Bend-insensitive fiber optic CWDM for subways

Overview

In terms of optically bend insensitive fiber, this means that a fiber has been designed to mitigate the optical losses that are associated with tight bend radii.

Key Takeaways

Bend-insensitive single-mode fiber (BI-SMF) supporting CWDM is ideal for subway deployments due to its low bend loss, tight bend radius tolerance, and compliance with ITU-T G. 657 standards.

Key Features of Bend-

Insensitive FiberBend-insensitive fibers are engineered to minimize signal loss even under tight bends, which is critical in subways where space is constrained and cables must navigate sharp corners, conduits, and equipment racks. The core innovation is a depressed-cladding or trench design, where a lower refractive index layer surrounds the core, reflecting light that would otherwise escape, maintaining >99% of light within the core during bending. This design allows fibers to withstand macrobends and microbends without significant attenuation, even at radii as small as 7.

5 mm.

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M CompatibilityBend-insensitive single-mode fibers are fully compatible with Coarse Wavelength Division Multiplexing (CWDM) systems, supporting extended wavelength ranges typically from 1260 nm to 1625 nm. This enables multiple channels over a single fiber, maximizing bandwidth in subway communication networks.

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I fibers maintain low insertion loss and high signal integrity across CWDM channels, ensuring reliable data transmission in high-density environments.

Standards and Reliability

For subway applications, fibers compliant with ITU-T G. 657. A1 or G.

657. B1 are recommended. Category A fibers (A1/A2) offer reduced macrobending loss suitable for longer access networks, while Category B fibers are optimized for very tight bends and short-reach interconnections.

These fibers are also compatible with legacy G. 652. D equipment, ensuring seamless integration with existing infrastructure.

Many commercial OS2 BI patch cables meet these standards and feature LSZH jackets, providing low smoke and toxicity in case of fire, which is essential for underground transit safety.

Practical Deployment Considerations

Tight Spaces: BI fibers allow installation in conduits, around corners, and through cable trays without exceeding bend radius limits. High Fiber Count: Microcables with smaller buffer diameters (e.g., 200 µm) can accommodate more fibers in limited space. Durability: BI fibers can withstand thousands of bending cycles without performance degradation, making them suitable for subway vibrations and maintenance handling.

Environmental Safety: LSZH jackets reduce smoke and toxic emissions, meeting subway fire safety regulations.

Recommended Use

For subway CWDM networks, OS2 single-mode bend-insensitive fibers with CWDM support are ideal. They provide high reliability, low attenuation, and flexibility in installation, while ensuring compliance with international standards and safety requirements. These fibers are suitable for backbone, access, and interconnection links in underground transit systems.

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As fibre networks become more crowded, and space limited, fibre bends are more likely to occur. Preventing power leakage with G.657 fibres therefore becomes crucial for optical systems with

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