

Why are optical fiber cable prices rising



Article Overview

Optical fiber cable prices are rising due to a combination of supply constraints, higher raw material costs, and surging demand from AI data centers, broadband expansion, and new applications.

Key Drivers of Price Increases

1. **Raw Material Costs:** The primary input for fiber optic cables is the preform, made from high-purity silica. Prices for preforms have surged due to increased demand for ultra-low-loss fibers (G.652D, G.657A2) and higher energy and chemical processing costs, which are capital-intensive and concentrated among a few suppliers, amplifying price fluctuations downstream. Other critical inputs like silicon tetrachloride and helium have also risen sharply, further increasing production costs.

2. **Supply Chain Constraints:** Global supply chains are under pressure from freight volatility, regional trade policies, and localized production shifts. Limited preform availability has tightened supply, particularly in regions like China, where prices have recently exceeded European levels for the first time in years. High fiber count cables (144F, 288F, 432F) and specialized fibers like G.654E are especially affected due to their complex manufacturing processes.

3. **Surging Demand:** Demand is accelerating across multiple sectors. AI and hyperscale data centers require high fiber intensity per installation, driving up consumption of high-performance fibers. FTTH (fiber-to-the-home) rollouts, national broadband projects, 5G transport networks, and UAV-related systems are also pulling from the same fiber pool, creating structural demand that outpaces supply. This synchronized demand across applications has created a sustained upward pressure on prices.

4. **Regional and Market Dynamics:** Export flows into North America and large-scale data center deployments have tightened fiber a...

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