Internal components of the 10G optical module

Overview

TI Optical Module 10G SFP+ Total Solution This application note covers 10km 10G DML base SFP+ design details and test solution: includes module side schema.

Key Takeaways

A 10G optical module typically consists of a transmitter (TOSA), receiver (ROSA), laser driver, limiting amplifier, control MCU, and supporting circuitry for optoelectronic conversion and signal management.

Transmitter Optical Sub-

Assembly (TOSA)The TOSA is responsible for converting electrical signals into optical signals. It includes a laser diode (commonly a DML or VCSEL), an optical interface, a monitoring photodiode, and sometimes a multiplexer for WDM applications.

The TOS

A may also integrate an automatic power control (APC) circuit to maintain consistent optical output power. In 10G SFP+ modules, the laser driver (e.g., ONET1101) amplifies the input electrical signal and provides bias current to the laser, enabling high-speed modulation up to 10 Gbps or higher.

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Receiver Optical Sub-

Assembly (ROSA)The ROSA converts incoming optical signals back into electrical signals. It typically contains a photodetector (PD for short-range or APD for long-range), coupling optics, and sometimes a demultiplexer.

The ROS

A is paired with a limiting amplifier (e.g., ONET8501) to amplify the received signal to a level suitable for the host system's PHY interface.

Control and Interface Circuits

A microcontroller unit (MCU), such as the MSP430, manages module functions including digital diagnostics, temperature monitoring, and laser safety. The module also contains driver and receiver circuitry on a printed circuit board assembly (PCBA) that interfaces with the host system via standardized SFP+ electrical contacts. These circuits handle signal conditioning, impedance matching, and protocol compliance for 10G Ethernet standards like 10GBASE-SR, LR, or ER.

Supporting Components

Additional internal components include: Coupling lenses and optical isolators to optimize signal transmission and reduce back-reflection. Thermoelectric coolers (TEC) in some modules for temperature stabilization. Housing and electrical interface that provide mechanical protection and hot-pluggable connectivity.

Summary

In essence, a 10G optical module integrates TOSA for transmission, ROSA for reception, laser drivers, limiting amplifiers, control MCU, and supporting optics and circuitry to achieve reliable high-speed data transmission over fiber or copper media. This modular design allows hot-pluggable operation and interoperability across network devices while maintaining 10 Gbps performance.

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Internal Structure of Optical Modules

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DATASHEET MODULETEK:SFP-10G-LR-10KM-x-H15

iagnostics for SFP-10G-LR-10KM-x-H15 are internally calibrated by default. The internal micro control unit accesses the device operating parameters in real time, Such as transceiver temperature, laser

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SFP+ Module Reference Design

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