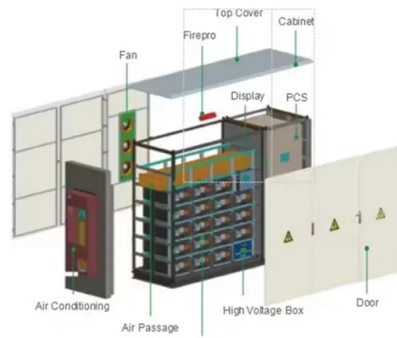


Single-mode dual-fiber optical module networking



Article Overview

Single-mode dual-fiber optical modules use two fibers—one for transmitting and one for receiving—enabling long-distance, high-speed, and reliable network connections.

Overview of Single-Mode Dual-Fiber Modules

Single-mode (SM) optical modules operate over OS2 single-mode fiber with a core diameter of approximately 9 μm , allowing light to travel in a single, straight path. This design minimizes signal loss and modal dispersion, making it ideal for long-distance and high-speed networks, typically beyond 2 km and up to tens of kilometers depending on the module type and wavelength. Dual-fiber modules have two separate fibers: one dedicated to transmitting (TX) and one to receiving (RX). This setup simplifies installation because any two compatible dual-fiber modules can be connected without requiring wavelength pairing, unlike single-fiber BiDi modules.

Advantages of Dual-Fiber over Single-Fiber (BiDi)

- **Ease of deployment:** Dual-fiber modules do not require matched wavelength pairs, reducing configuration complexity.
- **Stable communication:** Separate fibers for TX and RX reduce crosstalk and improve signal integrity.
- **Scalability:** Supports higher-speed modules (10G, 25G, 40G, 100G) more efficiently, especially in data centers and telecom networks. In contrast, single-fiber BiDi modules use WDM technology to transmit and receive on a single fiber with differen...

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