

Causes of interference in composite optical cables



Article Overview

Interference in composite optical cables primarily arises from physical damage, connector contamination, bending losses, environmental factors, and improper installation rather than electromagnetic interference.

Physical Damage

Fiber optic cables are highly sensitive to mechanical stress. Accidental cuts, rodent chewing, heavy equipment impact, or excessive tension during installation can fracture the glass or plastic strands, causing immediate or catastrophic signal loss. Even minor cracks can significantly attenuate light transmission, leading to network downtime.

Bending Losses

Two types of bending can degrade signal quality:

- Macrobending occurs when the fiber is bent beyond its minimum radius, causing light to leak out at the curve.
- Microbending involves tiny, repetitive deformations from pressure, cable ties, or thermal expansion, scattering light at a microscopic level and increasing insertion loss.

Connector Contamination and Splicing Issues...

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