Optical Module Speed Classification



Overview

Optical Module Classification and Common After-Sales FAQsExplore the classification of optical modules based on transmission rate, package type, mode, cent.

Key Takeaways

Optical modules are classified by data rate, ranging from 100 Mbps to 1. 6T, with modern high-speed modules like QSFP-DD and OSFP supporting 400G and beyond.

Speed Categories

Optical modules are categorized primarily by their data transmission rates: 100 Mbps: Legacy systems, rarely used in modern networks. 1 Gbps (Gigabit): Standard enterprise networks. 10 Gbps: Common in data centers and high-performance networks.

25/40/100 Gbps: High-throughput applications in modern data centers. 200/400 Gbps: Emerging ultra-high-speed networking standards. 800 Gbps and 1.

6T: Cutting-edge modules for hyperscale data centers, enabled by advanced modulation and multi-channel designs.

Form Factors and High-

Speed Modules

Form factors determine the physical interface and compatibility with networking equipment: SFP/SFP+: Small form-factor pluggable modules for 1–10 Gbps. SFP28: Supports 25 Gbps for next-generation data centers. QSFP+/QSFP28: 40–100 Gbps, widely used for aggregation and core networks.

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QSFP-DD (Quad Small Form-factor Pluggable-Double Density): Supports 400G, with double-density channels.

OSF

P (Optical Small Form Factor Pluggable): Designed for 400G and above, offering higher throughput and improved thermal management.

Technologies Enabling Higher Speeds

Several technological approaches increase optical module bandwidth: Advanced Modulation Formats: Transition from NRZ to PAM4 and higher-order QAM increases data per symbol. Increased Baud Rate: Higher symbol rates allow more data transmission per unit time. Parallel Channels: Adding multiple lanes (e.g., SR4 to SR8) multiplies total throughput.

Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM): CWDM and DWDM transmit multiple signals at different wavelengths over a single fiber, extending capacity and distance.

Fiber Type and Transmission Distance

Optical modules are also classified by fiber type and reach: Single-mode modules: 1310 nm or 1550 nm, suitable for long-distance transmission. Multi-mode modules: 850 nm, cost-effective for short-distance, lower-capacity links. CWDM/DWDM modules: Enable longer distances and higher capacity using multiple wavelengths.

Summary

Optical module speed classification integrates data rate, form factor, fiber type, and transmission technology. Modern high-speed modules like QSFP-DD and OSFP, combined with PAM4 modulation, parallel lanes, and WDM, support ultra-high-speed networks from 400G to 1. 6T, meeting the demands of hyperscale data centers and advanced telecommunications networks.

Proper selection ensures network efficiency, scalability, and cost optimization.

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Also, the direct 1:1 mapping between electrical and optical I/O speeds enabled by 200G/lane signaling from the application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC) eliminates the need for gearboxes or

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For example, by simply replacing the pluggable optical transceiver, a media converter that was originally used in a multimode network can be re-configured to operate over a CWDM network. Perle SFP

Optical networks

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