Ribbon optical cable models and specifications



Overview

Ribbon Fiber Optic Cable In the video below, Darin Howe discusses the advantages of ribbon cables by explaining the differences between loose tube and ribb.

Key Takeaways

Ribbon optical cables are high-density fiber optic cables designed for mass-fusion splicing, offering fiber counts from 4 up to 6,912 fibers in compact, flat or flexible ribbon formats.

Key Features and Specifications

Ribbon fiber design: Ribbon cables organize multiple optical fibers in a flat, matrix-style ribbon, typically containing 4, 6, 8, or 12 fibers per ribbon. This configuration allows mass-fusion splicing, where all fibers in a ribbon can be spliced simultaneously, significantly reducing installation time and labor costs compared to traditional stranded loose-tube cables. Fiber counts and density: Ribbon cables support a wide range of fiber counts.

Standard offerings include up to 288 fibers in outdoor cables, while advanced technologies like Sumitomo's Freeform Ribbon® and Prysmian's FlexRibbon® can reach 6,912 fibers in a single cable. The compact design reduces cable diameter by up to 60% and optimizes duct space. Fiber types and standards: Ribbon cables can use single-mode fibers such as G.

652. D, G. 657.

A1, or G. 657. A2, with color coding following TIA/EIA-598 or YD/T standards.

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Color sequences can be customized for high fiber counts. Construction and durability: Ribbon cables are available in outdoor, indoor, plenum-rated, air-blown, and armored designs. They are lightweight, durable, and often gel-free, which simplifies splicing and reduces maintenance.

Indoor plenum cables feature flame-retardant jackets and flexible dielectric members for easy installation in space-constrained areas.

Notable Models and Technologies

Corning Ribbon Cables: High-density, flat ribbon cables designed for fast installation and reduced downtime, supporting mass-fusion splicing of 12 fibers per ribbon. Zion Communication Ribbon Cables: Outdoor high-density cables with fiber counts up to 288, suitable for backbone networks, FTTH feeder, and distribution networks. Sumitomo Freeform Ribbon® Cables: Patented technology enabling up to 6,912 fibers, optimizing duct space and reducing deployment time by up to 80%, available in OSP, indoor/outdoor, and armored variants.

Prysmian FlexRibbon® Technology: Intermittently bonded ribbon (IBR) cables offering flexibility, high fiber density, and compact design, supporting up to 6,912 fibers and multiple cable constructions including microduct and flame-rated designs. Sumitomo Standard Ribbon Indoor Plenum Cables: Up to 432 fibers, featuring Easy Split & Peel technology for simplified handling and MPO connectorization, ideal for intra-building applications.

Applications

Ribbon optical cables are ideal for high-capacity networks, including: Data centers and backbone networksFTTx deployments and FTTH feeder/distribution5G infrastructure and core networksSpace-constrained indoor installations Their high fiber density, mass-fusion splicing capability, and compact design make them suitable for projects requiring fast deployment, high bandwidth, and efficient duct utilization. In summary, ribbon optical cables provide a versatile, high-density solution for modern fiber networks, with multiple models and technologies tailored for both indoor and outdoor applications, supporting fiber counts from a few dozen to several thousand fibers.

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Ribbon Fiber Optic Cable

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Ribbon Fiber Cable A comparison with Non-Ribbon Cable

ANSI/ICEA S-87-640-2006, the standard for outside plant optical fiber cable and GR-20-CORE, Telcordia Technologies specification for outside plant fiber and fiber optic cable are pertinent

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