

Equipment for Manufacturing Fiber Optic Cables

Article Overview

Producing fiber optic cables requires specialized equipment including fiber drawing towers, coloring and buffering lines, stranding machines, and jacketing lines, along with quality control systems.

Core Equipment for Fiber Optic Cable Production

- **Fiber Drawing Tower** The fiber drawing tower is the first and most critical machine. It melts a purified glass preform and pulls it into a thin optical fiber while applying protective coatings immediately. Precision is essential to avoid flaws that could cause signal loss or fiber breakage .
- **Fiber Coloring and Rewinding Machines** These machines apply UV-curable ink to assign unique colors to individual fibers for easy identification during splicing and installation. Rewinding ensures fibers are neatly spooled without damage, maintaining signal integrity .
- **Secondary Coating Extrusion Line** This line applies an additional protective coating to the fiber, often using materials like PP or PBT. It stabilizes the fiber, improves durability, and prepares it for stranding .
- **Stranding Machines (SZ Stranding Line)** SZ stranding machines assemble multiple fibers into a cable core. They ensure low tension fluctuation, accurate lay length, and consistent binding tension, which is crucial for both indoor and outdoor cable applications .
- **Jacketing/Sheathing Line** The jacketing line applies the final protective sheath around the stranded fibers. This layer provides mechanical protection, environmental resistance, and ensures the cable meets performance standards .

Auxiliary and Quality Control Equipment

- **Precision Winders and Binders:** Handle reinforcement fibers like aramid or FRP, adding strength, water-blocking, or rodent resistance .
- **EFL Monitoring Systems:** Measure excess fiber length in real time to reduce scrap and maintain quality .
- **High-Resolution Measuring Devices:** Integrated into production lines to monitor fiber diameter, coating thickness, and other critical parameters .

Summary

A complete fiber optic cable production line integrates fiber drawing, coloring, seco...

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