



# Cat8 & Cat6 Cables Guide



## The StarTech.com Performance Advantage

- Tested at our in-house Innovation Lab with industry-leading equipment such as Fluke, NetAlly
- Third-party ETL verification for guaranteed performance
- 100% bare copper wire for optimal signal and PoE transmission
- Safety Certified UL Listed Wire handles full continuous power



	 Cat8 Snagless	 Cat6a Snagless LSZH	 Cat6a Snagless	 Cat6 Slim	 Cat6 Snagless	 Cat6 Molded
<b>Lengths (ft)</b>	0.5, 1, 3, 6, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50ft	0.5, 1 - 10, 12, 14, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 75, 100ft	0.5, 1 - 10, 12, 14, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35ft	0.5, 1 - 7, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50ft	0.5, 1 - 10, 12, 14, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150ft	1- 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 35, 50, 75, 100ft
<b>Colors</b>						
<b>AWG</b>	26AWG	27AWG	26AWG	28AWG	24AWG	24AWG
<b>Cable OD</b>	5.6mm	5.7mm	6.3mm	3.8mm	6mm	6mm
<b>Fire Rating</b>	LSZH	LSZH	CMG	LSZH	CMG, LSZH	CMG
<b>PoE Rating</b>	100W	100W	100W	90W*	100W	100W
<b>Shielded/Unshielded</b>	S/FTP	S/FTP	STP	UTP	UTP	UTP

\*Bundling cables with continuous loads above 60W may cause excessive heat build-up, standard Cat6 or Cat6a with thicker gauge wiring are recommended for bundled cables when running PoE.

# Cat6 Cables Competitive Comparison Chart

IT professionals trust StarTech.com Cat6 Cables for their Edge and Infrastructure solutions. See how our best-in-class cables stack up against other leading brands.



	StarTech.com	Leading Competitor Brand	Other Brands Tested
Patch Cord Testing Passed	✓	✓	✗
Channel Testing Passed	✓	✓	✓
100% Copper Wire	✓	✓	✓
Molded Strain Relief	✓	✓	✗
ETL Verified – Full assembly	✓	✗	✗
Supports up to 100W PoE	✓	✓	✗
LSZH Available	✓	✓	✓

\* All testing was done using Standard CAT6 Patch Cords, using similar lengths.



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