

Classification of Multimode Fiber Optic Connectors



Article Overview

Multimode fiber optic connectors are classified according to ISO/IEC 11801 standards, with fibers categorized as OM1 through OM5, each supporting specific core sizes, bandwidths, and transmission distances, and using standardized connector types like ST, SC, LC, and MTP/MPO.

Multimode Fiber Classification

Multimode fibers (MMF) are designed for short-distance communication, typically within buildings or campuses, and have larger core diameters (50–62.5 μm) that allow multiple light modes to propagate simultaneously. The ISO/IEC 11801 standard defines five generations of multimode fiber:

- OM1: 62.5 μm core, LED light source, orange jacket, supports 10 Gb/s up to 33 m, mainly used in legacy 100 Mb/s and 1 Gb/s networks.
- OM2: 50 μm core, LED light source, orange jacket, supports 10 Gb/s up to 82 m, suitable for 1 Gb/s applications.
- OM3: 50 μm core, laser-optimized for VCSELs, aqua jacket, supports 10 Gb/s up to 300 m and 40/100 Gb/s up to 100 m.
- OM4: Enhanced laser-optimized 50 μm core, aqua jacket, supports 10 Gb/s up to 550 m and 40/100 Gb/s up to 150 m, backward compatible with OM3.
- OM5: Wideband multimode fiber (WB-MMF), supports shortwave division multiplexing (SWDM) across 850–940 nm, enabling multiple wavelengths for 100G/200G/400G short-range applications

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With several types available—OM1, OM2, OM3, OM4, and OM5—each offering distinct

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