



Refer to PICO-GUARD Controller Manual (p/n 69761) and PICO-GUARD Application and Design Guide (p/n 69763) for complete installation and operation information.

Features and Description

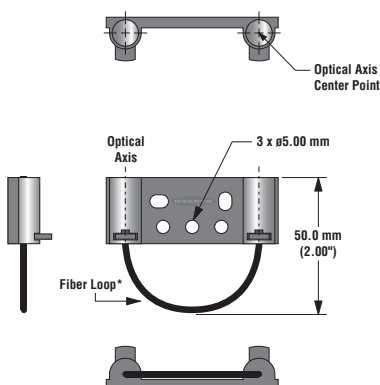
- Compact, non-contact, easy-to-install means of interlocking doors, guards, gates, and covers
- U-shaped configuration allows fiber to “enter” and “exit” from one side of the guard only
- Simple, quick means of connecting and disconnecting the fiber
- For use with Banner 2.2 mm OD plastic fiber optic cable (1 mm core)
- Actuator available with PVC or fluoropolymer-sheathed fiber loop (XP or XT models)
- Designed to meet Safety Category 4 applications with one switch pair per guard (per ISO13849-1)
- Impact-resistant polycarbonate plastic construction
- Environmental rating of IEC IP67
- Attenuator available (see p/n 109910) for reducing excess gain in short-run applications
- Splice available for easy connection of two fiber sections (see p/n 109910)

Specifications

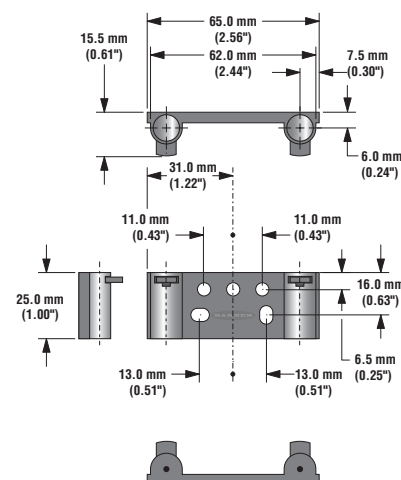
Operating Distance	1 to 50 mm (0.04" to 2") max.
Switching Distance	See Figure 2
Mounting	Holes for M4 (#10) screws (mounting hardware not included)
Construction	Polycarbonate plastic housing and window; acrylic lens
Temperature Range	0° to +70°C (+32° to 158°F)
Max. Relative Humidity	95% (non-condensing)
Environmental Rating	IEC IP67

Dimensions

SFI-A1, SFI-A1XP, SFI-A1XT



SFI-D1



* Fiber Loop Construction

Model SFI-A1: Polyethylene Jacket

Model SFI-A1XP: Polyethylene Jacket, PVC Sheath

Model SFI-A1XT: Polyethylene Jacket, Fluoropolymer Sheath



Warning ... Avoid Misapplication of this Product

PICO-GUARD optical elements must be properly installed and interfaced with a PICO-GUARD Fiber Optic Controller to be considered a safeguard. See the PICO-GUARD Controller Instruction Manual (p/n 69761) and the PICO-GUARD Application and Design Guide (p/n 69763) for complete installation instructions, maintenance instructions, and application limitations.

Use of a Banner PICO-GUARD Fiber Optic Safety Interlock Switch is generally not allowed for:

- Establishing a beam for presence-sensing safeguarding (e.g., perimeter guarding),
- Linear (parallel) movement along the optical axis (see Figure 2 and the Application and Design Guide), or
- Machinery with long stopping time and without a guard-locking mechanism.

Follow all installation and maintenance instructions with extreme care. **The user is responsible for following all local, state, and national laws, rules, codes, and regulations relating to the use of this safeguarding system in any particular application.**

PICO-GUARD™ Fiber Optic Safety Interlock Switches

Models SFI-A1, SFI-A1XP, SFI-A1XT, and SFI-D1

Mounting and Fiber Connection

The path of travel, or movement, of the Fiber Optic Safety Interlock Switch must always be perpendicular (at a right angle) to the optical axis to ensure proper switching. Perpendicular displacement along the optical centerline greater than the switching distance will result in a beam break and a stop condition (see Figure 2).

Any opening in a guard must comply with the minimum safe opening requirements to prevent exposure to a hazard. See OSHA O-10 Table listed in 29CFR1910.217 or the relevant standard for further information.

The use of tamper-resistant fasteners, such as one-way screws, is recommended. Insert the fasteners, but before tightening, verify alignment between the two switch housings using a straightedge or the alignment guide (SFA-1AG) shipped with the PICO-GUARD controller. Do not over-tighten or mount the fiber switch on an uneven surface such that the switch becomes deformed or bowed; this will affect the optical performance.

With the guard closed, the maximum allowed distance from lens face to lens face is 50 mm (2"). Ensure that there is a minimum 1 mm (0.04") separation between switches, and do not use the switches as an end-of-travel or mechanical stop.

Do not exceed the minimum bend radius for the fiber optic cable to be used. The excess gain is dependent on switch pair alignment, fiber length, fiber bend radius, and other loss factors, which may result in a weak signal or beam break condition (e.g., increased transitional area, see Figure 2). See Bannerengineering.com for an on-line gain estimator or the Application and Design Guide for more information.

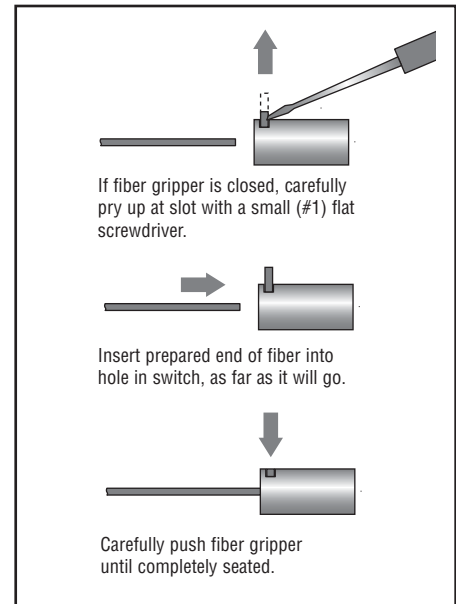


Figure 1. Fiber connections

Switching Specifications

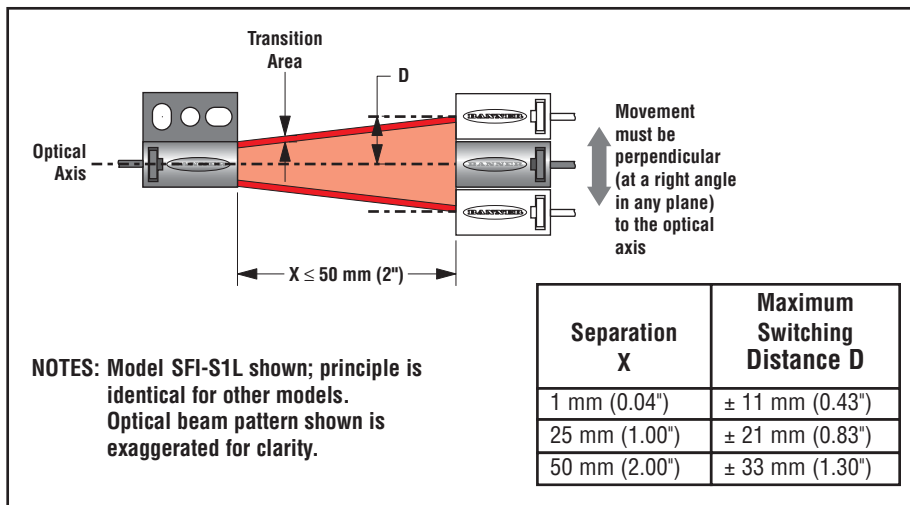


Figure 2. Switch alignment

The switching distance (D) is a "±" value; it is dependent on the distance between the optical switches (X) and their alignment along the optical axis. Perpendicular displacement greater than "D" will result in a stop condition. (See Application and Design Guide for complete information.)

The excess gain may fall below the threshold level before the maximum switching distance, depending on alignment, fiber length, and other loss factors, which will result in a weak signal or beam break condition less than distance D. This region is referred to as the **Transition Area**.



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