Installation Method of Vibration Optical Cable



Overview

The bending radius of optical cable during laying process should be effectively guaranteed to avoid “gold hooks” and avoid too much tension, abrasion and too many times of twists and turns.

Key Takeaways

Proper installation of vibration-sensitive optical cables requires careful tensioning, use of vibration dampers, adherence to bend radius limits, and compliance with mechanical standards to ensure longevity and signal integrity.

Key Considerations for Installation

Cable Preparation and Handling Before installation, ensure that the cable reels are protected and that the protective material remains in place until deployment. Avoid sharp bends, turn-backs, or pulling over edges, and maintain smooth curvatures to prevent mechanical stress. For outdoor installations exceeding 24 hours, additional protective material should be used to prevent damage from environmental exposure.

Respect the maximum installation and storage temperatures specified for the cable, and ensure the installation area is free of sharp objects or obstacles that could damage the sheath. Tensioning and Mechanical Support For aerial cables like OPGW, proper tensioning is critical. The tension pay-off method is commonly used to maintain the cable suspended in the air, preventing abrasion and reducing physical labor.

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The installation plan should include detailed engineering drawings, splice locations, and tension specifications. Auxiliary equipment such as cranes, climbing boards, safety belts, and warning signs should be prepared in advance. Vibration Dampers Aeolian vibrations can cause fretting fatigue and premature cable failure.

Installing vibration dampers—spiral, Stockbridge, or clamp types—absorbs vibration energy and protects the optical fibers. Selection of dampers depends on cable span, environmental conditions, and cable type. Spiral dampers disrupt vibration waves gently, Stockbridge dampers flatten resonance peaks, and clamp-type dampers provide robust protection across a wide frequency range (5–150 Hz).

Dampers should be installed according to manufacturer guidelines to maximize effectiveness. Compliance with Standards Follow standards such as BS EN IEC 60794-1-119: 2025, which defines mechanical test procedures for optical cables exposed to aeolian vibrations. This includes maintaining constant cable tension during testing, measuring free loop antinode amplitude, and monitoring fatigue damage and ovality changes of the optical core.

Installation Techniques

Use “figure-8” loops when laying cable on surfaces to prevent twisting. Avoid exceeding the minimum bend radius and maximum recommended load. Keep metallic components clear of power cables to prevent interference.

Document the installation process, including cable routes, splice locations, and responsibilities of the installation team.

Specialized Systems For A

I vibration fiber optic systems like the F7 DAS, installation may involve fence-mounted or buried deployment. Ensure all system components, including optical jumpers, splice boxes, and host wiring, are complete and approved. Use proper tools such as fiber fusion splicers, optical power meters, and protective conduits.

Correct installation improves detection accuracy and reduces false alarms.

Summary

Successful installation of vibration-sensitive optical cables requires careful planning, proper tensioning, use of vibration dampers, adherence to bend radius and load limits, and compliance with mechanical standards. Following these guidelines ensures cable longevity, reliable signal transmission, and protection against environmental and mechanical stresses.

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