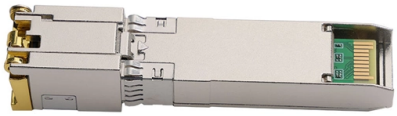
How to match fiber optic cables with optical modules



Overview

How to Choose the Right Fiber Optic Cable for Your Optical How to Choose the Right Fiber Optic Cable for Your Optical Transceiver Selecting the right optic.

Key Takeaways

To ensure optimal performance, match optical modules with fiber optic cables based on fiber type, connector type, wavelength, distance, and endface polish. 1. Match Fiber Type to ModuleSingle-Mode Fiber (SMF): Uses a 9µm core, suitable for long-distance transmission (10 km to 80+ km), typically paired with 1310nm or 1550nm wavelength modules (e.g., LR, ER) for telecom or campus networks.

Multimode Fiber (MMF): Uses larger cores (50µm or 62. 5µm), suitable for short-distance links in data centers or LANs, typically paired with 850nm wavelength modules (e.g., SR) for 1G, 10G, or 25G applications. Important: Never mix single-mode and multimode fibers, even if connectors fit physically, as this causes severe signal loss or link failure.

2. Select the Correct Connector TypeLC (Lucent Connector): Small form-factor, ideal for high-density setups; available in single-fiber and dual-fiber variants.

S

C (Subscriber Connector): Push-pull design, common in early 1G systems. MPO/MTP: Multi-fiber connectors for high-speed parallel transmission (40G, 100G, 400G) in data centers. Ensure the connector type of the patch cord matches the optical module interface.

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3. Consider Endface PolishPC (Physical Contact): Standard micro-spherical polish, cost-effective.

UP

C (Ultra Physical Contact): Optimized PC with lower insertion loss, suitable for most standard applications.

AP

C (Angled Physical Contact): 8-degree angle to minimize back reflection, essential for long-distance, high-speed, or reflection-sensitive links. Tip: Standard modules usually work with PC or UPC; use APC for high-performance or long-haul applications. 4.

Match Wavelength and DistanceShort-Range (SR): Typically 850nm for multimode fiber, up to 300 meters.

Long-

Range (LR): 1310nm for single-mode fiber, up to 10 km.

Extended-

Range (ER): 1550nm for single-mode fiber, up to 40–80 km. Verify that the module's wavelength matches the fiber type to prevent transmission errors. 5.

Verify Module and Equipment Compatibility

Ensure the optical module is supported by your switch, router, or NIC; incompatibility can result in ports remaining down or error messages. Check vendor specifications and stick to verified compatible cables to prevent interoperability issues. 6.

Testing and Maintenance

Use Optical Time-

Domain Reflectometers (OTDRs) or power meters to verify signal integrity. Clean connectors regularly with an optical cleaning kit to prevent high insertion loss.

Monitor for CR

C errors or signal degradation, which may indicate mismatched modules or damaged cables.

Summary

To match optical modules with fiber optic cables effectively: Choose the correct fiber type (SMF or MMF) for the module's wavelength and distance. Select compatible connector types (LC, SC, MPO/MTP). Match endface polish (PC, UPC, APC) to application requirements.

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Verify module compatibility with network equipment. Test and maintain fiber links to ensure reliable performance. Following these steps ensures stable, high-performance fiber optic connections and minimizes the risk of signal loss or network downtime.

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