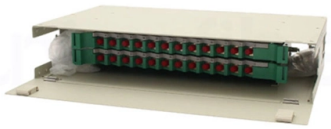
How many cores are enough for an outdoor optical cable



AI Overview

Outdoor optical fiber cables commonly use 6, 12, 24, 48, 72, or 144 cores, with 12 and 24 cores being the most typical for standard deployments.

Standard Core Configurations

Outdoor fiber optic cables are usually manufactured in multiples of 2 fiber increments, such as 6, 12, 24, 48, 72, and 144 cores, to accommodate both current connectivity needs and future expansion . The most commonly deployed outdoor cables for long-distance, single-mode applications are 12-core and 24-core cables, which balance cost, manageability, and scalability . Higher core counts, such as 48 or 72 cores, are often used in backbone networks or high-density urban deployments where multiple routes or redundancy are required .

Factors Influencing Core Count
• Number of Devices and Connections: Each device typically requires two cores—one for transmitting and one for receiving data. For example, connecting 10 devices would require at least 20 cores .
• Redundancy and Spare Fibers: Designers often include 10–20% extra cores to allow for future growth, repairs, or unexpected failures .
• Single-Mode vs. Multi-Mode: Outdoor cables are usually single-mode for long-distance transmission, which supports high bandwidth over tens of kilometers. Multi-mode fibers are more common for short-distance or enterprise networks .
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