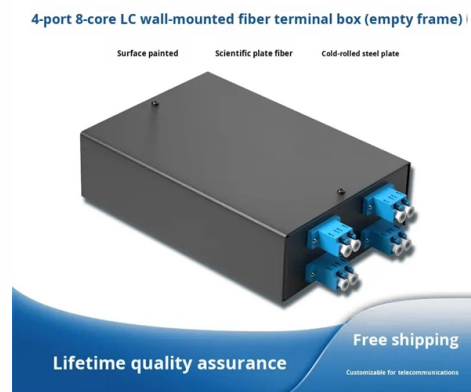


How many kilometers can a trunk optical cable run



Article Overview

A trunk optical cable using single-mode fiber can typically run 80–100 kilometers without amplification, while multimode fiber is limited to under 2 kilometers.

Fiber Type and Distance

Single-mode fiber (SMF) is designed for long-distance transmission due to its narrow core (8–10 μm), which minimizes modal dispersion. In practical deployments, single-mode fiber can span 80–100 kilometers without signal repeaters or amplifiers, and with proper amplification systems, distances can extend to hundreds or even thousands of kilometers, as seen in submarine cables and long-haul terrestrial networks. Advanced dispersion-compensating fibers can push single-mode distances beyond 200 kilometers in some cases. Multimode fiber (MMF), with a larger core (50–62.5 μm), allows multiple light modes to propagate, causing modal dispersion that limits distance. Typical multimode fibers are suitable for short-range links, such as within buildings or campus networks, with maximum distances generally under 2 kilometers, and often much shorter at higher data rates (e.g., 550 meters for OM2 at 1 Gbps, 82 meters at 10 Gbps).

Factors Affecting Transmission Distance

- Attenuation: Signal loss measured in dB/km; lower attenuation allows longer runs.
- Dispersion: Pulse spreading due to chromatic or modal dispersion can degrade signals over distance.
- Data Rate: Higher speeds require higher signal quality, reducing maximum distance.

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