password to log on.

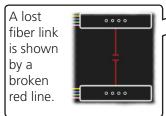
Note: The default user and password are 'admin' and 'password' respectively.

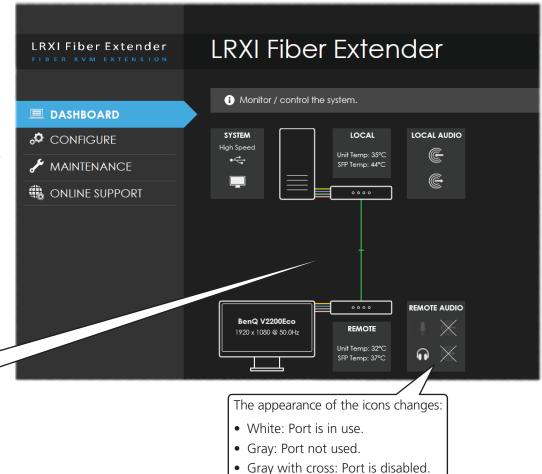
The Dashboard page should be displayed:

The Dashboard page shows a real-time representation of the LRXI installation.

Use the menu on the left side to display other pages.

Use the Online Support option to make contact with Black Box through the main website





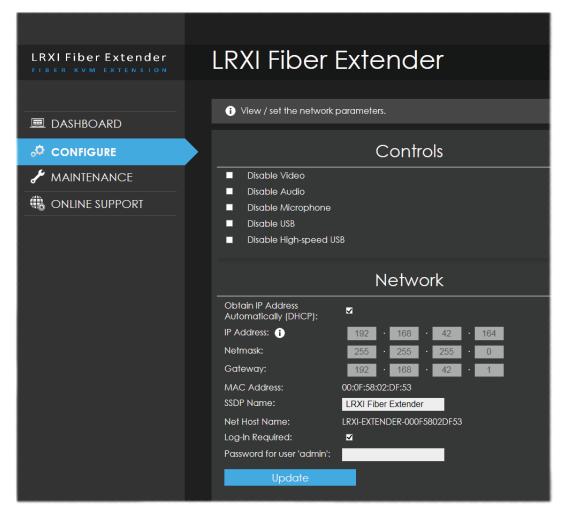
# 4.2 To temporarily connect a computer to the network port

1 If you need to make a temporary connection for configuration purposes, use a standard patch cable (cross-over or straight connections are both supported) to link the Ethernet 10/100 network port ( 그) on the rear panel of the LRXI local unit to your computer's network port.

Temporary link from your computer

# 4.3 The Configure page

The Configure page allows you to control the various peripheral feeds and also determine the network addressing details.



# 4.3.1 Controls

All peripheral feeds are enabled by default. However, this section allows each feed to be disabled as required.

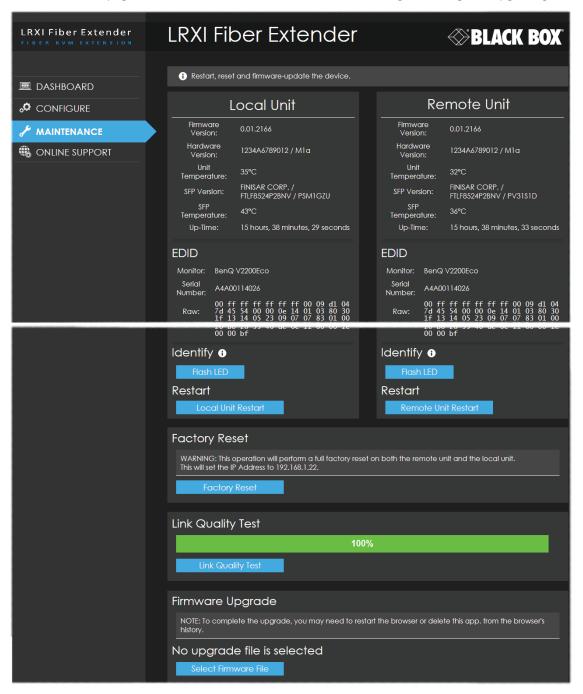
• Disable High-speed USB - this option needs to be ticked when connecting to Black Box Freedom and/or Freedom II devices.

#### 4.3.2 Network

- Obtain IP Address automatically (DHCP) When ticked, the local unit will use the DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) to automatically determine all network settings. When DHCP is used, the next three options are not manually editable.
- IP Address set the IP address for the unit.
- Netmask set a subnet mask to accompany the IP address.
- Gateway optionally define a suitable address for a gateway device.
- MAC Address displays the unique (and fixed) MAC address for the unit.
- SSDP Name optionally add an identifier for this unit.
- Log-in Required when ticked, you will be requested to enter a user name and password.
- Password for user 'admin' define a password here to be used when the 'Log In Required' option above is ticked.
   Note: The default user name and password are 'admin' and 'password' respectively.
   Once changes are made, click the Update button to apply them.

# 4.4 The Maintenance page

The Maintenance page contains numerous features used for monitoring, restarting and upgrading the units.



#### 4.4.1 Local and remote unit details

These twin sections list numerous details for each unit:

- Firmware, hardware and SFP (optical module) versions.
- Unit (main circuit board) and SFP (optical module) temperatures.
- Up-time.
- EDID lists the currently registered video monitor, together with its serial number and a full raw hex listing of the declared EDID signature.
- Identify Click the Flash LED button to flash the front panel indicators of the chosen unit. Click once for five flashes, twice for indefinite flashing and a third time to stop the flashing.
- Restart If a unit becomes unresponsive, click the relevant Restart button to reboot the required unit.

# 4.4.2 Factory Reset

Click this button to perform a full factory reset on both units. All settings will be returned to their default values; the local unit will default to use the IP address of **192.168.1.22**.

# 4.4.3 Link Quality Test

This section tests and displays the quality of the data link between the two units.

# 4.4.4 Firmware Upgrade

Use this section to perform a firmware upgrade on both units using files available on request from Black Box technical support.

Note: Firmware upgrades must be performed in pairs, i.e. the local unit and remote unit together. If one of the units is not connected, the upgrade will not be carried out.

#### 4.4.5 Download the API description

Click here to view the API description in YAML format.

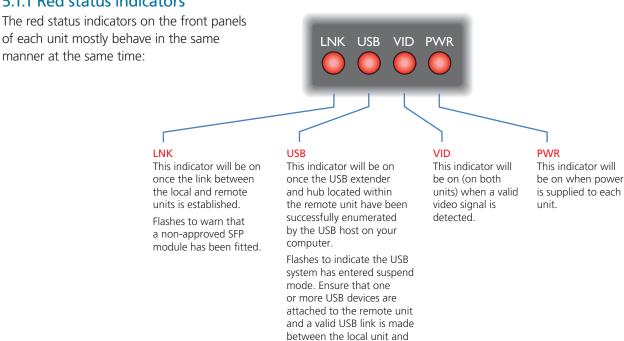
# 5. Operation

The LRXI Industrial Fiber Extender units are designed to be transparent in operation; all peripherals should respond exactly as they would when situated next to your host computer.

#### **5.1 Indicators**

The local and remote units contain various indicators to provide you with status information. Both units have four red indicators on their front panels.

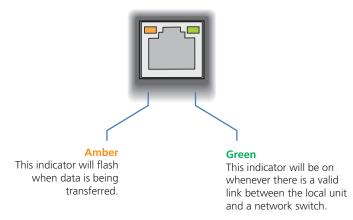
#### 5.1.1 Red status indicators



# 5.1.2 Green and amber status indicators (local unit only)

The green and amber status indicators on the network management port connector of the local unit (rear panel) provide further status information:

the host computer.



All:

# 5.2 Resetting a unit

On the left side of the front panel of each unit, you will find a small hole which is used to invoke special functions. Use a thin implement, such as a straightened paperclip to press and hold the button concealed behind the smaller hole. Depending on when you release the button, the unit will either perform a normal reset or completely reset itself to factory defaults:



All:

Time (seconds): 0 . . . . 5 . . . . . 10 . . . . . . 15 . . . .

**Indicator(s):** PWR: All:

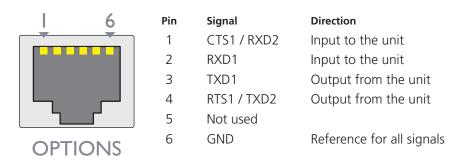
On Alternate flashing Rapid flashing together Normal

**Release button for:** Normal restart Special configuration option Reset to Return to (not currently used) factory defaults normal operation

# Appendix A. Options port pin-out

The **OPTIONS** port uses a 6p6c socket. The pin-out is listed below.

Note: Although the pin labeled 'Not used' is inactive, it is still connected internally and so no links should be made at all to this pin.



# Appendix B. Open source licenses

This product includes binaries that are derived from the open source community.

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# Appendix C. Safety Information

- For use in dry, oil free indoor environments only.
- Do not use to link between buildings.
- Ensure that the twisted pair interconnect cable is installed in compliance with all applicable wiring regulations.
- Do not connect the CATx link interface (RJ45 style connector) to any other equipment, particularly network or telecommunications equipment.
- Warning the power adapter contains live parts.
- No user serviceable parts are contained within the power adapter do not dismantle.
- Plug the power adapter into a grounded socket outlet close to the unit that it is powering.
- Replace the power adapter with a manufacturer approved type only.
- Do not use the power adapter if the power adapter case becomes damaged, cracked or broken or if you suspect that it is not operating properly.
- If you use a power extension cord with the units, make sure the total ampere rating of the devices plugged into the extension cord do not exceed the cord's ampere rating. Also, make sure that the total ampere rating of all the devices plugged into the wall outlet does not exceed the wall outlet's ampere rating.
- Do not attempt to service the units yourself.
- The units and power supplies can get warm in operation do not situate them in an enclosed space without any ventilation.
- The units do not provide ground isolation and should not be used for any applications that require ground isolation or galvanic isolation.

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