

Armoured optical cable

Stranded loose tube design

Cable design

1. Central strength member (CSM)

steel wire covered with thermoplastic material

2. Loose tubes

tubes of thermoplastic material filled with thixotropic compound, containing up to 12 fibres

3. Cable core

required number of loose tubes and if necessary PE filler elements are SZ stranded around the central element. The interstices of the cable core are filled with high grade cable filling compound.

4. Inner sheath

PE, black, nominal radial thickness: 0.8 mm;
two ripcords beneath the sheath

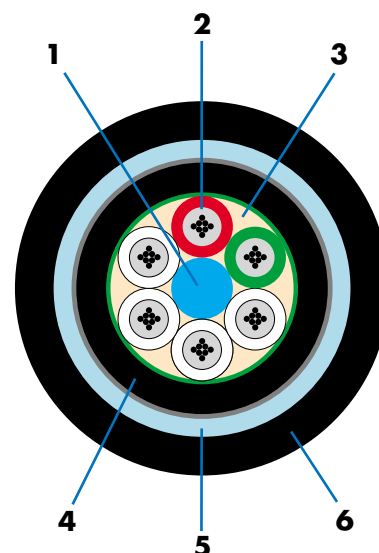
5. Armouring

corrugated steel tape;
two ripcords beneath the tape

6. Sheath

PE, black, nominal radial thickness: 1.5 mm

Figure shows:
cable with 48 fibres



Cable dimensions and main mechanical characteristics

Max. no. of loose tubes x max. fibre count per tube	Max. fibre count	Cable O.D.	Cable weight	Tensile performance installation/operation	Bending radius installation/operation	CSM O.D.	Loose tubes O.D.
		[mm]	[kg/km]	[N]	[mm]	[mm]	[mm]
6 x 4	24	12.5	160	1600/550	250/190	1.6/2.1	2.0
6 x 8	48	13.0	190	1900/650	260/195	2.0/2.4	2.3
5 x 12	60	13.5	185	1850/650	270/205	1.6/2.1	2.5
6 x 12	72	14.0	205	2050/700	280/210	2.0/2.6	2.5
8 x 12	96	16.0	255	2550/850	320/240	2.0/4.2	2.5
10 x 12	120	17.5	300	3000/1000	350/265	2.0/5.8	2.5
12 x 12	144	19.0	350	3500/1200	380/285	2.0/7.6	2.5
18 x 12 (2 layers)	216	19.0	360	3600/1200	380/285	2.0/2.6	2.5

All sizes and values without tolerances are reference values

Standard delivery length

2 km, 4 km, or 6 km

Temperature performance

Operation: -20°C up to +60°C

Transport and storage: -40°C up to +70°C

Installation: -5°C up to +50°C

Main mechanical and environmental characteristics

Test	Test standard	Specified value	Acceptance criteria
Tensile performance	EN 187000, 501	kilometric weight * 1 [N] = T_{max} kilometric weight * 1 [N]/3 = T_0	$\Delta\alpha$ reversible $\Delta\alpha \leq 0.05$ dB/100 m
Crush	EN 187000, 504	4 kN/100 mm, 15 min	$\Delta\alpha \leq 0.05$ dB
Impact	EN 187000, 505	25 Nm, r=300 mm, 3 impacts	$\Delta\alpha$ reversible
Repeated bending	EN 187000, 507	r = 20 x cable O.D. , 100x	no damage
Torsion	EN 187000, 508	1 m, $\pm 360^\circ$, 100 N	$\Delta\alpha \leq 0.1$ dB/fibre
Cable bend	EN 187000, 513	r = 15 x cable O.D. , 5 turns	$\Delta\alpha \leq 0.05$ dB
Temperature cycling	EN 187000, 601	-20°C ... +60°C -40°C ... +70°C	$\Delta\alpha \leq 0.05$ dB/km $\Delta\alpha \leq 0.1$ dB/km
Water penetration	EN 187000, 605	3 m cable, 1m water, 72 h	no water leakage

Identification

Outer sheath marking

The outer cable sheath is marked in white or yellow with:

- length marking
- manufacturers name ("ALCATEL")
- year of manufacture
- number and type of fibres

in regular intervals of 1 m.

Remark: other markings upon request.

Identification of loose tubes and fillers within cable core

- 1. tube: red (marker)
- 2. tube: green (direction)
- all other tubes: white
- PE filler elements: nature

Remark: other colour codes upon request.

Identification of fibres within loose tube

Fibre no.	Colour of fibre	Fibre no.	Colour of fibre	Fibre no.	Colour of fibre
1	blue	5	grey	9	yellow
2	orange	6	white	10	violet
3	green	7	red	11	pink
4	brown	8	black	12	turquoise

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