

Selection Guide for 400G Broadcast-Grade Optical Modulators



AI Overview

Choosing the right 400G optical modulator depends on distance, fiber type, modulation format, and application scenario, ranging from short-range SR4 modules to long-haul coherent ZR+ solutions.

Modulation Techniques and Fiber Types

- PAM4 (4-Level Pulse Amplitude Modulation) is commonly used in 400G modules for short- to medium-range links, allowing each symbol to carry two bits, effectively doubling data rates compared to NRZ .
- Coherent modulation (16QAM, 64QAM, or QPSK) is used in long-reach applications, enabling high spectral efficiency and robust transmission over metro and long-haul networks .
- Multimode fiber (MMF) is typically used for short distances (up to 150 meters with SR4.2), while single-mode fiber (SMF) supports medium to long distances (DR4, FR4, LR4, ZR) .

Distance-Based Module Selection

- Short Distances (up to 100–150 meters): SR4, SR4.2, and VR4 modules are ideal for intra-data center connections, using MMF and parallel transmission .
- Medium Distances (500 meters to 2 km): DR4 and FR4 modules are suitable for inter-building or campus links, typically over SMF .
- Medium to Long Distances (up to 10 km): LR4 and LR8 modules provide robust SM...

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Optical modulators are devices allowing one to manipulate properties of light beams, such as the optical power or phase, according

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