

Fiber Optics and Optical Patch Cords



Article Overview

Fiber optic patch cords are short, connectorized fiber cables used to link optical devices, providing flexible, low-loss connections in networks.

Definition and Purpose

A fiber optic patch cord (also called a fiber jumper or optical patch cord) is a short optical fiber cable with connectors on both ends, designed to connect devices such as transceivers, patch panels, switches, or ONTs. They serve as the flexible, reconfigurable layer in optical networks, enabling quick connections, moves, adds, or changes without splicing the main cable infrastructure ().

Construction

Typical patch cords consist of:

- Optical fiber: Single-mode (SM, OS1/OS2) for long-distance links or multimode (MM, OM1-OM5) for short-distance, high-speed connections ().
- Strength members: Kevlar yarn or aramid fibers to absorb pulling forces and protect the fragile glass core.
- Outer jacket: Materials like PVC, LSZH, OFNR, or OFNP, chosen based on fire safety, indoor/outdoor use, or environmental conditions.
- Connectors: LC, SC, FC, ST, MPO/MTP, MDC, or CS, with polish types such as UPC (flat) or APC (angled) to optimize return loss and minimize reflection ().

Types...

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