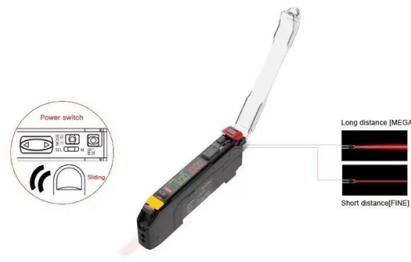


Current Status of Special Optical Cables Abroad



AI Overview

Global submarine and fiber-optic cable networks are operational but face localized disruptions, with ongoing growth in capacity and market expansion. Recent Disruptions A series of undersea cable cuts in the Red Sea in September 2025 caused significant internet slowdowns across Asia and the Middle East, affecting countries such as the UAE, India, and Pakistan. Key systems impacted included SMW4 (Southeast Asia-Middle East-Western Europe 4) and IMEWE (India-Middle East-Western Europe). Telecom providers and cloud platforms like Microsoft Azure rerouted traffic to minimize disruption, but users experienced higher latency in affected regions due to the critical role of the Red Sea as a digital corridor carrying roughly 17% of global internet traffic. Global Infrastructure As of mid-2024, there are over 600 active and planned submarine cables worldwide, employing fiber-optic technology with high-speed laser transmission through glass fibers protected by multiple layers of insulation and sometimes steel wire. Interactive maps and visualizations, such as those provided by TeleGeography and FiberAtlantic, allow tracking of cable routes, landing stations, and system status, showing continuous expansion of global connectivity. Market Trends The fiber-optic cable market continues to grow strongly, reaching \$84.15 billion in 2025 and projected to grow to \$89.16 billion in 2026 at a CAGR of 5.9%. Growth is driven by increasing demand for high-bandwidth, low-latency connections, 5G deployment, FTTH (fiber-to-the-home), and data center connectivity. Asia-Pacific remains the largest regional market, while North America is the fastest-growing region. Both single-mode and multi-mode glass optical fibers are widely used across telecom, military, aerospace, medical, and industrial applications. Technological Developments Modern optical cables are designed...

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