

How to check fiber optic cable model parameters



Article Overview

You can identify a fiber optic cable's model and specifications by reading its print legend, color coding, and manufacturer markings, which indicate fiber type, core/cladding size, jacket material, reinforcement, and installation ratings.

Step 1: Examine the Cable Jacket and Color

Fiber optic cables often use color coding to indicate fiber type:

- OM1 (62.5/125 μm multimode): Orange or Slate
- OM2/OM3/OM4 (50/125 μm multimode): Aqua or other colors depending on manufacturer
- Single-mode (9/125 μm): Yellow Note that jacket colors may vary, so always check the print legend on the cable for confirmation .

Step 2: Read the Print Legend

Most cables have a printed legend along the jacket that provides key specifications:

- Fiber type and core/cladding size: e.g., 50/125 indicates a 50 μm core and 125 μm cladding, typical for OM2, OM3, or OM4 multimode fibers .
- Single-mode designation: SM or OS1/OS2 for 9 μm core fibers .
- Cable construction: Codes like SSF, GYGZL03, or GJ indicate indoor/outdoor use, self-supporting structure, or armored/non-armored construction

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