

How to determine if an optical cable is multimode



Article Overview

You can identify a multimode fiber optic cable by its jacket color, printed labeling, core size, connector type, or by using specialized testing equipment.

Visual Identification

- **Jacket Color:** Multimode cables are typically orange (OM1/OM2), aqua (OM3/OM4), or lime green (OM5), while singlemode cables are usually yellow .
- **Printed Labels:** Check the cable jacket for markings such as OM1, OM2, OM3, OM4, or OM5, which indicate multimode fiber. Singlemode cables are often labeled OS1, OS2, or SMF .
- **Core Size:** Multimode fibers have a larger core diameter, usually 50 μm or 62.5 μm , compared to singlemode fibers at around 9 μm .

Connector Clues

- **Connector Color:** While not universal, beige or black connectors are commonly used for multimode fiber, whereas blue connectors are often associated with singlemode fiber .

Testing Methods

- **Visual Fault Locator (VFL):** Shining a visible light through the fiber can help observe how light propagates; multimode fibers allow multiple light paths .
- **Optical Time-Domain Reflectometer (OTDR):** Measures fiber length, loss, and reflections, helping confirm whether the fiber is multimode or singlemode .

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And multimode fibre core diameter is 50µm and 62.5µm. Since single-mode has a small diameter, it has a low light

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Multi-mode optical fiber

Multi-mode optical fiber is a type of optical fiber mostly used for communication over short distances, such as within a building or on a

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