

Fiber Optic Cable Standard Connector Models and Specifications



AI Overview

Fiber optic connector cables come in various models and types, including LC, SC, ST, and MPO/MTP connectors, with specifications defined by fiber mode, polish type, cable geometry, and performance metrics.

Connector Types and Features

- LC (Lucent Connector):** Uses a 1.25 mm ferrule with a push-pull latch, ideal for high-density panels and modern transceivers (SFP/SFP+, QSFP). LC-APC variants are used in PON backbones for high return loss performance.
- SC (Subscriber Connector):** Features a 2.5 mm ferrule with a square snap-in housing, commonly used in enterprise networks, FTTH, and CATV. Available in UPC (blue) or APC (green) polish.
- ST (Straight Tip):** Bayonet-style connector, mainly used in legacy and industrial installations.
- MPO/MTP:** Multi-fiber push-on connectors for high-density applications, supporting 8, 12, 16, or 24 fibers in a single round cable.

Fiber Modes

- Single-mode (OS2):** Yellow jacket, designed for long-distance communication with low transmission loss. Adheres to ITU-T G.652C/D standards.
- Multimode (OM3/OM4/OM5):** Aqua (OM3), Violet/Pink (OM4), Lime Green (OM5) jackets. Optimized for laser-based equipment, supporting 10G-100G Ethernet over varying distances (OM3: 10G up to 300 m; OM4: 10G up to 550 m; OM5: wideband multimode for future high-speed applications).

Cable Geometries

- Simplex/Duplex:** Single or paired fibers for point-to-point connections.
- Round Multi-fiber Cables:** 8, 12, 16, or 24 fibers in a tight-buffered jacket, suitable for MPO/MTP high-density connections in data centers and telecom networks.
- Specialized Models:** KM6 series cables (KM61, KM62, KM65) are used for FA-bus modules and industrial applications, with specifications for wet environments and maximum transmission loss limits.

Performance Metrics

- Insertion Loss (IL):** Light loss due to connection; lower values indicate better performance.
- Return Loss (RL):** Refle...

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Fiber Optic Connectors Information

Fiber optic connectors are used to align and join two or more fibers together to provide a means for attaching to, or decoupling from, a transmitter, receiver, or

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