

Identification of Communication Optical Cable Categories



Summary of Content

Communication optical cables are classified based on light propagation mode, fiber count, and protective jacket type, with single-mode and multimode fibers being the primary categories.

1. Classification by Mode of Light Propagation

- **Single-Mode Fiber (SMF):** Transmits a single light mode, offering very low attenuation and supporting long-distance communication up to 100 km or more. It has a small core diameter (around 5–10 μm) and is ideal for high-speed, long-haul networks .
- **Multimode Fiber (MMF):** Transmits multiple light modes, which can cause higher dispersion and is suitable for shorter distances. MMF is further divided into standards OM1, OM2, OM3, OM4, and OM5, each defining performance characteristics for high-speed networks .

2. Classification by Fiber Count

- **Simplex Cable:** Contains a single fiber strand, typically used for one-way signal transmission or bidirectional transceivers (BiDi). It is suitable for applications where only one direction of communication is needed .
- **Duplex Cable:** Contains two fiber strands, one for transmitting and one for receiving, enabling full-duplex communication. This is the standard choice for most two-way networking applications .

3. Classification by Jacket Type

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We will learn both single mode fiber optic cable types and multimode fiber optic cable types. After this

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Multimode fibers are identified by the OM (optical mode) designation and their specifications are outlined by the ISO/IEC 11801

Recommendation ITU-T G Suppl. 47 (03/2025)

Supplement 47 to ITU-T G-series Recommendations provides information on the general transmission characteristics of single-mode

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