Packing a fiber optic cable

Overview

AFL''s "Fiber-in-a-Box" solution offers contractors lightweight, easy to use cable packaging with "out of the box" disbursement of fiber cable.

Key Takeaways

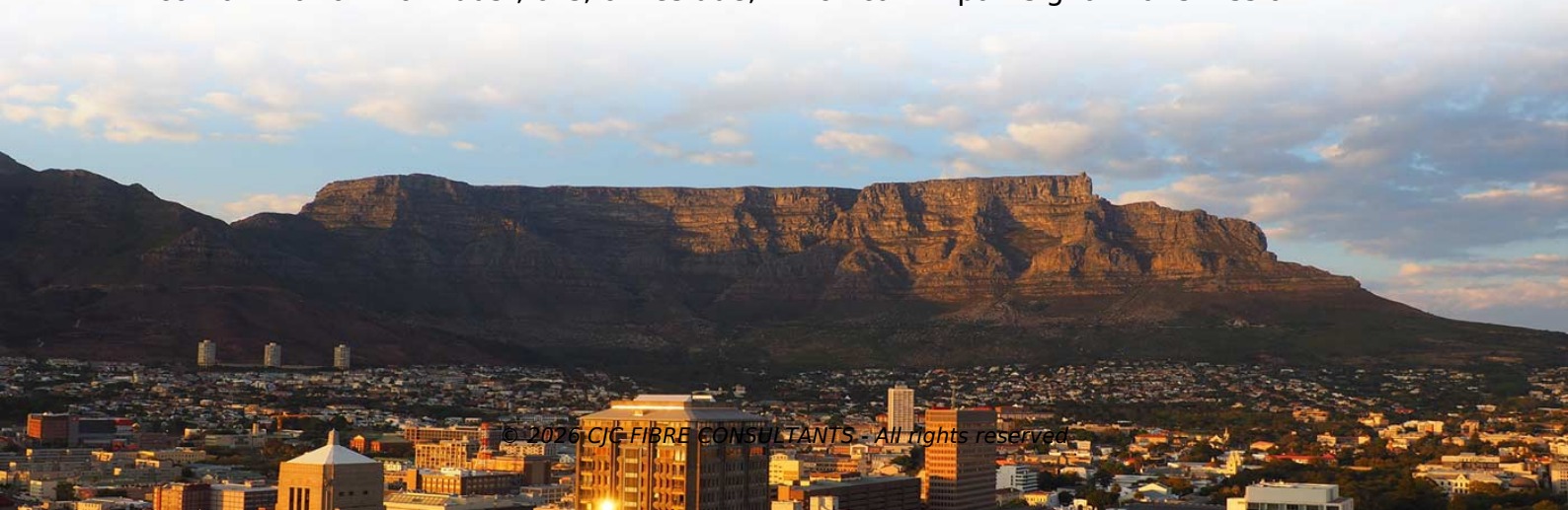
Properly packing fiber optic cables involves coiling them loosely on reels, protecting connectors, maintaining minimum bend radius, and storing them in a dry, controlled environment to prevent damage and signal loss.

Coiling and Handling

When packing fiber optic cables, always coil the cable loosely and evenly around a reel to prevent tangling, kinks, or stress on the fibers. Avoid sharp bends and ensure the coil diameter is never smaller than the cable's minimum bend radius, as exceeding this can cause internal damage and signal degradation. Use Velcro hook-and-loop straps to secure the coiled cable instead of tight plastic zip ties, which can compress the cable and affect performance.

Protecting Connectors

Keep dust caps on all connectors until ready to connect, and store cables in a dry area to prevent moisture ingress. Clean connectors before use to avoid contamination from dust, oils, or residue, which can impair signal transmission.



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Storage Environment

Store fiber optic cables in a climate-controlled, dry, and UV-protected location. Avoid areas with high humidity, extreme temperatures, chemical exposure, or risk of physical impact. Place reels on a level, firm surface, standing on both flanges to prevent deformation.

Keep the original cable labels or copy them to new reels for traceability, including information on cable type, length, and attenuation.

Transporting and Moving

When moving cable reels, use forklifts, reel movers, or cranes as needed, ensuring the drum is lifted without direct contact with the cable jacket. Never drop reels or allow them to roll uncontrolled, as this can damage the fibers.

Cable Management Tools

For organized storage, consider vertical or horizontal cable managers to bundle and route cables neatly in racks or enclosures. This prevents tangling, reduces stress on the cables, and allows easy access for maintenance or deployment.

Summary

To pack fiber optic cables safely: Coil loosely on reels, respecting minimum bend radiusProtect connectors with dust caps and keep them cleanStore in a dry, temperature-controlled, and UV-protected environmentUse proper lifting and transport methods for reelsEmploy cable management tools for organized storage Following these practices ensures long-term performance, prevents signal loss, and maintains the integrity of your fiber optic network.

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Packaging Note

Use the tables below to determine the fiber optic trunk size and type of packaging. Fiber trunks less than 125'' are individually packaged in plastic bags and boxed according to the total number of trunks per

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