

Fiber Optic Cable Main Line



Article Overview

Fiber optic cables are the preferred choice for main network lines due to their high-speed data transmission, long-distance capability, and immunity to electromagnetic interference.

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Fiber optic cables transmit data using light signals through thin strands of glass or plastic, offering faster speeds, lower latency, and longer transmission distances compared to copper cables (Cat 6/8) that rely on electrical signals. They are ideal for backbone network lines connecting buildings, data centers, or large campus networks, where high bandwidth and reliability are critical.

Types of Fiber Optic Cables

- Single-Mode Fiber (SMF)
- Core diameter: ~9 microns
- Supports long-distance, high-speed transmission
- Best for outdoor or inter-building backbone lines
- Common grades: OS1 (indoor), OS2 (outdoor)
- Can reach distances up to 160 km with appropriate transceivers
- Multi-Mode Fiber (MMF)
- Core diameter: 50–62.5 microns
- Suitable for shorter distances within buildings or campuses
- Common grades: OM1, OM2, OM3, OM4 (OM3/OM4 preferred for high-speed networks)...

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