

## GLOSSARY

**900 um, 2 mm or 3 mm:** Diameter of the outer jacket of the patchcord.

**Connector:** Device installed on the end of a patchcord and generally connecting to a patch panel or active equipment.

**Duplex (zipcord):** Two optical fibers with separate jackets that are attached to one another.

**Length:** The amount of patchcord extending between the two connectors.

**Multimode:** An optical fiber that allows light pulses to travel down multiple paths (orange or aqua jacket; may also be gray or black).

**Patchcord:** A length of optical fiber used to connect equipment to a network.

**Pigtail:** A short length of optical fiber with a connector on only one end.

**Simplex:** Single optical fiber with its own jacket.

**Singlemode:** An optical fiber with only one path for all light pulses (yellow jacket).