

Cables with UL (Underwriter Laboratories) approval

Cables with UL approval guarantee safety and reliability in the intended application areas. They are specifically tailored to the requirements of the North American market, however demand for them is increasing in Asia and Europe, where they are being used more and more. Insurance companies, public authorities, planners and other regulatory authorities above all place their confidence in UL-approved optical cables with singlemode/multimode or plastic fibers.

Optical cables are described in the standard UL 1651-Fiber Optic Cable and categorised according to OFNP (plenum), OFNR (riser) and OFN (general purpose). Optical cables can also be classified according to the UL 758-Appliance Wiring Material (AWM) standard. UL cables have to meet very high requirements for fire performance in particular, including generation of smoke gas.

Overview of all standard test procedures:

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| POF cable specifications | | | I-V4Y(ZN)11Y 1P980/1000 6.0 mm UL AWM Style 5422 | I-V2Y(ZN)11Y 1P980/1000 5.5 mm UL AWM Style 5422 | I-V4Y(ZN)11Y 2P980/1000 FLEX UL AWM Style 5422 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| Order no. | | | 84C01200S333 | 84C01300S333 | 84D03500S383 |
| Composition | Buffer tube material | | PA | PE | PA |
| | Outer jacket material | | PUR | PUR | PUR |
| | No. of POF elements (980/1000 μm) | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | No. of copper elements | | - | —), : | <u></u> : |
| | Outer Ø [mm] | | 6.0 | 5.5 | 8.0 |
| Mechanical properties | Min. bending radius [mm] | during installation | 50 | 70 | 60 |
| | | long-term | 30 | 50 | 40 |
| | Max. pull force [N] | short-term | 500 | 400 | 400 |
| | | long-term | 200 | 100 | 100 |
| | Approx. cable weight [kg/km] | | 32 | 23 | 23 |
| Thermal properties | Operating temperature [°C] | | –20 to +70 | -20 to +70 | –20 to +70 |
| Attenuation | [dB/km] at 650 nm (Laser) | | < 160 | < 190 | < 180 |
| | [dB/km] at 660 nm (LED) | | < 230 | <290 | < 275 |
| Flammtest | tested acc. to UL VW-1 | | for harsh industrial environments | suitable for flexible applications in areas with low dynamic stress | for harsh industrial environment |