Fiber optic patch cord connector specifications



Overview

Fiber optic patch cables are ideal for supporting high speed telecommunication network fiber applications.

Key Takeaways

Fiber optic patch cord connectors are standardized to ensure low insertion loss, high return loss, mechanical durability, and compliance with industry standards such as ANSI/TIA-568. 3-E, IEC 61754, and TIA 604 (FOCIS).

Connector Types and Fiber Compatibility

Common connector types include LC, SC, ST, FC, MU, LSH, and MTRJ, with options for single-mode (OS1/OS2, G. 652, G. 657) and multimode (OM1, OM2, OM3, OM4, OM5) fibers.

Single-mode connectors can be UPC (Ultra Physical Contact) or APC (Angled Physical Contact), with APC providing higher return loss (≥60 dB) for minimal back reflection. Multimode connectors typically achieve return loss >26 dB.

Optical Performance

Insertion Loss: Standard connectors ≤0. 25 dB; low-loss connectors ≤0. 15 dB for both single-mode and multimode.

Return Loss: Single-mode UPC ≥50 dB; APC ≥60 dB; multimode ≥26 dB. Bandwidth: Determined per ANSI/TIA-455-204 overfill launch (OFL) for multimode fibers.

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High-

Speed Support: Suitable for Gigabit Ethernet, 10 Gigabit Ethernet, and high-speed Fiber Channel applications.

Mechanical and Environmental Specifications

Durability: Connectors rated for >500 matings. Pull Force: Minimum 50 N per IEC 61300-2-4. Ferrules: High-quality zirconia ferrules for repeatability and interchangeability.

Strength Members: Kevlar (aramid yarn) under the jacket for mechanical protection. Jacket Materials: Options include LSZH (Low Smoke Zero Halogen), plenum, riser-rated, and flame-retardant materials. Connector Features: Some connectors, like E2000, include spring-loaded shutters and push-pull latching mechanisms to protect ferrules from dust and scratches.

Standards Compliance

Patch cords and connectors are manufactured and tested according to: ANSI/TIA-568. 3-E for structured cabling TIA 604 (FOCIS) for connector interoperability IEC 61754 for connector interfaces Telcordia GR-326 for ferrule geometry and performance Packaging and TraceabilityPatch cords are individually packaged with: Part numbers, descriptions, and optical performanceQR codes for supporting documentationWrap labels indicating length, end designation, and serial number for traceability to factory test data CustomizationCustom lengths, hybrid connector combinations, low-loss variants, and color-coded jackets are available to meet specific project requirements.

These specifications ensure that fiber optic patch cords provide reliable, high-performance connections in data centers, FTTH deployments, PON networks, and high-speed telecommunication systems.

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Common connector patch cord configurations in 1, 2, 3, 5, and 10-meter lengths are stocked for quick service, while hybrid connector combinations, custom lengths, low loss, and custom color patch

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For standard patch cords, sampling check is performed on ferrule geometry to ensure high percentage of polished connectors meeting GR-326 requirements. For premium grade, ferrule geometry is tested

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