

Check the distance to the optical module

Article Overview

You can check an optical module's transmission distance by reviewing its specifications, working wavelength, fiber type, and using switch diagnostic commands to read real-time optical parameters.

1. Check the Module Label and Specifications

Most optical modules have labels indicating their form factor, data rate, and PMD standard, which can help estimate transmission distance. For example, a label like QSFP28-100G-LR4 indicates a 100G module with long-reach (LR) capability, typically designed for single-mode fiber over longer distances. Short-reach (SR) modules are intended for multimode fiber and shorter distances, while extended reach (ER) or ZR modules support even longer links. The module's datasheet or manufacturer specifications often list the maximum supported distance for different fiber types and data rates .

2. Consider Working Wavelength and Fiber Type

The wavelength of the optical module affects its reach:

- 850–910 nm: multimode fiber (MMF), generally supports shorter distances (up to ~500 m).
- 1310–1550 nm: single-mode fiber (SMF), supports longer distances, often several kilometers. The type of fiber also matters. For example, OM3, OM4, and OM5 multimode fibers have different maximum distances depending on the data rate, with OM5 optimized for higher bandwidth and longer reach

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Transmission distance: Transmission distance refers to the distance that optical signals can be directly transmitted

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Introduction to Optical Fibers, dB, Attenuation and Measurements

This document is a quick reference to some of the formulas and important information related to optical technologies.

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Fiber Optic Module Diagnostic & Troubleshooting Cheat-Sheet

Quick reference for interpreting Digital Optical Monitoring (DOM) values on fiber optic modules (SFP, SFP+, QSFP, etc), identifying

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