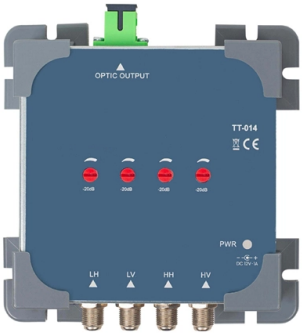
QC related to optical cables



Overview

The document describes the quality control plan for inspecting raw materials and intermediate products during the manufacturing of outdoor optical fiber cables at Amwaj Telecommunication MFG Co.

Key Takeaways

Quality control for optical cables involves systematic testing of optical, mechanical, and environmental parameters to ensure reliable performance and compliance with standards. Key Aspects of Optical Cable QC1. Material Selection and Manufacturing: The quality of optical cables begins with the selection of materials.

High-purity silica glass is commonly used for long-distance fibers due to its low attenuation, while plastic fibers may be used for short-distance or flexible applications. Protective layers such as polyethylene (PE), PVC, or thermoplastic elastomers (TPE) provide mechanical strength, moisture resistance, and environmental protection. Proper design and material choice directly affect cable durability, flexibility, and signal integrity.

2. Optical Testing: Insertion Loss Testing: Measures the total optical loss of a fiber or link to ensure it meets design loss budgets. It is essential for verifying that the cable can transmit signals efficiently.

OTD

R (Optical Time-Domain Reflectometer) Testing: Identifies events along the fiber length, such as splices, connectors, or faults.

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OTD

R is particularly important for long-distance and outdoor cables. Visual Inspection: Detects contamination, scratches, cracks, and endface defects on connectors. Visual inspection is performed before and after optical measurements to prevent performance degradation.

Continuity Testing: Confirms that each fiber core is intact and correctly mapped, ensuring proper connectivity. Return Loss and Spectral Analysis: Monitors reflection and signal quality, especially in high-performance systems. 3.

Mechanical and Environmental Q

C: Cables are tested for mechanical integrity, including tensile strength, bending, and crush resistance. Environmental tests may include temperature, humidity, and exposure to chemicals to ensure long-term stability. Improper handling during installation can cause latent defects, so QC also includes inspection of packaging and transport conditions.

4. Factory vs.

On-

Site Q

C: Factory QC: Involves component-level testing, automated measurement systems, and documentation to ensure consistent quality across production batches.

On-

Site Q

C: Includes incoming goods inspection, verification of delivery against quality certificates, and step-by-step testing during installation. Modular architectures allow granular testing of individual modules, facilitating early fault detection and splice verification. 5.

Documentation and Standards Compliance: All QC procedures should align with project specifications and international standards. Test results, certificates, and acceptance documentation are critical for procurement, installation, and long-term network reliability.

Summary

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C for optical cables is a multi-stage process covering material selection, manufacturing, optical and mechanical testing, and on-site verification. Key tests include insertion loss, OTDR, visual inspection, and continuity checks, supported by systematic documentation. This ensures that fiber optic systems perform reliably, maintain signal integrity, and meet both short-term and long-term operational requirements.

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