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Cable Jacket Reference Guide

Understanding the differences between various types of cable jackets allows installers to identify the right cable for each job.

Tubed + Semi-Extruded

A direct comparison between the two primary types of cable jackets provides a clear understanding of the benefits of each.

Type of Jacket	Example	Characteristics	
Tubed		Cost-effective May reveal contours of contained conductors Rip cord for easy stripping	
Semi-Pressure Extruded		Round shape Cleaner appearance Easier pulls, less stretching Somewhat more difficult to strip	

Additional types of jackets include:

Type of Jacket	Example	Applications	Characteristics
Zipcord or Parallel	$\bigcirc \bigcirc$	Audio, power, landscape lighting	Cost-effective Clean appearance
Siamese	0	Analog CCTV (Video + Power)	Reduced labor Two cables in one
Waveflex®	8	Premium audio, CATV Coaxial	Maximum flexibility Rip cord for easy stripping and faster terminations