# GORE® Ethernet Cables (Cat5e)



#### **Typical Applications**

- Avionics/vetronics digital networks
- Box-to-box systems
- Cabin management systems
- Digital video interface (DVI)
- Ethernet backbone
- Flight/propulsion control
- HD camera/video systems
- Mission systems
- Radio/radar/communications systems
- Sensor data collection & processing
- Serial buses
- Tactical links

#### Standards Compliance

- ABD0031 (AITM 2.0005);
   BSS7230; FAR Part 25, Appendix
   F, Part I: Flammability
- ABD0031 (AITM 3.0005);
   BSS7239: Toxicity
- ABD0031 (AITM 3.0008B);BSS7238; FAR Part 25, AppendixF, Part V: Smoke Density
- AFDX/ARINC 664, Part 7: Ethernet Networks
- ANSI/NEMA WC 27500: Environmental Testing, Jacket and Marking
- IEEE 802.3: Ethernet 100BASE-T / 1000BASE-T (2 cables)
- SAE AS4373™: Test Methods for Insulated Electric Wire (Contact Gore for available data)

To meet Cat5e requirements in advanced avionics and vetronics, Gore offers an Ethernet quadrax version as a reliable substitute for dual twisted pairs (Table 1). These dual differential pairs transmit continuous bi-directional, high-speed signals up to 100 MHz at lengths up to 70 m (230 ft) using size 24 AWG and 50 m (164 ft) using size 26 AWG. Also, positioning two of these cables side by side can achieve Ethernet 1000BASE-T performance for more system design options.

Gore is the original inventor of this pioneering cable geometry that is approximately 40% smaller and up to 30% lighter than dual twisted pair constructions. (Figure 1). Our cable's lightweight build is also proven to save more than 5.0 kg (11 lb) on aircraft such as the fifth-generation F-35.

#### **Table 1: Cable Properties**

## **Electrical**

| Property  | Value        |  |  |
|---|--------------|--|--|
| Signal Transmission Speed MHz   | Up to 100    |  |  |
| Standard Impedance Ohms   | 100 ± 10     |  |  |
| Typical Operating Voltage V   | < 48         |  |  |
| Nominal Velocity of Propagation %   | 80           |  |  |
| Nominal Time Delay ns/m (ns/ft)   | 4.10 (1.25)  |  |  |
| Capacitance pF/m (pF/ft)  | 45.0 (13.7)  |  |  |
| Minimum Near-End Crosstalk (NEXT) dB<br>10 MHz<br>100 MHz                             | 50.0<br>35.0 |  |  |
| Shielding Effectiveness dB  | > 55         |  |  |
| Dielectric Withstanding Voltage Vrms<br>Conductor-to-Conductor<br>Conductor-to-Shield | 1500<br>1000 |  |  |

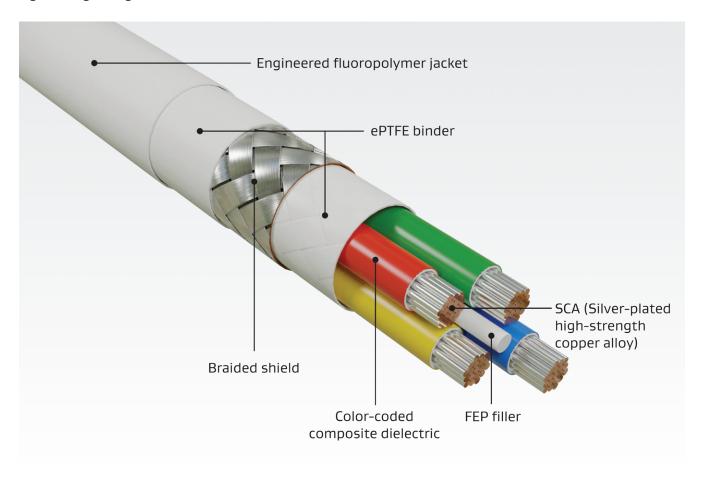
### Mechanical / Environmental

| Property               | Value  |  |  |  |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Jacket Material        | Engineered Fluoropolymer                           |  |  |  |
| Jacket Color           | White (Laser Markable)                             |  |  |  |
| Conductor              | SCA (Silver-Plated High-<br>Strength Copper Alloy) |  |  |  |
| Conductor Color-Coding | Blue/Red, Green/Yellow                             |  |  |  |
| Dielectric Material    | Expanded PTFE/PTFE                                 |  |  |  |
| Temperature Range °C   | -65 to +200  |  |  |  |



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Figure 1: Lightweight Build



## **Cable Preparation**

Laser stripping is the ideal method to prep GORE® Ethernet Cables. Alternatively, Gore recommends using thermal or sharp mechanical strippers. Also, a unique method is to make a short, horizontal slit in the jacket material, peel it back to allow for contact termination and return the jacket to its original position for a neat closure (Figure 2). For more information regarding cable preparation, contact a Gore representative.

Figure 2: Peel-Back Method



## Connector Systems & Backshells

GORE® Ethernet Cables are designed to fit a variety of high-speed aerospace and defense connector systems and backshells such as ARINC and MIL-STD-38999 with size 8 contacts. Contact the specific manufacturer such as Amphenol® and Glenair® for exact part numbers, tooling information, and termination instructions.

**Table 2: Cable Characteristics** 

Typical insertion loss values are based on the maximum recommended Cat5e use lengths.

|                     |                         | Nominal<br>Outer    | Minimum                | Nominal<br>Weight     | Maximum Insertion Loss<br>dB/30 m (100 ft) |            |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--|------------|
| Gore<br>Part Number | AWG Size<br>(Stranding) | Diameter<br>mm (in) | Bend Radius<br>mm (in) | kg/km<br>(lb/1000 ft) | 10<br>MHz                                  | 100<br>MHz |
| GSC-03-84608-00     | 24 (19/36)              | 4.1 (0.16)          | 20.0 (0.79)            | 33.0 (22.0)           | 2.8  | 9.4        |
| GSC-03-84820-00     | 26 (19/38)              | 3.3 (0.13)          | 15.0 (0.59)            | 23.0 (15.0)           | 3.9  | 13.2       |

## Samples & Ordering Information

The quadrax version of GORE® Ethernet Cables is available in standard sizes (Table 2). To place an order, contact an authorized distributor for in-stock availability at **gore.com/cable-distributors**. To view our full inventory and order complimentary samples of selected products for prototyping and evaluation in your application, visit **gore.com/hsdc-sample-inventory-air-defense**.

For more information or to discuss specific characteristic limits and application needs, contact a Gore representative for aerospace and defense today.



For Ethernet Cat5e protocol, Gore's 2-pair cable is an ideal solution in place of a 4-pair or quadrax design in your system architecture.

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