Inside the optical cable



Overview

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Key Takeaways

A fiber optic cable contains a core that carries light, surrounded by cladding, protective coatings, strength members, and an outer jacket to ensure efficient and safe data transmission.

Core

The core is the central part of the fiber where light signals travel. It is typically made of ultra-pure glass (silicon dioxide) or sometimes plastic, allowing light to pass with minimal loss. The core diameter varies: 8–10 microns for single-mode fibers and 50–62.

5 microns for multimode fibers. Single-mode fibers carry light in a single path, while multimode fibers allow multiple light paths, bouncing within the core.

Cladding

Surrounding the core is the cladding, a layer with a lower refractive index that reflects light back into the core using total internal reflection. This ensures that light signals remain within the core over long distances, minimizing signal loss.

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Coating and Buffer

The coating or tight buffer protects the core and cladding from physical damage, moisture, and environmental stress. It provides a first layer of defense against scratches, bending, and minor impacts.

Strength Members

Fiber optic cables include strength members, often made of aramid yarn (Kevlar), which prevent stretching and absorb tension during installation or when the cable is pulled. These components maintain the structural integrity of the cable.

Outer Jacket

The cable jacket is the external layer that shields the fiber from environmental hazards such as abrasion, chemicals, and UV exposure. Jackets can be made from materials like PVC, polyethylene, or other durable polymers, depending on whether the cable is intended for indoor, outdoor, or underground use.

Additional Features

Some cables include ripcords for easier jacket removal and may contain multiple fiber strands for high-capacity networks. Proper handling and inspection are critical, as even tiny dust or scratches on the fiber can cause signal attenuation. In summary, a fiber optic cable is a carefully engineered assembly of core, cladding, protective coatings, strength members, and jacket, designed to transmit light signals efficiently while protecting the fragile glass fibers from mechanical and environmental damage.

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