

Can FTTH and OBD share a splitter



Article Overview

FTTH and OBD generally should not share a single optical splitter due to differences in signal types, bandwidth requirements, and network architecture.

Technical Considerations

Optical splitters are passive devices that divide a single optical signal into multiple outputs, typically for point-to-multipoint (P2MP) networks like FTTH or GPON . They are designed to handle a specific type of optical signal from an OLT (Optical Line Terminal) to multiple ONTs (Optical Network Terminals), with split ratios such as 1:8, 1:16, 1:32, or 1:64 . Each output receives a fraction of the input power, and the splitter does not differentiate between services beyond the optical wavelength and power levels. OBD (Optical Backhaul Distribution) typically carries aggregated traffic from multiple network nodes or serves as a backbone link, often requiring higher bandwidth and potentially different wavelengths or protocols than FTTH signals. Sharing a splitter between FTTH and OBD could lead to:

- Signal interference or attenuation: Splitters reduce optical power according to the split ratio, which may degrade OBD signals if they are not designed for splitting or if the power budget is insufficient .
- Bandwidth limitations: FTTH splitters are optimized for residential subscriber traffic. Combining OBD traffic could exceed the designed capacity of the splitter, causing performance issues.
- Network management complexity: FTTH networks rely on predictable split ratios and centralized or distributed architectures. Mixing OBD traffic could complicate provisioning, monitoring, and troubleshooting

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In this guide, you'll learn how fiber splitters function in PON networks, the difference between PLC and FBT types, and

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