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Overview

These innovations support high-capacity networks in metropolitan areas where space optimization is critical.

Key Takeaways

Optical splitters, fiber cables, WDM devices, and ONTs are the top-selling passive components for metropolitan area networks, driven by GPON, XGS-PON, and 10G-PON deployments.Key Passive Components in Demand

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1. Optical Splitters: Optical power splitters remain the most widely deployed passive component in metropolitan networks, enabling point-to-multipoint distribution from a single fiber to multiple endpoints. Advanced splitters supporting 1:32 or 1:64 ratios are particularly popular for dense urban deployments, ensuring efficient bandwidth distribution without active electronics ( ). 2. Optical Cables and Fiber Infrastructure: High-quality single-mode fiber cables are essential for MANs, supporting long-distance, low-loss transmission. Pre-terminated and armored fiber cables are in high demand for urban environments where installation speed and durability are critical ( ). 3. Wavelength Division Multiplexers (WDM): Coarse and dense WDM devices are increasingly used to maximize fiber capacity in metropolitan networks. These components allow multiple wavelengths to share a single fiber, supporting high-speed services like 10G-PON and XGS-PON while reducing the need for additional fiber ( ). 4. Optical Network Terminals (ONTs): While ONTs are technically active devices, they are often bundled with passive distribution hardware in MAN deployments. “Plug & Play” ONTs compatible with XGS-PON and Wi-Fi 6/7 integration are top sellers due to their ease of installation and support for symmetrical gigabit speeds ( ). 5. Optical Filters and Passive Distribution Boxes: Filters and distribution boxes (NAP/FAT) are critical for organizing and protecting fiber connections in urban networks. These components are high-volume sellers because they simplify network management and support rapid deployment in brownfield and greenfield projects ( ).

Market Trends Driving Sales

• Shift to High-Speed PON: GPON remains dominant, but XGS-PON and 10G-PON are rapidly growing due to increasing bandwidth demand in metropolitan areas ( ).

• Urban Fiber Expansion: Dense city deployments and enterprise connectivity projects are driving bulk purchases of splitters, fiber cables, and WDM devices ( ).

• Plug & Play and Upgrade-Ready Hardware: Components that simplify installation and support future upgrades are preferred, particularly in brownfield MAN deployments ( ).

• Integration with 5G and Low-Latency Services: Passive components that support mobile backhaul and low-latency 5G transport are increasingly sought after ( ).

Conclusion

For metropolitan area networks, the hot-selling ODN passive components include optical splitters, single-mode fiber cables, WDM devices, ONTs, and passive distribution boxes/filters. Their popularity is driven by the adoption of GPON, XGS-PON, and 10G-PON technologies, urban fiber expansion, and the need for scalable, low-latency, and upgrade-ready network infrastructure ( ).

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