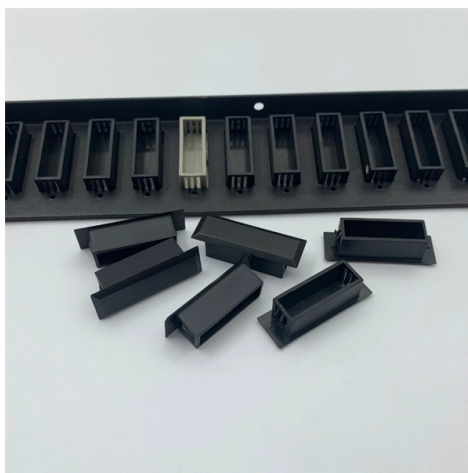


# Connector speed optical module



## Overview

**SFP Optical Module Specifications: Standards & Performance** These modules, including SFP, SFP+, and SFP28, are widely used in enterprise networks, data centers.

## Key Takeaways

Optical module connector speed depends on the module type, connector design, and lane configuration, ranging from 1 Gbps in early SFPs to 800 Gbps in modern MPO-based modules.

SF

**P and SFP+ Modules** SFP (Small Form-factor Pluggable) modules are compact, hot-swappable transceivers used for fiber or copper connections.

## Original SF

Original SFPs supported 1 Gbps Ethernet and up to 4 Gbps Fibre Channel, while SFP+ modules increased speeds to 10 Gbps, and SFP28 supports 25 Gbps per lane. The connector pins (gold fingers) in SFP modules are designed to ensure proper power-up sequencing and signal integrity, which is critical for high-speed operation.

## MPO Connectors for High-Speed Modules

MPO (Multi-Fiber Push-On) connectors are widely used in 400G and 800G optical modules, supporting multiple fibers in a single connector. For example, an 800G DR4 module uses a single MPO-12/APC connector with 4 transmit and 4 receive fibers, enabling single-mode transmission up to 500 meters.

MP

Optical connectors allow high-density cabling and reduce the number of physical connections required per link, which is essential for AI data centers and high-speed networks.

## **Fire**

**Fly and Mid-Board Optical Systems** Samtec's FireFly™ Micro Flyover System demonstrates how optical connectors can achieve 28 Gbps per lane, with a path to 112 Gbps PAM4 using optical cables. These mid-board transceivers use a miniature edge card connector system, allowing high-density, chip-to-chip or board-to-board connectivity while maintaining signal integrity. The same connector system can interchangeably support copper or optical links, providing flexibility in speed and distance optimization.

## **Key Factors Affecting Connector Speed**

**Module Type and Form Factor:** SFP, SFP+, SFP28, OSFP, QSFP, and FireFly modules have different lane speeds and fiber counts. **Lane Configuration:** Multi-lane modules (e.g., 4x25G in QSFP28 or 8x50G in OSFP) aggregate to higher total speeds. **Fiber Type:** Single-mode fibers support longer distances at high speeds, while multimode fibers are suitable for shorter links.

**Connector Quality:** Precision in gold fingers, MPO alignment, and low insertion loss is critical for maintaining high-speed performance.

## **Summary**

Connector speed in optical modules is determined by the combination of module type, connector design, lane count, and fiber type.

## **Early SF**

Early modules supported 1–4 Gbps, SFP+ and SFP28 reach 10–25 Gbps, while modern MPO-based 400G/800G modules and FireFly mid-board systems can achieve hundreds of Gbps aggregate speeds, enabling high-performance data center and AI network deployments.

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