The XTA-50 is electronically controlled and both center wavelength and bandwidth can be set precisely and independently. Versions are available covering all the key telecom wavelengths from 1260 nm to 1650 nm and bandwidths from 32 pm (4 GHz) to 5 nm.

**KEY FEATURES**

- Adjustable bandwidth flat-top filter
- Ultra-sharp filter edges
- High isolation
- 200 nm wavelength range
- High accuracy and repeatability
- Narrowest filter—Highest selectivity
KEY FEATURES

**Adjustable Bandwidth Flat-top Filter**
The bandwidth of the XTA-50 filters can be adjusted independently of the center wavelength. The filter has a flat-top profile with minimal ripple, less than 0.2 dB. Models are available with FWHM bandwidths from 32 pm (4 GHz) up to 5 nm (625 GHz).

**Ultra-sharp Filter Edges**
The XTA-50 uses EXFO patented quadrupal pass technology. This creates extremely sharp filter edges with slopes of up to 800 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 quadrupal pass technology achieves higher isolation than conventional double-pass filters. Isolation is typically 60 dB.

**200 nm Wavelength Range**
All models have a very wide wavelength range and cover the key telecom wavelengths from 1260 nm to 1650 nm. The O-band model has 100 nm range. The SCL band model cover up to a useful 200 nm range.

**High Accuracy and Repeatability**
High resolution translation stages are used for both wavelength and bandwidth control. This ensures the XTA-50 can be set accuracy and repeatedly over time.

**Narrowest Filter—Highest Selectivity**
The XTA-50 is the most selective filter on the market. Models are available with filter bandwidths from 32 pm (4 GHz) up to 5 nm (625 GHz).

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 XTA-50 with a flat-top adjustable bandwidth enables consistent noise loading for all DWDM wavelengths.

**R&D of Modulation Formats**
The XTA-50 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.
## XTA-50 Specifications

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<td>0.2 f</td>
<td>0.3 h,m</td>
<td>0.2 n</td>
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### Displays and Other Interfaces
- **Display**: 7 inch resistive touch-screen (resolution 800 x 480)
- **Communication interfaces**: USB-B, Ethernet (x2), RS-232C, GPIB p
- **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 (dBm)**: 30 | 27

### Size
- **Dimensions (W x D x H)**: 254 x 385 x 154 mm (10 in x 15 ⅛ in x 6 in)
- **Weight**: 7 kg (15.4 lb)

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### Notes
- a. Specifications apply for wavelengths not equal to any water absorption line.
- b. With “Backlash suppression” setting enabled.
- c. Between ~3 and ~40 dB for FWHM <800 pm.
- d. Between ~3 and ~40 dB, typically 550 dB/nm at FWHM = 50 pm, 450 dB/nm at FWHM = 1 nm, 225 dB/nm at FWHM = 5 nm.
- e. From 1500 nm to 1600 nm and FWHM >100 pm.
- f. At lowest FWHM the insertion loss is 7 dB typical.
- g. From 1500 nm to 1600 nm and FWHM >60 pm.
- h. From 1280 nm to 1340 nm and FWHM >100 pm.
- i. For FWHM >100 pm.
- j. At lowest FWHM the insertion loss is < 7.0 dB.
- k. Centered width of FWHM-150 pm. For 150 pm < FWHM < 650 pm.
- l. Centered width of FWHM-100 pm. For 100 pm < FWHM < 500 pm.
- m. From 1280 nm to 1340 nm.
- n. Centered width of FWHM-150 pm. For 150 pm < FWHM < 2000 pm.
- o. Measured 1 nm away from the ~3 dB points.
- p. GPIB is supported as an option through an external RS-232/GPIB converter.

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*All specifications are given at 21°C± 3°C after 30 minutes warm-up.*
## ADVANCED FEATURES AND PERFORMANCE

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

![Graph showing FWHM and Insertion loss (dB) over a range of wavelengths](image)

**Figure 3. Expanded view of filter profile (wide)**

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Example: XTA-50-SCL-S-M-50

**Note**

a. Not available for CL-W model.

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