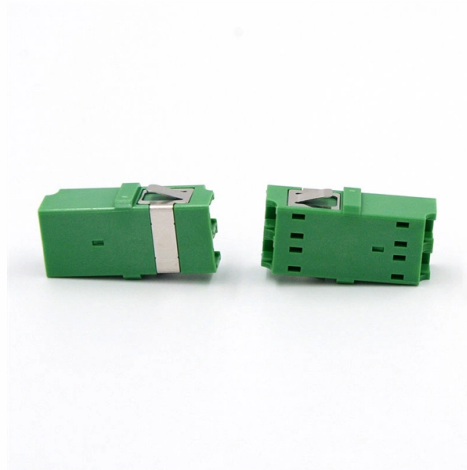


First Optical Cable



Overview

Glass optical fibers are almost always made from, but some other materials, such as,, and as well as crystalline materials like, are used for longer-wavelength infrared or other specialized applications. Silica and fluoride glasses usually have refractive indices of about 1.5, but some materials such as the can have indices as high as 3. Typically th.

Article Overview

The first practical fiber-optic telephone cable was installed in 1977 between Long Beach and Artesia, California, marking the beginning of commercial fiber optic communications.

Early Development of Optical Fibers

The concept of guiding light through fibers dates back to the 1840s, when physicists demonstrated total internal reflection using streams of water, laying the groundwork for fiber optics . In the 1950s and 1960s, researchers developed glass fiber bundles for image transmission, but high signal loss limited long-distance communication . A major breakthrough occurred in 1966 when Charles K. Kao and George Hockham demonstrated that ultra-pure glass fibers could transmit light over long distances with minimal loss, earning Kao the 2009 Nobel Prize in Physics . By 1970, Corning Glass Works produced the first low-loss optical fiber, reducing signal loss to about 20 decibels per kilometer, making practical telecommunications feasible .

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More than fifty years have passed, and their

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Cable laying in the 1860s A transatlantic telecommunications cable is a submarine
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Corning Glass researchers Robert D. Maurer, Donald Keck, and Peter Schultz developed fiber-optic wire, capable of carrying

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A bundle of optical fibers A TOSLINK fiber optic audio cable with red light shining in one end and out the

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Where? Optical Fibre Communication was invented in the early 1960's, at Standard Telecommunication

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Fiber had enormously higher capacity, which increased even further with each generation, and much cheaper operating

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Kao was the first to see a world connected by light, with optical fiber as its medium. In a seminal paper published in 1966, Kao wrote

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Fiber optics became more advanced and had more uses in the late 90s. In 1988, fiber optic

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Charles Kuen Kao was the visionary who pioneered the use of a single mode dielectric (glass) optical fibre waveguide for long

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