

How to pull optical fiber cables



AI Overview

Pull fiber optic cables by their internal strength members, respecting tension limits and minimum bend radius to prevent damage.

Key Principles

- Use the Strength Member:** Fiber optic cables contain delicate glass cores and an internal strength member, usually made of Kevlar or aramid yarn, which is designed to bear the pulling load. Never pull directly on the outer jacket or the fiber itself, as this can stretch, tear, or break the cable, compromising performance and longevity.
- Expose and Attach Properly:** Remove a small portion of the cable jacket with a cable stripper to expose the strength member. Loop the yarn into a pulling eye or mesh grip, double-back, and secure with tape or a knot. For pre-terminated cables, use specialized pulling eyes that distribute tension evenly and prevent twisting.
- Respect Pulling Tension:** Each cable has a maximum pull tension specified by the manufacturer. For example, outdoor ruggedized cables may tolerate up to 600 pounds, while indoor micro-distribution cables typically handle around 225 pounds. Exceeding these limits can damage the fibers.
- Maintain Minimum Bend Radius:** Avoid tight bends during the pull. A general rule is a minimum bend radius of 20 times the cable diameter under tension and 10 times the diameter after installation. Violating this can cause micro-bending or macro-bending, leading to signal loss or fiber breakage.
- Plan the Route:** Before pulling, inspect the pathway, identify potential obstacles, and ensure conduits, ducts, or trays are clear. For long or complex runs, calculate estimated pulling tension and compare it to the cable's specifications.
- Use Proper Tools:** Pulley systems, capstans, and swivel pulling eyes help reduce twisting and control tension. Lubrication may be applied for long pulls to reduce friction. Ensure pulleys are large enough to maintain the bend radius and prevent sharp angles.
- Avoid Common Mistakes:** Do not yank a snagged cable, pull by the jacket, or bend the cable too tightly around corners. Always follow manufacturer guidelines for tension, bend radii...

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