The size of 10 Gigabit optical modules varies

Overview

To implement different 10GbE physical layer standards, many interfaces consist of a standard socket into which different physical (PHY) layer modules may be plugged. PHY modules are not specified in an official standards body but by multi-source agreements (MSAs) that can be negotiated more quickly. Relevant MSAs for 10GbE include XENPAK (and related X2 and XPAK), XFP and SFP+.

Key Takeaways

There are multiple types of 10 Gigabit optical modules, primarily categorized by form factor and transmission characteristics, with SFP+ being the most common. Main Types of 10G Optical Modules10G optical modules are available in several form factors, each with specific applications and advantages: SFP+ (Small Form-Factor Pluggable Plus): The most widely used 10G module due to its compact size, low power consumption, and high port density. Variants include SR, LR, ER, ZR, BIDI, CWDM, and DWDM, supporting distances from 300 meters to 80 kilometers depending on fiber type and wavelength.

XF

P: Larger than SFP+, used in some legacy 10G networks, supporting similar distance ranges but with higher power consumption.

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X2 and XENPA

K: Older, larger modules that have largely been replaced by SFP+ due to size and efficiency advantages. SFP+ VariantsSFP+ modules are further classified based on transmission distance and wavelength: SR (Short Range): Operates at 850nm over multimode fiber, up to 300–400 meters.

L

R (Long Range): Operates at 1310nm over single-mode fiber, up to 10–20 km.

E

R (Extended Range): Operates at 1550nm over single-mode fiber, up to 40 km. ZR/EZR (Ultra-Long Range): Supports distances up to 80 km for metropolitan or telecom networks.

BID

I (Bidirectional): Uses a single fiber for both transmit and receive, often for cost-effective fiber utilization. CWDM/DWDM: Wavelength-division multiplexing modules for dense network environments, allowing multiple channels on a single fiber. Copper and Direct Attach Options10GBASE-T SFP+: Uses RJ-45 connectors over CAT5e/CAT6/CAT7 cables for short distances (up to 30 meters), suitable for rack-to-rack connections.

Direct Attach Copper (DAC) or Active Optical Cables (AOC): Short-range connections up to 7–15 meters, often used in data centers for high-density switch interconnects.

Summary

In total, the 10G optical module ecosystem includes multiple form factors (SFP+, XFP, X2, XENPAK) and numerous variants within each form factor based on fiber type, wavelength, and distance. SFP+ dominates modern deployments due to its efficiency, flexibility, and compatibility with both fiber and copper connections, making it the standard choice for data centers, enterprise networks, and telecom applications.

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10 Gbit/s SFP+ optical modules apply to 10 GE optical ports. The wavelength can be 850 nm, 1310 nm, or 1550 nm, and the transmission distance ranges from 0.5 km (0.31 mi) to 80 km (49.71 mi).

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It discusses older modules like XENPAK and newer smaller formats like SFP+, and explains the various optical standards for multi-mode fiber like SR, LX4, and LRM and single-mode fiber like LR, ER, and

Inventory Of 10G Optical Modules

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SFP+ optical modules are widely used in 10G Ethernet due to their advantages of compact size, low cost and high density, and they are currently the most common 10G optical

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XFP transceiver

XFP modules use an LC fiber connector type to achieve higher density. Principal applications include 10 Gigabit Ethernet, 10 Gbit/s Fibre Channel, synchronous optical networking (SONET) at OC-192

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