



FIBER OPTIC CABLE CHEAT SHEET

Key questions to help identify the correct fiber optic cable:

1. Do you know the fiber optic count? 2, 6, 12, 24, 36, 48, 72, 96, 144, 288
2. Do you have a specification sheet for the cable you want?
3. For larger sizes (288-864) is ribbon needed?
4. Is it Single Mode or Multi-Mode?
5. Is the fiber optic cable classified as loose tube?
6. Single or Double Armored?
7. Type of jacket, Single or Double?
8. Gel, dry, or semi dry fill?
9. Is the center strength member (CSM) Steel or Dielectric?
10. Do you know the environment where the cable will be installed?
 - Armored
 - Indoor Plenum
 - Indoor Riser
 - Indoor/Outdoor
 - Indoor/Outdoor Water Block
 - Outside Plant
 - LSZH
 - Caustic Environment? If so, chemicals, heat, crush?

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