

Professional installation of fiber optic cables on iron towers

Article Overview

Fiber optic cables can be safely and efficiently installed on iron towers using proper aerial deployment techniques, careful handling, and adherence to industry standards.

Planning and Preparation

Before installation, a thorough site survey is essential. This includes evaluating tower structure, environmental conditions, and potential hazards. The cable route must be designed, including splice points, slack storage, and termination locations. Permits and coordination with local authorities or utility owners are required, especially if the tower is shared or near power lines. Selecting the appropriate cable type, such as All-Dielectric Self-Supporting (ADSS) for proximity to power lines, ensures safety and performance.

Cable Handling and Installation

Fiber optic cables are delicate and must be handled with care. Use factory-mounted installation tubes or pulling socks to protect the fibers during lifting and pulling. Avoid twisting or bending the cable beyond its minimum bend radius, and use torsion compensating elements like turning shackles to prevent damage. When pulling from a drum, unwind the cable from a loose coil to prevent kinks. For vertical installations on towers, clamp the cable at regular intervals (typically 0.8-1 meter vertically and 1 meter horizontally) to prevent contact with the tower and to support the cable weight. Ensure that the cable does not touch the iron structure directly, which could cause...

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