

# How to identify different optical cables



## Article Overview

Optical cables can be distinguished by core size, mode (single-mode or multimode), jacket type, installation environment, and connector type.

### 1. Core Size and Mode

- **Single-mode (SM):** Has a narrow core ( $\sim 8\text{--}10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ) that allows light to travel straight, ideal for long-distance transmission (tens to hundreds of kilometers). Typically used in backbone networks and long-haul communications .
- **Multimode (MM):** Has a wider core ( $50\text{ or }62.5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ) that allows multiple light paths, suitable for shorter distances (up to 2 km), commonly used in buildings, campuses, and data centers .

### 2. Jacket and Installation Environment

- **Indoor cables:** Flexible, lightweight, and often flame-retardant (PVC or LSZH). Designed for office LANs, data centers, and riser/plenum spaces. Easy to bend and install with connectors like LC .
- **Outdoor cables:** More robust, often armored or self-supporting, designed to withstand environmental stress, UV exposure, and mechanical damage. Used for aerial, underground, or duct installations .

### 3. Armored vs. Non-Armored

- **Armored cables:** Include metallic shielding for protection against mechanical damage, ideal for underground or industrial installations ....

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Different types of cable are used for fiber-optic communication in different applications, for example long

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