

# Optical module lifespan expired



## AI Overview

When an optical module's lifespan has expired, it is at increased risk of failure and should be replaced to maintain network reliability.

### Typical Lifespan of Optical Modules

Optical modules, such as SFP, SFP+, QSFP, and QSFP28, generally last 3 to 10 years, depending on quality, environment, and usage conditions. In well-cooled data centers, modules often operate reliably for 5–7 years, while harsher environments like telecom rooms or outdoor enclosures may reduce lifespan to 3–5 years. Industrial-grade modules designed for extreme temperatures can sometimes exceed 10 years .

### Factors Affecting Lifespan

- **Temperature and Cooling:** Heat accelerates aging. Modules running near their maximum rated temperature degrade faster, and repeated thermal cycling stresses internal components .
- **Connector Contamination:** Dust, dirt, or oil on fiber connectors increases insertion loss, forcing the laser to work harder and shortening module life .
- **Mechanical Wear:** Frequent insertions, rough handling, or bending fiber beyond recommended radii can damage ferrules, cages, and jumpers .
- **Power Budget Margins:** Links that barely meet specifications initially may fail sooner as the module ages .
- **Component Quality:** High-quality lasers, driver ICs, and PCBs extend lifespan, while lower-quality components degrade faster .

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