Fiber Optic Patch Cord List Units

Overview

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Key Takeaways

Fiber optic patch cords come in various units defined by fiber type, connector type, strand count, and jacket style, suitable for data centers, telecom, and FTTH applications.Fiber Types
• Single-Mode Fiber (SM, OS1/OS2): Core diameter ~9µm, ideal for long-distance, high-speed, low-loss transmission, commonly used in telecom backbones and long-haul networks ( ).

• Multimode Fiber (MM: OM1/OM2/OM3/OM4/OM5): Core diameters 50µm or 62.5µm, supports multiple light modes, suitable for short to medium distances like intra-data center links ( ).
Connector Types
• LC (Lucent Connector): Small, duplex, high-density, widely used in modern data centers and QSFP transceivers ( ).

• SC (Subscriber Connector): Rectangular push-pull, duplex or quad, common in legacy telecom and FTTH ( ).

• ST (Straight Tip): Bayonet-style, legacy connector, still used in labs and some telecom networks ( ).

• FC (Ferrule Connector): Screw-on metal ferrule, robust, used in single-mode telecom applications ( ).

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• MPO/MTP: Multi-fiber connectors (8/12/16/24/32/48 fibers), critical for high-speed parallel optics like 40G/100G/400G ( ).

• MDC/CS: Miniature duplex connectors for 400G/800G high-density panels ( ).

• Other connectors: LSH, MTRJ, MU for specialized applications ( ).
Strand Count and Configuration
• Simplex: Single fiber, one-way transmission.

• Duplex: Two fibers, two-way transmission (Tx/Rx), most common in Ethernet and PON links.

• Multi-core / Multi-fiber: 8, 12, 24, or more fibers, often used with MPO/MTP for high-density parallel connections ( ).
Jacket Types and Environmental Suitability
• PVC: Standard indoor use.

• Plenum (OFNP): Fire-resistant, safe for air ducts.

• Riser (OFNR): Vertical shafts between floors.

• LSZH (Low Smoke Zero Halogen): Emits minimal smoke/toxic gas, common in Europe and high-safety areas.

• Armored / Outdoor / Waterproof: For harsh environments, FTTA, or outdoor deployments ( ).
Typical Applications
• Data Centers: LC duplex for server ↔ ToR switch, MPO/MTP for leaf ↔ spine interconnects.

• Telecom / FTTH: SC or LC for ONT to FTTH boxes, ST/FC for legacy telecom.

• Test & Measurement: Connecting OTDR, power meters, and light sources to active links.

• High-Speed Networks: Multi-fiber MPO/MTP or MDC/CS for 400G/800G AI training clusters ( ).
Color Coding (for multimode fibers)
• OM1/OM2: Orange

• OM3/OM4: Aqua

• OM5: Lime green or violet

• Single-mode: Yellow ( ). This structured list covers the main fiber optic patch cord units, including fiber types, connectors, strand counts, jacket types, and typical use cases, providing a comprehensive reference for network design and deployment.

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Fiber-optic patch cord

A fiber-optic patch cord is a fiber-optic cable capped at each end with connectors that allow it to be rapidly and conveniently

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A fiber optic patch cord —also known as a fiber jumper—is a fiber cable terminated with connectors on both ends. These connectors

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