

How to read the fiber optic cable connector code



AI Overview

Fiber optic connectors are color-coded according to TIA-598-C standards to indicate fiber type, connector polish, and ensure proper network installation.

Connector Color Coding

Fiber optic connectors use specific colors to indicate fiber type and polish:

- Single-mode fibers (OS1/OS2): Yellow connector body, suitable for long-distance communication.
- Multimode fibers: OM1/OM2: Beige or orange connectors, typically for LED sources and legacy networks. OM3/OM4: Aqua connectors, optimized for laser sources (VCSELs) and high-speed networks; OM4 may also appear in Erika Violet depending on manufacturer. OM5: Lime green connectors, designed for SWDM applications supporting multiple wavelengths.

The connector color matches the fiber type and often the strain relief boot, ensuring consistent identification throughout the connection interface.

Fiber Strand Identification

Individual fibers within a multi-fiber cable follow a standard 12-color sequence for identification: Blue, Orange, Green, Brown, Slate, White, Red, Black, Yellow, Violet, Rose, Aqua. For high-count cables (more than 12 fibers), the 12-color sequence is applied to both the outer buffer tube and the individual fibers inside, allowing precise identification of fibers up to 144 strands. For example, Fiber #34 would be the 10th fiber (Violet) in the 3rd tube (Green) using this system.

Jacket Color Coding

Cable jackets also indicate fiber type and application:

- Yellow: Single-mode (OS1/OS2)
- Orange: OM1/OM2 multimode
- Aqua: OM3/OM4 multimode
- Lime green: OM5 multimode

Other colors: Custom jackets may be used for specific installations or OEM branding.

MPO/MTP Connector Coding

For multi-fiber push-on (MPO) connectors, color coding helps identify fiber positions and polarity. The same 12-color sequence is used for ribbon fibers, ensuring correct alignment during high-density installations.

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Recognizing Multimode Fiber Types by Color

Color-coding is a big help when identifying individual fibers, cable, and connectors. For example, cable jacket color typically defines the fiber type, and can differ based on mode and performance level.

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Fiber optic cable color coding explained

This guide brings the main fiber optic cable color coding standards together in one place, with the full sequences and the counting rules that installers and planners rely on in the field.

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