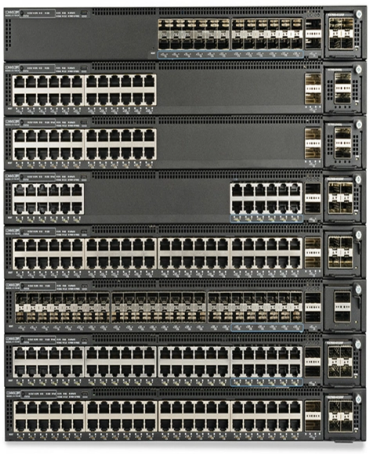
Fiber Optic Cable Straight-Line Tower Joint



Overview

Our RIBE-OPTOFIT® accessories offer the ideal solution for connecting fiber optic overhead cables and terminating the optical signal, and per-fectly complement proven RIBE-OPTOFIT® fittings.

Key Takeaways

Fiber optic straight-line tower joints use specialized joint boxes and suspension hardware to protect, support, and splice optical fibers along overhead transmission lines.

Joint Enclosures

Fiber optic cables on straight-line towers, such as OPGW (Optical Ground Wire) or ADSS (All-Dielectric Self-Supporting), require joint enclosures to splice and protect fibers. These enclosures are typically mounted on lattice towers, steel, wood, or concrete poles for easy access and maintenance. High-quality joint boxes, like RIBE® OPTOFIT®, provide IP67-rated protection, shielding fibers from water, humidity, and mechanical stress.

Aluminum cast housings are commonly used for durability and resistance to environmental factors such as heat, ozone, and corrosion.



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Suspension and Tension Hardware

To maintain proper alignment and mechanical stability, preformed suspension hardware is used to fix the cable along the tower. These fittings transfer axial tension and provide uniform radial compression, minimizing stress on the fiber. They are lightweight, chemically resistant, and suitable for high-voltage lines (220 kV and above) or areas with ice and long spans.

Bird flight diverters can also be installed to reduce collision risks with overhead structures.

Installation Considerations

Location and Height: Joint boxes are typically installed on the inner side of the tower at 8–10 meters above ground, ensuring protection and accessibility for maintenance. Cable Preparation: The cable sheath is carefully removed, and the strengthening members are cut to length. Fibers are coiled neatly in splice trays and fusion spliced, then secured with protective tubes.

Sealing: Heat-shrink tubes and aluminum films are applied to seal the joint box, followed by clamping and Velcro binding to secure splice trays. Mechanical Protection: During installation, pulleys with appropriate diameters are used to maintain the minimum bending radius (typically 20 times the cable diameter) to prevent fiber damage.

Environmental and Mechanical Factors

Fiber optic joints must withstand wind vibration, ice loading, temperature fluctuations, and lightning strikes. Proper tensioning, braking devices, and semi-circular pulley grooves help maintain cable integrity during installation and operation.

Summary

A straight-line tower fiber optic joint combines robust joint enclosures, preformed suspension hardware, and careful installation practices to ensure long-term reliability. These systems protect fibers from environmental hazards, maintain mechanical stability, and allow efficient splicing and maintenance along overhead transmission lines.

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