

Optical Module Circuit Board Fabrication



Article Overview

Optical module PCBs are highly engineered circuit boards that integrate electrical and optical layers to achieve ultra-high-speed data transmission while managing thermal and mechanical constraints.

Overview of Optical Module PCBs

An optical module PCB serves as the internal circuit board of transceivers (e.g., SFP, QSFP, OSFP), converting electrical signals to optical signals and vice versa. Unlike conventional PCBs, these boards combine electrical circuits with photonic waveguides, enabling data rates exceeding 400Gbps while reducing power consumption and latency compared to traditional copper boards (). The optical layer typically consists of planar waveguides made from glass or polymer, embedded within or laminated onto the substrate ().

Key Design Considerations

- **Signal Integrity:** High-speed optical modules require precise trace routing, impedance control, and minimal insertion/return loss to prevent bit errors at data rates of 112–800 Gbps per lane ().
- **Thermal Management:** Dense components like DSPs, drivers, and TIAs generate significant heat. The PCB must actively participate in heat dissipation using high-Tg materials and thermal vias to prevent throttling or failure ().
- **Mechanical Precision:** Optical alignment demands sub-micron accuracy. The PCB must maintain flatness and dimensional stability to ensure proper alignment of TOSAs/ROSAs and fibers ().
- **Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC):** Mixed-signal boards require careful isolation...

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Abstract The commercial adoption of electro-optical printed circuit board (EOCB) technology will be accelerated by the

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Key Technology of Optical Module PCB

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