Detailed Explanation of Optical Cable Technical Parameters



Overview

Optical Fibre Cable Technical SpecificationThis Specification covers the design requirements and performance standard for the supply of optical fibre cable.

Key Takeaways

Optical cables are specified by fiber type, attenuation, dispersion, mechanical strength, environmental resistance, and compliance with international standards such as ITU-T G. 652.

Fiber Attributes

Optical fibers are characterized by their geometrical, optical, and transmission properties. Key parameters include: Mode Field Diameter (MFD): Determines light propagation and coupling efficiency. Cladding Diameter: Standardized at 125 µm for single-mode fibers.

Core Concentricity Error & Cladding Non-Circularity: Affect signal quality and splicing performance. Cut-off Wavelength: Defines the single-mode operation range. Attenuation Coefficient: Typically measured at 1310 nm and 1550 nm, indicating signal loss per km.

Chromatic Dispersion & Polarization Mode Dispersion (PMD): Critical for high-speed digital transmission. Macrobending Loss: Loss due to fiber bending, minimized in G. 652.

D fibers. Material Properties & Refractive Index Profile: Influence signal propagation and dispersion characteristics.

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Cable Attributes

Cables are designed to protect fibers and ensure long-term performance: Mechanical Strength: Tensile strength, crush resistance, and impact tolerance. Standard tensile strength varies depending on indoor/outdoor use and fiber count. Bending Radius: Minimum bending radius ensures low macrobending loss; typically 10–20 times the cable diameter.

Sheath Material: LSZH (Low Smoke Zero Halogen), PVC, or PE coatings for flame retardancy and environmental protection. Water Resistance: Gel-filled or dry water-blocking elements prevent water ingress. Temperature Range: Standard operation from -20°C to +70°C, with cycling tests for durability.

Color Coding: Fibers are color-coded for identification, following industry standards. Reel Length & Marking: Standard reels are 2–3 km, with sheath markings for manufacturer, type, and length intervals.

Environmental and Installation Considerations

Indoor vs Outdoor: Indoor cables often have smaller diameters and flexible jackets; outdoor cables include UV-stabilized, weather-resistant sheaths and may have steel or FRP reinforcement.

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X and Access Networks: Cables can accommodate 1–8 fibers for subscriber connections, with direct connector installation possible. Standards Compliance: Cables comply with ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHS, and IEC/EN standards such as TS EN 60794.

Link and System Attributes

For network design, link attributes are considered: Differential Group Delay (DGD): Important for high-speed systems. Non-linear Coefficient: Relevant for long-haul transmission.

Statistical and Worst-

Case Design: Used to estimate system performance over concatenated cables.

Summary

Optical cable specifications integrate fiber optical properties, cable mechanical and environmental performance, and system-level considerations. Single-mode fibers like G. 652.

D are widely used for long-distance and high-speed networks, while multimode fibers (OM1–OM4) are common in LAN and data center applications. Proper selection ensures low attenuation, minimal dispersion, mechanical reliability, and compliance with international standards, supporting network longevity and performance.

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To understand and design reliable optical links, engineers must consider the construction of the cable, the behavior of light within the fiber, and key performance factors such as dispersion and attenuation.

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