

Techniques for threading fiber optic cables through conduits



Article Overview

Threading fiber optic cables through conduits requires careful planning, proper conduit selection, tension control, bend radius management, and lubrication to prevent cable damage.

Preparation and Planning

Before installation, assess the conduit route for length, bends, and potential obstacles. Ensure the conduit is clean, free of debris, and appropriately sized to accommodate the fiber cable and any innerducts. Innerducts are smaller flexible tubes placed inside the main conduit to separate and protect individual fiber runs, providing a smooth interior for easier pulling and future upgrades .

Conduit and Cable Selection

Choose the right conduit material based on the environment: PVC or HDPE for underground runs, and rigid steel for industrial or high-impact areas. Ensure the conduit diameter allows sufficient space for the cable, typically leaving 30-40% of the conduit cross-section free to reduce friction and prevent jamming .

Attaching and Pulling the Cable

- Attach the cable to a pull string using a swivel pulling eye to prevent twisting. Only apply force to the cable's internal strength members, such as Aramid yarn, never directly to the outer jacket or glass fibers

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Introduction Fiber optic cables can be easily damaged if they are improperly handled or installed. It is imperative that certain

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OFC Application Note

ABSTRACT This application note discusses fiber optic cable installation by blowing technique, the factors effecting blowing

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Fiber optic cable should not be coiled in a continuous direction except for lengths of 100 ft (30 m) or less. The preferred size for the

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