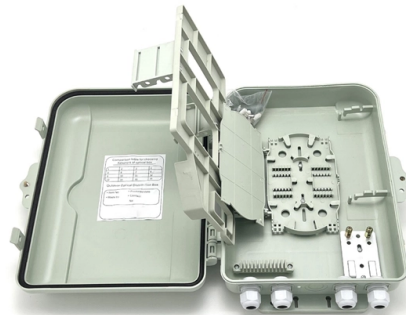


Telecom Fiber Optic Switch



Article Overview

To connect a telecom fiber optic line to a network switch, use the appropriate SFP/SFP+ module and duplex fiber cabling with compatible connectors, ensuring proper port configuration and signal alignment.

Understanding the Switch and Fiber Interface

Network switches with fiber capabilities typically use SFP (1G) or SFP+ (10G) transceiver modules to interface with fiber optic cables. Some switches also feature combo ports, which share a logical port between copper (RJ45) and fiber, but only one can be active at a time. It is essential to identify whether your switch supports single-mode or multimode fiber, as this determines the type of SFP module and wavelength (1310/1550 nm for single-mode, 850 nm for multimode) required.

Fiber Optic Cabling and Connectors

Fiber optic cables transmit data as light pulses and require precise connectors to minimize signal loss. Common connectors include:

- LC (Lucent Connector): Compact, push-pull mechanism, widely used in SFP modules.
- SC (Subscriber Connector): Square body, snap-in latch, reliable for telecom and data applications.
- ST (Straight Tip): Bayonet-style, used in industrial settings.
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