

Fiber Optic Cable Maintenance Schedule



Article Overview

Fiber optic cables require periodic maintenance, typically every 1-2 years for inspections, with ongoing preventive care to ensure long-term performance.

Maintenance Frequency and Duration

Fiber optic cables are designed for long-term reliability, often lasting 20-30 years under proper conditions, but their performance can degrade due to environmental factors, mechanical stress, or connector contamination. Routine maintenance is generally condition-based, rather than strictly time-based, and includes:

- Preventive maintenance: Surveillance, testing, and control activities performed before major failures occur. This may involve visual inspections, cleaning connectors, checking cable routing, and monitoring environmental conditions. Preventive maintenance is typically scheduled annually or every 12-24 months, depending on network criticality and environmental exposure.
- Post-fault maintenance: Triggered by detected faults, such as increased fiber loss, signal degradation, or customer complaints. Restoration is performed immediately or according to operator rules.

Key Maintenance Activities

- Visual Inspection: Check for physical damage, microbends, or cracked connectors. Use microscopes for ferrule and connector inspection.
- Cleaning: Dust and debris on connector end faces are major causes of insertion loss. Clean using pen cleaners or reel-type cleaners before reconnection.
- Performance Testing: Use OTDRs, optical power meters, and light sources to mea...

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