# Where should the fiber optic cable be reserved

## Overview

All Fiber Optic Cable reels should be stored upright Laying the reel on its side may cause damage to the reel flange and/or cause the cable layers to shift – This may cause cable to snag during de-reeling.

## Key Takeaways

Fiber optic cable should be reserved in properly prepared pathways or storage areas, protected from mechanical stress, moisture, and environmental hazards, while complying with building codes and installation standards.

### General Guidelines for Reserving Fiber Optic Cable

Use Designated Pathways or Conduits Fiber optic cables should be reserved in empty conduits, ducts, or innerducts that are specifically prepared for future use. Avoid placing new fiber in conduits that already contain other cables unless designed for multiple installations, as this can cause congestion and damage during future pulls. Maintain Proper Bend Radius and Coiling When reserving cable, coil it in “figure-8” loops or other methods that prevent twisting and maintain the minimum bend radius specified by the manufacturer.

This prevents microbends or stress that could degrade signal quality. Protect Cable Ends and Surfaces Always cover cable ends with end caps, heavy tape, or equivalent to prevent moisture ingress. Ensure the reserved cable is not exposed to sharp edges, rocks, or other objects that could damage the sheath.

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### Environmental Considerations

Indoor cables should be stored in fire-resistant pathways and comply with indoor safety standards. Outdoor cables should be protected from UV, moisture, and extreme temperatures. If left outside during installation or storage, protective material should be used to prevent damage.

Labeling and Documentation Clearly label reserved cables and document their location, length, and intended future use. This facilitates future installation, testing, and maintenance while reducing the risk of accidental cutting or misidentification. Compliance with Codes and Regulations Follow local building codes, firestopping requirements, and standards such as TIA/EIA 569-A and NECA/BICSI 568-2001.

Consult the authority having jurisdiction (e.g., fire marshal or building inspector) for specific requirements. Avoid Mechanical Stress Do not exceed the maximum pulling tension or bend radius during storage. For vertical installations, clamp the cable at intervals to prevent weight from exceeding long-term load limits.

### Summary

Reserved fiber optic cable should be stored in prepared, protected pathways with proper coiling, environmental protection, and clear labeling. Following manufacturer specifications, industry standards, and local codes ensures the cable remains functional and ready for future network expansion without damage or signal degradation.

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