

What are the functions of optical cables in equipment



Article Overview

Optical cables transmit data as light signals, enabling high-speed, long-distance, and interference-resistant communication within and between electronic devices.

How Optical Cables Work

Optical cables, also known as fiber-optic cables, consist of a core made of glass or plastic, surrounded by cladding with a lower refractive index, and protective coatings and an outer jacket to ensure durability and signal integrity. Light signals, generated by lasers or LEDs, travel through the core and are confined by total internal reflection, allowing data to move over long distances with minimal loss and immunity to electromagnetic interference. This makes them ideal for high-speed data transmission in telecommunications, data centers, industrial systems, and medical equipment.

Passive vs Active Optical Cables

- Passive optical cables transmit light directly from one device to another without embedded electronics. They rely solely on the fiber to carry signals and are commonly used for standard fiber-optic communication.
- Active optical cables (AOC) include integrated transceivers at each end that convert electrical signals to optical signals and back. This allows for longer distances, higher bandwidth, and lower signal degradation compared to copper cables, making them suitable for high-speed interconnects in data centers and high-performance comput...

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Optical fiber

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Types of Optical Cables, Features, and Operating Principles

Unlike traditional copper cables that use electrical signals, optical cables transmit data via light pulses, offering faster

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