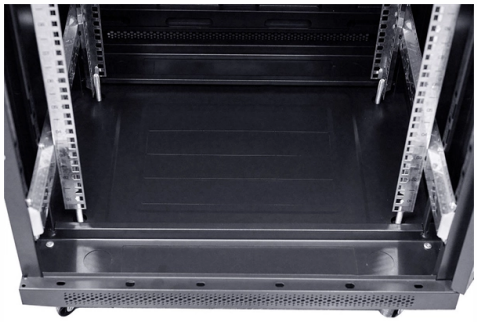
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Components used in optical fiber cables



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Key Takeaways

A fiber optic cable consists of five main components: the core, cladding, coating, strength members, and outer jacket, each serving a critical role in light transmission and cable protection.Core

The core is the central glass or plastic strand that carries light signals over long distances. It is typically made of ultra-pure silica (SiO_2) for minimal signal loss. Core diameters vary by fiber type: single-mode fibers have cores around 8–10 microns for long-distance, high-bandwidth applications, while multimode fibers have larger cores (50–62.5 microns) suitable for shorter distances like campus or indoor networks .

Cladding

Surrounding the core is the cladding, which has a lower refractive index than the core. This difference enables total internal reflection, keeping light confined within the core and allowing efficient signal transmission over long distances .

Coating

The coating or primary buffer layer protects the delicate core and cladding from scratches, contamination, and mechanical stress. It is usually made of dual-layer acrylate or similar polymers and prevents fiber breakage during handling and installation .

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Strength Members

Strength members provide tensile support and prevent stretching or breaking of the fiber. Materials include aramid yarns (Kevlar®), fiberglass rods, or galvanized steel wires, depending on whether the cable is designed for indoor, outdoor, or armored applications. These members ensure durability under tension, thermal changes, and environmental stress .

Outer Jacket

The outer jacket is the protective layer that shields the internal components from moisture, UV exposure, chemicals, and physical damage. Jacket materials are selected based on installation environment and building codes, with options for indoor, outdoor, or armored cables .

Additional Considerations

Some fiber cables include ripcords for easier jacket removal during splicing or repairs. High-count cables may have multiple cores bundled in loose tubes, and specialized fibers like photonic crystal or rare-earth-doped fibers are used in advanced applications . Understanding these components ensures proper cable selection, installation, and longevity in high-speed communication systems, data centers, and enterprise networks.

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