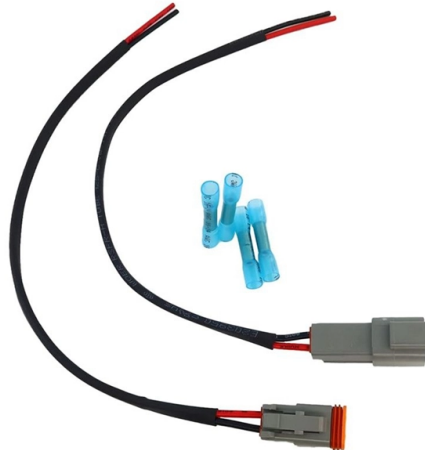


How to match optical cables and optical transceivers



AI Overview

Matching optical cables with transceivers requires aligning form factors, fiber types, wavelengths, connector interfaces, and transmission protocols to ensure reliable network performance.

Key Factors for Compatibility

- 1. Form Factor and Interface Type**
Optical transceivers come in various form factors such as SFP, SFP+, QSFP28, OSFP, and COBO. Each form factor has specific physical dimensions and electrical requirements, so the cable must fit the transceiver type. Common patch cord interfaces include LC, SC, FC, ST, and MPO/MTP, with LC, SC, and MPO being the most widely used. High-speed applications like 40G and 100G often require MPO/MTP connectors for multi-fiber parallel transmission.
- 2. Fiber Type and Wavelength**
Transceivers and cables must use the same fiber type (single-mode or multimode) and matching wavelengths (e.g., 850nm, 1310nm, 1550nm). Mismatched wavelengths or fiber types can cause signal loss or complete transmission failure. For example, a 1310nm transceiver will not communicate with an 850nm transceiver.
- 3. Endface Polish**
The endface polish of the fiber connector affects signal quality. Options include:
PC (Physical Contact): Standard, cost-effective.
UPC (Ultra Physical Contact): Lower insertion loss, suitable for most applications.
APC (Angled Physical Contact): Minimizes back reflection, essential for long-distance or high-speed links. Standard transceivers typically use PC or UPC, while APC is recommended for reflection-sensitive environments.
- 4. Transmission Protocol and Speed**
Ensure the transceiver and cable support the same protocol (Ethernet, Fibre Channel, SONET/SDH) and speed (1G, 10G, 25G, 40G, 100G, 400G). Full-duplex transceivers must be paired with full-duplex modules; mismatched duplex modes will prevent communication.
- 5. Cable Type Considerations**
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