Speed

The speed of a modem is measured in kilobits per second (Kbps) and determines how last the modem can send and receive information through telephone lines. To enable a user to work efficiently on a network, a modem should have a speed of 56 Kbps. A 56 Kbps modem can receive information at 56 Kbps and send information at 33.6 Kbps. Poor telephone line quality can reduce the speed at which a modem can transfer information.