

Can I use a fiber optic router with a wired network cable



Article Overview

A standard wired router cannot connect directly to a fiber optic cable; it requires an Optical Network Terminal (ONT) to convert the fiber signal into Ethernet.

How Fiber Internet Connects to a Router

Fiber optic cables transmit data as pulses of light, which are incompatible with the electrical signals that standard routers use. Therefore, a normal home router cannot accept a fiber cable directly because its WAN port is designed for Ethernet (RJ45) connections, not optical signals. The typical setup involves an Optical Network Terminal (ONT), a device provided by your ISP, which converts the light-based fiber signal into a standard Ethernet signal that your router can understand.

Standard Connection Steps

- **Fiber Cable to ONT:** The fiber line from your ISP terminates at the ONT, which has a dedicated optical port for the fiber connector.
- **ONT to Router:** Use an Ethernet cable (Cat6a or higher recommended) to connect the ONT's Ethernet output to the WAN port of your router.
- **Router Configuration:** Power on the router and configure it with your ISP credentials if required. The router then manages your home network as usual, providing wired and wireless connectivity.

Exceptions



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Do you need a special ethernet cable for fiber?

In summary, while you don't need a special Ethernet cable specifically for fiber optic internet, choosing the right type of Ethernet

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