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Fiber Optic Cable Coloring

Overview

Fiber Optic Color Code: The Ultimate TIA-598-C Guide What is the standard 12-color sequence for fiber optics?

Under the TIA/EIA-598-C standard, the univers.

Key Takeaways

Fiber optic cables follow the TIA-598 12-color sequence—blue, orange, green, brown, slate, white, red, black, yellow, violet, rose, aqua—and jacket colors typically indicate fiber type (e.g., yellow = OS1/OS2 single-mode, orange = OM1/OM2, aqua = OM3/OM4, lime green = OM5).1. Standard 12-Fiber Color Sequence

Used for identifying individual fibers and buffer tubes:

- Blue
- Orange
- Green
- Brown
- Slate (Gray)
- White
- Red

• Black

• Yellow

• Violet

• Rose (Pink)

• Aqua
Repeating Beyond 12 Fibers
• For fiber counts above 12, the sequence repeats.

• Repeated groups use tracer stripes (one stripe for fibers 13–24, two stripes for 25–36, etc.).
2. Jacket Color Codes (Indoor Premises Cable)

Jacket colors indicate fiber type (EIA/TIA-598-D):

Fiber TypeJacket ColorTypical UseOS1/OS2 Single-modeYellowLong-haul, backboneOM1 MultimodeOrangeLegacy LAN (62.5 µm)OM2 MultimodeOrangeShort-distance gigabit (50 µm)OM3 MultimodeAqua10G/40G data centersOM4 MultimodeAqua or VioletEnhanced high-speedOM5 MultimodeLime GreenWideband multimode (SWDM)PM FiberBlueSpecialized sensing/lab

Outdoor Cable Exception
• Outdoor fiber jackets are almost always black for UV resistance, regardless of fiber type.
3. Connector Color Codes

Connector colors help identify polish type and mode:

• Blue = Single-mode UPC

• Green = Single-mode APC

• Beige = Multimode OM1/OM2

• Aqua = OM3/OM4

• Lime Green = OM5
4. Practical Notes
• “Slate” = gray; “rose” = pink.

• Aqua can appear pale and be confused with blue under certain lighting.

• Always confirm fiber type from printed cable legend—colors identify, but do not guarantee type.

Fiber optic color coding ensures accurate identification of fiber type, strand position, and connector compatibility across installations.

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Fiber optic color codes follow a 12-color sequence defined by TIA-598: blue, orange, green, brown, slate, white, red,

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Each color corresponds to a specific fiber or function. For instance, the first twelve fibers in a cable follow a standardized order

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The Telecommunications Industry Association ''s TIA-598-C Optical Fiber Cable Color Coding is an American National Standard that

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This method uniquely identifies fiber ribbons and fiber subunits. The legend will contain a corresponding printed numerical position

Decoding the Fiber Optic Color Codes

Ribbon fiber cables and multi-fiber push on (MPO) cables also adhere to the TIA-598-C color sequence (Figure 4). In fiber splicing,

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