

Fiber Optic Cable Core Color Chart

Article Overview

Fiber optic cores are color-coded according to the TIA/EIA-598-C standard, using a 12-color sequence that repeats for high-fiber-count cables and is organized into color-coded tubes for easy identification.

Standard 12-Color Sequence

For individual fibers within a cable, the TIA/EIA-598-C standard specifies the following 12-color sequence:

- Blue
- Orange
- Green
- Brown
- Slate (Gray)
- White
- Red
- Black
- Yellow
- Violet
- Rose (Pink)

• Aqua (Light Blue) This sequence is applied to both tight-buffered and loose-tube cables. For cables with more than 12 fibers, the sequence repeats in groups of 12, often with stripes or other markers to differentiate each group .

High-Fiber-Count Cables

In cables with more than 12 fibers (e.g., 24, 48, 96, or 144 fibers), fibers are typically organized into color-coded buffer tubes. Each tube contains up to 12 fibers, and the fibers inside follow the standard 12-color sequence. The tube itself is also color-coded to identify its position within the cable. For example, Fiber #34 in a 48-fiber cable would be the 10th fiber (Violet) in the 3rd tube (Green) . For 16-fiber MPO connectors, a 16-color sequence is sometimes used: 13: Olive, 14: Magenta, 15: Tan, 16: Lime, following European or high-density ribbon cable standards .

Loose-Tube Cable Tube Colors

Loose-tube cables often use a 12-tube color standard for the outer buffer tubes, which typically follows the same color sequence as the fibers inside. This allows technicians to quickly identify both the tube and the fiber within it during installatio...

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