Self-supporting ADSS optical cable installation



Overview

This procedure provides general information for installing all Corning Optical Communications Solo® ADSS All-Dielectric Self-Supporting fiber optic cables from 2-288 fibers.

Key Takeaways

ADSS (All-Dielectric Self-Supporting) cables can be safely installed along power lines without metallic support, using specialized clamps, tensioning, and sag management to ensure long-term reliability.

Overview of ADS

S CableADSS cables are all-dielectric, non-metallic fiber optic cables designed to support their own weight between poles or towers, making them safe for installation near high-voltage lines. They are lightweight, resistant to environmental factors such as UV, moisture, and temperature extremes, and can span distances up to 700 meters without intermediate support. The internal optical fibers are protected from strain and moisture, ensuring low optical loss over the cable's lifetime.

Pre-

Installation Planning

Before installation, conduct a comprehensive route survey: Measure span lengths between poles or towers. Check clearance from power lines, roads, and other obstacles. Identify anchor points and tension zones.

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Ensure poles and cross-arms are structurally sound. Plan locations for suspension and dead-end hardware. Clear the path of vegetation or obstacles and mark positions for clamps and tension points.

Proper planning reduces errors and ensures safety during installation.

Required Tools and Materials

Essential tools and materials include: ADSS cable with appropriate sheath (PE or AT)Suspension clamps and dead-end (tension) clampsPulley or stringing blocksCable pulling grips and winchesCable markers and tagsLadders or bucket trucksTorque wrench, OTDR, and power meter for testingPersonal protective equipment: helmet, safety harness, gloves, high-visibility vest, and insulated tools Installation ProcedureClamp Installation: Install suspension clamps at designated points to support the cable while allowing slight movement. Dead-end clamps are placed at endpoints or turning angles to secure the cable. Cable Stringing: Use pulley blocks and winches to pull the cable along the route, avoiding tight bends that could damage fibers.

Sag and Tension Adjustment: Adjust the sag of each span according to the cable's specifications and environmental conditions (temperature, wind, ice). Ensure the cable does not sag low enough to be damaged by traffic or other hazards. Dampers: On long spans or areas prone to conductor galloping, install dampers to reduce vibration and mechanical stress.

Testing: After installation, test the cable using OTDR and power meters to verify optical performance and continuity. Safety ConsiderationsADSS cables are safe around high-voltage lines due to their dielectric nature, but personnel should still follow NESC and local safety codes. Ensure proper clearance from energized conductors and maintain safe working distances.

Use insulated tools and personal protective equipment during live-line or near-line installations.

Best Practices

Select cable jackets based on voltage levels and environmental conditions. Consider space potential exposure for installations near transmission lines exceeding 69 kV. Use aramid yarn-reinforced cables for strength and elongation properties, ensuring reliability under wind, ice, and temperature variations.

Plan for long-term maintenance and accessibility when routing the cable. By following these guidelines, ADSS cable installations can be efficient, safe, and durable, providing reliable fiber optic communication along power line corridors.

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