

What type of connector should be used for the optical module



Article Overview

Most optical modules, including SFP and SFP+ transceivers, use LC connectors, while SC and MPO/MTP connectors are also used depending on legacy systems or high-density applications.

Common Connector Types

LC (Lucent Connector): The LC connector is the most widely used in modern optical modules, especially SFP, SFP+, and QSFP transceivers. It features a 1.25 mm ferrule and a compact push-pull latch, making it ideal for high-density patch panels and duplex channels. LC connectors are preferred for new deployments due to their small form factor and efficient light coupling, and LC-APC variants are used in PON backbones for high return loss performance . **SC (Standard Connector):** SC connectors have a 2.5 mm ferrule and a square snap-in housing. They are commonly found in legacy networks, enterprise installations, and CATV systems. SC connectors are larger than LC connectors, which limits port density, but they remain important for maintaining older infrastructure . **MPO/MTP (Multi-Fiber Push-On / Multi-Fiber Termination Push-On):** These connectors are used for high-density cabling and backbone applications rather than directly on standard SFP modules. MPO/MTP connectors can handle multiple fibers in a single interface, supporting scalable and structured network designs . **Other Connectors:** ST, FC, and expanded beam connectors are less common in modern optical modules but may be used in specialized environments. ST connectors use a bayonet-style twist lock, FC connectors are threaded for secure connections, and expanded beam connectors are designed for rugged or high-mating-cycle applications .

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An optical module is a typically hot-pluggable optical transceiver used in high-bandwidth data communications applications. Optical

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Multi-mode optical fiber is a type of optical fiber mostly used for communication over short distances, such as within a building or on a

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Theoretically, optical modules with the same interface standard type should be able to connect; however, in practical applications,

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