

Leak detection fiber optic cable



Article Overview

Fibre optic cables can act as distributed sensors to detect, locate, and monitor pipeline leaks in real time using temperature, acoustic, and strain measurements.

How Fibre Optic Leak Detection Works

Fibre optic leak detection systems transform a single optical cable into a continuous sensor along the length of a pipeline. These systems detect changes in temperature, pressure, strain, or acoustic vibrations caused by leaks or disturbances, which alter the light signals transmitted through the fibre. Specialized software interprets these changes to pinpoint the leak location with high accuracy, often within meters, and can provide real-time alerts to operators .

Key Technologies

- Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS): Measures temperature variations along the fibre. Leaks often cause local cooling or heating of the surrounding environment, which DTS can detect at high spatial resolution .
- Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS): Converts the fibre into an array of acoustic sensors that “listen” for vibrations caused by fluid escaping or external disturbances .
- Distributed Strain Sensing (DSS): Detects mechanical strain or deformation in the pipeline structure, which can indicate leaks or ground movement . These technologies can be used individually or in combination to improve detection reliability and reduce false alarms .

Advantages Over Traditional Methods...

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DNV is a leader in verifying distributed fibre-optic sensing (DFOS) systems for pipeline leak detection. These systems use light

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The system can operate interactively or in automatic mode, gathering data according to a schedule. The sensing optical fibers and

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