

What type of network cable and panel are used for gigabit fiber optic cables



Overview

Fiber optic cables are, like their name suggests, a cable that uses light, rather than electricity to transmit information. They're made from silica glass fibers about the same width as a human hair, which allow the light to bounce back and forth down the length of the cabling. To prevent the light leaking out, and ensure it is reflected down the length of the cable, fiber optic cables, from the outside at least, don't look drastically different from many other kinds of cabling, since their outermost layer tends to be a colored plastic or silicon tubing. It's common for them to be white, grey, or black in color, but there are more colorful options available if that's useful. It can sometimes denote a specific fiber type. Fiber optic cables utilize light to transfer information, so they do so at light speed. However, the way the cables are constructed can have a dramatic impact on bandwidth and transmission distance. This isn't entirely different to the way some other cables, like copper patch cables, or HDMI cables, can have different maximum lengths based on the materials. Multimode fiber optic cables are characterized by a much broader internal core, measuring either 50µm or 62.5µm which allows multiple streams of data to be sent down the cable. This allows for the use of more affordable LEDs and vertical-cavity surface-emitting lasers (VCSELs) in their design, which typically makes multimode fiber optic cables much cheaper. Cable Matters produces a wide range of single mode and multi-mode fiber optic cable types, supporting a range of sizes/distances, and performance targets. If you're looking to expand a legacy fiber optic connection, or only need a very short, low-performance fiber optic cable, Cable Matters' OM1 multimode fiber optic cable is available at a low price.

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