

# FREEDM® Ribbon, Gel-Filled Cable, Riser

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Corning FREEDM® ribbon riser cables are lightweight cables designed for indoor/outdoor installations such as campus backbones in aerial, duct and riser applications. A UV-resistant, flame-retardant jacket allows added flexibility in placing this cable outdoors, whether it is an aerial, duct or direct-buried application, or indoor general horizontal or riser applications.

The cable consists of a ribbon stack of 12-fiber ribbons within a gel-filled central buffer tube. With easily accessible individual 250 µm colored fibers, the ribbons have readily identifiable ribbon ID numbers and fiber colors. The precise fiber and ribbon geometries result in excellent mass splicing yields. Surrounding the tube are dielectric strength members that provide tensile strength and innovative waterblocking tapes that reduce cable weight and preparation time. This design is also compatible with standard ribbon cable procedures and hardware for easy field installation and reduced labor costs.

*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

### **Precise fiber and ribbon geometries**

Excellent mass splicing yields

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### **Waterblocked cable**

Enables use of cables for outdoor applications

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### **12-fiber ribbons with ribbon IDs**

Easy identification

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### **UV-resistant, flame-retardant jacket**

Rugged, durable and easy to strip

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### **Available in preconnectorized assemblies**

Easy field installation and reduced labor costs

## Standards

### **Approval and Listings**

National Electrical Code®  
(NEC®) OFNR, CSA OFN  
FT-4

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## Standards

**Common Installations** Outdoor aerial and duct;  
indoor vertical riser and  
general purpose horizontal  
according to NEC Article  
770

**Design and 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	Ribbon
Product Type	Dielectric
Flame Rating	Riser (OFNR)
Fiber Category	50 µm 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

Fiber Count	432
Ribbons per Tube	36
Fibers per Ribbon	12
Fiber Coloring	Blue, Orange, Green, Brown, Slate, White, Red, Black, Yellow, Violet, Rose, Aqua
Buffer Tube Color	Natural
Buffer Tube Diameter	10.5 mm (0.41 in)
Tensile Strength Elements and/or Armoring - Layer 1	Dielectric strength members
Tape	Water-swellable
Tape, Layer 2	Flame-retardant tape
Tape, Layer 3	Water-swellable

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## Cable Design

Tensile Strength Elements and/or Armoring - Layer 2	Dielectric strength members
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	600 N (135 lbf)
Weight	286 kg/km (192 lb/1000 ft)
Nominal Outer Diameter	17.6 mm (0.69 in)
Min. Bend Radius Installation	264 mm (10.4 in)
Min. Bend Radius Operation	176 mm (6.9 in)

## Chemical Characteristics

RoHS	Free of hazardous substances according to RoHS 2002/95/EG
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## Fiber Specifications

### Optical Characteristics (cabled)

Fiber Core Diameter	50 µm
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™/Pretium EDGE® systems solutions.

Notes: 1) 50 µm multimode fiber macrobend loss ≤ 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	432TQF-14180-20
Product Description	FREEDM® Ribbon Cable, Riser, 432 F, 50 µm multimode ClearCurve® (OM3)



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