

Fiber to the Home with Splitter



AI Overview

Optical splitters in FTTH networks divide a single fiber signal from the central office to multiple homes, enabling cost-efficient, scalable, and passive point-to-multipoint connectivity. Role of Splitters in FTTH In a Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) network, optical splitters are passive devices that split a single optical signal from an Optical Line Terminal (OLT) into multiple outputs for Optical Network Terminals (ONTs) at subscribers' homes, eliminating the need for dedicated fibers to each residence and reducing infrastructure costs. Splitters operate without power, cooling, or maintenance, making them highly cost-efficient and scalable for service providers. Split Ratios and Architectures Splitters are defined by their split ratios, such as 1x2, 1x4, 1x8, 1x16, 1x32, or 1x64, which determine how many outputs a single input fiber can serve. For example, a 1x32 splitter allows one OLT port to serve 32 homes. Split ratios can be combined in cascaded architectures to achieve higher splits, such as using a 1x4 splitter followed by a 1x8 splitter to reach 32 outputs. Two main splitting architectures are used: Centralized splitting: A single splitter (e.g., 1x32) is located in a fiber distribution hub (FDH) and directly connected to the OLT. This simplifies management but requires longer fiber runs to each home. Distributed (cascaded) splitting: Splitters are placed closer to subscribers in outside plant enclosures, using multiple levels (e.g., 1x4 followed by 1x8). This reduces fiber length and allows flexible expansion. Types of Splitters FBT (Fused Biconical Taper) splitters: Older technology, made by fusing fibers together. Suitable for small splits but less precise for large-scale FTTH deployments. PLC (Planar Lightwave Circuit) splitters: Modern solution using silica wafers to create waveguide circuits. Provides uniform splitting, minimal loss, and supports large split ratios (1x32, 1x64), making them ideal for contemporary FTTH networks. Splitter Enclosures Splitters are housed in fiber optic splitter boxes or Optical Distribution Boxes (ODBs), which protect the splitters,...

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Optical Distribution Network (ODN): This consists of fiber cables, splice points, and passive splitters that carry the signals from the central office to individual homes. It forms the backbone of the network,

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The working principle of fiber splitters is relatively simple, and the signal distribution is achieved through the principle of optical coupling in optical

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