

The function of optical cable expansion bends

Article Overview

Optical cable expansion bends are designed to accommodate thermal expansion, mechanical stress, and routing changes while preventing signal loss and fiber damage.

Purpose of Expansion Bends

Expansion bends in optical cables serve as controlled loops or curves that allow the fiber to absorb length changes caused by temperature fluctuations, mechanical tension, or structural movement in the installation environment. Without these bends, fibers could experience excessive stress, leading to microbending or macrobending, which increases insertion loss and can permanently damage the fiber .

Protection Against Bending Loss

When a fiber optic cable is bent too sharply, light traveling through the core can escape into the cladding, causing macrobending loss. Microbends, which are small-scale distortions, can also scatter light and reduce transmission quality. Expansion bends provide extra slack and curvature to ensure that the fiber never exceeds its minimum bend radius, maintaining optical performance .

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