



MMA1B00-E100 100Gb/s Transceiver Product Specifications

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1 Introduction

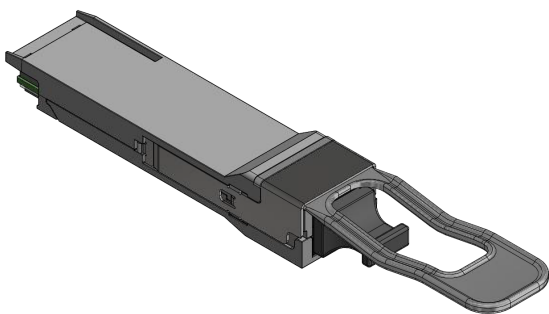
NVIDIA® MMA1B00-E100 pluggable optical transceiver is designed for use in 100Gb/s InfiniBand link protocol applications.

This SFF-8665 compliant transceiver is a flexible alternative to an Active Optical Cable (AOC), as it combines high port density and configurability with longer reach than passive copper cables in the data centers. The MMA1B00 transceiver has a standard QSFP28 port on the electrical side towards the host system.

The optical cable is attached via a standard MPO connector. The optical interface comprises four optical beams/fibers in each direction, intended for multimode optical cable attachments. Each fiber/beam operates at signaling rates up to 25.78125GBd.

⚠ NVIDIA EDR AOCs and transceivers including MMA1B00-E100 work in NVIDIA end-to-end Ethernet applications. However, the Ethernet version of the transceiver (MMA1B00-C100D) is generally not supported in InfiniBand applications.

Rigorous production testing ensures the best out-of-the-box installation experience, performance, and durability.



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1.1 Key Features

- Up to 100Gb/s
- Programmable Rx Output Amplitude
- Programmable Rx Output Emphasis
- Programmable Tx Input Equalizer
- Selectable retiming
- SFF-8665 compliant
- 3.3V power supply
- QSFP28 Power Class 3
- Class 1 Laser Safety
- Maximum link length of 70m on OM3, and 100m on OM4 multimode fiber at 100Gb/s
- Hot pluggable
- RoHS compliant
- IEEE 802.3 100GBASE-SR4 compliant
- I²C management interface

2 Pin Description

2.1 SFP28 Pin Function Description

The transceiver's pin assignment is SFF-8679 compliant.

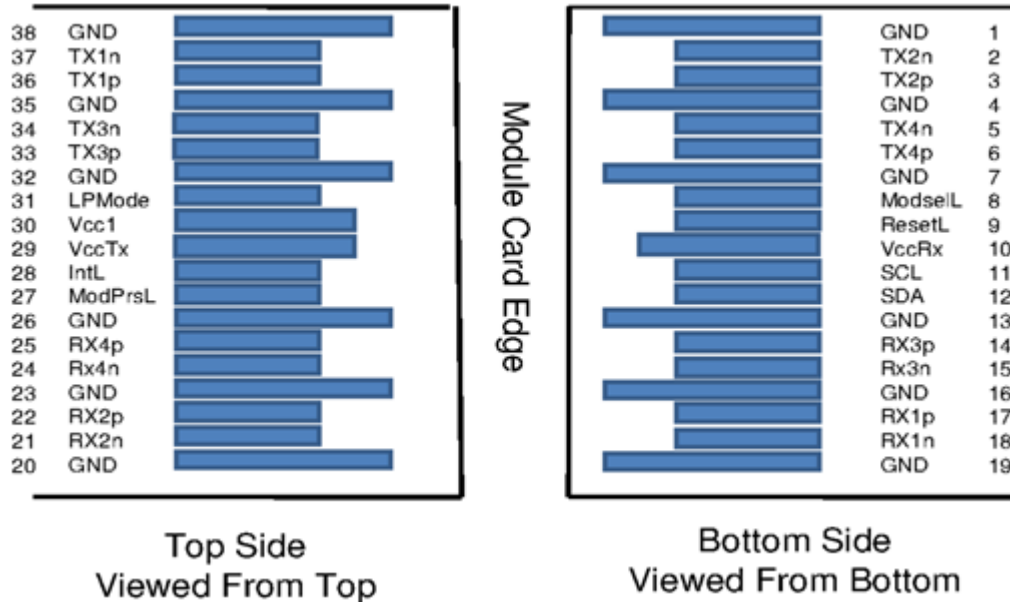
Pin	Symbol	Description	Pin	Symbol	Description
1	GND	Ground	20	GND	Ground
2	Tx2n	Transmitter Inverted Data Input	21	Rx2n	Receiver Inverted Data Output
3	Tx2p	Transmitter Non-Inverted Data Input	22	Rx2p	Receiver Non-Inverted Data Output
4	GND	Ground	23	GND	Grounds
5	Tx4n	Transmitter Inverted Data Input	24	Rx4n	Receiver Inverted Data Output
6	Tx4p	Transmitter Non-Inverted Data Input	25	Rx4p	Receiver Non-Inverted Data Output
7	GND	Ground	26	GND	Ground
8	ModSelL	Module Select	27	ModPrsL	Module Present
9	ResetL	Module Reset	28	IntL	Interrupt
10	Vcc Rx	+3.3V Power Supply Receiver	29	Vcc Tx	+3.3V Power Supply Transmitter
11	SCL	2-wire Serial Interface Clock	30	Vcc1	+3.3V Power Supply
12	SDA	2-wire Serial Interface Data	31	LPMode	Low Power Mode
13	GND	GND	32	GND	Ground
14	Rx3p	Receiver Non-Inverted Data Output	33	Tx3p	Transmitter Non-Inverted Data Input
15	Rx3n	Receiver Inverted Data Output	34	Tx3n	Transmitter Inverted Data Input
16	GND	Ground	35	GND	Ground
17	Rx1p	Receiver Non-Inverted Data Output	36	Tx1p	Transmitter Non-Inverted Data Input
18	Rx1n	Receiver Inverted Data Output	37	Tx1n	Transmitter Inverted Data Input
19	GND	Ground	38	GND	Ground

Notes:

- GND is the symbol for signal and supply (power) common for the QSFP28 module. All are common within the module and all module voltages are referenced to this potential unless otherwise noted. Connect these directly to the host board signal common ground plane.
- VccRx, Vcc1 and VccTx are the receiving and transmission power suppliers and shall be applied concurrently.

- Vcc Rx, Vcc1 and Vcc Tx may be internally connected within the module in any combination. The connector pins are each rated for a maximum current of 1000 mA.

2.1.1 QSFP28 Module Pad Layout



2.2 Control Signals

This transceiver is SFF-8636 compliant. This means that the control signals shown in the pad layout support the following functions:

Name	Function	Description
ModPrsL	Output, asserted low	Module Present pin, grounded inside the module. Terminated with pull-up in the host system. Asserted low when the transceiver is inserted, whereby the host detects the presence of the transceiver.
ModSelL	Input, asserted Low	Module Select input pin, terminated high in the module. Only when held low by the host, the module responds to 2-wire serial communication commands. The ModSelL enables multiple modules to share a single 2-wire interface bus.
ResetL	Input, asserted Low	Reset input pin, pulled high in the module. A low level on the ResetL pin for longer than the minimum pulse length (t_{Reset_init}) initiates a complete module reset, returning all user module settings to their default state. During reset the host shall disregard all status bits until the module indicates completion of the reset interrupt by asserting IntL signal low with the Data_Not_Ready bit negated. Note that on power up (including hot insertion) the module completes the reset interrupt without requiring a reset.

Name	Function	Description
LPMode	Input, asserted high	Low Power Mode input, pulled up inside the module. The transceiver starts up in low-power mode, i.e. <1.5 W with the two-wire interface active. The host system can read the power class declaration from the transceiver and determine if it has enough power to enable the high-speed operation/ high power mode of the transceiver. This can be done by asserting LPMode low or by use of the Power_over-ride and Power_set control bits (Address A0h, byte 93 bits 0,1).
IntL	Output, asserted low	Interrupt Low is an open-collector output, terminated high in the host system. A “Low” indicates a possible module operational fault or a status critical to the host system, e.g. temperature alarm. The host identifies the source of the interrupt using the 2-wire serial interface. The INTL pin is de-asserted “High” after completion of reset, when byte 2 bit 0 (Data Not Ready) is read with a value of ‘0’.

The low-speed signals are Low Voltage TTL (LVTTTL) compliant (except for SCL and SDA signals).

2.3 Diagnostics and Other Features

The transceiver complies with the SFF-8665 specification and has the following key features:

Physical layer link optimization:

- Programmable Tx input equalization
 - Programmable Rx output amplitude
 - Programmable Rx output pre-emphasis
 - Tx/Rx CDR control
- by default enabled for 100 GbE operation, disable it for 40G operation

Digital Diagnostic Monitoring (DDM):

- Rx receive optical power monitor for each lane
- Tx transmit optical power monitor for each lane
- Tx bias current monitor for each lane
- Supply voltage monitor
- Transceiver case temperature monitor
- Warning and Alarm thresholds for each DDM function (not user changeable)

Other SFF-8636 functions and interrupt indications:

- Tx & Rx LOS indication
- Tx & Rx LOL indication
- Tx fault indication

LOS, LOL, and Tx Fault status flags can be read via the two-wire management interface and are jointly transmitted via the IntL output pin. Relevant advertisement, threshold, and readout registers are found in the SFF-8636 MSA.

3 Specifications

3.1 Absolute Maximum Specifications

Absolute maximum ratings are those beyond which permanent damage to the device may occur.

Parameter	Min	Max	Units
Supply voltage	-0.3	3.465	V
Data input voltage	-0.3	3.465	V
Control input voltage	-0.3	4	V
Damage Threshold, per optical lane	3.4	---	dBm
Storage temperature	-40	85	°C

3.2 Recommended Operating Conditions and Power Supply Requirements

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Supply voltage	3.135	3.3	3.465	V
Power consumption (no retiming)	---	1.5	1.8	W
Power consumption (retiming on all lanes)	---	2.2	2.5	W
Supply noise tolerance (10 Hz - 10 MHz)	66	---	---	mVpp
Operating case temperature	0	---	70	°C
Operating relative humidity	5	---	85	%

3.3 Electrical Specifications

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Differential input return loss	Per IB requirements			dB
Differential output return loss				dB
Common mode output return loss				dB
J2	---	---	J2	---
J9	---	---	J9	---
Output transition time	10	---	---	ps

3.4 Optical Specifications

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Transmitter (per lane)				
Signaling Speed (with retiming)	25.78025	25.78125	25.78225	GBd
Signaling Speed (without retiming)	0.300	---	25.78125	GBd
Center Wavelength	840	---	860	nm
Average Launch Power	-8.4	---	2.4	dBm
Transmit OMA	-6.4	---	3	dBm
Extinction Ratio	2	---	---	dB
Transmitter and Dispersion Eye Closure	---	---	4.3	dB
Average Launch power at Tx Squelch			-30	dBm
Eye Crossing	45	---	55	%
Optical return loss tolerance	---	---	12	dB
Transmitter eye mask definition {X1, X2, X3, Y1, Y2, Y3} Hit ratio 1.5×10^{-3} hits per sample	{0.3, 0.38, 0.45, 0.35, 0.41, 0.5}			---
Reach on OM3 multi-mode fiber	70	---	---	m
Reach on OM4 multi-mode fiber	100	---	---	m
Receiver (per lane)				
Signaling Speed (with retiming)	25.78025	25.78125	25.78225	GBd
Signaling Speed (without retiming)	0.300	---	25.78125	GBd
Center Wavelength	840	---	860	nm
Damage Threshold (see note 1)	3.4	---	---	dBm
Receiver Reflectance	---	---	-12	dB
LOS De-Assert	---	---	-12	dBm
LOS Assert	-30	---	---	dBm
LOS Hysteresis	0.5	---	---	dB
Unstressed Receiver Sensitivity (OMA) at BER 1E-12 (see note 2)	---	---	-6	dBm
Stressed Receiver Sensitivity (OMA), each lane (see note 3)	---	---	-5.2	dBm
Conditions for Stressed Receiver Sensitivity (see note 4)	See below			
Test Conditions				
Stressed eye closure (SEC), lane under test	4.3			dB
Stressed eye J2 Jitter, lane under test	0.39			UI

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Stressed eye J4 Jitter, lane under test (max)	0.53			UI
OMA of each aggressor lane	3			dBm
Stressed receiver eye mask definition {X1, X2, X3, Y1, Y2, Y3} Hit ratio 5×10^{-5} hits per sample	{0.28, 0.5, 0.5, 0.33, 0.33, 0.4}			---

Notes:

1. The receiver may not operate correctly at this input power level.
2. All Tx channels on and all Rx channels on with AOP 3dB greater than the tested channel. Injected optical eye must comply with the transmitter eye mask definition.
3. Measured with conformance test signal at TP3 (ref. IEEE 802.3 100GBASE-SR4) for BER < 5E-5.
4. The test conditions are for measuring stressed receiver sensitivity only - not characteristics of the receiver.

3.5 Electrostatic Discharge (ESD)

This product is compatible with ESD levels in typical data center operating environments and certified in accordance with the standards listed in the Regulatory Compliance Section. The product is shipped with protective caps on all connectors to protect it during shipping. In normal handling and operation of high-speed cables and optical transceivers, ESD is of concern during insertion into the OSFP cage of the server/switch. Hence, standard ESD handling precautions must be observed. These include use of grounded wrist/shoe straps and ESD floor wherever a cable/transceiver is extracted/inserted. Electrostatic discharges to the exterior of the host equipment chassis after installation are subject to system level ESD requirements.

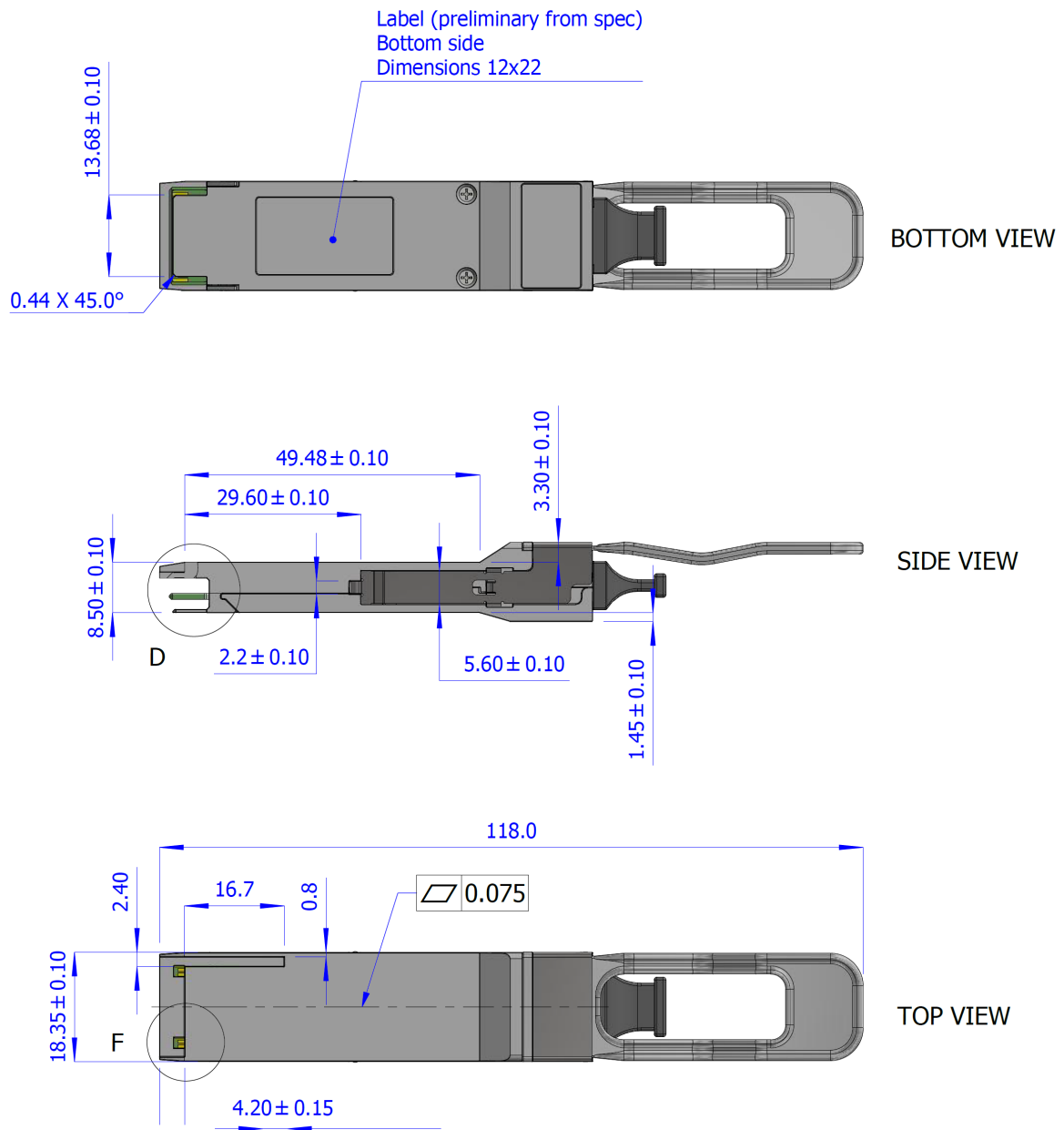
3.6 Handling and Cleaning

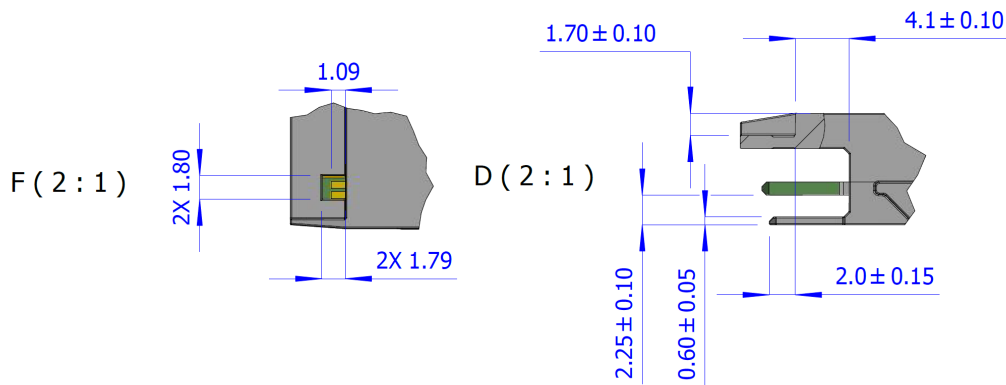
The transceiver can be damaged by exposure to current surges and over voltage events. Take care to restrict exposure to the conditions defined in Absolute Maximum Ratings. Observe normal handling precautions for electrostatic discharge-sensitive devices. The transceiver is shipped with dust caps on both the electrical and the optical port. The cap on the optical port should always be in place when there is no fiber cable connected. The optical connector has a recessed connector surface which is exposed whenever it has no cable nor cap.

Prior to insertion of the fiber cable, clean the cable connector to prevent contamination from it. The dust cap ensures that the optics remain clean and no additional cleaning should be needed. In the event of contamination, standard cleaning tools and methods should be used. Liquids must not be applied.

3.7 Mechanical Specifications

3.7.1 Mechanical Dimensions





3.8 Memory Map

The transceiver’s memory map is compliant with the QSFP Management interface specification SFF-8636. See also the NVIDIA LinkX® Memory Map Application Note (MLNX-15-5926).

3.9 Label


The following label is applied on the transceiver’s backshell:



(sample illustration)

3.9.1 Backshell Label Legend

Symbol	Meaning	Notes
SN - Serial Number		
MT	Manufacturer name	2 characters (MT)
YY	Year of manufacturing	2 digits
WW	Week of manufacturing	2 digits
DM	Manufacturer site	2 characters
ZZZZZ	Serial number	5 digits for serial number, starting from 00001. Reset at start of week to 00001.
Miscellaneous		
ZZ	HW and SW revision	2 alpha-numeric characters
YYYY	Year of manufacturing	4 digits

Symbol	Meaning	Notes
MM	Month of manufacturing	2 digits
DD	Day of manufacturing	2 digits
COO	Country of origin	E.g. China or Malaysia
	Quick response code	Serial number (MTYYWWXXSSSS)

3.10 Regulatory Compliance and Classification

The laser module is classified as class I according to IEC 60825-1, IEC 60825-2 and 21 CFR 1040 (CDRH).

- Safety: FDA/CDRH, TUV, UL/CSA, ACMA
- EMC: NTS

Ask your NVIDIA FAE for a zip file of the certifications for this product.

3.11 FCC Class A Notice

Each of the devices complies with CFR47 FCC Class A Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference.
2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Note: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur during installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for help.

Modifications: Any modifications made to this device that are not approved by NVIDIA may void the authority granted to the user by the FCC to operate this equipment.



4 Ordering Information

Ordering Part Number	Description
MMA1B00-E100	Transceiver, IB EDR, up to 100Gb/s, QSFP28, MPO, 850nm, up to 100m

5 References

1. NVIDIA LinkX[®] SFF Memory Map Application Note
2. NVIDIA LinkX[®] Measuring Eye Parameters Application Note
3. NVIDIA LinkX[®] Racking and Cabling Guidelines
4. NVIDIA LinkX[®] FAQ

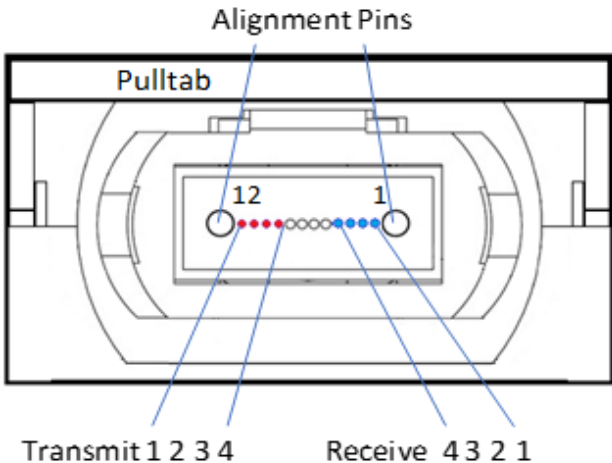
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6 Appendix: Optical Connector and Patch Cable

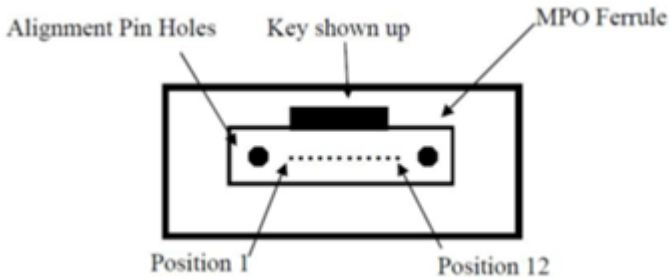
6.1 Optical Connector

The optical port in the parallel 2x 4-lane optical transceiver is a male MPO connector with alignment pins, mating with fiber-optic cables with female MPO connector. The connector contains a 12-channel MT ferrule.

QSFP28 Optical Male MPO Connector of the Transceiver (front view)



Female MPO Cable Connector



Reference: IEC specification IEC 61754-7.\

6.2 Patch Cable

The fiber which connects with Transceiver A's lane 1 must end at Transceiver B's lane 12 at the far end of the cable. For example, position 1 of MPO connector A at the near end of the cable connects to position 12 of the far end MPO connector B. This calls for a 'crossed' MPO cable, which is often referred to as patch cable type B. See interconnect scheme below.

MPO to MPO Patch Cable Fiber Connections

Connector A	Connection	Connector B
1	<--	12

Connector A	Connection	Connector B
2	<--	11
3	<--	10
4	<--	9
5	Not Connected	8
6	Not Connected	7
7	Not Connected	6
8	Not Connected	5
9	-->	4
10	-->	3
11	-->	2
12	-->	1

As shown in the above table, the 4 middle positions are not in use, indicating that the cable may have 8 or 12 fibers. Only 8 fibers are used.

The fiber is a standard OM3 or OM4 multi-mode fiber. The maximum length is detailed in [Optical Specifications](#).

MPO Fiber Patch Cables OM3 (left) and OM4 (right)



OM4 cables may have aqua or pink colored connectors, depending on the make and model.

NVIDIA does not provide MPO patch cables. Multiple cable vendors provide these patch cables.

Multiple MPO patch cables can be connected in a series, e.g. via Optical Distribution Frames (ODFs). Each added connector pair increases modal dispersion and reflections in the link which impairs performance. An odd number of ‘crosses’ must be used between transceivers at the two ends.

7 Document Revision History

Version	Date	Description of Change
1.6	Apr. 2024	Updated product mechanical drawings and graphics.
1.5	Nov. 2021	Reformatted and rebranded; migrated to HTML.
1.4	Apr. 2021	Removed “BER better than 10^{-15} ” from Key Features. Added Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) and Handling and Cleaning sections. Updated Transmit OMA, Extinction Ratio, and Transmitter and dispersion eye closure values in the Optical Specifications table. Updated document template, legal notice, and introduction.
1.3	Nov. 2020	Added: Control Signals description, optical connector interface information in Appendix A and added References section. Updated DDM info under Diagnostics and Other Features and the Regulatory Compliance and Classification list. Minor text edits.
1.2	Jul. 2020	Converted to new template. Added information regarding Ethernet version of the module to the introduction.
1.1	Aug. 2016	Updated Optical Specifications Updated minimum temperature storage
1.0	Mar. 2016	Initial release

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