

Product Specification

400G QSFP-DD to 2x 200G QSFP56 Passive
Direct Attach Copper Breakout Cable

PN:Q400-2Q200-C



Features

- Supporting 400Gbps to 2x200Gbps
- Wire AWG:30AWG,28AWG
- Available length range 1m~3m
- Data rates per channel 53.125Gbps
- Operating data rate 425Gbps
- Power supply: +3.3V
- Power dissipation <0.1W
- Commercial temperature range 0°C to 70°C
- High-Density QSFP-DD 76-PIN and 4x QSFP56 38-PIN Connector
- I2C based two-wire serial interface for EEPROM signature which can be customized

Compliance

- Compliant with QSFP-DD MSA and QSFP56 MSA
- Compliant with Electrical Interface SFF-8679 and SFF-8636
- IEEE802.3bj,IEEE802.3cd
- RoHS

Applications

- 400/200 Gigabit Ethernet
- High Performance Computing (HPC)
- Data Center & Networking Equipment
- Low cost network upgrade

Description

The Q400-2Q200-C is a high-performance passive breakout direct-attach copper cable designed to bridge 400G QSFP-DD ports with dual 200G QSFP56 interfaces, delivering a cost-effective and energy-efficient solution for short-distance data center interconnects. With a compact QSFP-DD form factor on one end and two QSFP56 connectors on the other, this cable supports aggregated 400G throughput (PAM4 modulation) while enabling seamless integration with existing 200G infrastructure.

Featuring twinaxial copper construction with optimized shielding and low-loss materials, the Q400-2Q200-C ensures reliable signal integrity over lengths ranging from 0.5m to 2.5m. Its passive design eliminates the need for active components, reducing power consumption and operational costs compared to optical modules or active optical cables (AOCs). Ideal for data centers, high-performance computing, and enterprise networks, the cable is compliant with IEEE 802.3cd and SFF-8436 standards, guaranteeing interoperability with leading switches, servers, and network adapters. By combining high-speed connectivity with plug-and-play simplicity, the Q400-2Q200-C empowers scalable and efficient network upgrades from 200G to 400G environments.

Product performance Specifications

1、 Basic Product Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ.	Max	Unit
Storage Temperature	T _s	-40		85	°C
Operating Case Temperature	T _c	0		70	°C
Relative Humidity	RH	5		85	%
Supply Voltage	V _{cc}	-0.3	3.3	3.6	V
Data Rate	DR		425		Gbp/s

2、 High Speed Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typ.	Max	Unit	Unit
Differential Impedance	TDR	90	100	110	Ω	
Insertion loss	SDD21	-17.16			dB	13.28 GHz
Differential Return Loss	SDD11	-16.5 + 2 × SQRT(f), with f in GHz			dB	0.05 to 4.1 GHz
	SDD22	-10.66 + 14 × log ₁₀ (f/5.5), with f in GHz				4.1 to 19 GHz
Common-mode to common-mode output return loss	SCC11			-2	dB	0.2 to 19 GHz
	SCC22					
Differential to common-mode return loss	SCD11	-22 + (20/25.78)*f, with f in GHz			dB	0.01 to 12.89
	SCD22	-15 + (6/25.78)*f, with f in GHz				GHz

Differential to common Mode Conversion Loss	SCD21-IL			-10		0.01 to 12.89 GHz	
		-27 + (29/22)*f, with f in GHz				dB	12.89 to 15.7 GHz
				-6.3		15.7 to 19 GHz	

3、Product Optical and Electrical Characteristics

Test Type	Test Item	24AWG	26AWG	28AWG	30AWG
Electrical Characteristics	Differential impedance	100±5Ω at TDR	100±5Ω	100±5Ω	100±5Ω at TDR
	Mutual capacitance	14pF/ft nominal	14pF/ft nominal	14pF/ft nominal	14pF/ft nominal
	Time delay	1.31ns/ft nominal, (4.3ns/m) nominal	1.35ns/ft nominal	1.35ns/ft nominal	1.35ns/ft nominal, (4.3ns/m) nominal
	Time delay skew (within pairs)	80ps/10m maximum	120ps/8.5m maximum	120ps/7m maximum	50ps/5.5m maximum
	Time delay skew (between pairs)	350ps/10m maximum	500ps/8.5m maximum	500ps/7m maximum	350ps/5.5m maximum
	Attenuation	10dB/10m maximum at 1.25Ghz	10dB/8.5m maximum at 1.25Ghz	10dB/7m maximum at 1.25Ghz	8.4dB/5.5m maximum at 1.25Ghz
	Conductor DC Resistance	0.026Ω /ft maximum at 20°C	0.04Ω /ft maximum at 20°C	0.06Ω/ft maximum at 20°C	0.01Ω/ft maximum at 20°C
Physical Characteristics	Conductors (two pair)	24AWG Solid, Silver plated copper	26AWG Solid, Silver plated copper	28AWG Solid, Silver plated copper	30AWG Solid, Silver plated copper
	Insulation	Foam polyolefin	Foam polyolefin	Foam polyolefin	Foam polyolefin
	Pair drain wire	26AWG Solid, Silver plated copper	28AWG Solid, Silver plated copper	30AWG Solid, Silver plated copper	30AWG Solid, Silver plated copper
	Overall cable shield	Aluminum/polyester tape, 125% coverage, Tin plated copper braid, 38AWG, 85% coverage	Aluminum/polyester tape, 125% coverage, Tin plated copper braid, 38AWG, 85% coverage	Aluminum/polyester tape, 125% coverage, Tin plated copper braid, 38AWG, 85% coverage	Aluminum/polyester tape, 125% coverage, Tin plated copper braid, 38AWG, 85% coverage
	Outer diameter	6.0mm	5.2mm	4.7mm	4.2mm

Recommended Host Board Power Supply Circuit

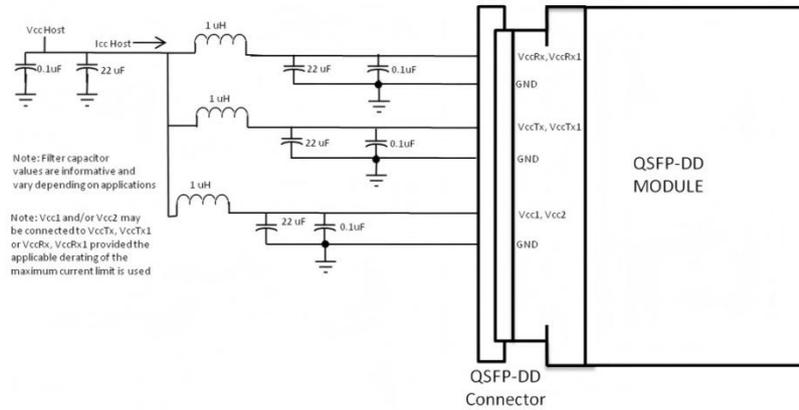


Figure 1: Recommended Host Board Power Supply Circuit

Recommended Interface Circuit

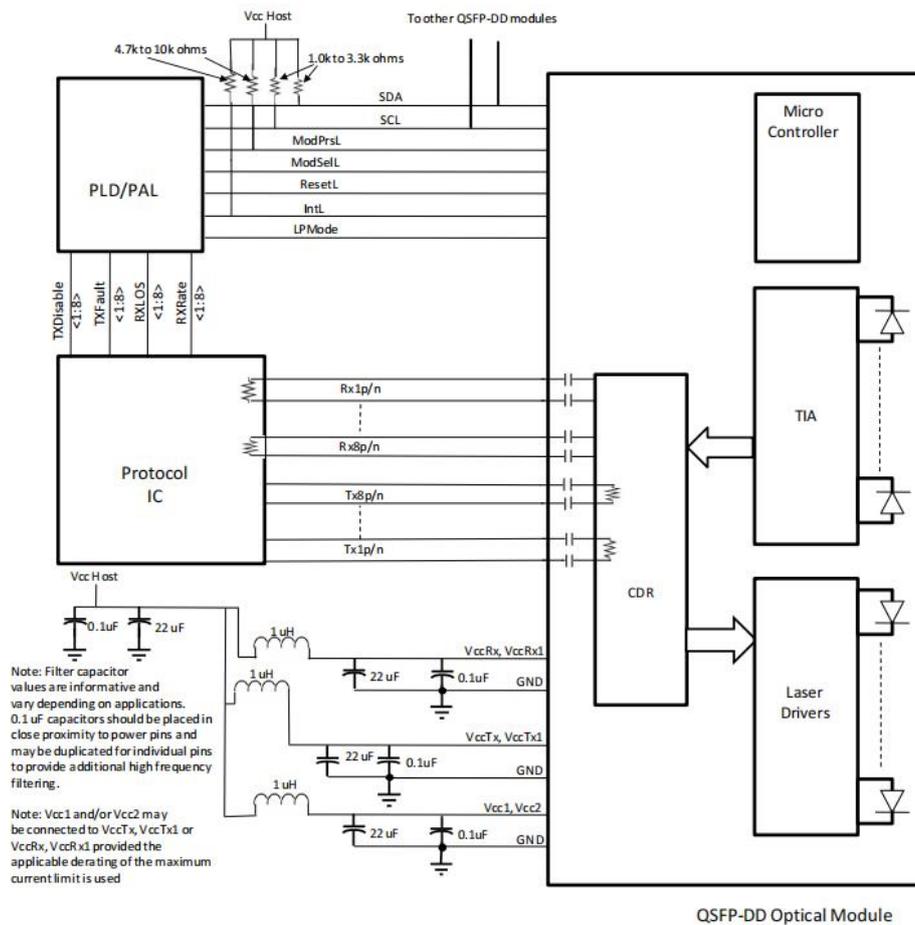


Figure 2: Recommended Interface Circuit

QSFP-DD Pin-out Definition

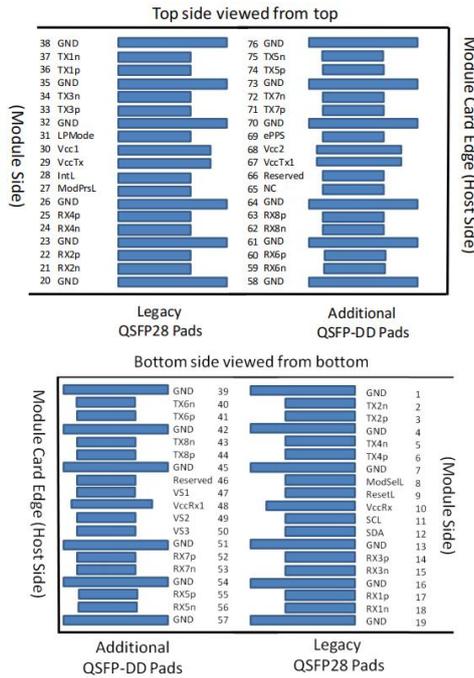


Figure3:QSFP-DD Pin view

QSFP-DD Pin Function Definitions

Pin	Logic	Symbol	Description	Note
1		GND	Ground	1
2	CML-I	Tx2n	Transmitter Inverted Data Input	
3	CML-I	Tx2p	Transmitter Non-Inverted Data Input	
4		GND	Ground	1
5	CML-I	Tx4n	Transmitter Inverted Data Input	
6	CML-I	Tx4p	Transmitter Non-Inverted Data Input	
7		GND	Ground	1
8	LVTTL-I	ModSelL	Module Select	
9	LVTTL-I	ResetL	Module Reset	
10		Vcc Rx	+3.3V Power Supply Receiver	2
11	LVC MOS-I/O	SCL	2-wire serial interface clock	
12	LVC MOS-I/O	SDA	2-wire serial interface data	
13		GND	Ground	1
14	CML-O	Rx3p	Receiver Non-Inverted Data Output	
15	CML-O	Rx3n	Receiver Inverted Data Output	
16		GND	Ground	1
17	CML-O	Rx1p	Receiver Non-Inverted Data Output	

18	CML-O	Rx1n	Receiver Inverted Data Output	
19		GND	Ground	1
20		GND	Ground	1
21	CML-O	Rx2n	Receiver Inverted Data Output	
22	CML-O	Rx2p	Receiver Non-Inverted Data Output	
23		GND	Ground	1
24	CML-O	Rx4n	Receiver Inverted Data Output	
25	CML-O	Rx4p	Receiver Non-Inverted Data Output	
26		GND	Ground	1
27	LVTTTL-O	ModPrsL	Module Present	
28	LVTTTL-O	IntL/RxLOSL	Interrupt. Optionally configurable as RxLOSL via the management interface (SFF-8636)	
29		VccTx	+3.3V Power supply transmitter	2
30		Vcc1	+3.3V Power supply	2
31	LVTTTL-I	InitMode	Initialization mode; In legacy QSFP applications, the InitMode pad is called LPMODE	
32		GND	Ground	1
33	CML-I	Tx3p	Transmitter Non-Inverted Data Input	
34	CML-I	Tx3n	Transmitter Inverted Data Input	
35		GND	Ground	1
36	CML-I	Tx1p	Transmitter Non-Inverted Data Input	
37	CML-I	Tx1n	Transmitter Inverted Data Input	
38		GND	Ground	1
39		GND	Ground	1
40	CML-I	Tx6n	Transmitter Inverted Data Input	
41	CML-I	Tx6p	Transmitter Non-Inverted Data Input	
42		GND	Ground	1
43	CML-I	Tx8n	Transmitter Inverted Data Input	
44	CML-I	Tx8p	Transmitter Non-Inverted Data Input	
45		GND	Ground	1
46		Reserved	For future use	3
47		VS1	Module Vendor Specific 1	3
48		VccRx1	3.3V Power Supply	2
49		VS2	Module Vendor Specific 2	3
50		VS3	Module Vendor Specific 3	3
51		GND	Ground	1
52	CML-O	Rx7p	Receiver Non-Inverted Data Output	
53	CML-O	Rx7n	Receiver Inverted Data Output	
54		GND	Ground	1
55	CML-O	Rx5p	Receiver Non-Inverted Data Output	
56	CML-O	Rx5n	Receiver Inverted Data Output	
57		GND	Ground	1

58		GND	Ground	1
59	CML-O	Rx6n	Receiver Inverted Data Output	
60	CML-O	Rx6p	Receiver Non-Inverted Data Output	
61		GND	Ground	1
62	CML-O	Rx8n	Receiver Inverted Data Output	
63	CML-O	Rx8p	Receiver Non-Inverted Data Output	
64		GND	Ground	1
65		NC	No Connect	3
66		Reserved	For future Use	3
67		VccTx1	3.3V Power Supply	2
68		Vcc2	3.3V Power Supply	2
69		Reserved	For future Use	3
70		GND	Ground	1
71	CML-I	Tx7p	Transmitter Non-Inverted Data Input	
72	CML-I	Tx7n	Transmitter Inverted Data Input	
73		GND	Ground	1
74	CML-I	Tx5p	Transmitter Non-Inverted Data Input	
75	CML-I	Tx5n	Transmitter Inverted Data Input	
76		GND	Ground	1

Note1: QSFP-DD uses common ground (GND) for all signals and supply (power). All are common within the QSFP-DD module and all module voltages are referenced to this potential unless otherwise noted. Connect these directly to the host board signal common ground plane.

Note2: VccRx, VccRx1, Vcc1, Vcc2, VccTx and VccTx1 shall be applied concurrently. Requirements defined for the host side of the Host Card Edge Connector are listed in Table 6. VccRx, VccRx1, Vcc1, Vcc2, VccTx and VccTx1 may be internally connected within the module in any combination. The connector Vcc pins are each rated for a maximum current of 1000 mA.

Note3: All Vendor Specific, Reserved and No Connect pins may be terminated with 50 ohms to ground on the host. Pad 65 (No Connect) shall be left unconnected within the module. Vendor specific and Reserved pads shall have an impedance to GND that is greater than 10 Kohms and less than 100 pF.

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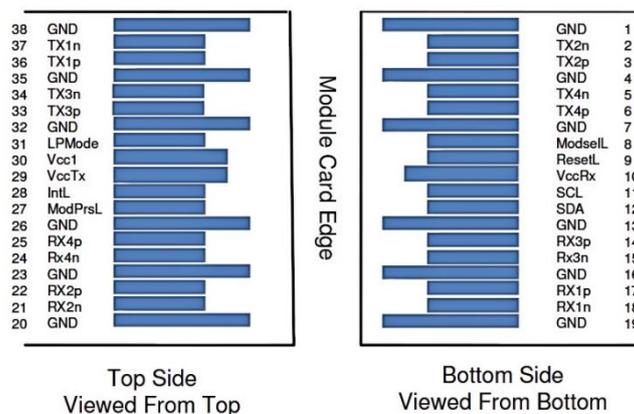


Figure4: QSFP Pin view

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6	CML-I	Tx4p	Transmitter Non-Inverted Data Input	3
7		GND	Ground	1
8	LVTTL-I	ModSelL	Module Select	4
9	LVTTL-I	ReSelL	Module Select	4
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16		GND	Ground	1
17	CML-O	Rx1p	Receiver Non-Inverted Data Output	3
18	CML-O	Rx1n	Receiver Inverted Data Output	3
19		GND	Ground	1
20		GND	Ground	1
21	CML-O	Rx2n	Receiver Inverted Data Output	3
22	CML-O	Rx2p	Receiver Non-Inverted Data Output	3
23		GND	Ground	1
24	CML-O	Rx4n	Receiver Inverted Data Output	3
25	CML-O	Rx4p	Receiver Non-Inverted Data Output Ground	3
26		GND	Ground	1
27	LVTTL-O	ModPrsL	Module Present	4
28	LVTTL-O	IntL	Interrupt	4
29		Vcc Tx	+3.3V Power supply transmitter	2
30		Vcc1	+3.3V Power supply	2
31	LVTTL-I	LPMODE	Low Power Mode	4
32		GND	Ground	1
33	CML-I	Tx3p	Transmitter Non-Inverted Data Input	3
34	CML-I	Tx3n	Transmitter Inverted Data Input	3
35		GND	Ground	1
36	CML-I	Tx1p	Transmitter Non-Inverted Data Input	3
37	CML-I	Tx1n	Transmitter Inverted Data Input	3
38		GND	Ground	1

Note1:GND is the symbol for signal and supply (power) common for the QSFP+ module. All are common within the QSFP+ module and all module voltages are referenced to this potential unless otherwise noted. Connect these directly to the host board signal-common ground plane.

Note2:Vcc Rx, Vcc1 and Vcc Tx are the receiver and transmitter power supplies and shall be applied concurrently. Requirements defined for the host side of the Host Edge Card Connector are listed in Table. Recommended host board power supply filtering is shown in Host board power supply circuit. Vcc Rx Vcc1 and Vcc Tx may be internally connected within the QSFP module in any combination. The connector pins are each rated for a maximum current of 500 mA.

Note3:High-speed signal interfaces require differential pairs (e.g. TX1+/TX1-) with tightly matched impedances (typically 100Ω).

Note4:The management and control signals are based on LVTTTL level logic and are used for functions such as module selection and reset.

QSFP-DD Monitoring Specification

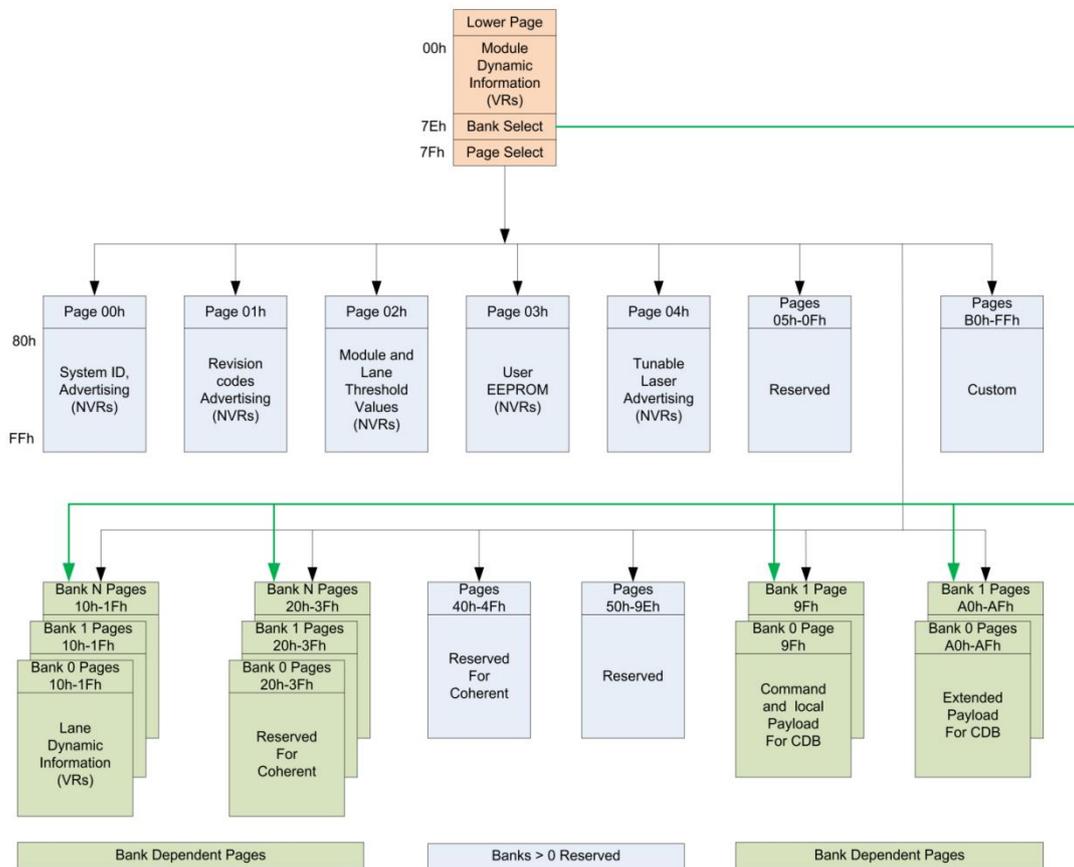


Figure5:QSFP-DD Memory map

QSFP-DD Memory map Table

Byte	Unit	Name	Description
Lower Page 00h			
0	1	Identifier	Identifier - Type of Serial Module - See SFF-8024.
1	1	Revision Compliance	Identifier – CMIS revision; the upper nibble is the whole number part and the lower nibble is the decimal part. Example: 01h indicates version 0.1, 21h indicates version 2.1.
2-3	2	ID and Status Area	Flat mem indication, CLEI present indicator, Maximum TWI speed, Current state of Module, Current state of the Interrupt signal.
4-7	4	Lane Flag Summary	Flag summary of all lane flags on pages 10h-1Fh.
8-13	6	Module-Level Flags	All flags that are not lane or data path specific.
14-25	12	Module-Level Monitors	Monitors that are not lane or data path specific.
26-30	5	Module Global Controls	Controls applicable to the module as a whole
31-36	6	Module-Level Flag Masks	Masking bits for the Module-Level flags
37-38	2	CDB Status Area	Status of most recent CDB command
39-40	2	Module Firmware Version	Module Firmware Version.
41-63	23	Reserved Area	Reserved for future standardization
64-82	19	Custom Area	Vendor or module type specific use
83-84	2	Inactive Firmware Version	Version Number of Inactive Firmware. Values of 00h indicates module supports only a single image.
85-117	33	Application Advertising	Combinations of host and media interfaces that are supported by module data path(s)
118-125	8	Password Entry and Change	Password Entry and Change
126	1	Bank Select Byte	Bank address of currently visible Page
127	1	Page Select Byte	Page address of currently visible Page
Upper Page 00h			
128	1	Identifier	Identifier - Type of Serial Module - See SFF-8024.
129-144	16	Vendor name	Vendor name (ASCII)
145-147	2	Vendor OUI	Vendor IEEE company ID
148-163	16	Vendor PN	Part number provided by vendor (ASCII)
164-165	8	Vendor rev	Revision level for part number provided by vendor (ASCII)
166-181	10	Vendor SN	Vendor Serial Number (ASCII)
182-183	2	Date code year	ASCII code, two low order digits of year (00=2000)
184-185	2	Date code month	ASCII code digits of month (01=Jan through 12=Dec)
186-187	2	Date code day of month	ASCII code day of month (01-31)
188-189	2	Lot code	ASCII code, custom lot code, may be blank
190-199	10	CLEI code	Common Language Equipment Identification code

200-201	2	Module power characteristics	Module power characteristics
202	1	Cable assembly length	Cable assembly length
203	1	Media Connector Type	Media Connector Type
204	1	5 GHz attenuation	Passive copper cable attenuation at 5 GHz in 1 dB increments
205	1	7 GHz attenuation	Passive copper cable attenuation at 7 GHz in 1 dB increments
206	1	12.9 GHz attenuation	Passive copper cable attenuation at 12.9 GHz in 1 dB increments
207	1	25.8 GHz attenuation	Passive copper cable attenuation at 25.8 GHz in 1 dB increments
208-209	2	Reserved	Reserved
210-211	2	Cable Assembly Lane Information	Cable Assembly Lane Information
212	1	Media Interface Technology	Media Interface Technology
213-220	8	Reserved	Reserved
221	1	Custom	Custom
222	1	Checksum	Includes bytes 128-221
223-255	33	Custom Info NV	Custom Info NV

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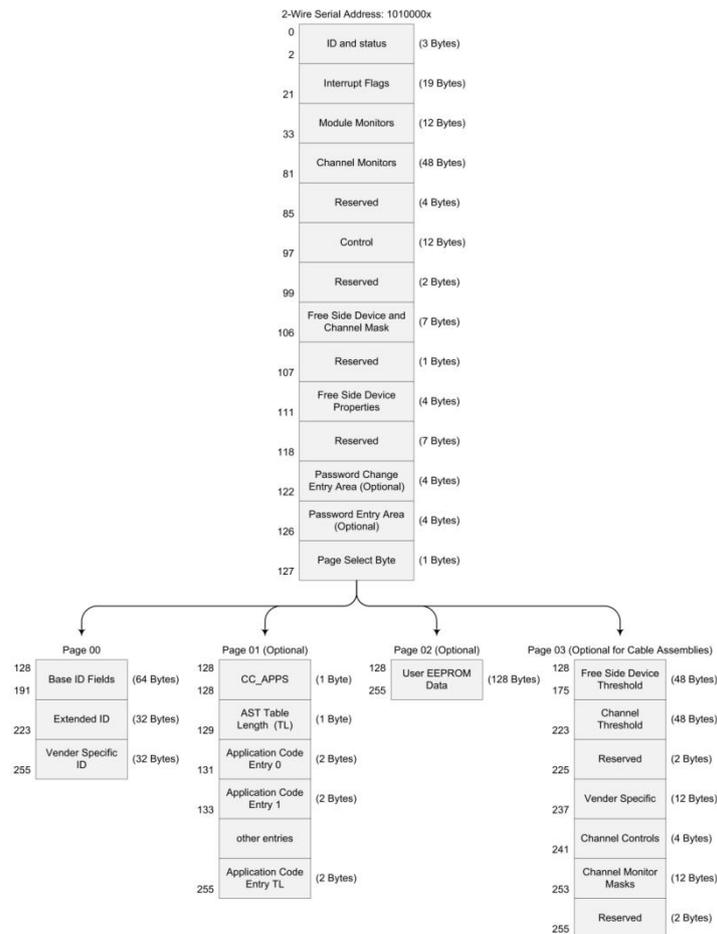


Figure6: QSFP Memory map

QSFP Memory map Table

Byte	Unit	Name	Description
Lower Page 00h			
0	1	Identifier	Type of transceiver, Page 00h Byte 0 and Page 00h Byte 128 shall contain the same parameter values.
1	1	Status	Revision Compliance
2	1	Status	Status indicators
3-21	19	Interrupt Flags	Consist of interrupt flags for LOS, Tx Fault, warnings and alarms. The non-asserted state shall be 0b.
22	1	Temperature MSB	Internally measured temperature (MSB)
23	1	Temperature LSB	Internally measured temperature (LSB)
24-25	2	Reserved	Reserved
26	1	Supply Voltage MSB	Internally measured supply voltage (MSB)
27	1	Supply Voltage LSB	Internally measured supply voltage (LSB)
28-29	2	Reserved	Reserved
30-33	4	Vendor Specific	Vendor Specific
34	1	Rx1 Power MSB	Internally measured Rx1 input power
35	1	Rx1 Power LSB	
36	1	Rx2 Power MSB	Internally measured Rx2 input power
37	1	Rx2 Power LSB	
38	1	Rx3 Power MSB	Internally measured Rx3 input power
39	1	Rx3 Power LSB	
40	1	Rx4 Power MSB	Internally measured Rx4 input power
41	1	Rx4 Power LSB	
42	1	Tx1 Bias MSB	Internally measured Tx1 bias
43	1	Tx1 Bias LSB	
44	1	Tx2 Bias MSB	Internally measured Tx2 bias
45	1	Tx2 Bias LSB	
46	1	Tx3 Bias MSB	Internally measured Tx3 bias
47	1	Tx3 Bias LSB	
48	1	Tx4 Bias MSB	Internally measured Tx4 bias
49	1	Tx4 Bias LSB	
50	1	Tx1 Power MSB	Internally measured Tx1 Power
51	1	Tx1 Power LSB	
52	1	Tx2 Power MSB	Internally measured Tx2 Power
53	1	Tx2 Power LSB	
54	1	Tx3 Power MSB	Internally measured Tx3 Power
55	1	Tx3 Power LSB	

56	1	Tx4 Power MSB	Internally measured Tx4 Power
57	1	Tx4 Power LSB	
58-65	8	Reserved	Reserved channel monitor set 4
66-73	8	Reserved	Reserved channel monitor set 5
74-81	8	Vendor Specific	Vendor Specific
82-85	4	Reserved	Reserved
86-99	14	Control	Control
100-106	7	Free Side Device and Channel Masks	Free Side Device and Channel Masks
107-110	4	Free Side Device Properties	Free Side Device Properties
111-112	2	Assigned for use by PCI Express	Used for:
			- The PCI Express External Cable Specification
			- The PCI Express OCuLink Specification
113-117	4	Free Side Device Properties	Free Side Device Properties
118	1	Reserved	Reserved
119-122	4	Password Change Entry Area	Password Change Entry Area
123-126	4	Password Entry Area	Password Entry Area
127	1	Page Select Byte	Page Select Byte
Upper Page 00h			
128	1	Identifier	Identifier Type of free side device.(See SFF-8024 Transceiver Management)
129	1	Ext. Identifier	Extended Identifier of free side device. Includes power classes, CLEI codes, CDR capability.
130	1	Connector Type	Code for media connector type. (See SFF-8024 Transceiver Management)
131-138	8	Specification Compliance	Code for electronic or optical compatibility.
139	1	Encoding	Code for serial encoding algorithm. (See SFF-8024 Transceiver Management)
140	1	Signaling rate, nominal	Nominal signaling rate, units of 100 MBd. For rate > 25.4 GBd, set this to FFh and use Byte 222.
141	1	Extended Rate Select Compliance	Tags for extended rate select compliance.
142	1	Length (SMF)	Link length supported at the signaling rate in byte 140 or page 00h byte 222, for SMF fiber in km *. A value of 1 shall be used for reaches from 0 to 1 km.
143	1	Length (OM3 50 um)	Link length supported at the signaling rate in byte 140 or page 00h byte 222, for EBW 50/125 um fiber (OM3), units of 2 m *
144	1	Length (OM2 50 um)	Link length supported at the signaling rate in byte 140 or page 00h byte 222, for 50/125 um fiber (OM2), units of 1 m *
145	1	Length (OM1 62.5 um) or Copper	Link length supported at the signaling rate in byte 140 or page 00h byte 222, for 62.5/125 um fiber (OM1), units of 1 m *, or copper cable attenuation in dB at 25.78 GHZ.
		Cable Attenuation	

146	1	Length (passive copper or active cable or OM4 50 um)	Length of passive or active cable assembly (units of 1 m) or link length supported at the signaling rate in byte 140 or page 00h byte 222, for OM4 50/125 um fiber (units of 2 m) as indicated by Byte 147. See 6.3.12.
147	1	Device technology	Device technology
148-163	16	Vendor name	Free side device vendor name (ASCII)
164	1	Extended Module	Extended Module codes for InfiniBand.
165-167	3	Vendor OUI	Free side device vendor IEEE company ID.
168-183	16	Vendor PN	Part number provided by free side device vendor(ASCII)
184-185	2	Vendor rev	Revision level for part number provided by the vendor(ASCII)
186-187	2	Wavelength or Copper Cable Attenuation	Nominal laser wavelength (wavelength=value/20 in nm) or copper cable attenuation in dB at 2.5 GHz (Byte 186) and 5.0 GHz (Byte 187)
188-189	2	Wavelength tolerance or Copper Cable Attenuation	The range of laser wavelength (+/- value) from nominal wavelength. (wavelength Tol. =value/200 in nm) or copper cable attenuation in dB at 7.0 GHz (Byte 188) and 12.9 GHz (Byte 189)
190	1	Max case temp	Maximum case temperature
191	1	CC_BASE	Check code for base ID fields (Bytes 128-190)
192	1	Link codes	Extended Specification Compliance Codes (See SFF-8024)
193-195	3	Options	Optional features implemented.
196-211	16	Vendor SN	Serial number provided by vendor.(ASCII)
212-219	8	Date Code	Vendor's manufacturing date code.
220	1	Diagnostic Monitoring Type	Indicates which type of diagnostic monitoring is implemented (if any) in the free side device. Bit 1,0 Reserved.
221	1	Enhanced Options	Indicates which optional enhanced features are implemented in the free side device.
222	1	CC_EXT	Check code for the Extended ID Fields (Bytes 192-222)
224-255	32	Vendor Specific	Vendor Specific EEPROM

