

Cost Structure of Optical Cables



Article Overview

Fiber optic cable prices range from \$0.09 to \$6 per foot depending on type, strand count, and construction.

General Price Ranges

- Single-mode fiber (OS2): \$0.09 to \$1.52 per foot, or \$0.30 to \$0.50 per meter for standard outdoor cables .
- Multimode fiber (OM3/OM4): \$1.50 to \$6 per foot, or \$0.10 to \$0.60 per meter depending on strand count and quality .
- Simplex/Duplex indoor cables: \$0.05 to \$0.30 per meter, suitable for short-distance indoor applications .
- Armored cables: \$0.50 to \$5 per foot, or \$0.30 to \$1.00 per meter, designed for harsh environments or direct burial .
- Aerial/self-supporting cables: \$0.40 to \$1.50 per meter, typically used for outdoor installations .

Factors Affecting Prices

- Fiber Count: Higher strand counts increase costs. For example, a 12-strand cable costs around \$0.50 per foot, while a 24-strand cable can reach \$1 per foot .
- Cable Construction: Indoor riser-rated cables are cheaper than plenum-rated or armored cables. Outdoor cables with UV-resistant jackets or flame-retardant features are more expensive .
- Core Material: Glass fiber cores are more expensive than plastic optical fiber but offer better performance .
- Pre-terminated Assemblies: Factory-terminated patch cables cost more upfront bu...

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