

The function of positioning optical cables



Overview

The invention relates to the technical field of optical cables, in particular to an optical cable structure with a positioning function and a manufacturing method thereof.

Key Takeaways

A positioning optical cable is a fiber-optic cable designed to ensure precise alignment of transmit (Tx) and receive (Rx) signals in a network, maintaining correct polarity and signal integrity.

Definition and Purpose

A positioning optical cable is a type of fiber-optic cable used to accurately connect devices in a network so that the transmit port (Tx) of one device aligns with the receive port (Rx) of another. This alignment is critical for proper data transmission, especially in high-speed networks such as 40G, 100G, or 400G systems, where multiple fibers are used simultaneously. The cable ensures that signals travel along the correct path without errors, maintaining network efficiency and reliability.

Structure and Design

These cables typically consist of one or more optical fibers, each coated with protective layers and enclosed in a durable sheath suitable for the installation environment. In multi-fiber systems, such as those using MPO/MTP connectors, the cable may include ribbonized fibers or bundles arranged to maintain the correct Tx/Rx orientation across all fibers. Some positioning cables are designed with polarity management features, such as straight-through (A-A) or crossover (A-B) configurations, to ensure that the fiber connections maintain proper signal direction throughout the network.

Applications

Positioning optical cables are commonly used in: Data centers: For high-density connections between servers, switches, and storage devices. Telecommunications: To maintain signal integrity over long distances. Enterprise networks: Where precise fiber alignment is required for duplex or parallel transmission.

Installation Considerations

Proper installation is essential to preserve the cable's performance. Key practices include: Avoiding sharp bends and maintaining the minimum bend radius to prevent signal loss. Using figure-8 loops when coiling to prevent twisting.

Ensuring the cable is not subjected to excessive tension or mechanical stress during installation. Maintaining polarity by using the correct patch cords and adapters to match Tx and Rx positions. By combining careful installation with precise fiber alignment, positioning optical cables help maximize network performance, reduce errors, and support high-speed data transmission in complex fiber-optic systems.

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