

# XFA

## TUNABLE FILTER WITH FIXED BANDWIDTH



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### KEY FEATURES

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200 nm wavelength range

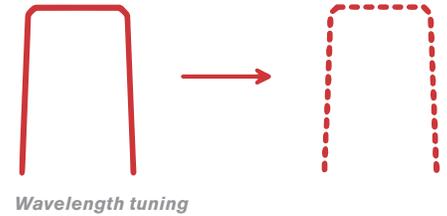
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## KEY FEATURES

### Fixed bandwidth flat-top filter

The bandwidth of the XFA filters can be selected at purchase between 50 pm and 800 pm. The filter has a flat-top profile with minimal ripple, less than 0.2 dB.



### Ultra-sharp filter edges

The XFA uses EXFO patented quadruple pass technology. This creates extremely sharp filter edges with slopes of 500 dB/nm. Single or groups of narrowly spaced DWDM channels or coherent super-channels can be selected with ease.

### High isolation

In addition to the sharp filter edges, the quadruple pass technology achieves higher isolation than conventional double-pass filters. Isolation is typically 60 dB.

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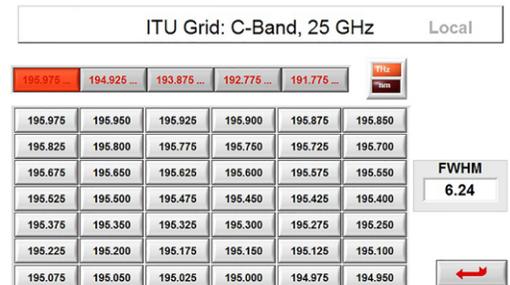
High resolution translation stages are used for wavelength control. This ensures the XFA can be set accurately and repeatedly over time.

### 200 nm wavelength range

The XFA has a very wide wavelength range and covers the key telecom wavelengths from 1450 nm to 1650 nm.

### Easy-to-use software

The XFA is operated through its 7-inch touch screen to drive all operations. It enables fast setup with a complete set of functions such as sequence execution, ITU Grid selection, custom grid generation.



XFA – ITU grid selection

## APPLICATION

### DWDM channel selection

Low dispersion, steep edges and high isolation mean that DWDM channels, or even coherent superchannels with spacing down to 10 GHz, can be separated with ease. BER tests have never been so good!

### Variable OSNR source

A variable OSNR source typically consists of an ASE source combined with a variable attenuator. Adding the XFA with a flat-top bandwidth enables consistent noise loading for all DWDM wavelengths.

### R&D of modulation formats

The XFA is perfect for the filtering and analysis of sub-bands of complex modulations formats.

### Pulse shaping

Wide bandwidth flexibility enables the filter to be used for pulse shaping of femtosecond lasers.

All specifications are given at 21 $\pm$  3°C after 30 minutes warm-up.

SPECIFICATIONS			
Optical characteristics	Wavelength range (nm)		1450-1650
	Wavelength resolution (pm)		1
	Wavelength accuracy (pm) <sup>a</sup>		$\pm$ 30
	Insertion loss <sup>b, c</sup>		5 dB (4.5 dB typical)
	Polarization dependent loss (dB) <sup>c, d</sup>		$\pm$ 0.2
	Wavelength tuning speed (s)		1
Optical bandwidth (FWHM) (selected at order time)	Bandwidth (FWHM) (pm)	Minimum	50
		Maximum	800
FWHM accuracy (pm)		$\pm$ 10	
Optical bandwidth shape	Out-of-band suppression (crosstalk) <sup>e</sup>		40 dB (60 dB typical)
	Flatness (dB) <sup>f</sup>		0.2
	Filter edge roll-off <sup>g</sup>		500 dB/nm typical
Interfaces	Display		7 inch resistive touch-screen (resolution 800x480)
	Communication interfaces		USB-B, Ethernet (x2), RS-232C, GPIB <sup>h</sup>
	Display and other interfaces		DVI-I (x1), USB 2.0-A (x4), PS/2 (x2)
	Optical fiber type		SMF or PMF
	Connector type		FC/PC or FC/APC
Operating conditions	Temperature range		15 °C to 35 °C (59 °F to 95 °F)
	Maximum optical input power		30 dBm
	Power supply		100-240 V (50-60 Hz)
Size	Dimensions (W x D x H)		254 mm x 385 mm x 154 mm (10 in x 15 1/8 in x 6 in)
	Weight		7 kg (15 lb)

a. With "Backlash suppression" setting enabled.

b. From 1500 to 1600 nm and FWHM > 60 pm.

c. At lowest FWHM the insertion loss is 7 dB typical.

d. At 1500, 1550 and 1600 nm, FWHM > 100 pm.

e. Measured 1 nm away from the -3 dB points.

f. Centered width of FWHM-150 pm. For 150 pm < FWHM < 650 pm.

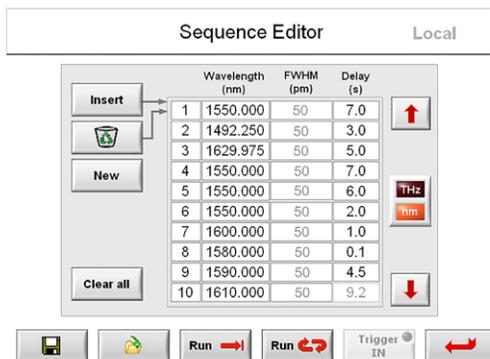
g. Between -3 and -40 dB for FWHM < 800 pm.

h. GPIB is supported as an option through an external RS-232/GPIB converter.



## ADVANCED FEATURES AND PERFORMANCE

Easy access to optical connectors for cleaning. Easing maintenance and enabling the lowest losses to be maintained.



XFA - Sequence Editor

## ORDERING INFORMATION

**XFA-SCL-XX-XX-XX**

**Model**

50-800 = Any value rounded to 10pm in the range 50 - 800 pm

**Output fiber**

00 = SMF28 singlemode fiber  
M = PM15 polarization maintaining fiber

**Connector**

50 = FC/PC  
58 = FC/APC

Example: XFA-SCL-200-M-58

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