

Fiber Optic Cable Laying Reel Fabrication



Article Overview

You can build a DIY fiber optic cable laying reel using a sturdy spool, swivel mount, and careful cable handling to prevent kinks and twists.

Materials Needed

- Sturdy spool or drum: Use a wooden or metal reel large enough to hold your fiber optic cable without tight bends. The diameter should be at least 2-3 feet to prevent sharp bends that can damage the fibers .
- Rotating axle or swivel mount: A central axle with bearings or a swivel allows the reel to rotate smoothly as the cable is pulled.
- Support frame: Construct a frame to hold the reel off the ground, ensuring stability during deployment.
- Cable guides or rollers: Optional rollers at the edges of the reel help guide the cable and reduce friction during pulling.

Construction Steps

- Mount the spool: Secure the spool on the frame with a rotating axle or bearings so it can spin freely as the cable is pulled.
- Add swivel or guide: Attach a swivel or guide at the cable exit point to prevent twisting as the cable unrolls.
- Check reel diameter: Ensure the reel's diameter is large enough to avoid bending the fiber below its minimum bend radius, typically 30-50 mm for most single-mode fibers .
- Secure the cable: Wind the fiber optic cable onto the reel in loose loops, avoiding tight turns. Use figure-8 loops if storing or deploying long lengths to prevent twists

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Fiber-optic cable

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fiber optic cable reel

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