

Requirements for optical transmitters



Summary of Content

Optical transmitters must meet technical, performance, and regulatory requirements, including wavelength accuracy, modulation speed, fiber coupling efficiency, safety standards, and environmental compliance.

Technical and Performance Requirements

Wavelength and Modulation: Optical transmitters must operate at the correct wavelength for the intended fiber type and network application. They must support sufficient modulation speed to handle the desired data rate, with lasers typically supporting high-speed links over 10 Gb/s and LEDs suitable for lower-speed applications up to around 200 Mb/s . **Source Types:** Common sources include LEDs, Fabry-Perot (FP) lasers, Distributed Feedback (DFB) lasers, and Vertical Cavity Surface-Emitting Lasers (VCSELs). LEDs and VCSELs are cost-effective and suitable for multimode fibers, while FP and DFB lasers provide higher power and tighter beam profiles for single-mode fibers and long-distance transmission . **Fiber Coupling Efficiency:** The optical output must be efficiently coupled into the fiber to minimize signal loss. Lasers are preferred for single-mode fibers due to their narrow, focused output, whereas LEDs are limited by their diverging light pattern . **Bandwidth and Distance:** The transmitter must support the required bandwidth and transmission distance. Single-mode fibers with laser transmitters can reach over 100 km without amplification, while multimode fibers with LEDs are limited to shorter distances .

Regulatory and Safety Requirements

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