GORE® FireWire® Cables (110 Ohms)



Typical Applications

- Avionics digital networks
- Flight control
- HD streaming camera/video systems
- Mission systems

Standards Compliance

- ABD0031 (AITM 2.0005); BSS7230;
 FAR Part 25, Appendix F,
 Part: Flammability
- ABD0031 (AITM 3.0005); BSS7239: Toxicity
- ABD0031 (AITM 3.0008B);
 BSS7238; FAR Part 25, Appendix
 F, Part V: Smoke Density
- ANSI/NEMA WC 27500: Environmental Testing, Jacket and Marking
- SAE AS4373[™]: Test Methods for Insulated Electric Wire (Contact Gore for available data)
- SAE AS5643[™]: IEEE-1394b Interface Requirements for Military and Aerospace Vehicle Applications
- SAE AS5643[™]/2: S200 Copper Media Interface Characteristics Over Extended Distances
- SAE AS5643[™]/3: IEEE-1394 Beta PHY Enhancements
- SAE AS5657A[™]: Test Plan/ Procedure for AS5643 IEEE-1394b Interface Requirements for Military and Aerospace Vehicle Applications (Contact Gore for available data)

Together, improving life

For defense and commercial aircraft, this version of Gore's quadrax cables is the premier solution for copper-based IEEE 1394b FireWire® data links. They transmit uninterrupted high-fidelity signals with flexure for interconnect solutions up to 30 m (100 ft) at S400 data transfer rates (Table 1).

Built with durable materials that are highly flexible, Gore's cables provide a protective barrier against tough aircraft environments for long-term product life (Figure 1).

Also, Gore's quadrax design is approximately 40% smaller than dual twisted pair constructions (Figure 2). These cables are also proven to save as much as 5.2 kg (11.5 lb) per aircraft.

Table 1: Cable Properties

Electrical

Property	Value
Signal Transmission Speed Mb/s	Up to 400
Standard Impedance Ohms	110 +6/-4
Typical Operating Voltage V	<15
Nominal Velocity of Propagation %	80
Nominal Time Delay ns/m (ns/ft)	4.10 (1.25)
Capacitance pF/m (pF/ft)	36.1 (11.0)
Typical Skew Within Pair ps/m (ps/ft)	3.5 (1.1)
Dielectric Withstanding Voltage Vrms	1500
Conductor-to-Shield	1000

Mechanical / Environmental

Property	Value				
Jacket Material	Engineered Fluoropolymer White (Laser Markable)				
Jacket Color					
Conductor	Silver-Plated Copper or SPC Alloy Blue/Orange, Green/Red				
Conductor Color-Coding					
Dielectric Material	Expanded PTFE/PTFE				
Temperature Range °C	-55 to +200				



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Figure 1: Highly Flexible Cable Technology

Figure 2: Smaller-Scale Dimensions



Cable Preparation

Laser stripping is the ideal method to prep GORE® FireWire® 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 3). For more information regarding cable preparation, contact a Gore representative.

Figure 3: Peel-Back Method



Signal Integrity with Flexure

To ensure signal integrity with flexure of GORE[®] FireWire[®] Cables, the eye pattern of a 15-m (50-ft) cable transmitting 500 Mb of data was evaluated before and during flexure. The diamond-shaped eye mask indicates the minimum receiver sensitivity as specified by IEEE 1394b (Figure 3).

Results indicated that Gore's cable passed the eye mask test with margin, indicating greater transmission length is possible. The eye pattern test was repeated with the cable wrapped 20 times around a 12.7-mm (0.5-in) radius mandrel. No substantial degradation in signal quality was observed with flexure (Figure 4).



Figure 3: Eye Pattern before Flexure

500 ps/div

Figure 4: Eye Pattern with Flexure



500 ps/div

Table 2: Cable Characteristics

		Nominal Outer	Minimum Bend	Nominal Weight	Т	Typical Insertion Loss dB/30 m (100 ft)			
 Gore Part Number	AWG Size (Stranding)	Diameter F mm (in) n	Radius mm (in)	kg/km (lb/1000 ft)	100 MHz	250 MHz	500 MHz	1 GHz	
RCN8645	22 (19/34)	5.3 (0.21)	26.5 (1.5)	61.0 (41.0)	5.5	8.8	12.8	18.2	
RCN9206 ^a	22 (19/34)	5.3 (0.21)	26.5 (1.5)	61.0 (41.0)	5.5	8.8	12.8	18.2	
RCN8647	24 (19/36)	4.8 (0.19)	24.0 (0.95)	46.1 (31.0)	6.8	10.9	15.5	22.5	
RCN9205 ^a	24 (19/36)	4.8 (0.19)	24.0 (0.95)	46.1 (31.0)	6.8	10.9	15.5	22.5	
RCN8652	26 (19/38)	3.8 (0.15)	19.0 (0.75)	33.0 (22.2)	9.0	14.2	20.2	29.5	
RCN9204ª	26 (19/38)	3.8 (0.15)	19.0 (0.75)	33.0 (22.2)	9.0	14.2	20.2	29.5	

a. Fully compliant to JSFY18 requirements.

Connector Systems & Backshells

GORE[®] FireWire[®] 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 and 22D contacts. Contact the specific manufacturer such as Amphenol[®] and Glenair[®] for exact part numbers, tooling information, and termination instructions.

Samples & Ordering Information

GORE[®] FireWire[®] Cables are 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 – including other impedance options, contact a Gore representative today at **gore.com/aerospace-defense-contact**.

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