

How to select the transmission distance for an SFP optical module



AI Overview

SFP optical modules can transmit data from a few meters up to 120 kilometers or more, depending on fiber type, wavelength, and module design.

Transmission Distance by Module Type

- Multimode SFP (850nm, SR):** Typically used with multimode fiber (50/125 μ m or 62.5/125 μ m), supporting short distances from a few hundred meters up to 2 km.
- Single-mode SFP (1310nm, LR/EX; 1550nm, ER/ZX):** Designed for single-mode fiber (9/125 μ m), supporting medium to long distances from 10 km up to 80 km or more.
- Ultra-long-range SFP+ 10G ZR (1550nm):** Optimized for minimal attenuation over single-mode fiber, capable of up to 120 km without additional optical amplifiers.

Factors Affecting Maximum Distance

- Fiber Type:** Single-mode fiber allows longer distances than multimode fiber due to lower attenuation and dispersion.
- Wavelength:** Longer wavelengths (1310nm, 1550nm) travel farther than shorter wavelengths (850nm) in fiber.
- Optical Power Budget:** Modules with higher transmit power and better receiver sensitivity achieve longer distances.
- Data Rate:** Higher speeds may slightly reduce effective distance due to stricter signal integrity requirements, but optical design is the primary determinant.
- Environmental Conditions:** Temperature, humidity, and fiber quality can impact real-world performance.

Practical Considerations

- Short-range connections (within racks or data centers) often use multimode SR modules or SFP+ DAC/AOC cables, with distances from 10 meters to 300 meters.
- Metropolitan or backbone networks require single-mode LR/ER/ZR modules for distances from 10 km to over 100 km.
- Link budget verification using optical power meters is recommended to ensure reliable transmission over the intended distance.

In summary, the maximum transmission distance of SFP optical modules varies widely, from a few meters for short-range m...

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