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AT&T Fiber Connector/Mode Policy

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INTRODUCTION

The previous FiberOptic Connector Policy was communicated on ATT Construction Support FLASH-2001-015 that announced that all **ATT-13STATE** locations would commence using the SC-UPC SingleMode connectors exclusively on a going-forward basis with an effective date of July 15, 2001. While our corporate standard for terminations remains the SC-UPC SingleMode connector, effective with this document the termination of FiberOptic facilities to Network Equipment and Carrier Point of Presence Locations.

Per the Letter concerning the Standard Connector Policy signed by Christopher Rice, Senior Vice President-NP&E on November 21, 2002, this document covers the current **AT&T-13STATE** FiberOptic Connector Policy Standard.

1. Reason For Reissue

Issue Number	Date Modified	Brief Description of Changes	Author
4	11/06/06	Correct references from SBC to AT&T and SME.	Bruce Jones
3	11/03/06	Republish to correct Issue Number.	Dave Smith
2	11/01/06	Correct completeness errors throughout entire document.	Dave Smith
1	2/14/2003	<p>This document has been reformatted from the original ATT-NOTICE-000-000-606, Fiber Connector Policy, dated November 21, 2002 into two separate documents:</p> <p>ATT-002-316-078, ATT-Fiber Connector/Mode Policy will cover the standards associated with the global expectations and integration of products and services into the ATT Network. The original notice has evolved into this document reflecting all the latest upgrades and ATT-13STATE identity name changes.</p> <p>ATT-002-316-079, ATT-Connector/Mode Addendum by Application Services Approved for Use will cover the specific product and service types that will be approved for use. This document will be updated as new products are approved for development in the NTI/PDP processes.</p>	Steve Weinert

2. Purpose & Background

AT&T Communications Inc. along with the other Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILEC) have evolved toward a consistent use of the SC-UPC SingleMode connector/mode for the termination of FiberOptic Facilities. Recognizing this point, ATT moved ATT-Southwestern Bell to this standard in July 2001 and applied this same standard to all carriers and customers within the **ATT-13STATE**telco organization.

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In 2002, ATT had three drivers for changes to this policy:

- Provisioning for the GigaMan & MON Point-to-Point service provisioning at the Outside Plant Customer and Demarcation Point using a SC-UPC MultiMode connector/type mode of transmission. This represented the need to support new services that the customers were requesting at the customer's premises.
- Provisioning the LC-UPC SingleMode connector for Network Elements dictated a small form factor on the faceplate of their equipment due to space constraints (exception basis). Not on the Fiber Distribution Frame. This was dictated by the manufacture industry providing smaller components that might not conform to typical telco standards.
- Two Long Distance (IXC) carriers have requested an expansion of the connector used to another type for the termination of FiberOptic services at their Long Distance Point of Presence (POP) site only. This request was based upon the IXC's standard for consistency within their POP.

3. Action & Conclusion

3.1. AT&T Gold Standard

On a going-forward basis, this policy reconfirms that the AT&T standard for FiberOptic terminations is the SC-UPC, SingleMode interface for customers, CLECs, carriers and internal users, approved by John Monday, Vice President-Finance & Engineering Support (NP&E). This standard interface insures that network reliability is promoted through a standard network interface thereby reducing the overall costs in the network, with engineering and technical decisions becoming streamlined in a single process.

Due to the need to provide more near-term services with manufactured off-the-shelf components, AT&T is modifying the policy to permit exceptions to this policy on a case-by-case basis due to technical shortfalls of Network Elements for the use of the LC-UPC SingleMode on the faceplate for small form factor connectors in the **Central Office only**. In addition, limitations on the near-term deployment of Video services for Fiber-to-the-Home will necessitate the use of SC-APC, SingleMode (Angled) connectors using an Analog signal. When the Video is converted to Digital, the connector type will revert to the SC-UPC, SingleMode. The use of SC connectors with a MultiMode method of transmission is authorized for general use at both the **Customer Premises and the Point of Presence (POP) only**. ATT-002-316-079, AT&T Fiber Connector/Mode Addendum by Application Services Approval for Use will provide the specific products and services that are approved for use under the auspices of this policy. The addendum document will be updated as new services are approved for introduction into the PDP/NTI development process.

Other Connectors and Modes of Transmission may be only approved as suitable for use on an exception basis by: Bernard Cross II, Associate Director-Loop Product Evaluation, Broadband Services, **AT&T-13STATE** (972) 960-4906, E-Mail: [mail to: bc6024@txmail.sbc.com](mailto:bc6024@txmail.sbc.com) . As other technology requirements become **necessary and cost justified**, ATT may elect to introduce new connector/mode types on a case-by-case basis with both this document and the addendum covering these changes.

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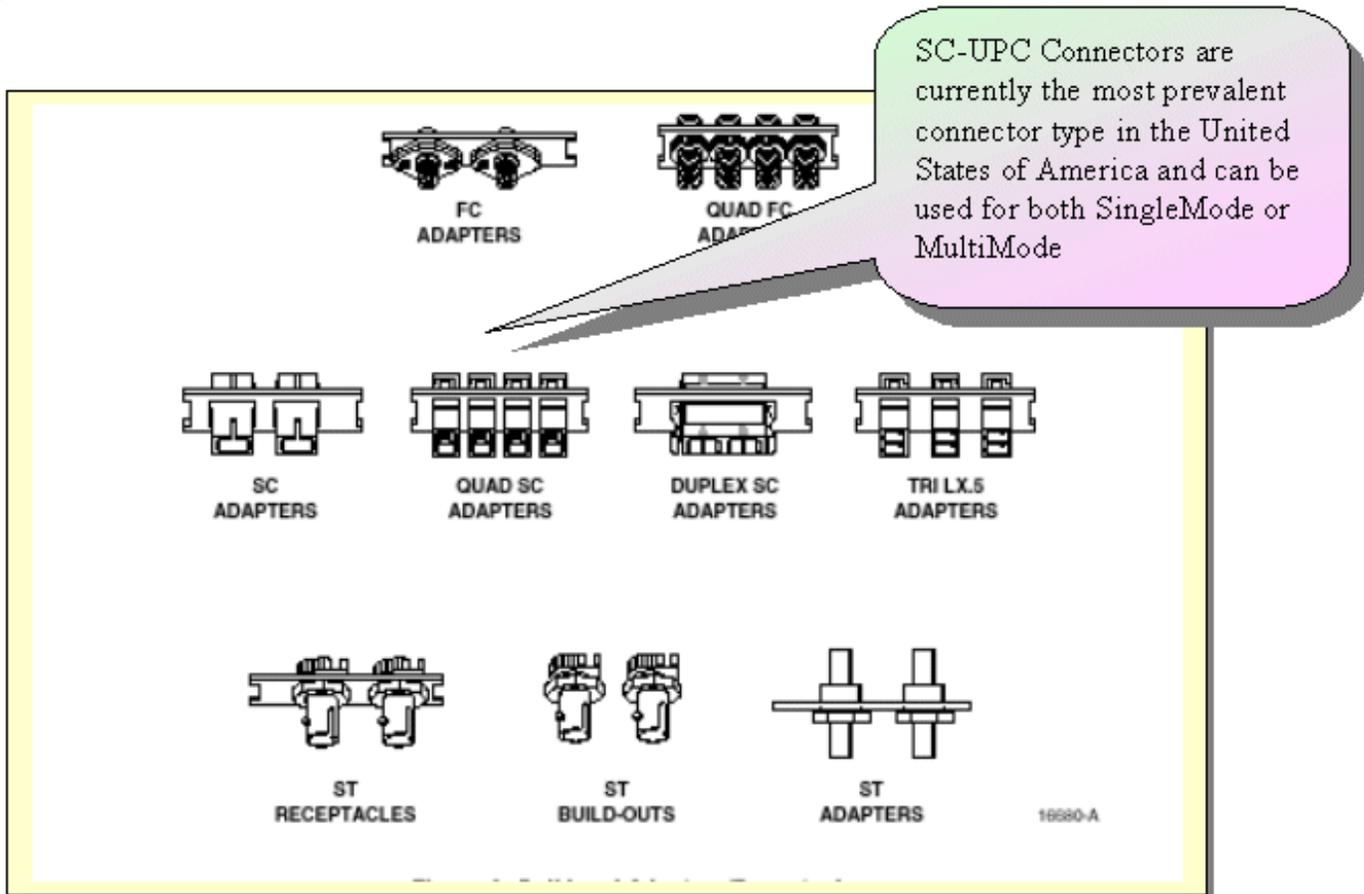


Illustration of Optical connector types in use today

The standard demarcation point for AT&T Communications Inc. facilities is the SC-UPC SingleMode termination with the alternative solution being the SC-UPC MultiMode termination at the POP and Customer Premises as well. AT&T has no obligation to construct new demarcation facilities or modify their "as is" facilities except through regulated retail product offerings as specified by State and Federal tariffs as a result of the Telecommunication Act's current obligations and their interpretations by the court and the commissions. The demarcation for Access Services (regulated retail product offerings) is defined in the Demarcation Policy for Access Services Terminated at Other Carrier's Point Of Presence (POP) Locations only. This demarcation policy allows some flexibility for the termination of FiberOptic facilities at Interexchange Carrier sites only; all other customer sites will receive the standard handoff connections specified by tariff.

An Interexchange Carrier (IXC) may request the option of providing and owning the demarcation device using one of the approved connectors listed below only. If the IXC provides the demarcation device, they may also request the use of a transition jumper to connect to their device from the AT&T equipment located at that site using the standard connector. The customer may be charged through the ICB / BFR process if the cost of installing and purchasing the transition jumper is significant. Likewise, if a Wholesale customer requests a non-standard connector at the IXC POP site only, they may do so using the ICB/BFR processes as well.

The transition jumper would have the SC-UPC SingleMode on one end and one of the following alternate approved connectors on the other end, listed below (all others would need to be approved by the AT&T technical staff listed

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above):

- **LC-UPC, SingleMode**
- **ST-UPC, SingleMode**
- **FC-UPC, SingleMode**

Any requests beyond the transition jumper solution for the IXC Point of Presence will be made through Mike Yeilding, Area Manager-Network Planning & Engineering (Common Systems), **AT&T-13STATE**, (925) 823-4747, E-Mail: my4747@att.com. Any additional requests will be processed as an ICB/BFR with all costs being paid by the requestor.

3.2. Approved AT&T Central Office Terminations

The standard arrangement will be the SC-UPC, SingleMode termination within the Central Office. There are exceptions based upon manufacturer small form factor needs and specific products needs that are covered in ATT-002-316-079, AT&T Connector/Mode Policy Addendum by Application Services Approval for Use. This addendum will specify the current approved arrangements in accordance with this policy and will be updated as new services are introduced into the PDP/NTI process.

The standard arrangement will be the SC-UPC, SingleMode or the SC-UPC MultiMode terminations (using a specific service offering) at the Customer Premises as specified by tariff. Specific products and service applications that are approved for use are covered in ATT-002-316-079, *AT&T Connector/Mode Policy Addendum by Application Services Approval for Use*. This addendum will specify the current approved arrangements in accordance with this policy and will be updated as new services are introduced into the PDP/NTI process.

3.3. Approved Term for Point of Presence IXC (POP) Long Distance Carrier Sites Only

The standard arrangement will be the SC-UPC, SingleMode or the SC-UPC MultiMode terminations (using a specific service offering) at the IXC (POP) as specified by tariff. In addition, the IXC (POP) locations may be provisioned through a transition jumper using a LC-UPC, SingleMode, ST-UPC, SingleMode or FC-UPC, SingleMode at the IXC's request. Specific products and service applications that are approved for use are covered in ATT-002-316-079, *AT&T Connector/Mode Policy Addendum by Application Services Approval for Use*. This addendum will specify the current approved arrangements in accordance with this policy and will be updated as new services are introduced into the PDP/NTI process.

3.4. FiberOptic Jumper Ordering

Outside Plant-Loop Product Evaluation has standardized on the FiberOptic Jumpers for AT&T Corporation and has written the standard in the Product Approval Notice [ATT-TELCO-PAN-2002-3001](#) , FiberOptic Jumpers & In-Line Attenuators for Corporate Use, dated June 2002.

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This PAN establishes the manufacturer by **AT&T-13STATE Region** as follows:

AT&T Region	Manufacturer
ATT-West	Corning Cable Systems
ATT-East	Corning Cable Systems
ATT-Southwest	Corning Cable Systems
ATT-Midwest	Alcoa Fujikura Ltd.

3.5. Approved AT&T Central Office Terminations

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For further information or electronic copies of this document and related information, visit the internal AT&T Local Exchange Carrier Web site: <http://ebiz.sbc.com/commonsystems> or <http://apex.sbc.com>

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