How to manage fiber optic cables in a duct



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Fiber optic cables can be installed in ducts using pulling, air-blowing, jetting, or pushing methods, with careful attention to bend radius, tension, and duct preparation. Step 1: Prepare the DuctBefore installation, inspect and clean the duct to remove debris, sharp edges, or obstructions that could damage the cable. Ducts can be made of PVC, HDPE, steel, concrete, or fiberglass-reinforced plastic, and the choice depends on environmental conditions and protection requirements.

Installing innerducts within larger ducts can subdivide the pathway, reduce friction, and allow for future cable additions. Step 2: Choose the Installation MethodPulling: A pull line is threaded through the duct, and the cable is attached and drawn through. Suitable for shorter runs (up to 200–300 meters) or when ducts are not continuous.

Care must be taken to avoid exceeding the cable's tension and bend radius limits. Air Blowing: Compressed air propels the cable through the duct, often combined with mechanical pushing. Ideal for longer distances (up to 1–3 km) and microduct installations.

This method reduces friction and stress on the cable. Jetting: Uses a parachute or cable carrier with air assistance to pull the cable, effective in ducts with low fill ratios or complex paths. Pushing: Manually pushing the cable is only suitable for short, straight runs due to friction limitations.

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Step 3: Handle the Cable ProperlyMaintain the minimum bend radius (typically 15 times the cable diameter for working bends) to prevent fiber damage. Avoid excessive pulling tension, especially at offsets or bends, which can increase stress on the cable. Use figure-eight coiling for cable storage at manholes to prevent kinking or twisting.

Apply lubricants if necessary to reduce friction during pulling. Step 4: Install AccessoriesUse pull wheels, rollers, and guides to control tension and bending. Secure the cable in manholes or handholes with proper clamps or brackets to prevent movement.

Monitor temperature and environmental conditions, as extreme heat or cold can affect cable flexibility and installation performance. Step 5: Test and DocumentAfter installation, perform continuity and optical testing to ensure the cable is intact and meets performance specifications. Document the route, duct conditions, and installation method for future maintenance or upgrades.

By following these steps and selecting the appropriate method for your duct type and cable length, fiber optic cables can be installed safely and efficiently, ensuring long-term network reliability.

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