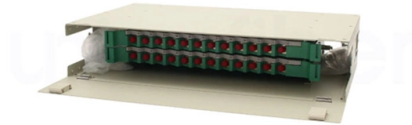


# Outbound Core Switch QSFP-DD



## Overview

The QSFP-DD Series offers up to 400Gbps transmission speeds and features 1-by-cage. 4 Tbps aggregate bandwidth in a single switch slot. This guide provides a comprehensive overview of QSFP-DD compatible switches across major vendors, explains the fundamentals of backward compatibility at the port level, and outlines how to verify transceiver compatibility before procurement. The Cisco 400GBASE Quad Small Form-Factor Pluggable Double Density (QSFP-DD) portfolio offers customers a wide variety. Abstract: This specification defines: the electrical and optical connectors, electrical signals and power supplies, mechanical and thermal requirements of the pluggable QSFP Double Density (QSFP-DD) module, connector and cage system. SFP-family modules are best for lower-speed edge and server links, QSFP-family modules serve higher-density aggregation and spine-leaf networks, and QSFP-DD is designed for 400G. Aruba 9300 switch series limit the use of QDD optics/AOCs if running at low-line AC Voltage (100VAC-125VAC). Use High-line voltage to install more than 9 products in the 9300 32D These 200G Q-DD AOCs automatically configure a Q-DD port to operate in 4-channel QSFP56 mode.



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It provides a QSFP-DD-to-QSFP-DD copper direct-attach solution. QDD-400-CuxM cables are suitable for very short links and offer a cost-effective

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\*Wattage may impact operating temperature for select switches. Aruba 9300 switch series limit the use of QDD optics/AOCs if running at low-line AC Voltage

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QSFP28 modules

QSFP-DD modules Always refer to the Datasheet or QuickSpecs for the switch product to see the current list of supported transceivers. Datasheets/QuickSpecs do not usually detail specific notes for

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SFP vs SFP+ vs QSFP vs QSFP28 vs QSFP-DD:

Compare SFP, SFP+, QSFP, QSFP28, and QSFP-DD by speed, lane count, compatibility, breakout options, power, and upgrade path.

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Specification – QSFP-DD

July 11, 2019 – QSFP-DD Hardware Specification for QSFP DOUBLE DENSITY 8X PLUGGABLE TRANSCEIVER – Rev 5.0 May 8, 2019 – Common Management Interface

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40G QSFP: The Core of Optical Network Interconnection

A: Fiber cables in association with a QSFP-DD module facilitate the transmission of optical signals within a network over long distances. Moreover,

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Product overview The FS® 400GBASE Quad Small Form-Factor Pluggable Double Density (QSFP-DD) portfolio offers customers a wide variety of super high-density transceiver modules and the flexibility

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