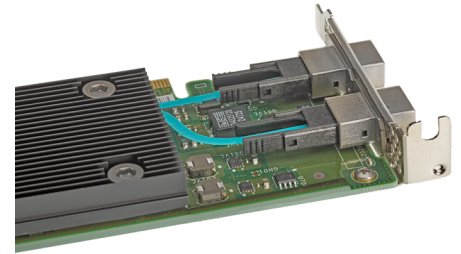


# FlexPlane Optical Circuitry and Routed Ribbon Cable Solutions



FlexPlane Optical Flex Circuits provide versatile, high-density routing on a flexible substrate, and Routed Ribbon Solutions offer cable management and mitigate airflow challenges for low-profile Network interface cards (NICs), switch fabric modules, complex shuffling and backplane applications

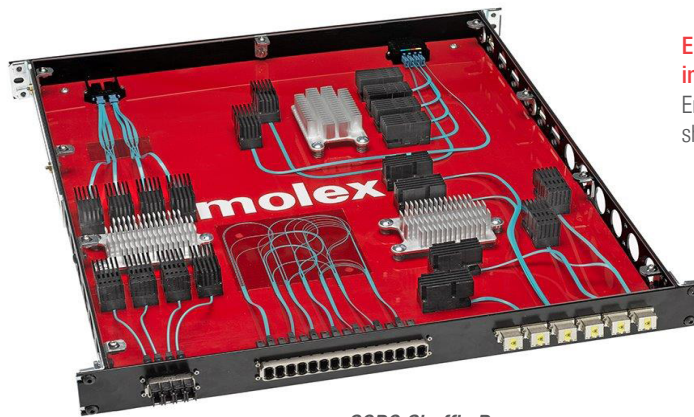


Network Interface Card (NIC)

## Features and Advantages

### FlexPlane Optical Circuit Solution Options

**Compatible with mass and discrete-fiber terminations**  
Ensures customized solutions



COBO Shuffle Box

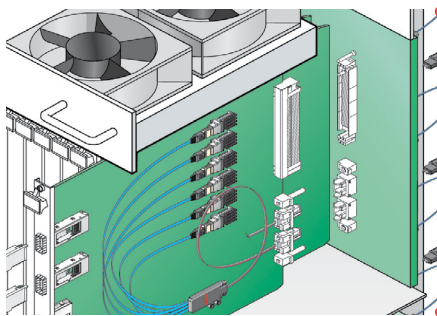
**Entire circuit 100% tested for insertion loss and continuity**  
Ensures correct pin-out prior to shipment

**Singlemode, multimode and hybrid versions**  
Provide a variety of options

### Routed Ribbon Solutions

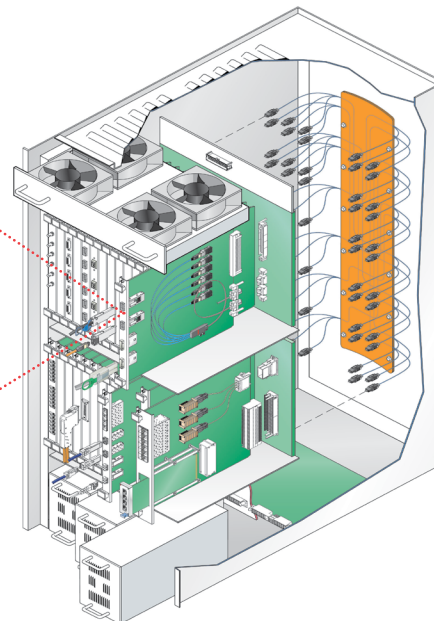
#### Automated fiber routing platform

- Accurate and repeatable patterns
- Scalable: High-volume capacity



#### Multiple interconnect options

- Complement onboard optical engines
- Supports optical backplanes



#### Efficient solutions for high-fiber system

- Organized fiber management
- Efficient front panel patching (i.e., shuffling)

#### Diverse substrate size, shape, packaging and fiber routing

- Small footprint, compact density
- Low-profile package, increased airflow

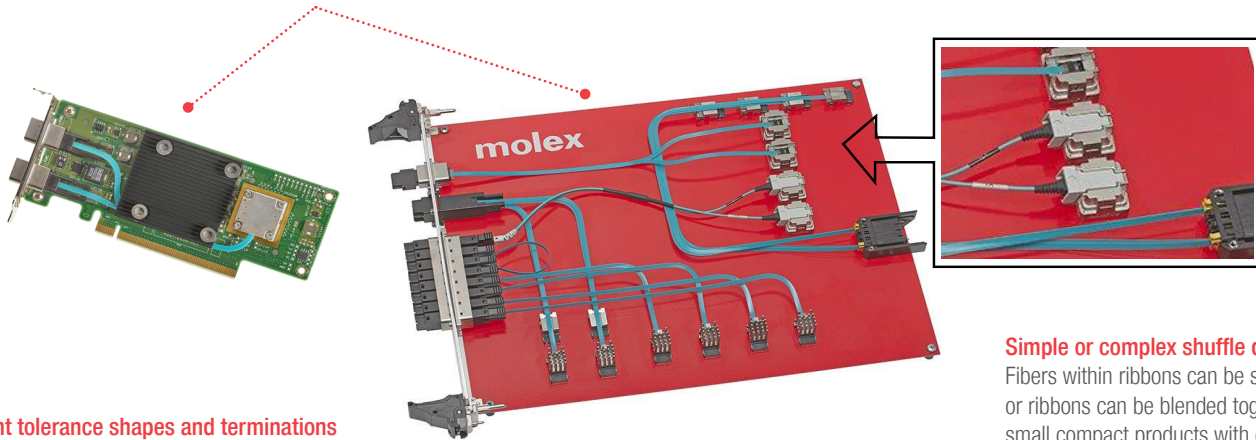
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## On-Board Fiber Management with Routed Ribbon

**Routed ribbon reduces ribbon fiber height in stacked areas and curves**  
Improves fiber management and airflow on the board

**Routed ribbon interconnects and modules**  
Eases circuit pack assembly and opens up PCB real estate. Allows ribbon shuffling and breaks from single or multiple MT ferrules



**Tight tolerance shapes and terminations**  
Provides a pre-routed solution. Eliminates the need to add slack management areas on the card

**Simple or complex shuffle designs**  
Fibers within ribbons can be shuffled or ribbons can be blended together for small compact products with complex interconnect patterns

## Applications

### Telecommunications/Networking

- Backplanes
- Optical Modules

### Data Centers

- NIC Cards
- Optical Modules
- Switch Fabric



Data Centers

## Specifications

### REFERENCE INFORMATION

Packaging:  
FlexPlane Optical Circuitry – Packaged Flat in Box Mates With: MT-Based Connectors (MTP, HBMT, BMTP); Single-Fiber Connectors (Series LC, SC, BLC, BSC)

### OPTICAL

Insertion Loss (IL): Dependent on Terminated Connector Type  
Fiber Type:  
Singlemode – 9/125 $\mu$ m  
Multimode – 50/125 $\mu$ m  
Multimode – 62.5/125 $\mu$ m

### PHYSICAL

FlexPlane Substrate: Kapton  
Thickness: Typical Is Less Than 1.50mm per Layer  
Mounting: Mounting Holes or Devices Are Designed to Customer Requirements

[www.molex.com/fiber/flexplane.html](http://www.molex.com/fiber/flexplane.html)

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