

# AOC optical modules and their applications in data centers

## Article Overview

Active Optical Cables (AOCs) integrate optical transceivers with fiber to provide high-speed, long-reach, low-power, and reliable connectivity for modern data centers.

### What Are AOC Optical Modules?

An Active Optical Cable (AOC) consists of two integrated optical modules connected by a fiber optic cable. Each module contains laser components that convert electrical signals into optical signals and vice versa, enabling high-speed data transmission over longer distances than copper cables . Unlike standalone optical transceivers, AOCs bond the fiber directly into the module, creating a plug-and-play cable assembly similar to DAC cables but with optical performance . This design eliminates optical port contamination and reduces the need for Digital Diagnostic Monitoring (DDM), enhancing reliability .

### Advantages of AOCs in Data Centers

- **High Transmission Rates and Long Reach:** AOCs support speeds from 40G to 400G and beyond, with reach typically ranging from 3 meters to 200 meters, making them suitable for both rack-to-rack and spine-leaf connections .
- **Low Power Consumption:** Optical transmission consumes less power than equivalent copper solutions, which is critical in high-density data centers .
- **Lightweight and Space-Efficient:** AOCs are compact and flexible, ideal for space-constrained environments where high port density is required ....

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Optical modules such as transceivers perform the role of connecting Ethernet ports of networking devices to fiber optic

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