Calculation of the length of optical cable production equipment

Overview

This Applications Engineering Note (AE Note) addresses estimating cable length or event distance using an optical time domain reflectometer (OTDR).

Key Takeaways

The total length of optical cable production is calculated by summing segment lengths, adding slack for terminations, splices, bends, and applying excess fiber length factors, then adjusting for reel sizes and production constraints.

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Step Calculation1.

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Based Length Estimation Start by breaking the cable route or production path into segments, such as tray runs, conduit sections, risers, and underground ducts. Multiply each segment by its quantity and sum them to obtain the base length. Include vertical drops, cabinet entry paths, and reserved pathways for firestopping to prevent late field changes during installation.

2. Add Slack for Production and Handling Slack is necessary to protect connectors, allow re-termination, and accommodate splices. Typical slack per termination is 1–3 meters depending on enclosure space.

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Splice slack is staged in closures to allow re-entry without stressing fibers. 3. Apply Excess Fiber Length (EFL) During production, fibers are often longer than the cable to ensure proper tension and performance.

In loose tube designs, EFL is typically 2–3%, while central tube cables may have minimal excess. Modern production lines, like those from Rosendahl Nextrom, integrate high-resolution measuring devices to monitor EFL in real time, reducing scrap and ensuring quality. 4.

Adjust for Reel Size and Procurement Once the total length is calculated, divide by the reel size to determine the number of reels required. Round up to ensure sufficient material. Confirm pulling limits, continuous-run requirements, and supplier reel availability to match production constraints.

5. Optional: Use Fiber Length Calculators Online calculators can assist by using group velocity and group delay to estimate fiber length in signal propagation, which can be useful for testing or verification purposes.

Practical Considerations

Include all terminations, splices, pull points, and service loops. Adjust for bends, alignment changes, and vertical drops.

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L during production to detect deviations early. Plan for reel sizes that match procurement and production limits. By following this structured approach, you can accurately calculate the total optical cable length required for production, minimize waste, and ensure high-quality output.

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