

Common Wavelength of Optical Modules



Article Overview

The most common wavelengths for optical modules are 850 nm, 1310 nm, and 1550 nm, each optimized for specific fiber types and transmission distances.

Standard Wavelengths and Fiber Compatibility

- 850 nm: Primarily used with multimode fiber (MMF) for short-reach applications, such as within data centers. It is cost-effective but limited by modal dispersion, typically supporting distances up to 300 meters for standard MMF .
- 1310 nm: Used with single-mode fiber (SMF) for medium-reach links, including campus or metropolitan networks. It offers lower attenuation and reduced chromatic dispersion compared to 850 nm, supporting distances up to 10 km or more .
- 1550 nm: Also for single-mode fiber, optimized for long-haul or extended-reach applications. It has the lowest attenuation in silica fibers and is compatible with optical amplification technologies like EDFAs, enabling transmission over tens to hundreds of kilometers .

Extended Wavelength Bands for WDM

For Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM) systems, additional wavelength bands are used to increase fiber capacity:

- O-band (1260–1360 nm): Early single-mode systems, low chromatic dispersion, historically limited by water peak absorption .
- E-band (1360–1460 nm): Reduced water peak, used in some metro and long-haul networks

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Understand what wavelengths are, their key role in fiber optics, common optical bands like O-Band and C-Band, and

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