

Modem Optical Module Specifications

Article Overview

Optical modules, including SFP, SFP+, SFP28, and PON ONTs, are defined by data rate, optical interface, electrical compatibility, and environmental tolerances to ensure reliable fiber connectivity.

Key Specifications

1. Form Factor and Data Rate

- SFP (Small Form-factor Pluggable): 1–4 Gbps
 - SFP+: Up to 10 Gbps
 - SFP28: 25 Gbps
 - PON ONTs (e.g., Cisco 10G Routed PON): Symmetrical 10 Gbps downstream/upstream
- These modules are hot-pluggable and standardized under Multi-Source Agreements (MSA), ensuring mechanical interchangeability across vendors .

2. Optical Interface

- Fiber Type: Single-mode (SMF) or multimode (MMF, e.g., OM3/OM4)
- Connector Types: LC, SC/APC, or other standard optical connectors
- Wavelengths: Commonly 850 nm, 1310 nm, or 1550 nm depending on module type and distance requirements .

3. Electrical and Host Compatibility

- Modules must match the host device's line rate and electrical interface.
- Pinout and voltage specifications are defined by MSA, but electrical compatibility must be verified to prevent link failures or high bit-error rates .

4. Optical Performance Parameters

- Transmit Power (Tx) and Receive Sensitivity (Rx): Determines link budget and maximum distance
- Bit Error Rate (BER): Typically 10^{-12} or better for reliable communication
- Dispersion Tolerance: Ensures signal integrity over fiber length and type .

5. Environmental and Operational Limits

- Temperature Range: Commercial (0–70°C) or industrial (–40–85°C)
- Humidity and Shock Tolerance: Specified for data center or field deployment
- Diagnostic Monitoring: DDM/DOM support for real-time monitoring of temperature, voltage, and Tx/Rx power .

6. Deployment Considerations

- Verify fiber type and connector match between module and network
- Confirm host device supports the module's data rate and optical standard
- Use vendor datasheets for precise electrical and optical parameters, not just MSA compliance
- For PON ONTs, integrated optics and Ethernet switching may reduce the need for additional transceivers, optimizing footprint and power consumption .

7. Example Applications

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