100g optical module requirements



Overview

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Key Takeaways

100G optical modules, primarily in QSFP28 form factor, support high-speed 100 Gigabit Ethernet with various transmission distances, fiber types, and modulation formats. Form Factors and TypesQSFP28 is the main form factor for 100G modules, offering low power consumption, high port density, and compact size for data center and enterprise networks. Modules include parallel and serial transmission types, such as: 100GBASE-SR4: Parallel multimode fiber (MMF), 4x25Gbps channels, 12-fiber MPO/MTP connectors, link lengths up to 70m (OM3) or 100m (OM4).

100GBASE-PSM4: Parallel single-mode fiber (SMF), 12-fiber MPO/MTP connectors, link lengths up to 500m. 100GBASE-CWDM4: Dual-fiber single-mode, coarse wavelength division multiplexing (CWDM), four wavelengths (1270–1330nm), link lengths up to 2km. 100GBASE-LR4: Single-mode fiber, long-reach, duplex LC connectors, link lengths up to 10km.

Modulation and TransmissionNRZ and PAM4 are common modulation formats: NRZ: Non-return-to-zero, used in short-reach modules like SR4. PAM4: Pulse-amplitude modulation, used in DR, FR, and LR modules for longer distances and higher spectral efficiency.

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Bi-

Directional (BiDi) modules allow reuse of existing duplex MMF infrastructure, supporting 40G/100G over two fibers with two transmit/receive channels in the 832–918nm range.

Fiber and Connector Compatibility

Multimode Fiber (MMF): OM3, OM4, OM5 for short-reach modules (SR4, BiDi), typically using MPO/MTP connectors.

Single-

Mode Fiber (SMF): G. 652 standard for long-reach modules (DR, FR, LR), using duplex LC connectors. Parallel vs Duplex: Parallel modules use multiple fibers for simultaneous channels; duplex modules use two fibers with wavelength multiplexing.

Link DistancesShort-reach (SR4/SR1. 2 BiDi): 70–150m over MMF. Medium-reach (DR/PSM4): 500m over SMF.

Long-reach (FR/LR4): 2–10km over SMF. InteroperabilityQSFP28 modules are IEEE-compliant and tested for interoperability with Cisco, Arista, Juniper, and Brocade equipment. Some modules support breakout modes, e.g., 400G modules can split into 4x100G links.

Summary100

G optical modules provide flexible deployment options for data centers and high-performance networks. Key considerations include: Form factor: QSFP28 for 100G. Fiber type: MMF for short reach, SMF for long reach.

Connector: MPO/MTP for parallel, LC for duplex. Modulation: NRZ for short reach, PAM4 for longer distances. Link distance: 70m–10km depending on module type.

Special features: BiDi for duplex reuse, breakout support for higher-speed aggregation. These specifications allow network designers to select modules based on distance, fiber infrastructure, and desired data rate while ensuring compatibility with existing equipment.

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100G-FR and 100G-LR

1.3 FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION 100G-FR and 100G-LR modules comply with the requirements of this document and have the following common features: one optical transmitter; one optical receiver with

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The QSFP28 module can increase the data transmission rate of 100Gbps, which can effectively meet high bandwidth requirements. And because they are transmitted through optical

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