

Optical modules LR and SR



AI Overview

SR stands for Short Reach, optimized for short distances over multimode fiber, while LR stands for Long Reach, designed for longer distances over single-mode fiber. SR (Short Reach) modules are intended for short-distance connections, typically within a data center or intra-building environment. They operate at a wavelength of 850 nm and are compatible with multimode fiber (OM3/OM4), supporting distances of approximately 300 to 400 meters depending on the fiber type and standard used. SR modules are cost-effective and ideal for high-speed, short-range links where low latency and high bandwidth are required. LR (Long Reach) modules are designed for longer-distance connections, such as campus backbones or metropolitan networks. They operate at a wavelength of 1310 nm and require single-mode fiber (SMF), supporting distances up to 10 km. LR modules are more expensive than SR modules but are necessary for linking different sites or buildings where fiber runs exceed the reach of multimode optics. Key Differences Between SR and LR: Wavelength: SR uses 850 nm; LR uses 1310 nm. Fiber Type: SR is for multimode fiber; LR is for single-mode fiber. Distance: SR supports short links (hundreds of meters); LR supports long links (up to 10 km). Application: SR is ideal for intra-rack or intra-datacenter connections; LR is suitable for campus or inter-building connections. Cost: SR modules are generally less expensive, while LR modules justify higher costs for long-distance transmission. Choosing the correct module type ensures signal integrity, network reliability, and cost efficiency, as using an SR module for a long-distance link or an LR module for a short link can lead to signal loss, degraded throughput, or unnecessary expense.

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Understanding SR/LR Optical Designations and Distances

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When connecting 25G-MR-XSR/LR optics to legacy fixed rate 10G optics, attenuation may be required to ensure the optical input power to the 10G optical module is within allowable limits.

Meaning of SR, LR, LRM, ER, and ZR in Transceiver

When you take transceiver modules, all of this will contain many abbreviations which may be quite confusing for you too. Some of the major

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Key Technical Highlights of XPO: Extreme Heat Dissipation: Supports up to 400W per module with an integrated cold-plate design, perfectly

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