

Optical Cable Type and Diameter Table



AI Overview

Fiber optic cables come in multiple models including single-mode and multi-mode types, with core diameters ranging from 8 μm to 62.5 μm and overall cable dimensions from approximately 3x2 mm to larger multi-fiber assemblies.

Fiber Optic Cable Types

Single-Mode Fiber (SMF) Designed for long-distance communication with low signal loss. Core diameter: $\sim 8\text{--}10\ \mu\text{m}$. Common standards: G.652.D, G.655, G.657.A1, G.657.A2. Typically used in telecom backbones and high-speed internet networks.

Multi-Mode Fiber (MMF) Suitable for shorter distances such as LANs and data centers. Core diameters: OM1: 62.5 μm OM2: 50 μm OM3/OM4/OM5: 50 μm with enhanced bandwidth and support for higher data rates. OM5 supports short wavelength division multiplexing for up to 400 Gbps.

Cable Construction and Dimensions

Core and Cladding Core: central light-carrying element. Cladding: surrounds the core to reflect light back into it. Buffer coating: protective layer around cladding to prevent damage.

Sheath Materials LSZH (Low Smoke Zero Halogen) for indoor safety. PVC or PE for indoor/outdoor use. FRP (Fiber Reinforced Plastic) elements for tensile strength.

Typical Cable Dimensions

Indoor drop cables: $\sim 3 \times 2$ mm, accommodating 1–8 fibers. Multi-fiber outdoor cables: diameters vary depending on fiber count and reinforcement layers, often 6–12 mm or larger. Bending radius and tensile strength are designed according to installation requirements.

Examples of Optical Cable Models

Model	Fiber Type	Fiber Count	Core Diameter	Jacket	Approx. Dimensions
OM1	Multi-mode	1–12	62.5 μm	LSZH/PVC	3x2 mm (1–8 fibers)
OM2	Multi-mode	1–12	50 μm	LSZH/PVC	3x2 mm
OM3	Multi-mode	1–24	50 μm	LSZH/PE	4–6 mm
OM4	Multi-mode	1–24	50 μm	LSZH/PE	4–6 mm
OM5	Multi-mode	1–24	50 μm	LSZH/PE	4–6 mm
G.652.D	Single-mode	1	9 μm	LSZH/PE	3–6 mm
G.657.A2	Single-mode	1	9 μm	LSZH/PE	3–6 mm

Additional Notes Fiber optic cables are available in indoor, outdoor, and hybrid variants. Outdoor cables may include waterproofing, UV resista...

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Cable Diameter Calculation Guide: Formulas, Charts

This table reflects the actual cable outer diameter in the installation (taking common insulation such as THHN/XLPE as an example; the values are

Optical Fibre Cable Technical Specification

The standard optical cable structure is shown in the following table, other structure and fibre count are also available according to customer requirements. The mechanical and environmental performance

Fibre optic cable selection guide

This fibre optic cable selection guide explains the differences between the different types and the commonly available construction options. Optical fibres are

The Ultimate Fiber Optic Cable Size Reference Chart

Our comprehensive chart simplifies the process by outlining the key dimensions—core size, cladding size, coating diameter, and buffer size—that

Fibre Optic Cable

The cable does not propagate fire and is self-extinguishing. Notice: You can not assume that if the cable passes the test according 60332-1, a bundle of such cables passing a test 60332-3

Optical Cables

The following section refers to both optical cables that constitute a part of AOC cables as well as standalone optical cables that connect two optical transceivers. Optical cables come in a

Cables: Fiber

In ISO/IEC 11801:2002 and EN50173:2002, four types of optical fibre are specified to support various classes of applications, three multimode optical fiber types (OM1, OM2, and OM3) and one single

Small Form-factor Pluggable

Small Form-factor Pluggable connected to a pair of fiber-optic cables Small Form-factor Pluggable (SFP) is a compact, hot-pluggable network interface module

Fiber Optic Cable Size Chart: Complete Guide

Fiber optic cable size chart with complete guide to core, cladding, and jacket dimensions, types, and specifications for networking and installation use.

Fiber Optic Cable Specifications Guide

This document provides specifications for single mode and multimode optical fibers according to various ITU-T and IEC standards. For single mode fibers, it lists

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Fiber optic cables should not be mixed with copper cables as the heavier copper cables can stress the fiber cables. Sometimes the fiber is hung below cable trays

Electrical Cable

This type of cable is basically used for the telephone cables and the resistance can be measured by the number of wires used. Optical Pairs:- The

What is Coaxial Cable

Coaxial cable is typically used by cable operators, telephone companies, and internet providers to transmit data, video, and voice

Fiber Optic Cable Sizes: A Comprehensive Analysis

Fiber optic cables have an outer diameter that determines the durability of the cable and where it can be used. The most common outer

Fiber Optic Cable Types Explained

Our comprehensive guide to types of fiber optic cables. Learn all about the differences between single mode and multimode cables, as well as the various

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Cable Outer Diameter Comparison Table

The outer diameter dimensions of fiber optic cables vary depending on their construction type and application: Single-mode fiber optic cables typically have an outer diameter ranging from

Fiber Optic Cable Types – Multimode and Single Mode

Application Fiber Optic connectors and cables are present in nearly every communications project that we might sell into, be it a DAS installation or a Base Station with wireless backhaul, you can be

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DTS0079 Standard Table

The following pages list the standard fibers, cables, connectors, lenses, and laser head adaptors available from OZ Optics. Accompanying each table are technical notes to help you make the most

The Ultimate Fiber Optic Cable Size Reference Chart

How to Use This Chart Understanding fiber optic measurements doesn't have to be overwhelming. Our comprehensive chart simplifies the

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