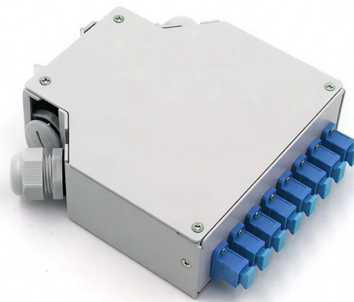


1970 Optical Cable



Overview

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His prediction led to research on eliminating impurities in glass fibers, and in 1970, a silica glass optical fiber with a transmission loss of 20 dB/km was realized in the

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