Introduction to Optical Fiber and Optical Modules

Overview

Optical modules serve as the "translators" of fiber-optic networks, enabling seamless electrical-to-optical (E/O) and optical-to-electrical (O/E) conversion. An optical module usually consists of an optical transmitting device (TOSA, including a laser), an optical receiving device (ROSA, including a photodetector). As an essential component of optical fiber communication, optical modules are optoelectronic devices that facilitate the conversion between optical and electrical signals during the transmission process. Operating at the physical layer of the OSI model, optical modules are core devices in optical. That is, metal medium communication represented by coaxial cables and network cables is gradually being replaced by optical fiber media. The source of the optical signal can be either a light emitting diode, or a solid state laser diode.

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