

# How to measure the bending radius of optical cable



## Overview

The exact bend radius of fiber optic cables can be determined much more easily with the specific calculation formula: Bend Radius = Cable Outer Diameter x Cable Multiplier. If you still have some difficulty in handling this calculation process, we will cite one example to help you. While installers are aware of the fundamental importance of minimum bend radii, they often lack the practical know-how to systematically calculate bend radii under real installation conditions. When not under tension (after installation), the minimum recommended long term bend radius is 10 times the cable diameter. This inside measurement is the most common definition of bend radius across industries, whether you're working with sheet metal, electrical. Fiber optic cable bend radius is a critical mechanical parameter that determines how sharply a cable can be bent without risking microbending, macrobending, signal loss, or long-term structural fatigue.



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Generally, the bending radius during operation should be  $\geq D$ , where D is the diameter of the optical cable. During installation, the bending radius should be  $\geq 30D$ .

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