

Fire prevention measures for optical cables

Article Overview

Using fire-resistant, flame-retardant fiber optic cables and following proper installation standards are key to preventing fire hazards in optical cabling systems.

Cable Selection

Choose fire-resistant or flame-retardant cables that comply with national and international safety standards. For indoor applications, cables should meet the National Electrical Code (NEC) and NFPA 70 requirements in the U.S., or CPR and EN 50575 standards in the EU . Common fire-rated cable types include:

- LSZH (Low Smoke Zero Halogen): Reduces toxic smoke and halogen emissions during fire .
- OFNP (Optical Fiber Non-conductive Plenum): Suitable for air-handling spaces, highly fire-resistant .
- OFNR (Optical Fiber Non-conductive Riser): Designed for vertical risers to prevent fire spread between floors . Cables should also be certified by Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTL) or equivalent bodies to ensure compliance with fire safety standards .

Installation Best Practices

- Avoid long runs of outdoor cables indoors unless they meet fire-resistance requirements; typically, indoor runs should not exceed 50 feet for non-rated cables...

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UL 1651 specifies the requirements for listing cable of these types and they include flame performance testing, marking durability,

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