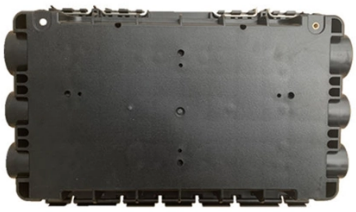
Why is there nowhere for fiber optic cables to go



Overview

A shortage of fiber-optic cable equipment is blamed on AI data center demands as well as US protectionism. Warnings about a US fiber crunch that could slow down broadband deployment have intensified since the summer. That's a problem, considering fiber optics are the backbone of modern communications, powering everything from global internet. According to 2022 data from the United States International Trade Commission, U. manufacturing capacity met only about 53% of the country's demand for optical fiber, the core component of fiber optic cable. currently relies heavily on imports to meet the increasing demand. As reported by Anna Gross for Financial Times (FT. com), the market intelligence firm Cru Group has now revealed that a worldwide shortage of. Optical fiber is superior to traditional copper cables in a multitude of ways, including nearly unlimited bandwidth, improved durability, and being virtually future-proof, and Corning has played a leading role making it easier and more cost-effective to deploy.

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