

# How many years can an unused optical module be stored



## Overview

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OEM lifecycle tells you to do. But the truth is, a well-built optical transceiver can last far longer. Here's a previous answer claiming 1 million hours but no documentation for that. After prolonged storage, they may require voltage "reforming" to restore dielectric properties. For MSL-2/3 parts, follow the JEDEC J-STD-033.

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In this blog, we'll explore professional and practical SFP module maintenance best practices, helping network engineers and IT professionals maintain optimal performance and reduce ...



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I have some that are 8 years old so they'd be getting to the top end of your 10-year range. We've seen our first potentially age-related fault with a unit reporting -20 dBm transmit power.



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Comprehensive guide explaining the factors that affect electronic component shelf life, recommended storage practices, and strategies to maintain solderability and reliability over time.



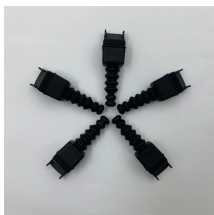
“The shelf life is how long components can be stored while remaining usable. This all depends on manufacturing, storage conditions, and the materials used during the manufacturing process,”  
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But like any piece of hardware, optical transceiver modules don't last forever. Their lifespan depends on a mix of design, environment, and how they're used in real-world conditions. In well-cooled data  
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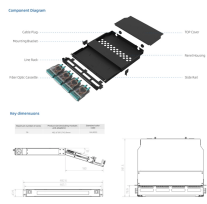
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	<p>OEM modules and high-quality third-party transceivers use better lasers that last for years. Budget modules, on the other hand, may show signs of degradation after just one year of continuous use.</p>
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