

Fiber optic cable multimode and single mode



AI Overview

Single-mode fiber is optimized for long-distance, high-bandwidth transmission, while multimode fiber is ideal for short-distance, cost-effective applications.

Core Differences

Single-mode fiber (SMF) has a small core diameter of about $9\text{ }\mu\text{m}$, allowing only a single light mode to propagate. This minimizes modal dispersion, enabling signals to travel long distances with minimal loss, making it suitable for backbone networks, transcontinental links, and high-speed telecommunications. It typically uses laser light sources at wavelengths like 1310 nm or 1550 nm . Multimode fiber (MMF) has a larger core diameter, usually $50\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ or $62.5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$, allowing multiple light modes to propagate simultaneously. This design is easier to manufacture and more cost-effective for short-distance applications, such as within buildings, data centers, or campus networks. Multimode fiber commonly uses LEDs or VCSELs at 850 nm , with some legacy applications at 1300 nm .

Performance and Bandwidth

Single-mode fiber supports higher bandwidth over longer distances because it avoids modal dispersion. Multimode fiber experiences modal dispersion, which limits its effective transmission distance and bandwidth. To address this, multimode fibers are classified into types like OM1, OM2, OM3, OM4, and OM5, with increasing effective modal bandwidth (EMB) and support for higher data rates, from 1 Gb/s up to 400 Gb/s .

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