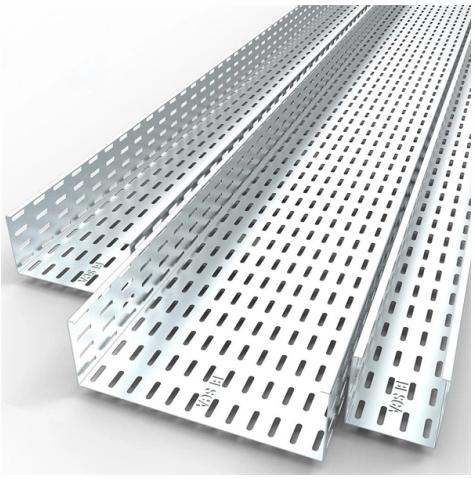
10 Gigabit Fiber Optic LAN Single-mode Multi-mode



Overview

This QuickTreX® Gigabit SFP LC to RJ45 Fiber Optic to Ethernet Media Converter works with both singlemode or multimode fiber.

Key Takeaways

Single-mode fiber is ideal for long-distance 10 Gbps links, while multi-mode fiber is optimized for shorter, high-density connections like data centers.Core Differences

Single-mode fiber (SMF) has a narrow core diameter of 8–10 micrometers, allowing only one light path (mode) to propagate. This minimizes modal dispersion, enabling high-speed data transmission over long distances, typically up to 40 km at 10 Gbps with OS2 cables . It uses laser light sources at 1310 nm or 1550 nm wavelengths, which provide precise, narrow-beam light for efficient long-haul communication . Multi-mode fiber (MMF) has a larger core, usually 50 or 62.5 micrometers, supporting multiple light paths simultaneously. This results in modal dispersion, limiting the effective transmission distance. OM3 multimode fiber supports 10 Gbps up to 300 meters, OM4 up to 400 meters, and OM5 can extend slightly further for high-speed applications . Multi-mode fibers typically use LEDs or VCSELs at 850 nm and 1300 nm, which are cost-effective for short-range deployments .

Bandwidth and Distance
• Single-mode fiber: OS1/OS2 cables can carry 10 Gbps signals over distances from 10 km to 40 km without repeaters, making them suitable for campus backbones, telecom networks, and long-haul links .

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• Multi-mode fiber: OM1 supports 10 Gbps up to 100–300 meters, OM2 up to 550 meters, OM3 up to 1,000 meters, and OM4/OM5 up to 1,300 meters at 10 Gbps . Multi-mode is ideal for data centers, LANs, and short-distance high-capacity connections.
Cost and Practical Considerations

Single-mode fiber and transceivers are more expensive upfront due to precise laser requirements, but they are cost-effective for long-distance and future-proof networks . Multi-mode fiber is cheaper and easier to install for short runs, but may require repeaters or upgrades for higher-speed or longer-distance applications . Choosing the right fiber depends on balancing distance, bandwidth, and budget.

Summary
• Single-mode fiber: Best for long-distance, high-bandwidth 10 Gbps links; uses lasers; core 8–10 µm; distances up to 40 km.

• Multi-mode fiber: Best for short-distance, high-density environments; uses LEDs/VCSELs; core 50–62.5 µm; distances 100–1,300 meters depending on OM type.

• Applications: Single-mode for telecom, campus backbones, and long-haul; multi-mode for data centers, LANs, and short-range high-speed connections . Selecting the appropriate fiber type ensures optimal performance, cost efficiency, and future scalability for 10 Gbps networks.

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