Special Wavelengths for Optical Modules



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Optical modules use specific wavelengths—commonly 850 nm, 1310 nm, and 1550 nm—to optimize transmission distance, fiber compatibility, and network performance, with additional options like CWDM and DWDM for high-capacity or long-haul applications. Standard Wavelengths and Fiber Types850 nm: Primarily used for multimode fiber (MMF), suitable for short-reach (SR) applications such as data center interconnects. Modal dispersion limits distance, but it is cost-effective for short links.

1310 nm: Designed for single-mode fiber (SMF), supporting medium-reach (LR) links like campus or metro networks. It offers lower attenuation and reduced dispersion compared to 850 nm. 1550 nm: Also for single-mode fiber, ideal for extended-reach (ER/ZR) or long-haul transmission.

This wavelength benefits from minimal attenuation and is compatible with optical amplification and DWDM systems. Additional Wavelength Options1270 nm, 1330 nm, 1490 nm: Often used in SFP+ and X2 modules for specialized applications or legacy systems.

CWD

M (Coarse Wavelength Division Multiplexing): Uses multiple wavelengths spaced typically 20 nm apart, allowing multiple channels over a single fiber for metro or regional networks.

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DWD

M (Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing): Employs tightly spaced wavelengths (0. 8–1. 6 nm spacing) for high-capacity long-haul networks, enabling dozens of channels on a single fiber.

Practical Considerations

Link Budget and Attenuation: Wavelength choice affects signal loss; shorter wavelengths scatter more (Rayleigh scattering), while longer wavelengths may encounter absorption peaks in the fiber. Dispersion: Longer wavelengths generally experience less modal and chromatic dispersion in SMF, improving signal integrity over distance. Module Type: Multimode modules are cost-effective for short distances, while single-mode modules are essential for long-distance or high-speed links.

Network Design: Selecting the correct wavelength ensures stable performance, sufficient optical margin, and compatibility with amplification or multiplexing systems.

Summary

Choosing the right wavelength for an optical module is critical for fiber type compatibility, transmission distance, and network reliability. Standard options (850 nm, 1310 nm, 1550 nm) cover most applications, while CWDM and DWDM provide flexibility for high-capacity or long-haul networks. Proper wavelength selection ensures optimal link performance, minimal signal loss, and efficient network operation.

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