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Fiber Optic Versus Copper.

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Why Fiber Optic

- *Smaller & Lighter* A fiber optic cable is much smaller and lighter in weight than copper cable
- *Pack more in existing duct work* Because of its small size and bend radius, fiber can be more easily installed in existing ducts for system expansion & retrofits
- *More information than Copper* Fiber can carry many more signals and deliver them with greater fidelity than either copper wire or coaxial cable.
- Video Quality independent of distance Unlike copper, fiber systems retain their high quality over the entire distance
- *Higher Data Rates* Support much higher data rates, and at greater distances than coaxial cable
- No Ground Loops
- **Secure** Fiber is ideal for secure communications since it does not radiate signals and is virtually impossible to tap.
- Totally immune to interference
- *Non Corrosive* Can be placed in environments adverse to copper.





Types of Video Transmission Pathways

Feature	Coax	Cat 5 & 6	Optical Fiber
Distance (max)	300 meters	300 meters	40+km
Ease of Deployment	Difficult – heavy cable	Moderate	Easy – light, multi- strand cable
# of Video on one cable	One	Multiple – compressed	Up to 128 real-time (uncompressed)
Security	Ability to tap	Ability to tap/hack	SECURE





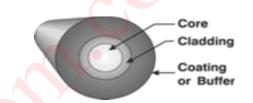
Common Optical Fiber Types

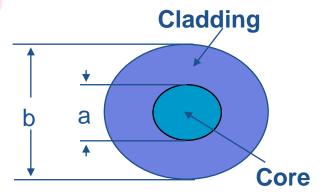
Multi Mode

- $62.5 \mu m / 125 \mu m$
- $50 \mu m / 125 \mu m$

Single Mode

• $9\mu m/125\mu m$





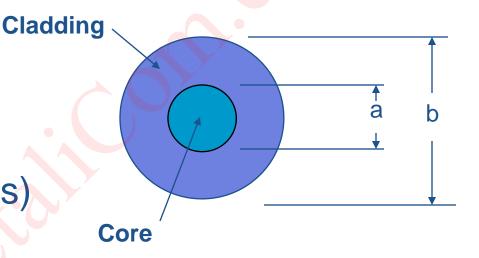


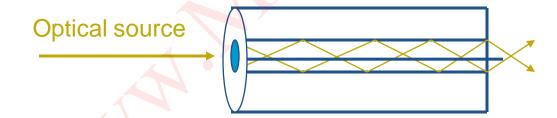


Fiber Types

Multimode

- Orange Jacket
- 50/125 (microns)
- -62.5/125 (microns)





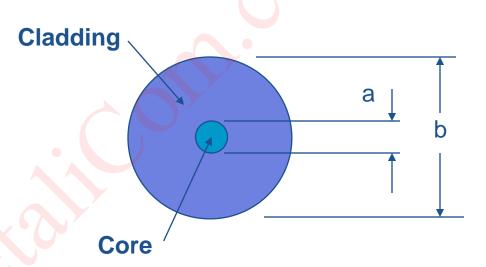


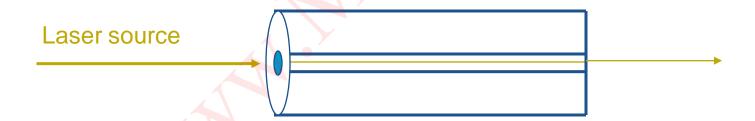


Fiber Types (con't)

Singlemode

- Yellow Jacket
- 9/125 (microns)







Standard Optical Connector Types

		Connector	Insertion Loss	Repeatability	Fiber Type	Applications
	FC	9	0.25 - 0.50 dB	0.20 dB	SM, MM	Datacom, Telecommunications
	ST		Typ. 0.40 dB (SM) Typ. 0.50 dB (MM)	Typ. 0.40 dB (SM) Typ. 0.20 dB (MM)	SM, MM	Pro A/V Communications Security
	LC		0.20-0.70 dB	0.20 dB	SM, MM	Pro A/V Fiber Optic Network
	sc		0.20-0.45 dB	0.10 dB	SM, MM	Datacom
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Summary of Fiber Benefits

- High performance over long distances
- Send large quantities of information
- Multiple data formats over a single fiber
- Secure
- Immune to EMI
- Small Lightweight cables
- Easy to Handle, low cost





Thank you

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