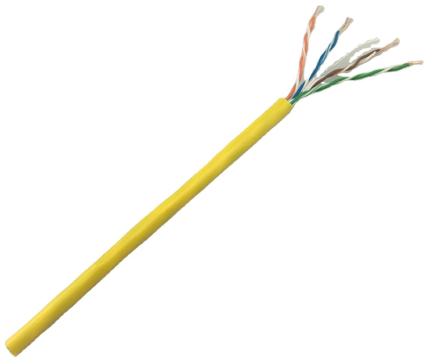
# Fiber optic cable noise is high



## Overview

Does Fibre Optic Cabling have any potential for noise?

The two main noise contributors are fluctuations in light intensity, which comes from the laser diode.

## Key Takeaways

Fiber optic cables do not produce audible noise; any "noise" is limited to signal fluctuations within the optical system.

### Audible Noise

Fiber optic cables themselves are silent. They transmit data using light rather than electrical signals, so there is no vibration or electromagnetic interference that would generate sound detectable by the human ear. Any sounds you might hear near fiber optic equipment are typically from mechanical components such as cooling fans, pumps, or power supplies in the associated devices, not the fiber cable itself.

### Signal Noise

In the context of data transmission, "noise" refers to unwanted variations in the optical signal that can affect data integrity. Sources of this noise include random fluctuations in the laser diode, photodiode, or RF amplifiers in the transmitter and receiver systems. This type of noise is electronic or optical, not acoustic, and is managed through system design, error correction, and signal processing.

Properly installed and maintained fiber cables are highly resistant to interference, unlike copper cables, which can pick up electromagnetic noise.

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### Physical Considerations

Fiber optic cables can experience attenuation (gradual loss of signal intensity) or distortion if bent sharply, damaged, or improperly installed, but these issues do not produce audible noise. The cable's fragility and sensitivity to physical stress are the main practical concerns rather than sound emission.

### Summary

No audible noise is generated by fiber optic cables themselves. Signal noise exists but is confined to optical and electronic fluctuations, not sound. Mechanical equipment associated with fiber systems may produce sound, but this is separate from the cable's operation.

Fiber optics are highly immune to electromagnetic interference, making them quieter in signal terms compared to copper cables. In short, fiber optic cables are silent in everyday use, and any "noise" is purely a technical term referring to signal quality, not something you can hear.

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