

High-price purchase of optical fiber cables and pigtails



Article Overview

The high cost of fiber optic cables and pigtails in 2026 is driven by rising raw material prices, increased global demand, and structural market shifts affecting both standard and specialized fiber products.

Reasons for High Prices

Raw material costs are a major factor. Fiber optic cables are made from optical glass, which requires silicon tetrachloride and oxygen, and the cooling process uses helium, a scarce and expensive resource. Energy costs for manufacturing also contribute to the overall price pressure. Market demand has surged due to the expansion of 5G networks, cloud computing, data centers, and FTTH (fiber-to-the-home) initiatives, as well as government broadband programs. Additionally, new applications such as fiber-guided military drones have created unprecedented demand for high-performance fibers, further driving prices. Structural market shifts mean that price increases are not temporary. For example, standard G.652D single-mode fiber has risen 45-80% since mid-2025, while higher-performance bend-insensitive fibers like G.657A2 have nearly doubled in price, reaching around \$35 per kilometer. Pre-terminated assemblies, patch leads, and bulk cables have all experienced similar upward pressure.

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