

Lifespan of Fiber Optic Smart Sensors



Article Overview

Fiber optic sensors typically have a lifespan ranging from 20 to 30 years for cables, while active sensor components like fiber Bragg grating (FBG) sensors can last several decades under proper conditions.

Fiber Optic Cables

The glass core of fiber optic cables is extremely stable and can theoretically last 30 to 50 years in ideal conditions, as silica glass does not degrade over time . Industry standards generally design cables to maintain performance for 20 to 25 years, but real-world lifespans vary widely depending on installation quality, environmental exposure, and mechanical stress. Some cables may fail in as little as 5 years due to factors like UV exposure, water ingress, or physical damage, while others installed decades ago still operate reliably .

Fiber Optic Sensors

Active fiber optic sensors, such as distributed optical sensors using fiber Bragg gratings (FBGs), have been studied extensively for reliability. Accelerated lifetime testing and field data indicate that these sensors can achieve lifetimes exceeding 5 years even under continuous strain, with typical operational strains in applications being far below fatigue limits . Properly housed sensors, protected from moisture and chemical ingress, can maintain performance for decades, with some tests suggesting equivalent lifetimes of 68 to 140 years when accounting for normal operating frequencies and environmental conditions

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