

What do white fiber optic cable and black fiber optic cable mean



Article Overview

The primary difference between black and white fiber optic cables is the color of the outer jacket, which mainly affects UV resistance, heat absorption, and aesthetic considerations, rather than the cable's performance.

Jacket Color and Environmental Considerations

Fiber optic cables consist of a core, cladding, strength members (like Kevlar), and an outer PVC jacket. The outer jacket color does not affect the optical performance of the fiber itself, but it can influence durability in certain environments. Black jackets are commonly used for outdoor installations because they absorb UV light and are typically more resistant to sunlight degradation over time. White jackets, on the other hand, reflect sunlight and may weather slightly better in areas with strong sunlight, making them suitable for aesthetic indoor or exterior installations where blending with walls is desired .

Identification and Color Coding

In addition to environmental considerations, fiber optic cables use color coding for identification. The TIA-598 standard defines jacket colors to indicate fiber type: for example, yellow jackets for single-mode fibers and orange or aqua jackets for multimode fibers. Black and white jackets are generally used for general-purpose cables and do not indicate fiber type by themselves, but they help installers distinguish between different cable runs or applications

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That covers the external jacket colors, but fiber cables have internal components as well.

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