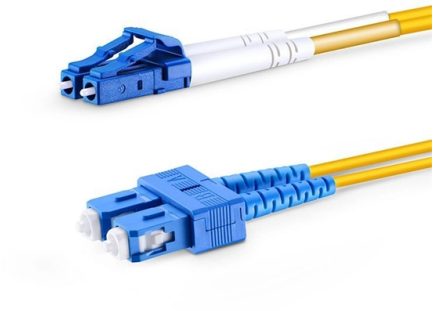
Fiber optic patch panel fiber core color sequence



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Fiber optic patch panels follow a standardized 12-color sequence for individual fibers, repeating for higher fiber counts according to TIA/EIA-598-C standards. Standard 12-Color SequenceFor patch panels and multi-fiber cables, the first twelve fibers are color-coded in the following order: BlueOrangeGreenBrownSlate (Gray)WhiteRedBlackYellowVioletRose (Pink)Aqua This sequence is used for both single-mode and multimode fibers, with the outer jacket color indicating fiber type: yellow for single-mode, orange for OM1/OM2 multimode, and aqua for OM3/OM4 multimode. Handling Cables with More Than 12 FibersFor cables exceeding 12 fibers (e.g., 24, 48, 144 fibers), the 12-color sequence repeats.

To maintain unique identification: Each repeated cycle may include a black stripe or other marking on the fiber or buffer tube. In high-density ribbon cables or European standards (16-fiber MPO connectors), additional colors like Olive, Magenta, Tan, and Lime may be used for fibers 13–16. For multi-tube cables, the tube color is identified first, then the fiber color within the tube.

For example, Fiber #34 in a 48-fiber cable could be the 10th fiber (Violet) in the 3rd tube (Green),.

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Connector and Patch Panel Considerations

Connector boot colors indicate fiber mode and polish type: blue = UPC, green = APC, beige or aqua = multimode. When terminating fibers in a patch panel, follow the color sequence strictly to avoid miswiring and ensure continuity across the network. For high-density panels, fibers are often grouped in 12-fiber units, making it easier to trace and manage connections.

Practical Tips

Always verify the cable jacket and printed legend to confirm fiber type before patching. Use the color sequence to match fibers in splice trays and patch panels, reducing errors and downtime. Document the fiber positions and colors in your network diagrams for future maintenance.

By adhering to the TIA/EIA-598-C color sequence, technicians can ensure consistent, error-free fiber management across patch panels, splice trays, and high-density cabling systems.

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