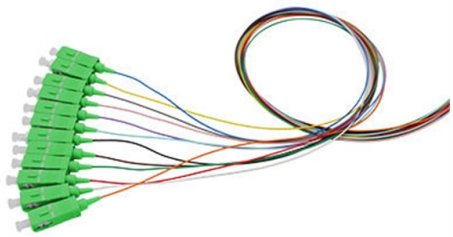
Can a standard single-mode fiber optic cable transmit 100G



Overview

Understanding the World of 100GB Fiber Optic Cables There are two main types of fiber optic cables that can handle 100GB: single-mode and multimode. A smal.

Key Takeaways

Yes, standard single-mode fiber (SMF) can transmit 100G using appropriate transceivers such as LR4, DR, or BiDi modules. How 100G Works on Single-Mode FiberSingle-mode fiber, with a core diameter of about 9 microns, allows light to travel in a single path, minimizing modal dispersion and making it ideal for long-distance, high-speed transmission. To achieve 100G over SMF, the data is typically split into multiple channels or wavelengths: LR4 (Long Reach 4-lane): Splits 100G into four 25G channels, each transmitted on a separate wavelength around 1310nm.

This allows distances up to 10 km over standard SMF (OS2) while maintaining signal integrity.

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R (Direct Reach) and DR1: Use single-lambda 100G transmission with PAM4 modulation, supporting distances up to 500 meters over SMF, suitable for intra-data center links.

Bi

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Di (Bidirectional) 100G: Uses Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM) to send and receive 100G traffic over a single fiber strand, with different wavelengths for transmit and receive, effectively doubling fiber utilization.

Key Considerations

Distance: SMF supports longer distances than multimode fiber due to lower attenuation and minimal modal dispersion. LR4 modules can reach up to 10 km, while DR1 and BiDi modules are optimized for shorter links within data centers or campus networks. Modulation: Advanced modulation techniques like PAM4 are used to increase bandwidth efficiency, allowing 100G transmission over a single wavelength or multiple lanes.

Compatibility: Ensure that the transceiver type matches the fiber type (OS2 SMF) and that the link budget accounts for connector and splice losses.

Summary

Standard single-mode fiber is fully capable of supporting 100G Ethernet. The choice of transceiver—LR4 for long reach, DR/DR1 for medium reach, or BiDi for single-fiber duplex links—depends on the required distance, network topology, and cost considerations. With proper planning, SMF provides reliable, high-speed 100G connectivity for data centers, enterprise backbones, and metro networks.

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Arista 100G Transceivers and Cables: Q&A

Yes – Arista offers three 100G transceivers that operate over duplex multimode fiber: The QSFP-100G-SWDM4, QSFP-100G-SRBD (or “BIDI”) and QSFP-100G-SR1.2 transceivers.

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