

Selection Guide for 800G Aviation Electronics and Telecom Grade Routers



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Selecting 800G routers requires evaluating interface standards, coherent optics compatibility, throughput, power efficiency, and advanced networking features to meet high-capacity telecom and aviation requirements. Key Considerations for 800G Router Selection¹.

Interface and Optics Compatibility

Ensure support for QSFP-DD800 or OSFP modules for high-density 800G Ethernet connectivity, with flexible breakout options for 100GE, 200GE, 400GE, and 800GE ports. For long-reach applications, consider routers compatible with 800ZR/800ZR+ coherent optics, supporting DP-16QAM modulation and OFEC for forward error correction over DWDM links up to 120 km. Verify interoperability with OpenZR+, Open ROADM, and OIF 800ZR standards for metro, DCI, and optical switched networks.

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Throughput and Scalability

Evaluate total switching and forwarding capacity: e.g., Juniper PTX10002-36QDD offers 28.8 Tbps in a 2U form factor, while Nokia FP5-based routers support up to 24 800GE ports per line card. Consider modularity and port density to accommodate future traffic growth, especially for AI-driven or high-bandwidth aviation networks.

3. Power Efficiency and Thermal Management High-capacity routers must optimize power consumption per port; small form-factor pluggables like QSFP-DD800 are designed for low power dissipation (~15–20W per module) while maintaining thermal stability. Evaluate chassis cooling and power redundancy to ensure reliability in mission-critical aviation or telecom environments.

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Advanced Networking Features

Support for segment routing, MPLS, advanced QoS, and telemetry is essential for traffic engineering and service reliability.

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Csec, deep buffering, and flexible filtering enhance security and performance in high-speed networks. 5.

Vendor and Ecosystem Considerations

Cisco, Juniper, Nokia, and UfiSpace offer 800G routers with varying focus on open networking, disaggregation, and white-box solutions. Evaluate software support, automation capabilities, and compatibility with existing network management systems to simplify operations and ensure interoperability. 6.

Deployment Use Cases Telecom-grade networks: Core, metro aggregation, DCI, and cloud interconnects. Aviation electronics: High-reliability, low-latency routing for onboard or ground-based communication systems, requiring robust power and thermal design.

Summary Recommendations

Prioritize routers with standards-compliant 800G optics and coherent interface support for long-reach and high-capacity links. Ensure scalable throughput and port density to accommodate future traffic growth. Evaluate power efficiency, thermal management, and advanced networking features for mission-critical applications.

Consider vendor ecosystem, open networking support, and automation capabilities to future-proof the network. By carefully assessing these factors, operators can select 800G routers that meet both aviation electronics reliability requirements and telecom-grade performance standards, ensuring high-capacity, low-latency, and scalable network deployments.

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