

Selecting Fiber Optic Cables



Summary of Content

Selecting the right fiber optic cable depends on your application, distance, bandwidth needs, installation environment, and future scalability.

1. Determine the Cable Type

Fiber optic cables are primarily single-mode (SMF) or multimode (MMF).

- **Single-mode Fiber (SMF):** Ideal for long-distance and high-bandwidth applications, such as telecommunications or backbone networks. It has a small core (typically 9 μm) and supports distances up to 80–100 km with minimal signal loss .
- **Multimode Fiber (MMF):** Suitable for shorter distances, like within data centers or LANs. It has a larger core (50–62.5 μm) and supports high-speed transmission over hundreds of meters. OM4 multimode fiber can reach up to 550 meters at 1 Gbps .

2. Consider Transmission Distance and Bandwidth

- **Short-distance, high-speed links:** Use MMF for cost efficiency and easier installation.
- **Long-distance or high-bandwidth backbones:** SMF is preferred due to lower attenuation and higher bandwidth capacity .

3. Evaluate Cable Construction

Fiber cables come in different structures for installation flexibility and protection:

- **Breakout:** Individual strands for direct connections.
- **Distribution:** Strands grouped in a 900 μm jacket for splicing.
- **Loose Tube:** Strands in a 250 μm tube for flexibility and protection.

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With so many types available, choosing the right one for your application can feel overwhelming. This guide breaks

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