Various optical cables single weight



Overview

OPTICAL FIBRE CABLESAll cables described in the present document can accomodate all optical fi bre types available on the market (singlemode G 652 d - sing.

Key Takeaways

The weight of optical cables varies widely depending on type, construction, and strand count, ranging from about 20–50 kg/km for single-strand indoor cables to over 200 kg/km for armored outdoor multi-strand cables.

Single-

Mode vs Multimode FiberSingle-mode cables (9/125 µm) are generally lighter because they have a smaller core and often fewer fibers per cable. Tight-buffered indoor single-mode cables typically weigh 20–40 kg per kilometer, while loose-tube outdoor OS2 cables with multiple fibers can weigh 50–120 kg per kilometer depending on armor and jacket materials. Multimode cables (50/125 µm or 62.

5/125 µm) have larger cores and may include more fibers, making them slightly heavier. Indoor OM1/OM2 tight-buffered cables usually weigh 25–45 kg/km, whereas OM3/OM4/OM5 loose-tube outdoor cables with multiple strands can reach 60–150 kg/km. Construction and Environmental FactorsTight-buffered cables: Each fiber has its own protective coating, making them flexible and lighter, ideal for indoor use.

Weight is typically 20–50 kg/km for 1–12 fibers. Loose-tube cables: Fibers float in gel-filled tubes, often with water-blocking yarns. These are heavier due to additional materials, ranging 50–150 kg/km for 12–48 fibers.

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Armored cables: Include metal or composite armor for rodent and mechanical protection. Weight can exceed 200 kg/km for high-fiber-count outdoor cables. Plenum and riser-rated jackets: Fire-resistant materials add slightly to weight, typically 5–10% more than standard PVC jackets.

Strand Count and Cable Type

Simplex (single-strand) cables: Lightest, often 20–40 kg/km for indoor single-mode cables. Duplex (two-strand) cables: Slightly heavier, 25–50 kg/km depending on jacket and buffer type. Multi-strand bulk cables: 12–144 fibers, especially in loose-tube or armored construction, can weigh 60–250 kg/km.

Summary Table

Cable Type

Fiber CountConstructionTypical Weight (kg/km)Use CaseSingle-mode, simplex1Tight-buffered20–30Indoor LAN, patch cordsSingle-mode, multi-strand12–48Loose-tube50–120Outdoor backbone, telecomMultimode OM1/OM21–12Tight-buffered25–45Short-distance LANMultimode OM3/OM4/OM512–48Loose-tube60–150Data centers, high-speed networksArmored multi-strand24–144Loose-tube + armor150–250Outdoor, direct burial, aerialKey Takeaways: The weight of optical cables depends on fiber type, strand count, construction (tight-buffered vs loose-tube), jacket material, and environmental protection. For lightweight installations, single-strand tight-buffered cables are preferred, while outdoor or armored multi-strand cables are significantly heavier and require careful handling during deployment.

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