

Types of Optical Cable Cores

Article Overview

Optical cable cores are primarily classified as single-mode or multimode, with core sizes and designs tailored for specific transmission distances and applications.

Core Types

1. Single-Mode Fiber (SMF) Core

- Core Diameter: Approximately 9 micrometers (μm)
- Light Propagation: Allows only one light mode to travel, minimizing modal dispersion
- Wavelength Optimization: Typically 1310 nm and 1550 nm
- Applications: Long-distance telecommunications, high-speed backbone networks, and data centers requiring minimal signal loss
- Advantages: Supports very long distances with low attenuation and high bandwidth

2. Multimode Fiber (MMF) Core

- Core Diameter: Typically 50 μm (OM4/OM5) or 62.5 μm (older OM1/OM2)
- Light Propagation: Multiple light modes travel simultaneously, which can cause modal dispersion
- Wavelength Optimization: Usually 850 nm for short-range applications
- Applications: Enterprise LANs, data centers, and short-distance high-speed links
- Advantages: Easier to couple with LEDs and VCSELs, cost-effective for short distances

3. Bend-Insensitive Fiber (BIF) Core

- Design Feature: Special refractive index profile reduces signal loss when the fiber is bent
- Applications: Space-constrained environments like FTTH (Fiber to the Home) or de...

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