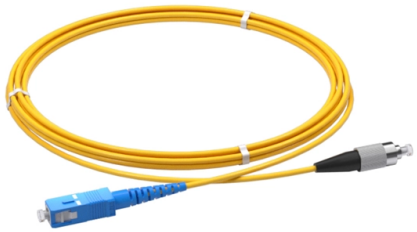
How to deploy fiber optic cables on the main pole



Overview

Aerial Fiber Cable Installation: Types, HardwareLearn the key types of aerial fiber cables, essential pole hardware, and field-safe installation practices.

Key Takeaways

Installing fiber optic cable on a pole involves careful planning, proper hardware, tensioned stringing, and secure termination to ensure reliable aerial deployment.

Planning and Preparation

Before installation, survey the route to identify existing poles, obstacles, and clearance requirements. Obtain necessary permits from local authorities and coordinate with utility companies if sharing poles with power lines. Evaluate the structural integrity of poles and determine if temporary guying is needed to handle unbalanced loads during installation.

Select splice locations and plan cable lengths to minimize slack and ensure proper tensioning.

Hardware and Tools

Common hardware includes fiber suspension clamps, cable saddles, brackets, blocks, and hooks. Tools may include winches, pulling grips, aerial lifts, fusion splicers, and OTDR testers. Choose the appropriate cable type: ADSS (All-Dielectric Self-Supporting) for non-conductive, standalone spans near power lines.

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Figure-8/self-supporting with integrated steel messenger for longer spans. Lashed cables attached to a pre-installed messenger strand for flexible distribution networks.

Cable Stringing Methods

Stationary Reel Method: Pull the cable from a fixed reel using temporary supports like chutes or tangent blocks. Attach a pull line to the cable with a swivel and pulling grip, then use a winch or non-metallic rope to pull the cable through the supports. Monitor tension to avoid exceeding the maximum rated cable load (MRCL).

Moving Reel Method: Use a cable reel trailer or aerial lift truck to move along the pole line, stringing the cable in a single pass. This method is faster but requires unobstructed access along the route.

Tensioning and Sag

After stringing, tension the cable to achieve the correct sag, typically leaving slack for building access or splicing. Ensure clamps and hooks are evenly spaced, and maintain a minimum bend radius—20 times the cable diameter under tension and 10 times when relaxed—to prevent fiber damage.

Splicing and Termination

Terminate the cable at dead-end poles or junction boxes. Use fusion splicing for low-loss connections or pre-terminated cables for faster deployment. Ensure proper protection against environmental factors like wind, ice, and UV exposure.

Testing

Finally, test the installed fiber using an OTDR to verify signal integrity and check for faults. Confirm that the installation meets performance standards and that the cable is secure and properly supported. By following these steps—planning, hardware selection, careful stringing, tensioning, splicing, and testing—you can ensure a safe, reliable, and long-lasting aerial fiber optic installation.

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This document presents the procedure for laying fiber optic cable on poles for a project. It describes the basic requirements for personnel, equipment, and necessary documents, as well as the safety

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