

How to classify optical cables into A-cable types



AI Overview

Optical cables are classified primarily by transmission mode, core size, application, and environmental suitability, including single-mode, multimode, indoor, outdoor, and specialty fibers.

1. Classification by Transmission Mode

Single-Mode Fiber (SMF)

- Core Diameter: $\sim 8\text{--}10\ \mu\text{m}$
- Light Path: Supports a single light mode, reducing modal dispersion
- Distance: Long-haul transmission up to 40 km or more without signal regeneration
- Wavelengths: Commonly 1310 nm and 1550 nm
- Types:
 - OS1: Indoor, low attenuation ($\sim 0.4\ \text{dB/km}$ at 1310 nm)
 - OS2: Outdoor/long-haul, very low attenuation ($\sim 0.3\ \text{dB/km}$ at 1550 nm)
- Applications: Long-distance telecommunications, high-speed backbone networks

Multimode Fiber (MMF)

- Core Diameter: $50\text{--}62.5\ \mu\text{m}$
- Light Path: Multiple light modes, higher modal dispersion
- Distance: Shorter spans due to signal attenuation
- Types:
 - OM1: 62.5 μm core, up to 100 ft at 10 Gbps
 - OM2: 50 μm core, up to 260 ft at 10 Gbps
 - OM3: Laser-optimized, up to 1000 ft at 10 Gbps
 - OM4: Enhanced laser-optimized, up to 1300 ft at 10 Gbps
 - OM5: Supports short-wavelength division multiplexing for multiple channels

2. Classification by Application and Environment

Indoor Fiber Cables

- Designed for office buildings, data centers, and commercial spaces
- Features: Flexible jackets, buffer coatings, and strength members for protection
- Subtypes: Distribution cables (12–24 fibers), patch cords (pre-terminated LC-LC or SC connectors)
- Advantages: Easy installation, protection against bending and physical stress

Outdoor Fiber Cables

- Designed for harsh environments, including underground, aerial, and submarine installations
- Subtypes:
 - Aerial Cables:** Hung from poles, may be self-supporting or use messenger wires
 - Direct Burial Cables:** Heavy-duty jackets and armor for soil and root protection
 - Duct/Pipe Cables:** Pulled through conduits, balancing flexibility and protection
 - Submarine Cables:** Specially d...

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Fiber optic cables are used for long-distance and high-performance data networking. They are capable of transmitting data over longer distances and at higher bandwidths (data rates) than

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Our comprehensive guide to types of fiber optic cables. Learn all about the differences between single mode and multimode cables, as well as the various fiber wavelengths and standard core sizes used

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