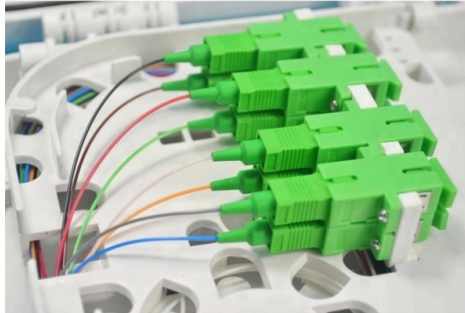


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Article Overview

Yes, connecting both fiber optic patch cords is generally feasible, provided fiber types, connectors, and polarity are correctly matched, and the total link length and power budget are within specifications.

Feasibility and Considerations

Fiber optic patch cords, also called fiber jumpers, are designed to connect two fiber devices or segments and allow light signals to pass with minimal loss . When both patch cords are connected, the following conditions must be met:

- **Fiber Type Matching:** Ensure both patch cords and the connected fibers are of the same type (single-mode or multimode) to prevent signal loss or incompatibility .
- **Connector Compatibility:** Use compatible connectors (LC, SC, MPO, etc.) and adapters to maintain proper alignment of fiber cores .
- **Polarity Management:** For duplex connections, maintain correct TX-to-RX alignment. Twisted patch cords can introduce polarity issues if not properly configured, potentially causing TX-to-TX or RX-to-RX connections .
- **Distance and Power Budget:** The total length of the connected fibers and patch cords must not exceed the maximum distance supported by the fiber type, and the optical power budget should accommodate the insertion loss introduced by the patch cords .

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