

I want to replace plastic optical fiber with multimode optical fiber



Article Overview

Plastic optical fiber (POF) can be replaced with multimode optical fiber (MMF) to achieve higher bandwidth, longer transmission distances, and better network performance, but careful selection of MMF type and connectors is essential.

Key Differences Between POF and MMF

- Core Material and Size: POF typically has a large polymer core (around 1 mm), while MMF has a smaller glass core, usually 50 μm or 62.5 μm with a 125 μm cladding .
- Bandwidth and Distance: POF supports short distances (up to 100 meters) at lower data rates, whereas MMF can support 10 Gbit/s up to 400 meters (OM4) and even higher speeds with OM5 fiber .
- Light Source: POF often uses LEDs, while MMF can use VCSELs or LEDs, optimized for higher-speed data transmission .
- Numerical Aperture (NA): MMF has a lower NA (0.2–0.3) compared to POF, which affects light acceptance and coupling efficiency .

Choosing the Right Multimode Fiber

- OM1 (62.5 μm core): Suitable for legacy 100 Mbit/s Ethernet, short distances (~ 33 m at 10 Gbit/s), .
- OM2 (50 μm core): Supports 1–10 Gbit/s over moderate distances.
- OM3 (50 μm , laser-optimized): Supports 10 Gbit/s up to 220 m, 40/100 Gbit/s up to 100 m

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