

How much does an all-optical switch cost



AI Overview

Optical switches can range from a few dollars for mechanical keyboard switches to several thousand dollars for high-performance fiber-optic or electro-optical switches.

Consumer and Mechanical Keyboard Optical Switches

For mechanical keyboards, optical switches are relatively affordable, typically ranging from \$2 to \$10 per switch depending on brand, actuation force, and features like smoothness or RGB lighting (Amazon) . These are designed for hobbyist or gaming applications and are sold individually or in sets.

Industrial and Fiber-Optic Optical Switches

High-performance optical switches used in telecommunications, data centers, or laboratory setups are significantly more expensive. Prices vary based on type, port count, and technology:

- 1x1 or 1x2 opto-mechanical switches: Often priced in the hundreds of dollars per unit .
- 1x4, 1x8, or 1x16 fiber-optic switches: Can range from \$500 to several thousand dollars, depending on insertion loss, switching speed, and reliability .
- Cross-bar or multi-port electro-optical switches: Typically \$2,000–\$10,000 or more, especially for high-speed or low-loss applications . Distributors like Mouser list a wide selection of optical switches from manufacturers such as Broadcom, Omron, and Vishay, with prices that depend on quantity and shipping tariffs

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Optical Switch

Optical switches are defined as devices used in optical communications networks to switch signals optically rather than

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