

# FREEDM® Loose Tube, Gel-Free Cable, Riser

216 F, 50 µm multimode (OM3)

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Corning FREEDM® loose tube gel-free riser cables are flame-retardant, indoor/outdoor, riser-rated cables designed for interbuilding and intrabuilding backbones in aerial, duct and riser applications. These cables are protected against water penetration by innovative waterblocking materials that swell to absorb water. Waterblocking without the use of messy gels provides more efficient and craft-friendly cable preparation. It also makes cable access easier and simplifies the use of buffer tube fan-out kits.

The buffer tubes and fibers in each tube are color coded for quick, easy identification. The SZ-stranded, loose tube design isolates fibers from installation and environmental rigors and allows for easy mid-span access. The cable design is also National Electrical Code® (NEC®) listed (OFNR and FT-4). The all-dielectric cable construction requires no grounding or bonding, and the UV-resistant, flame-retardant jacket is rugged, durable and easy to strip.

*Note: This cable is available in 12 different jacket colors – blue, orange, green, brown, slate, white, red, black, yellow, violet, rose and aqua. The colored jacket allows for easy visual identification of the cables while still providing all of the required environmental protection of an indoor/outdoor cable jacket. Black is the standard jacket color using the part numbers shown here. Contact Customer Care at 1-800-743-2675 to order other color options.*

## Features and Benefits

### Gel-free waterblocking technology

Craft-friendly cable preparation

### Loose tube design

Mechanical ruggedness and environmental durability

### Color-coded tubes and fibers

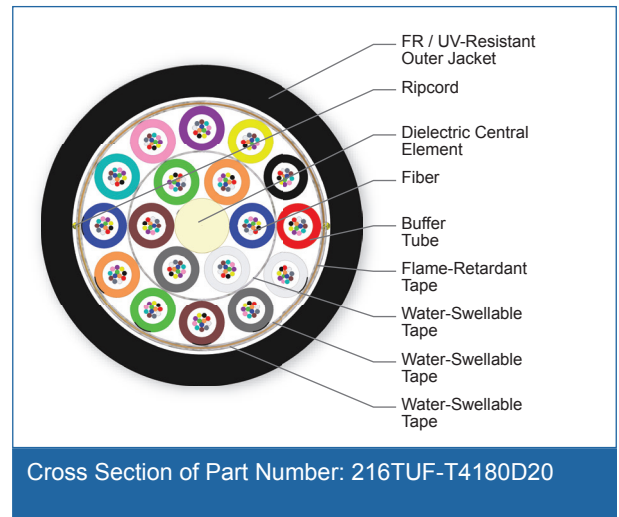
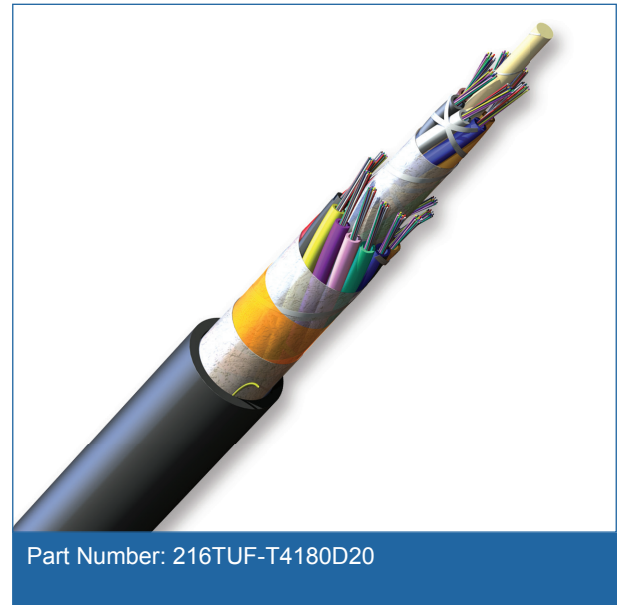
Quick and easy identification

### All-dielectric construction

Requires no grounding or bonding

### Common installations

Outdoor lashed aerial and duct; indoor vertical riser and general purpose horizontal according to National Electrical Code (NEC) Article 770



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## Standards

**Listings** National Electrical Code<sup>®</sup>  
(NEC<sup>®</sup>) OFNR

**Design Criteria** CSA OFN FT-4

**Test Criteria** ANSI/ICEA S-104-696

## Specifications

General Specifications	
Environment	Indoor/Outdoor Cables
Application	Aerial, Direct Buried, Duct, General Purpose Horizontal, (Vertical Riser)
Cable Type	Loose Tube
Product Type	Dielectric
Flame Rating	Riser (OFNR)
Fiber Category	50 $\mu$ m MM (OM3)

Temperature Range	
Storage	-40 °C to 70 °C (-40 °F to 158 °F)
Installation	-10 °C to 60 °C (14 °F to 140 °F)
Operation	-40 °C to 70 °C (-40 °F to 158 °F)

Cable Design	
Central Element	Dielectric
Fiber Count	216
Fiber Coloring	Blue, Orange, Green, Brown, Slate, White, Red, Black, Yellow, Violet, Rose, Aqua
Fibers per Tube	12
Number of Tube Positions	18
Number of Active Tubes	18
Buffer Tube Color Coding, Layer 1	Blue, Orange, Green, Brown, Slate, White
Buffer Tube Diameter	2.5 mm (0.1 in)
Tape	Water-swellable
Buffer Tube Color Coding, Layer 2	Red, Black, Yellow, Violet, Rose, Aqua, Blue*, Orange*, Green*, Brown*, Slate*, White*
Tape, Layer 2	Water-swellable

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## Cable Design

Tape, Layer 3	Flame-retardant tape
Tape, Layer 4	Water-swellable
Number of Ripcords	2
Outer Jacket Material	Flame-Retardant, UV-Resistant
Outer Jacket Color	Black

## Mechanical Characteristics Cable

Max. Tensile Strength, Short-Term	2700 N (600 lbf)
Max. Tensile Strength, Long-Term	810 N (180 lbf)
Min. Bend Radius Installation	265.5 mm (10.4 in)
Min. Bend Radius Operation	177 mm (6.9 in)
Nominal Outer Diameter	17.7 mm (0.7 in)
Weight	225 kg/km (151 lb/1000 ft)

## Chemical Characteristics

RoHS	Free of hazardous substances according to RoHS 2011/65/EU
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## Fiber Specifications

### Optical Characteristics (cabled)

Fiber Core Diameter	50 $\mu$ m
Fiber Category	OM3
Fiber Code	T
Performance Option Code	80
Wavelengths	850 nm / 1300 nm
Maximum Attenuation	3.0 dB/km / 1.0 dB/km
Serial 1 Gigabit Ethernet	1000 m / 600 m
Serial 10 Gigabit Ethernet	300 m / -
Min. Overfilled Launch (OFL) Bandwidth	1500 MHz*km / 500 MHz*km
Minimum Effective Modal Bandwidth (EMB)	2000 MHz*km / -

\* Meets 0.75 ns optical skew when used in all Corning Plug and Play™/EDGE™ systems solutions.

Notes: 1) 50  $\mu$ m multimode fiber macrobend loss  $\leq$  0.2 dB at 850 nm for two turns around 7.5 mm radius mandrel.  
2) Improved attenuation and bandwidth options available.  
3) Bend-insensitive single-mode fibers available on request.  
4) Contact a Corning Customer Care Representative for additional information.

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## Ordering Information

Part Number	216TUF-T4180D20
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EAN Code	4056418166070



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