

A Quick Overview of All Copper Cable Categories



CAT 1

1 Mbps

400 KHz

1983



CAT 2

4 Mbps

4 MHz

1987



CAT 3

10 Mbps

16 MHz

1991



CAT 4

16 Mbps

20 MHz

1993



CAT 5

100 Mbps

100 MHz

1995



CAT 5e

1 Gbps

100 MHz

2001



CAT 6

1 Gbps

250 MHz

2002



CAT 6A

10 Gbps

500 MHz

2008



CAT 7

10 Gbps

600 MHz

2010



CAT 7A

10 Gbps

1000 MHz

2013



CAT 8.1

25 Gbps

2000 MHz

2016



CAT 8.2

40 Gbps

2000 MHz

2018