

Fiber Optic Cable Types and Prices



AI Overview

Fiber optic cables come in single-mode and multimode styles, with prices ranging from \$0.09 to \$6 per foot depending on type, strand count, and installation requirements.

Fiber Optic Cable Styles

- Single-Mode Fiber (SMF)**
 - Core diameter: 8–10 microns
 - Transmits light over long distances (up to 40–100 km)
 - Ideal for campus backbones, metropolitan networks, and long-haul applications
 - OS1: Tight-buffered for indoor use
 - OS2: Loose-tube for outdoor installations
 - Lower per-foot cable cost but requires more expensive transceivers and equipment
- Multimode Fiber (MMF)**
 - Core diameter: 50 or 62.5 microns
 - Supports multiple light modes, suitable for shorter distances
 - Common standards: OM3 and OM4 for high-speed data centers and enterprise LANs
 - Lower equipment cost compared to single-mode, but limited transmission distance

Construction Variants

- Indoor vs Outdoor:** Indoor cables are typically riser or plenum rated; outdoor cables may be loose-tube or armored for harsh environments
- Armored Cables:** Provide extra protection for direct burial or high-risk areas, costing more per foot

Connector Types: SC, LC, ST, and pre-terminated assemblies affect cost and compatibility with network equipment

Pricing Overview

- Material Costs**
 - Wholesale bulk: \$0.09–\$1.52 per foot
 - Retail: \$1–\$6 per foot depending on fiber count, jacket type, and application
 - Example: 1-core FTTH drop cable ≈ \$0.13/ft; 288-strand backbone cable ≈ \$6/ft
- Installation Costs**
 - Labor, trenching, splicing, and termination add \$0.60–\$3.00 per foot depending on complexity and terrain
 - Indoor short runs: \$0.75–\$3.50 per meter including labor and connectors
 - Outdoor armored runs with multiple splices: \$11,000–\$14,500 for 5,000 ft projects

Factors Affecting Price

- Fiber type (single-mode vs multimode)
- Strand count (higher strands increase cost)
- Cable construction (armored, plenum-rated, outdoor-rated)
- Connector type and pre-termination
- Installation complexity, permits, and regional labor rates

Practical Considerations

- Long-term value: Fiber offers 20–30-year...

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