

General-purpose network optical cable



Article Overview

General-purpose network optical cables are fiber optic cables designed to transmit data using light, offering high bandwidth, long-distance transmission, and immunity to electromagnetic interference.

Overview

A network optical cable, also known as a fiber optic cable, consists of one or more optical fibers that carry light signals instead of electrical signals, enabling faster and more reliable data transmission compared to copper cables (). Each fiber has a core that transmits light, surrounded by cladding to reflect light back into the core, and protective coatings to prevent damage ().

Types of Fiber Optic Cables

- Single-Mode Fiber (SMF)
 - Designed for long-distance communication, often up to 25 miles without repeaters.
 - Uses a small core ($\sim 9 \mu\text{m}$) and laser light sources.
 - Ideal for backbone networks, telecom, and high-speed data links ().
- Multi-Mode Fiber (MMF)
 - Larger core ($\sim 50\text{--}62.5 \mu\text{m}$) suitable for shorter distances, typically within buildings or campuses.
 - Uses LED or VCSEL light sources.
 - Common in enterprise LANs, data centers, and FTTH (fiber-to-the-home) deployments (),...

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