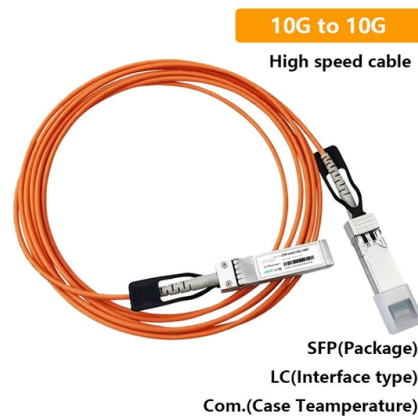


Material representation of communication optical cables



Summary of Content

Optical communication cables are primarily composed of a core, cladding, protective coatings, and an outer jacket, with materials chosen to optimize light transmission, durability, and environmental resistance.

Core

The core is the central part of the fiber that carries light signals. It is typically made of ultra-pure silica glass (SiO_2) for high-performance fibers, or polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA) for plastic optical fibers. The core's diameter varies depending on the fiber type: single-mode fibers have a core around $8\text{--}10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ for long-distance, high-bandwidth transmission, while multimode fibers have larger cores ($50\text{--}62.5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$) suitable for shorter distances.

Cladding

Surrounding the core is the cladding, made of glass or plastic with a lower refractive index than the core. This difference in refractive index ensures total internal reflection, keeping light confined within the core and minimizing signal loss. The cladding also provides mechanical protection and contributes to the fiber's flexibility.

Coatings and Buffer Layers

To protect the delicate core and cladding, fibers are coated with acrylate or polymer layers, which prevent scratches, reduce microbending, and enhance tensile strength. In outdoor or armored cables, additional strength members such as steel wires or aramid yarns may be included to resist tension and environmental stress.

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