

What should be noted when attaching optical cables to power lines



AI Overview

Optical cables can be attached to power lines using specialized methods like wrapping, lashing, or clipping, with attention to mechanical, environmental, and electrical safety standards.

Cable Types and Selection

- OPAC (Optical Power Attached Cable):** Installed by wrapping around existing power conductors or ground wires. Lightweight and all-dielectric to minimize added weight, typically with a loose tube design to prevent fiber stress.
- ADSS (All-Dielectric Self-Supporting) Cable:** Suspended independently from power lines without electrical conductivity, suitable for live-line installation.

Attachment Methods

- Sky-Wrap / Wrapping:** The cable is helically wrapped around the host conductor using specialized equipment called a "tug" to maintain tension and spacing.
- Lashing or Clipping:** Some manufacturers allow lashing or clipping the fiber to the conductor, though wrapping is more common for long spans.

Mechanical and Environmental Requirements

- Tensile Strength:** Must withstand span tension; ADSS cables range from 1,500N for short spans to 12,000N for long spans.
- Bend Radius:** Minimum 20 times the cable diameter to prevent microbending and signal loss.
- Temperature Range:** Outdoor durability from -40°C to +80°C.
- Environmental Resistance:** Jackets must resist abrasion, ice buildup, UV exposure, and temperature extremes.
- Span and Pole Considerations:** Typical pole spacing is 25–50m depending on urban or rural settings, with attention to tower height and clearance.

Electrical Safety and Standards

- Dielectric Design:** Cables must be non-conductive to prevent electrical hazards.
- Standards Compliance:** Follow IEC TR 62263 for live working and installation guidelines, and FOA standards for fiber optic plant installation.
- Extra Fiber Length:** Provide slack to accommodate thermal expansion and mechanical stress.

Installation Best Practices

- Inspect host conductors and poles...

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3.1.1 Conduct a Site Survey The purpose of a site survey is to recognize circumstances or locations in need of special attention. For example, physical hazards such as high temperatures or operating

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All-Dielectric Self Supporting (ADSS) cables can be erected in close proximity to power transmission lines. This of course, allows for pole sharing, which of course, reduces installation costs and speeds

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Cable ties used with many cables, especially when tightened with an installation tool, are harmful to fiber optic cables, causing attenuation and potential fiber

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