

Guide Optical Cable Selection



Article Overview

Selecting the right optical cable depends on fiber type, application distance, installation environment, and network performance requirements.

Fiber Types

Singlemode Fiber (SMF) is ideal for long-distance backbone connections, capable of transmitting data over tens of kilometers with minimal signal loss, making it suitable for 10G to 100G+ networks. Multimode Fiber (MMF) is optimized for short-distance applications, such as within data centers or enterprise campuses. OM1, OM2, OM3, OM4, and OM5 fibers differ in core size and bandwidth, with OM4 and OM5 supporting higher speeds and longer distances for short-range links.

Cable Constructions

- Tight-Buffered Cable: Each fiber is coated with a polymer layer, providing durability and ease of termination, commonly used in FTTH or premises applications.
- Loose Tube Cable: Fibers are loosely packed in a tube, often filled with water-blocking material, suitable for high fiber counts and outdoor installations.
- Ribbon Cable: Fibers arranged in a flat bonded pattern, enabling mass fusion splicing and faster installation.
- Micromodule and Intermittently Bonded Ribbon (IBR) Cables: Offer high density, flexible handling, and efficient splicing for modern high-capacity networks.

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