

Optical cables used in power lines



Article Overview

The main types of optical cables used on power lines are OPGW, OPPC, OPAC, and ADSS, each designed for specific installation and communication needs.

Optical Ground Wire (OPGW)

OPGW combines grounding and fiber optic communication in a single cable. It is installed at the top of high-voltage transmission towers, serving as both a ground wire to protect against lightning and a conduit for high-speed data transmission . The cable typically contains single-mode optical fibers in a central tube, surrounded by steel and aluminum layers for mechanical strength and conductivity . OPGW is widely used for smart grid communication, SCADA systems, and leasing dark fiber for long-distance data transmission .

Optical Power Phase Conductor (OPPC)

OPPC integrates optical fibers directly into the phase conductors of power lines. Unlike OPGW, which is installed as a separate ground wire, OPPC fibers are embedded within the power-carrying conductors, allowing simultaneous power transmission and communication . The fibers are usually single-mode and protected in a metal tube, surrounded by aluminum conductors and steel strength members. OPPC is suitable for high-voltage lines where space or tower configuration limits separate cable installation.

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