

NRZ Selection Guide for Aerospace Electronics-Grade Active Optical Devices



Article Overview

For aerospace applications, NRZ active optical devices should be selected based on data rate, environmental ruggedness, radiation tolerance, and compliance with space-grade standards.

Key Selection Criteria

1. Data Rate and Signaling: NRZ (Non-Return-to-Zero) optical devices are commonly used for high-speed data transmission. Typical aerospace-grade transceivers support data rates from 16 Gbps to 28 Gbps per channel, with multi-channel options aggregating up to 300 Gbps for high-throughput systems (Amphenol Active Optics) . Ensure the device supports the required cumulative bandwidth for your system. 2. Environmental Ruggedness: Aerospace applications demand devices that withstand vibration, shock, and temperature extremes. Ruggedized form factors like SCFF (Small Cubical Form Factor) and LEAP® On-Board Transceivers are designed for harsh environments, providing reliable operation in multi-mode fiber systems . 3. Radiation Tolerance: For space or high-altitude applications, radiation-hardened or radiation-tolerant devices are critical. Look for components with Total Ionizing Dose (TID) guarantees and Single Event Effects (SEE) test data. Vendors like Analog Devices and Texas Instruments offer QML Class V or SEP-rated devices with documented radiation performance, including hermetically packaged options and tested die for critical applications . 4. Compliance and Qualification: Select devices compliant with MIL-PRF-38535 QMLV/QMLP or equivalent space-grade standards. These standards ensure rigorous screening, qualification, and process control for lo...

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NRZ, RZ, CRZ and CSRZ Modulation

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