

Selection Guide for 400G Optical Core Routers for Field Operations



AI Overview

Choosing 400G optical core routers requires balancing port density, optical module compatibility, reach, power efficiency, and operational flexibility to meet field deployment needs.

Key Considerations for Field Deployment

- Router Platform and Port Density** Select routers that support high-density 400G ports suitable for your network scale. Platforms like Juniper ACX7020, PTX Series, MX Series, and Cisco NCS 540 provide modular and fixed-chassis options optimized for metro, data center, and edge deployments. Consider the number of 400G ports per rack unit, scalability for future upgrades, and support for multi-rate interfaces (10G, 100G, 400G).
- Optical Module Compatibility** 400G routers rely on Digital Coherent QSFP-DD optical modules for high-speed transmission. Modules support DWDM C-band tunable optics, transponder/muxponder modes, and forward error correction (FEC) for reliable long-haul performance. Ensure the router supports the specific module type (e.g., FR4, DR4, SR8) and check the Transceiver Module Group (TMG) Compatibility Matrix for hardware-software alignment.
- Interconnect Options** Choose the appropriate interconnect based on distance and deployment scenario:
 - DAC (Direct Attach Copper):** Passive, low-cost, short-range

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