

How to use a pair of single-fiber optical modules

Article Overview

Single-fiber optical modules (BiDi SFPs) must be paired with complementary transmit and receive wavelengths to enable full-duplex communication over a single fiber strand.

How Single-Fiber BiDi Modules Work

Bidirectional (BiDi) SFP modules transmit and receive data simultaneously over a single strand of single-mode fiber by using two distinct wavelengths via Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM) . Each module transmits at one wavelength and receives at another. The internal WDM filter separates incoming and outgoing signals, preventing interference and allowing full-duplex communication on a single fiber .

Pairing Method

- **Identify Complementary Wavelengths:** Each BiDi module has a specific transmit (Tx) and receive (Rx) wavelength. For example, a module transmitting at 1310 nm must pair with a module receiving at 1310 nm and transmitting at 1550 nm . Correct pairing is essential; mismatched wavelengths will prevent the link from functioning.
- **Check Module Specifications:** Ensure both modules support the same data rate (e.g., 10G, 25G) and distance (e.g., 40 km) . Verify compliance with standards such as IEEE 802.3ae 10GBASE-BX40 for long-distance links.
- **Confirm Device Compatibility:** Verify that the modules are compatible with the network equipment (switches, routers) and firmware versions to avoid interoperability issues

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