RJ-45 Cables for Audio and Video Applications

4-Pair UTP Cables for RGB Video





For economy, some system designers seek to use UTP (unshielded twisted pair) cable for video applications. However, Digital Video and Digital Data are processed and viewed differently. Digital Video contains much more information, requiring more bandwidth than Ethernet data. In addition, video has to be streaming — viewable live and continuously — whereas data can be sent in packets, resent as necessary, and given time to recompile. Such delays are unacceptable in video. Be cautious, digital signals are not all the same thing!

Delay Skew should be kept to a minimum for component video and RGB applications for better picture quality and the ability to transmit over longer distances. Delay skew is the difference in the time of arrival of the components transmitted over different cable components — pairs in the case of UTP. Skew is inherent in all cables, but especially in UTP cables because the pairs are normally

twisted to differing degrees for Ethernet data purposes, specifically to reduce crosstalk. Obviously picture clarity is lost when the red, green, and blue components arrive out of time with each other, and varying twist rates cause exactly that to occur.

Cables in this section are NanoSkew, a UTP cable with no Ethernet data rating (all pairs have the same twist rate), and Brilliance VideoTwist Cat 5e and Cat 6 rated cables with lower, carefully monitored skew relative to standard data cables. Cables designed only for data applications meet their own skew requirements, but those are too high for better video transmission, and may be varied by manufacturers without notice. For guaranteed low and consistent skew performance from UTP cables, only NanoSkew or VideoTwist should be used. The Cat 5e and Cat 6 rated versions are ideal for KVM and blade-edge computer applications.

Doggwintion	Part	art UL NEC/		Standard Lengths		Standard Unit Wt.		Nominal OD		Max. DCR	Nom.	Min. RL	Freq.	Max. Atten.
Description	No.	Type	of Pairs	Ft.	m	Lbs.	kg	Inch	mm	(Ω/ 100m)	Imped. (Ω)	(dB)	(MHz)	(dB/ 100m)

Nanoskew™ 24 AWG Solid BC Conductors • Twisted Pairs • Skew 2.2ns/100m nom. • Rip cord • See Color Code Chart (below)

Non-Plenum	ı • Polyole	tin Inst	ılatic	on • Maro	on PVC Ja	acket								
300V RMS	7987R (11EW)	NEC: CMR CEC:	4	U-1000 U-1640	U-304.8 U-500.0	20.0 32.8	9.1 14.9	.195	4.95	9.0	100	15.0	1 4 8	2.0 4.1 5.8
		CMG											10 16 20 25 31.25	6.5 8.2 9.3 10.4 11.7
Rip Cord													62.5 100	17.0 22.0
													155 200 250*	28.1 32.0 36.4
													350*	11 8

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Plenum • FEP I	nsulatio	on • Mai	roon	Flamarre	st [®] PVC Ja	cket								
300V RMS	7987P (new)	NEC: CMP CEC: CMP	4	U-1000 U-1640	U-304.8 U-500.0	22.0 36.1	10.0 16.4	.200	5.08	9.0	100	15.0	(same as	above)

Third party verified to TIA/EIA-568-B.2, Category 5e

BC = Bare Copper • DCR = DC Resistance • FEP = Fluorinated Ethylene Propylene • RL = Return Loss • UTP = Unshielded Twisted Pair(s)

Color Codes: DataTwist 5e

Pair No.	Color Combination						
1	White/Blue Stripe & Blue						
2	White/Orange Stripe & Orange						
3	White/Green Stripe & Green						
4	White/Brown Stripe & Brown						



^{*}Values provided for information only.