# High-speed cables for optical modules



## Overview

Active Optical Cables (AOCs) embed optical transceiver technologies into enclosed cables that hide the high-speed optics behind two transceiver ends with an electrical interconnect presented to the outside.

## Key Takeaways

Yes, optical modules can use high-speed cables, particularly fiber optic cables and Active Optical Cables (AOC), to achieve high-bandwidth, low-latency data transmission. How Optical Modules Work with High-Speed CablesOptical modules, such as SFP, SFP+, QSFP, and QSFP28 transceivers, convert electrical signals from switches or servers into optical signals for transmission over fiber cables, and vice versa at the receiving end. These modules are designed to work seamlessly with high-speed fiber patch cables, ensuring minimal signal loss, precise alignment, and reliable data transfer over distances ranging from a few meters to tens of kilometers.

### Types of High-

Speed Cables Compatible with Optical ModulesFiber Patch Cables: Standard multimode (OM3/OM4) or single-mode (OS2) fiber cables are commonly used with optical modules. They support high-speed data rates and long-distance transmission, making them ideal for data centers and enterprise networks. Active Optical Cables (AOC): AOCs integrate optical modules at both ends of a fiber cable, allowing plug-and-play connectivity.

They provide high-speed transmission, low latency, and long-distance capabilities while reducing the risk of port contamination.

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Cs are widely used in high-performance computing (HPC) and hyperscale data centers. Direct Attach Cables (DAC): While DACs are copper-based, they can also be used for short-distance high-speed connections (typically under 15 meters).

## Active DA

Cs include electronics to enhance signal integrity, whereas passive DACs transmit electrical signals directly.

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Cs are cost-effective for short-range interconnects but are not suitable for long-distance optical transmission. Advantages of Using Optical Modules with High-Speed CablesHigh Bandwidth: Optical modules with fiber or AOC cables can support data rates from 10G up to 3. 2T, accommodating modern AI, cloud, and 5G workloads.

## Long-

Distance Transmission: Unlike copper cables, optical solutions maintain signal integrity over hundreds of meters to kilometers. Low Latency and Reliability: Optical transmission reduces interference and signal degradation, ensuring stable high-speed communication. Flexibility: Optical modules can be paired with different cable types to match network requirements, including breakout configurations for multi-speed ports.

## Practical Considerations

When deploying optical modules with high-speed cables, it is important to: Match the module type (SFP, QSFP, etc.) with the appropriate cable connector (LC, MPO/MTP) and fiber type (OM3, OM4, OS2),. Confirm the transmission distance to ensure the selected cable supports the required link length. Consider environmental factors such as bend radius, temperature, and jacket material (LSZH or plenum) for optimal performance.

In summary, optical modules are fully compatible with high-speed fiber cables and AOCs, enabling reliable, high-bandwidth, and low-latency communication across short and long distances, while DACs provide a cost-effective solution for short-range connections.

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