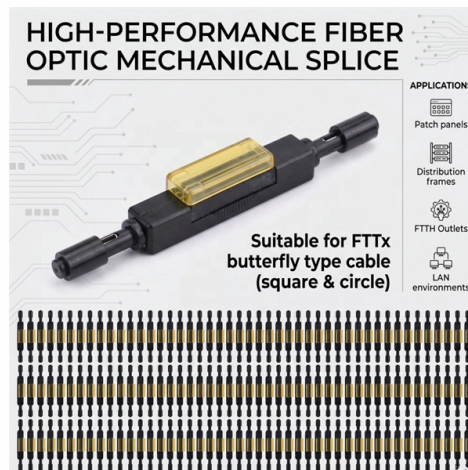


Are optical modules that expensive



AI Overview

Optical module prices vary widely, from a few dollars for basic 1G SFPs to several thousand dollars for high-speed 400G and 800G modules, depending on speed, type, and technology.

Typical Price Ranges

- 1G SFPs:** Generic or compatible modules typically cost \$5–\$25, while OEM-branded modules (Cisco, HPE, Juniper) can range from \$60–\$120+ depending on specifications and industrial-grade features.
- 10G SFP+ modules:** Compatible short-reach modules often sell for tens of dollars, whereas OEM long-reach or DFB modules can cost hundreds of dollars.
- 25G–100G modules:** Prices increase with speed and reach. Standard QSFP28 100G modules generally range from \$200–\$600, with coherent or long-distance modules costing more.
- 400G modules:** QSFP-DD or OSFP 400G modules are significantly more expensive, often \$2,000–\$5,000+, depending on form factor, optical reach, and DSP complexity.
- 800G modules:** These high-speed modules are cutting-edge and can cost \$10,000 or more, largely due to the high-value DSP chips and advanced electronic components required for multi-lane PAM4 transmission.

Factors Influencing Cost

- Electronic Components:** High-speed DSP chips, driver ICs, and TIAs are major cost drivers, especially in 400G and 800G modules, where DSPs alone can account for 20–25% of total module cost.
- Raw Materials:** Lasers, photodetectors, and high-quality wafers (silicon, InP, silicon nitride) contribute significantly to the price.
- R&D and Engineering:** Advanced design, simulation, and integration efforts, particularly for coherent and high-speed modules, can account for 20–30% of total cost.
- Form Factor and Packaging:** QSFP-DD, OSFP, and other multi-lane designs have different tooling and thermal management requirements, affecting per-unit cost.
- Market and Supply Factors:** Component availability, production scale, and demand surges (e.g., data center expansion) can cause temporary price fluctuations.
- Brand and Warranty:** OEM-branded modules typically carry a premium for reliability, compatibility, and support.

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