

Low-loss long-distance optical transceivers for wind power generation from Brazil



Article Overview

For wind power generation applications, long-distance optical transceivers using 1310 nm or 1550 nm single-mode fiber (SMF) provide low-loss, reliable data transmission over tens of kilometers with high power efficiency.

Key Features for Wind Power Applications

Wavelength and Fiber Type: Long-distance transceivers typically operate at 1310 nm or 1550 nm to minimize attenuation over single-mode fiber (SMF), which is essential for distances ranging from 10 km to over 100 km. SMF is preferred because its small core eliminates modal dispersion, ensuring stable signal propagation in distributed wind farm networks.

Reach and Power Budget: Transceivers are classified by reach: 10 km (LR), 40 km (ER), 80 km (ZR), and up to 120 km for DWDM-enhanced variants. The effective reach depends on transmitted optical power, receiver sensitivity, total link attenuation, and chromatic dispersion. For example, 1550 nm optics are ideal for links beyond 40 km due to lower fiber attenuation ($\sim 0.20\text{--}0.25$ dB/km).

Low Power Consumption: Modern optical transceivers, such as Mellanox 200G modules, achieve up to 42% lower power consumption while maintaining extended reach and high reliability. These low-power designs are critical for sustainable wind power infrastructure, reducing energy overhead in remote monitoring and control systems.

Reliability and Environmental Tolerance: Industrial-grade transceivers are designed for harsh environments, with high mean time between failures (MTBF > 2 million ho...

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