

Why are the prices of optical modules and high-speed copper cables falling



Overview

This phenomenon is the result of multiple factors, including tight supply of optical fiber preforms (preforms), long expansion cycles for optical fiber production capacity, and the explosive growth of emerging applications such as AI computing power and drones. The global fiber optic industry is entering a new pricing cycle. Over the past several months, upstream material costs and supply chain constraints have pushed fiber prices upward, directly impacting cable assemblies, patch cord production, and passive optical components. 657A2 grades have all seen dramatic increases. For years, twisted-pair copper cabling did the job for short-reach data center connections. It was cheap, worked fine with older Ethernet gear, and got the job done—at least back then. But now, the high-speed networks behind modern AI clusters are exposing copper's real limitations. Margin compression: Without effective mitigation, manufacturers. Input costs for fiber optic cable are adding upward pressure on fiber optic cable prices at a time when demand for fiber technology is high and expected to continue growing. High fiber optic cable prices may threaten the financial feasibility of information communication technology (ICT). Among the demand factors likely to drive copper are generative AI's thirst for electricity, adoption of EVs and the evolution of solar, wind and battery technology alongside traditional demand sources like the construction of residential and commercial property.



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