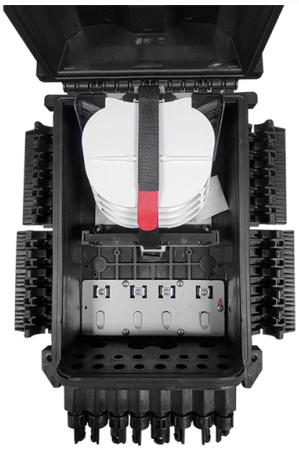
Single-fiber single-mode optical modules in pairs



Overview

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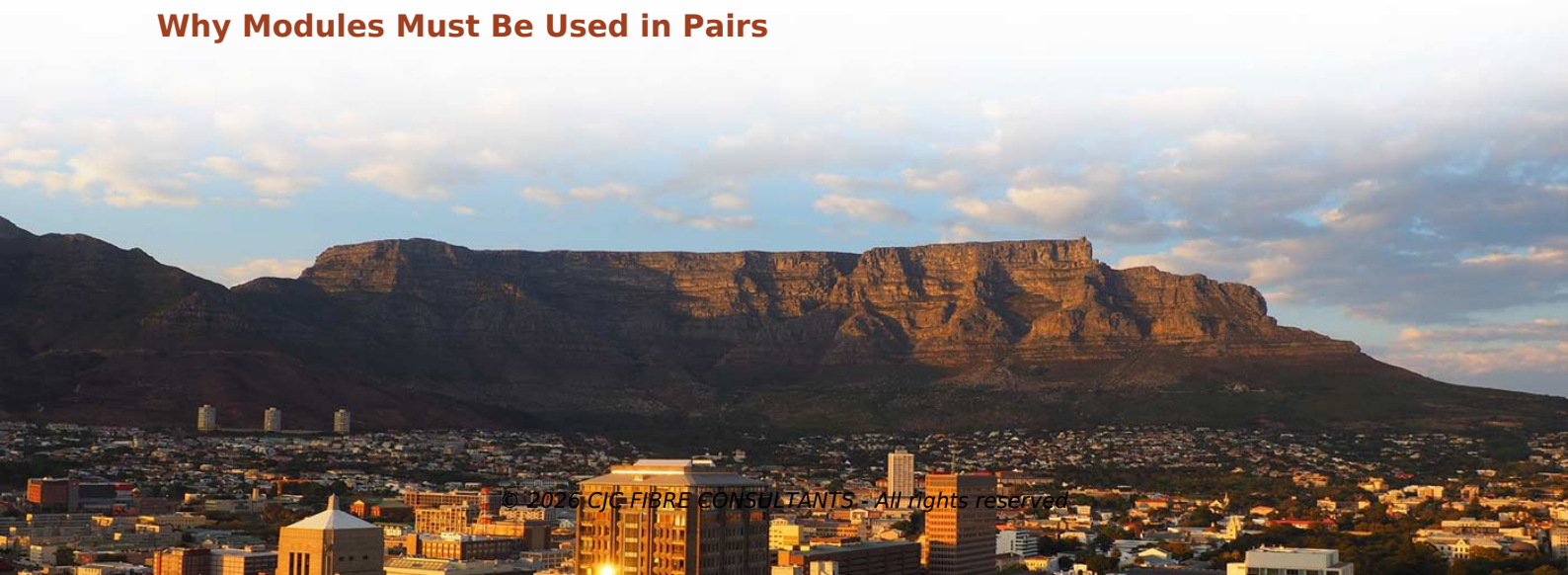
Key Takeaways

Single-fiber single-mode optical modules, also known as BiDi SFPs, transmit and receive data over a single strand of fiber using different wavelengths and must be used in complementary pairs for bidirectional communication.

How Single-

Fiber Modules WorkSingle-fiber modules, or BiDi (bidirectional) transceivers, enable full-duplex communication over a single strand of single-mode fiber by using Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM). One wavelength is used for transmitting (TX) and a complementary wavelength for receiving (RX) on the same fiber. For example, one module may transmit at 1310 nm and receive at 1550 nm, while the paired module at the other end uses the opposite configuration (TX1550/RX1310) to complete the bidirectional link.

Why Modules Must Be Used in Pairs



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Because each single-fiber module only handles one TX and one RX wavelength, a matching module with complementary wavelengths is required at the other end of the fiber. Without this pairing, the transmitted signal would not be received correctly, and bidirectional communication would fail. Common wavelength pairs include TX1310/RX1550 and TX1550/RX1310 for standard SFPs, and TX1270/RX1330 and TX1330/RX1270 for 10G or 100G SFP+ and QSFP28 modules.

Advantages of Single-

Fiber Modules

Fiber conservation: Only one fiber is needed instead of two, reducing infrastructure costs and simplifying network expansion. Cost efficiency: Lower CAPEX and OPEX due to reduced fiber deployment and maintenance. Simplified cabling: Less congestion in patch panels and fiber trunks, ideal for high-density or metro networks.

Compatibility Considerations

When deploying single-fiber modules in pairs, ensure: Correct wavelength pairing: TX/RX wavelengths must be complementary. Power budget: Verify that the optical power and link distance are supported. Connector type: LC or other compatible connectors must match.

Vendor interoperability: Modules from different vendors may require testing to ensure proper operation. ApplicationsSingle-fiber single-mode modules are widely used in metropolitan area networks (MANs), telecom access networks, enterprise campus links, and high-density data centers, especially where fiber resources are limited or expensive. They are suitable for both short and long-distance links, leveraging single-mode fiber for minimal signal loss over extended distances.

By using these modules in pairs, network operators can maximize fiber utilization, reduce costs, and maintain reliable bidirectional communication without laying additional fiber.

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BiDi SFP Module: A Complete Guide for Fiber Networks

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BiDi SFP modules enable bidirectional transmission over a single-mode fiber using paired wavelengths. They are available across 155M, 1G, and 10G speeds, supporting both legacy and modern networks.

Understanding BIDI SFP Optical Transceiver Modules

Different optical signals are transmitted and received within a single fiber; therefore, BIDI optical modules must be used in pairs. Visually, a BIDI module has only one port and uses only one

How many pairs in fiber optic cable?

The number of pairs in a single-mode fiber optic cable can vary, but they are often found in configurations ranging from 12 to 144 pairs, depending on the application.

The Ultimate Guide to SFP Modules (2026): Types, Speeds

Confused by SFP vs SFP+? Read the definitive 2026 guide on SFP modules. We explain Single Mode vs Multimode, DDM diagnostics, and how to choose the right transceiver for Cisco, Juniper, and more.

Do Fiber Media Converters Always Need to Be Used in Pairs?

Are fiber media converters best used individually or in pairs? This article explores this question, delving into considerations like single-mode vs. multimode and simplex vs. duplex

Single-mode Fibers

Single-mode fibers support only one guided mode per polarization direction, ensuring consistent output beam profile and are vital in optical communications.

Optic Modules Datasheet

Data Sheet datasheet is intended to guide the user through the various options available when choosing an optic module for a given platform depending on the architecture.

The Evolution of 400G, 800G, and 1.6T Optical Modules

Increasing the number of optical fiber pairs, such as SR4 with 4 pairs of multimode fibers transmitting 100G (25G per channel)□ Using Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM), such as LR4

Understanding Single-mode and Multi-mode SFP Optical Modules

A□SFP single-mode optical modules and SFP multi-mode optical modules are incompatible. If you mix SFP single-mode optical modules and SFP multi-mode optical modules, it may cause problems such

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Single mode fiber, with its single propagation path and dispersion management techniques, achieves bandwidth-distance products orders of magnitude higher. System designers

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o In optical modules, "core" refers to the light-transmitting channel in the fiber. A 1-core module uses a single fiber core for data transmission, while a 2-core module uses two cores.

Understanding 800G Optical Modules: Types, Applications, and

This module uses single-mode optical fiber and offers a transmission distance of up to 500 meters. It is commonly applied in data centers for 800G-to-800G, 800G-to-400G, and 800G-to-100G

Gigabit single-mode single-core fiber optic module

Gigabit single-mode single-core optical fiber modules usually have the following specifications: multi-mode 550m, single-mode 15km, 40km, 80km, 120km, etc. In addition to the

Optical Fiber: Single-Mode Multimode Single-Fiber Dual-Fiber

Understanding the difference between single-mode, multimode, single-fiber, and dual-fiber is important when designing or managing a fiber optic network. Each type has its own strengths

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Conclusion: In conclusion, single-mode and multi-mode optical modules and fibers serve distinct purposes in sfp optical module communication, offering compatibility with different transmission

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