

Fiber Optic Cable Maintenance Chart

Article Overview

Fiber optic cable maintenance involves preventive and post-fault activities, including inspection, cleaning, testing, and network element control to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

Maintenance Overview

Fiber optic cable maintenance can be divided into preventive maintenance and post-fault maintenance:

- Preventive Maintenance: Activities performed to detect potential issues before they affect service. Includes periodic testing, fiber degradation monitoring, and network element control. Typical tasks involve measuring fiber loss, strain distribution, and water penetration, often using spare or multiplexed fibers to avoid service disruption .
- Post-Fault Maintenance: Actions taken after a fault occurs, such as responding to alarms, testing for fiber faults, and repairing or rerouting cables .

Key Maintenance Activities

Activity	Description	Frequency / Notes
Visual Inspection	Check connectors, ferrules, and patch panels for dust, dirt, or damage. Use dust caps and avoid unnecessary exposure to air .	As needed; avoid disrupting active links
Cleaning Connectors	Use clean dry air (CDA), lens tissue, and spectroscopic grade methanol to remove dust and oil from fiber ends .	Before installation or after exposure
OTDR Testing / Loss Measurement	Measure fiber loss, reflectance, and strain distribution to detect degradation .	Periodically or after suspected damage
Network Element Control	Identif...	

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