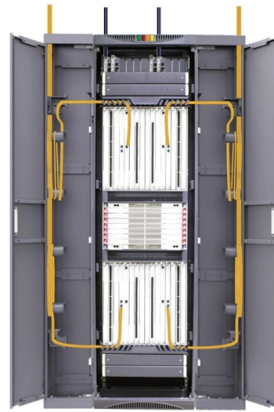


Single-fiber and dual-fiber optical cables



AI Overview

Single-fiber optical cables transmit and receive data over one fiber using different wavelengths, while dual-fiber cables use two separate fibers for transmission and reception, offering higher stability and bandwidth.

Single-Fiber Optical Cables

Single-fiber cables, often used with BiDi (bidirectional) transceivers, allow simultaneous two-way communication over a single fiber by employing wavelength division multiplexing (WDM). One wavelength is used for transmitting data, and another for receiving, enabling bidirectional communication without needing a second fiber. Key features:

- Uses one fiber strand for both directions.
- Requires matched BiDi transceivers at each end (e.g., TX1310/RX1550 paired with TX1550/RX1310).
- Typically uses a simplex LC interface, simplifying installation and reducing cabling complexity.
- Ideal for metropolitan area networks, 5G fronthaul, or situations with limited fiber availability.
- Cost-effective in terms of fiber usage, though BiDi transceivers may be slightly more expensive than standard dual-fiber modules.

Dual-Fiber Optical Cables

Dual-fiber cables use two separate fibers: one for transmitting (TX) and one for receiving (RX). This setup is standard in duplex transceivers and is widely used in long-distance backbone networks. Key features:

- Uses two fibers, one dedicated to each direction.
- Supports single-wavelength bidirectional communication.
- Typically uses a duplex LC interface, compatible with most legacy network designs.
- Provides higher transmission stability, minimal interference, and robust performance.
- Well-suited for data centers, high-bandwidth applications, and large-scale deployments.
- Cheaper per transceiver unit compared to BiDi modules but requires more fiber infrastructure.

Comparison Summary

Feature	Single-Fiber (BiDi)	Dual-Fiber
Fiber strands	2	2
Communication	Bidirectional via WDM	Each fiber dedicated to one direction
Interface	Simplex LC	Duplex LC
Cost	Saves fiber, transceiver slightly higher	Cheaper transceiver, more fiber needed
Use case	Limited fiber, metro network...	

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