

What to do if the optical module's light reception is damaged



Article Overview

If an optical module's receiver (Rx) is damaged, the most effective solution is to diagnose the issue using inspection and monitoring tools, and replace the module if physical damage is confirmed.

Identify Symptoms and Causes

A damaged receiver often manifests as gradual signal degradation, increased Bit Error Rate (BER), reduced received optical power, intermittent connectivity, or complete link failure. Common causes include manufacturing defects, excessive heat, voltage spikes, physical damage, or end-of-life degradation of the photodetector inside the module.

Diagnostic Steps

- **Inspect Fiber and Connectors:** Check for contamination, scratches, or cracks on the fiber end face using a fiber inspection microscope. Clean with lint-free wipes and optical-grade cleaning solution if necessary.
- **Monitor Optical Power:** Use Digital Optical Monitoring (DOM) or Digital Diagnostics Monitoring (DDM) to check received power levels. A sudden drop or fixed low reading indicates receiver damage.
- **Check Compatibility and Configuration:** Ensure the module is compatible with the host device and that firmware, speed, and duplex settings are correct.
- **Loopback or BER Testing:** Perform loopback tests or Bit Error Rate testing to confirm whether the module can transmit and receive data correctly

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Solution: Use properly coded modules that match the switch brand, or ensure the device supports third-party optics.

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Optical modules are hot swappable, and you do not need to power off the switch when replacing optical modules. Optical modules

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Optical Module: Typical Optical Module Troubleshooting Procedure

If it is not a Huawei-certified optical module, replace it with a Huawei-certified optical module. If the optical module is installed on a

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