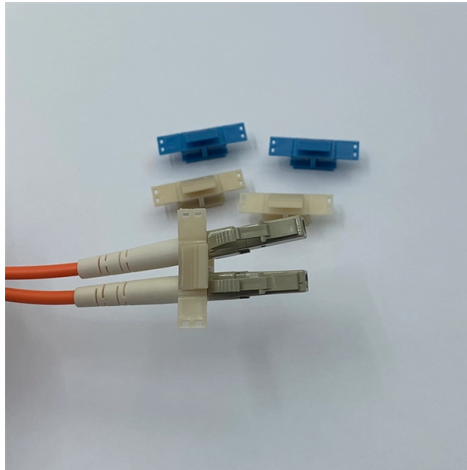


Fiber Optic Cable Composite Materials



AI Overview

Fiber optic cables are composed of a core, cladding, coatings, strength members, and protective jackets, often using composite materials to enhance durability and performance.

Core and Cladding

The core is the central part of the fiber where light travels, typically made from ultra-pure silica glass (SiO_2) or, in some cases, plastic optical fiber (POF) for short-distance applications. The cladding surrounds the core and has a slightly lower refractive index to ensure total internal reflection, keeping light within the core. Cladding materials can be fluorine-doped glass or polymer-based for plastic fibers.

Coatings and Buffer Layers

To protect the delicate core and cladding, fibers are coated with dual-layer UV-cured acrylate polymers—a soft primary coating and a hard secondary coating. These coatings prevent physical damage, moisture ingress, and microbending, which could cause signal loss. Additional buffer tubes or resin layers are applied to form the cable core and provide mechanical protection.

Strength Members

Composite optical cables often include strength members made from aramid fibers (Kevlar), fiberglass-reinforced plastics (FRP), or steel wires. These materials provide tensile strength, prevent stretching, and maintain structural integrity during installation and environmental stress.

Protective Jackets

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