

Does the number of optical fibers have a significant impact on price



Article Overview

Yes, the number of optical fibers in a cable has a significant impact on its price, with higher strand counts generally increasing the cost proportionally.

How Fiber Count Affects Price

The cost of fiber optic cables is directly influenced by the number of fibers bundled within a single cable. For example, a 1-core FTTH drop cable may cost around \$0.13 per foot, whereas a 288-strand backbone cable can reach \$6 per foot or more . Similarly, a 12-strand cable typically costs about \$0.50 per foot, while a 24-strand cable can cost around \$1 per foot, showing a near-linear increase with fiber count . This is because more fibers require additional raw materials, more complex manufacturing, and larger cable jackets to accommodate the strands.

Other Contributing Factors

While fiber count is a major driver, several other factors also influence pricing:

- **Fiber Type:** Single-mode fibers are generally less expensive per foot than multimode fibers, but they require more precise equipment for installation .
- **Cable Construction:** Indoor riser-rated cables are cheaper than plenum-rated or armored cables designed for harsh environments or direct burial .
- **Core Material:** Glass fiber cores cost more than plastic alternatives but provide superior performance for long-distance and high-speed transmission

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