

# Fiber optic patch cords used in data centers



## AI Overview

Fiber optic patch cords in data centers vary by fiber mode, connector type, jacket material, and configuration, with single-mode and multimode fibers, LC and MPO connectors, and LSZH or plenum jackets being the most common.

### Fiber Modes

- Single-Mode (SM, OS1/OS2): Designed for long-distance transmission, typically yellow in color, with a core size of  $\sim 9\mu\text{m}$ . Ideal for inter-data center links or long intra-DC runs, supporting distances from 2 km up to 100 km+ depending on the application .
- Multimode (MM: OM1/OM2/OM3/OM4/OM5): Used for short to medium distances within a data center, with core sizes of  $50\mu\text{m}$  or  $62.5\mu\text{m}$ . Color-coded by type: OM1/OM2 = Orange, OM3/OM4 = Aqua, OM5 = Lime green or violet. Supports high-speed intra-rack and inter-rack connections up to 500 meters .

### Connector Types

- LC (Lucent Connector): Small form factor, duplex, widely used in modern high-density data centers, compatible with QSFP transceivers via LC breakouts .
- SC (Subscriber Connector): Larger, snap-in style, reliable for telecom and FTTH but less common in modern DCs .
- MPO/MTP: Multi-fiber push-on connectors for high-density applications, often used in 40G, 100G, 400G, and 800G deployments .

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