

The lifespan of outdoor optical cables is



Article Overview

Outdoor fiber optic cables typically last between 15 and 40 years, depending on installation quality, environmental exposure, and protective measures.

Typical Lifespan

- Long-haul and infrastructure cables: 25–50 years under optimal conditions, such as buried or ducted installations with minimal environmental stress .
- Outdoor subscriber drop cables (FTTH near customer premises): 10–25 years, influenced by UV exposure, bending, and weather conditions .
- Well-installed outdoor cables: 20–30+ years is common when using UV-resistant jackets, armored protection, and water-blocking features .

Factors Affecting Longevity

- Environmental Exposure: Direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and moisture can degrade the cable jacket and coatings, reducing lifespan .
- Mechanical Stress: Bending, pulling, or improper handling during installation can create micro-cracks in the fiber, accelerating degradation .
- Protective Measures: Using PE or HDPE jackets, aramid strength members, steel armor, and water-repellent gels or tapes significantly enhances durability .
- Installation Quality: Professional installation and proper routing reduce stress and prevent premature failure .

Key Considerations

- The glass core of the fiber itself is extremely stable and can theoretically last over...

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