

What are the color codes for fiber optic patch cords



Overview

The standard multimode OM1/OM2 fiber patch cords are typically colored in beige or black, while OM3 and OM4 are aqua and magenta, respectively. Understanding fiber-optic color codes is essential for any technician tasked with installing, maintaining, or troubleshooting modern fiber networks. By adopting the TIA/EIA-598C standard, you gain a universal “language” of colors that speeds identification, reduces miswiring, and enhances safety. Fiber color code is a standard specification for color coding of fiber optic cables, developed by the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA). Without it, you'd be lost in a spaghetti mess of glass. The outer jacket color quickly identifies the type of fiber inside.



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