

How to ensure the safety of overhead optical cables



Article Overview

Overhead optical cables should be mechanically secured, environmentally shielded, and clearly marked, with strict adherence to safety protocols during installation and maintenance.

Mechanical Protection

Overhead fiber optic cables should be supported on poles using brackets and secured with U-shaped expansion bends every 3-5 poles to accommodate thermal expansion and prevent sagging . Galvanized steel pipes can be used to encase the cable, with the pipe ends sealed using fireproof mud to prevent moisture ingress . At crossings such as rivers or bridges, trident protection tubes should extend at least 1 meter beyond the cable ends for added mechanical safety . Near highways, poles can be wrapped with luminous rods to enhance visibility and prevent accidental collisions .

Environmental Protection

Cables must be resistant to UV exposure, temperature extremes, wind, ice, and moisture . Using UV-resistant jackets (PE or LSZH) prevents sunlight degradation, while water-blocking gels or tapes stop moisture migration inside the cable . Overhead installations should account for wind and ice loading, ensuring proper tension and sag management to avoid stress fractures . Rodent protection may also be necessary in rural areas to prevent chewing damage

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Personnel involved in Optical fiber cable installation must be aware of all the applicable Occupational and Health safety regulations,

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an existing lashed fiber optic or copper cable. This method of aerial cable installation, "overlashing," is attractive because the

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