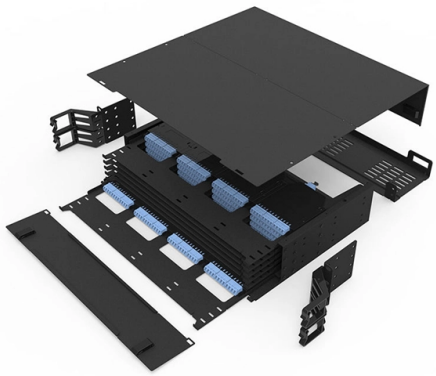
Selection Guide for 400G Relay Protection-Level Optical Switches



Overview

400G Optical Selection Guide: QSFP-DD vs QSFP28 vs Compare QSFP-DD, QSFP28, and OSFP form factors. Learn about compatibility, power constraints, migration.

Key Takeaways

For 400G relay-protection applications, QSFP-DD and OSFP modules are the primary choices, with selection driven by thermal performance, power consumption, transmission distance, and backward compatibility. Key Considerations1. Form Factor and CompatibilityQSFP-DD (Quad Small Form-factor Pluggable Double Density): Offers backward compatibility with QSFP28 ports, making it ideal for phased upgrades in existing networks.

It uses 8 lanes of 50G PAM4 signaling to achieve 400G throughput and supports short to medium-reach links up to 40 km.

OSF

P (Octal Small Form-factor Pluggable): Slightly larger than QSFP-DD, designed for high-power applications and future 800G/1. 6T upgrades.

OSF

P provides superior thermal headroom, making it suitable for high-density, high-performance relay-protection environments. QSFP112: Balances bandwidth, power consumption, and port density, but is less common in relay-protection deployments due to its intermediate thermal and density characteristics. 2.

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Thermal Management and Power ConsumptionRelay-protection systems require high reliability under continuous operation.

OSF

P modules with finned or flat-top designs provide enhanced heat dissipation, supporting up to 25W of power safely. QSFP-DD modules rely on airflow and convective heat transfer; careful attention to switch cooling and airflow is critical to maintain stability. 3.

Transmission Distance and Modulation

Short to Medium Reach (SR/DR): QSFP-DD modules can handle distances from 50m to 40 km, suitable for intra-substation or nearby substation links.

Long-

Haul (ZR/ZR+): For distances up to 120 km or more, coherent QSFP-DD ZR or ZR+ modules are recommended. These support advanced modulation schemes and Forward Error Correction (FEC) to maintain low bit-error rates over long fiber runs. 4.

Reliability and Signal IntegrityHigh-quality Digital Signal Processors (DSPs) are essential to mitigate chromatic dispersion and maintain low bit-error rates, which is critical for relay-protection applications where data integrity is paramount. Modules should be selected based on robustness under temperature variations, vibration, and continuous operation, typical in power system environments. 5.

Deployment Strategy

For existing networks with QSFP28 infrastructure, QSFP-DD modules allow a smooth upgrade path without replacing all hardware. For new or high-power relay-protection deployments, OSFP modules provide better thermal headroom and future-proofing for 800G/1. 6T upgrades.

Consider modular deployment: short-reach links can use QSFP-DD, while critical long-haul links use coherent ZR/ZR+ modules for maximum reliability. Summary RecommendationShort/medium reach, backward-compatible deployment: QSFP-DDHigh-power, high-density, future-proof deployment: OSFPLong-haul, mission-critical links: QSFP-DD ZR/ZR+ coherent modules with advanced FEC and DSPEnsure adequate cooling, power supply, and fiber quality to maintain relay-protection grade reliability. By balancing form factor, thermal performance, power consumption, and transmission distance, network engineers can select 400G optical modules that meet the stringent requirements of relay-protection systems while allowing for future scalability.

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