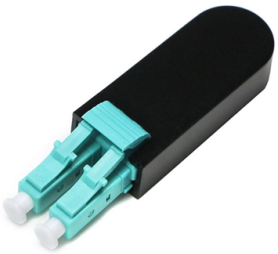
Single fiber can be plugged into dual fiber optical modules



Overview

Single fiber transceivers, like the Bidi Transceiver, use one fiber for bidirectional data, while dual fiber transceivers require two fibers for separate TX and RX.

Key Takeaways

Single-fiber (BiDi) modules use WDM to transmit and receive on one fiber, while dual-fiber modules use separate fibers; connecting them requires a WDM media converter or proper wavelength mapping. Understanding the ModulesSingle-Fiber (BiDi) Modules: Use one fiber for bidirectional communication via Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM). Transmit and receive on different wavelengths (e.g., TX1310/RX1550 and vice versa).

Require matched pairs at each end to ensure correct wavelength alignment. Ideal for networks with limited fiber resources or long-distance links.

Dual-

Fiber Modules: Use two fibers, one for transmitting (TX) and one for receiving (RX). Typically simpler and cheaper, compatible with standard duplex LC interfaces. Do not require wavelength-specific pairing; any dual-fiber module can connect to another dual-fiber module.

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Connecting Single-

Fiber to Dual-FiberDirectly connecting a single-fiber BiDi module to a dual-fiber module is not possible because the single-fiber module combines TX and RX on one fiber using WDM, while the dual-fiber module expects separate fibers for TX and RX. To bridge them, you need: WDM Media Converter or Adapter: Splits the single fiber into two separate fibers corresponding to the TX and RX wavelengths. Ensures the single-fiber module's TX wavelength aligns with the dual-fiber module's RX port, and vice versa.

Correct Wavelength Mapping: Identify the BiDi module's TX and RX wavelengths (e.g., TX1310/RX1550).

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X wavelength of the BiDi module to the RX fiber of the dual-fiber module.

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X wavelength of the BiDi module to the TX fiber of the dual-fiber module. Patch Cables: Use standard LC patch cords for dual-fiber connections. For single-fiber, a simplex LC cable is used, which then connects to the WDM splitter or media converter.

Practical Considerations

Distance and Loss: Ensure the WDM converter or adapter supports the required transmission distance and optical power budget. Network Performance: Using a BiDi-to-dual-fiber adapter may introduce minimal insertion loss; verify that the link budget accommodates this. Cost vs.

Fiber Availability: BiDi modules save fiber but are more expensive; dual-fiber modules are cheaper but require two fibers.

Summary

To connect a single-fiber BiDi module to a dual-fiber optical module, you must use a WDM media converter or adapter that separates the bidirectional wavelengths into two fibers, ensuring proper alignment of TX and RX channels. This approach allows integration of single-fiber modules into networks designed for dual-fiber transceivers while maintaining signal integrity and network performance.

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