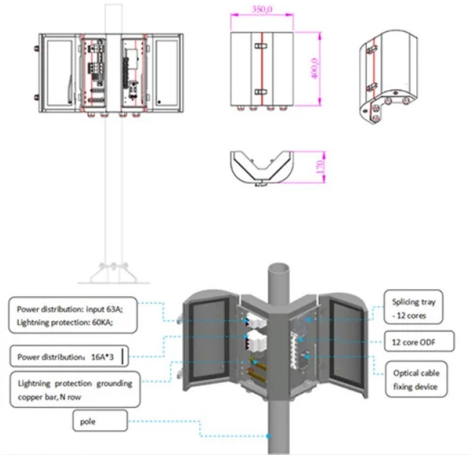
# Splitter Splitting Ratio




## Overview

A split ratio describes how many output ports a splitter has, and how evenly the input optical power is distributed across those ports.

## Key Takeaways

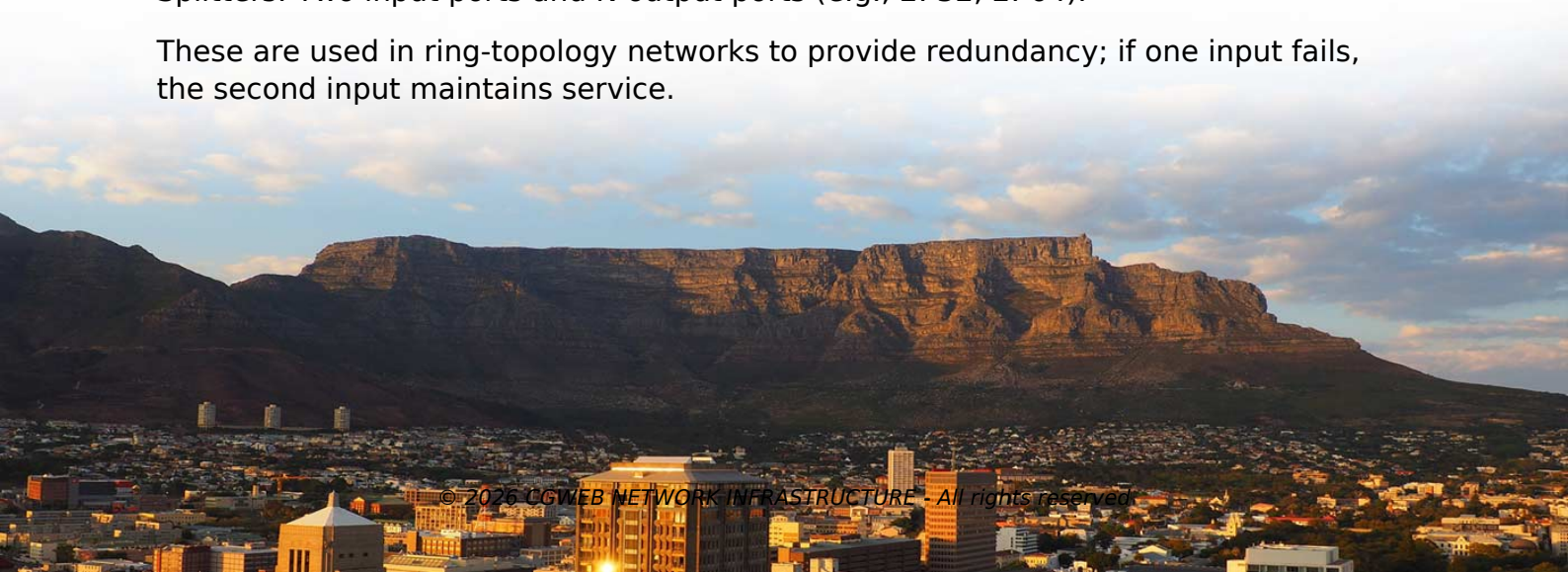
Optical splitters typically use 1: N or 2: N split ratios, with common values including 1: 2, 1: 4, 1: 8, 1: 16, 1: 32, and 1: 64, distributing input optical power evenly across output ports.

### Overview of Split Ratios

A split ratio defines how an optical signal is divided among the output ports of a splitter. For example, a 1: 8 splitter takes one input signal and distributes it equally to eight outputs, with each output receiving roughly 1/8th of the input power. Split ratios can be uniform, where all outputs receive equal power, or non-uniform, which are custom configurations for specialized applications.

Common Splitter Configurations1: N Splitters: One input port and N output ports (e.g., 1: 2, 1: 4, 1: 8, 1: 16, 1: 32, 1: 64). These are widely used in star-topology PON networks, where a central splitter distributes signals directly to each subscriber. 2: N Splitters: Two input ports and N output ports (e.g., 2: 32, 2: 64).

These are used in ring-topology networks to provide redundancy; if one input fails, the second input maintains service.



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### Practical Considerations

Power Distribution: Each doubling of the split ratio reduces output power by approximately 3 dB. Higher split ratios allow more subscribers per OLT port but reduce the optical power per subscriber, potentially affecting signal quality. Network Design: Centralized splitting places a large splitter at the head-end (e.g., 1: 32 or 1: 64), while cascaded splitting uses multiple smaller splitters in series to achieve the desired overall ratio (e.g., 1: 4 followed by 1: 16 to get 1: 64),.

Distance and Optical Budget: Longer fiber runs and higher split ratios require careful planning to ensure sufficient signal strength at each output port.

### Typical PO

N deployments use 1: 32 or 1: 64 as a balance between cost, performance, and scalability. Examples of Split Ratios1: 2 – simplest split, often used for redundancy or small networks. 1: 4, 1: 8 – common for small to medium subscriber groups.

1: 16, 1: 32 – standard in most FTTH deployments. 1: 64 – used in short-distance or high-density networks. 1: 128 – occasionally used in ultra-dense or future-proof networks if optical margin allows.

In summary, split ratios determine how many subscribers share a single optical line and directly influence network design, signal strength, and cost efficiency. Choosing the appropriate ratio depends on subscriber density, distance, and desired optical budget.

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The real design trade-offs lie in how you split the optical signals, where you locate the splitters, and the ratio you choose for subscriber sharing. Let''s dive into the key considerations.

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