

How to connect a four-core gigabit multimode fiber optic cable



Article Overview

A four-core gigabit multimode fiber connection typically uses 50/125 μm OM2, OM3, or OM4 fibers with LC or SC connectors, supporting 1 Gbps over distances up to 550 meters depending on fiber type.

Fiber Selection

For a four-core gigabit connection, 50 μm multimode fibers are recommended due to their compatibility with modern gigabit transceivers and VCSEL-based equipment. Common options include:

- OM2: Supports 1 Gbps up to 550 meters; suitable for short-range LAN connections .
- OM3: Laser-optimized, supports 1 Gbps up to 1 km and 10 Gbps up to 300 meters; ideal for data centers .
- OM4: Enhanced OM3, supports 1 Gbps up to 1 km and 10 Gbps up to 550 meters; provides extra headroom for future upgrades . OM1 (62.5 μm) is generally not recommended for new installations due to limited distance and bandwidth.

Connection Method

- Core Configuration: Use four fibers—two for transmit (TX) and two for receive (RX) to create a redundant or parallel link. This can be arranged as a duplex pair for each direction or as a quad configuration for higher reliability.
- Connectors: Standard multimode connectors include LC, SC, or ST. LC connectors are preferred for high-density patch panels due to their small form factor .

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Multimode Optical Fiber Selection & Specification

All multimode fibers utilizing the above nomenclature should be graded-index MMF and compliant with industry prevailing standards

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Fiber Optic Cable Types – Multimode and Single Mode

Application Fiber Optic connectors and cables are present in nearly every communications project that we might sell into, be it a DAS

How To Install Fiber Optic Cable Connectors

These differences result in slight variations in the steps for inserting the optical fiber into the connector. Here, we will

OM4 Multimode Cables

OM4 multimode fiber optic cable also has a core diameter of 50 microns, but it has the advantage of higher bandwidth and longer

Fiber Optic Cable Buying Guide

Fiber Optic Cable Buying Guide Understand how to choose fiber optic cable by comparing single-mode vs. multimode, network

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