

Wiring of outdoor optical cables

Article Overview

Outdoor optical cable wiring requires selecting the right cable type, proper installation method, and adherence to environmental and safety standards to ensure long-term network reliability.

Types of Outdoor Fiber Optic Cables

Outdoor fiber optic cables are designed to withstand harsh conditions such as UV exposure, moisture, temperature fluctuations, and mechanical stress. Common types include:

- **Loose Tube Cables:** Fibers are housed in gel-filled tubes, providing moisture protection and flexibility for long-distance or buried installations .
- **Ribbon Cables:** Fibers are arranged in flat ribbons, ideal for mass fusion splicing and high-count networks .
- **Armored Cables:** Include metal or composite layers for protection against rodents, crushing, or direct burial .
- **Aerial Cables:** Self-supporting or messenger-supported cables for pole or pylon installations .
- **Specialty Cables:** Anti-ant or insect-repellent cables for areas prone to infestations, and submarine cables for water crossings .

Installation Methods

Outdoor fiber can be installed using several methods depending on terrain, environment, and network design:

- **Direct Burial:** Cables are laid in trenches with sand or protective bedding, typically ≥ 60 cm deep, with attention to avoiding sharp objects .
- **Conduit or Duct Installation:** Cables are pulled, jetted, or blown into protective conduits or microducts, offering extra protection against mechanical damage and moisture .
- **Aerial Installation:** Cables are suspended on poles or messenger wires, with proper sag (e.g., 0.5% of span) to accommodate wind and thermal expansion .
- **Underwater or Submarine:** Multi-layer armored cables with sealing gel for rivers, lakes, or coastal crossings .

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