

# How much does SFP silicon photonics technology cost



## Article Overview

Silicon photonics SFP and QSFP modules typically range from \$500 to over \$2,000 per unit, depending on data rate, reach, and integration technology.

### Pricing Overview

Silicon photonics optical transceivers are generally more expensive than traditional optical modules due to their advanced integration and high-speed performance. For example, 400G QSFP112 DR4 modules leveraging silicon photonics technology for data center applications can cost around \$1,500–\$2,000 per unit, depending on vendor, quantity, and delivery terms. Lower-speed modules, such as 100G SFP+ or single-lambda 100G optics, may range from \$500 to \$1,000, reflecting simpler integration and shorter reach.

### Factors Affecting Price

- **Data Rate and Form Factor:** Higher-speed modules (400G, 800G, 1.6T) require more complex silicon photonics engines and DSPs, increasing cost.
- **Transmission Distance:** Modules designed for longer single-mode fiber reach (e.g., 500m to 2km) are more expensive due to higher-quality components and tighter tolerances.
- **Integration Technology:** Silicon photonics modules use monolithic integration of waveguides, modulators, and detectors on a silicon substrate, which reduces power and latency but increases manufacturing complexity compared to traditional III-V hybrid modules ....

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