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LocalTalk: Alternate Sources For Cable

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Many large accounts are installing AppleTalk networks. For custom length LocalTalk cables, there are two resources, Apple dealers and third-party vendors.

Apple dealers have Apple's LocalTalk Custom Wiring Kit. You must consider if the account has the assembly skills required by the kit. Even though this kit was introduced with large installations in mind, it may fall short of fulfilling the account's requirements. Each kit contains the necessary materials to construct 8 cables of varied lengths. Unfortunately, the account must buy a second kit just for its connectors if more than 8 are needed (and the total network does not exceed 1000 feet). Sometimes buying supplementary 10 meter cables solves this problem.

Third-party vendors will accept specifications for custom cables. These cables are pre-assembled and using them requires nothing beyond the usual skills needed for a normal installation. The higher cost of this cable can bring up the cost of total installation, however.

Here are some vendors of custom length cables:

Advanced Electronics Support Products, Inc.
18909 N. E. Fifth Avenue
North Miami, FL 33179
(305) 653-0898

Montrose Corporation - Telephone 415/487-3933
-Telephone numbers as of 4/1/87:
 1-800-423-3014 (except California)
 1-800-423-4224 (California only)
-Cable lengths same
-PVC Cale Part #CBL6242
-Teflon Cable Part #CBL6228
-Assembly Plugs Part #815-0878A
-Both cabling and assembly plugs now in stock

Belden Corporation - Telephone 1-(800)-Belden-1

-Cable lengths available in 500, 1,000, and 2,000 foot lengths.
-PVC Cable Part #9999

-Teflon Cable Part #8999
-Assembly Plugs Part #815-0878A
-Some cabling now in stock, assembly plugs available.
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