

How to calculate the length of a custom-made optical cable



Summary of Content

To calculate a custom optical cable length, sum all route segments, add slack for bends, terminations, splices, and pull points, then include a safety factor for installation and future adjustments.

Step 1: Measure the Route

Start by measuring the physical path the cable will follow. Break the route into segments such as conduit runs, tray paths, risers, vertical drops, and underground ducts. Multiply each segment by the number of times it will be used, then sum all segments to get the base length .

Step 2: Add Routing Slack

Include extra length to account for bends, corners, and elevation changes. Typical indoor installations use 10–15% slack, while complex or outdoor routes may require 20–25% . Slack ensures the cable can be pulled without stress and allows for future adjustments.

Step 3: Include Terminations and Splices

Add termination slack at each end (usually 1–3 meters per end) to protect connectors and allow re-termination. Include splice slack in closures or junctions to prevent fiber stress during maintenance .

Step 4: Account for Pull Points and Service Loops

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