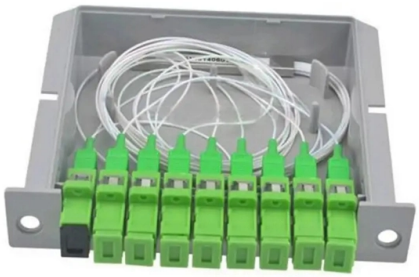
How to confirm that optical modules are a pair



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Optical modules can be identified and paired by checking their type, wavelength, data rate, and manufacturer specifications, often using visual cues like pull-tab colors or internal chip model numbers. 1.

Check Module Type and Form Factor

Optical modules come in various types such as SFP, SFP+, QSFP, and CFP, each supporting different data rates and distances. Ensure both modules in a pair are of the same type and compatible with the network equipment. For example, an SFP+ module (10 Gbps) should not be paired with a standard SFP module (1 Gbps) unless the equipment supports mixed speeds.

2.

Verify Wavelength and Fiber Compatibility

Each optical module operates at a specific wavelength, typically measured in nanometers (nm).

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P wavelengths include 850nm, 1310nm, 1490nm, and 1550nm. Modules must match in wavelength for proper transmission. Visual identification can be aided by pull-tab colors, which correspond to specific wavelengths and transmission distances, especially in CWDM or BiDi modules.

3.

Examine Chip Model Numbers

Inside the module, chips such as laser diodes, photodetectors, driver chips, and DSPs have model numbers that indicate performance, data rate, and technology type. By consulting the manufacturer's datasheet or official website, you can confirm compatibility.

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M memory in standardized modules (SFP, QSFP) can also provide manufacturer, model, and supported data rate information without opening the module. 4.

Check Performance Specifications

Key performance indicators include average transmitted optical power, extinction ratio, and supported bit rate. Matching these specifications ensures the modules can communicate effectively over the intended fiber type (single-mode or multi-mode) and distance. 5.

Use Manufacturer Documentation

Always refer to the technical datasheets or product manuals. They provide detailed information on module type, wavelength, supported distances, and compatible equipment. This is the most reliable method for identifying a pair of optical modules and avoiding mismatches.

By combining form factor verification, wavelength matching, chip model inspection, and datasheet consultation, you can accurately identify and pair optical modules for reliable fiber optic communication.

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