

Optical modules cannot be used in switches



AI Overview

Optical modules cannot always be used in switches due to compatibility, certification, and technical limitations that can prevent proper operation or cause hardware damage.

Compatibility and Certification Issues Switches often require optical modules that are certified or approved by the switch manufacturer. Non-certified modules may have non-standard sizes, improper edge connectors, or defective data bus designs, which can prevent installation, cause data bus suspension, or even damage the switch's electronic components (Huawei documentation). Additionally, some modules may not comply with Multi-Source Agreement (MSA) standards, leading to installation failures on adjacent ports.

Technical Mismatches Optical modules must match the wavelength, speed, and fiber type of the switch and the connected module. For example, a 1310nm module cannot interconnect with an 850nm module, and full-duplex modules must be paired with full-duplex modules to ensure data transmission. Using a module with the wrong speed (e.g., inserting a 10G SFP+ module into a 1G port) can limit performance or prevent connectivity.

Fiber Type and Cabling Even if the module is recognized by the switch, mismatched fiber types can prevent proper operation. Multi-mode modules require multi-mode fiber, and single-mode modules require single-mode fiber. Using the wrong fiber type can result in link failures or abnormal LINK indicators. Optical link attenuation and received optical power must also be within specifications to maintain stable communication.

Switch Recognition and Firmware Some switches may not recognize third-party or newer optical modules due to compatibility codes embedded in the switch firmware. This can prevent the port from functioning even if the module is physically compatible. In such cases, only modules listed in the manufacturer's compatibility matrix are guaranteed to work re...

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The operating temperature ranges of non-Huawei-certified switch optical modules cannot meet service requirements. When they are used under relatively high temperature, the optical power decreases,

Replacing an Optical Module

Use optical modules certified for Huawei data center switches. Non-certified optical modules cannot ensure transmission reliability and may affect service stability on the switch.

How To Enable Support For Third-Party Modules On Cisco Switches

If a module is identified as non-Cisco original, the switch may shut down the port, trigger an alarm, or display a warning message. Cisco also provides hidden commands to allow the use of

Replacing an Optical Module

Do not insert an optical module reversely. If an optical module cannot be completely inserted into an optical port, do not force it into the port. Instead, turn the optical module over and try again. Only

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Optical Module Solutions for Huawei S5700/S5720 Series Switches

This article summarizes several solutions for using optical modules with switches and common problems encountered during usage, along with specific solutions.

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For details about the optical modules supported by optical ports on switches, see "Appearance and Structure" of a specific switch model in the Hardware Description. The following figure shows the

Guidelines for Interoperability and Compatibility of Optical Modules

Due to the occasional incompatibility between certain brands of switches and optical modules from other suppliers, please ensure that your switch supports your optical module before formal operation.

Why Are Alarms About Optical Modules That Are Not Certified for

Vendor information of optical modules early delivered from Huawei may not be recorded. Therefore, alarms about optical modules that are not certified for Huawei Ethernet switches are

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Learn how to troubleshoot optical link failures between network switches. Essential guide covers checking optical modules, single-mode (SMF) vs. multimode (MMF) fiber integrity, and

Checking the Optical Module Type

The selected optical modules must be supported by the optical interfaces. Check whether the optical module used on the switch is certified by Huawei switches. For the Huawei-certified optical modules,

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When using switches, we may encounter many confusions, such as what types of optical modules are needed for different models of Huawei switches, and how to resolve issues encountered

View the Optical Module Status on a Switch through the Command

This article provides instructions on how to view the Optical Module Status on your switch through the Command Line Interface (CLI). The Cisco Small Business Series Switches allow you to plug in a

What Is an Optical Module and Its FAQs (V200)

Describes what an optical module is and FAQs, including the fundamentals, appearance and structure, key performance counters, common types, and naming conventions of optical modules, causes of

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