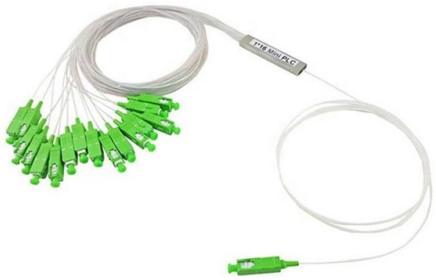
Communication optical cable or cable



Overview

A fiber-optic cable, also known as an optical-fiber cable, is an assembly similar to an electrical cable but containing one or more optical fibers that are used to carry light. The optical fiber elements are typically individually coated with plastic layers and contained in a protective tube suitable for the environment where the cable is used.

Key Takeaways

Communication optical cables (fiber optic cables) transmit data using light, offering higher bandwidth and longer distances than traditional electrical communication cables like twisted pair or coaxial cables. Fiber Optic (Optical) CablesFiber optic cables use light pulses to transmit information through a core made of highly transparent glass or plastic, surrounded by cladding with a lower refractive index to confine the light via total internal reflection. They can be single-mode, allowing one light path for long-distance transmission, or multimode, supporting multiple light paths for shorter distances.

Fiber optics provide extremely high bandwidth, low signal loss (~0. 2 dB/km), and immunity to electromagnetic interference, making them ideal for long-distance telecommunications, internet, and cable TV. Installation can be complex and costly, but prices have decreased significantly, making fiber deployment more feasible in urban areas.

Traditional Communication Cables

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Traditional communication cables include twisted pair cables and coaxial cables. Twisted pair cables consist of pairs of insulated copper wires twisted together to reduce electromagnetic interference, commonly used in telephone lines and Ethernet networks. Coaxial cables have a central conductor, insulating layer, and metallic shield, providing better shielding and higher bandwidth than twisted pair, often used for cable TV and broadband internet.

These cables are generally easier and cheaper to install but have lower bandwidth and shorter transmission distances compared to fiber optics. Key DifferencesFeatureFiber Optic CableTwisted Pair / Coaxial CableTransmission MediumLightElectrical signalsBandwidthVery high (up to several THz)Moderate (MHz to GHz)DistanceLong (kilometers to intercontinental)Short to medium (meters to a few km)InterferenceImmune to EMISusceptible to EMICostHigher initial cost, lower long-term lossLower initial cost, higher signal loss over distanceApplicationsInternet backbone, telecom, cable TV, data centersLocal networks, telephone lines, cable TVSummaryFiber optic cables are preferred for high-speed, long-distance, and interference-free communication, while traditional copper-based cables are suitable for shorter distances and cost-sensitive applications.

The choice depends on bandwidth requirements, distance, and environmental conditions.

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How optical communication cables work and how they

The optical signals are launched through a joint into an optical fibre, usually incorporated into a cable. Light emitting from the fibre is converted back

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