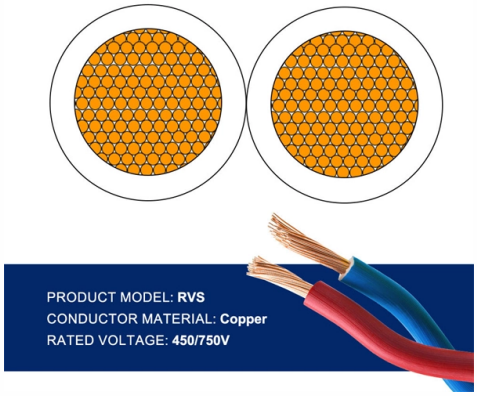
How to pull fiber optic cables



Overview

Best Practices for Pulling Fiber Optic Cable Fiber optic cable is surprisingly strong, durable and pliable; however, several best practices should be follo.

Key Takeaways

To pull fiber optic cables successfully, follow best practices that ensure the integrity of the cables and avoid damage during installation.

Best Practices for Pulling Fiber Optic Cables

Use the Strength Member: Always pull the fiber optic cable by the internal strength member (usually aramid yarn) rather than the outer jacket. Pulling by the jacket can lead to stretching, tearing, or breaking of the cable. Plan Your Route: Before pulling, plan the cable route to maintain the minimum bend radius.

This helps prevent damage to the fibers. The minimum bend radius for most fiber optic cables is typically around 10 times the cable diameter. Check Pulling Tension: Each fiber optic cable has a maximum pulling tension specification, usually around 600 pounds for outdoor cables.

Ensure that the pulling force does not exceed this limit to avoid damaging the cable. Use Proper Tools: Utilize appropriate tools such as pulling eyes, pulleys, and lubricants. A swivel pulling eye can help prevent twisting during the pull, and using a larger pulley can reduce stress on the cable.

Lubrication: Apply a suitable lubricant to reduce friction when pulling the cable through ducts. This can help ease the pulling process and minimize the risk of damage. Monitor Conditions: Be aware of environmental conditions, such as temperature, which can affect the cable's flexibility.

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Cold temperatures can make the cable jacket brittle, increasing the risk of breakage. Clean the Duct: Before pulling, ensure that the duct is clean and free of obstructions. This will facilitate a smoother installation and reduce the risk of damaging the cable.

By following these best practices, you can effectively pull fiber optic cables while minimizing the risk of damage and ensuring a successful installation. Always refer to manufacturer guidelines for specific cable types and installation conditions.

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The following article explores best practices when pulling fiber optic cables and cable assemblies. Following these guidelines will help protect your

Pulling Installation of Fiber Optic Cable

Route plan to ensure the duct run maintains the minimum bend diameter of the cable. For more information and all recommendations for installation, refer to C...

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Outside plant (OSP) fiber optic cable is designed to be pulled into ducts during installation. Every cable has three specifications that the installer must understand before beginning the

Pulling fiber-optic cable

Adherence to a simple cable-pulling procedure, including the use of specific tools designed for the purpose, can assist you in handling fiber-optic cables in premises wiring.

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Step-by-step illustrations have been provided for your reference and orientation as you follow the procedures. Gather the tools and materials to be used for the job and make sure they are approved

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Although pre terminated fibre optic cable is manufactured and factory tested to deliver reliable performance, excessive pulling forces during installation can damage the cable, strain connectors,

101 Guidelines for Fiber Optic Cable Installation

Never directly pull on the fiber itself. Fiber optic cables have Kevlar aramid yarn or a fiberglass rod as their strength member. You should pull on the fiber cable strength members only! Never exceed the

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