

# ALTOS® Loose Tube, Gel-Free Cable

288 F, Single-mode (OS2)

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Corning ALTOS® all-dielectric gel-free cables are designed for outdoor and limited indoor use for campus backbones in lashed aerial and duct installations. The loose tube gel-free design is fully waterblocked using craft-friendly, water-swallowable materials, which means cable access is simple and no clean up is required. The flexible craft-friendly buffer tubes are easy to route in closures, and the SZ-stranded, loose tube design isolates fibers from installation and environmental rigors while allowing easy mid-span access. The all-dielectric cable construction requires no bonding or grounding, and these cables have a medium-density polyethylene jacket that is rugged, durable and easy to strip.

## Features and Benefits

### Gel-free waterblocking technology

Craft-friendly cable preparation

### Medium-density polyethylene jacket

Rugged, durable and easy to strip (while providing superior protection against UV radiation, fungus, abrasion and other environmental factors)

### All-dielectric construction

Requires no grounding or bonding

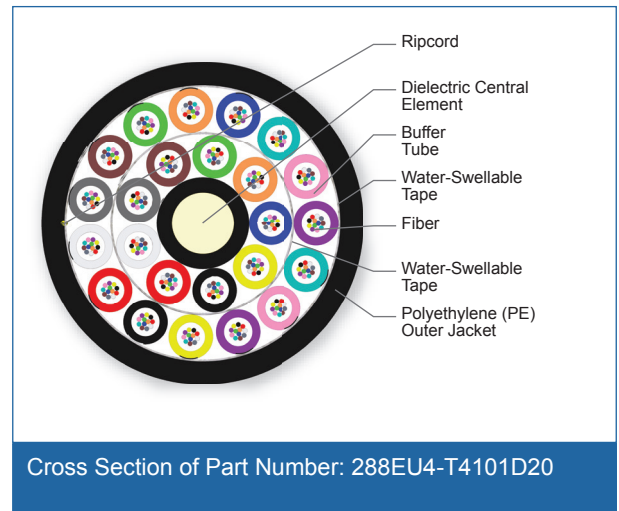
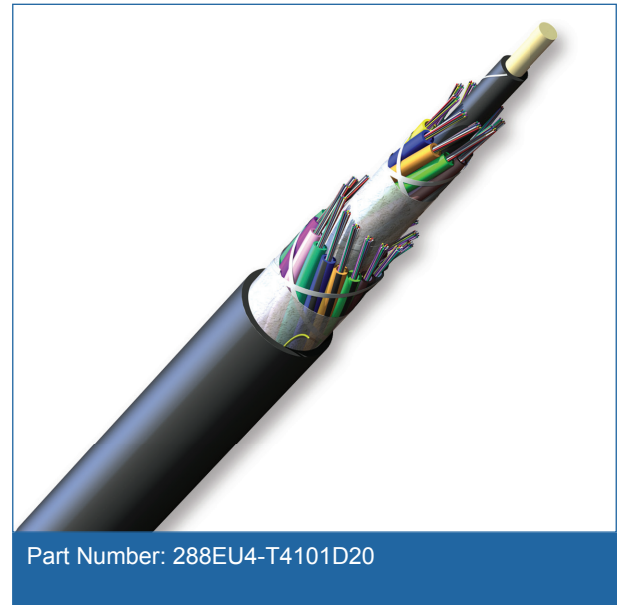
## Standards

### Common Installations

Outdoor lashed aerial and duct; indoor when installed according to National Electrical Code® (NEC®) Article 770

### Design and Test Criteria

ANSI/ICEA S-87-640



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## Specifications

### General Specifications

Environment	Outdoor
Application	Aerial, Duct
Cable Type	Loose Tube
Product Type	Dielectric
Fiber Category	Single-mode (OS2)

### Temperature Range

Storage	-40 °C to 70 °C (-40 °F to 158 °F)
Installation	-30 °C to 70 °C (-22 °F to 158 °F)
Operation	-40 °C to 70 °C (-40 °F to 158 °F)

### Cable Design

Central Element	Dielectric
Fiber Count	288
Fiber Coloring	Blue, Orange, Green, Brown, Slate, White, Red, Black, Yellow, Violet, Rose, Aqua
Fibers per Tube	12
Number of Tube Positions	24
Number of Active Tubes	24
Buffer Tube Color Coding, Layer 1	Blue, Orange, Green, Brown, Slate, White, Red, Black, Yellow
Buffer Tube Diameter	2.5 mm (0.1 in)
Tape	Water-swellable
Buffer Tube Color Coding, Layer 2	Violet, Rose, Aqua, Blue*, Orange*, Green*, Brown*, Slate*, White*, Red*, Black*, Yellow*, Violet*, Rose*, Aqua*
Tape, Layer 2	Water-swellable
Number of Ripcords	1
Outer Jacket Material	Polyethylene (PE)
Outer Jacket Color	Black
Maximum Fibers per Tube	12

Notes: Tubes 13 to 24 include a co-extruded stripe that is white for the black tube and black for all other tube colors.

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## Mechanical Characteristics Cable

Max. Tensile Strength, Short-Term	2700 N (600 lbf)
Max. Tensile Strength, Long-Term	890 N (200 lbf)
Weight	196 kg/km (131 lb/1000 ft)
Nominal Outer Diameter	18.2 mm (0.72 in)
Min. Bend Radius Installation	273 mm (10.7 in)
Min. Bend Radius Operation	182 mm (7.2 in)

## Chemical Characteristics

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

### Optical Characteristics (cabled)

Fiber Name	SMF-28e+ <sup>®</sup> fiber
Fiber Category	G.652.D
Fiber Code	E
Performance Option Code	01
Wavelengths	1310 nm / 1383 nm / 1550 nm
Maximum Attenuation	0.4 dB/km / 0.4 dB/km / 0.3 dB/km
Typical attenuation	0.33 dB/km / 0.33 dB/km / 0.19 dB/km

\* Typical attenuation values match the attenuation values listed in the optical fiber specifications. See [www.corning.com/opticalfiber](http://www.corning.com/opticalfiber) for Corning optical fiber specifications. Better attenuation performance options are available for some fiber and cable types. Contact Customer Care for additional fiber options.

\* \* SMF-28<sup>®</sup> Ultra and ClearCurve<sup>®</sup> XB fiber deliver up to 10x better macrobend loss performance compared to the G.652.D standard and up to 33 percent better macrobend loss performance than the G.657.A1 standard for 10mm radii bends.

## Ordering Information

Part Number	288EU4-T4101D20
Product Description	ALTOS <sup>®</sup> Loose Tube, Gel-Free Cable, 288 F, Single-mode (OS2)

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