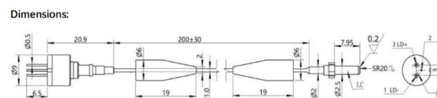


How to identify multimode optical cables



AI Overview

Multimode optical cables can be distinguished by core size, jacket color, light source compatibility, and OM classification, which together determine bandwidth, distance, and application suitability. Core Diameter and Light Propagation Multimode fibers (MMF) feature a larger core diameter, typically 50 μm or 62.5 μm , allowing multiple light modes to propagate simultaneously. This contrasts with single-mode fibers, which have a smaller core ($\sim 9 \mu\text{m}$) and support only one light mode. The larger core simplifies alignment and installation, making MMF cost-effective for short- to medium-distance data transmission in enterprise networks, data centers, and campus environments. OM Classification and Performance Multimode fibers are categorized into OM1, OM2, OM3, OM4, and OM5, each with distinct performance characteristics: OM1: 62.5 μm core, orange jacket, supports 10 Gigabit Ethernet up to ~ 33 meters, commonly uses LED light sources. OM2: 50 μm core, orange jacket, supports 10 Gigabit Ethernet up to ~ 82 meters, LED-based. OM3: 50 μm core, aqua jacket, optimized for laser sources (VCSELs), supports 10G up to 300 meters and 40/100G up to 100 meters. OM4: 50 μm core, aqua jacket, enhanced for VCSEL lasers, supports 10G up to 550 meters, 40/100G up to 150 meters. OM5: 50 μm core, lime green jacket, designed for short wavelength division multiplexing (SWDM), supporting multiple wavelengths (850–953 nm) for high-speed data transmission up to 400G/800G. Jacket Color Coding Color coding helps quickly identify multimode fiber types: OM1/OM2: Orange OM3/OM4: Aqua OM5: Lime green Some vendors may use heather violet for enhanced OM4+ variants. Light Sources Multimode fibers typically use LEDs or VCSELs for data transmission. LEDs are suitable for OM1 and OM2 over shorter distances, while VCSELs are used for OM3, OM4, and OM5 to achieve higher speeds and longer distances. Applications Multimode fibers are ideal for short- to medium-range networks, such as: Enterprise LAN backbones Data centers (10G–400G...

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