How to connect the optical module and the cable



Overview

Install optical modules safely with ESD protection, proper handling, and dust control. Follow these steps to avoid damage and ensure network reliability.

Key Takeaways

Use a fiber optic patch cable or an appropriate DAC/AOC cable that matches the module's connector type, fiber type, and wavelength.

Connector Type

Most modern SFP, SFP+, and QSFP modules use LC connectors, while SC connectors are common in legacy systems, and MPO/MTP connectors are used for high-density cabling. Ensure the cable's connector matches the module's port to avoid adapters and signal loss.

Fiber Type and Wavelength

Multimode fiber (MMF): Typically OM3 or OM4, used for short-distance connections (up to 550 meters). Operates at 850 nm wavelength. Single-mode fiber (SMF): OS2 standard, used for long-distance connections (up to 120 km).

Operates at 1310 nm or 1550 nm wavelength.

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M modules: Use single-mode fiber with different wavelengths for transmit and receive, often requiring paired modules. Never mix single-mode and multimode fibers, as this causes severe signal loss or link failure.

Cable Options

Fiber Patch Cables: Standard duplex or simplex fiber cables with LC, SC, or ST connectors. Choose high-quality, low-loss cables to maintain signal integrity. Direct Attach Copper (DAC): Twin-axial copper cables with SFP connectors on both ends.

Suitable for short distances (up to 10 meters) within racks. Active Optical Cables (AOC): Fiber cables with integrated transceivers, supporting medium to long distances (up to 10 km for single-mode).

Immune to EM

I and suitable for high-speed links.

Best Practices

Verify module and cable compatibility before installation. Prioritize OM4 or higher-spec multimode cables for future scalability. Ensure proper polish type (UPC/APC) and fiber geometry (simplex/duplex, 0.

9/2. 0/3. 0 mm) to minimize insertion and return loss.

Stick to trusted vendors to prevent interoperability issues. By matching the connector type, fiber type, and wavelength of the cable to the optical module, you ensure reliable signal transmission, network stability, and optimal performance.

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Align the module with the device''s SFP port, ensuring TX/RX labels match the cable''s direction. Gently push the module until it clicks into place (a latch will secure it).

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This section describes how to install optical transceivers on the SFP or SFP+ ports and connect them to the ports of the peer device using optical fibers according to the network plan.

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