

Selection Guide for Long-Distance Optical Transceivers QSFP-DD for Metropolitan Area Networks



Overview

This guide explains how to choose QSFP-DD transceivers step by step, helping you avoid costly mistakes and ensure compatibility across your network. Before selecting reach or connector type, evaluate the form factor based on your current switches and long-term upgrade path. In 2025, the optical transceiver market has shifted decisively. Last March, a mid-sized cloud provider ordered 400 QSFP-DD SR8 modules for a new data center. While their switching platform and target speeds were correct, they overlooked a key detail: connector type. QSFP-DD (Quad Small Form-Factor Pluggable Double Density) transceivers double the number of high-speed electrical interfaces in QSFP to achieve 400G Ethernet speeds – and double them again to reach 800G. Network operators are looking for cost-optimized optical solutions that provide increased density and reduced power consumption—across. An engineer-focused, “just tell me what to choose” guide to transceiver selection with architecture, power budget, compatibility, and upgrade plan — designed for 25G/100G today and 400G/800G tomorrow.

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100GBASE Optical Transceivers and Cables Portfolio Product Overview The 100G transceiver module portfolio offers a wide variety of high-density and low-power 100G connectivity options for data

Ultimate QSFP Transceiver Guide: Types (40G/100G)

Confused by QSFP types? Decode the differences between QSFP+, QSFP28 (100G), and QSFP-DD. Learn how to select the right speed, connector (SR4 vs

QSFP-DD LR4 400GbE Universal Optical Transceiver

400G QSFP-DD LR4 10 km LC Compatibility Information This module is compatible with the following vendors: • Juniper - QDD-400G-LR4-10 • Arista Networks -

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Designed for hyperscale data centers, AI/ML, High Performance Computing, and telecom applications. Our transceivers (200G, 400G, 800G and 1.6T) deliver reliable performance, flexibility, and scalability.

Three 80km 100G Optical Solutions for Long-Haul Data Center

Three optical transceiver solutions can be used for up to 80km long-haul 100G data center interconnect (DCI): 100G DWDM coherent optics, 100G PAM4 DWDM QSFP28, and 100G ZR4

QSFP-DD TRANSCEIVERS for 400G and 800G | Smartoptics

Many network operators compare QSFP-DD vs. OSFP when selecting transceivers for 400G and 800G deployments. While both form factors support high-speed networking, they differ in design,

Understanding the Latest in 400g Transceiver

Explore our complete guide to 400G transceiver technology, including QSFP-DD modules and cables designed for data centers. Discover

Technical Audit of QSFP56-DD 400G ER4 Optical Transceivers for

A comprehensive guide to deploying QSFP56-DD 400G ER4 optics in metropolitan networks. Compare 40km reach performance with QSFP56-DD-400G-DR4 and learn how to

QSFP-DD Optical Transceivers Unlocking Faster

The QSFP-DD (Quad Small Form-Factor Pluggable Double Density) optical transceiver is a revolutionary advancement in high-speed data

100G QSFP28 Transceiver Selection Tutorial For Beginner's

A: QSFP-100G-CWDM4-S optical transceiver is designed with LC duplex connector, supporting the maximum transmission distance up to 2km. While QSFP-100G-PSM4-S optics is

A Complete Guide to Selecting 100G QSFP28 Optical

Choose the best 100g qsf28 optical transceiver for your network by comparing compatibility, distance, fiber type, and future-proofing options.

Extreme Networks Optical Transceivers: QSFP-DD/OSFP Technical

Technical guide to Extreme Networks QSFP-DD and OSFP optical transceivers. Learn about DDM monitoring, compatibility considerations, and deployment strategies for high-speed

A Deep Dive into the QSFP28-100G-ZR4 Optical

QSFP28-100G-ZR4 transceiver enables 100G data transmission up to 80km using single-mode fiber, ideal for long-distance, high-speed network

How to Choose QSFP-DD: Step-by-Step Selection Guide

Learn how to choose QSFP-DD transceivers for 400G/800G networks, including reach, compatibility, power, and breakout options.

40/100G Four-Channel Small Form (QSFP) Optical Transceivers

OptixCom's 40 Gb/s QSFP+ LR4 optical transceiver is designed to operate with 4x CWDM channels for up to 2 km of transmission distance. The transceiver uses 1271, 1291, 1311, and 1331 nm DFB laser

Comparing 100G QSFP28 Optical Transceivers

For long distance 100G transmission you would need a QSFP28 LR4 (where LR stands for Long Reach). This optical transceiver is designed for long-distance transmission up to 10km with

QSFP-DD ZR Coherent Optics: 400G Metro & Long-Haul Guide

The QSFP-DD ZR Coherent Module is an important optical transceiver used in data center interconnects and metropolitan networks for high performance. In order to achieve long distance high

SFP vs SFP28 vs QSFP28 vs QSFP-DD/OSFP: 2026

A 2026-ready, engineer-focused guide comparing SFP, SFP28, QSFP28, QSFP-DD and OSFP transceivers. Learn decision rules, deployment

400G QSFP-DD LR4 Optical Transceiver

Description This product is a 400Gb/s QSFP-DD optical module designed for 10km optical communication applications. The module converts 8 channels of 50Gb/s (PAM4) electrical input data

4x100G-LR QSFP-DD Transceiver

The FTCD4543E2PxM QSFP-DD transceiver modules are engineered for utilization in 400 Gigabit Ethernet connections over a maximum of 10km of single mode

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These practical examples and guidelines provide actionable insights for successful QSFP-DD deployment across diverse network environments,

QSFP 40G 80km: Complete Guide to 40G Long-Distance Optics

Learn how QSFP 40G 80km transceiver work, Its specs, fiber requirements, use cases, and compatibility tips for long-distance 40G networks and DCI deployments.

800G OSFP/QSFP-DD Optical Transceivers for InfiniBand & RoCE

High-density 800G OSFP and QSFP-DD transceivers support InfiniBand and RoCE, enabling 100m to 2km transmission via MMF and SMF.

QSFP-DD Optical Transceivers for High-Speed Connections

Network operators are looking for cost-optimized optical solutions that provide increased density and reduced power consumption—across high-speed as well as legacy ports—without sacrificing

The Ultimate Reference Table for SFP & QSFP Optical Transceiver ...

The definitive guide to SFP, QSFP, and QSFP-DD standards for 2025. Compare 400G/800G optics, understand PAM4 complexity, and master QSFP-DD vs OSFP deployment

Cisco Transceiver Modules

Cisco offers a range of GBIC, SFP, XFP, SFP+, CXP, CFP, Cisco CPAK, and QSFP+ pluggable modules. These small, modular optical interface

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