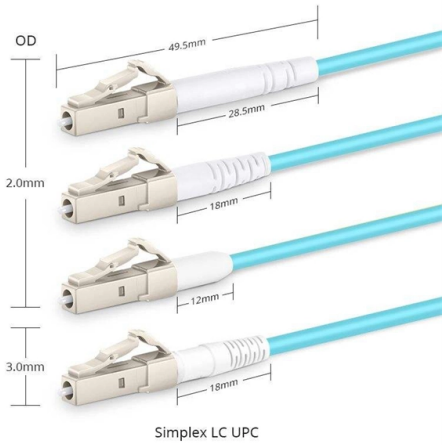
Cost-based optical core router SFP



Overview

Learn what Fiber SFPs are, key types, speeds, fiber options, compatibility tips, and how to choose SFP modules for data centers and telecom networks.

Key Takeaways

Optical core router SFP modules range from $5 for basic 1G third-party units to over $130,000 for high-end long-haul coherent modules, with OEM modules generally costing significantly more than compatible third-party options. Price Ranges by SFP Type and Speed1G SFP (1000BASE-SX/LX/T): Compatible third-party modules typically cost $5–$25, while OEM-branded modules can range from $60–$120+ depending on industrial or extended temperature specifications. 10G SFP+ (SR/LR/ER): Third-party 10G SR modules often sell for tens of dollars, whereas OEM long-reach LR or ER modules can cost hundreds of dollars.

25G SFP28: Prices for third-party modules are generally 60% cheaper than OEM equivalents, with OEM modules commanding premium pricing. 40G QSFP+ and 100G QSFP28: Third-party modules are 13–70% cheaper than OEM modules, depending on reach and specifications. 400G QSFP-DD: Short-reach SR8 modules cost $1,400–$1,800 from reputable third-party vendors, while coherent ZR+ modules for long-haul DCI can exceed $130,000 from OEMs.

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M vs Third-Party ModulesOEM SFP modules are manufactured or validated by the original equipment vendor (Cisco, Arista, Juniper) and ensure full compatibility with their systems. Third-party or compatible modules are produced by independent manufacturers, often following Multi-Source Agreement (MSA) standards, and can offer substantial cost savings without compromising performance for most enterprise and data center applications. Bulk orders may include additional discounts, such as 5% off for 10+ units from certain vendors.

Factors Affecting Tariff Costs

Module Type and Speed: Higher-speed modules (25G, 40G, 100G, 400G) and long-reach coherent optics are significantly more expensive. Distance and Reach: Short-reach SR modules are cheaper, while LR, ER, and ZR modules for long-haul connections increase costs dramatically. Branding and Certification: OEM-branded modules carry a premium due to vendor validation and warranty support.

Volume and Procurement Strategy: Purchasing in bulk or opting for third-party compatible modules can reduce total cost of ownership.

Practical Guidance

For short-reach enterprise or data center links, third-party 1G–10G SFPs provide the most cost-effective solution. For long-haul or mission-critical deployments, OEM modules may be justified for guaranteed compatibility and support. Always consider total cost of ownership, including module price, maintenance, and potential replacement costs, rather than just the unit price.

By understanding these ranges and options, network planners can optimize tariff costs while ensuring performance and reliability for optical core router deployments.

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This guide provides a comprehensive, data-driven Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) analysis of 10G SFP+ modules. We will dissect the technical specifications, evaluate deployment scenarios, and build a

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SFP Modules: Types, Selection Guide & Applications

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Choosing the Right 1G SFP Transceivers for Your Network Upgrade

If you are considering upgrading your switches and are unsure how to select the right 1G SFP optical modules, this blog aims to provide practical guidance. It will assist you in choosing an

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