

Active Optical Cable



Overview

What Is an Active Optical Cable (AOC)?

An active optical cable (AOC) is a factory-terminated cable assembly that carries data over optical fiber while using.

Key Takeaways

An Active Optical Cable (AOC) is a high-speed fiber-optic cable with integrated transceivers that convert electrical signals to optical signals and back, enabling long-distance, high-bandwidth data transmission—typically up to 100 m or more—using standards like SFP28, QSFP28, QSFP-DD, HDMI 2.1, and USB4. What an AOC Is

An Active Optical Cable is a fully integrated assembly combining:

- Multimode optical fiber for signal transmission.
- Embedded optical transceivers (VCSEL lasers, photodiodes, CDR chips) inside each connector.
- Standard electrical connectors such as SFP+, QSFP28, QSFP-DD, HDMI, DisplayPort, or USB.

Unlike traditional setups requiring separate transceivers and fiber patch cords, AOCs are plug-and-play assemblies.

How AOCs Work

AOCs perform an Electrical → Optical → Electrical (E-O-E) conversion:

- Transmit side: Electrical signals drive a VCSEL laser.
- Fiber transmission: Light pulses travel through multimode fiber with low loss and zero EMI.
- Receive side: Photodiodes convert light back to electrical signals, which are reshaped and output.

Key Advantages

- Longer reach: 30–100 m typical; far beyond copper DAC limits (

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Active Optical Cables (AOC)

Molex's Active Optical Cables (AOC) offer significant cost advantages over traditional optical modules. Additionally, AOCs can easily

Active Optical Cable (AOC) Explained in Details

Learn what AOC is, how it works, who invented it, and what are its benefits and applications. AOC is a cabling technology that uses

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