How to connect a 4-core outdoor optical cable



Overview

In this video, we explain how to lay 4 core optical fiber cable (OFC) step by step. Learn the proper OFC laying method, tools required, and techniques used in fiber optic cable...

Key Takeaways

Proper installation of a 4-core outdoor optical cable requires careful handling, adherence to bend radius limits, tension control, and environmental protection to ensure long-term performance.

Cable Handling and Preparation

Before installation, keep the cable's protective material in place until ready to install to prevent damage from UV exposure or mechanical stress. Avoid sharp bends, twists, or kinks, and use “figure-8” loops when laying cable on the ground to prevent twisting. Always pull on the cable's strength members (Kevlar or fiberglass rods) rather than the fiber itself, and never exceed the maximum pulling tension specified by the manufacturer.

Installation Methods

Aerial Installation: Outdoor cables can be strung along poles or pylons. Ensure proper clamping intervals to support the cable weight and prevent sagging beyond the recommended long-term load. Underground Installation: Cables can be pulled through conduits buried 1–2 meters deep.

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Use lubricants compatible with the cable jacket to reduce friction and avoid exceeding bend radius. Direct-burial cables should have reinforced armor or TPU coating to resist soil pressure, moisture, and rodent damage. Vertical or Riser Installation: Support cables with cable ties or clamps to prevent crushing the core.

Begin installation from the top to simplify pulling and reduce stress on the fibers.

Environmental and Mechanical Considerations

Outdoor cables are designed to withstand UV light, temperature fluctuations, and mechanical forces. Avoid pulling over sharp edges or rocks, and ensure the installation area is free of objects that could damage the cable.

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H sheathed cables are more sensitive to cracks, especially at higher temperatures, so handle with care.

Tools and Best Practices

Use proper pulling devices, such as automated pullers with tension control or breakaway swivel eyes, to maintain safe tension. Monitor the supply reel and communicate along the installation path to prevent cable jumps or twists. For long runs, consider pulling from the middle out to both ends to reduce stress.

Post-InstallationAfter placement, ensure residual tension is below the maximum recommended load. Organize and secure cables in trays, racks, or conduits to prevent accidental damage and maintain long-term reliability. Maintain separation from power cables to avoid interference and comply with safety standards.

By following these guidelines, a 4-core outdoor optical cable can be installed safely and efficiently, ensuring optimal performance and longevity in harsh outdoor environments.

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