

Airport-grade 400G optical transceiver module selection guide



Article Overview

Selecting the right 400G optical transceiver requires balancing form factor, optical interface, reach, fiber type, power, and thermal management to match deployment scenarios.

Form Factor Considerations

- QSFP-DD (Quad Small Form-factor Pluggable Double Density): Maintains the same width as QSFP28, supports 8 electrical lanes for 400G, and is backward compatible with 100G QSFP28 modules, preserving existing investments. Ideal for data center aggregation and spine layers where backward compatibility is important .
- OSFP (Octal Small Form-factor Pluggable): Slightly larger, offers better heat dissipation, and supports high-density deployments. Often used in AI clusters or high-power environments. Requires adapters for QSFP28 compatibility .

Optical Interface Types

- SR4 (Short Range 4): Uses 4 pairs of multimode fibers (OM3/OM4/OM5) at 53.125 Gbps PAM4 per lane, 850 nm wavelength. Reach: 70-150 m depending on fiber type. Power: 8-10 W. Suitable for in-row or ToR-to-leaf connections in data centers .
- DR4 (Datacenter Reach 4): 4 parallel single-mode fiber lanes at 100G per channel, 1310 nm wavelength, MPO-12/APC connectors. Reach: 500 m. Power: 9-10 W. Ideal for inter-row or inter-hall connections .
- FR4 (Fabric Reach 4): Extends reach up to 2 km over single-mode fiber, suitable f...

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