

How to calculate the speed of fiber optic patch cords



Article Overview

The maximum speed of a fiber optic patch cord depends on its fiber type, wavelength, distance, and modal dispersion, with singlemode fibers supporting the highest speeds over long distances and multimode fibers limited by modal bandwidth.

Step 1: Identify the Fiber Type

Fiber optic patch cords are typically singlemode (OS2) or multimode (OM1, OM2, OM3, OM4, OM5). Singlemode fibers have a narrow $9/125\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ core, allowing light to travel in a single path, minimizing dispersion and supporting ultra-high speeds over long distances (up to 120 km at 1310 nm) (). Multimode fibers have larger cores ($50\text{--}62.5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$), allowing multiple light paths, which increases modal dispersion and limits maximum speed over distance ().

Step 2: Determine the Modal Bandwidth

For multimode fibers, the modal bandwidth (MHz·km) is a key factor. It defines the maximum frequency of light pulses that can travel a given distance without significant signal overlap. Typical values:

- OM1: 200 MHz·km at 850 nm
- OM2: 500 MHz·km at 850 nm
- OM3: 2000 MHz·km at 850 nm...

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