

# Budget for underground optical fiber cables for railway communication



## Overview

Armored fiber optic cables designed for direct burial cost \$6-14 per linear foot. Conduit systems add \$2-4 per foot but allow future cable additions. These fiber cables connect and transmit real-time data to the ROC for signaling and train control, train movements, traction power substation systems, passenger. Our RDSO-approved Armoured Optical Fiber Cables are engineered for high-performance underground installations in railway signaling and telecom networks. Compliant with IRS:TC 55-2006 Rev. 2 meters (3-4 feet) deep to reduce the likelihood of accidentally being dug up. In extreme cold climates, cables may need to be buried at greater depths where there temperatures are colder and frost penetrates to. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) sponsored an evaluation conducted by Transportation Technology Center, Inc. regarding the opportunity and availability to use Fiber Optic Acoustic Detection (FOAD) in the North American railroad industry.



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