

# Optical Cable and Sheath



## Overview

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The sheath of an optical cable is the protective outer layer that shields the internal fibers from physical, environmental, and mechanical damage while enhancing handling and performance. Function of the Sheath The sheath, also referred to as the cable jacket, serves several critical purposes in an optical cable:

- Protection:** It safeguards the delicate glass or plastic fibers inside from abrasion, crushing, and impact during installation and operation, preventing fiber breakage and signal loss.
- Environmental Resistance:** The sheath protects fibers from moisture, UV radiation, chemicals, and temperature extremes, ensuring long-term durability in outdoor or industrial environments.
- Light Control:** In some sensor applications, the sheath prevents ambient or stray light from interfering with the optical signal, reducing noise and maintaining signal integrity.
- Handling and Flexibility:** The sheath improves the cable's mechanical handling, allowing bending and routing without damaging the fibers. Different sheath materials can provide varying levels of flexibility and minimum bend radius.

**Materials Used** Optical cable sheaths are made from a variety of materials depending on the application:

- PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride):** Commonly used for indoor cables, offering good chemical resistance, abrasion protection, and low cost.
- PE (Polyethylene):** Often used for outdoor cables due to excellent UV resistance, low water absorption, and durability in extreme temperatures.
- LSZH (Low Smoke Zero Halogen):** Used in environments where fire safety is critical, producing minima...

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