

How to Choose a High-Speed DAC Cable

Article Overview

Selecting the right high-speed DAC cable depends on cable type, transmission distance, speed, and signal integrity requirements.

Understand DAC Cable Types

- **Passive DAC (PCC):** Simple copper cables with fixed connectors, cost-effective, ideal for short distances (typically under 5 meters) without signal amplification .
- **Active DAC (ACC/AEC):** Includes electronics to amplify or retiming signals. ACC uses a redriver chip to compensate for high-frequency loss, while AEC uses a retimer chip to fully regenerate the signal, making it suitable for longer short-reach connections and high-speed applications like 400G or 800G networks .
- **AOC (Active Optical Cable):** Converts electrical signals to optical, allowing longer distances and immunity to electromagnetic interference, but generally more expensive and used in high-density or long-reach scenarios .

Key Selection Factors

- **Transmission Distance:** Passive DACs are best for very short links; active DACs or AOCs are recommended for distances beyond 5 meters to maintain signal integrity .
- **Cable Speed and Connector Type:** Match the cable to your network speed and port type:
 - 10G SFP+ DAC
 - 25G SFP28 DAC
 - 40G QSFP+ DAC
 - 100G QSFP28 DAC
 - 400G/800G AEC or AOC for high-performance setups

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Ideal for high-performance environments, DACs support SFP+, QSFP+, QSFP28, and

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A DAC cable (Direct Attach Copper) is a factory-terminated, fixed-length assembly that directly connects

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As a general rule of thumb is it important to note that the longer the distance you seek to

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