

Data Center Fiber Optic Interconnect



Article Overview

Fiber optic interconnects are the backbone of modern data center connectivity, enabling ultra-high-speed, low-latency links between servers, storage, and data centers, with emerging technologies pushing speeds from 400G to 1.6T.

Overview of Fiber Optic Interconnects

Data center interconnects (DCIs) rely on fiber optic cables to transmit data using light signals, offering high bandwidth, minimal latency, and immunity to electromagnetic interference, which is critical in dense data center environments . Fiber optics support both single-mode (SMF) for long-distance, high-bandwidth links and multi-mode (MMF) for shorter, cost-effective connections within data centers . Advanced connectors like MPO/MTP enable high port density and efficient cross-connects .

Types of Fiber and Connectivity

- Single-Mode Fiber (SMF): Uses a single glass strand, ideal for long-haul interconnects and high-speed links, commonly OS1 and OS2 types .
- Multi-Mode Fiber (MMF): Uses multiple strands, suitable for shorter distances; subtypes OM3, OM4, and OM5 support increasing bandwidths .
- Active Optical Cables (AOCs): Integrate transceivers into the cable, saving space and simplifying deployment .

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