

Fiber optic cable OFNR flame retardant rating



Article Overview

Fiber optic cables are typically made with PVC, PE, or LSZH jackets, with flame retardant ratings such as OFNP (Plenum), OFNR (Riser), and OFNG (General Purpose) determining their fire safety and installation suitability.

Common Fiber Optic Cable Materials

- PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride): Widely used for indoor applications, PVC is flexible and cost-effective but emits toxic halogen gases when burned. Flame-retardant PVC (FR-PVC) exists but is less common due to halogen concerns .
- PE (Polyethylene): Offers good mechanical strength and moisture resistance, often used outdoors. Standard PE is not inherently flame-retardant .
- LSZH (Low Smoke Zero Halogen): LSZH jackets are formulated without halogens, producing minimal smoke and no corrosive gases when burned. This makes LSZH ideal for confined or poorly ventilated spaces such as hospitals, airports, tunnels, and data centers . LSZH cables are generally stiffer and more expensive than PVC.

Flame Retardant Ratings

Fiber optic cables are classified according to fire safety standards, primarily defined by the National Electrical Code (NEC):

- OFNP (Optical Fiber Non-conductive Plenum): Highest fire resistance, suitable for plenum spaces like air ducts and ceiling voids. Produces low smoke and minimal to...

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UL 1651 specifies the requirements for listing cable of these types and they include flame performance testing, marking durability,

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