

# Fiber optic cable on utility pole



## Overview

FIBER OPTIC CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS Fiber optic cable sequential numbers are required at each pole location and vault wall. Sequential numbers will identify.

## Key Takeaways

Fiber optic cables can be installed on utility poles using aerial methods, following strict technical, safety, and regulatory standards.

## Aerial Fiber Installation Overview

Installing fiber optic cables on utility poles, also known as aerial deployment, avoids the need for underground digging and is often faster and less expensive, especially in rocky or uneven terrain. Aerial fiber can be attached directly to the pole or supported using brackets, and All-Dielectric Self-Supporting (ADSS) cables are commonly used because they do not require a separate messenger wire and can be installed near power lines. Cable Types and Materials ADSS Cables: Non-metallic, self-supporting, suitable for aerial installation near electrical lines.

## Cable-in-

Conduit (CIC): Fiber enclosed in a polyethylene conduit, typically used for underground but sometimes adapted for aerial applications. Jacket Material: Polyethylene (PE) is standard; carbon black is added to protect against UV degradation.



## **Pole Attachment Standards**

Cables must be attached using metallic or fiberglass offset brackets or directly to the pole surface. Drilled holes in wood poles must maintain minimum vertical spacing: 4 inches for parallel holes, 2 inches for perpendicular holes. Metal poles require clamping or banding; drilling is prohibited without authorization.

Fiberglass poles require through bolts; lag screws are not permitted. Minimum clearances between cables: 12 inches center-to-center at the pole, 6 inches in span, with vertical clearance of at least 6 inches between expansion loops and lower cables. Fiber cables are typically installed near the neutral location on the pole, often 40 inches from other utilities.

## **Safety and Planning**

Aerial installation involves working at heights and near electrical lines, requiring proper training and personal protective equipment, including hard hats, gloves, steel-toed boots, and long-sleeve protective clothing. Planning includes surveying routes, obtaining permits, coordinating with local authorities, and determining splice points and slack storage.

## **Regulatory Considerations**

Pole owners must approve attachments, and contractors may need to be vetted by the utility.

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Ps may face delays if utilities do not approve pole access promptly, and federal rules are evolving to address these issues.

## **Summary**

Installing fiber optic cables on utility poles is a cost-effective and efficient method for extending high-speed networks. It requires careful selection of cable type, adherence to attachment and clearance standards, rigorous safety practices, and coordination with utility companies and local authorities to ensure compliance and safe deployment.

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