

China's Optical Cable Laying



AI Overview

China is a global leader in optical cable production and submarine cable deployment, combining advanced manufacturing, extensive domestic networks, and strategic international projects. Domestic and International Infrastructure China has developed a vast optical fiber network connecting over 600 million households to gigabit speeds through initiatives like the “Broadband China” strategy, with domestic fiber-optic deployment supported by top manufacturers such as YOFC and ZTT. Chinese enterprises are also key players in submarine cable construction, maintenance, and operation, participating in transoceanic and intercontinental projects that link China to global internet routes. These cables form critical infrastructure for international communications, financial transactions, and digital services.

Leading Manufacturers

YOFC (Yangtze Optical Fibre and Cable Joint Stock Limited Company): China's largest fiber-optic producer with a 12% global market share, producing 300 million core-kilometers annually. YOFC specializes in ultra-low-loss fibers, high-density multi-core cables, and submarine cables up to 10,000 km, with advanced automation and AI quality control ensuring defect rates below 0.5%.

ZTT (Jiangsu Zhongtian Technology Co., Ltd.): Ranked top in China Mobile's 2025–2026 procurement, ZTT provides outdoor and drop cables with advanced fiber technologies (MCF, HCF, G.654E) and has expanded to 160 countries. By 2030, China is projected to host 13 of the world's top 20 fiber-optic manufacturers, with production capacity reaching 2 billion core-kilometers annually.

Technological Innovations

China has developed deep-sea tools capable of cutting submarine cables at depths up to 4,000 meters, demonstrating dual-use capabilities for both civilian salvage and strategic applications. These tools, deployed via remotely operated vehicles, highlight China's growing sophistication in undersea operations and the strategic importance of securing submarine infrastructure.

Strategic and Security Considerations

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China's cable-laying beast dives record 36,089 feet to conquer ocean's deepest trenches The ultra-thin cable, with a diameter of less than

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Thousands of miles of fiber optic cable lying at the bottom of the world's oceans carry more than 95% of the world's data. Now, those undersea

China expands optical fiber network in 2023-Xinhua

BEIJING, Feb. 12 (Xinhua) -- China continued to expand its optical fiber network in 2023, according to the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology. Last year, the country installed nearly 4.74

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Subsea fiber-optic cables, a critical information and telecommunications technology (ICT) infrastructure carrying more than 95

China releases report on participation in construction,

Industry and Planning Research Institute of China Academy of Information and Communication Technology (CAICT) released a report on

New hollow-core fiber test pushes internet speeds to 1.2Tb/s

China: Researchers transmit a whopping 51.3Tb/s through an optical fiber channel The test was carried out on the world's longest commercial cross-border hollow-core fiber cable.

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By modification of equipment, Timeast met the construction quality requirements at one time and successfully completed submarine optical cable laying task, finally achieved another breakthrough in

China's new underwater tool cuts deep, exposing

Chinese researchers have unveiled a new deep-sea tool capable of cutting through the world's most secure subsea cables – and it has many in the

White Paper on China International Optical Cable Interconnection

China's international interactions, requirements on its networks' ability to provide global services, and both opportunities and challenges in the submarine optical cable industry. Chinese enterprises

China bridging digital divide with submarine cables

File photo shows workers laying submarine cable on the construction boat in Zhoushan, east China's Zhejiang Province. (Xinhua/Xu Yu) Though most

China bridging digital divide with submarine cables

Boosted by sci-tech innovation and after years of development, Chinese companies have emerged as key players in global submarine cable equipment manufacturing, construction and

Undersea cables emerge as source of friction in South

A new source of tension in the South China Sea — until now focused on fisheries, resource extraction and freedom of navigation — is beginning to get

Analysis of the status quo of optical fiber and cable industry in 2024 ...

The development of China's optical fiber and cable industry began in the 1970s, when China successfully developed low-loss optical fibers and semiconductor lasers, laying the foundation for the

U.S. and China wage war beneath the waves

Subsea cables, which carry the world's data, are now central to the U.S.-China tech war. Washington, fearful of Beijing's spies, has thwarted

Optical Communication Development in China During

1. Optical Fiber and Cable Industry Optical fiber technology research in China started in early 70's and a few field trials for telephone inter-office relay

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While the incident was said to be unintentional, it demonstrated China's capability to harm Taiwan's digital security in the event of military conflict. A Chinese vessel was also blamed for

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China's Underwater Power Play: The PRC's New

China's new subsea cable cutting capabilities heighten global security concerns, demanding urgent action to protect critical digital infrastructure.

China Top 10 Fiber Optic Cable Manufacturers in 2025

This guide ranks China's top 10 fiber optic cable manufacturers for 2025, based on market share, production capacity, innovation, and global reach.

China's new underwater tool cuts deep, exposing vulnerability of vital ...

In recent years, Western policymakers have become particularly concerned about the capabilities of Russia and China to exploit the vulnerabilities of undersea cables.

China Laying Cables To Boost Communications At

Two Indian officials said Chinese troops were laying a network of optical fibre cables south of Pangong Lake in Ladakh, suggesting they were

Report on China's Participation in the Construction and Protection of ...

They actively participate in global submarine cable investment, operation, laying, construction, maintenance and protection, providing new options for countries along the routes to access the

China expands optical fiber network in 2023-Xinhua

In a circular issued last month, the ministry announced that China plans to extend its 5G mobile network and optical fiber network with a speed of 1,000 Mbps to all counties and township

China builds a machine capable of laying submarine

China has built the world's first machine capable of laying submarine cables in the Challenger Deep, the deepest known place on Earth. Positioned at

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