

The role of optical cables and electrical cables in the same rack

Article Overview

Optical cables transmit high-speed data over long distances with minimal interference, while electrical cables provide short-distance connectivity and power delivery; both can coexist in the same rack to optimize performance and efficiency.

Optical Cables in Racks

Optical cables, including fiber optic cables and Active Optical Cables (AOCs), are primarily used for high-speed data transmission. They convert electrical signals into light pulses, which travel through fiber with minimal signal loss and are immune to electromagnetic interference, making them ideal for long-distance or high-bandwidth connections within and between racks . AOCs integrate transceivers at both ends, allowing seamless conversion between electrical and optical signals, supporting data rates up to 100 Gbps or more, and are particularly suited for high-density, bandwidth-intensive applications like cloud computing and HPC environments .

Electrical Cables in Racks

Electrical cables, such as copper patch cables, DACs, and PCB traces, transmit data using electrical signals over short distances. They are cost-effective, consume less power, and provide low-latency connections, making them suitable for intra-rack connections and backplane communication . Electrical cables are simpler to deploy and maintain, and they remain a practical choice for short-range, high-speed networks where optical performance is not critical ...

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